

Level Up David Cyphert

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Vitals

David Cyphert, the son of Albert A Cyphert and Ester Beer, was born on 14 May 1876 in Limestone, Clarion, Pennsylvania.² David died on 4 May 1942 in Coronado, San Diego, California.³

Name

David Cyphert used a few variations on his name over the years. Most common was David Cyphert but the 1940 census used D Wyman Cyphert, the name he gave his son.⁴ The records also vary using David or Dave, a traditional shortening of David.⁵

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¹ A level up report attempts to create a complete picture of an individual and their family. The report conducts research way beyond the basic vitals and attempts to find tidbits that more fully illustrate an individual's life. The genesis for this idea is from Yvette Hoitink, "Six Levels of Ancestral Profiles – Level-up Challenge!" Dutch Genealogy, 22 January 2021 (<https://dutchgenealogy.nl/levelup>). Yvette used buckets to indicate completion and status. Status codes are (U)nknown, (P)resumed, (G)PS proof, (N)ot available as in too far back for atDNA. I've modified this to include more buckets to look at and the buckets are not hierarchical but independent. I.e., Research may solve DNA prior to locating jobs.

² "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W6MH-9BT2>) > Wyoming > C > Davied Cyphert > image 799 of 2668; registration card, serial no. 1145, Local Draft Board: Fremont County; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

³ California, San Diego, Recorder, Certified Certificate of Death, no 27538 (1942), David Cyphert, died 4 May 1942; issued 10 March 1978 to David Grawrock, Grawrock Archives [Address for private use], Ivins, Utah; digital copy uploaded to *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/memories/memory/96177811>) on 23 October 2019.

⁴ 1940 U.S. Census, California, San Diego County, San Diego, ED 62-51A, sheet 13A, line 12, Dave Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K9HZ-21G>), digital folder 005456532 > image 297 of 838; citing NARA T627.

⁵ As opposed to this researcher, he is always David, never a Dave. Any such use of Dave gets corrected to David.

Parental

There is no contemporary record of his birth as Clarion County did not start recording births until 1893 and the statewide registration in 1906.⁶ David was enumerated with his parents in 1880, 1885, and 1900 as shown in the following table.

Table 1 David with Parents

NAME	RELATION	1880 ^A		1885 ^B		1900 ^C	
		MISSOURI		NEBRASKA		WYOMING	
Albert	Head	Albert	34	Albert	39	Albert	54
Esther	Wife	Esther	27	Ester	31	Ester	46
David	Son	David	4	Davie	9	David	24
Laura	Daughter	Laura	2				
Maud A	Daughter			Maud A	5	Alice M	19
Frank A	Son			Frank A	1		
Ray H	Son					Ray H	12
Marie B	Daughter					Marie B	10

A 1880 U.S. Census, Missouri, Wayne County, Benton Township, ED 183, sheet 156B, line 9, family 237, Albert Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M6NJ-6WQ>), digital folder 005161271 > image 504 of 881; citing NARA T9.

B 1885 Nebraska State Census, Nemaha, Brownville, ED 540, page 14B, line 32, family 154, Albert Cyphert [household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X3FQ-QCF>), image 305 of 505. Index uses Cyphut.

C 1900 U.S. Census, Wyoming, Fremont County, Dallas, ED 28, sheet 5B, line 95, Albert Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M3VT-S3F>), digital folder 004120652 > image 803 of 1021; citing NARA T623.

The 1900 enumeration provides the definitive link to Albert and Ester as the census clearly labeled David as a son. The 1880 and 1885 censuses provide support to the statement that Albert and Ester are David's parents.

Courtship and Marriage

David married Gertrude Sexton on 31 March 1901 in Fremont, Wyoming.⁷ One aspect of a family that children and grandchildren ask is, "How did you meet?" While it is difficult to say if this was their first meeting, the local newspaper details two dances in the winter of 1897-1898. The first dance was in December 1897 at the Coutant farm which is near the Gorey farm, Gertrude's residence.⁸ The local paper's report is:

Last Friday evening a very pleasant social dance occurred at the ranch of Irving Coutant, four and one half miles south of this city, which will long be remembered in that locality. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Albert W. Davies, of New York City, who recently arrived in our midst and is helping Mr. Coutant "keep bachelor hall" this winter. At 7 p.m. the guests began

⁶ *FamilySearch Wiki*, "Clarion County, Pennsylvania Genealogy"

(https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Clarion_County,_Pennsylvania_Genealogy : rev 12:13, 26 July 2024).

⁷ Fremont County (Wyoming), [cover not filmed], p. 390, no. 1350, David Cyphert and Gertrude Sexton, 1901, application, license, and return; imaged "Wyoming Marriages, 1869-1923," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2DM-4FL7>), image 223 of 406.

⁸ "Bachelors Entertain," *Wind River Mountaineer* (Lander), 17 December 1897, no. 16, p. 1, col. 2; imaged in *Wyoming Newspapers*, (<https://newspapers.wyo.gov>), Wyoming Newspaper database, search for > Gorey [filter Lander].

to arrive and by 9 o'clock there was 'standing room only.' Dancing then commenced and a steady whirl of merry feet was kept up until midnight, when each guest produced a large basket of the choicest eatables, placing them at the disposal of the lonely bachelor ranchmen. The ladies then kindly assisted the boys in spreading a very elegant repast, which every one enjoyed. After supper the music, which was very ably conducted by Mr. Frank Clark, assisted by his brother William, and Fred and Harry Trosper, again pealed forth in soft inviting strains, and the dance once more went on. During the evening Mr. Davies sang several negro melodies, accompanying himself on his banjo; and occasionally was helped out in the chorus by Mr. Coutant, to the amusement of those present. The festivities were thoroughly enjoyed by the following guests: Mrs. Frank Carr, Mrs. William Clark, Mrs. Henry Trosper, Mrs. Henry Gorey, Miss Mary Casto, Miss Cora Robinson, Miss Gertrude Gorey, and Miss Annie Gorey; Messrs. Frank Carr, Fred Trosper, David Cyphert, Frank Clark, Henry Trosper, Henry Gorey, John Felton, Oscar Robinson, William Clark, Charlie Trosper, Harry Trosper, Ben Sexton, Albert W. Davies and Irving Coutant.⁹

Later that winter, in February 1898, there is a second dance. This one was held at Gertrude's farm.

