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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Sloss, John****1885 Scotland – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Find A Grave 53273145



John Sloss American Legion Post No. 125, Madras, Jefferson Co. OR, 850 SW Madison St., Madras
OR 97741 - <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost125MadrasOregon/>

John Sloss				
Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919				
Page 6 OREGON				
WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.				
NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Sloss, John		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs	Feb 5/18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPH7-TVZR>

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The Aboyne and Glen Tanar War Memorial

By Max Cooper

Excerpts from an essay written by school student Max Cooper of Scotland in 2025, a relative of John Sloss

In January 1918 John's battalion set sail from America on the SS Tuscania which had been a luxury passenger ship but was converted into a troop ship for transporting troops from America to Europe. On 5th of February 1918 the Tuscania was part of a convoy of ships sailing north of Ireland when it was struck by a torpedo from a German U boat. The Tuscania sank in 4 hours killing 210 of the 2,179 troops on board, and John Sloss was one of those who perished. Many of the bodies, including John's, washed up on the shore of Islay and they were buried there.

A memorial tower was built on Islay in 1920 to honour those who died in the sinking. In 1922 John's body was re-interred to his hometown of Lochwinnoch which was just 60 miles away from where the Tuscania sank. John's name is on the Lochwinnoch War memorial.



War Memorial in Lochwinnoch

In 2012 in Jefferson County Oregon a War Memorial was built in the city of Madras as part of a new city hall and police station complex. John's name is included on this War Memorial too.



John Sloss on the War Memorial in the city of Madras in Jefferson County Oregon USA

23 years after John's death unfortunately his sister Annie also died because of war. She lived in Glasgow, and she was killed on the 14th March 1941 when a bomb dropped by German Luftwaffe bombers hit her house during the Clydebank Blitz. Annie is named on the Clydebank Blitz Memorial.



Quigg, Elizabeth	" 18	Rocks, Patrick	" 28	Stewart, Elizabeth	"
Ramage, Samuel	" 31	Rocks, Theresa	" 25	Stewart, John	"
Rankin, Margaret	" 6	Rocks, Thomas	" 13	Strachan, Jane	"
Reavey, Charlotte	" 46	Rocks, Thomas	" 50	Struthers, Joseph	"
Reid, Agnes	" 41	Russell, Ian	" 9	Sutherland, George	"
Reid, Alistair	" 46	Russell, Margaret	" 43	Taylor, James	"
Reid, Annie	" 46	Russell, Peter	" 38	Thom, Margaret	"
Reid, Rachel	" 70	Scott, Elizabeth	" 43	Thomas, Rosemary	"
Richmond, Catherine	" 43	Scott, Morag	" 12	Thomas, Russell	"
Richmond, Catherine	" 5	Scott, Nathaniel	" 29	Thomson, Christina	"
Richmond, Christina	" 17	Scott, Walter	" 7	Thomson, Margaret	"
Richmond, Douglas	" 10	Serimshire, Emma	" 16	Thomson, Margaret	"
Richmond, Elizabeth	" 7	Semple, Kathleen	" 11	Thomson, Williamina	"
Richmond, Janet	" 3	Semple, Sheila	" 7	Toland, John	"
Richmond, John	" 41	Sharp, Jeanie	" 48	Ventilla, Angelina	"
Richmond, John	" 15	Shaw, Andrew	" 29	Ventilla, Helen	"
Richmond, Margaret	" 13	Shaw, Isabella	" 20	Ventilla, Louis	"
Roberts, Trevor	" 39	Shuter, William	" 31	Ventilla, Michael	"
Robertson, Annie	" 10	Skinner, Elizabeth	" 9	Wade, Jessie	"
Robertson, David	" 15	Skinner, Joan	" 43	Waite, Charles	"
Robertson, Henry	" 49	Skinner, Joan	" 4	Walker, Annie	"

Annie Reid (nee Sloss) on the Clydebank Blitz Memorial

My second story is about another ancestor called John Sloss who was Archibald's Uncle. John Sloss was born in 1885 in Ayrshire, then in the early 1900's he emigrated to America, and he ended up enlisting in the American Army and joined the 6th Battalion 20th Engineers.



