

FLORENCE HELEN ANDREWS

Notes by Brian Strehlke

“What happened to Florence?” asked Cousin Carolyn.

Three daughters were born to George W Andrews and Hortense Florence White Andrews in Kansas. These were Winifred Florence (b. 1874), Nellie Mable (b. 1876) and Florence Helen (b. 1880). Sometime after Florence was born, the family moved to western Colorado and the new town of Montrose. After some time there, they were in Denver where Hortense died.

When their mother died of Florence was only 10 years attempt to raise the three Nellie and Florence back to Kansas to live with their (sister of Hortense).



cancer in 1890 at the age of 37, old. Widowed George did not girls on his own. He brought their hometown Concordia, Aunt Matie White Houston

Winifred married Johann 17. They moved to Aspen was sent Back East to school Seminary in Pennsylvania.

Drost in 1891 in Denver, she was and opened a drug store. Nellie with Florence at the Darlington Nellie joined Winifred in San

Francisco afterwards where she married Louis Strehlke in 1896. Nellie and Louis had met in Aspen, Colorado while he was apprenticing under Mr Drost; he followed her to San Francisco after graduating from University of Kansas and Northwestern University with a degree as a pharmacist. Louis and Nellie returned to Colorado for the next 20 years. Winifred stayed in California where she remarried Martin Kronenberg after the death of Johann. Louis and Nellie came out to California for good after World War I.

After school Back East, Florence returned to Kansas and lived with Aunt Phenie (Mary Josephine Truesdell Marshall who was actually a first cousin) and her husband George W Marshall.

George W Andrews died in January 1906. All three of his daughters are mentioned in the probate documents by his widow, F Anna Andrews (Fannie Anna Walkminster at the time of their marriage). Florence had apparently married by this time as she is listed as Florence Hudson, living in “Ureka, Cali” (Eureka, Humboldt Co, California).

Florence next appears in public records in 1919 when she married Marcus Lester Blackwell. It was listed as the first marriage for both. They were living in Oregon, married in Vancouver, Washington and then moved to the far North of California.

Cynthia Andrews, sister of George W, mentioned all three Andrews Sisters in her will (1921). Nellie Strehlke is bequeathed five dollars, as is Florence Blackman (sic). Winifred Drost received \$3,000. Interestingly, Nellie and Florence are prefaced by

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“neice” (sic); Winifred apparently needed no introduction. Winifred was also listed as a residual beneficiary.

Both Florence and her husband sometimes used their middle names; he going by Lester and she by Helen. During World War II, they moved to Alameda, California. They do not appear to have had children. She lived until 1950; her husband survived her by five years.

So, what happened to Florence?

She lived with relatives after her mother died. Her father died when she was 25 by which time she was already married and living in California. When she was in her late thirties, she married again in Washington State and lived the next 21 years in northern California. She died in Oakland and is interred at the Chapel of the Chimes, which was designed by famed architect Julia Morgan. Who her first husband was, where they married and what happened to him, at this point remains a mystery.

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Florence Andrews Blackwell
Winifred Andrews Von Dorst
Florence Anna Von Dorst
Della Vedova
Winifred Della Vedova (Thuring)
Requa, Calif.
Florence + Winifred sisters of
Nellie Maule Andrews

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Requa, Calif 1928/9

Peter Fred Della Vedova
Richard Peter Della Vedova
Florence Andrews Blackwell
Winifred Della Vedova (Thuring)
Winifred Andrews Von Dross Kronenberg
Margaret Della Vedova (4 prisoner)
Martin Kronenberg

