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Genealogical Research Report (sample)

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SUBJECT	Jack Weidenbacker and mother, Ida Robertson/Robinson
OBJECTIVE	Using documentary evidence, locate and identify the burial locations of both Jack Weidenbacker and his mother, Ida Robertson/Robinson.
BACKGROUND SUMMARY	Jack Weidenbacker has been married several times and has moved from Canada and down through the United States, and into Mexico. His mother, Ida, also has moved and it is unknown where she is buried.
RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS	Ongoing research and reporting, no travel. Repository closures due to COVID-19 limited availability of certain records.
KEY REPOSITORIES CONSULTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Ancestry.ca</i> (https://www.ancestry.ca)• <i>FamilySearch (LDS)</i> (https://www.familysearch.org/en)• <i>Drouin Collection 1621-1968 (Quebec, Canada)</i>• <i>Find a Grave</i> (https://www.findagrave.com)• <i>Newspapers.com</i> (https://www.newspapers.com)
SPELLING NOTE	<p>Surname spellings vary: Weidenbacker, Weidenbacher, Weindenbacker, Weindenbacher, Wiedenbacker, Wiedenbacher, Weidenberger, Weldenbacker, Werdenbacker, Weldenbacher, Withembacker, Withembaker, Wittembaker, Wenlenbaker, Weidenbæcher, Weedenbacker, Weidemoyer.</p> <p>Weidenbacker is used here, except in citations, where names appear as they do in the sources.</p>

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

The research objective for this session has been partially met. Jack Weidenbacker's death and burial location have been found, though I have not been able to communicate (in Spanish) with the cemetery successfully to find his exact tomb location within the St. Francis de Piedad cemetery in Mexico City.

I have located his mother's death and death date. His mother, Ida Robinson/Robertson Weidenbacker was visiting her son Andrew in California when she passed away unexpectedly in Alameda, California. She is buried at one of two burial locations in Alameda County: _____ and Chapel of Memorials in Oakland, Alameda, California.¹ I have created a Find-a-Grave profile for her and will update upon discovery of burial location:
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/194154112/ida-jane-weidenbacker>

A separate research summary will be drafted for his mother, Ida. The information I have found on Jack comprises nearly 80 pages of images and stories.

Throughout the course of this session (and others previously) I have discovered that Jack went by several different aliases in his lifetime. I have included those names to assist further researchers in locating additional documentary evidence.

Aliases:

John Weidenbacker

John R. Weidenbacker

John Robinson Weidenbacker

John Robinson

John Robertson

Jack Robinson

Jack Robinson Weidenbacker

Jack Weidenbacker Robinson

¹ <https://oakland.chapelofthechimes.com/contact/>

Timeline for Jack Weidenbacker

Facts	Date	Details	Age
Birth	6 Jul 1895	Waverly, Humphreys, Tennessee	0
Census	5 Jun 1900	Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan	4
Census	1 Jun 1905	Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota	9
Census	28 Apr 1910	Spokane, Spokane, Washington	14
Occupation	1910	Working as an electrician – Spokane, Washington	14
Father dies	14 Apr 1911	Death of Jack's father, Andrew Fullum Weidenbacker – Spokane, Washington	15
Residence	1912	1114 Cleveland av, Spokane, Washington (with brother and widowed mother)	17
Residence	1913	1121 Chelan av, Spokane, Washington	17
Military	From 1914-1917 (3 years)	Served in the military as rank Private – Infantry branch, Washington National Guard – Spokane, Washington	19
Residence	1917	1526 Broadway, Spokane, Washington	21
Event	14 Jan 1917	Jack enters billiard tournament	21
Event	26 Jan 1917	Invited to attend the Butterfly Club social dance of well-known Spokane young people	21
Event	8 Feb 1917	Jack invited to attend mid-winter "Chin Chin" dance	21
Military	5 Jun 1917	WWI Draft Registration – he claimed exemption due to weak eyes & employed in public utility service. He also lists he is supporting his mother (Ida).	21
Child conceived	Around 8 Jul 1917	Jack and Hazel were together by July 1917 and likely conceived around this date (based on birthdate of Mary Jane)	22
News Article	21 Jul 1917	Jack appears on list for "654 men for Army supplied by Spokane"	22
News Article	3 Aug 1917	List appears showing Jack's name picked for draft for Fourth Ward	22
Marriage	10 Nov 1917	Marries under assumed names John Robinson and Hazelbelle Ross, to attempt to escape WWI draft – Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, Idaho. Hazel is 4 months pregnant at this time.	22

Military	30 Dec 1917	News article lists him having physical disability	22
News Article	21 Mar 1918	Jack is told he's not exempt for war	22
News Article	22 Mar 1918	Secret marriage to Hazel is disclosed in newspaper	22
Child born	31 Mar 1918	Daughter Mary Jane Weidenbacker is born to Hazel and Jack – Spokane, Washington	22
News Article	15 Apr 1918	“Baby does not save Weidenbacker”	22
News Article	22 Apr 1918	“Poor Eyes Get Draft Delay”	22
Military	24 Jun 1918	Jack is selected for Spruce Camp Division training at Oregon and Washington State and begins training. This becomes his official enlistment date until his discharge in 1919.	22
Military	Aft July 1918	Spruce Div. Camp 5G 7B, Newport, Oregon	23
Military	24 Jan 1919	Jack is discharged from the U.S. Army	23
Residence	1919	West 1526 Broadway, Spokane, Washington (with mother Ida)	24
Misc.	12 Jun 1919	Initiated as a member of Elks Lodge in Spokane, Washington	23
Marriage	22 Jul 1919	Hazel Daniel, Spokane, Washington	24
Census	8 Jan 1920	West 1526 Broadway, Spokane, Washington – with wife Hazel	24
Occupation	1920	Working as a salesman for a paper company – Los Angeles, California	24
Divorce	8 Apr 1921	Hazel Daniel divorces Jack on account of his behavior – Spokane, Washington	25
Mother dies	25 May 1921	Death of Jack's mother, Ida Robinson/Robertson at age 48, Alameda Co., California	25
Widowed	20 Jul 1921	Wife Hazel dies of tonsillitis infection at age 27 – Spokane, Washington	26
Event	2 Aug 1921	Jack seeks guardianship of daughter, Mary Jane, and estate of late wife, Hazel	26
Misc.	6 Feb 1922	Jack inherits wife, Hazel's settlement remaining of approx. \$5,000 from sale of Yale Block/John I. Daniel case	27
Moved	1922	Jack moves to California – along with brother, Andrew Edward and	27

		both work in sales in Alameda and Alhambra counties	
Residence	1922	Renting at 2506 Chandler av, Alhambra, Los Angeles, California	27
Occupation	1922	Working as a salesman of dental supplies – Alhambra, Los Angeles, California	27
Marriage	4 Nov 1922	Mae Mulrooney – Los Angeles, California	27
News Article	13 Jan 1923	Spokane residents wintering in Los Angeles attend social dance	27
News Article	19 Apr 1923	Jack is selling dental supplies in Los Angeles	27
Residence	1924	Los Angeles, California	29
Widowed	15 Sep 1925	Wife Mae Mulrooney dies – Sierra Madre, California	30
Marriage	8 Jun 1929	Vera Bernice McKee – Los Angeles, California	33
Census	7 Apr 1930	Los Angeles, California – with wife Vera	34
Residence	1932-1934	8912 S. St. Andrews pl., Los Angeles, California – with wife Vera	37
Divorce	7 Jun 1934	Vera McKee – Los Angeles, California	38
Residence	1936-1940	4307 Walton av., Los Angeles, California	41
Census	4 Apr 1940	4307 Walton av., Los Angeles, California – lodger in household of Myrtle Barard and daughter Evelyn McGill	44
Marriage	15 Aug 1941	Ines Reyes Rita Retana, Los Angeles, California	46
Residence	1942	4307 Walton av., Los Angeles, California – with wife Ines	47
Census	1950	<i>(not found yet in US – might be in Mexico)</i>	55
Moved	15 May 1956	From San Pedro, Los Angeles, California to Mexico	60
Death	15 Oct 1958	Calle de la Campena 73, Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City), Distrito Federal, Mexico – as Jack Weindenbacker	63
Burial	Abt. 17 Oct 1958	Panteón Francés Francis Pantheon de La Piedad, Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City), Distrito Federal, Mexico	63

A DETAILED LOOK

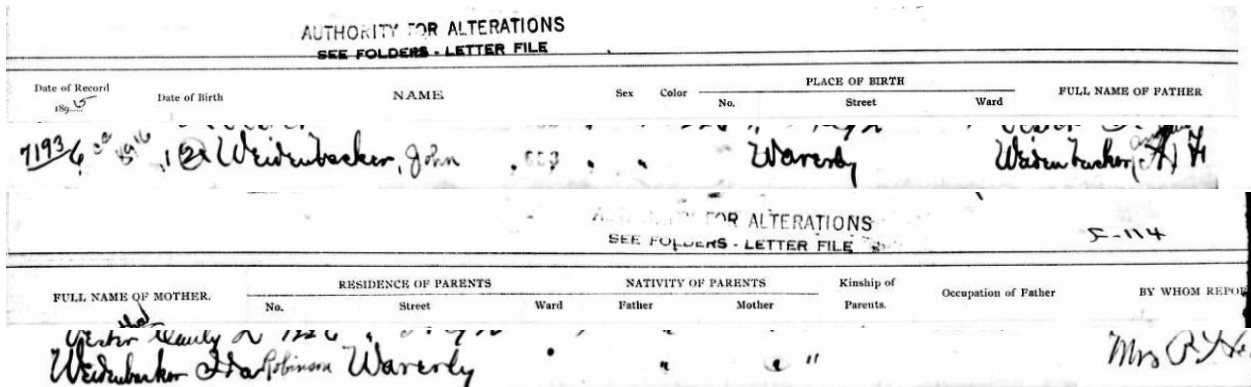
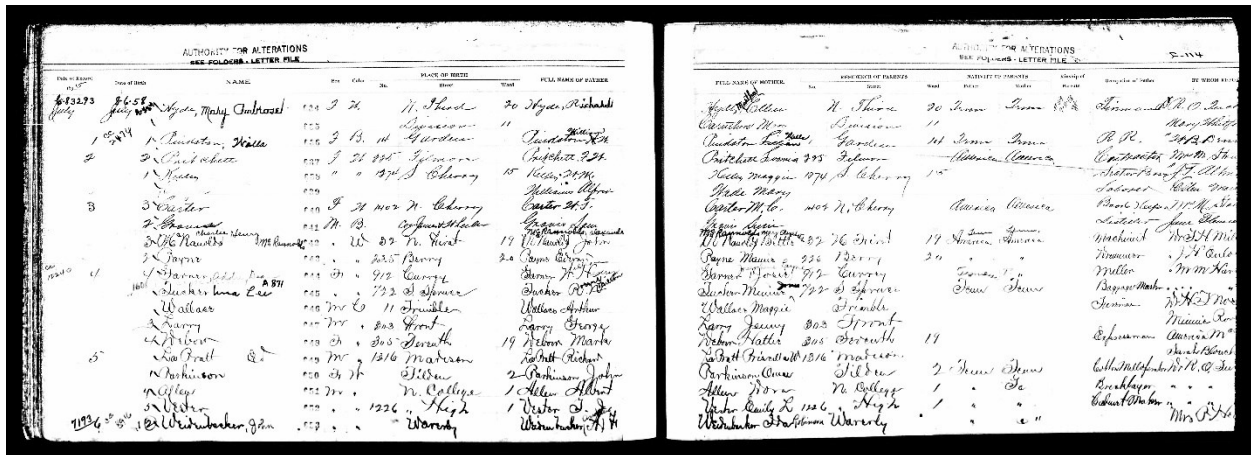
Jack Weidenbacker (1895-1958)

I present a look into Jack Weidenbacker's life through a journey of discovery of documents and images. Beginning with his birth, his military service, his four marriages, and in his death and burial. Following Jack, I have included images pertaining to his mother, Ida (*see: Chasing Ida*). In the following presentation of images, transcription notes **written in BOLD** are pre-printed words on forms and documents, usually in a typed or printed manner and easy to read. Hand-written answers will be written in normal font and not in bold. A question mark (?) will appear after words I gave my best guess to and (illeg.) will be written next to words which are illegible. Words appearing in *italic* are my notes pertaining to said image.

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JOHN WILLIAM WEIDENBACKER IS BORN (AND LATER WILL BE KNOWN BY "JACK")

1895, July 6<sup>th</sup> John Weidenbacker, Tennessee birth record<sup>2</sup>



Transcription:

**Date of Birth:** 6 Jul 1895

(there is a 2 with a circle around it - likely indicating birth order number – 2<sup>nd</sup> born) – some have

<sup>2</sup> John Weidenbacker, birth certificate [book 1894 Jan-1896 Jul] no. 653 (2 Jul 1895, father: A F Weidenbacker, mother: Ida Robinson Weidenbacker), Tennessee Tennessee, U.S., City Birth Records, 1881-1915, Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee.



interpreted this as the birth date, however there are other numbers along the margin indicating the “date” and his name is adjacent to the date of 6 Jul (not the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July) – the next page continues onward with the births for the 6<sup>th</sup> of July and so forth

**Name:** Weidenbacker, John

**Number:** 653

**Sex:** M

**Color:** W

**Place of Birth:** Waverly (Waverly, Humphreys, Tennessee)

**Name of Father:** A. F. Weidenbacker (Andrew has been written in above the “A”)

**Name of Mother:** Weidenbacker, Ida Robinson

**Residence:** Waverly

**Nativity of Parents:** Tenn and Tenn

**Occupation of Father:** none listed, but Cabinet Maker is listed for the person above him and could also apply

**By Whom Reported:** Mrs. R. He\_\_ (illeg.)

JACK MOVES NORTH WITH FAMILY, FROM TENNESSEE TO MICHIGAN, abt 675 miles

1900, June 5<sup>th</sup> (age 4) John Weidenberger – Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan, age 4 living in household of his parents, at 332 Washington, Block C, which appears to be having several families dwelling there separately in units

|   |    |    |                     |        |   |      |      |    |   |           |           |           |  |  |  |              |
|---|----|----|---------------------|--------|---|------|------|----|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--------------|
| 2 | 72 | 78 | Weidenberger Andrew | Roomer | M | Oct  | 1869 | 30 | 9 | Tennessee | New York  | England   |  |  |  | Portrait Agt |
| 3 |    |    | — Aida              | Roomer | F | Sept | 1871 | 28 | 3 | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |  |  |  |              |
| 4 |    |    | — Andrew            | son    | M | Dec  | 1892 | 7  |   | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |  |  |  |              |
| 5 |    |    | — John              | son    | M | July | 1895 | 4  |   | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |  |  |  |              |

(image of 1900 census, Saginaw, Michigan)<sup>3</sup>

Transcription:

2 Weidenberger, Andrew, head/roomer, white, male, born Oct 1869, age 30, married for 9 years, born Tennessee, father born New York, mother born England, Occupation: Portrait Agt (*agent*)

3 Weidenberger, Aida, roomer, white, female, born Sept 1871, age 28, married for 9 years, born Tennessee, father born Tennessee, mother born Tennessee

4 Weidenberger, Andrew, son, white, male, born Dec 1892, age 7, single, born Tennessee

5 Weidenberger, John, son, white, male, born July 1895, age 4, single, born Tennessee

JACK MOVES WEST WITH FAMILY, FROM MICHIGAN TO MINNESOTA, about 700 miles

1905, June 1<sup>st</sup> (age 9) John Weidenbacher – Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, age 9 living in household of his parents, at 609 Dupont av/st, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota

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| 609 | 908 | 34 | 90 | " "       | Tennessee | Tennessee | 1 | Somatic   |
| 609 | 908 | 12 | 90 | " "       | " "       | " "       | 1 |           |
| 609 | 908 | 9  | 90 | " "       | " "       | " "       | 1 | St. ...   |

(image of 1905 census, Hennepin, Minnesota)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan, population schedule, Saginaw Ward 5, enumeration district (ED) 50, supervisor’s district (SD) 8, p. 7, sheet 4, dwelling no. 72, family no. 78 (lines 2-5), John Weidenberger in household of parents Andrew Weidenbacker; digital images, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/25453738:7602>)

<sup>4</sup> Minnesota, U.S. Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, population schedule, Minneapolis Ward 3, sub-division G, precincts 13th, enumeration district (ED) 44, p. 719, sheet no. 1 (lines

Transcription:

- 11 Weidenbacher, Andrew F, Dupont, 609, male, age 36, white, born Tennsee, father born NY, mother born England, resident of current state (1 year), Occupation: Insurance
- 12 Weidenbacher, Ida J., Dupont, 609, female, age 34, white, born Tennsee, father born Tennsee, mother born Tennsee, resident of current state (1 year), Occupation: Domestic
- 13 Weidenbacher, Andrew E., Dupont, 609, male, age 12, white, born Tennsee, resident of current state (1 year),
- 14 Weidenbacher, John, Dupont, 609, male, age 9, white, born Tennsee, resident of current state (1 year),

JACK MOVES MORE WEST WITH FAMILY, FROM MINNESOTA TO WASHINGTON, about 1380 miles

1910, April 28<sup>th</sup> (age 14) John Weidenbacher appears on the 1910 Spokane census:

|    |             |                       |      |   |    |    |       |     |           |           |           |
|----|-------------|-----------------------|------|---|----|----|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 30 | 32204248248 | Weidenbacher Andrew F | Head | M | 36 | 40 | 14/18 |     | Tennessee | Germany   | English   |
| 31 |             | Ida J                 | Wife | F | 34 | 38 | 14/18 | 3 2 | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |
| 32 |             | Andrew E              | Son  | M | 12 | 12 | 8     |     | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |
| 33 |             | John                  | Son  | M | 9  | 9  | 8     |     | Tennessee | Tennessee | Tennessee |

(image of 1910 census, Spokane, Washington) <sup>5</sup>

Transcription:

- 30 Weidenbacher, Andrew F., head, male, white, age 40, married for 18 years, born TN, father born Germany, mother born England, English speaking household, occupation: Agent – Fire Insurance, renting a house on Jefferson street
- 31 Weidenbacher, Ida J., wife, female, white, age 38, married for 18 years, 3 children born (2 still living), born TN, father born TN, mother born TN
- 32 Weidenbacher, Andrew E., son, male, white, age 18, single, born TN, father TN, mother TN, occupation: Window Dresser (has been out of work for 12 weeks)
- 33 Weidenbacher, John, son, male, white, age 15, single, born TN, father TN, mother TN, occupation: Electrician

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1912 (age 17) Jack Weidenbacher is found in the U.S. City Directory⁶ in Spokane, Washington, living at 1114 Cleveland avenue and working as an apprentice for B S Hebden, alongside his brother Andrew E who is also apprenticing. His mother Ida J (widow of Andrew) is listed with them at the same residence, and owns the house. His name is listed as John Weidenbacher.