6th Battalion, 20th Engineers

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Used with gratitude and permission of Max Cooper and his father, Jamie Cooper – 6 Nov 2025

Veterans' War Memorial Plaza Project

- Completed
- Is located in the City-owned lot adjacent to the General Aviation Building (at the SE corner of Berg Drive & Cherry Lane)
- Constructed a veterans war monument located at the center of the plaza, featuring a B-17 aircraft
- Plaza will feature a lit flagpole, monument lighting, landscaping and paver walk area around the monument
- From the air, the plaza will resemble that of a B-17 aircraft for those flying overhead
- Primarily grant funded through the ODOT Veterans War Memorial Grant program, the Bean Foundation, the Samuel Johnson Foundation, and other private contributors

<https://www.madras.gov/publicworks/page/veterans-war-memorial-plaza-project>

Jefferson County War Memorial

Inscription. ☛

*Dedicated to those from Jefferson County who went to war.
They never came home.*

World War I

Orlie I. Alexander • Paul A. Burson • Walter M. Eaton • Earl Elliott • Joseph O. Gans • Dallas R. Gregory • Harry F. Gunnison • George S. Johnson • August C. Jorgensen • Roy McDaniel • George Seethoff • John Sloss

World War II

George M. Campbell • Virgil W. Degner • Benjamin Dick • Roscoe Dick • Ben O. Gedney • Vernon E. Haggstrom • Ralph F. Klann • Albert Kuhn • Claude M. Miller • Elliott S. Palmer • Howard K. Read • Leland G. Strawn • George L.

Swetland • Phillip C. Symons • Oscar C. Walrod • Jack O. Watkins • Gilbert Yahtin

Vietnam

William L. Kinkade • Lloyd H. Rohde • Daniel J. Tababoo, Jr.

Global War on Terror

Thomas L. Tucker Iraq



Photographed by Douglass Halvorsen, June 21, 2015
1. Jefferson County War Memorial Marker

Topics. This memorial is listed in this topic list: [Military](#).

Location. 44° 37.902' N, 121° 7.875' W. Memorial is in Madras, Oregon, in Jefferson County. It is at the intersection of SW E St and The Dalles-California Hwy (U.S. 97), on the right when traveling east on SW E

Paid Advertisement

St. [Touch for map](#). Memorial is at or near this postal address: 125 SW E St, Madras OR 97741, United States of America. [Touch for directions](#).

Other nearby markers. At least 3 other markers are within 4 miles of this marker, measured as the crow flies: [The Old Jefferson County Jail](#) (approx. 0.2 miles away); [Veteran War Memorial Plaza](#) (approx. 2.4 miles away); [Metolius Depot](#) (approx. 3.9 miles away).

More about this memorial. This war memorial resides north of the entrance to Madras City Hall and Police Station.

Regarding Jefferson County War Memorial. This memorial is part of a veterans park that also contains a nearby sculpture of a soldier who died in Iraq (Thomas Tucker). There are also a number of dedicated benches that were sponsored by each branch of the U.S. military. Finally, dedicated bricks inlaid around the sculpture and leading to another brick-inlaid path that represents the Deschutes River is noticeable near this war memorial. The city hall/police station was dedicated in 2012, so this war memorial hasn't been here for very long.

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=113268>

Newspapers:

The first dance given this season by the John Sloss post No. 70 of Madras, Or., is to be held on October 29 at Metolius, Or., at the Mulligan hall. Invitations have been sent out all over Jefferson county. A special committee to handle the arrangements is composed of George T. Pearce, A. Louis Lambert of Madras, and Ralph Peck of Culver, Or.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Sunday 16 Oct 1921 p 17

Steps are now being taken for the organization of an auxiliary unit to the John Sloss Post No. 79 at Madras, Or.

The meeting called for organization purposes for December 15, will be a joint meeting of the post and the ladies interested in the organization work. An invitation has also been sent out to every ex-service man in the district to attend, as a splendid feed has been promised by the ladies and the attendance of one of the state officials has been asked. Adjutant Eivers will be in attendance if nothing interferes in the meantime. A committee from the post will be appointed at the meeting to confer with the ladies preliminary to the post start-

ing their enrollment week early in January to increase the membership of the post.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Sunday 11 Dec 1921 p 51

December 16 was the date of the last meeting of the John Sloss post No. 79 of Madras for this year, at which time, election and installation of officers was held, and a entertainment program and feed was given to those present. The banquet was held in the I. O. O. F. hall at Madras and at that time organization of the Jefferson county Legion auxiliary was perfected. George A. Gabriel was reelected commander of the post.