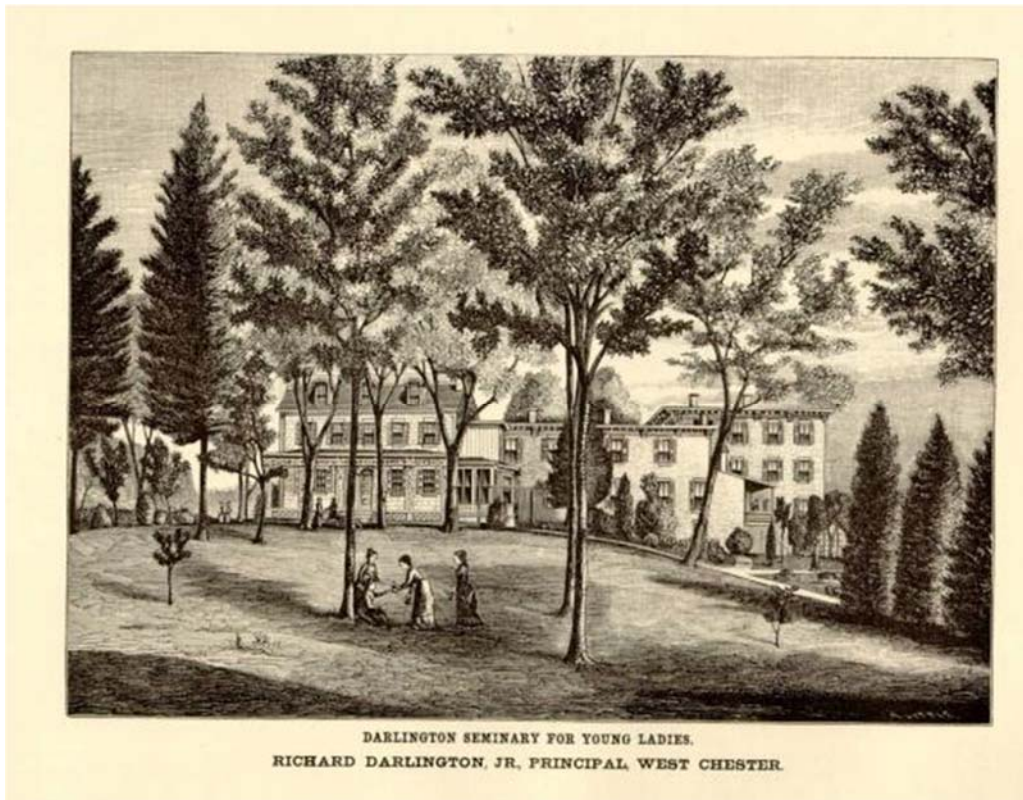
Winifred Andrews sister of Nellie Maude Andrews

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Darlington Seminary on a turn of the century postcard.



Darlington seminary when imagined from Out West.

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Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, California.

Final resting place of Helen Florence Blackwell.

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Facts from Documents

Date	Location	Description	Source	Record
1895	Concordia, Cloud, KS	Living with George W & Josephine Marshall, their two sons George T and Joe T and Mary Johnson (born Michigan like Josephine). Occupation for George is Mayor. Florence is listed as Age 14, born in Kansas. <i>Josephine was known to Nellie, Winifred and Florence as Aunt Phenie. She was actually not their mother Hortense White's sister, but her niece, Mary Josephine Truesdell; daughter of Laytitia White and Jesse Truesdell.</i>	Kansas State Census	1
8 Feb 1906	Colorado Springs, El Paso Co, CO	Listed as Florence Hudson of "Ureka, Cali" along with: F Anna Andrews, Manitou Colo, Widow Winifred Drost, Manitou Colo, Daughter Nellie Strehlke, Mont Rose Colo, Daughter	Probate Record for George W Andrews	2
5 May 1919	Vancouver, Clarke, WA	Florence H Andrews (BP KS, Age 37), daughter of Geo. W Andrews (BP NY) and Hortense White (BP VA, sic), married to, M L Blackwell, (Age 41), Fisherman, son of Burt Blackwell and Fannie Williams (BP for all 3 NC) Bride and Groom both residents of Oregon City, OR.	Marriage Certificate	3
1920	Marshfield, Coos, OR	Florence Blackwell living with husband Marcus L Blackwell at 356 N Front Street. Her occupation is Rooming House Landlady. His occupation is Deepsea Fisherman.	US Census	4

