

The Facts about O.O. Hutcheson

Oril O. Hutcheson died on 18 Feb 1949 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona,¹ and was buried on 22 Feb 1949 in Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Pima, Arizona.²

Pima Co. Hospital
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ARIZONA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE FILE NO.

REGISTRAR'S NO. 198

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH 11 AND RESIDENCE 88 0217 5	1. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY Pima			2. USUAL RESIDENCE (WHERE DECEASED LIVED, IF INSTITUTION; RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION). A. STATE Arizona B. COUNTY Pima		
	B. CITY (IF OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) Tucson			C. CITY (IF OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) Tucson		
PRECEDENT PERSONAL DATA 69 7 549	3. NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) Oril O. Hutcheson			4. SEX Male		5. COLOR OR RACE White
	6. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>			7. DATE OF BIRTH MONTH 7 DAY 22 YEAR 79		8. AGE YEARS 69 MONTHS 8 DAYS 22
9A. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DURING MOST OF LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED). Brakeman			9B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY So. Pac. R.R. Iowa		10. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) U. S. A.	
11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U. S. A.			12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (YES, NO, OR UNKNOWN) (IF YES, WAR OR DATES OF SERVICE) No		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 700-12-3070	
14A. FATHER'S NAME Thomas Hutcheson			14B. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) NOT KNOWN		15A. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME NOT KNOWN	
15B. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) NOT KNOWN			16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <i>Etta Mae Hutcheson</i>		17. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH) February (DAY) 18 (YEAR) 1949	
CAUSE OF DEATH ITEM 18	18. CAUSE OF DEATH ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), (c). *THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE MODE OF DYING, SUCH AS HEART FAILURE, ASTHMA, ETC. IT MEANS THE DISEASE, INJURY, OR COMPLICATION WHICH CAUSED DEATH. PLACE DISEASE CORRELATED.			MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITIONS DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Seen after death		
	II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATING TO THE DISEASE OR CONDITION CAUSING DEATH.			ANTECEDENT CAUSES MORBID CONDITIONS, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO THE ABOVE CAUSE (b) Gunshot wound in head.		
OPERATIONS, AUTOPSY	19A. DATE OF OPERATION		19B. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION		20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DEATH DUE TO	21A. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE Suicide		21B. PLACE OF INJURY (E. G., IN OR ABOUT HOME, FARM, FACTORY, STREET, OFFICE BLDG., ETC.) about Home		21C. (CITY OR TOWN) (COUNTY) (STATE) Tucson, Pima, Arizona	
EXTERNAL INJURY	21D. TIME (MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR) (HOUR) OF INJURY 2/18/49 11A M		21E. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gunshot wound in head			
MEDICAL CORONER'S CERTIFICATION	22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM Seen after death ALIVE ON 18 AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT 2P M FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.					
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND REGISTRAR	23A. SIGNATURE <i>Charles H. Johnson</i>		23B. ADDRESS Pima Co. Court House, Tucson		23C. DATE SIGNED 2/21/49	
	24A. BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL <input type="checkbox"/>		24B. DATE 2/22/49		24C. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Masonic Cemetery	
24D. LOCATION (CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY) (STATE) Tucson, Arizona		25A. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 2-21-49		25B. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>Howard A. Bring</i>		
25C. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>Howard A. Bring</i>		ADDRESS Tucson, Arizona				

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The local *Tucson Daily Citizen* newspaper carried his obituary on 19 Feb 1949.³

Oril O. Hutcheson Services Planned

Arrangements will be announced by Bring's funeral home for Oril O. Hutcheson, a longtime Southern Pacific employee who died of a self-inflicted bullet wound Friday. He was 69 years old. Mr. Hutcheson, who had been in ill health since December, was found in a shed at the rear of his home, 337 S. Fourth ave. Unconscious, he was taken to the Pima county hospital where he died three hours later. He was found by a roomer, T. C. Fuller, who with Mrs. Hutcheson, heard the shot. Surviving Mr. Hutcheson, who lived in Tucson 37 years, is his wife, Etta Mae, who is active in Pima county Democratic circles; a son, Frank; and a daughter, Mrs. Esther Herman, all of Tucson.