11-14), roll MNSC_122, census date taken 2 Jun 1905, John Weidenbacher; digital images, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/259811:1058>)

⁵ 1910 U.S. Census, Spokane, Spokane, Washington, Spokane Ward 4, Spokane, Washington, enumeration district (ED) 180, sheet no. 11-A, house 04204, visited no. 248, family no. 248, John Weidenbacher; digital images, *Ancestry.ca* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/4454888_00143).

⁶ *U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995: R. L. Polk & Co.'s 1912* (Spokane, Washington), p. 1222, John Weidenbacher, appr B S Hebden, b 1114 Cleveland av; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/745291529:2469>)

Weidenbacher Andrew E, appr B S
 Hebden, b 1114 Cleveland av
 Weidenbacher Ida J (wid Andrew), h
 1114 Cleveland av
 Weidenbacher John, appr B S Heb-
 den, b 1114 Cleveland av

1913 (age 17-18) Jack Weidenbacher is found in the U.S. City Directory⁷ in Spokane, Washington, living at 1121 Chelan avenue and working as a clerk. He and his brother Andrew E are shown with his widowed mother, Ida J, and all residing at 1121 Chelan avenue in Spokane. The record is listed for John Weidenbacher.

Weidenbacher Andrew E clk H-M Hdw
 Co r 1121 Chelan av
 " Ida J (wid A F) h 1121 Chelan av
 " John clk r 1121 Chelan av

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#### JACK COMING OF AGE – NICKNAMES AND SOCIAL EVENTS 1913-1917

Early 1913 (age 17) Jack began using the nick name **"Jack Weidenbacher"** versus his given birth name of John. He appears at numerous social engagements between 1913-1917.

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1913, January 6th (age 17) News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 6 Jan 1913, Monday, p.12:⁸ Jack attends an informal dance party.



Transcription: GIVES DANCE AT HER HOME

⁷ U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995: R. L. Polk & Co.'s 1913 Directory (Spokane, Washington), p. 1032, John Weidenbacher, r 1121 Chelan av; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/14343502>)

⁸ "Gives Dance At Her Home," social event, p.12, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 6 January 1913, Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562194684/>).

An informal dancing party was the form of entertainment provided by Miss Elizabeth Simmons at her home, 2930 Boone avenue, where she entertained a few friends Friday evening.

The guests were: Miss Blanche Brown, Miss Jessie Gaspard, Miss Alice Stevens, Miss Pearl O'Dare, Miss Edith Pettit, Mrs. L. B. Berg, Ralph Hubbard, Claude Matson, Jack Weidenbacker, Henry Hanson, Adrian Buckley, Lester Wood, Tom Westbrook and A. H. Simmons.

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1913, April 12<sup>th</sup> (age 17) News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 12 Apr 1913, Saturday, p.12:<sup>9</sup> Jack attends social party composed of students of the Counselman School of Stenography. His name is misspelled in the article as "Werdenbacker". The only Hazel present on the guest list is a Hazel House.



Transcription: ONE HUNDRED ENJOY PARTY

Students of Counselman School Are Guests of New Social Club

The first event given by the recently organized social club, composed of students of the Counselman School of Stenography, occurred Thursday evening at the school. Nearly 100 pupils and their friends were present and enjoyed the delightful entertainment that was provided by the committee.

Those present.

... Jack Werdenbacker ...

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⁹ "One Hundred Enjoy Party," social event, p.12, *Spokane Chronicle* (Spokane, Washington), 12 April 1913, Jack Werdenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562212181/>).

1913, September 3rd (age 18) News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 3 Sep 1913, Wednesday p.5:¹⁰

Youth Not Guilty.
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Transcription: YOUTH NOT GUILTY

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1914, April 27<sup>th</sup> (age 18) News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 27 Apr 1914, Monday, p. 14<sup>11</sup>

**ENTERTAINED  
AT "KILKARE"**

Party Motors to McGoldrick Home at Liberty Lake for the Week End.

Carroll McGoldrick entertained a party of 20 friends Sunday at the McGoldrick summer home "Kilkare" at Liberty Lake. The party motored out in the morning and spent the day boating and playing tennis.

Those present were: Miss Margaret Regan, Miss Irene Ruddock, Miss Jean Gorrill, Miss Edna Meyers, Miss Grace Carson, Miss Helen McGoldrick, Miss Lucille McGoldrick, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Miss Florence Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McGoldrick, George Holden, Claude House, Leslie Taylor, Jack Weidenbacher, Leon Hill, Walter Miller, David Reynolds, Milton McGoldrick and Carroll McGoldrick.

Transcription: ENTERTAINED AT "KILKARE"

Party Motors to McGoldrick Home at Liberty Lake for the Week End.

<sup>10</sup> "Youth Not Guilty," report, p.5, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 3 September 1913, J Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/97280700/jack-weidenbacker/>)

<sup>11</sup> "Entertained at "Kilkare"," announcement, p.14, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 27 April 1914, Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562400564/>).

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1917, January 14th (age 21) Newspaper Article in the Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington):¹² Jack Weidenbacher is competing in a billiards competition put on by the newspaper among 402 other players (men).



Although entries for the second annual The Spokesman-Review city amateur championship pocket billiard tournament will be received for three more days, and despite the fact that several room owners have not yet submitted lists, the number of entries last night passed the mark of 1916, when 403 players were entered. Around all the billiard rooms yesterday the coming tournament was the main subject of discussion. Whether W. G. Whisler, champion in 1916, will be allowed to play, and whether he will be able to retain his title, are questions that interest many. "Are you entered in the tournament?" is the remark with which the pocket billiard enthusiasts greet each other. The answer is usually "Yes," for The Spokesman-Review competition is actually drawing a majority of all the players in the city.

¹² "Entries Continue to Pour in for Spokesman-Review Billiard Event," tournament, p.33, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 14 January 1917, Lee Crawford Parlors - Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/566607337/>).



Transcription: ENTRIES CONTINUE TO POUR IN FOR SPOKESMAN-REVIEW BILLIARD EVENT

Mark of 1916 Is Passed When 403 Competed – Gerdes Parlors of Hillyard Has Record Number – Knights of Columbus Club Well Represented.

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New Rooms Represented

Among the rooms that will be represented for the first time this year is the Couer d'Alene hotel parlors, with an entry list of 30. The Spokoma billiard room is another new entrant which is gathering an imposing number of players.

Manager Meehan of the Knights of Columbus club handed in an incomplete list which contained 24 names yesterday. He predicts that at least 40 will compete on the new tables which have been installed in the spacious billiard room of his organization in the new Merriam building.

Following is a list of entries that were submitted yesterday:

Knights of Columbus Club (*list of men follows each category – omitted*)

Shea & Davis

Wade Parlors

Gerdes Parlors, Hillyard

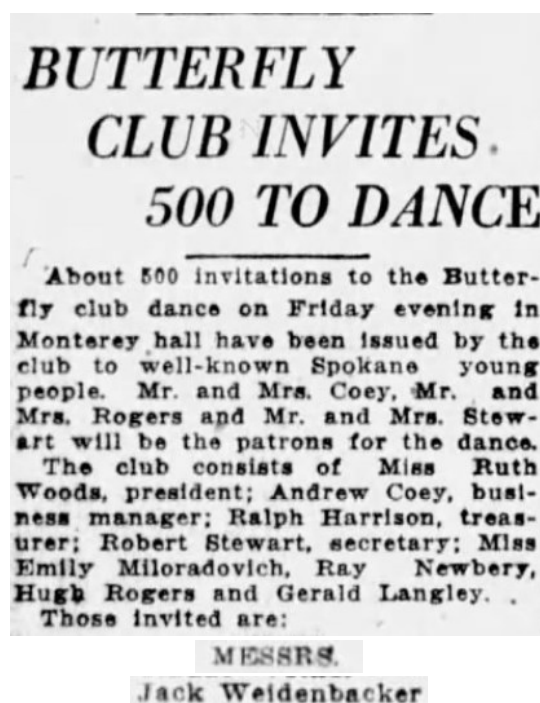
Lee Crawford Parlors

... Jack Weidenbacher ...

B. B. Billiard Parlor

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1917, January 26<sup>th</sup> (age 21) Newspaper Article: The name of Jack Weidenbacher appears in the newspaper as an invitee to the Butterfly Club social dance as one of 500 men and women “well-known Spokane young people.”<sup>13</sup> The list is alphabetical and he appears under the “MESSRS” which follows the “MISSES” list. There are more men than women on the list, by half.



Transcription: BUTTERFLY CLUB INVITES 500 TO DANCE

About 500 invitations to the Butterfly club dance on Friday evening in Monterey hall have been issued by the club to well-known Spokane young people. Mr. and Mrs. Coey, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will be the patrons for the dance.

<sup>13</sup> "Butterfly Club Invites 500 to Dance," announcement, p. 10, *Spokane Chronicle* (Spokane, Washington), 24 January 1917, Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/563572127/>)



The club consists of Miss Ruth Woods, president; Andrew Coey, business manager; Ralph Harrison, treasurer; Robert Stewart, secretary; Miss Emily Miloradovich, Ray Newberry, Hugh Rogers and Gerald Langley.

Those invited are: *(an alphabetical list of names proceeds with about 200 females and 300 males. His wife, Hazel Daniel, does not appear on this list – they did not meet at this dance.)*

MISSES...

MESSRS...

... Jack Weidenbacker...

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1917, February 8th (age 21) News Article: Jack Weidenbacker at a social dance put on by the Chin Chin club.¹⁴ There are a few Hazel's named, but none named Hazel Daniel or any having Daniel (or Ross) as a surname. There is a Hazel Hess, Hazel Miles, Hazel Taft. **To note: Look into researching more about the Chin Chin club of Spokane. Sounds like a 1920s speakeasy.**



Transcription: MID-WINTER DANCE FRIDAY BY CHIN CHIN

The Elizabethan room of the Davenport tomorrow evening will be the scene of the mid-winter dancing party of the Chin Chin club. A five-piece orchestra has been engaged for the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Jeldness, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lavin and Mr. and Mrs. Racey Kilmer are the patrons and patronesses.

Those invited to the party are:

... MISSES ...

¹⁴ "Mid-Winter Dance Friday by Chin Chin," social event, p.10, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 8 February 1917, Messrs - Jack Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/563580852/>).

... MESSRS ...

Jack Weidenbacker

U.S. WWI DRAFT 1917

1917, June 5th (age 21) Jack Weidenbacker's 1917 U.S. World War I Draft Registration Card describes him as Slender, Short, with Light hair and Blue eyes. His birthdate is incorrectly listed as 1 Jul 1894 (putting him one year older than he actually is). He lists he had previous military experience as a Private in the Infantry for the Washington National Guard for 3 years. He also lists his mother (Ida) is completely dependent on him for support. He is not married to Hazel yet and it is unknown if they have met.¹⁵

REGISTRATION CARD Form 1 1436 | No. 8

1 Name in full *Jack Weidenbacker* Age in yrs. *22*

2 Home address (No.) *1526* (Street) *Broadway* (City) *Spokane* (State) *Wn*

3 Date of birth (Month) *July* (Day) *1* (Year) *1894*

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Natural born*

5 Where were you born? (Town) *Nashville* (State) *Tenn* (Nation) *USA*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Clerk*

8 By whom employed? *Spokane Falls Gas Light Co* Where employed? *Spokane, Wn*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *Mother*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which) *Caucasian*

11 What military service have you had? Rank *Private*; branch *Inf*; years *3*; Nation or State *Wn. Natl Gd.*

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *Weak eyes & employed in public utility service*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Jack Weidenbacker (Signature or mark)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT 46-3-11-A

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? *Short* Slender, medium, or stout (which)? *Slender*

2 Color of eyes? *blue* Color of hair? *light* Bald?

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *No*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Roy L. Knot (Signature of registrar)

Precinct *Dawson*

City or County *Spokane*

State *Wash*

Date of registration *June 5-17*

Local Board for Division No. 4
City of Spokane, State of Wash.
SPOKANE, WASH.

J.M. Brown

Transcription:

Form 1 (1436, his draft military number matching those seen in draft pick news articles, *written lightly in pen*)
46-3-11-A | REGISTRATION CARD (3 *written in pen*) | No. 8

- 1 Name in full (given name) Jack Weidenbacker (family name) | Age in yrs. 22
- 2 Home address (No.) 1526 (Street) Broadway (City) Spokane (State) Wn
- 3 Date of birth (Month) July (Day) 1 (Year) 1894
- 4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural born
- 5 Where were you born? (Town) Nashville (State) Tenn (Nation) USA

¹⁵Jack Weidenbacker, U.S. World War I Draft Registration Card no. 1436, 46-3-11-A (5 Jun 1917) Spokane City, Draft board 4; Registration: Dawson, Spokane, Washington, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/27181403:6482>)

- 6 If not a citizen, at what country are you a citizen or subject? *(blank)*
- 7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Clerk
- 8 By whom employed? Spokane Falls Gas Light Co. | Where employed? Spokane, Wn
- 9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? Mother
- 10 Married or single (which)? Single | Race (specify which) Caucasian
- 11 What military service have you had? Rank Private; branch Inf. Years 3; Nation or State Wn. Natl Gd.
- 12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? Weak eyes & employed in public utility service

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*(signature of Jack Weidenbacker) * I believe this signature is actually that of Roy L. Knox (the registrar) as it matches the entire band of the document and his own signature on page 2. The addition of the other signature at the end of page 2 might have been a family member giving permission for the draft.*

At the corner it says **If person is of African descent, tear off this corner** and the letter C is written next to it, specifying Caucasian or a white person.

Transcription (cont.):

46-3-11-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

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Roy L. Knox *(signature of registrar)*

Precinct Dawson
 City or County Spokane
 State Wash

June 5-17 *(Date of registration)*

stamped:
**Local Board for Division No. 4,
 City of Spokane, State of Wash.
 SPOKANE, WASH.**

*(signature of F A? or Ida? Robinson) * if this is a signature for Ida Robinson (his mother), this would confirm a maiden name as Robinson instead of Robertson.*

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1917, July 21<sup>st</sup> News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington) 21 Jul 1917, p.10:<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> "List From Which Spokane City and County Will Supply 654 Men to Army," military draft WWI announcement, p.10, *Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 21 Jul 1917, 1436 J. Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/566586036/>).

Transcription: LIST FROM WHICH SPOKANE CITY AND COUNTY WILL SUPPLY 654 MEN TO ARMY

Exemptions Will Eliminated Approximately Two Out of Every Three.

3000 NAMES PUBLISHED

Five City Districts Will Furnish 398 --- From County Will Come 256 Men.

In fixing the quota which each registration district in Washington must furnish, Governor Lister took into consideration the number of enlistments from each district in the army branches and in the national guard.

Thus Spokane county, from which enlistments have been proportionately less than in the Spokane city districts, will be compelled to furnish a proportionately greater number subject to the draft.

The entire county, including city and country districts, will have to furnish 654 men. Of that number 256 will be from the county outside of Spokane and 398 from the city.

Quotas by Districts

The registration [sic] in each district of Spokane city, and from the county outside the city, and the quota which each will have to furnish in the draft, after all exemptions, is given herewith:

|                            |                        |          |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| First district ...         | Registration 1,661 ... | Quota 79 |
| Second district .....      | 2,429 ...              | 118      |
| Third district .....       | 1,000 ...              | 49       |
| Fourth district .....      | 1,511 ...              | 74       |
| Fifth district .....       | 1,629 ...              | 78       |
| County, outside city ..... | 3,045 ...              | 256      |
| Totals .....               | 11,275 ...             | 654      |

May Exempt Two Out of Three.

It is calculated that about two of every three men drawn will be found entitled to exemption because of physical disability, the character of their work or having dependents.

Should this ratio work out, the number drawn in the first district of Spokane would be approximately 240 to yield the 79 men, which is its quota. Similarly, in Spokane county outside the city, 768 should be necessary to yield the 256, which is the quota, after the exemptions have been made.

The Spokesman-Review this morning, in the list which follows, gives approximately the first 3000 names drawn.

It is probably that the district quotas will be made up from the first two-thirds of the list for each district. Those whose names appear in the last third of the list in each district probably will not be called in the first army unless an unusually high number of exemptions occur.

List of Names Drawn.

