

Chapter 03998 1918

BESSIE MAE PIERCE

and

**Roscoe Vincent BRIGHTBILL
and Thomas Galvin**

Mauston Wisconsin, Chillicothe Ohio,
Portland Oregon and Annison Alabama

George Pearce branch #5, generation #5.

Bessie is a 2nd great granddaughter
of Henry Pearce #1

Bessie is the same generation #5
as cousin Charles Small Pierce.



1914 Chillicothe Ohio

1/18/2025


Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Bessie Mae PIERCE

Bessie Mae PIERCE is the 2nd great granddaughter of Henry PEARCE


Self

	Henry PEARCE b: 25 Jul 1725 England d: 08 Jul 1788 Fairfield, NJ		Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR b: 06 May 1737 England d: 16 Oct 1814 Fairfield, NJ
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Son

	George PEARCE b: 05 Jan 1779 England d: 15 Nov 1853
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Grandson

	William M. PEARCE b: 1810 Fairfield, NJ d: 17 May 1867
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Great grandson

	William Davis PIERCE b: 17 Jun 1848 NJ d: 02 Feb 1924 Spokane, WA
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2nd great granddaughter

	Bessie Mae PIERCE b: 14 Dec 1897 Mauston, Juneau Co WI d: 15 Aug 1977
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Generation #5

Marriage 1—Brightbill, 30 years

John F & Sarah L.

Roscoe Vincent BRIGHTBILL
 Born: 31 Mar 1888
 Franklin, Ohio
 Died: 17 Jan 1948
 Chillicothe, Ohio

William Davis & Harriet Jane 'Hattie'

Bessie Mae PIERCE
 Born: 14 Dec 1897
 Mauston, Juneau Co WI
 Died: 15 Aug 1977

Marriage: 13 Jan 1918 in Spokane, Washington

Go	Children: 1	Sex	Birth	Death
◀	Marian Lorraine BRIGHTBILL	F	23 Aug 1920 in Canton, Ohio	12 Oct 1988 in Anniston, Alabama

Marriage 2 - Galvin, 18 years

Thomas Anthony Galvin
 Born: 05 Jul 1891
 Died: 21 Feb 1968
 Portland, Oregon

Bessie Mae PIERCE
 Born: 14 Dec 1897
 Mauston, Juneau Co WI
 Died: 15 Aug 1977

Marriage: 28 Feb 1950 in Hamilton, Ohio

Go	Children: 0	Sex	Birth	Death
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Roscoe Vincent BRIGHTBILL 3/31/1888—1/17/1948 (59).

He enlisted 9/11/1907 in the US Army.

He served 1914 in at Tienkin, China.

WW1 Organized 4-6 September 1917 at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Demobilized 22-30 April 1919 at Camp Lewis, Washington.

WW1 - Captain in **Ohio 91st division, 181st Infantry Brigade, 361st regiment, Company B.** Discharged 9/30/1941, 2 months before WW2.