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Date	Location	Description	Source	Record
Sep 1921	Sparta, Noble Co, IN	Cynthia Andrews LaFong dies in Indiana. She mentions Nellie Strehlke, Florence Blackman (sic) and Winifred Drost in her will.	Probate Records for Cynthia LaFong	5
1930	Klamath, Del Norte, CA	Helen Blackwell (Age 49) living with husband Lester Blackwell (Age 52) and his brother Bud Blackwell (Age 49) on Redwood Hwy, Requa. Her occupation is Home. Occupation for both Lester and Bud is Fire Wood Contractor.	US Census	6
1940	Klamath, Del Norte, CA	Florence H Blackwell (Age 59) living with husband L M Blackwell (Age 61). Her occupation is blank. Occupation for LM is Salmon Fisherman.	US Census	7
1942	Requa, Del Norte, CA	Mrs Florence Blackwell listed as contact for Marcus Lester Blackwell.	Draft Registration	8
1944	Alameda, CA	Florence H Blackwell and Marcus Lester Blackwell at 1630 Lincoln Ave, Alameda, CA Her occupation is Homemaker. His occupation is Pipefitter.	CA Voter Registration List	9
1950	Alameda, CA	Helen Florence Blackwell died 30 Nov 1950. Born 23 Nov 1880 Kansas. Father's surname was Andrews.	CA Death Index	10
30 Nov 1950	Oakland, CA	Helen Florence Blackwell died 30 Nov 1950. Born 23 Nov 1880 Kansas. Father was "George Andrews - not known". Mother listed as "not known". Husband was Lester Blackwell. Interred at Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland.	Death Certificate	11
1962	Manitou Springs, CO	Recollection of George L Strehlke, Sr. It is not clear that he ever met his Aunt Florence.	The Strehlke Saga	12

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Record # 1 1895 Kansas Census - George W and Josephine Marshall Family Page 1 of 2

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925



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Name Florence Andrews

Census Date 1 Mar 1895

Residence County Cloud

Residence State Kansas

Locality Concordia

Birth Place Kansas

Family Number 187

Gender Female

Age 14

Birth Year 1881

Race White

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925

1895 > Cloud > Concordia

SCHEDULE 1 - POPULATION. Page No. 26

In the County of _____ In the State of Kansas, on the first day of March, 1895.

The head of every group shall give the name of the head of the family, and the name of the family.		Place of birth, naming state or territory of birth, or the name of the foreign birth.		Whether born in Kansas, naming state or territory of birth, or the name of the foreign birth.		Profession, occupation or trade of each person, male or female, 10 years old and over.		Trade or profession today learned by each person, male or female, under 10 years of age.		ILLITERATE	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
184	184	Barnes Martin	2	M	Mo						
		Baby	3								
185	185	Hills E. C.	33		Mo						
		Boss	33		Mo						
		Morris	10								
		John	7		Mo						
		Oliver	6		Mo						
		Edgar	3								
		Robert	1								
186	186	Goldwell W. H.	64		Mo						
		Cal	34		Mo						
		Edna	23		Mo						
		Edna	11								
187	187	Goldinger Mrs.	34		Mo						
		Quinn	21		Mo						
		Willie	13								
		Paul S.	11		Mo						
		Mrs. Quinn	45		Mo						
188	188	Fuller	42		Mo						
		Lizzie	23		Mo						
		Edith	12		Mo						
		John	10		Mo						
		Robert	3		Mo						
		Myrtle Lee	22		Mo						
		Arthur	11								
189	189	Marshall Mrs.	33		Mo						
		Anna	33		Mo						
		Robert	6		Mo						
		Martha	2		Mo						
190	190	Marshall Geo. W.	31		Mo						
		Josephine	26		Mo						
		Geo. S.	18		Mo						
		Joe S.	8		Mo						

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Record # 1 1895 Kansas Census - George W and Josephine Marshall Family Page 2 of 2

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925 for Florence Andrews

1895 > Cloud > Concordia

Page No. **27** POPULATION.