The order of the drawings, as they affected Spokane city and county, was as follows;

*(list of districts, wards and 3000 men's names follow):*

FOURTH DISTRICT (Fourth Ward)

1436 J. Weidenbacher, 1526 Broadway

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1917, August 3rd News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 3 Aug 1917, p.3:¹⁷

Transcription: FOURTH WARD MEN PICKED FOR DRAFT

First to Appear for New Army Places Find Names Posted by Officials.

In the Fourth ward, names were made available today and posted by L. L. Westfall, chairman of the exemption board, of the first men drafted for the new army.

The full quota from the ward will be 148, of whom 74 will be taken, and the men report on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, at the city hall, for medical examination.

The names and numbers of the men follow:

... 1436 Jack Wiedenbacher ...

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1917, August 8<sup>th</sup> News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 8 Aug 1917, p.2:<sup>18</sup>

Transcription: MANY CALLED BY DRAFT ARE FOUND UNDER WEIGHT

Eleven o'clock in First District Before Man Shows Up Over 158 Pounds.

Nearly 40 men were examined by the exemption board of the first Spokane district which began its work this morning, of whom about 15 were held for reexamination. Five have already filed exemption claims, but no record was kept of men taking blanks to file later. More than half the men, when asked informally if they were going to claim exemption, said that they were. Seventy-five men is the district's quota.

The work of the board began promptly at 7 o'clock in the office of Dr. C. M. Dolan, 302 Spokane & Eastern Trust building, with J. A. Clary, holder of No. 258, present to be first examined. Besides Dr. Doland, the examining board consists of Leonard Funk, chairman, and L. R. Hamblen, secretary.

The principal cause for holding men for re-examination, according to Secretary Hamblen, was underweight. It was nearly 1 o'clock before any one appeared for examination who weighted more than 158 pounds.

Of the men expected to appear this morning, four failed to come. A number were dismissed to appear after noon. Two of the men called, George E. Thompson and D. S. Sanders, have enlisted.

Here They Are.

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<sup>17</sup> "Fourth Ward Men Picked For Draft," military draft WWI announcement, p.3, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 3 Aug 1917, 1436 Jack Wiedenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/563606590/>).

<sup>18</sup> "Many Called by Draft Are Found Under Weight," military draft WWI announcement, p.2, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 8 Aug 1917, J. Weidenbacher, rejected on physical; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/563609620/>).

The men first reporting, with the results of their examination, are as follows:

...

Many claimed exemptions...

... to fill quota," said Chairman L. L. Westfall. "It appears from a study of the list that the recruiting officers have gone through with our available timber pretty thoroughly. We are finding that all the single men have gone already."

Men appearing in the Fourth ward this morning were as follows: (*short list of names follows*)

J. Weidenbacher, rejected on physical.

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1917 Jack Weidenbacher found on U.S. City Directory¹⁹ in Spokane, with brother Andrew E. and widowed mother Ida J. This is before he got married to Hazel, and also before he left for war, as later directories show a flag next to his name demonstrating he is a veteran. This directory shows his brother, Andrew E, working as a clerk at G N Railway. All reside at unit 1 West 1526 Broadway in Spokane, with mother and Jack (John) renting; brother Andrew is the owner.

Weidenbacher Andw E clk G N Ry
h 1 W1526 Bdway
—Ida J (wid Andw F) r 1 W1526
Bdway
—John r 1 W1526 Bdway

MARRIAGE TO HAZEL, PART ONE

1917, November 10th (age 22) Jack Weidenbacher and Hazel Annabel Daniel m. 10 Nov 1917, Couer D'Alene, Kootenai, Idaho, United States. They married using false names (names of their mother's surnames) and remarried in 1919. I am unsure as to how or when they met. On his WWI draft registration card, he claims exemption due to weak eyes and being employed in public utility service. Later news articles show he also claimed exemption for being married and having a pregnant wife to care for.

¹⁹ U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995: Spokane City Directory 1917* (Spokane, Washington), p. 919, John Weidenbacher, r 1 W1526 Bdway; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/13735109>)

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF IDAHO, }
COUNTY OF KOOTENAI } ss

KNOW ALL MEN by this certificate that any regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel, authorized by the rights and usage of the Church or denomination of Christians, Hebrews or religious body of which he may be a member, or any Judge or Justice of the Peace, or competent officer to whom this may come, he not knowing any lawful impediment thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of matrimony between-----

John Robinson
of ~~Missouri~~ of the County of Anthony and the State of Missouri
and Hazelbelle Ross
of Los Angeles of the County of Los Angeles and the State of California
and to certify the same to said parties, or either of them, under his hand and seal, in his ministerial or official capacity, and thereupon he is required to return this certificate in form following, as hereto annexed.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this 10th day of Nov A. D., 1917

Emil Elder
County Recorder.
By W.C. Quales Deputy.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

I, R.E. Koontz a Methodist Minister residing at Coeur d'Alene in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, do certify that in accordance with the authority on me conferred by the above license, I did on this 10 day of November in the year A. D., 1917 at Coeur d'Alene in the County of Kootenai, in the State of Idaho, solemnize the rites of matrimony between John Robinson of Missouri of the County of Anthony of the State of Missouri and Hazelbelle Ross of Los Angeles of the County of Los Angeles of the State of California in the presence of Walter Sandgren and Kusan De Roshia
WITNESS my hand and seal at the County aforesaid, this 10 day of November A. D., 1917

In the Presence of
Walter F. Sandgren }
Kusan De Roshia }
R.E. Koontz (Seal)
Minister

Filed for record at the request of R.E. Koontz on the 12 day of Nov 1917
at 9:20 o'clock A. M.

Fee, \$100.

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(image of marriage license and certificate for "John Robinson" and "Hazelbelle Ross" 10 Nov 1917)

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## U.S. WWI DRAFT CONTINUES 1917-1918

1917, December 30<sup>th</sup> News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington) 30 Dec 1917:<sup>20</sup>

Transcription: SELECT 48 FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Five City Local Exemption Boards Assign Men to Class I. Duty.

NEW TIMBER EXAMINED

Divisions 2 and 3 Lead in Percentage of Eligibles - Rush Greet Officials.

Forty-eight registered men were assigned to class 1, in the line for military service, by the five city local exemption boards yesterday. The largest per cent of eligibles for military service was found in divisions 2 and 3, which are classifying timber not hertofore called.

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The following classifications were reported yesterday:

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Division 3, Class 4...

In the military service - ... physical disability, Jack Weidenbacher...

...

1918, March 21<sup>st</sup> News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington), 21 Mar 1918, Thursday:<sup>21</sup>

<sup>20</sup> "Select 48 for Military Service: Five City Local Exemption Boards Assign Men to Class I. Duty," military announcement, p.8, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 30 December 1917, Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/567313282>)

<sup>21</sup> "Sixty Benedicks Put In Class IA: Deferred Classifications Reversed by Appeal Board," military announcement, p.1, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 21 March 1918, Division 4, Jack Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/568471081/>).

## Exemption Grounds Given by Newlyweds Inadequate, Says Tolman.

Sixty registered men who were married after the passage of the draft law and secured deferred classifications from Spokane exemption boards were placed in class 1A yesterday by the district board. They will immediately be called for physical examination, and if pronounced fit will be liable for military service in their regular order.

The action by the district board is the result of the recent order issued by the provost marshal general to appeal all cases of registered men married after May 18, 1917. The board had previously announced that deferred classifications would be granted only in cases where it was shown that the wife was expecting a visit of the stork or was absolutely dependent or that the taking of the man for military service would work a great hardship.

Chairman Tolman of the district board said that the men now placed in class 1A had presented no proof that entitled them to deferred classification and that under the draft law the district board was compelled to place the men in class 1.

Following are the cases reversed:

### Division No. 4.

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Jack Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway.

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LACK VALID EXCUSE

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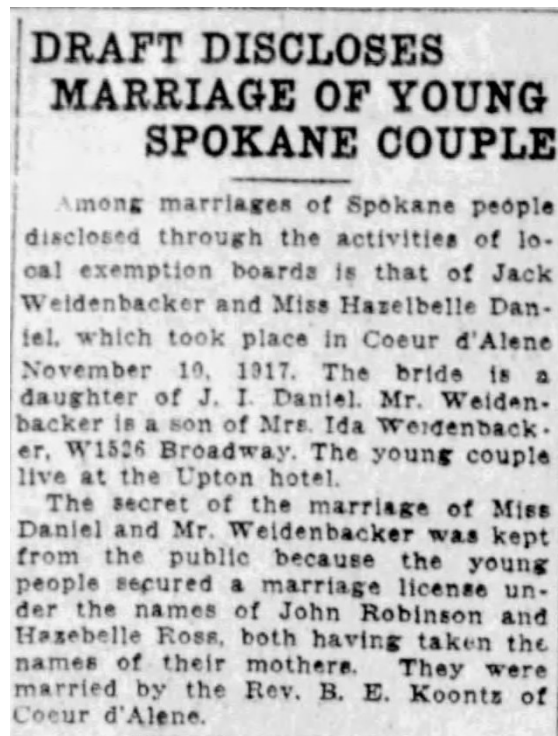
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From Division 4:

... Jack Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway ...

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1918, March 22nd News Article: The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 22 Mar 1918:²²



²² "Draft Discloses Marriage of Young Spokane Couple," *The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 22 Mar 1918, Friday, p.6, Jack Weidenbacher and Hazelbelle Daniel; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/97282320/jack-weidenbacher-and-hazel-daniel/>)

Transcription:

DRAFT DISCLOSES MARRIAGE OF YOUNG SPOKANE COUPLE

Among marriages of Spokane people disclosed through the activities of local exemption boards is that of Jack Weidenbacher and Miss Hazelbelle Daniel, which took place in Coeur d'Alene November 10, 1917. The bride is a daughter of J. I. Daniel. Mr. Weidenbacher is a son of Mrs. Ida Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway. The young couple live at the Upton hotel. The secret of the marriage of Miss Daniel and Mr. Weidenbacher was kept from the public because the young people secured a marriage license under the names of John Robinson and Hazebelle Ross, both having taken the names of their mothers. They were married by the Rev. B. E. Koontz of Coeur d'Alene.

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#### DAUGHTER MARY JANE IS BORN

1918, March 31<sup>st</sup> (age 22) daughter, Mary Jane Weidenbacher, is born:

The news announcement for Mary Jane's birth was in the papers on May 1<sup>st</sup> – a full month later. The following section talks of Jack being drafted into WWI and during the month following Mary Jane's birth, April was a busy news month with lots of stories in the newspaper telling of Jack and Hazel's "secret wedding". He also delays being drafted just after Mary Jane is born by claiming poor eyesight as an exemption.<sup>23</sup>



Transcription: FROM THE RECORDS: BIRTHS

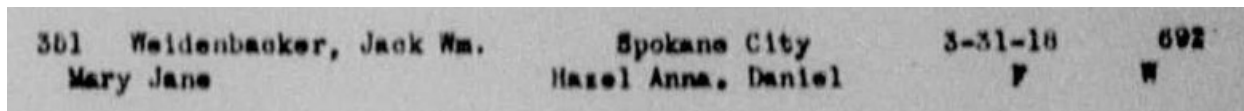
Weidenbacher – To Mr. and Mrs. Jack William Weidenbacher, W2116 Mission avenue, March 31, a daughter.

They had one issue: Mary Jane Weidenbacher, b. 31 Mar 1918, Spokane, Washington, United States. After Jack's wife, Hazel (Mary's mother) passed away in 1921, Mary Jane (age 3) was taken in by her aunt, Hazel's step-sister, Ella Mona Holloway and raised alongside her own children.

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²³ "From the Records," birth announcement, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 1 May 1918, Wednesday, p.2, Mr. and Mrs. Jack William Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/563598902/>)

1918, March 31st (age 22) Jack's name appears on the Washington, County Birth Registers for his daughter, Mary Jane.²⁴



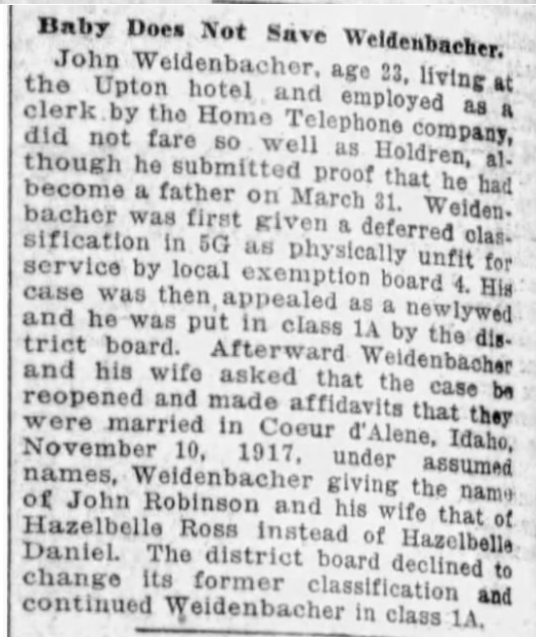
Transcription:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----|
| 351 Weidenbacher, Jack Wm. | Spokane City | 3-31-18 | 692 |
| Mary Jane | Hazel Anna, Daniel | F | W |

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JACK IS DRAFTED FOR WWI AND CALLED TO SPRUCE CAMP TRAINING 1918

1918, April 15<sup>th</sup> News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane) 15 Apr 1918, Monday:<sup>25</sup>



<sup>24</sup> "Washington, County Birth Registers, 1873-1965", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:8ZDY-T4PZ : 22 July 2020>), Jack Wm Weidenbacher in entry for Mary Jane Weidenbacher, 1918.

<sup>25</sup> "Secret Marriage Bobs Up," military draft announcement, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 15 April 1918, Monday, p. 6, John Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/64463100/john-jack-weidenbacher-and-hazel/>)

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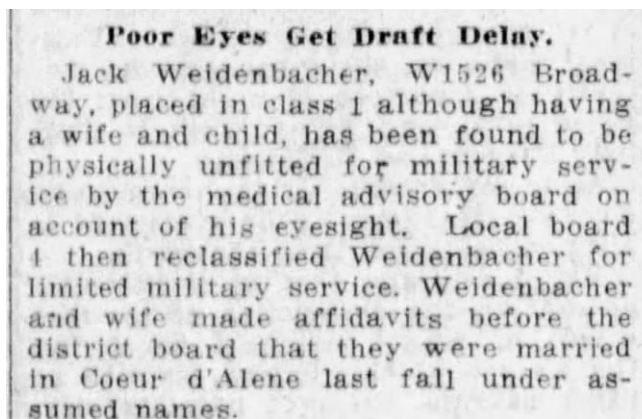
J. Weidenbacher, Wedded at Coeur d'Alene Nov. 10, Last,  
Now Parent, Must Stay in 1A.

Baby Does Not Save Weidenbacher

John Weidenbacher, age 23, living at the Upton hotel and employed as a clerk by the Home Telephone company, did not fare so well as Holdren, although he submitted proof that he had become a father on March 31. Weidenbacher was first given a deferred classification in 5G as physically unfit for service by local exemption board 4. His case was then appealed as a newlywed and he was put in class 1A by the district board. Afterward Weidenbacher and his wife asked that the case be reopened and made affidavits that they were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, November 10, 1917, under assumed names, Weidenbacher giving the name of John Robinson and his wife that of Hazelbelle Ross instead of Hazelbelle Daniel. The district board declined to change its former classification and continued Weidenbacher in class 1A.

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1918, April 22nd News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane) 22 Apr 1918:²⁶



Transcription: Poor Eyes Get Draft Delay

Jack Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway, placed in class 1 although having a wife and child, has been found to be physically unfitted for military service by the medical advisory board on account of his eyesight. Local board 4 then reclassified Weidenbacher for limited military service. Weidenbacher and wife made affidavits before the district board that they were married in Coeur d'Alene last fall under assumed names.

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<sup>26</sup> "Poor Eyes Get Draft Delay," military draft announcement, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 22 April 1918, Monday, p.3, Jack Weidenbacher, W1526 Broadway; *Newspapers.com* ([https://www.newspapers.com/image/?clipping\\_id=64463621](https://www.newspapers.com/image/?clipping_id=64463621))

1918, June 16<sup>th</sup> News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington), 16 Jun 1918, Sunday, p. 6:<sup>27</sup>



Transcription: CITY AND COUNTY SUMMON 34 MEN  
Limited Service Registrants Drawn to Enter Spruce Division

ENTRAIN JUNE 24 AND 25

Two Spokane Boards Send 23, and County 11 – Alternates Also Selected.

City exemption boards Nos. 1 and 5 and the county exemption board selected limited service men yesterday, who will leave for Vancouver barracks June 24 and 25. The men become a part of the spruce division.

The men to entrain June 24 are: *(a small list of names proceeds):*  
... Jack Weidenbacher, Upton hotel. ...

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SPRUCE CAMP – SPRUCE SQUADRON WWI U.S. ARMY 1918-1919

1918, June 24th Jack appears on the United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters:²⁸

²⁷ "City and County Summon 34 Men: Limited Service Registrants Drawn to Enter Spruce Division," military announcement, p.6, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 16 June 1918, Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/566555137/>).

²⁸ "United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6DQ3-D3PQ> : 28 January 2022), Jack Weidenbacher, 1918.

120. Weidenbacker, Jack June 24,/18 895412. Inducted into service at Spokane, Wash. by Local Board No. 4 Spokane Wash. June 24/18. Joined June 25/18. Attached to 14th Co. Casual Cantonment, Vancouver, Wash. June 25/18. So. 104 Par 14 Hq. Casual Cantonment, Vancouver Wash. June 25/18.