WW1 91st Division

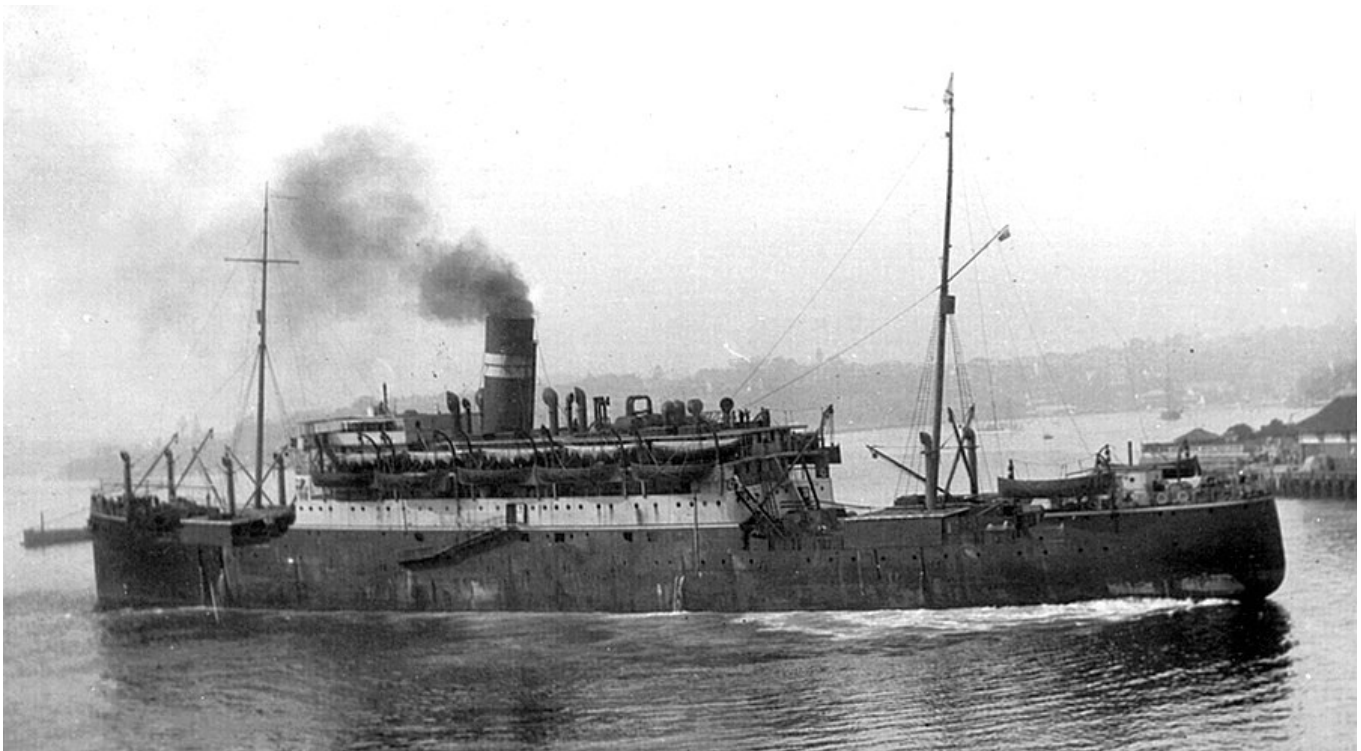
KAROA transport ship 1918 log

Hoboken NJ to Brest France

World War 1, 361st Infantry, Companies B and D. Roscoe Brightbill, husband of Bessie Pierce of Wisconsin.

HEADQUARTERS PORT OF EMBARKATION, HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY							
PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS							
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM							
Separate lists of FIVE COPIES EACH, will be filled out by each company or detachment commander as follows:							
1st List: Officers arranged according to rank, Army Field Clerks, Field Clerks Q. M. C., Nurses and Civilian Employees. Names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.							
2d List: Non-commissioned Officers above Grade 17, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to grade.							
3d List: Enlisted men below Grade 16, (Paragraph 9, Army Regulations), arranged according to the usual formation of the Company, that is, by squads. These names should be numbered consecutively beginning with No. 1.							
To be filled in by Organization	Give full name of organization including company and regimental designation.			Date of Sailing		Item Number	
To be filled in by General Superintendent, Army Transport Service.	Name of Transport or Commercial Steamer.			Date of Sailing		Port	
No.	NAME (Family name followed by Christian name and middle initial, same as on service record.)	Numerical Designation of Enlisted Men	Rank & Corps, Ex'pt. Capt. QMELC	Organization	NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. (Give name in full, for example: Mrs. Mary A. Smith)	Relation-ship.	ADDRESS (Number, Street, City and State.) Do not abbreviate.
Leave double space between names. All typewriting must be in CAPITAL LETTERS							
1	FRIEND S. DICKINSON		CAPT. IRO	MRS EVANGELINE S. DICKINSON	MOTHER		WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON.
2*	ROSCOE V. F. BRIGHTBILL		1ST LT DIA	MRS BESSIE MAE BRIGHTBILL	WIFE		514 HARRISON STREET, HILLIARD, WASHINGTON.

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KAROA

Families fearfully saying goodbye at the dock.
Will he make it back?



The United States suffered 116,516 military deaths in World War I.

This number includes **53,402 battle deaths** and 63,114 deaths from disease and accidents.



“In **June and July 1918**, the division departed Hoboken NJ for England.

In **September 1918**, the division's first operation was in the St. Mihiel Offensive in France. Serving under the U.S. Army's 5 Corps, the division, now commanded by Major General William Johnson Jr., fought in the **Meuse-Argonne Offensive** and successfully helped to destroy the German First Guard Division and continued to smash through 3 successive enemy lines.

12 days before the end of World War I, the division, as part of the 7 Corps of the French 6 Army, helped **drive** the Germans east across the Escaut River in the Battle of the Lys and the Escaut.” (Wikipedia)

Captain Roscoe Brightbill, US Army



WW1 Silver Star

The **Silver Star** Medal is the United States' 3rd highest award for combat valor.