"A social dance was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gorrey on Friday evening, Feb. 4th. And which, as had been expected, was one of the most delightful given in that section of country this season. Dancing commenced at an early hour in the evening and was uninterruptedly indulged in until break of morn. Mrs. Gorrey, assisted by the other ladies present, served an elegant supper. Music was furnished by Hank Boedekker, who played his best, and all who know that gentleman are well aware of what that means. I will not go into politics and tell about the gymnastic performance with which Mr. Gorrey favored us, not wishing to infringe on the space right you have so generously accorded me in the past. Those who kept time to the music were the following: Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Koon, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trosper, Mr. and Mrs. Gorrey, Mrs. Jackson, Misses Cora Robinson, Carrie Oldham, Mintie Olham, Gertie Sexton, Annie Sexton, Messrs Will Reid, Will Clark, Dave Cyphert, John Felton, Chas. Oldham, Oscar Robinson, Harry Angalo, Hank Boedeker and Yours Truly, Ruggy. Little Popo-Agie, Feb 5, 1898."¹⁰

At the time of these dances, David was twenty-one and Gertrude sixteen. They will marry in just over three years' time.¹¹ But they are not the only couples who will marry. Anna will marry Frank

⁹ "Bachelors Entertain," *Wind River Mountaineer* (Lander), 17 December 1897, no. 16, p. 1, col. 2.

¹⁰ "Little Popo-Agie Pointers," *Wind River Mountaineer* (Lander), 7 February 1898, no. 21, p. 2, col. 3; imaged in *Wyoming Newspapers*, (<https://newspapers.wyo.gov>), Wyoming Newspaper database, search for > Gorrey [filter Lander].

¹¹ Fremont County, Marriage records (1901), p.390, no. 1350, David Cyphert and Gertrude Sexton marriage (9 January 1901).

Clark, Will's brother from the dances.¹² Charles Oldham marries Violet Viola Robinson (Cora?) April 1903 in Lander.¹³ Of the five young ladies from the February dance, at least three marry men who were at the dance. Small town life.

Controversy

There is an interesting side story to the marriage. Before the marriage, Gertrude had requested from the court that her guardian switch from her stepfather to the town sheriff. In the court case Gertrude made claims of abuse from her stepfather and that her mother didn't protect her enough.¹⁴ Family history said that Gertrude did the change in guardianship so that she could marry David Cyphert.¹⁵ The records show that is true. The petition was filed on the 16th of March, service made to Gertrude's parents on the 18th, court held on the 28th, license issued on the 30th, and the marriage on the 31st.¹⁶

While the record states that the written permission is attached, that attachment was not filmed, or is not in the file.

David played a pivotal role in the guardianship change. First, he served the notice of the case on Gertrude's parents.¹⁷ Second, he was a testifying witness to Gertrude's situation. There are some interesting tidbits in the testimony. David is asked point blank, "What home or place has Gertrude other than that where her mother lives?" His response is "She has none." But Gertrude already testified, in answer to where she lived, "With my sister, Mrs. Clark." The sheriff also testified that she was not living with her mother, but his actual words are very careful, "From what I have heard others say she is not at the present time." Note that he only repeats what he's heard. Not that he has direct knowledge.

Bottom line, the fix is in, the court, and everyone in town most likely, knows that David is going to marry Gertrude as soon as the ink is dry on this guardianship.

¹² Fremont County, Wyoming, "Marriage Records, v. A-B, 1887-1908," p. 381 (stamped), Francis H Clark and Annie May Sexton marriage, (no. 1204 (penned), recorded 10 January 1901); imaged in "Marriage records, 1887-1923," (Fremont County), *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BG-795D-7>), digital film 007728100 > image 218 of 406; citing "Wyoming Marriages, 1869-1923," Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne.

¹³ Fremont County, Marriage records (1903), p.451 (stamped), no. 3561, Charles H Oldham and Violet V Robinson marriage (30 March 1903); imaged in "Marriage records, 1887-1923," (Fremont County), *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BG-795N-3>), digital film 007728100 > image 253 of 406; citing "Wyoming Marriages, 1869-1923," Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne.

¹⁴ The transcription of the court case is in Appendix A – Gertrude's Guardianship.

¹⁵ *Cyphert.net*, "Sexton, Gertrude Pearl" (www.cyphert.net [specific page password protected]).

¹⁶ The transcription of the court case is in Appendix A – Gertrude's Guardianship.

¹⁷ It would be nice to have a doorbell cam view of the interactions between David and the parents when he delivered the court papers.

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MARRIAGE RECORD,

Application for a Marriage License,

David Cyphert
 TERRITORY OF WYOMING,
 COUNTY OF FREMONT.
 I, *David Cyphert*, Age *24* years, an applicant for a Marriage License, do solemnly swear that my full name is *David Cyphert*; that I am a resident of *Fremont County, Wyoming*; that the name of my intended wife is *Gertrude P. Byron* that she is *19* years of age and is a resident of *Fremont County, Wyoming*; that there is no legal impediment to our marriage *according to the laws and customs of this Territory.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30th* day of *March* A. D. *1901*
David Cyphert Applicant
Benjamin S. Clark

License issued to above Applicant this *30th* day of *March* A. D. *1901*
Benjamin S. Clark County Clerk

No 1350. Filed for record at 11 o'clock a.m. March 30th 1901

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Territory of Wyoming, County of Fremont, ss.

The People of the Territory of Wyoming to any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, and to Celebrate within this County the Rites and Ceremonies of Matrimony between Mr. *David Cyphert* and Miss *Gertrude P. Byron* and this shall be your good and sufficient warrant for the same; and you are by law required to return to me for record, within ninety days from the celebration of such marriage, your certificate properly filled up and signed by you, showing in what manner you executed the same.