"Oregon Daily Journal" (Portland OR) Sunday 18 Dec 1921 p 50

NEW CORPORATIONS John Sloss Post No. 79, department of Oregon, American legion,	Madras; incorporators, George T. Pearce, A. Louis Lambert, W. B. Gard, Elmon A. Adams; assets, \$50.
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"Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal" Wednesday 3 May 1922 p 2

The Central Oregon Country

(220)

SINCE CENTRAL OREGON "DID ITS BIT" IN ALL PHASES OF NATIONAL DUTY DURING THE WORLD WAR, IT NATURALLY FOLLOWS THAT IT ALSO PAID THE PRICE. SIXTEEN DESCHUTES COUNTY SERVICE MEN, ELEVEN WHO ENTERED THE SERVICE FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY AND SIX FROM CROOK COUNTY DIED IN THE SERVICE. THEY WERE:

DESCHUTES COUNTY—CARL M. BOSTRUM, BEND, KILLED IN ACTION; HERBERT H. EDGAR, BROTHERS, WOUNDS; JOHN H. EICHHAMMER, BEND, KILLED IN ACTION; CHESTER H. ELLIOTT, BEND, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; CHARLES H. FRANCIS, BEND, DISEASE; THOMAS L. FREESTONE, BEND, WOUNDS; ELMER HOUSTON, BEND, KILLED IN ACTION; JOHN H. JOHNSON, MILLICAN, LOBAR PNEUMONIA; JOHN L. M'DOWELL, MEASLES AND BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; NED MILLER, BEND, KILLED IN ACTION; CARL M. PRATT, REDMOND, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; JACOB SMEDINGA, TERREBONNE, PNEUMONIA; PERCY A. STEVENS, BEND, KILLED IN ACTION; MILTON JAMES HARPER (MARINE CORPS), LA PINE, KILLED IN ACTION.

CROOK COUNTY—LOYD D. CANTRILL, PRINEVILLE, KILLED IN ACTION; ARTHUR A. HINING, HOWARD, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; THOMAS E. O'KELLEY, PRINEVILLE, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; CLYDE SMITH, SUPLEE, KILLED IN ACTION; JESSE P. SUMMERFIELD, PAULINA, MENINGITIS.

JEFFERSON COUNTY—ORELIE I. ALEXANDER, METOLIUS, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA; PAUL A. BURSON, ASHWOOD, KILLED IN ACTION; WALTER M. EATON, MADRAS, DISEASE; JOSEPH O. GANS, ASHWOOD, KILLED IN ACTION; DALLAS R. GREGORY, GATEWAY, LOBAR PNEUMONIA; GEORGE S. JOHNSON, HAY CREEK, KILLED IN ACTION; AUGUST C. JORGENSEN, GRANDVIEW, WOUNDS; ROY M'DANIEL, CULVER, BRONCHO PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA; GEORGE SEETHOFF, METOLIUS, LOBAR PNEUMONIA;; JOHN SLOSS, HAY CREEK, KILLED IN ACTION.

The Central Oregon Bank

Modern Banking Methods Coupled With Old Time Courtesy and Security.

Organization plans have been perfected for John Sloss Post No. 125 of the American Legion in

Madras. Officers elected to carry forward the work of completing organization details are: William Thomas, commander; H. A. Dus-sault, vice-commander; Merritt Freeman, adjutant; John Henry, sergeant-at-arms; Bern Gard, finance officer; Fred Rodman, historian, and Bert Ware, chaplain. A committee consisting of John

Henry, Fred Rodman and Bert Ware was appointed to make arrangements for future installation ceremonies, at which time a delegation from other posts in the district is expected.

"Bend (OR) Bulletin" Friday 13 Feb 1942 p 8

Legionnaires to Visit Madras

A delegation of Bend legionnaires will visit Madras tonight, to attend installation of officers of the newly instituted John Sloss post No. 125 of the American Legion, department of Oregon. Most of the officers of the Bend post, headed by Melvin Gillett as commander, as several past commanders plan to attend the ceremonies from Bend.

Reorganization of the John Sloss post was undertaken shortly following the attack by Japan on the United States, on December 7.