It ranks 5th in the importance of military awards behind the Medal of Honor, the Crosses (Distinguished Service Cross/Navy Cross/Air Force Cross), the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (awarded by the Department of Defense), and the Distinguished Service Medals of the various branches of service. (Wikipedia)

Bessie Pierce and Roscoe Brightbill were only married a month before he shipped out for France in early 1918

But in 1919, Roscoe was coming home to 535 Kern Ave, Chillicothe, Ohio with a **Captain** rank and a **Silver Star**. The war ended 11/11/1918.

Chillicothe, Ohio newspaper 11/11/1918



Bessie and Roscoe married 1/5/1918 in Spokane, Washington.

County Form No. 31

When Ceremony is performed fill this blank and within 5 days return to
COUNTY AUDITOR, SPOKANE, WASH.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

County of Spokane

Town of Spokane

or
City of Spokane

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

LICENSE NO. A **Nº 23707**

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

GROOM	BRIDE
Full Name <u>Roscoe V. Brightbell</u>	Full Name <u>Bessie Pierce</u>
Residence <u>Camp Lewis, Wn.</u>	Residence <u>Hillyard, Wn.</u>
Age at last Birthday <u>27</u> years	Age at last Birthday <u>20</u> years
Color or Race <u>white</u>	Color or Race <u>white</u>
Single Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>	Single Widowed or Divorced <u>Single</u>
Number of Marriage <u>First</u>	Number of Marriage <u>First</u>
Birthplace <u>Ohio</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace <u>Wis.</u> (State or Country)
Occupation <u>Soldier</u>	Occupation <u>W.G. Pierce</u>
Name of Father <u>John Frank Brightbell</u>	Name of Father <u>W.G. Pierce</u>
Birthplace of Father <u>Tenn</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Father <u>W. Va.</u> (State or Country)
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Lamona Smith</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Kattie Rice</u>
Birthplace of Mother <u>Tenn</u> (State or Country)	Birthplace of Mother <u>Wis.</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 herein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Roscoe V. Brightbell Groom Bessie Pierce Bride

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Roscoe V. Brightbell and Bessie Pierce were joined in Marriage by me

in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, at Spokane

this 5th day of January, 1918

Signature of Witnesses to Marriage { Budie Cronke
Chas. Reynolds }

Signature of Person Performing the Ceremony { Gutierrez }

RESIDENCE Spokane OFFICIAL STATION Spokane

ANDERSON. JAN 7 1918 RESIDENCE Spokane

(County Auditor)

SHAW & BORDEN CO. 171303

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

Queen = City #14

W. G. Pierce

W. H. M. - 2401

Soldier's Dream Realized; Sgt. Brightbill Moves Here

True to his promise to make his home in Ross county after his retirement from the U. S. Army, Master Sergeant Roscoe V. Brightbill has returned to Chillicothe, is now employed as assistant clerk to the city draft board, and plans to move his furniture from Fort Wayne, Ind., in the near future.

Sergeant and Mrs. Brightbill will occupy the O. J. Smith residence on U. S. R. 50 east in Liber-

ty township. There Sergeant Brightbill plans to make material the plans he made as he retired from active duty on Sept. 30th.

Announcement from Air Base Headquarters, Baer Field, Fort Wayne, early in September concerning the sergeant's retirement quoted him as saying: "And now I'm going to do what every old soldier I've ever known has wanted to do. I'm going to raise chickens, have a garden, hunt and fish and keep a couple of hound dogs,"

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2 months later was Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

Draft Board No. 1 Wins Plaudits For Efficient Records

"Selective Service Board No. 1 of Springfield is outstanding in completeness of records and efficiency of clerical staff," Roscoe V. Brightbill, clerical auditor of the State Selective Service system in Columbus, announced Wednesday after inspecting Boards 1 and 2. Brightbill also commended No. 2 for a good record.

"I wish all boards of the state were as good as Board No. 1," he said, commending Maj. T. J. Berry and his staff of clerks. "It is my idea of a model board."

In commenting on the new draft classification set-up, Brightbill said he thought the new 4-H class should be of benefit for manufacturers in relieving the labor problem.

The clerical auditor, who will remain in Springfield through Saturday, will inspect Boards No. 3 and No. 4 during the remainder of the week.

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Roscoe V. Brightbill

Army Veteran Named Deputy By Sheriff Mark

Sheriff S. B. Mark Saturday announced the appointment as chief deputy sheriff of Roscoe V. Brightbill, 535 Kern avenue, regular U. S. Army man for more than 26 years and an overseas veteran of World War I, member of the Canton police force for 7½ years, and since mid-September an attache of the selective service system in Ohio.