A penalty of Five Hundred Dollars is imposed on you should you fail to make the return.

WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said County at Lander, this *30th* day of *March* A. D. *1901*
Benjamin S. Clark County Clerk

No 1350. Filed for record at 11 o'clock a.m. March 30th 1901

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the *31st* day of *March* A. D. *1901* at *Lander* in *Fremont* County, Wyoming Territory, I joined in marriage Mr. *David Cyphert* and *Miss Gertrude P. Byron* and *Miss Gertrude P. Byron* of *Lander Wyoming* and *Miss Gertrude P. Byron* April 19 1901 in presence of *Frank H. Clark and Mrs. Annie Clark* residing in *Lander, Fremont Co. Wyo.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this *31st* day of *March* A. D. *1901*
Matt Portland Justice of the Peace
Benjamin S. Clark

No 1362. Filed for record at 10 o'clock a.m. April 19th 1901

As Gertrude said years later, the court case created a huge rift between her and her mother. It was years before they reconciled. If they had waited seven months, until Gertrude was twenty in October, there would have been no need for a change in guardianship.¹⁸

¹⁸ When creating this document I had copied Annie's marriage record link into Gertrude's footnote. Annie's is a terrible copy and very hard to read. Not looking closely, I saw that Annie's did not have permission and started to try and figure out why Gertrude did the change in guardianship. Finally, I saw that I was using Annie's license and Gertrude's does include the note that written permission for the marriage was attached, even though that attachment was either lost or not filmed. This also led me to read the Wyoming laws regarding marriage: *Revised Statutes of Wyoming, in force December 1, 1899* (Laramie, Wyoming: J. A. Van Orsdel, Attorney General and Fenimore Chatterton, Secretary of State, 1899), Division Two, Title III. Domestic Relations, p. 790, sec. 2956; imaged, HathiTrust (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.35112105420865&seq=836>), image 836 of 1624.

Locations

Census As Head

NAME	RELATION	1910		1920		1930		1940	
				WYOMING		WYOMING		CALIFORNIA	
David	Head			David	43	David	53	Dave	63
Gertrude	Wife			Gertrude O	38	Gertrude	48	Gertrude	58
Virginia	Daughter			Virginia	17				
Wyman D	Son			Wyman D	13			D Wyman	33
Grant G	Son			Grant G	11	Grant	21		
Grace S	Daughter			Grace S	6	Grace	16		
Anthony S	Son			Anthony S	7	Anthony	17		
Margaret M	Wife - Wyman							Margaret	29
Marjorie M	Daughter							Marjorie M	8
Frieda Joyce	Daughter							Frieda Joyce	6
D Wyman	Son							D Wyman	4

A not found

B 1920 U.S. Census, Wyoming, Fremont County, Lander, ED 47, p. 2A, line 20, Dave Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MNBV-FH3>), digital folder 004969093 > image 533 of 1086; citing NARA T625.

C 1930 U.S. Census, Wyoming, Fremont County, Lander, ED 7-1, p. 12A, line 19, David Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7W9-V4Y>), digital folder 004955478 > image 292 of 1032; citing NARA T626.

D 1940 U.S. Census, California, San Diego County, San Diego, ED 62-51A, sheet 13A, line 12, Dave Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K9HZ-21G>), digital folder 005456532 > image 297 of 838; citing NARA T627.

Wyoming to San Diego

The Cyphert site gives a history that claims:

Dave got restless and went traveling around for a year, looking for other places to live. (The rest of the story says he had a girlfriend and was possibly living with her.) He got a job as a garage attendant. Grandma [i.e., Gertrude] got restless (or pissed off) and missed her sons who had moved to San Diego before and during WWII. Gertrude's good friend, LuLu Scott, formerly of Lander, offered her an opportunity to manage an apartment court in Coronado. Her youngest daughter, Grace, had few opportunities in Wyoming but would be able to attend cosmetology school in San Diego. Gertrude decided to take the job whether Dave wanted to follow or not. She left for California and wrote home to ask him to visit. He joined her a year later and worked as a handyman at the court until his death.¹⁹

Voter Registration and City Directories

A combination of city directories, voter registrations, and census enumerations confirms much of the story. The following table highlights the movement.

YEAR	WHO	ADDRESS	JOB	VOTER
1934 ^A	David W Cyphert (Margt)	1702 University Ave	US Navy	Yes – Rep ^E
	Gertrude Cyphert	1702 University Ave	NA	NF

¹⁹ *Cyphert.net*, crowd sourced, family > Sexton > Gertrude (b.1881), (<https://cyphert.tribalpages.com>).

	Grace Cyphert	1702 University Ave	NA	NF
1936	Dave Cyphert	1702 University Ave	Oil Driller	Yes ^F
	Mrs Gertrude Cyphert	1702 University Ave	Housewife	Yes ^F
	Miss S Grace Cyphert	1702 University Ave	Clerk	Yes ^F
1937 ^B	David W Cyphert (Margt)	1921 Adams Ave	Representative	NA
	David Cyphert (Gertrude)	1702 University Ave	Carpenter	NA
	Grace Cyphert	1702 University Ave	Beauty Operator	NA
1938 ^C	David W Cyphert (Margt)	1921 Adams Ave	Salesman	Yes – Eugene addr ^G
	Anthony S Cyphert	3527 Pershing Ave	Salesman	NF
	David Cyphert (Gertrude)	3527 Pershing Ave		Yes – Eugene addr ^G
	Grace S Cyphert	3527 Pershing Ave	Beauty Operator	NF
1939 ^D	David Cyphert (Gertrude)	3627 Eugene Place	Branch Manager	NA
	D Wyman Cyphert (Margt)	3627 Eugene Place	Clerk	NA
1940 census	D Wyman (Gertrude)	3627 Eugene Place	Electrician	Moved to Utah St
	Dave Cyphert (Margaret)	3627 Eugene Place	Carpenter Home maint	Yes ^I
1940 City Dir	D Wyman Cyphert (Margt)	4656 Utah Street	Salesman	Yes ^H
	Dave Cyphert	3627 Eugene Place	Carpenter	Yes ^I

A San Diego Directory, *San Diego City Directory, 1934* (San Diego: Frye & Smith, 1934), page 191, David W Cyphert; imaged, "U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1167680338:2469>), image 98 of 673.