SCHEDULE 1. Inhabitants in the _____ of _____

Post Office, _____ Assessor, _____

Families, as listed in the order of visitation.		The name of every person, whose place of abode on the first day of March, 1890, was in this family.		DESCRIPTION.		State of birth, naming state or territory of United States; or the country, if of foreign birth.
1	2	3	4	5	6	
→ 1	Andrews, Florence	at	F	W	Kan.	12
2	Johnston, Mary	at	W	W	Mo.	3

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Record # 2 1906 Probate Record for George W Andrew

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1. ATTATYD OF DECEASED - The West West Printing and Stationery Co., Colorado Springs, Colo.

STATE OF COLORADO, }
El Paso COUNTY. } ss.

F. Anna Anderson being duly sworn, deposes
and says: That George W. Anderson late of the
Town of Manitou in the County of El Paso
and State aforesaid, departed this life at Manitou
in said County, on or about the 20th day of January
A. D. 1906, and that he died leaving no last will and testament
to the best of her knowledge and belief.

F. Anna Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th
day of Feb. 190. 6

N. E. Swann
Deputy

FORM 1-112. PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION—The First Printing and Publishing Co., Colorado Springs
 (Replaces Subform N, 2nd County, Colorado, approved by Colorado Springs, March 25, 1934)

STATE OF COLORADO. }
 COUNTY OF El Paso } ss. IN THE COUNTY COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF }
George W. Andrews } Petition of
Successor. } F. Anna Andrews
 for Letters of Administration.

TO THE HON. Robert Kerr JUDGE OF THE COUNTY
 COURT OF El Paso COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.

The petition of the undersigned F. Anna Andrews
 respectfully represents that George W. Andrews late of the County
 of El Paso deceased, departed this life at Manitou
 in said County, on or about the fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1936
 leaving no last Will and Testament as far as your jurisdiction extends or believes
 that this petition further states that the said George W. Andrews
 died seized and possessed of Real Estate as follows, to-wit: Lots Nos 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
W 1/4 Sect 26 T4 S and all that part of lot 22, Township and Range as follows: Sub
division of 24 a part on the 4th of June of said lot 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 76

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Record # 3 1919 Marriage Certificate - M L Blackwell & Florence H Andrews Page 1 of 1

Washington, Marriage Records, 1854-2013

Saved To

Florence Helen Andrews

Detail Related Source

Name **Florence H Andrews**
Gender **Female**
Marriage Age **37**
Birth Date **1882**
Birth Place **Kansas, USA**
Marriage Date **5 May 1919**
Marriage Place **Vancouver, Clarke,
Washington, USA**
Father **Geo W Andrews**
Mother **Hortence Andrews**
Spouse **M L Blackwell**

Washington, Marriage Records, 1854-2013 for Florence H Andrews

Clarke > Marriage Applications and Certificates 1919 May-Aug

This blank to be filled in by the Minister, Priest or Official performing the marriage ceremony and returned to the County Auditor of the County in which the marriage took place, within ten days from the date of marriage. Write PLAINLY with unfading ink. This is a permanent record. See that EVERY BLANK is properly filled in.