Transcription:

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|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| 120. Weidenbacker, Jack | June 24,/18 | 895412. Inducted into service at Spokane, Wash. by Local Board No. 4 Spokane Wash. June 24/18. Joined June 25/18. Attached to 14 th Co. Casual Cantonment, Vancouver, Wash. June 25/18. So. 104 Par 14 Hq. Casual Cantonment, Vancouver Wash. June 25/18 |
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Excerpt from Wikipedia about Spruce Production Division:<sup>29</sup>

The **Spruce Production Division** was a unit of the United States Army established in 1917 to produce high-quality Sitka spruce timber and other wood products needed to make aircraft for the United States' efforts in World War I. The division was part of the Army Signal Corps's Aviation Section. Its headquarters were in Portland, Oregon, and its main operations center was at Vancouver Barracks in Vancouver, Washington. Workers in the division were members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, a union specifically established to support the army's wood production operations.

The division produced nearly 150 million board feet (350,000 m<sup>3</sup>) of spruce in just 15 months, halting work almost as soon as the war ended. Col. Brice Disque was then put on trial for accusations that he had wasted millions of tax dollars. He was found not guilty of malfeasance.

The division had a large impact on logging in the Pacific Northwest. Logging companies adopted working conditions similar to those the division had, and they took advantage of new logging roads and rail lines that the division had built to access more timber.

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²⁹ Spruce Production Division, page last edited on 16 Jan 2022; *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spruce_Production_Division)



Excerpt from the book *The Army in the Woods*.³⁰

THE ARMY in THE WOODS

Records Recount Work of World War I Soldiers In Harvesting Spruce Trees for Airplanes

By Kathleen Crosman

One of the more unusual duty stations for military personnel during World War I, and one that many genealogists might not be aware of, was in the forests and mills of the Pacific Northwest.

Men who had experience in the logging industry found themselves fighting the war not in the trenches in Europe but among the trees and lumberyards of Oregon and Washington.

By the time the United States entered the war in the spring of 1917, the Allies were in desperate need of flawless, lightweight, and strong lumber to build the aircraft needed to overcome the trench warfare stalemate and to battle the Red Baron over the skies of Germany.

In May of 1917, Maj. Charles R. Sligh, a reserve Army officer in charge of procuring wood, was sent to Washington and Oregon to evaluate the lumber situation. In a letter to the chairman of the Aircraft Production Board of the Council of National Defense he reported:

“Every one has been taken aback by the magnitude of the combined demand. France and England each ask for as much as the present total production. Altogether the demand is more than trebled [*sic*].”¹ Sitka spruce, available only in the coastal forests of Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska, was the ideal material. Getting Sitka spruce trees out of the forests and into the airplane factories was not easy. The lumber industry wanted and tried to meet the increased demand without government assistance. By November of 1917, about 2 million feet of spruce was being produced per month, but the U.S. Government was requesting an increase to 10 million feet per month in order to meet the demands of the Allies and its own military for wood to build airplanes.²

However, many stands of Sitka spruce were virtually inaccessible due to lack of logging roads, railroad tracks, and mills. There were also problems with the workforce. Labor groups were gearing up to demand better working conditions and threatening to strike. Given these challenges, it seemed an impossible task to increase lumber production fivefold.

So, the U.S. Army created the Spruce Production Division to unify all the groups involved—timber men, loggers, mill men—to expedite production. This special military command consisted primarily of draftees, some volunteers, and some regular Army troops.

During World War I, men of the Spruce Production Division in Olympic National Forest split spruce logs using wooden wedges with iron band around them—metal was scarce during the war.

³⁰ Crosman, Kathleen. *The Army in the Woods: Records Recount Work of World War I Soldiers In Harvesting Spruce Trees for Airplanes*. Originally published in the Oregon Historical Quarterly, vol. 112, no. 1 (Spring 2011), (<https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/prologue/2014/summer/woods.pdf>)

1918, July (age 23) Jack Weidenbacker joins the U.S. Army and is stationed in Oregon and Washington working as a logger at Spruce camps to provide wood for military airplanes and building railroads. He fell and injured his spine.

SPRUCE DIV. CAMP 5G 7B, near NEWPORT, OREGON, 1918—Men who served in this camp, building railroad, and recall Jack WEIDENBACKER falling down a fill, injuring spine.

News Article: American Legion Monthly, “You Bet They’re Legionnaires” 1934, p.63-64 (*second column, middle of page*):

Transcription: You Bet They’re Legionnaires (Continued from page 63)

Legion’s National Rehabilitation Committee, 600 Bond Building, Washington, D. C. The committee wants information in the following cases:

... SPRUCE DIV. CAMP 5G 7B, near NEWPORT, OREGON, 1918 – Men who served in this camp, building railroad, and recall Jack WEIDENBACKER falling down a fill, injuring spine. ...

John J. Noll
The Company Clerk
The AMERICAN LEGION Monthly

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96th Spruce Squadron (originally 36<sup>th</sup> Provisional)

His military discharge papers in 1919 list he was part of the 96<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron from July 1918 to 25 Aug 1918 (2 months). Here is information I found about this unit:<sup>31</sup>

The 96th Spruce, was originally called the 36th Provisional Squadron. This group was formed in July 1918 at Vancouver Barracks. In the same month, the unit was transferred to South Beach, Oregon, Warren Spruce Co. The unit helped in the construction of a railroad in the Yaquina Northern area (along the coast north of Agate Beach). This railroad would be used to transport the spruce logs out of the forest. It should be noted that a great deal of the railroad construction work was performed with picks and shovels using soldier labor.

In July 1918, this unit was redesignated as the 96th Spruce.

In August 1918, the unit was transferred to Lake Pleasant, Washington, and in September to Siemscary, Washington, Siems, Carey-H.S. Kerbaugh Co. They became part of the

<sup>31</sup> Swanson, Bob, *Unit Listing of the U.S. Army Spruce Squadrons in the First World War, 1918*; 2 Mar 2014, ([http://www.swansongrp.com/spruce\\_units.html](http://www.swansongrp.com/spruce_units.html))

massive project to run a railway into the spruce groves that are now part of the Olympic National Park area.

In January 1919, they returned to Vancouver Barracks, and were mustered out of the Army.

The [Washington spruce unit charts](#) that I show on my website indicate that this unit had 3 officers and 141 enlisted men. (Even though the group was originally in Oregon, they finished the war period working in the Olympic Peninsula of Washington.)

| Unit designation and redesignation | Organization   |       | Stations in United States |       | Overseas |     | Demobilization |       | Remarks |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|----------|-----|----------------|-------|---------|
|                                    | Month and year | Place | Month and year            | Place | From—    | To— | Month and year | Place |         |

**PROVISIONAL SQUADRONS, SPRUCE PRODUCTION DIVISION**

|                            |              |                       |                 |                       |              |  |  |  |     |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|-----|
| 36th Provisional Squadron. | .....do..... | Vancouver Bks., Wash. | July 1918.....  | South Beach, Oreg.    |              |  |  |  |     |
| a. 96th Spruce Squadron.   | .....do..... | South Beach, Oreg.    | August 1918.... | Lake Pleasant, Wash.  |              |  |  |  |     |
|                            |              |                       | September 1918. | Siemscarey, Wash.     |              |  |  |  |     |
|                            |              |                       | December 1918.. | Vancouver Bks., Wash. | .....do..... |  |  |  | Do. |

(image from book)<sup>32</sup>

Transcription showing 36<sup>th</sup> Provincial Squadron began July 1918 organized at Vancouver Barracks, Washington and July 1918 stationed at South Beach, Oregon, then changed name to a. 96th Spruce Squadron from July 1918 organized at South Beach, Oregon and August 1918 stationed at Lake Pleasant, Washington; September 1918 stationed at Siemscarey, Washington, and December 1918 stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and then demobilized January 1919 Vancouver Barracks, Washington (along with all squadrons).

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83rd Spruce Squadron (originally 18th Provisional)

And the 83rd Spruce Squadron from 26 Aug 1918 to 18 Jan 1919 (5 months). Here is some information I found on this unit:³³

³² Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War: Zone of the Interior: Directory of Troops, Volume 3, Part 3. Center of Military History, United States Army, Washington, D.C., 1988, first printed 1949 – CMH Pub 23-5. p.1093 (109 of 609); (https://history.army.mil/html/books/023/23-5/CMH_Pub_23-5.pdf)

³³ Swanson, Bob, *Unit Listing of the U.S. Army Spruce Squadrons in the First World War, 1918*; 2 Mar 2014, (http://www.swansongrp.com/spruce_units.html)

The 83rd Spruce was originally the 18th Provisional Squadron. It was formed at Vancouver Barracks in April 1918. In the same month, the unit was moved to South Beach, Oregon, Warren Spruce Corp.

The unit took part in railroad construction, including clearing forested land by hand for the right-of-way.

In July 1918, the unit was redesignated the 83rd Spruce. As was typical, portions of this unit were moved to Yaquina to continue railroad construction, including assisting with pile driving into Yaquina Bay for a train trestle.

In January 1919, the unit was transferred back to Vancouver Barracks and demobilized in that month.

The [Oregon spruce unit charts](#) that I show on my website indicate that this unit was comprised of 4 officers and 310 enlisted men.

| Unit designation and redesignation | Organization | | Stations in United States | | Overseas | | Demobilization | | Remarks |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|----------|-----|----------------|-------|---------|
| | Month and year | Place | Month and year | Place | From— | To— | Month and year | Place | |

PROVISIONAL SQUADRONS, SPRUCE PRODUCTION DIVISION

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------|--|-----|
| 18th Provisional Squadron. | April 1918..... | Vancouver Bks., Wash. | April 1918..... | South Beach, Oreg. | | | | | |
| a. 83 d Spruce Squadron. | July 1918..... | South Beach, Oreg. | | | | |do..... | | Do. |

(image from book)³⁴

Transcription showing 18th Provincial Squadron began April 1918 organized at Vancouver Barracks, Washington and April 1918 stationed at South Beach, Oregon, then changed name to a. 83 d Spruce Squadron from July 1918 organized at South Beach, Oregon, and demobilized January 1919 Vancouver Barracks, Washington (along with all squadrons).

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U.S. Army Spruce Production Division (SPD) Historical Background

Additional information about the units stationed at Siemscarey, Washington:<sup>35</sup>

<sup>34</sup> Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War: Zone of the Interior: Directory of Troops, Volume 3, Part 3. Center of Military History, United States Army, Washington, D.C., 1988, first printed 1949 – CMH Pub 23-5., p.1091 (107 of 609); ([https://history.army.mil/html/books/023/23-5/CMH\\_Pub\\_23-5.pdf](https://history.army.mil/html/books/023/23-5/CMH_Pub_23-5.pdf))

<sup>35</sup> *Spruce Production Division at Siemscarey, Washington photograph collection*, collection number PH0405, University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections, Seattle, Washington, (<https://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv25817>)

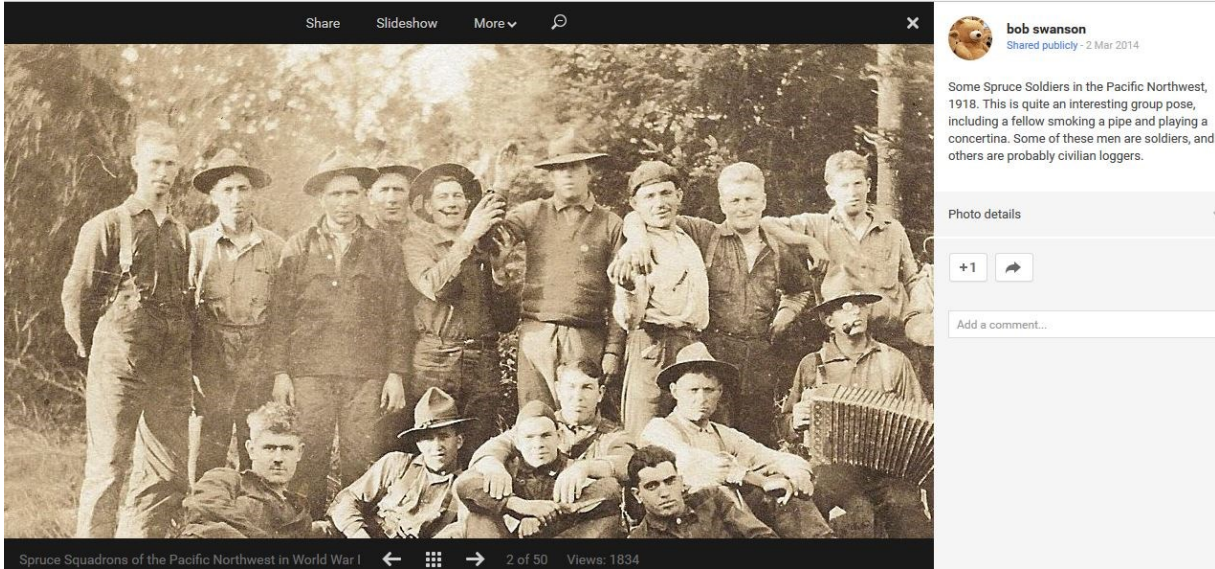
The U.S. Army's Spruce Production Division was a major logging and spruce manufacturing operation under the command of General Brice P. Disque, who was appointed to direct the cutting of spruce and other trees for Allied aircraft production. In the Pacific Northwest, The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) had dramatically slowed logging throughout the region with a series of strikes and slowdowns primarily aimed at forcing employers to improve conditions in the logging camps and to institute an eight-hour day. After consulting with employers, the American Federation of Labor (AFL), and members of the Washington Defense Council, Disque used a mixture of force and concessions to fight the IWW. General Disque dispatched a number of soldiers to work as loggers and to harass IWW organizers. He also convinced the War Department to add an eight-hour day requirement to all of its contracts with logging companies in the region.

In May, 1918, the Siems, Carey-H.S. Kerbaugh Corporation contracted with the U.S. Army to build a camp and establish Spruce Railroad No. 1 to Lake Pleasant, Clallam County, Washington. Seattle architect Carl Gould was hired to design a site to house and support over 2,000 soldiers and civilians just southwest of the town of Beaver on the shores of Lake Pleasant. The ten-mile long Hoko logging road has its start in Siemscarey. The camp was built between July and November, 1918. On November 11, 1918, the war ended and construction on the camp was halted. On November 30, 1918, the railroad to Siemscarey was completed and was subsequently used to carry materials dismantled from the camp. No timber harvested from this area was used for the war effort.

Between 1918 and 1919, the company town of Siemscarey was home to over 3,000 resident and visiting soldiers and civilian workers. It had its own post office, separate from the one in Beaver, as well as a hospital (temporary tent buildings), women's building (completed), sawmill (temporary, main mill not completed) and mess hall (temporary, main facility not completed). The current town of Beaver, Washington, now encompasses the site of Siemscarey. There were two known deaths listed at Siemscarey. The cause of death in each case was attributed to pneumonia.

The following Spruce Army Squadrons were stationed at Siemscarey between 1918 and 1919: 115th beginning in October 1918; 122nd and 123rd from September to November 1918; 124th from September 1918 onwards; 21st Provisional (later 85th Spruce) from September to November 1918; 24th Provisional (later 87th Spruce) from September 1918 onwards; 36th Provisional (later 96th Spruce) from September 1918 onwards.

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Transcription: Spruce Squadrons of the Pacific Northwest in World War I. Some Spruce Soldiers in the Pacific Northwest, 1918. This is quite an interesting group pose, including a fellow smoking a pipe and playing a concertina. Some of these men are soldiers, and others are probably civilian loggers.



Transcription: No. 168, A JOLLY BUNCH, AT SPRUCE CAMP NEAR NEWPORT, ORE. (1918)

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1918, November 1<sup>st</sup> (age 23) Jack Weidenbacher is listed in the roster of military personnel<sup>36</sup> assigned to the Spruce Production Corporation (Washington State) as of November 1, 1918. Information includes name, unit, rank, age, duty and hometown. On the opposite page, Chas J. Weidenbacher appears. They are in different squadrons. (I am unsure of the relation, but currently have limited info on Charles.)

| <u>NAME</u>          | <u>ORGAN</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PRESENT DUTY</u> | <u>HOME ADDRESS</u>          |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Weidenbacher, Jack . | "            | . 24 .     | "           | . Clerk             | . 1226 Baldwin Av Spokane Wn |

Transcription:

Name: Jack Weidenbacher  
 Organ: 83<sup>rd</sup> Squadron (*noted at top of image*)  
 Age: 24  
 Rank: PVT (Private) (*noted at top of image*)  
 Present Duty: Clerk  
 Home Address: 1226 Baldwin av, Spokane, Wn

| <u>NAME</u>          | <u>ORGAN</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PRESENT DUTY</u> | <u>HOME ADDRESS</u>       |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Weidenbacher, Chas J | "            | . 32 .     | "           | . Sniper            | . 322 Broadway Seattle Wn |

Transcription:

Name: Chas J Weidenbacher  
 Organ: 67<sup>th</sup> Squadron (*noted at top of image*)  
 Age: 32  
 Rank: PVT (Private) (*noted at top of image*)  
 Present Duty: Sniper  
 Home Address: 322 Broadway, Seattle, Wn

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JACK DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY 1919

1919, January 24th (age 24) Jack Weidenbacher's World War I Service Statement Records show his discharge date was 24 Jan 1919 with the rank of Private. He was stationed with the Spruce Squadron for 1918-1919 and then to the Spruce Production Division at Vancouver Barracks in Washington. The following notes are written on the record (*no image available*):

Name: Jack Weidenbacher
Race: White
Birth Place: Nashville, Tenn
Residence Place: Spokane, Wash
Discharge Date: 24 Jan 1919
Rank: Pvt
War: World War I

³⁶ Jack Weidenbacher, SPD-25: List of Military Personnel. Nov 1, 1918. NAID: 5080995, HMS: SE-7580, Former Entry Numbers: 315L; RG18 Spruce Division (Records of the Army Air Forces – Spruce Production Division); Jack Weidenbacher, Chas J. Weidenbacher; National Archives Seattle (Seattle, Washington). Obtained via Archives Technician, Brita Merkel on 29 Apr 2022.