B San Diego Directory, *San Diego City Directory, 1937* (San Diego: Frye & Smith, 1937), page, David W Cyphert; imaged, "U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/215136922:2469>), image 145 of 1314.

C San Diego Directory, *San Diego City Directory, 1938* (San Diego: Frye & Smith, 1938), page 161, David W Cyphert; imaged, "U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/209468898:2469>), image 136 of 1183.

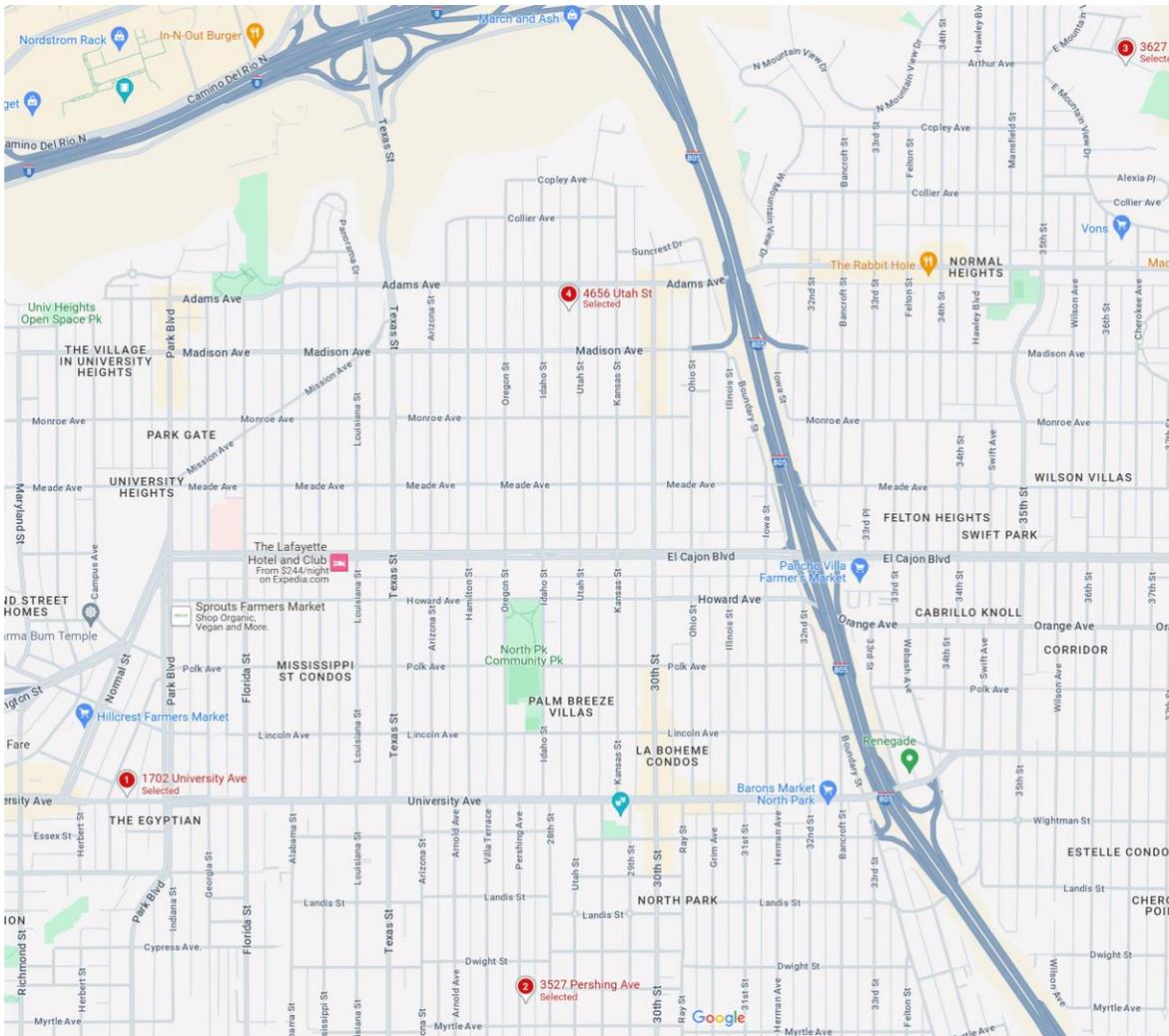
D San Diego Directory, *San Diego City Directory, 1939* (San Diego: Frye & Smith, 1939), page 141, David Cyphert; imaged, "U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1382575453:2469>), image 143 of 1226.

E California, "Index to Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968," San Diego County, 1934, roll 019, Precinct No. 87, entry for Dave Cyphert; imaged in "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900-1968," Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sandiegocounty_19-0630b), image 1215 of 1769; citing California State Library, "Great Register of Voters," Sacramento, California.

F California, "Index to Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968," San Diego County, 1936, roll 022, Precinct No. 72, entry for Dave Cyphert; imaged in "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900-1968," Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sandiegocounty_22-0429a), image 815 of 1896; citing California State Library, "Great Register of Voters," Sacramento, California.

G California, "Index to Great Register of Voters, 1900-1968," San Diego County, 1938, roll 025, Precinct No. 107, entry for Dave Cyphert; imaged "California, U.S., Voter Registrations, 1900-1968," Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61066/images/sandiegocounty_25-00696b), image 1320 of 1659; citing California State Library, "Great Register of Voters," Sacramento, California.