The Madras post, formed shortly after the first world war, and disbanded in the late 1920's, was named in honor of Private John Sloss, who died when the *Tuscania* was torpedoed off the coast of northern Ireland on February 5, 1918. Incidentally, the Bend post of the American Legion is also named after a victim of the *Tuscania* torpedoing, Percy A. Stevens.

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World war veterans of Central Oregon have been invited to attend the institution of the new chapter and the installation of the officers in Madras tonight.

Madras Legion Plans New Home

Madras, March 1 (Special)—Members of John Sloss Post No. 125 of the American Legion of Madras are making plans to buy property upon which they will erect a building to house their organization, as well as establishing a legion home for veterans of World War II. Proceeds from the dances given by the Legion are being turned over to the building fund.

"Bend (OR) Bulletin" Thursday 1 Mar 1945 p 6

LEGION INCORPORATED

Madras, July 18 — John Sloss Post No. 125, American Legion, Madras, has incorporated as a non-profit organization, according to William Thomas, who filed the papers on behalf of the group at state offices in Salem.

"Bend (OR) Bulletin" Wednesday 18 Jul 1945 p 5



“Sunday Oregonian” (Portland OR) 27 Nov 1921 p 14 – on Find A Grave 53273145 – and “Salem (OR) Statesman Journal” Tuesday 29 Nov 1921 p 5

John was born in Kirkoswald, Ayrshire in 1885 and like his father worked in agriculture. The 1901 Census has him working in Balhamage Dairy, Colmonell. When the Sloss family moved to Lochwinnoch is not known.

Tragically Thomas and Marion Sloss of Victoria Place, Lochwinnoch, would receive the sad news that their only son John 33 years had been killed. Their grief would be shared with their seven daughters.

On Islay the surviving American Soldiers were treated as if they were family. The Islanders gave food and shelter and medical aid to the survivors. They recovered the bodies that landed upon their rugged shores and gave each one a proper burial.

One of the mass graves in the Kilnaughton Military Cemetery contained 10 coffins which were numbered 1 – 10. In coffin number 1 was the remains of, Private John Sloss. 20th Engineers, 6th Battalion D Company.

In the summer of 1920 the American Red Cross financed the construction of a monument, on top of the peninsula of the Mull of Oa, within sight of where the Tuscania sank, to commemorate the loss of life from the Tuscania. The monument stands in the shape of a Light House high above the cliffs where so many lives were lost.

During 1920, the American Government exhumed the bodies of their servicemen on Islay and relocated them.

In 1921 the Parish of Lochwinnoch erected a Memorial to the memory of the men from this district who fell in the Great War. On the Memorial were added the 61 names of the young men who had made the supreme sacrifice. John Sloss' name was not among them.

Mr and Mrs Sloss never saw this fine Memorial as Thomas and Marion died on the 8th and 15th of February 1921 respectively.

On the 26 May 1922, a funeral took place in Lochwinnoch Cemetery, when the remains of John Sloss were laid to rest beside his mother and father. Added to the head stone was the inscription, 'Private John Sloss American Army drowned off Islay through sinking of the Tuscania 5 February 1922.

The opening of the lair was paid for by John's brother in law Andrew Brown, Allandale, Lochwinnoch. Andrew a farmer had married John's eldest sister Marion, in 1904 at Belhamage Dairy, Colmonell Ayrshire.

It is unclear why the name of John Sloss was omitted from the War Memorial. Of the sixty one names on the Memorial three of them just like John had emigrated before the start of the war and were killed while serving in Canadian Regiments. Others just like John were not born in the Parish of Lochwinnoch.

Has the name of John Sloss been forgotten?

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them".*

Excerpt from Ancestry.com public story – this story has a few inaccuracies (Marion Sloss Brown was not John's oldest sister, for example) -https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/46453253/person/6769841818/media/00599deb-98f0-4e36-81ce-ea9ca4e3bae1?_phsrc=hFB56878&_phstart=successSource

Siblings:



Sister Janet Sloss McLintock (1872-1955) – in the 1940s - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/46453253/person/6769841810/media/bf2f1665-0ffd-4c94-8c79-d0f573ea2fae>



Duncan McIntyre & John's sister Helen (Nellie) Sloss (1873-1957) & their children - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/178417514/person/422327739866/media/0f9b4e78-96d2-4bb6-83ff-7f85a805dff9?_phsrc=hFB56849&_phstart=successSource



https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/151016923/person/172004364577/media/79f8b38a-042f-4192-b2c0-131fe49c6316?_phsrc=hFB56852&_phstart=successSource

ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

No. 16520

To the Honorable the Superior Court of Fairfield County at Bridgeport, Conn.