File Key: 81104130

Military Record: 31737604

Collection Info: 241

Reference Number: AR118-5-6-45678

Notes: (36 Prov Sq) 96 Sp Sq to Aug 25/18; 83 Sp Sq to Jan 18/19; 13 Co Cas Det SPD Vanc Bks Wn to disch.

Translating the notes: 96th Spruce Squadron to 25 Aug 1918; 83rd Spruce Squadron to 18 Jan 1919; 13th Company, Casual Detachment, Spruce Production Division at Vancouver Barracks in Washington to discharge (date of 24 Jan 1919).³⁷³⁸

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1919, January 24<sup>th</sup> (age 24) Jack Weidenbacker in the United States Veterans Administration Master Index,<sup>39</sup> showing his discharge (and birth and death) dates.

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|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|
| WEIDENBACKER JACK          |         | 202(10) | X        | 11-17-53 | 1 498 652 |
| Pvt 13 Co Cas Det          |         |         | K        |          |           |
| 519 Raymond Ave Ocean Park |         |         | A        |          | 1 121 719 |
|                            |         | Cal     |          |          |           |
| Ssn                        | 895 412 | Died    | 10-15-58 | T        | 2 720 558 |
| Born                       | 7/1/94  |         | R        |          |           |
| Enl                        | 6/24/18 | Dis     | 1/24/19  | Cl       | 472 386   |
|                            |         |         | I        |          |           |
| U. S. VETERANS BUREAU      |         |         |          |          |           |
| MAIL AND RECORDS           |         |         |          |          |           |
| Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926 |         |         |          |          |           |
| INDEX CARD                 |         |         |          |          |           |

Transcription:

<sup>37</sup> *The U.S. Army Spruce Production Division at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, 1917-1919*, Prepared by East Slope Cultural Services, Inc. Ward Tonsfeldt, PhD, Principal Investigator, 1 Mar 2013, Prepared for Ft. Vancouver National Historic Site, National Park Service Contract P11PX842-51 (<http://npshistory.com/publications/fova/army-spruce-production.pdf>)

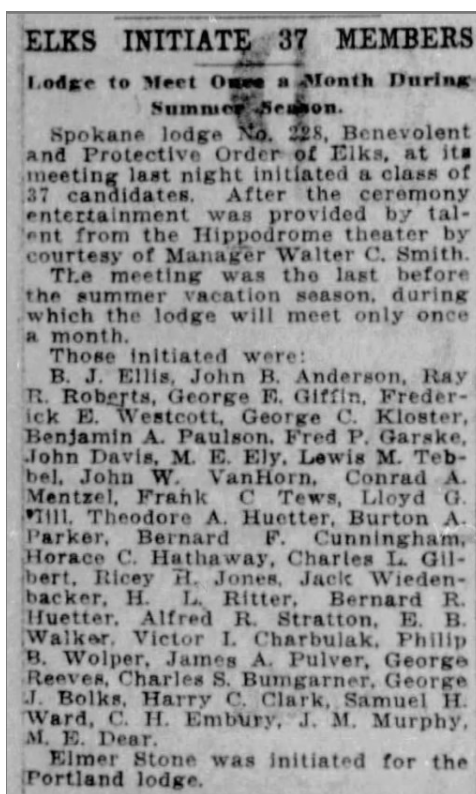
<sup>38</sup> *World War I Servicemen Glossary*, digital archives, Washington State Archives (PDF file), [https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/State/Washington/StaticContent/WWI\\_Serviceman\\_Glossary.pdf](https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/State/Washington/StaticContent/WWI_Serviceman_Glossary.pdf)

<sup>39</sup> "United States, Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WWN8-53T2> : 26 October 2019), Jack Weidenbacker, 24 Jan 1919; citing Military Service, NARA microfilm publication 76193916 (St. Louis: National Archives and Records Administration, 1985), various roll numbers.

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| WEIDENBACKER JACK                   | <b>202(10)</b>          |      | 11-17-58 G: V.W. |
|                                     |                         | C    | 1 498 652        |
|                                     |                         | (X)  |                  |
| Pvt 13 Co Cas Det                   |                         | K    |                  |
| 519 Raymond Ave                     | Ocean Park Cal          | A    | 1 121 719        |
|                                     | (California)            |      |                  |
| <b>Sn</b> (SSN?) 895 412            | <b>Died</b> 10-15-58    | T    | 2 720 558        |
| <b>Born</b> 7/1/94                  |                         | R    |                  |
| <b>Enl</b> (enlisted) 6/24/18       | <b>Dis</b> (discharged) | Ct.  | 472 386          |
|                                     | 1/24/19                 |      |                  |
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| <b>U.S. VETERANS BUREAU</b>         |                         |      |                  |
| <b>MAIL AND RECORDS</b>             |                         |      |                  |
| <b>FORM 7202 – Rev. Sept., 1926</b> | <b>INDEX CARD</b>       | 456? | 2—12899?         |
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JACK JOINS ELKS LODGE – SPOKANE #228

1919, June 12<sup>th</sup> (age 23) News Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington) 12 Jun 1919, Jack Weidenbacker initiated as a member into the Elks Lodge – Spokane Lodge No. 228.<sup>40</sup>



Transcription: ELKS INITIATE 37 MEMBERS

Lodge to Meet Once a Month During Summer Season.

<sup>40</sup> "Elks Initiate 37 Members: Lodge to Meet Once a Month During Summer Season," notice, p.6, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 12 June 1919, Jack Wiedenbacker, initiated into Elks Lodge; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/568249459/>)

Spokane lodge No. 228, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at its meeting last night initiated a class of 37 candidates. After the ceremony entertainment was provided by talent from the Hippodrome theater by courtesy of Manager Walter C. Smith.

The meeting was the last before the summer vacation season, during which the lodge will meet only once a month.

Those initiated were.

... Jack Wiedenbacker ...

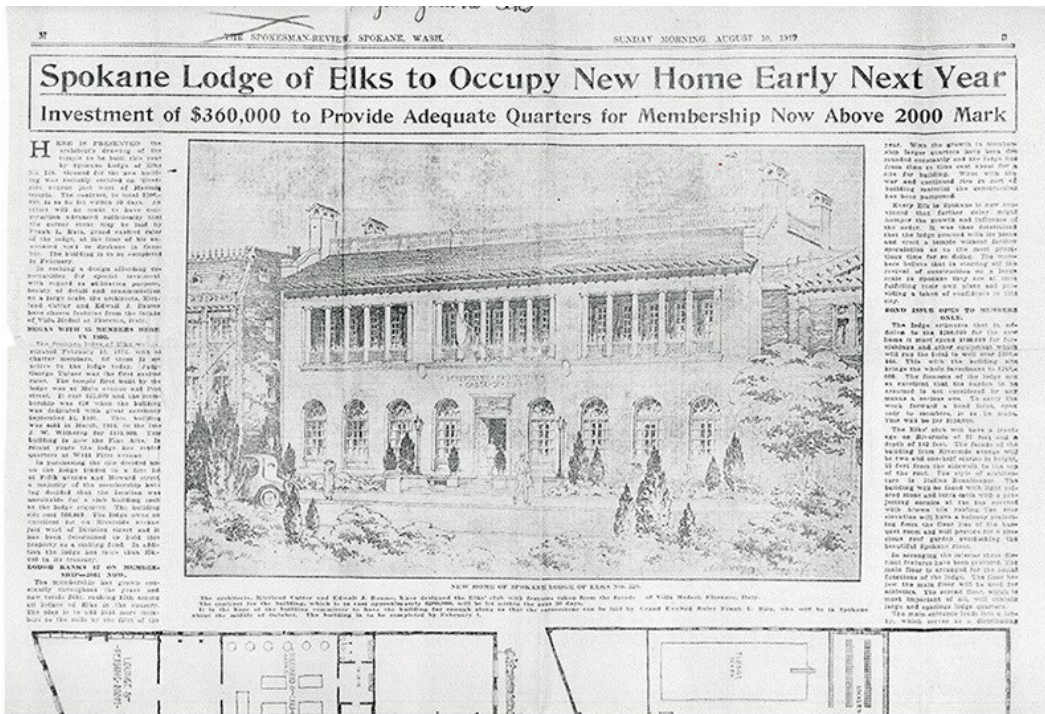
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I contacted this particular lodge, as it exists current day, to see if they have any further information about Jack.⁴¹

Information?..... Information? (no response)

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(image) Artistic Rendering of proposed Elks' Club in Spokesman Review August 1919. Image courtesy of Spokane Public Library, Northwest Room, Spokane, WA.<sup>42</sup>



<sup>41</sup> Email sent 25 Apr 2022 to [elks228bpoe@gmail.com](mailto:elks228bpoe@gmail.com) (Lodge). The current "exalted ruler" is Evette Willie. *Elks USA, Local Lodges Online, Greater Spokane, WA 228* (<https://www.elks.org/loдges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=228>)

<sup>42</sup> Spokane Public Library, Northwest Room, Spokane, WA. Accessed via "Historic Elks Club," *Spokane Historical* (<https://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/265#&gid=1&pid=2> : accessed April 25, 2022)

## Historic Elks Club<sup>43</sup>

By Caitlin M. Shain

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was a prominent organization in Spokane in the late nineteenth century. Their membership rose significantly from only 45 charter members on February 13th, 1892-the date the Spokane lodge of Elks was constituted-to nearly 8000 charter members in the early decades of the 20th century and thus furnished the need for a larger place of assembly. At the time of construction, the Spokane Elks Club had the second highest membership rate, right behind the Elks Club in Los Angeles, CA.

The Elks Club or Temple was constructed from 1919 to 1921 by the famous architects Kirtland Cutter and Edward J. Baume, with Italian Renaissance Revival architectural influence purposely resembling the façade of the Villa Medici in Florence, Italy. The contract to construct the building was \$200,000 with plans to have the corner stone laid by Frank L. Rain, Grand Exalted Ruler of the lodge, during his visit to Spokane. The construction of the lodge was delayed numerous times on counts of the First World War and rising material costs.

The national Elks organization began as a social club known as the “Jolly Corks” in 1868 in New York City and later assumed the elk as their mascot. Their aim was to contribute to their communities through charitable work and public service.

Spokane Elk's Lodge #228 was unable to keep up with its membership numbers and soon lost the resources to afford the luxurious building. The Elks in Spokane moved to Spokane Valley while North Coast Insurance purchased the building in 1981. The building was restored in 1983 to many of its original details. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation gave the renovators an Award of Outstanding merit for their careful work in restoring this Spokane gem.

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JACK MARRIES HAZEL, PART TWO

1919, July 22nd (age 24) Jack Weidenbacker and Hazel Annabelle Daniel get married again, using their real names.

⁴³ Caitlin M. Shain, “Historic Elks Club,” *Spokane Historical* (<https://spokanehistorical.org/items/show/265> : accessed April 25, 2022)

County Form No. 31 When Ceremony is performed fill this blank and within 5 days return to COUNTY AUDITOR, SPOKANE, WASH.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

County of Spokane LICENSE NO. A **No. 25946**

Town of _____

or City of Spokane **PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

| GROOM | BRIDE |
|---|---|
| Full Name <u>John R. Weidenbacker</u> | Full Name <u>Hazelbelle R. Daniel</u> |
| Residence <u>Spokane, Wn.</u> | Residence <u>Spokane, Wn.</u> |
| Age at last Birthday <u>26</u> years | Age at last Birthday <u>25</u> years |
| Color or Race <u>White</u> | Color or Race <u>White</u> |
| Single <u>married before in accordance with laws to another party and now separated</u> | Single <u>married before in accordance with laws to another party and now separated</u> |
| Widowed or Divorced _____ | Widowed or Divorced _____ |
| Number of Marriage <u>Married before to some party and this is to Christ alone</u> | Number of Marriage <u>Married before to some party and this is to Christ alone</u> |
| Birthplace _____ (State or Country) | Birthplace _____ (State or Country) |
| Occupation <u>Salesman</u> | Occupation _____ |
| Name of Father <u>Andrew Weidenbacker</u> | Name of Father <u>John J. Daniel</u> |
| Birthplace of Father _____ (State or Country) | Birthplace of Father _____ (State or Country) |
| Maiden Name of Mother <u>Ida Robertson</u> | Maiden Name of Mother <u>Anna C. Raep</u> |
| Birthplace of Mother _____ (State or Country) | Birthplace of Mother _____ (State or Country) |
| Maiden name of Bride, if she was previously married, <u>Hazelbelle R. Daniel</u> | |
| We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. | |
| <u>John R. Weidenbacker</u> Groom | Bride |

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that John R. Weidenbacker and Hazelbelle R. Daniel were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at this 22 day of July, 1919.

Signature of Witnesses to Marriage: James D. Roeha, Walter Sandgren

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: Jim Roeha

RESIDENCE: Spokane OFFICIAL STATION: _____

Filed JUL 22 1919 _____ RESIDENCE: _____

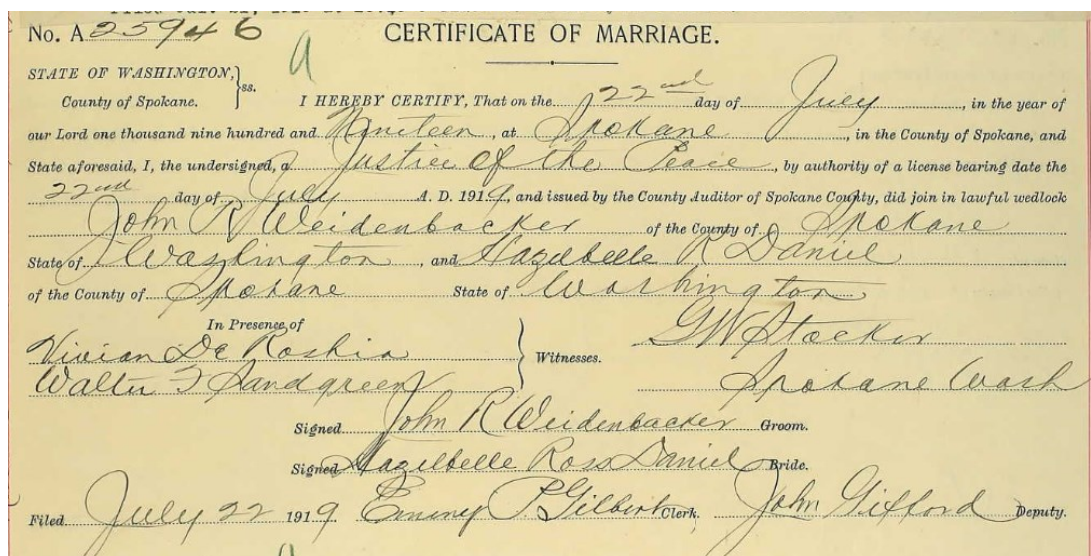
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Transcription:

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| | CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE | | |
| | PLACE OF MARRIAGE
County of <u>Spokane</u>
Town of _____
or City of <u>Spokane</u> | LICENSE NO. A No. 25946 | |
| | PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS | | |
| | GROOM | BRIDE | |
| Full Name <u>John R. Weidenbacker</u> | Full Name <u>Hazelbelle R. Daniel</u> | | |


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|---|--|
| Residence Spokane, Wn. | Residence Spokane, Wn. |
| Age at last Birthday 26 years | Age at last Birthday 25 years |
| Color or Race White | Color or Race White |
| Single Widowed or Divorced Married before in Coeur d'Alene Idaho to same each last using the name of his mother | Single Widowed or Divorced Married before in Coeur d'Alene Idaho to same each last using the name of her mother |
| Number of Marriage Married before to the same person/spouse? and this is to correct name | Number of Marriage Married before to the same person/spouse? and this is to correct name |
| Birthplace (State or Country) Tenn | Birthplace (State or Country) Spokane |
| Occupation Salesman | Occupation -- |
| Name of Father Andrew F Weidenbacker | Name of Father John I Daniel |
| Birthplace of Father (State or Country) Canada | Birthplace of Father (State or Country) Ky |
| Maiden Name of Mother Ida Robertson | Maiden Name of Mother Anne E. Ross |
| Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) Tenn | Birthplace of Mother (State or Country) Kans |
| Maiden name of Bride, if she was previously married Hazelbelle R. Daniel | |
| We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given herein is cor-rect to the best of our knowledge and belief.
(signature) _____ John R. Weidenbacker Groom _____ (no signature) _____ Bride | |
| CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY | |
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| Signature of Witnesses to Marriage:
(signatures) Vivian De Roshia & Walter F. Sandgreen | Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: (signature) G W Stocker |
| RESIDENCE Spokane | OFFICIAL STATION Justice of the Peace |
| Filed JUL 22 1919 (no signature)(County Auditor) | RESIDENCE Spokane |

Another copy of the marriage certificate⁴⁴ shows the same information but can read the names more easily:



⁴⁴ Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854-2013, Spokane, Washington, John R. Weidenbacker and Hazelbelle R. Daniel (22 Jul 1919), p. 631, Marriage no. A25946; *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/8490812:2378>)

1919 Jack Weidenbacker shown on US City Directory⁴⁵ in Spokane, with mother Ida (widowed) and wife Hazel. He is shown as a veteran, by the symbol of a flag next to his name. His mother, Ida, is shown as a clerk for S Ofner & Co, and all reside at unit 1 West 1526 Broadway.