GROOM		Personal and Statistical Particulars		BRIDE	
Full Name <i>M L Blackwell</i>		Full Name <i>Florence H Andrews</i>		793	
Residence <i>Oregon City</i>		Residence <i>Oregon City Ore</i>			
Age at last Birthday <i>49</i> Years		Age at last Birthday <i>37</i> Years			
Color or Race <i>W.</i>		Color or Race <i>W.</i>			
Single, Widowed or Divorced <i>1st</i>		Single, Widowed or Divorced <i>1st</i>			
Number of Marriages <i>1st</i>		Number of Marriages <i>1st</i>			
Birthplace <i>N.C.</i>		Birthplace <i>Kan.</i>			
Occupation <i>Fisherman</i>		Occupation			
Name of Father <i>B. F. Blackwell</i>		Name of Father <i>Geo. W. Andrews</i>			
Birthplace of Father <i>N.C.</i>		Birthplace of Father <i>N. Y.</i>			
Maiden Name of Mother <i>Fannie Williams</i>		Maiden Name of Mother <i>Hortense White</i>			
Birthplace of Mother <i>N.C.</i>		Birthplace of Mother <i>Va.</i>			
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 herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.					
<i>M. L. Blackwell</i> Groom		<i>Florence H. Andrews</i> Bride			
I HEREBY CERTIFY that <i>M. L. Blackwell</i> and <i>Florence H. Andrews</i> were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at <i>Vancouver</i> this <i>5</i> day of <i>May</i> 191 <i>9</i>					
Signature of <i>Emma Prather</i>		Signature of the person performing the ceremony <i>L. H. Grimes</i>			
Res. <i>Portland, O. R.</i>		Official Station <i>Minister</i>			
Witnesses <i>Phoebe Shea</i>		Residence <i>City</i>			
Res. <i>City</i> St. No.					

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Record # 4 1920 US Census - Marcus & Florence Blackwell

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Name	Florence Blackwell	
Age	39	
Birth Year	1881	
Birthplace	Kansas	
Home in 1920	Marshfield, Coos, Oregon	
Street	Front St North	
Residence Date	1920	
Race	White	
Gender	Female	
Relation to Head of House	Wife	
Marital Status	Married	
Spouse's Name	Marcus L Blackwell	
Father's Birthplace	New York	
Mother's Birthplace	Michigan	
Able to Speak English	Yes	
Occupation	Landlady	
Industry	Rooming House	
Employment Field	Own Account	
Able to read	Yes	
Able to Write	Yes	
Neighbors	View others on page	
Household Members	Name	Age
	Marcus L Blackwell	42
	Florence Blackwell	39

STATE Mass DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS (79-476) SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 1 SHEET NO. 7
 COUNTY Coxs FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920-POPULATION CO EXAMINATION DISTRICT NO. 115
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY North Marshallfield South Mass NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Marshallfield WARD OF CITY 5
 SHARE OF INSTITUTION None ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 10th day of June 1920. Carl B. Huggs ENROLLMENT

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Record # 5 1921 Will of Cynthia LaFong

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I, Cynthia LaFong, a married woman of Noble County, Ind., calling to mind the uncertainties of life and wishing to make testamentary disposition of my worldly affairs do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring null and void all former wills by me made.

Item One. It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon after my death as may be convenient, including a monument and the endowment of the lot where I may be buried.

Item two:— Believeing and feeling that my husband Harrison LaFong has sufficient for his needs it is my will that he take nothing from my Estate.

Item Three. I give and bequeath unto my niece Nellie Strehlke the sum of Five Dollars.

Item Four: I give and bequeath unto my niece Florence plackman the sum of Five Dollars.

Item Five:— I give and bequeath unto Eugene Jordan, the boy raised by us, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

Item Six : I give and bequeath unto Winifred Drost the sum of Three Thousand Dollars.

Item Seven: All the rest and residue of my Estate I wish equally divided between Eugene Jordan and Winifred Drost.

Item Eight. I hereby nominate and appoint John Crothers as Executor of this will.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of September, 1921.

Mrs. Cynthia La Fong (Seal)

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Cynthia LaFong as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses this 13th day of September, 1921.