¹ Arizona Department of Health Services, death certificate no. 1027 (1949), Oril O. Hutcheson; digital image, *Arizona Genealogy Death Certificates* (<http://genealogy.az.gov> : accessed 29 Aug 2010).

² Jim Tipton, *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 19 Sep 2010), photograph, Oril O. Hutcheson (1879-1949) and Etta Mae Hutcheson (1899-1991) gravemarker, Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Pima, Arizona.

³ "Oril O. Hutcheson Services Planned," *Tucson Daily Citizen*, 19 Feb 1949, p. 4, col. 6-8; digital images, *Newspaper Archive* (<http://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 12 Oct 2010).

Two days later, his funeral was announced.⁴

Oril O. Hutcheson Rites To Be Tuesday

Rites for Oril O. Hutcheson, who died Friday, are set for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bring's funeral home, with Rev. Willard A. Schurr of the First Methodist church officiating and Tucson lodge No.4 F&AM, officiating at graveside services in the Masonic plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Pallbearers are A. C Thayer, O. C. Boone, William Wisdom, A. W. League, John J. Ellis and Bert Menge.

Unfortunately, beyond the facts related to his death, almost everything else recorded on the death certificate conflicts with other sources. The death certificate can't even agree with itself when it comes to Oril's date of birth and his age at death. Throughout his life, documents naming Oril point to eight different possible dates of birth and several places.

- His 1918 World War I Draft Card reports that he was born 23 Aug 1874.⁵
- In 1920, the census reported that he was born in 1874 in Colorado.⁶
- The 1900 Census reported that he was born in Aug 1876.⁷
- At the time of his marriage in 1916 and on the 1895 Iowa Census, his reported age indicates he was born in 1878.^{8,9}
- When using the reported age at death found on Oril's death certificate, his date of birth is 27 May 1879.¹⁰
- The death certificate also reports that he was born on 22 Jul 1879 in Iowa.¹¹
- An Ancestral File record reports that he was born 14 Aug 1879.¹²
- The headstone Oril shares with his wife gives his date of birth as 21 Aug 1879.¹³
- Either of the above dates falls within the 1880 Census's reported month of Aug 1879 in Iowa.¹⁴
- The 1885 Iowa Census reports he was born in 1879 in Monona County, Iowa.¹⁵ The 1905 Minnesota Census and 1910 Census agree with the year and state.^{16,17}
- In 1928 at his son's birth and in 1930 for the census, Oril's age indicates he was born between May 1882 and May 1883.^{18,19}

⁴ "Oril O. Hutcheson Rites To Be Tuesday," *Tucson Daily Citizen*, 21 Feb 1949, p. 8, col. 3; digital images, *Newspaper Archive* (<http://www.newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 12 Oct 2010).

⁵ "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database and images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 17 Dec 2010), Oril O. Hutcheson, serial no. 296, order no. A4755, Draft Board O, Pima County, Arizona; citing *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*.

⁶ 1920 U.S. census, Pima County, Arizona population schedule, Tucson, enumeration district (ED) 105, sheet 3A, p. 264 (stamped), dwelling 46, family 47, Oril O Hutcheson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 Oct 2010); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T625, roll 50.

⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Martin County, Minnesota population schedule, Fairmont, enumeration district (ED) 165, sheet 11B, dwelling 229, family 232, Ole Hutcheson, border in the home of Richard A. Jones; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 Dec 2010); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T623, roll 775.

⁸ Floyd R. Negley and Clark Tinney, editors, *Arizona Marriages: Pima County, Marriage Book 5-10, Feb 1912 through Dec 1926* (Tucson, Arizona: Arizona State Genealogical Society, 1997), 152, citing Pima County Marriage Records book #6, p. 99.

⁹ 1895 state census, Martin County, Minnesota, population schedule, Rutland, p. 13, family 89, Oley Hutchison; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 Jan 2011); citing Minnesota Historical Society, microfilm roll V290_76.

¹⁰ Arizona death certificate no. 1027 (1949), Oril O. Hutcheson.

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "Ancestral File," database, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 21 Feb 2011), Ole Oliver Hutcheson (5675-RX) family group record.