Deputy **Brightbill** who takes over his new post on Nov. 5, is known to his friends as "Sarge." A native of Buckeye, Stark county, he was 19 when he joined the Army on Sept. 10, 1907. His first Army service ran continuously until November, 1919. He left the United States first in 1908 for service in the Philippine islands. For the next two years he was stationed on Jolo island, southernmost of the archipelago and populated by savage Moro tribesmen.

After spending a short time in the United States in 1910, he returned to the Philippines, serving there until he transferred to the famous 15th Infantry, then on duty in Tientsin, China. He served there until July, 1917, when he returned to the United States to accept a commission as first lieutenant in the 91st Division for World War service.

On the front for many months, Lt. **Brightbill** was active in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Lys-Scheldt campaigns. His company was part of the 361st Infantry and another member of the unit was Harold H. Burton, recently appointed justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Lt. **Brightbill** was awarded the Silver Star for efficient leadership of his troops under fire during the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

Advanced to the rank of cap-

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Brightbill Resigns Post

Resignation of Roscoe V. Brightbill, 553 Kern avenue, as chief deputy sheriff was announced Tuesday by Sheriff S. B. Mark.

The resignation was entirely voluntary, Mr. Brightbill stating that he had no immediate plans except to take a vacation and go hunting. He had been with the sheriff's department since Nov. 1, 1945 and his resignation was effective Sept. 23.

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Former Deputy Sheriff Dies Unexpectedly



Roscoe V. Brightbill

Roscoe V. Brightbill, 59, of 535 Kern avenue, a former deputy sheriff and a retired Regular Army sergeant, died unexpectedly at 12:10 a. m. Saturday, following a heart attack.

Mr. Brightbill, who was employed as a clerk in the Ohio State liquor store, had been on the job Friday.

26 Years in Army.

Appointed chief deputy by Sheriff S. B. Mark in October, 1945, he served in that post until September, 1946. He had served in the Army for more than 26 years, was an overseas veteran of World War I, and had been a member of the Canton police force for 7½ years.

Born March 30, 1888, at Cairo, O., he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brightbill, both of whom died in his infancy.

At the age of 19, he joined the Army, Sept. 10, 1907, and, in 1908, went overseas for service in the Philippines, and at Tientsin, China.

As a first lieutenant in World War I, he served with the 91st division in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Lys-Scheldt campaigns. He was awarded the Silver Star and advanced to the rank of captain. Later, he served in the Army of Occupation and was discharged in 1919.

After working as a policeman at Canton, he re-enlisted in 1927 and came to Chillicothe in 1929 as a National Guard instructor. He retired Sept. 6, 1941, and in 1942 was named as auditor for the state selective service, a post he filled for three years.

On Jan. 15, 1918, he was married to Beazie M. Pierce, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Marian Hughes, of Heidelberg, Germany, and two sisters, Mrs. Charles Vollmer of West Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Fred Craig of Canton.

Final arrangements are awaiting word from the daughter, but burial will be in Grandview cemetery under the direction of the Fawcett funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3:30 p. m. Monday.

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Brightbill Funeral

Service for Roxcoe V. Brightbill, 535 Kern avenue, was conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Fawcett's funeral home with the Rev. Carl Butterbaugh of Circleville officiating. Burial was in Grandview cemetery. Singers were William Ströhle and sister of Circleville.

Pallbearers were J. S. Cronse, George Coon, A. M. Schwart, Ed Goodman, Fred Craig and Charles Vollmer.

American Legion service was held at the grave, with Kent Castor in charge and Paul Schiller commanding the firing squad which included Harry Chenault, Vincent DiLuciano, Carl Frey and Ora Cavins. Sgt. William Dyer and Harry Smith were the color-bearers and Ernest Hess and Stanley Queen were the buglers.

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Brightbill Service

Service for Roscoe V. Brightbill, who died early Saturday, will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Fawcett funeral home, the Rev. Mr. Butterbaugh, of Circleville, officiating. Burial will be in Grandview cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

BRIGHTBILL WILL

By the terms of the will of Roscoe V. Brightbill of 535 Kern avenue, who died, Jan. 17, 1948, all of his property is left to his wife, Bessie M. Brightbill and upon her death the remainder is to go to his daughter, Marian, (Mrs. Marian L. Hughes). The will was drawn Oct. 19, 1946. The estimated value of the estate is \$2590. Mrs. Brightbill is named executor and serves without bond.