Carlos D. Lane

William H Wigton

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Record # 5 1921 Will of Cynthia LaFong

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The State of Indiana, Noble County, SS:

Be It Remembered, That on the 26th day of September, 1921, William H. Wigton one of the subscribing witnesses to the within and foregoing last Will and Testament of Cynthia LaFong late of said County, deceased, personally appeared before the Clerk of the Noble Circuit Court of Noble County, in the State of Indiana, and being duly sworn by the Clerk of said Court, upon his oath, declared and testified as follows, that is to say: That on the 13th day of September, 1921 he saw the said Cynthia LaFong sign her name to said instrument in writing as and for her last Will and Testament; and that this deponent, at the same time heard the said Cynthia LaFong declare the said instrument in writing to be her last Will and Testament; and that the said instrument in writing was, at the same time, at the request of the said Cynthia LaFong and with her consent attested and subscribed by the said William H. Wigton and Carlos D. Lane in the presence of said Testator, and in the presence of each other, as subscribing witnesses thereto, and that the said Cynthia LaFong was, at the time of signing and subscribing of said instrument in writing, as aforesaid, of full age (that is more than twentyone years of age), and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not under any coercion or restraint, as the said deponent verily believes, and further deponent says that said testator died in Noble County, Indiana on the 21st day of September, 1921.

William H. Wigton

Sworn to and subscribed by the said William H. Wigton before me, Clerk of said Court, at Albion, the 26th day of September, 1921. In attestation whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court.

(SEAL)

Isaac Deter, Clerk.

The State of Indiana, Noble County, SS:

I, Isaac Deter, Clerk of the Noble Circuit Court of Noble County, Indiana, do hereby certify that the within annexed Will and Testament of Cynthia LaFong has been duly admitted to probate, and duly proved by the testimony of William H. Wigton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, that a complete record of the testimony of the said William H. Wigton in proof thereof, has been by me duly made and recorded in Book 7 at Pages 513 and 514 of the Record of Wills of said County.

In Attestation Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the seal of said Court at Albion this 26th day of September, 1921.

Isaac Deter

(SEAL)

Clerk Noble Circuit Court, Noble County, Indiana.

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Filed Sep 26, 1921 Isaac Deter Clerk Noble Circuit Court.

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Household Members	Name	Age
	Lester Blackwell	52
	Helen Blackwell	49
	Bud Blackwell	49

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Record # 7 1940 US Census - ML & Florence H Blackwell

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Name	Florence H Blackwell						
Respondent	Yes						
Age	59						
Estimated Birth Year	1881						
Gender	Female						
Race	White						
Birthplace	Kansas						
Marital Status	Married						
Relation to Head of House	Wife						
Home in 1940	Klamath, Del Norte, California						
Map of Home in 1940	Klamath, Del Norte, California						
Inferred Residence in 1935	Klamath, Del Norte, California						
Residence in 1935	Same House						
Resident on farm in 1935	No						
Sheet Number	5B						
Attended School or College	No						
Highest Grade Completed	High School, 4th year						
Neighbors	View others on page						
Household Members	<table> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Age</th> </tr> <tr> <td>L M Blackwell</td> <td>61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Florence H Blackwell</td> <td>59</td> </tr> </table>	Name	Age	L M Blackwell	61	Florence H Blackwell	59
Name	Age						
L M Blackwell	61						
Florence H Blackwell	59						

128	B	6 ⁰⁰	No	Blackwell L M	Head	M	Yr	61	M	No	8	4	7	Carolina
				Blackwell Florence H	Wife	F	Yr	59	M	No	4	30		Kansas
Ind		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
No		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Record # 8 1942 Draft Registration - Marcus Lester Blackwell

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Marcus Lester Blackwell

U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

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Marcus Lester Blackwell

Detail Related Source

Name **Marcus Lester
Blackwell**

Gender **Male**

Race **White**

Birth Date **30 May 1878**

Birth Place **North Carolina, USA**

Residence **Del Norte, California,
Place USA**

Military Draft **1942**
Date

Relationship to **Head**
Draftee

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER 547 **1. NAME (Print)** *Marcus Lester Blackwell* **ORDER NUMBER**

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) *Regua, Del Norte, Calif.*