The pattern generally matches the story. Dave Cyphert, the father of D. Wyman Cyphert, is first into San Diego, there by 1934. Gertrude follows in 1935, meeting the 1935 date from the 1940 census, along with her daughter Sadie Grace. D. Wyman follows along in 1938. The only outlier is that there are photographs and memories from Gertrude's grandkids about visiting her in Coronado. None of the address are in Coronado, they are all in a tight radius in San Diego.



Family

David and Gertrude had eight children. Three died in infancy.

Known Children of

- 1 I. **Virginia Rae² Cyphert** was born on 23 May 1902. Virginia died on 12 January 1991 in Grand Rapids, Kent, Michigan.²⁰ Virginia married Floyd Jay Fitch 12 May 1925 in Lander, Fremont, Wyoming.
- 2 II. **Albert Benjamin² Cyphert** was born on 20 September 1903 in Lander. Albert died on 6 October 1905 in Wyoming.²¹

²⁰ FindAGrave, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/71334963>), "Virginia Rae Fitch" (1902-1991) memorial created by "inmand15 - id 47113419", photo by Richard Mullally - id 47785870"; citing Lakeside Cemetery, Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan.

²¹ FindAGrave, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51795615>), "Albert Benjamin Cyphert" (1903-1905) memorial created by "Barbara Mogush - id 47188608", photo by LeAnn Atkin - id 47172109"; citing Mount Hope Cemetery, Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

- 3 III. **Ester Pearl² Cyphert** was born in 1905 and died on 2 October 1905 in Lander.²²
- 4 IV. **Dave Wyman² Cyphert** was born on 14 May 1906 in Lander. Dave died on 13 November 1974 in San Diego, San Diego, California.²³ Dave married (1) Margaret Marie Brauner 15 June 1930 in Patchogue, Suffolk, New York. Dave married (2) Enid Kenworthy.
- 5 V. **Grant Arthur² Cyphert** was born on 28 October 1908 in Lander. Grant died on 2 February 1965 in Elmhurst, DuPage, Illinois. Grant married (1) Anarose Marjorie Irvine on 18 November 1933 in Lander. Grant married (2) Dorothy Lee O'Farrell on 2 November 1949 in Casper, Natrona, Wyoming.
- 6 VI. **Anthony Sexton² Cyphert** was born on 20 May 1912 in Lander. Anthony died on 19 April 1987 in San Diego.²⁴
- 7 VII. **Sadie Grace² Cyphert** was born on 31 December 1913 in Dewey, Oklahoma. Sadie died on 22 July 1994 in Washington, Arkansas.²⁵ Sadie married James Clinton McConnell on 24 April 1938 in Dewey.
- 8 VIII. **Gertrude Jean² Cyphert** was born in 1915 and died in 1918 in Lander.

Occupations

David started as a fiddler and caller at square dances. There is an interesting connection to the town sheriff. At the February 1898 dance, which both David and Gertrude attended, the entertainment was by Hank Boedeker. Hank was also known as Henry Boedeker, the town sheriff.²⁶ The implication here is that David and Hank would be in regular contact through playing at various parties and events. With Henry's knowledge of the law, he may have been the one to put the guardianship idea to David and Gertrude.

The family notes state:

Occupation Notes

He's been reported as a 'rigger' but listed as a laborer when Tony was born. According to his sister, Mamie, Dave only had one 'real job' in his entire life when he worked for a time on a

²² FindAGrave, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/51796814>), "Esther Pearl Cyphert" (1905-1905) memorial created by "Barbara Mogush - id 47188608", photo by Rebecca - id 50329520"; citing Mount Hope Cemetery, Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

²³ California, Department of Health, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death, no 10077 (1974), Dave Wyman Cyphert, died 13 November 1974; issued 1980's to David Grawrock, Grawrock Archives [Address for private use], Ivins, Utah; digital copy uploaded to FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/memories/memory/96177633>) on 23 October 2019.

²⁴ FindAGrave, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/61375617>), "Anthony Sexton Cyphert Sr." (1912-1987) memorial created by "Barbara Mogush - id 47188608", photo by Barbara Mogush - id 47188608"; citing Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, San Diego County, California.

²⁵ FindAGrave, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110249335>), "Grace McConnell" (1913-1994) memorial created by "S Barger - id 47414911", photo by S Barger - id 47414911"; citing Antioch Cemetery, Morrow, Washington County, Arkansas.

²⁶ FamilySearch, FamilyTree, Henry Elmer "Hank" Boedeker (1859-1947), ID LHPC-LWZ (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LHPC-LWZ>).

ranch. He was inconsistent in his ability to support the family and Gertrude generally was earning an income.

Residence Notes

While still a child, he moved with this family to the Wyoming Territory. After his marriage, he moved with his family to Lander so that Virgie could start school at the age of eight. The family moved to Oklahoma for a time so that Dave could work in the oil fields there.²⁷

Military

In the 1930 census the enumeration listed him as having never served in the US Military.²⁸

Obituary

David died on 4 May 1942 in Coronado, San Diego, California.²⁹ His obituary was:

CYPHERT – David. May 4; husband of Gertrude Cyphert, father of D. Wyman. Anthony S. and Grant A. Cyphert, Grace McConnell and Virginia Fitch. Brother of Mrs. Herman Behrens. – Age 65. Services Thursday, 1:30 p.m., at Bonham Brothers mortuary. Rev Author F. Colver officiating. Interment, Glen Abbey.³⁰

Biography

David Cyphert, the son of Albert A Cyphert and Ester Beer, was born on 14 May 1876 in Limestone, Clarion, Pennsylvania.³¹ As David's dad worked the oil fields, he moved from Pennsylvania, through Nebraska, to Wyoming. He played both the fiddle and was a square dance caller. He attended parties with his soon-to-be wife, Gertrude Sexton. They were married on 31 March 1901 in Fremont, Wyoming.³² Without her parent's permission to marry, Gertrude petitioned the court to change her guardian from her stepfather and mother to the town sheriff. That was granted and 3 days later the two were married. David worked many jobs from sheepherder to oil worker, to salesman, and likely unknown others. Just prior to WWII, the family moved to San Diego. David died on 4 May 1942 in Coronado, San Diego, California.³³

²⁷ *Cyphert.net*, "Cyphert, Dave" (www.cyphert.net [specific page password protected]).