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Widow Mrs. Bessie Mae **PIERCE** Brightbill age 52 and Tom Galvin married 1/13/1950 at Hamilton, Ohio.



Tom died 1968 age 76. He was the 2nd husband to Bessie.

FORM VS-2

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED.

3-29-68 3-29-68

LOCAL REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 933		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE OF OREGON BOARD OF HEALTH -- PORTLAND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE		STATE FILE NO. '68 002682	
1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print all entries in black ink)		DATE RECEIVED MAR 1 1 1968			
Thomas Anthony Galvin					
2. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY Multnomah		3. USUAL RESIDENCE (If Institution, give residence before admission)			
B. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Portland		A. STATE Oregon B. COUNTY Multnomah			
C. LENGTH OF STAY IN 2B 54 years		C. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION Portland 13			
D. NAME OF HOSPITAL (If not in hospital, give street address) OR INSTITUTION Mt. St. Joseph		D. STREET ADDRESS, RURAL ROUTE, ETC. 3060 S. E. Stark			
4. DATE OF DEATH Month February Day 21 Year 1968		5. SEX male		6. COLOR OR RACE white	
8. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. A777 642 240		9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Kind of work done during most of life) Brakeman		7. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married	
12. DATE OF BIRTH Month July Day 5 Year 1891		13. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY Yrs. 76		10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY R.R.	
14. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) St. Paul, Minnesota		15. WAS DECEASED A CITIZEN OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U. S. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Country		11. NAME OF SPOUSE Bessie M.	
17. NAME OF FATHER Michael T. Galvin		18. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Catherine Moriarity		19. INFORMANT'S NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Thomas M. Galvin son	
20. CAUSE OF DEATH (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE IN (A), (B), AND (C). PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A): Respiratory infection Interval Between Onset and Death (Years, days, hours, etc.) 10 days Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last: generalized arteriosclerosis DUE TO (B): Sen. yaws DUE TO (C): PART II: Other Significant Conditions contributing to Death but not related to the terminal disease or condition given in Part I (a): old C.U. a 1959					
23. WAS DEATH RESULT OF <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide		24. IF ACCIDENT, DID INJURY OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> At Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not At Work		25A. PLACE OF INJURY (Such as Farm, Home, Forest, etc.)	
26. TIME OF INJURY Hour 4:15 P. Month Sept. Day 14 Year 1967		27. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.		25B. City Portland County Oregon State Oregon	
28. CERTIFICATE: I Certify that I (attended) (investigated the death of) the deceased from Sept. 14, 1967 to Feb. 21, 1968 and that the death occurred at 4:15 P. m. from the causes and on the date stated above. Henson A. Taylor, M.D. (Signature) 1424 N.E. Gust St. Portland, Or (Address) 2/28/68 (Date Signed)					
29. RESERVED FOR REGISTRAR'S USE Item #12 corrected per supplemental #4964 3-4-68 Thas L. Reader M.D. 436-9					
30A. DECEASED WILL BE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buried <input type="checkbox"/> Cremated <input type="checkbox"/> Removed <input type="checkbox"/> Other		30B. DATE Feb. 24, 1968		30C. NAME OF CREMATORY OR CEMETERY Mt. Calvary	
31. DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR MAR 4 1968		32. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Thas L. Reader M.D.		33. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS U.E. Ross Ross Hollywood Chapel, Inc. Portland, Oregon	

Bessie Mae Pierce who married twice: Brightbill and Galvin.
The B. stands for Brightbill.

In Jan 2025, I found here tombstone in Alabama. Glen

Bessie B Galvin

Name	Bessie B Galvin
Birth Date	14 Dec 1897
Death Date	15 Aug 1977
Cemetery	Forestlawn Gardens and Mausoleum
Burial or Cremation Place	Anniston, Calhoun County, Alabama, United States of America



Forestlawn Gardens and Mausoleum, Anniston, Alabama

Marian Lorraine BRIGHTBILL died 10/12/1988 age 68.

First married James Edward Oney on 10/3/1942 in Ross, Ohio. Her 2nd marriage was with Paul W. Hughes.

Marian had a daughter Faye Lynn Oney.

Marian L. Hughes

Marian L. Brightbill Hughes, 68, of 1303 Robertson Road, Anniston, Ala., died Oct. 12 at her residence.

The former Chillicothe resident was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Canton. She was the wife of Paul W. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes was a retired teacher's aide.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Anniston. Entombment will be in Forest Lawn Gardens Mausoleum, Anniston, under direction of the Gray Brown-Service Mortuary, Anniston.

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