3. MAILING ADDRESS *Same*

4. TELEPHONE

5. AGE IN YEARS *63* **6. PLACE OF BIRTH** *N. Carolina*

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS *Mrs. Florence Blackwell, Regua, Calif.*

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS *Del Norte County, Crescent City, Calif.*

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS *Klamath, Del Norte, Calif.*

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. N. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42) **10-21230-2** *Marcus Lester Blackwell*

FLORENCE HELEN ANDREWS

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Record # 9 1944 Voter Registration - Mrs Florence H & Marcus Lester Blackwell Page 1 of 1

Mrs Florence H Blackwell

in the California, Voter Registrations, 1900-1968

[Helen](#) in tree "Strehlke" [Remove](#)



Name: Mrs Florence H Blackwell

Residence Date: 1944

Street Address: 1630 Lincoln ave

Residence Place: Alameda, California, USA

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Occupation: Housewife

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Florence

Trees

November 7, 1944

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PRECINCT—ALAMEDA 54

LINE NUMBER ON ROSTER	NAME, ADDRESS, OCCUPATION AND POLITICAL AFFILIATION
.....	Alexander Page, 1600B Santa Clara ave, ship's clerk.....Dem
.....	Allemandi, Charles Alfred, 1530 Paru st, pipefitter.....Dem
.....	Allemandi, Mrs Clementine, 1530 Paru st, housewife.....Dem
.....	Allen, Miss Helen W, 1411 Grand st, housekeeper.....Dem
.....	Allison, Byron, 1715 Central ave, photo finisher.....Rep
.....	Allison, Mrs Doris, 1715 Central ave, housewife.....Rep
.....	Anderson, Miss Janice, 1425 Union st, private secy.....Dem
.....	Anderson, Mrs Margaret J, 1425 Union st, housewife.....Rep
.....	Barker, Mrs Alice M, 1619 Santa Clara ave, housewife.....Rep
.....	Barker, Frank T, 1619 Santa Clara ave, retired.....Rep
.....	Barker, Mrs Mabel B, 1619 Santa Clara ave, housewife.....Rep
.....	Baxter, Miss Beth J, 1723 Central ave, student.....Rep
.....	Baxter, Edward Howard, 1723 Central ave, merchant.....Rep
.....	Baxter, Mrs Rena Scott, 1723 Central ave, housewife.....Rep
.....	Beakley, Clyde A, 1419 Grand st, shipfitter.....Declines
.....	Beakley, Mrs Dorothy Fisher, 1419 Grand st, housewife.....Non-Part
.....	Bedford, Mrs Edith R, 1419 Union st, housewife.....Rep
.....	Bedford, Walter G, 1419 Union st, sales worker.....Rep
.....	Berquest, Ellsworth E, 1601 Central ave, salesman.....Rep
.....	Berquest, Gertrude I, 1601 Central ave, account clerk.....Rep
.....	Bishop, Miss Mary Elizabeth, 1733 Central ave, retired.....Rep
.....	Blackwell, Mrs Florence H, 1630 Lincoln ave, housewife.....Dem
.....	Blackwell, Marcus Lester, 1630 Lincoln ave, pipefitter.....Dem

FLORENCE HELEN ANDREWS

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Record # 10 California Death Index - Helen Florence Blackwell

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California, Death Index, 1940-1997

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Name Helen Florence Blackwell

Gender Female

Birth Date 23 Nov 1880

Birth Place Kansas

Death Date 30 Nov 1950

Death Place Alameda

Father's Surname Andrews

Household Members

FLORENCE HELEN ANDREWS

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Record # 11 Death Certificate, Alameda Cty, California - Helen Florence Blackwell Page 1 of 1