Weidenbacker Ida J (wid Andw F)
 clk S Ofner & Co h 1-W1526
 Bway
 —John (Hazel)  h 1-W1526 Bway

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JACK, MARRIED, WITH CHILD AND WORKING AS A SALESMAN FOR A PAPER COMPANY

1920, January 8<sup>th</sup> (age 24) Jack Weidenbacker appears on the 1910 Spokane census:

|    |     |                   |          |    |    |    |    |  |  |      |           |           |
|----|-----|-------------------|----------|----|----|----|----|--|--|------|-----------|-----------|
| 19 | 162 | Weidenbacker Jack | Head     | WR | 26 | 26 | 71 |  |  | Wash | Tennessee | Tennessee |
| 20 |     | Hazel             | Wife     |    | 26 | 26 | 71 |  |  | Wash | Kentucky  | Kentucky  |
| 21 |     | Mary Jane         | Daughter |    | 1  | 9  | 19 |  |  | Wash | Kansas    | Kansas    |

(image of 1920 census, Spokane, Washington)<sup>46</sup>

Transcription:

Weidenbacker, Jack, head, renting, male, white, age 26, married, can read and write, born Tenn, father born TN, mother born TN, employed as a Salesman – Paper Co., wage earner  
 Neidenbacker, Hazel, wife, female, white, age 26, married, can read and write, born Washington, father born Kentucky, mother born Kansas  
 Neidenbacker, Mary Jane, daughter, female, white, age 1 and 9 months, single

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1920 Jack Weidenbacker is found in the U.S. City Directory⁴⁷ in Spokane, Washington, living at 1-W1526 Broadway in Spokane, Washington, with wife Hazel and widowed mother Ida. Ida is listed as a clerk at Kemp & Hebert. No occupation is listed for Jack. He is listed as John Weidenbacker in this directory. His brother Andrew is also listed (mistakenly listed as Arnold) with wife, Ruth, and working as a station operator at S O Co. and living at W624 Augusta avenue in Spokane.

Weidenbacker Arnold E (Ruth) sta
 opr S O Co h W624 Augusta av
 —Ida J Mrs clk Kemp & Hebert h
 1-W1526 Bway
 —John (Hazel) h 1-W1526 Bway

⁴⁵ U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995: 1919 Spokane Buyers' Guide (Spokane, Washington), p. 864, Weidenbacker, John (Hazel) h 1-W1526 Bway, with mother Ida; digital image, Ancestry.ca (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/12902839)

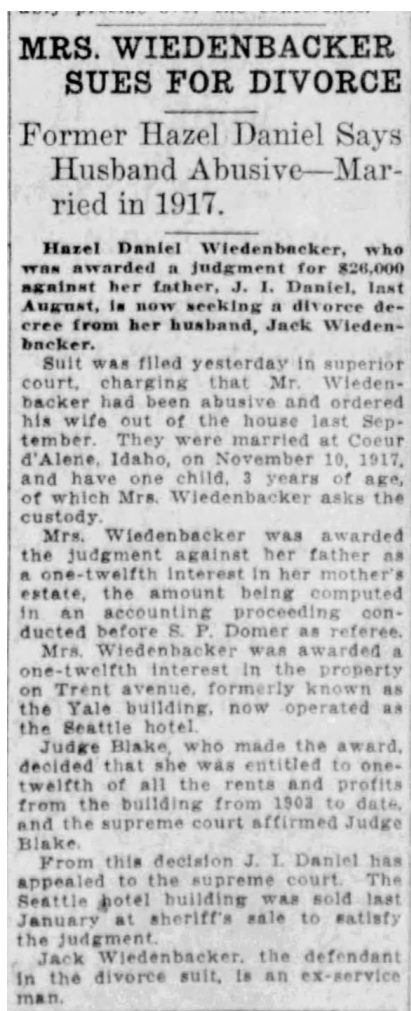
⁴⁶ 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Spokane, Spokane, Washington, Spokane City, Ward 3, enumeration district (ED) 195, sheet 7-A, house 162, South Cedar Street, Jack Neidenbacker; digital images, Ancestry.ca (https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/70916891:6061)

⁴⁷ U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 (Spokane, Washington), p. 934, John Weidenbacker (Hazel), r1-W1526 Broadway; digital image, Ancestry.ca (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/12650745)

JACK AND HAZEL FILE FOR DIVORCE

1921, April 8th (age 25) Jack's first wife, Hazel, files for divorce – claiming abuse and neglect of their daughter. These allegations were confirmed with later family members and oral history of daughter Mary Jane in her early years. For over a year prior to this event, Hazel has been in a lawsuit against her father, John I Daniel, and inheritance owed to her for a share of rent used for the Yale Block building, which was part of her mother's (Anna) estate when she passed away. She is awarded \$26,000, which later Jack inherits at Hazel's death, before it is passed on to daughter Mary Jane in August of 1921.⁴⁸

Oral history stories say Hazel's daughter, Mary Jane, was "stolen" and hidden from Jack, as it was rumoured he was putting Mary Jane in a closet while he cavorted with other women. Mary Jane was raised by her grandfather, John I. Daniel, and her stepmother, Ella Mona Holloway. Ella Mona married John after his first wife Anna, passed away. Anna was Hazel's mother.



⁴⁸ "Wiedenbacker Estate to Child," notice, *The Spokane Chronicle* (Spokane, Washington), 2 August 1921, Tuesday, p. 10, Mary Jane Wiedenbacker, Hazel Daniel Wiedenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562226831/>)

Transcription: MRS. WEIDENBACKER SUES FOR DIVORCE⁴⁹

Former Hazel Daniel Says Husband Abusive Married in 1917.

Hazel Daniel Wiedenbacker who was awarded a judgment for \$21,000 against her father, J. I. Daniel, last August, is now seeking a divorce decree from her husband, Jack Wiedenbacker.

Suit was filed yesterday in superior court, charging that Mr. Wiedenbacker had been abusive and ordered his wife out of the house last September. They were married at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on November 10, 1917, and have one child, 3 years of age, of which Mrs. Wiedenbacker asks the custody.

Mrs. Wiedenbacker was awarded the Judgment against her father as a one-twelfth interest in her mother's estate, the amount being computed in an accounting proceeding conducted before S. P. Domer as referee.

Mrs. Wiedenbacker was awarded a one-twelfth Interest In the property on Trent avenue, formerly known as the Yale building, now operated as the Seattle hotel.

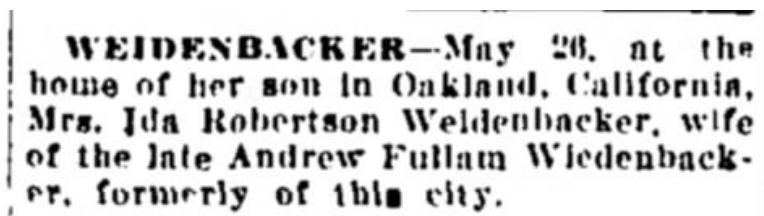
Judge Blake, who made the award, decided that she was entitled to one-twelfth of all the rents and profit from the building from 1903 to date, and the supreme court affirmed Judge Blake.

From this decision J. I. Daniel has appealed to the supreme court. The Seattle hotel building was sold last January at sheriff's sale to satisfy the judgment.

Jack Wiedenbacker, the defendant in the divorce suit, is an ex-service man.

JACK IS WIDOWED AND LOSES HIS MOTHER, THREE MONTHS APART

1921, May 25th (age 25) Jack's mother, Ida Robinson/Robertson Weidenbacker is visiting her other son, Andrew, at his home in Alameda County, California when she passes away.⁵⁰ She was a resident of Spokane, Washington, and was on the 1920 census with Jack and Hazel.

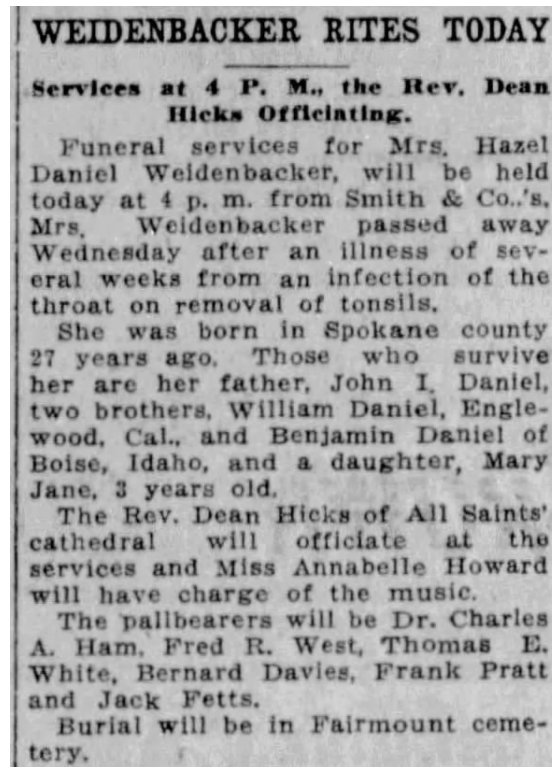


WEIDENBACKER—May 20, at the home of her son in Oakland, California, Mrs. Ida Robertson Weidenbacker, wife of the late Andrew Fullam Wiedenbacker, formerly of this city.

1921, July 20th (age 26) Jack's first wife, Hazel, dies of tonsillitis infection.

⁴⁹ "Mrs. Wiedenbacker Sues For Divorce," *The Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 8 Apr 1921, Friday, p.6, Jack Wiedenbacker and Hazel Daniel; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/97272727/hazel-daniel-weidenbacker-sues-for/>)

⁵⁰ "Weidenbacker," death notices, *The Tennessean (Nashville, Tennessee)*, 28 May 1921, Saturday, p.14, Ida Robertson Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/97278990/ida-jane-robertsonrobinson/>)



Transcription: WEIDENBACKER RITES TODAY⁵¹

Services at 4 P. M., the Rev. Dean Hicks Officiating.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Daniel Weidenbacker, will be held today at 4 p.m. from Smith & Co.'s. Mrs. Weidenbacker passed away Wednesday after an illness of several weeks from an infection of the throat on removal of tonsils.

She was born in Spokane county 27 years ago. Those who survive her are her father, John I. Daniel, two brothers, William Daniel, Englewood, Cal., and Benjamin Daniel of Boise, Idaho, and a daughter, Mary Jane, 3 years old.

The Rev. Dean Hicks of All Saints' cathedral will officiate at the services and Miss Annabelle Howard will have charge of the music.

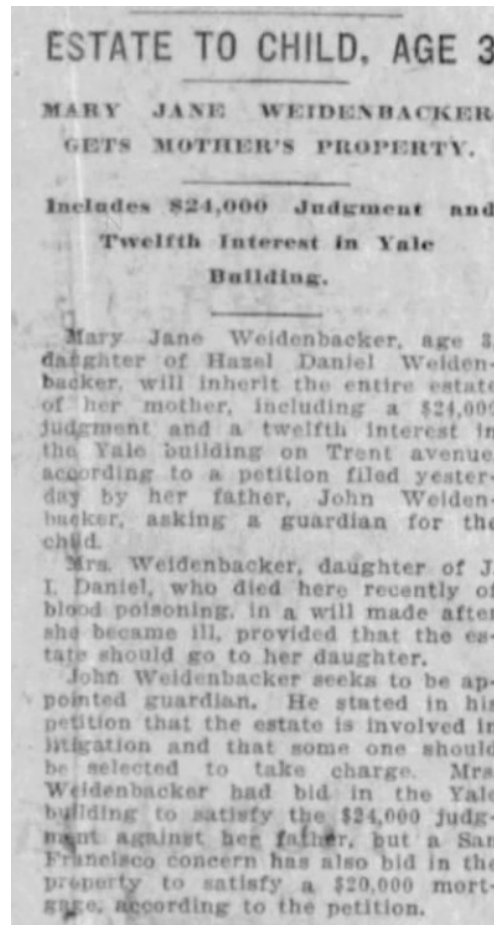
The pallbearers will be Dr. Charles A. Ham, Fred R. West, Thomas E. White, Bernard Davies, Frank Pratt and Jack Fetts.

Burial will be in Fairmount cemetery.

⁵¹ "Weidenbacker Rites Today," obituary, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 22 Jul 1921, Friday, p. 7, Mary Jane Weidenbacker, Hazel Daniel Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/97211900/obituary-for-hazel-daniel-nteidenbacker/>)

JACK SEEKS TO BE APPOINTED GUARDIAN OF DAUGHTER MARY JANE AND ESTATE

1921, August 2nd (age 26) Newspaper Article: The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington) 2 Aug 1921, Tuesday, p.5:⁵² Jack seeks to be appointed guardian of daughter, Mary Jane, as well as the estate of his late wife, Hazel Daniel.



Transcription: ESTATE TO CHILD, AGE 3

MARY JANE WEIDENBACKER GETS MOTHER'S PROPERTY

Includes \$24,000 Judgment and Twelfth Interest in Yale Building.

Mary Jane Weidenbacker, age 3, daughter of Hazel Daniel Weidenbacker will inherit the entire estate of her mother, including a \$24,000 judgment and a twelfth interest in the Yale building on Trent avenue, according to a petition filed yesterday by her father, John Weidenbacker, asking a guarding for the child.

Mrs. Weidenbacker, daughter of J. I. Daniel, who died here recently of blood poisoning, in a will made after she became ill, provided that the estate should go to her daughter.

⁵² "Estate to Child, Age 3: Mary Jane Weidenbacker Gets Mother's Property," announcement, p.5, *The Spokesman-Review (Spokane, Washington)*, 2 August 1921, Mary Jane Weidenbacker, John Weidenbacker, Hazel Daniel Weidenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/566799687/>).

John Weidenbacker seeks to be appointed guardian. He stated in his petition that the estate is involved in litigation and that some one should be selected to take charge. Mrs. Weidenbacker had bid in the Yale building to satisfy the \$24,000 judgment against her father, but a San Francisco concern has also bid in the property to satisfy a \$20,000 mortgage, according to the petition.

JACK ACCEPTS \$5K SETTLEMENT OF LATE WIFE, HAZEL'S ESTATE

1922, February 7th (age 27) Newspaper Article: Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 7 Feb 1922, Tuesday, p.4:⁵³ Jack inherits wife's estate.

**HEIR'S FIGHT FOR
ESTATE SETTLED**

Quitclaim Deed Freed J. I. Daniel Estate From Claims of Executors.

By the payment to the county clerk of \$5000 yesterday, litigation was settled between the estate of Hazel Daniel Wiedenbacker and her father, John I. Daniel over the building on Trent avenue, now known as the Seattle hotel, but formerly known as the Yale block.

The controversy between father and daughter was in the superior and supreme courts of the city for nearly four years and finally ended by Mrs. Wiedenbacker obtaining a judgment for approximately \$26,000 as her share of the rents and profits from the building.

Mrs. Wiedenbacker died last spring before the judgment was collected. Belle Atwood was appointed as executor of the estate and, in attempting to collect the judgment, found that the property was mortgaged and that John I. Daniel had disposed of his other property in Spokane and had taken up residence in California.

The executor, under an order signed by Judge Lindsley Monday, was authorized to accept the \$5000 and issue a quitclaim deed to John I. Daniel for all claims the estate of Mrs. Wiedenbacker might have against the Seattle hotel building. Under the order the money is to be considered as part of the estate of Mrs. Wiedenbacker. Mrs. Wiedenbacker's heir is her infant daughter, Mary Jane Wiedenbacker.

Jack Wiedenbacker, husband of the deceased and guardian of the daughter, accepted the settlement.

⁵³ "Heir's Fight for Estate Settled," announcement, p.4, *Spokane Chronicle* (Spokane, Washington), 7 February 1922, Jack Wiedenbacker, Mary Jane Wiedenbacker, Hazel Daniel Wiedenbacker; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/clip/86938890/spokane-chronicle/>)

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JACK MOVES SOUTH FOR THE WINTER (AND STAYS), FROM WASHINGTON STATE TO CALIFORNIA 1922, traveling about 1220 miles

After the death of his parents and first wife, and his only daughter being taken into custody of her grandparents, Jack left in 1922. He left and went to California to work near his brother, who lived in Oakland, Alameda, California. Jack was a salesman and he sold dental supplies and paper goods in the early 1920s California.

1922 (age 26) Jack Weidenbacker shown on US City Directory⁵⁴ in Alhambra, California, residing at 2506 Chandler av. He is listed as a dentist, but he is a salesman of dental supplies – as shown in the 1924 directory.

Weidenbacker Jack W dentist r2506 Chandler av (Alh).

JACK MARRIES MAE 1922

1922, November 4th (age 27) Marriage to Mae Mulrooney

⁵⁴ U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995: Monterey Park-1922-City Directory* (Alhambra, California), p. 264, Jack W Weidenbacker, dentist r2506 Chandler av (Alh).; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/218876503:2469>)

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State of California County of Los Angeles

Marriage License

These Presents Are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the District Court of Appeal, Judge of the Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Judge of any Police Court, City Recorder, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, to solemnize within said County the marriage of Jack W. Weidenbacher a native of Tennessee Color Race Caucasian aged 27 years, resident of Los Angeles County of Los Angeles State of California, and Maie Mulrooney a native of Washington Color Race Caucasian aged 19 years, resident of Los Angeles County of Los Angeles State of California, said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Superior Court of said County, this 21 day of Oct A. D. 1922

L. E. LAMPTON
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said Los Angeles County.

By L. E. Lampton Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss. I hereby certify, that I believe the facts stated in the within and above License to be true, and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Jack W. Weidenbacher and Maie Mulrooney that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the 21 day of October 1922, in Los Angeles said County and State, that Harold Holburn a resident of Los Angeles County of Los Angeles State of California and William J. Wright a resident of Los Angeles County of Los Angeles State of California were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

I have hereunto set my hand this 11 day of December A. D. 1922

William J. Wright
Signature of party performing ceremony.
Minister of the Gospel of the Episcopal Church
Title.