The petition of MARGARET SLOSS Mc CLURE - Margaret Sloss, hereby filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My place of residence is 102 West Broad St., Stamford, Conn. My occupation is Housewife

(3) I was born in Kirkoswald, Scotland on May 27, 1892 My race is Scotch

(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on October 22, 1927 in the Superior Court of Fairfield County at Bridgeport, Connecticut

(5) I am married. The name of my husband is Alexander

we were married on June 14, 1918 at Lochwinnoch, Scotland

born at Belth, Scotland on April 18, 1891

at New York City, N. Y. on July 10, 1922 for permanent residence therein, and now

resides at Stamford, Connecticut I have one child, and the name, date,

and place of birth, and place of residence of said child are as follows: William, born August 3, 1918 at

Lochwinnoch, Scotland but now residing at Stamford, Conn., U.S.A.

(6) My last foreign residence was Lochwinnoch, Scotland I emigrated to the United States

America from Greenoch, Scotland My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States

was at New York, N. Y. under the name of MARGARET Mc CLURE

on July 10, 1922 on the vessel SS ALGERIA

as shown by the certificate of my arrival attached hereto.

(7) I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposition to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States. It is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to

George V, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Sea;

of whom (which) at this time I am a subject (or citizen), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States, and to speak the English language

(8) I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since

July 10, 1922

and in the County of Fairfield

this State, continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since October 20, 1922, being a residence within said county of at least six months next preceding the date of this petition.

(10) I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship: XXXX XXXXX

XX XX

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Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for citizenship, are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, certificate from Department of Labor of my said arrival, and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses required by law.

Wherefore, I, your petitioner, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

I, your aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, depose and say that I have read this petition and know the contents thereof; that the same is true to my own knowledge except as to matters herein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe it to be true; and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name.

Margaret Sloss Mc Clure
(Complete and true signature of petitioner)

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

N^o 151651Form 2304-L-A
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

14-2018

AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES

Arthur Vincent Swinnerton, occupation Carpenter
residing at 85 Stephen Street, Stamford, Connecticut, and
William Henry Sutton, occupation Bricklayer
residing at 148 Myrtle Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut
each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known and has been acquainted in the United States with

MARGARET SLOSS Mc CLURE, the petitioner above mentioned, since Jan. 2, 1925
and that to his personal knowledge the petitioner has resided in the United States continuously preceding the date of filing this petition, of which this affidavit is a part, to wit, since the date last mentioned, and at Stamford, in the County of Fairfield

this State, in which the above-entitled petition is made, continuously since January 2, 1925, and that he has personal knowledge that the petitioner is and during all such periods has been a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and that in his opinion the petitioner is in every way qualified to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

(Signature of witness) Arthur Vincent Swinnerton (Signature of witness) William Henry Sutton

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Bridgeport, Conn. this 12th day of May, Anno Domini 1931. I hereby certify that certificate of arrival No. 1 26988 from the Department of Labor, showing the lawful entry for permanent residence of the petitioner above named, together with declaration of intention No. 27947 of such petitioner, has been by me filed with, attached to, and made a part of this petition on this date.

Frederick C Beach, Asst. Clerk. (SEAL)
Dep. Clerk

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, of whom (which) I have heretofore been a subject (or citizen); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Margaret Sloss Mc Clure.
(Signature of petitioner)
Sworn to in open court, this 17th day of September, A. D. 1931

Frederick C Beach, Asst. Clerk.

By _____, Deputy Clerk.

NOTE.—In renunciation of title of nobility, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or titles) an order of nobility, which I have heretofore held."

Petition granted: Line No. 28 of List No. 44-A and Certificate No. 3512302 issued.