²⁸ 1930 U.S. Census, Wyoming, Fremont County, Lander, ED 7-1, p. 12A, line 19, David Cyphert[household]; imaged, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7W9-V4Y>), digital folder 004955478 > image 292 of 1032; citing NARA T626.

²⁹ State of California, Death Certificate, district 3702, registrar 20, no. 779, David Cyphert (6 May 1942).

³⁰ "United States, GenealogyBank Historical Newspaper Obituaries, 1815-2011," *FamilySearch*, (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQX-V9ST-N>), digital film 101830093 > image 356 of 1052; citing *The San Diego Union*, Thursday Morning, 7 May 1942, "Deaths—Funeral Announcements," page 8, col 3.

³¹ "United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W6MH-9BT2>) > Wyoming > C > Davied Cyphert > image 799 of 2668; registration card, serial no. 1145, Local Draft Board: Fremont County; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509.

³² Fremont County (Wyoming), [cover not filmed], p. 390, no. 1350, David Cyphert and Gertrude Sexton, 1901, application, license, and return; imaged "Wyoming Marriages, 1869-1923," *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2DM-4FL7>), image 223 of 406.

³³ California, San Diego, Recorder, Certified Certificate of Death, no 27538 (1942), David Cyphert, died 4 May 1942; issued 10 March 1978 to David Grawrock, Grawrock Archives [Address for private use], Ivins, Utah; digital copy uploaded to *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/memories/memory/96177811>) on 23 October 2019.

Appendix A – Gertrude’s Guardianship

Guardianship

Guardianship petition – Gertrude Sexton

Fremont, Wyoming

28 March 1901

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Hearing date

State of Wyoming	}	In District Court.
	{	2 nd Judicial District.
County of Fremont	}	In vacation.

In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Gertrude Sexton, a minor.

O R D E R

The petition of Gertrude P. Sexton, a minor, over the age of fourteen years, asking the appointment xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx of a guardian of her person and estate being now duly presented to me for action thereon the Judge of our said Court being absent from this said County, it is ordered that notice of said application be issued[sic] by the Clerk of our said Court directed to John H. Gorry, Mrs. John H. Gorry and Mrs Anna Clark and to the other relatives of said minor residing in this said County and that said notice be served on said parties at least five days prior to the time herein fixed for the hearing on said petition and as required by law.

The hearing of said petition is hereby set for the hour of ten o’clock, in the forenoon on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1901, at the Court room of our said District Court in this said County.

Given under my hand this 16th day of March, A. D. 1901.

Charley Allen [signature]
District Court Commissioner

Commissioner fee
Order \$3.00

Rec^d payment
Charley Allen
Dist Court Comm

Disposition

State of Wyoming	}	
	{	In District Court.
County of Fremont	}	

In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Gertrude Sexton, a minor.

It now appearing to the Court that the said minor has been duly married; that no property has come into the hands of her guardian, Henry E. Bedeker, and he having discharged fully his said trust and now asks that he be discharged from all farther duties and liabilities respecting the same and the Court now being fully advised in the premises it is ordered, and said Guardian be and is hereby discharged and released from all farther duty and liability respecting said trust and that his bondsmen be also discharged from all further liability in the premises. And all proceedings heretofore had respecting said matters be and the same is here by approved and conformed

Charles W Branell [signed]
J u d g e

Gertrude's Testimony

State of Wyoming	}	In District Court.
	{	2 nd Judicial District.
County of Fremont	}	In vacation.

In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Gertrude Sexton, a minor.

Testimony taken in the above entitled case, before Charley Allen, the District Court Commissioner in and for said County, at the Court room in said County on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1901.

Gertrude P. Sexton being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. What is your name?

A. Gertrude P. Sexton.

Q. What is your age?

A. 19 year old last October.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. Two miles south of Lander at my sisters.

Q. In what County and State?

A. Fremont County, State of Wyoming.

Q. What is your mothers name?

A. Margaret Gorry.

Q. She is the wife of James H. Gorry?

A. James H. Gorry, yes sir.

Q. What was her former name?

A. Margaret Sexton.

Q. Was she formerly married before being married to James H. Gorry?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What was her former husbands name?

A. Benjamin C. Sexton.

Q. What relation is Benjamin C. Sexton to you?

A. My father.

Q. Is he living?

A. He is not living that I know of.

Q. How long since you heard of him?

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A. Two years.

Q. You have not heard of him then for two years?

A. No.

Q. You do not know whether he is living or not do you?

A. No sir, we think he is dead, at least we heard so.

Q. Nothing certain about that is there?

A. No sir.

Q. Where did he reside when you last heard of him?

A. In California, but I don't know where.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. Two years ago.

Q. When did he leave this County and state?

A. Well, I don't know.

Q. About what time?

A. About four years ago.

Q. Where was your mother then living?

A. Near Lander.

Q. In this County, you mean?

A. Yes sir

Q. Did she on account of him going away get a divorce from him?

A. So she says, yes sir, she was married before he left the County.

Q. Who did she marry?

A. James H. Gorry.

Q. Where were you then living?

A. With her.

Q. Where do you now reside or live?

A. With my sister, Mrs Clark.

Q. Why are you not living with your mother?

A. Because we can not get along together on account of my step father, me and my step father could not get along.

Q. Have you had trouble with her?

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A. Yes sir, I have had trouble with both of them.

Q. What was the nature of that trouble?

A. Because I would not allow Mr. Gorry to strike me. She said I caused trouble between her and her mother and between her and her brother.

Q. Did they abuse you at your mother place?

A. Yes sire.

Q. Who abused you?

A. My step father.

Q. Did your mother?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did she scold you?

A. Yes sir, I never h d a [sic] kind word from her.

There never was any trouble at home but what she said I was the cause of all of it.