California State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

PLACE OF MARRIAGE State Index No.
County of Los Angeles Local Register No. 11242

Town of

City of

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

| | |
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| <p>FULL NAME GROOM <u>Jack W. Weidenbacher</u></p> <p>RESIDENCE <u>Los Angeles</u></p> <p>AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> years</p> <p>COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u></p> <p>SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>widowed</u></p> <p>NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>2</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Tenn</u></p> <p>OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Salesman</u>
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer).</p> <p>NAME OF FATHER <u>H. F. Weidenbacher</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>unknown</u></p> <p>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Ida Robinson</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Tenn</u></p> | <p>FULL NAME BRIDE <u>Maie Mulrooney</u></p> <p>RESIDENCE <u>Los Angeles</u></p> <p>AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>19</u> years</p> <p>COLOR OR RACE <u>white</u></p> <p>SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>single</u></p> <p>NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1st</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Washington</u></p> <p>OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>nurse</u>
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer).</p> <p>NAME OF FATHER <u>Geo. Mulrooney</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Pa</u></p> <p>MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>J. Wylder</u></p> <p>BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>unknown</u></p> |
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MAIDEN NAME OF THE BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED

We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Groom sign here Jack W. Weidenbacher Bride sign here Maie Mulrooney

Filed out in the presence of _____ Deputy County Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I hereby Certify that Jack W. Weidenbacher and Maie Mulrooney were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at this 21 day of November 1922

Signature of Witness to the Marriage Harold Holburn Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony William J. Wright

Residence 1583 W. 49 St. L.A. Official Station minister of the Gospel

Filed 11/21/22 1922 Residence 1006 S. Bourne Street L.A.

C. L. LOGAN,
Registrar (County Recorder).

A full, true and correct copy of the original, recorded this 9 day of Dec 1922, at 5 P. M. at request of Minister

C. L. LOGAN, County Recorder
By L. M. Bennell Deputy

Transcription:

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| State of California | County of Los Angeles |
| Marriage License | |

These Presents Are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the District Court of Appeal, Judge of the Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Judge of the Police Court, City Recorder, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, to solemnize within said County the marriage of Jack W. Weidenbacker a native of Tennessee {Color or Race} Caucasian aged 27 years, resident of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and Mae Mulrooney a native of Washington {Color or Race} Caucasian aged 19 years, resident of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, said parties bring of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage.

SEAL

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Superior Court of said County, this 31st day of Oct A. D. 1922

L. E. LAMPTON

County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said Los Angeles County.
By E. Higgins Deputy Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Los Angeles, I hereby certify, that I believe the facts stated in the within and above License to be true, and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Jack W. Weidenbacker and Mae Mulrooney that said parties were joined in marriage by me on the 4th day of November 1922, in Los Angeles said County and State, that Harold Holben a resident of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of Calif. And Mary H. Wright, a resident of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles State of California were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of November A. D. 1922

(signature) William J. Wright (Signature of party performing ceremony)
Minister Methodist Episcopal Church (Title)

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California State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Certificate of Marriage

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| Place of Marriage
County of Los Angeles
Town of _____ (blank)
City of _____ (blank) | State Index No. _____ (blank)
Local Register No. 11242 |
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PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

| | |
|--|---|
| FULL NAME GROOM
Jack W. Weidenbacker | FULL NAME BRIDE
Mae Mulrooney |
| RESIDENCE
Los Angeles | RESIDENCE
Los Angeles |
| AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
27 years | AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
19 years |
| COLOR OR RACE
white | COLOR OR RACE
white |
| SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
widowed | SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
single |
| NUMBER OF MARRIAGE
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1st |
| BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY)
Tenn | BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY)
Washington |
| OCCUPATION (A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK.
Salesman | OCCUPATION (A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK.
Nurse |

| | |
|--|--|
| (B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER).
<i>(blank)</i> | (B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER).
<i>(blank)</i> |
| NAME OF FATHER
A. F. Weidenbacker | NAME OF FATHER
E. W. Mulrooney |
| BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (STATE OR COUNTRY)
unknown | BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (STATE OR COUNTRY)
N. Y. |
| MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
unknown | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
J. Wylder |
| BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (STATE OR COUNTRY)
Tenn | BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (STATE OR COUNTRY)
unknown |
| MAIDEN NAME OF THE BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED <i>(blank)</i> | |
| We, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Groom, sign here <i>(signature is signed in hand of person performing ceremony)</i> Jack W. Weidenbacker
Bride, sign here <i>(signature is signed in hand of person performing ceremony)</i> Mae Mulrooney
Filled out in the presence of _____ <i>(blank)</i> Deputy County Clerk | |
| CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY
I Hereby Certify that Jack W. Weidenbacker and Mae Mulrooney Were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at Los Angeles this 4 th day of November 1922. | |
| Signature of Witness to the Marriage: <i>(signature is signed in hand of person performing ceremony)</i>
Harold Holben
Residence 1583 W. 49 St. L.A.
Filed Nov 9 1922 | Signature of Witness to the Marriage: <i>(signature is signed in hand of person performing ceremony)</i>
William J. Wright
Official Station Minister M E Ch
Residence 1006 S Bonnie Brae St L.A. |
| C. L. Logan, Registrar (County Recorder) | |
| A full, true and correct copy of the original, recorded this 9 day of Nov 1922, at 5 P.M. at request of Minister
C. L. Logan, County Recorder
By C. M. Bunnell Deputy | |

1923, January 13th (age 27) News Article: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weidenbacker (with wife Mae Mulrooney) appear in the Spokane newspaper talking about getting together for informal dances every few months in Los Angeles with other Spokane residents who are “wintering” in the southern state.⁵⁵

⁵⁵ "Spokane Folk Meet in South: Former Residents Entertain at Informal Dance in Los Angeles," p. 9, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 13 January 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weidenbacher; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562247740/>)



Transcription: SPOKANE FOLK MEET IN SOUTH

Former Residents Entertain at Informal Dance in Los Angeles

Spokane people who are wintering in Los Angeles plan to get together at least once every few months for an informal dance, according to word from there. The latest of these parties was held recently in the new ball rooms of the Navarro apartments. One hundred couples were present and following is a list of the former Spokane residents attending:

Dr. and Mrs. Fred F. Moore ... Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weidenbacher ... (*this is Mae Mulrooney now as Hazel has passed*)

1923, April 19th (age 28) News Article: Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington) 19 Apr 1923, Thursday:⁵⁶

⁵⁶ "Los Angeles Realty Business "Going Strong," with Former Spokanites Behind the Wheel," business announcement, p. 24, *Spokane Chronicle (Spokane, Washington)*, 19 April 1923, Eltinge Banking: Jack Weidenbacher is selling dental supplies; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/562183765/>).

LOS ANGELES REALTY BUSINESS "GOING STRONG," WITH FORMER SPOKANITES BEHIND THE WHEEL

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Eltinge Banking.

Jack Weidenbacher is selling dental supplies.

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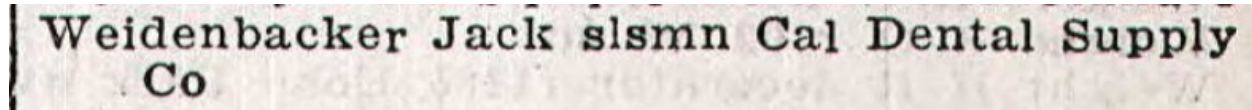
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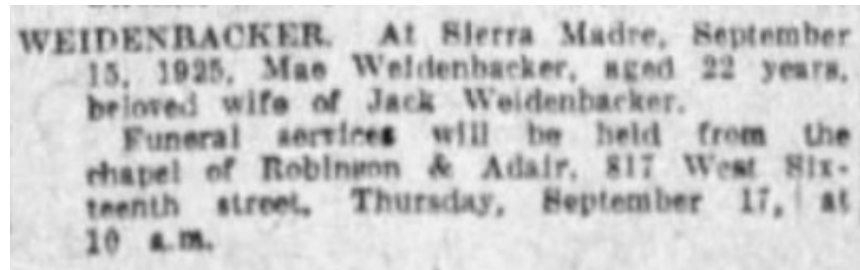
1924 (age 29) Jack Weidenbacher shown on US City Directory⁵⁷ in Los Angeles, California. He is listed as a salesman of dental supplies – Cal (California) Dental Supply Co.

⁵⁷ U.S., *City Directories, 1822-1995: Los Angeles, City Directory, 1924* (Los Angeles, California), p. 2309, Jack Weidenbacher, slsmn Cal Dental Supply Co.); digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/31461_217730-02312)



JACK'S SECOND WIFE, MAE, DIES

1925, September 15th (age 30) death of wife Mae⁵⁸

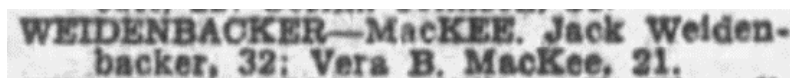


Transcription: WEIDENBACKER. At Sierra Madre, September 15, 1925, Mae Weidenbacker, aged 22 years, beloved wife of Jack Weidenbacker.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Robinson & Adair, 817 West Sixteenth street, Thursday, September 17, at 10 a.m.

JACK MARRIES VERA 1929

1929, June 2nd (age 33) News Announcement, The Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, California) 2 Jun 1929, Sunday, p.14:



1929, June 8th (age 33): Marriage to Vera

⁵⁸ "Obituary for Mae Weidenbacker," obituary, p. 16, *The Los Angeles Times* (Los Angeles, California), 16 September 1925, Mae Weidenbacker died 15 Sep 1925 Sierra Madre; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/380380063/>)

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PLACE OF MARRIAGE California State Board of Health State Index No. 7437
County of Los Angeles, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Local Registered No. _____

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

| | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| GROOM | | BRIDE | |
| ♂ FULL NAME
<u>Jack Weidenbacker</u> | ♀ FULL NAME
<u>Vera Bernice MacKee</u> | ♂ RESIDENCE
<u>1516 W. 67th St., L.A.</u> | ♀ RESIDENCE
<u>1516 W. 67th St., L.A.</u> |
| ♂ COLOR OR RACE
<u>White</u> | ♀ COLOR OR RACE
<u>White</u> | ♂ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
<u>32</u> (Years) | ♀ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
<u>21</u> (Years) |
| ♂ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
<u>Widowed</u> | ♀ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
<u>Single</u> | ♂ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE
<u>3d</u> | ♀ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE
<u>1st</u> |
| ♂ BIRTHPLACE
<u>Tenn.</u> (State or country) | ♀ BIRTHPLACE
<u>Calif.</u> (State or country) | ♂ OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
<u>Salesman</u>
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) | |
| ♂ NAME OF FATHER
<u>A. E. Weidenbacker</u> | | ♀ NAME OF FATHER
<u>Loren T. MacKee</u> | |
| ♂ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
<u>Canada</u> (State or country) | | ♀ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
<u>Mich.</u> (State or country) | |
| ♂ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
<u>Ida J. Robinson</u> | | ♀ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
<u>Lenora Alminda Moya</u> | |
| ♂ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
<u>Tenn.</u> (State or country) | | ♀ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
<u>Calif.</u> (State or country) | |
| ♂ MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED | | | |

We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Jack Weidenbacker ^{♂ Groom} Vera Bernice MacKee ^{♀ Bride}
CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Jack Weidenbacker and Vera Bernice MacKee were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at Los Angeles this 8th day of June 19 29

Signature of Witness to the Marriage: Nettie Lloyd Residence: 2677 West 9th St.,
Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: W. C. Tipton Official position: Minister of the Gospel
Residence: 6512 S. Normandie St., L.A.

FILED June 12 19 29 BY C. L. Logan, Recorder 12 day of June 1929.
A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this 12 day of June 1929. at 9 A. M.

C. L. LOGAN, Recorder,
By M. Rice Deputy

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE

THE MARRIAGE MUST BE SOLEMNIZED WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY FILL OUT THREE CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE, TO-WIT:

1. THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE (FIRST BELOW THE LICENSE) WHICH, WITH THE LICENSE, FILE WITHIN THREE DAYS WITH THE RECORDER, WHO WILL RETAIN SAME.
2. THE ORNAMENTED COPY FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL, CERTIFY AT THE BOTTOM AS INDICATED, DETACH AND HAND TO THE PARTIES.
3. THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE ON SEPARATE SHEET, ALSO FILE WITH RECORDER WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

CERTIFICATES 1 AND 2 MUST SHOW THE NAMES (NOT SIGNATURES) AND RESIDENCE OF ONE OR MORE WITNESSES. HAVE ONLY ONE WITNESS SIGN NAME AND GIVE RESIDENCE ON THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE NO. 3. DO NOT FILL OUT CERTIFICATE ON THIS PAGE. IT IS FOR THE RECORDER'S USE.

L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:
EVERETT W. MATTOON, COUNTY COUNSEL
C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER

Transcription:

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| PLACE OF MARRIAGE
County of Los Angeles | State Index No. 7437
Local Register No. (blank) | |
| CALIFORNIA STATE RECORD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS | | |
| GROOM | BRIDE | IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE
THE MARRIAGE MUST BE SOLEMNIZED WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY FILL OUT THREE CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE, TO-WIT: |
| FULL NAME Jack Weidenbacker | FULL NAME Vera Bernice MacKee | |
| RESIDENCE 1516 W. 67 th St., L.A. | RESIDENCE 1516 W. 67 th St., L.A. | |
| COLOR OR RACE White
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 32 YEARS | COLOR OR RACE White
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 21 YEARS | |
| SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Widowed | SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single | |
| BIRTHPLACE Tenn. (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE Calif. (State or country) | |

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|--|---|--|
| OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Salesman | OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Dental Nurse | <p>1. THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE (FIRST BELOW THE LICENSE) WHICH, WITH THE LICENSE, FILE WITHIN THREE DAYS WITH THE RECORDER, WHO WILL RETAIN SAME.</p> <p>2. THE ORNAMENTED COPY FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL CERTIFY AT THE BOTTOM AS INDICATED, DETACH AND HAND TO THE PARTIES.</p> <p>3. THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE ON SEPARATE SHEET, ALSO FILE WITH RECORDER WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE CEREMONY.</p> <p>CERTIFICATES 1 AND 2 MUST SHOW THE NAMES (NOT SIGNATURES) AND RESIDENCE OF ONE OR MORE WITNESSES. HAVE ONLY ONE WITNESS SIGN AND GIVE RESIDENCE ON THE VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE NO. 3.</p> <p>DO NOT FILL OUT CERTIFICATE ON THIS PAGE. IT IS FOR THE RECORDER'S USE.</p> <p>L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK</p> <p>APPROVED: EVERETT W. MATTOON, COUNTY COUNSEL
C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER</p> |
| (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
<i>(blank)</i> | (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
<i>(blank)</i> | |
| NAME OF FATHER A. E. Weidenbacker | NAME OF FATHER Loren T. MacKee | |
| BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Canada (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Mich. (State or country) | |
| MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ida J. Robinson | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Lenora Almada Moya | |
| BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tenn. (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Calif. (State or country) | |
| MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED <i>(blank)</i> | | |
| We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. | | |
| Jack Weidenback Groom | Vera Bernice MacKee Bride | |
| CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY | | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY that Jack Weidenbacker and Vera Bernice MacKee were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at Los Angeles this 8 th day of June 1929 | | |
| Signature of Witness to the Marriage: Nettie Lloyd, 2677 West 9 th St. | Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: W. C. Tipton, Minister of the Gospel, 6512 S. Normandie St., L.A. | |
| Filed June 12, 1929 | C. L. Logan, Recorder
Registrar (County Recorder)
By A. O. Sagar, Dep. | |
| A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this 12 day of June 1929 at 9 A. M. | | |
| C. L. Logan, Recorder
By M. Bush, Deputy | | |

1930, April 7th (age 34): Jack Weidenbacker appears on the 1930 Los Angeles, California census, as a lodger in the household of his widowed father in law, Loren T. McKee, at 1516 West 67th Street:

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|----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---------|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 28 | 186 | 182 | 189 | McKee Loren T. | Head | € 4,000 | F | No | M | W | 59 | Wd | No | Yes | Michigan | New York | Canada | |
| 29 | | | | Weidenbacher Jack | Son-in-law | | | V | M | W | 32 | M | 1 | No | Yes | Tennessee | Canada | Tennessee |
| 30 | | | | Vera B. | Daughter-in-law | | | V | F | W | 22 | M | 1 | No | Yes | California | Michigan | California |

(image of 1930 census, Los Angeles, California)⁵⁹

Transcription:

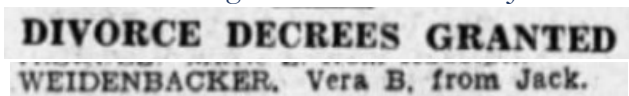
28 McKee, Loren T., head, owns home valued at \$4,000 (not a farm), age 59, widowed, born Michigan, father born New York, mother born Canada, Occupation: Plumber – House Plumbing, war veteran – war S.P.

29 Weidenbacher, Jack, son-in-law, age 32, (age at first marriage 31), married, born Tennessee, father born Canada, mother born Tennessee, Occupation: Salesman – Dental Supplies, war veteran – war WW

30 Weidenbacher, Vera B., daughter-in-law, age 22, (age at first marriage 21), married, born California, father born Michigan, mother born California, Occupation: Nurse – Dentist Office

JACK AND VERA DIVORCE 1934

1934, June 7th (age 38) Vera divorces Jack⁶⁰ An announcement in the Los Angeles Times newspaper dated 7 June 1934 tells of a divorce decree granted for Vera from Jack.