Petition denied: List No. _____

Petition continued from _____ to _____ Reason _____

14-2018

Naturalization of sister Margaret Sloss McClure (1892-1985) - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/151016923/person/172004364577/media/79f8b38a-042f-4192-b2c0-131fe49c6316?_phsrc=hFB56852&_phstart=successSource

Her husband Alexander's application at: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900674318:61195>

Margaret S McClure in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012	
Detail	Source
Name:	Margaret S McClure
Race:	White
Occupation:	HOUSEWIFE
Industry:	AT HOME
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Date:	27 May 1892
Birth Place:	Scotland
Address:	19 PATRICIA
Residence:	Darien, Connecticut
Death Date:	31 Jan 1985
Death Place:	Norwalk, Connecticut
Age:	92 Years
Spouse:	Alexa
Father's Surname:	Sloss
State File #:	01593

CT death record of Margaret Sloss McClure



The Clydebank, Scotland, Blitz Memorial to the 528 identified dead. The other casualties (approximately 1,200 total deaths) are in a communal grave). John's sister Annie Sloss Reid was one of the identified casualties.

Name: John Sloss

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so John died without a number

Entered service from: Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland – enlisted at Hays Creek, Crook Co. OR

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: John Sloss

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: sister Maggie Sloss, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: in Killeyan, Islay, Scotland, grave 1, as John Sloss

Buried at his home in Scotland:

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address: Victoria Place, Scotland

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Jan 1885 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland (death month/date from Veterans Administration Military Index) - birthplace listed as Carrick Arms, Main Street, Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania (died age 33)

Find A Grave record: 53273145 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland

Cemetery: Lochwinnoch

Tombstone: tombstone: American Army Drowned Off Islay Through Sinking of Tuscania 5th Feb 1918 Aged 33

Father: Thomas Sloss, 21 Jun 1855 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – 4 Feb 1921 Scotland.

Son of Robert Sloss & Helen Spiers. Tombstone says he died at age 53.

Buried in Lochwinnoch Cemetery, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Find A Grave: 53273630

Mother: Marion McNab Sloss, 23 Oct 1849 Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, Scotland – 11 Mar 1921

Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland (at age 70).

Buried in Lochwinnoch Cemetery, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Find A Grave: 53273569

Parents' marriage: 26 Apr 1872 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: John was born after Jane, apparently the only boy.

- **Janet Sloss McLintock**, 9 May 1872 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – 18 Oct 1955 Urbenville, Tenterfield Shire, New South Wales, Australia. Find A Grave gives birthyear of 1862. Married William McLintock (1874-1960, F: 171974051) on 28 Mar 1899 in Barrhill, Ayrshire, Scotland. Buried in Urbenville Cemetery, Urbenville, Tenterfield Shire, New South Wales, Australia. F: 171974050
- **Helen (Nellie) Sloss McIntyre**, 5 Oct 1873 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – 21 or 31 Aug 1957 Kelton Mains, Castle Douglas, Scotland. Wife of Duncan McIntyre (1871-1956).
- **Marion Sloss Brown**, ca. 1878 Riccarton, Ayrshire, Scotland – Married Andrew Brown in 1904 in Ayrshire, Scotland.
- **Mary May Sloss Bain**, 1881 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – [found online as 18 Oct 1955 but that is the day her sister Janet died]. Married 1913 in Matamata, Waikato, New Zealand, to John Bain (1880-1973).
- **Jane Sloss**, ca. 1883 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland –
- **Agnes Sloss**, 11 Jun 1887 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland –
- **Elizabeth Sloss**, ca. 1891 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland –
- **Margaret Sloss McClure**, 27 May 1892 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – 31 Jan 1985 Norwalk CT (age 92). - Married Alexander McClure (b. 18 Apr 1891 Beith, Scotland) on 14 Jun 1918 in Lochwinnoch, Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, Scotland. They emigrated to the US with son William McClure (b. 3 Aug 1918 Lockwinnoch) aboard “Algeria” which landed in NYC on 10 Jul 1922. They applied for citizenship in Superior Court of Fairfield Co. NJ in May 1931.
- **Annie Sloss Reid**, 1895 Kirkoswald, Ayrshire, Scotland – 14 Mar 1941 Clydebank, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.- Wife of William J. Reid. - Victim of the Clydebank Blitz by the German Luftwaffe in WWII on Clydebank on March 13 & 14, 1941, leaving 528 identified dead (listed on the memorial); the Wikipedia article claims there were 1,200 casualties. Out of the approximately 12,000 houses in Clydebank, only 8 escaped untouched. - Memorial in Old Dalnottar Cemetery, Clydebank, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland. F: 129772258

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