¹³ Jim Tipton, *Find A Grave*, photograph, Oril O. Hutcheson (1879-1949) and Etta Mae Hutcheson (1899-1991) gravemarker, Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Pima, Arizona.

¹⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Monona County, Iowa population schedule, Jordon, enumeration district (ED) 156, p. 93A, dwelling 45, family 45, Household of Thomas Hutcheson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 Dec 2010); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 357.

¹⁵ 1885 state census, Monona County, Iowa, population schedule, Jordan, p. 179 (stamped), dwelling 11, family 13, line 11, Oley Hutcheson in the household of Jacob Bowman; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 Jan 2011); citing State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest, roll IA1885_235.

¹⁶ 1905 state census, Stearns County, Minnesota, population schedule, Melrose Ward 2, p. 163, O Hutcheson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 31 Jan 2011); citing Minnesota Historical Society, microfilm roll MNSC_158.

¹⁷ 1910 U.S. census, Spokane County, Washington population schedule, Hillyard, enumeration district (ED) 207, sheet 29A, p. 279, line 9, Ole O. Hutcheson, lodger; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 18 Dec 2010); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T624, roll 1669.

So which date is correct? The number of records that name August as the month of Oril's birth are predominate. Since he was obviously alive in 1880, the year of birth of 1883 can be eliminated. Also, the records that were closest to the time of his birth indicate 1879. When a child is young, even neighbors are more likely to know the difference between a child who is less than a year old versus three, four, or five years of age. Therefore, it is most likely that Oril was born in August of 1879. The exact day is more uncertain. Did he marry on his birthday, the 21st? There are more records that report a day close to the 21st.

The closest to a full name we can get is **Oril Oliver "Oley" Hutcheson**. Tracing him through time, records place him firmly with his wife and children and his parents and siblings.

- He appeared on the United States Federal census in 1930 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.²⁰ Oril O. Hutcheson is the 47-year-old head of household at 337 S 4th Ave. He owns a home valued at \$6500.00 but did not own a radio. He is married to 37-year-old Etta Mae Hutcheson. Oril was first married at age 31; Etta was first married at age 17, confirming the information that she was previously married. He could read and write. Oril and his parents were all reported to have been born in Iowa. Oril was a wageworker employed as a brakeman by the railroad. He was not a veteran. Also in the home were Esther Hutcheson, his adopted daughter, Frank F Hutcheson, his son, and John H. Williamson, a lodger who was also a brakeman for the railroad.
- He appeared on the United States Federal census in 1920 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.²¹ During this census year, Oril O. Hutcheson is reported at the head of the household at 320 East 12th St, which he was renting. He was 45 and his wife, Mae E. was 27. He could read and write. His birthplace was reported as Colorado, his father's as Ohio, and his mother's as Iowa. He was a wage worker employed as a conductor on the railroad. Also in the home were Esther Hutcheson, his daughter; Frank B. Oliver, a lodger who is a brakeman; Georgia M. Oliver, a lodger who is likely Frank's daughter; and John J. Kuykendall, a lodger who is a boilermaker.
- He registered for the World War I Draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.²²
- He was married on 21 Aug 1916 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.²³
- He appeared on the United States Federal census in 1910 in Hillyard, Spokane, Washington.²⁴ Ole O. Hatcheson/Hutchison/Hutcheson was born in 1879 in Iowa. He was living as a lodger with a large group of men who all worked on the railway. He was employed as a conductor on a steam railway. Both his parents were born in Iowa.
- He appeared on the Minnesota State Census on 20 Jun 1905 in Melrose, Stearns, Minnesota.²⁵ Hutchenson, O, Male, age 25, white, born Iowa, parents Iowa and MO, in the state for 7 years and in this enumeration district for 1 month, brakeman
- He appeared on the census in 1900 in Fairmont, Martin, Minnesota.²⁶ Ole Hutchinson was born Aug 1876, was age 23, and was one of three boarders in the home of Richard A. Jones. He was born in Iowa but the birthplaces of his parents are reported as unknown. No occupation is listed for him.
- He appeared on the Minnesota State census in 1895 in Rutland, Martin, Minnesota.²⁷ Oley Hutchison, age 16 at last birthday, male, white, born in Iowa. Living in the home of Henry M. Betts.