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1936 (age 41): Jack is shown on a voter registration<sup>61</sup> in Los Angeles, California. He is living at 4307 Walton av, is listed as Retired, and is voting as Republican. His wife is not shown on this record. There are no other Weidenbackers on the record.



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1940, April 4th (age 44): Jack Weidenbacher appears on the 1940 Los Angeles, California census, as a lodger in the household with a widowed mother and her daughter, at 4307 Walton Ave. He has been living at this same address since 1936 and continues to show this same address through 1942 in the California Voter Lists.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|------|----|---|------|-------------------|----------|---|----|----|----|---|----|------------|----|------------|
| 9 | 4307 | 56 | 0 | 5000 | BARARD- MYRTLE | HEAD | W | 52 | Wd | No | 8 | 8 | VIRGINIA | 29 | SAME PLACE |
| 10 | | | | | MCGILL- EVELYN | DAUGHTER | F | 26 | M | No | 3 | 30 | CALIFORNIA | 89 | SAME PLACE |
| 11 | | | | | WIEDENBACHER-JACK | LODGER | M | 43 | D | No | 4 | 32 | CALIFORNIA | 90 | SAME PLACE |

⁵⁹ 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Los Angeles City (Districts 251-500), Los Angeles, California, population schedule, District 0500, enumeration district (ED) 19-500, supervisor's district (SD) 17, p. 18, sheet no. 10A, dwelling no. 182, family no. 189, Jack Weidenbacher son-in-law in household of Loren T. McKee; digital images, *Ancestry.ca* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/6224/images/4531798_00301).

⁶⁰ "Divorce Decrees Granted," announcement, p. 16, *The Los Angeles Times* (Los Angeles, California), 7 June 1934, Weidenbacher, Vera B, from Jack; *Newspapers.com* (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/380642577/>)

⁶¹ *California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900-1968* (Los Angeles City Precinct No. 459, Los Angeles, California, United States:1936), p. 487, Roll 038, Jack Weidenbacher; 4307 Walton av., party affiliation: Republican; occupation: retired, R; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/losangelescounty_38-0487).

(image of 1940 census, Los Angeles, California)⁶²

Transcription:

9 Barard, Myrtle (head), owns home valued at \$5,000 (not a farm), female, white, age 52, widowed, born Virginia, highest grade completed 8 (elementary school, grade 8),

Occupation: Home

10 McGill, Evelyn (daughter), female, white, age 26, married[?] (there is a M[?]), born California, highest grade completed H-3 (3 years high school), Occupation: Saleswoman – Retail Drugs

11 Wiedenbacher, Jack (lodger), male, white, age 43, divorced, born California, highest grade completed H-4 (4 years high school), unemployed

JACK MARRIES INES

1941, August 15th (age 46): Marriage to Ines

⁶² 1940 U.S. Federal Census, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, , enumeration district (ED) 60-527, sub-district (SD) 15, p. 5, sheet 3A, visited no. 56, home of Myrtle Barard (lines 9-11), 4307 Walton Av., Jack Wiedenbacher; digital images, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-00423-00297>)

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PLACE OF MARRIAGE California State Board of Health State Index No. _____
County of Los Angeles BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS Local Registered No. 13220

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GROOM | | BRIDE | |
| ¹ FULL NAME
<u>Jack Weidenbacker</u> | ²⁴ FULL NAME
<u>Ines Reyes Retana</u> | ² RESIDENCE
<u>4307 Walton Ave L A</u> | ²⁵ RESIDENCE
<u>1926- 3rd St Ocean Park</u> |
| ³ COLOR OR RACE
<u>White</u> | ²⁶ COLOR OR RACE
<u>White</u> | ⁴ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
<u>43</u>
(Years) | ²⁷ AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY
<u>38</u>
(Years) |
| ⁵ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
<u>Widowed</u> | ²⁸ SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
<u>Single</u> | ⁶ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE
<u>4th</u> | ²⁹ NUMBER OF MARRIAGE
<u>1st</u> |
| ⁷ BIRTHPLACE
<u>Tenn.</u>
(State or country) | ³⁰ BIRTHPLACE
<u>Mexico</u>
(State or country) | ⁸ OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
<u>Ex-Soldier</u> | ³¹ OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work
<u>Housework</u> |
| ⁹ NAME OF FATHER
<u>Andrew F Weidenbacker</u> | ³² NAME OF FATHER
<u>Tomas Reyes Retana</u> | ¹⁰ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
<u>Tenn</u>
(State or country) | ³³ BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
<u>Mexico</u>
(State or country) |
| ¹¹ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
<u>Ida Robertson</u> | ³⁴ MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
<u>Loreto Majira</u> | ¹² BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
<u>Tenn.</u>
(State or country) | ³⁵ BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
<u>Mexico</u>
(State or country) |
| ³⁶ MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED _____ | | | |

We, the groom and bride in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Jack Weidenbacker ³⁷ Groom Ines Reyes Retana ³⁸ Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Jack Weidenbacker and Ines Reyes Retana were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at St. Cecilia's Church, Los Angeles this 15th day of August, 1941.

³⁹ Signature of Witness to the Marriage } Aurora R R de Azcarraga } ⁴⁰ Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony } Rev Joseph G. Schnieder
Residence: 1926 3rd Ave Ocean Park Official position: Asst. Pastor

⁴¹ FILED Aug 19, 1941 MAME B. BEATTY, Recorder, Residence: 4230 S Normandie Ave.
By A. O. Sagar Deputy 19th day of August, 1941
at 9 A. M. MAME B. BEATTY, Recorder.

By Grace Benson Deputy

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M. Scherf Deputy County Clerk

Transcription:

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| PLACE OF MARRIAGE
County of Los Angeles | State Index No. (blank)
Local Register No. 13220 | Filed out in the presence of M Scherf, Deputy County Clerk |
| CALIFORNIA STATE RECORD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS | | |
| GROOM | BRIDE | |
| FULL NAME Jack Weidenbacker | FULL NAME Ines Reyes Retana | |

| | |
|--|--|
| RESIDENCE 4307 Walton Ave, L.A. | RESIDENCE 1926 – 3 rd St Ocean Park |
| COLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 43 YEARS | COLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 38 YEARS |
| SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
Widowed Divorced NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 4 th | SINGLE WIDOWED OR DIVORCED
Single NUMBER OF MARRIAGE 1 st |
| BIRTHPLACE Tenn. (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE Mexico (State or country) |
| OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Ex-Soldier | OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Houswork |
| (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Pension | b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <i>(blank)</i> |
| NAME OF FATHER Andrew F. Weidenbacker | NAME OF FATHER Tomas Reyes Retana |
| BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Tenn (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Mexico (State or country) |
| MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ida Robertson | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Loreto Majira |
| BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Tenn. (State or country) | BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Mexico (State or country) |
| MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED <i>(blank)</i> | |
| We, the groom and bride named in this Certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. | |
| Jack Weidenback Groom | Ines Reyes Retana Bride |
| CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY that Jack Weidenbacker and Ines Reyes Retana were joined in marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at St. Cecilia's Church, Los Angeles this 15 th day of August 1941 | |
| Signature of Witness to the Marriage: Aurora R R de Azcarraga Residence 1926 3 rd Ave Ocean Park | Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony: Rev Josoph G. Schneider, Asst. Pastor Residence 4230 S. Normandie Ave |
| Filed Aug 19, 1941 | Mame B. Beatty, Recorder, Registrar (County Recorder) |
| A full, true and correct copy of the original recorded this 19th day of August 1941 at 9 A. M. | |
| By Grace Benson, Deputy | |

1942 (age 47): Jack is shown on a voter registration⁶³ in Los Angeles, California. He is living at 4307 Walton av, is listed as Retired, and is voting as Republican. His wife is not shown on this record. There are no other Weidenbackers on the record. When looking at the address though, there are a few others, including a family at this household listed: Mrs. Myrtle T. Barnard, Miss Dorothy M. O'Connor, Miss E. Patricia O'Connor, Francis Michael O'Connor, and Jeremiah B. O'Connor, all at 4307 Walton avenue. Mrs. Myrtle Barnard is the same person as Myrtle Barard on the 1940 census (shown previously).

⁶³ *California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900-1968* (Los Angeles City Precinct No. 459, Los Angeles, California, United States:1942), p. 510, Roll 055, Jack Weidenbacker; 4307 Walton av., party affiliation: Republican; occupation: retired, R; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/29608556:61066>).

..... Weidenbacker, Jack, 4307 Walton av retired, R

JACK MOVES MORE SOUTH, FROM CALIFORNIA TO MEXICO

1956, May 15th (age 60): Jack Weidenbacker and his wife, Ines, are found on the California, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists in San Pedro, Los Angeles, California.⁶⁴ In the notes (second column) the word Tenn is written following Jack, likely indicating his birthplace. Above him listed on this record, his wife's birthplace, it reads Mexico and with a number. Arrival date: 15 May 1956; Point of Embarkation: Mexico, D.F. Mex; Port of Arrival: San Pedro, Los Angeles, California; Airline: Pan American World Airways, Inc.; Flight Number: 584. Another family member is traveling with them, but I am unsure of their relationship (mother or sister or aunt?) Vda De Irureta Delores Reyes.

APPROVED SYSTEM F.A.I. COMM. ICAO ANNEX 9-APP. 2

PASSENGER MANIFEST
 COMPAÑIA MEXICANA DE AVIACION, S.A.
PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. Agents for..

OWNER OR OPERATOR

AIRCRAFT N- XA-JOT U.S.A. FLIGHT NO. 584 DATE May 15th.1956
(REGISTRATION MARKS AND NATIONALITY)

POINT OF EMBARKATION MEXICO, D.F. MEX. POINT OF DISEMBARKATION LOS ANGELES CAL. USA.
(PLACE AND COUNTRY)

| SURNAME AND INITIALS | FOR USE BY OWNER OR OPERATOR ONLY | FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 32.- REYES Vda De <u>IRURETA TRUR. TRA Dolores</u> | <u>T3237394</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>0</u> |
| 33.- WEINDENBACKER Reyes Rita | <u>Mexico V-1375107</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>0.</u> |
| 34.- WEINDENBACKER Robins Jack | <u>Tenn.</u> | <u>PanSci.</u> <u>0.</u> |
| 35.- GASTRILLON Ma Del Pilar | <u>Florida. AP22505</u> | <u>Inde.</u> <u>36</u> |

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JACK PASSES AWAY IN MEXICO

1958, October 15<sup>th</sup> (age 63): Jack Weidenbacker passed away from pneumonia and multiple sclerosis complications (a genetic disease which carried through to his daughter, Mary Jane, and a few of her children). He is married to Inés at the time and passes away at his home at: Calle de la Campana 73, Benito Juárez, Ciudad de México (Mexico City). The address currently (2022) sits at the campus of Universidad Panamericana, a private university, <https://www.up.edu.mx/es/mexico>.

Jack is buried in the St. Francis de la Piedad in Mexico City, Mexico. I have had challenges speaking with someone at the cemetery who can give the exact location and street of Jack's burial stone.

<sup>64</sup> California, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882-1959; Robins Jack Weindenbacker and Reyes Rita Weindenbacker, San Pedro (15 May 1956) *Ancestry.ca* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/10112062:7949>)

D. F. (D. G. de S. L.) Reg. Civ.-23

**ACTA DE DEFUNCION**

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Partida Núm. 361 Trescientos sesenta y uno Weidenbacker Robinson Jack

En México, Distrito Federal, a las diez horas del día dieciocho de octubre de mil novecientos cinquenta y ocho ante mí Francisco Herrera Oficial del Registro Civil, comparece Francisco Herrera y exhibe un certificado médico en el que se hace constar el fallecimiento de Jack Weidenbacker Robinson, con los siguientes datos:

**GENERALES DEL FINADO**

Lugar de nacimiento: Nashville Tennessee E. U. de Norteamérica  
 Edad: sesenta y tres años  
 Nacionalidad: norteamericana Ocupación: Veterano de guerra retirado  
 Domicilio: Calle de la Campana 73, México  
 Estado Civil: casado con Julia Reina Betancur  
 Padres: Judith Weidenbacker y Ida Robinson, padres  
 Enfermedad: Neumonía no traumática. Esclerosis medular múltiple  
 Día y hora del fallecimiento: ayer a las 21:50 horas  
 Lugar del fallecimiento: en su domicilio  
 Lugar de inhumación: Cementerio Francés de la Ciudad  
 Médico que certifica: Rafael Quintanilla y Reyes Retana  
 Domicilio del Médico: Alpes 12-21-7

**GENERALES DEL DECLARANTE**

Edad: veintiocho años Ocupación: empleada  
 Estado Civil: casada Domicilio: Paseo Morena 151

**TESTIGOS**

Names: Rubén Hernández Felipe Torres Luján  
 Edad: veintidós años y veintidós años  
 Ocupación: empleada empleada  
 Domicilio: Paseo Morena 151 Paseo Morena 151  
 Parentesco: amigo amigo

Leída la presente acta, la ratifican y firman los que saben: Francisco Herrera

Francisco Herrera Rubén Hernández Felipe Torres Luján

(image of death certificate for Jack Weidenbacker, Mexico, page 362)<sup>65</sup>

Transcription (Spanish):

**Partida Num.** 361 Trescientos sesenta y uno, Weidenbacker Robinson Jack

<sup>65</sup> Jack Weidenbacker Robinson, death certificate no 361 (15 October 1958), 1958, Distrito Federal, México, Registro Civil, Defunciones, 1861-1987, Benito Juárez, México; digital image, *Ancestry.ca* ([https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/60426/images/004979211\\_01165](https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/60426/images/004979211_01165))

**ACTA DE DEFUNCION**

En México **Distrito Federal**, a las diez horas **del día** dieciséis de Octubre **de mil novecientos** cincuenta y ocho (16 Oct 1958), **ante mi** Francisco Resano, **Oficial del Registro Civil**, comparece Fernando Cerina, y exhibe un certificado médico en el que se hace constar el fallecimiento de la adulto Jack Wiendenbacker Robinson, con los siguientes datos:

**=== GENERALES DEL FINADO ===**

**Lugar de nacimiento:** Nashville, Tennessee, E. N. de Norteamérica

**Edad:** sesenta y tres años

**Nacionalidad:** norteamérica

**Ocupación:** Veterano de guerra retirado

**Domicilio:** Calle de la Campena 73 hiscose?

**Estado Civil:** casada con Inés Rena Retana

**Padres:** Andrés Weindenbacker y Aida Robinson, finados

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**Enfermedad:** Neumonía, no traumática Esclerosis medular múltiple

**Día y hora del fallecimiento:** ayer, a las 21:50 horas

**Lugar del fallecimiento:** su domicilio

**Lugar del inhumación:** Francis Francis de la Piedad

**Médico que certifica:** Rafael Duintamilla y Reyes Retana

**Domicilio del Médico:** Alpes 12-21

**=== GENERALES DEL DECLARANTE ===**

**Edad:** veintisiete años, **Ocupación:** empleado

**Estado Civil:** casado, **Domicilio:** Rosas Moreno 151

**=== TESTIGOS ===**

**Nombres:** Rubén Hernández & Felipe Zorres Cajide

**Edad:** veintitrés años, veintiocho años

**Ocupación:** empleado

**Domicilio:** Rosas Moreno 151

**Parentesco:** ninguno

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**Leída la presente acta, la ratifican y firman los que saben:** Doy fe:  
(signatures)

Translation (English): Item No. 361 Three hundred and sixty-one, Weindenbacker Robinson Jack

**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

In **Mexico City**, at ten o'clock on October 16, 1958, Fernando Cerina **appears before me**, Francisco Resano, **Civil Registry Officer**, and exhibits a medical certificate stating that record the death of the adult Jack Wiendenbacker Robinson, **with the following information:**

=== GENERALS OF THE DECEASED ===

**Place of birth:** Nashville, Tennessee, N.E. of North America  
**Age:** sixty-three years  
**Nationality:** North America  
**Occupation:** Retired War Veteran  
**Address:** Calle de la Campena 73 hiscose?  
**Civil Status:** married to Inés Rena Retana  
**Parents:** Andrés Weindenbacker and Aida Robinson, deceased

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**Disease:** Pneumonia, non-traumatic multiple medullary sclerotic (multiple sclerosis)  
**Day and time of death:** yesterday, at 9:50 p.m.  
**Place of death:** his home  
**Place of burial:** Francis Francis de la Piedad  
**Certifying Physician:** Rafael Duintamilla and Reyes Retana  
**Doctor's Address:** Alpes 12-21

=== GENERALS OF THE DECLARANT ===

**Age:** Twenty-seven, **Occupation:** Clerk  
**Marital status:** married, **Address:** Rosas Moreno 151

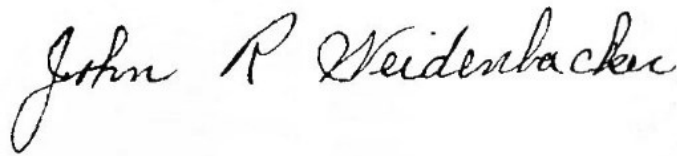
=== WITNESSES ===

**Names:** Ruben Hernandez & Felipe Zorres Cajide  
**Age:** twenty-three years & twenty-eight years  
**Occupation:** employee  
**Address:** Rosas Moreno 151  
**Relationship:** none

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**Having read this document, it is ratified and signed by those who know:** I attest:  
 (signatures)

His signatures:

|                                                                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|  | From his 1919 marriage certificate |
|                                                                                     |                                    |

~~~ end of Jack Weidenbacker section ~~~

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