STATE OF CALIFORNIA									
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD									
OFFICE OF CLERK-RECORDER									
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA									
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA									
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 101		REGISTRAR'S NO. 4158		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH a		STATE Calif.			
1. NAME OF DECEASED - FIRST NAME HELEN		2. MIDDLE NAME FLORENCE		3. LAST NAME BLACKWELL		4. DATE OF DEATH - MONTH, DAY, YEAR November 30, 1950		5. HOUR 6:40 P.	
6. SEX Female		7. COLOR OR RACE White		8. MARRIAGE STATUS Married		9. DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 23, 1880		10. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY) 70	
11. USUAL OCCUPATION Housewife		12. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY at home		13. BIRTHPLACE (COUNTRY) Kansas		14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.			
15. NAME OF FATHER George Andrews - not known		16. MOTHER NAME OF MOTHER not known		17. NAME OF SPOUSE OF MARRIED Lester Blackwell		18. INFORMANT Lester Blackwell			
19. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? no		20. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER none		21. LENGTH OF STAY IN THE PLACE 8 yrs		22. COUNTY Alameda			
23. PLACE OF DEATH - CITY OR TOWN Oakland		24. FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION - IF NOT IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION Highland-Alameda County Hospital Oakland, Calif.		25. STREET ADDRESS OF RURAL OR LOCATION 1580 Lincoln Ave.		26. CITY OR TOWN Alameda		27. COUNTY Alameda	
28. STATE Calif.		29. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH Cerebral Thrombosis		30. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH Hypertension		31. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH Arteriosclerosis		32. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS 11/14/50	
33. DATE OF OPERATION 12-4-50		34. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION Chapel of the Chimes		35. LOCATION - CITY OR TOWN Alameda		36. COUNTY Alameda		37. STATE Calif.	
38. ACCIDENT no		39. PLACE OF INJURY 1716 Santa Clara Ave.		40. LOCATION - CITY OR TOWN Alameda		41. COUNTY Alameda		42. STATE Calif.	
43. TIME OF INJURY 12:45		44. INJURY OCCURRED while at work		45. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? none		46. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Anderson & Petersen		47. LICENSE NUMBER 2295	
48. SIGNATURE H. A. Kinton		49. DATE 12-4-50		50. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR DeT. Townsend		51. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Anderson & Petersen		52. ADDRESS Oakland, Calif.	
53. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR DEC 4 1950		54. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR DeT. Townsend		55. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Anderson & Petersen		56. ADDRESS Oakland, Calif.			

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Melissa Wilk
Melissa Wilk
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

Record # 12 1961 Recollection of George L Strehlke, Sr - from The Strehlke Saga,
Appendix: Andrews Personality Notes

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IV. Second Marriage of George W. Andrews

- A. She was generally considered a "battle-ax"
 - 1. Dad's family hostile to her--Dad doesn't even know the woman's name.
- B. Ganna and Winifred held the woman responsible for Florence's going wrong when she was young.
 - 1. Florence, upon encouragement from her stepmother, began dating an undesirable man. For many years thereafter she worked in "seamy" places.
 - 2. At one point the place she worked in caught fire, and she was severely burned. Gannadaddy claimed "they" burned it purposely to "get" Florence (for some mysterious reason). He did not come to her aid because of fear of what her reputation might do to a young man's struggling business in those "straight-laced" days. But Auntie Winnie flew to the rescue and nursed her sister for many months, eventually back to health.

Annotation:

IV.A.1 The name of George W Andrews' second wife at the time of their marriage in Perry, Oklahoma (1892/3), was Fannie Anna Walkminster. She was a native of Switzerland and 14 years his junior.

IV.B.2 has always been a strange read. I can see that my Grandfather was hazy on it. He must have been a small boy when this fire happened. Was the expectation that his Father (Gannadaddy to my Dad and Sally) should have gone to her, wherever she was, because Nellie was incapacitated by rheumatoid arthritis?

<http://www.manitouspringsheritagecenter.org/NewNew/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Hiawatha-Gardens-Exhibit.pdf>

This discussion and history of Hiawatha Gardens is disappointing in that it does not mention George W Andrews.