Q. How often has Mr. Gorry struck or punished you?

A. He has not struck me for two years, but before that he would quite ofter strike me.

Q. What would your mother say about that?

A. Nothing. He tried to strike me several times the last three or four months but I would not allow it.

Q. Was your mother present at those times?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What objection did she make to that?

A. She made no objection at all.

Q. Did she encourage him to punish you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What had you done to merit such punishment?

A. I slammed the door.

Q. How often?

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A. I slammed the door not thinking, and he came into the room and cursed me and was going to strike me.

Q. How long ago was that?

A. That was January, last.

Q. Was your mother present?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What did your mother say to that?

A. She scolded me and thought he had a right to strike me, and she even talked worse than he did.

Q. What threats did she make against you?

A. She threatened [multiple strike overs] to turn me from home, turn me from her home.

Q. She did turn you from her house did she not?

A. Yes sir. She said she did not want to see me again, even on her death bed she did not want me to come and see her; that I was no daughter of hers.

Q. She had you go away then did she?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did she tell you to leave there?

A. She told me the sooner I left the better it would be.

Q. Did she want you to go away?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you have to go away?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What for?

A. For the reasons I gave, and because he would not support me.

Q. Did he properly clothe you?

A. He did not, not the last year I was at home?

Q. Did your mother clothe you?

A. She would buy me things sometimes when he would not know it.

Q. Did she tell you to leave there?

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A. The morning before I left two years ago, she told me there were several places for me to work, and if you are as tired of this trouble with your step father as I am, you would go.

Q. How about the last time?

A. The last time she neither told me to go nor to stay, but the sooner I would go the better it would be for all there.

Q. She is living with Mr. Gorry?

A. Yessir.

Q. What means if any has she to support you?

A. None, whatsoever.

Q. What means have you to take care of yourself?

A. I have been working out all summer and saved part of my earnings, and I am well able to support myself.

Q. You have no property have you?

A. No sir.

Q. You cannot live there with your mother can you?

A. No sir.

Q. You would have trouble all the time if you lived with her?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How would you be treated if you lived there?

A. I would be ill treated.

Q. Under what circumstances is your mother a suitable guardian for you and your person?

A. No sir she is not.

Q. Are you sure of that?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Don't you want to live there with her?

A. No sir, I do not.

Q. Does she want you to live there with her?

A. No sir.

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Q. What if anything does she want to have to do with you?

A. She does not want anything to do with me. I have been at the house and she would not speak to me.

Q. Has she told you at different times that she did not want nothing more to do with you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. She has turned you away then has she not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you not passed her here on the street of Lander when she would not speak to you?

A. No sir, but I have passed her several times.

Q. Who do you wish to have appointed guardian of your person and Estate?

A. Henry E. Boedecker.

Q. Where does he now reside?

A. Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Q. What is his occupation and business?

A. He is Town Marchall.

Q. You feel certain you can not get along with your mother?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How much of the time have you been absent from your mother homes?

A. All of the time during the last two years except six weeks.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March,

A. D. 1901

David Cyphert's Testimony

David Cyphert, being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Q. What is your age?

A. Twenty-four years of age.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Q. Do you know Gertrude Sexton?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And her family?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known them?

A. About ten years.

Q. Do you know her mother?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know of her being divorced from a former husband?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What was the former husband's name?

A. Benjamin Sexton.

Q. He is the father of Gertrude is he not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Her mother got a divorce from him did he not?

A. Yes sir.

Q. About how long ago?

A. I don't know.

Q. About how long ago?

A. About six years ago.

Q. Has she since remarried?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Who?

A. James H. Gorry.

Q. Are you acquainted with them?

A. Yes sir.

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Q. How well acquainted?

A. With a passing acquaintance.

Q. Do you know the situation of the minor here, Gertrude P. Sexton, as respecting the relation and situation of herself and her mother at the present time?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What are those relations, amiable and friendly?

A. No, they are not.

Q. Her mother now is unfriendly with her is she?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not her mother takes any care of her?

A. I believe she does not.

Q. About how long ago since she did?

A. Couple of years.

Q. What home or place has Gertrude other than that where her mother lives?

A. She has none.

Q. Do you know Henry E. Boedecker?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. Nine or ten years.

Q. Are you well acquainted with him?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Is he a married man or unmarried man?

A. Married.

Q. How long has he been married?

A. About six or seven years.

Q. Do you know his general moral character?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What is that, good or bad?

A. Good.

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Q. What is his business and occupation?

A. City Marshall at the present time.

Q. At what place?

A. Lander, Wyoming.

Q. From what you know of the man, would he be a suitable guardian for Gertrude P. Sexton?

A. Yes sir.

Q. You know of no objection to his acting in that capacity do you?

A. No sir.

Q. Would you from your acquaintance with the parties know of any reason why he should not be appointed as such guardian if any such reason existed?

A. There is no reason.

Q. About how old a man is Mr. Boedecker?

A. He is about forty years of age.

David Cyphert [signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March,
A. D. 1901.

District Court Commissioner.

Henry E. Boedecker Testimony

Q. What is your name?

A. Henry E. Boedecker.

Q. What is your age?

A. Forty-two years of age.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

Q. How long have you resided in this County?

A. I have been in Fremont County, ten years.

Q. Have you a family?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What do they consist?

A. My wife, five boys and a girl.

Q. Do you know Miss Gertrude P. Sexton?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How long have you known her?

A. Well, I have known her for about four years.

Q. Has she any home at the present time?

A. So far as my personal knowledge is concerned I do not know any thing about that, all I know is through rumors.

Q. From what you heard is her mother now so situated as to being a suitable person to act as her guardian, either over her person or her property?

A. No sir.

Q. You have heard these matter discussed have you?

A. Yes sir.

Q. To what extent?

A. It is talked of a great deal.

Q. Where?

A. Here in town.

Q. From what you hear does her mother treat Gertrude as she ought to?

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A. No sir, she does not.

Q. She is not living with her mother is she?

A. From what I have heard other say she is not at the present time?

Q. Will you take guardianship of this minor, if appointed?

A. Yes sir.

H E Boedecker [signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of March,

A. D. 1901.

District Court Commissioner.

Notice

State of Wyoming	}	In District Court.
	{	2 nd Judicial District.
County of Fremont	}	In vacation.

In the matter of the guardianship of the person and estate of Gertrude Sexton, a minor.

NOTICE TO RELATIVES TO APPLICATION LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.

To John H. Gorry, Mrs. John H. Gorry and Mrs. Anna Clark.

Take notice that Gertrude P. Sexton has heretofore filed in the above entitled Court her petition to have one Henry E. Boedecker, a suitable person, to be appointed guardian of her person and her estate; that said petition has been set for hearing by said Court on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1901, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Court room of said District Court in this said County, at which time and place you may appear and show cause, if any You can, why said Henry E. Boedecker should not be appointed such Guardian.

In witness whereof, I, Ben Sheldon, Clerk of said District Court, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of March, A. D. 1901

Ben Sheldon [signature] Clerk. *Dist*

State of Wyoming	}	
	{	SS.
County of Fremont	}	

I, David Cyphert, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on my oath, depose and say: That I received the above notice for service at five o'clock P.M. on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1901, and that in this said County, I served the same personally on the said John H. Gorry, Mrs. John H. Gorry and Mrs. Anna Clark, the said John H. Gorry being also known as James H. Gorry, and the minor, Gertrude P. Sexton, by delivering a true copy of the said notice there being no other relatives of said minor, Gertrude P. Sexton, upon which to make service of said notice in this said County and State, except minor children.

David Cyphert [signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901.

Charley Allen
District Court Commissioner

Petition for Guardian

State of Wyoming	}	
	(SS.	In District Court.
County of Fremont	}	2 nd Judicial District.

In the Matter of the Guardianship
of the Person and Estate of
Gertrude Sexton, a minor.

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN.

Your petitioner respectfully states: that she is a minor of
the age of nineteen years, and is a resident of the County of Fremont,
State of Wyoming.

That her father, Benjamin C Sexton, is dead;
that her mother is no longer widow of her deceased father,
Benjamin C Sexton, but has, since the death of her
father, been married, and is now the wife of one John H. Gorry; that
your petitioner has now no legal guardian either for her person or her
estate.

That the relatives of your petitioner residing in this
County and State are: John H. Gorry, her step-father; Mrs. John H
Gorry, her mother; Mrs. Anna Clark, her sister; Bennie Sexton, her
brother; Margie, Sadie and Nellie Gorry, her half sisters; and Harry
Gorry, her half brother.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that one Henry E. Boedecker,
a suitable person, be appointed guardian of the person and estate of
your petitioner.

Gertrude P Sexton [signature]

State of Wyoming	}
	(SS.
County of Fremont	}

Gertrude Sexton, being first duly
sworn, says: That she is the petitioner in the above petition; that
she has read the same and knows the contents thereof, and that the
same are true as she verily believes.

Gertrude P Sexton [signature]

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 16th
day of March, A. D. 1901.

Charley Allen [signature]
District Court Commissioner [handwritten]

Order

State of Wyoming	}	
	(SS.	In District Court,
County of Fremont	}	2 nd Judicial District.
		In Probate.
		In Vacation.

In the matter of the guardianship of Gertrude P. Sexton, A minor.

ORDER

The matter of the appointment of a guardian of the Person and estate of Gertrude P. Sexton, a minor, over the age of four-Teen years, coming on regularly to be heard at this time, the hour of Ten o'clock in the forenoon on this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901, In this said County of Fremont, upon the application and petition of Said minor, asking the apporintment of a guardian for her person and Estate and praying the appointment of Henry E. Boedecker as such guardian The Judge of our said Court being now absent from this said County, and It appearing that due and timely notice as required by law and in To fore in this said matter, has been served on the relatives of said Minor and no one appearing herein to oppose said application and peti-Tion, or to contest the same, although duly notified, and now called at Evidence of said minor and other witnesses now here duly sworn and Their evidence taken and considered herein, that said Gertrude P. Sexton is a minor over the age of nineteen years; that she is a resident Of this said Co unty, has no estate except her XXX earnings by Work and labor, and that a guardian of her person and for the care and Application of said earnings to her use and benefit should be now Appointed.

It is ordered that said Henry E. Boedecker be and is hereby Appointed guardian of the person and estate of said Gertrude P. Sexton, a minor, upon his filing a bond in the sum of three hundred Dollars with conditions therein and sureties thereto as required by Law.

Given under my hand this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901.

Charley Allen [signature]
 District Court Commissioner.

Commissioner's fees.

Hearing,	\$5.00.
Order,	\$3.00.
Total,	\$8.00.

Rec^d payment
Charley Allen
Dist Court Comm

Discharge

State of Wyoming	}	
	(SS.	In District Court,
County of Fremont	}	2 nd Judicial District.
		In Probate.

In thematter of guardianship of the Person and estate of Gertrude Sexton, ~~deceased~~ a *minor*

Comes now Henry E. Bodecker, the guardian of the Person and estate of the above named minor, Gertrude Sexton, and asks The Court to be discharged of his trust and as reasons therefor state:

1st. That since he was appointed guardian of the person And estate of said Gertrude Sexton, - which appointment was made of the 28th day of March, 1901, the said Gertrude Sexton has married.

2nd. That said Gertrude Sexton has no estate and never xx Has had since said appointment as Guardian,

Wherefore, your petitioner, said Henry E. Bodecker, Asks to be discharged of said trust.

Henry E Boedeker [signed]

State of Wyoming	}
	(SS.
County of Fremont	}

Henry E. Bodecker being first duly sworn on Oath deposes and says: that he has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements therein Made are true.

Henry E Boedeker [signed]

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 19th Day of June, A. D. 1901.

Charley Allen
Notary Public