¹⁸ Arizona Department of Health Services, birth certificate no. 482 (1928), Frank Finnis Hutcheson; digital image, *Arizona Genealogy Birth Certificates* (<http://genealogy.az.gov> : accessed 3 Nov 2010).

¹⁹ 1930 U.S. census, Pima County, Arizona population schedule, Tucson, enumeration district (ED) 66, sheet 10B, p. 195 (stamped, reverse), dwelling 87, family 96, Oril O Hutcheson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 27 Oct 2010); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T626, roll 61.

²⁰ 1930 U.S. census, Pima County, Arizona pop. sch., Tucson, ED 66, sheet 10B, p. 195 (stamped, reverse), dwell. 87, fam. 96, Oril O Hutcheson.

²¹ 1920 U.S. census, Pima County, Arizona pop. sch., Tucson, ED 105, sheet 3A, p. 264 (stamped), dwell. 46, fam. 47, Oril O Hutcheson.

²² "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," Oril O. Hutcheson, serial no. 296, order no. A4755, Draft Board O, Pima County, Arizona.

²³ Negley and Tinney, *Arizona Marriages: Pima County, 1912-1926*, 152, citing Pima County Marriage Records book #6, p. 99.

²⁴ 1910 U.S. census, Spokane County, Washington pop. sch., Hillyard, ED 207, sheet 29A, p. 279, line 9, Ole O. Hutcheson, lodger.

²⁵ 1905 state census, Stearns County, Minnesota, population schedule, Melrose Ward 2, p. 163, O Hutchenson.

²⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Martin County, Minnesota pop. sch., Fairmont, ED 165, sheet 11B, dwell. 229, fam. 232, Ole Hutchison, boarder in the home of Richard A. Jones.

²⁷ 1895 state census, Martin County, Minnesota, population schedule, Rutland, p. 13, fam. 89, Oley Hutchison.

- He appeared on the census in 1885 in Jordan, Monona, Iowa.²⁸ Oley Hutcheson, age 5, and born in Monona County, Iowa was living in the Bowman household with his mother Kate Hutcheson, age 32, born in MO. His siblings who were also in the home, all born in Monona County, were: Jay, age 15; Peck, age 13; Dick, age 11; Noun, age 9; Joseph, age 7; and Frank, age 3.
- He appeared on the census in 1880 in Jordon, Monona, Iowa.²⁹ Oly Hutcheson is ten months old, born in August in Iowa. His parents are Thomas and Catherine, both age 33. He was born in Ohio, she was born in Missouri. His siblings are: David, age 11; Syrus, age 9; Thomas, age 7; Freeman, age 5; Joshep, age 3; and Oly's twin sister Olive.

Oril Oliver "Oley" Hutcheson was the son of **Thomas Warren Hutcheson** and **Catherine D. Hunter**.³⁰ While the informant at Oril's death did not know many details, they did name his father as Thomas, so the connections between the man named Oril on later censuses can be tied to the Oley of the earlier censuses.

Oril married **Etta Mae Olmstead**³¹ on 21 Aug 1916 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.³²

The child from this marriage was:

M i. **Frank Finnis Hutcheson** was born on 7 May 1928 in Tucson, Pima, Arizona.³³

Etta Mae had been married previously to William Dalton and they had a daughter named Esther who used her stepfather's last name.³⁴

Thomas Warren Hutcheson and **Catherine D. Hunter**'s children, and therefore Oril's siblings, were:^{35,36}

- M i. **David Jay Hutcheson** was born on 8 Jul 1869 in Iowa.
- M ii. **Cyrus K. "Peck" Hutcheson** was born on 23 Jun 1871 in Iowa.
- M iii. **Thomas Ali "Dick" Hutcheson** was born on 24 Apr 1873 in Iowa.
- M iv. **Freeman Laudwick "Noun" Hutcheson** was born on 20 Mar 1875 in Iowa.
- M v. **Joseph Warren Hutcheson** was born on 25 Jun 1877 in Iowa.
- M vi. **Oril Oliver "Oley" Hutcheson** was born in Aug 1879 in Iowa.
- F vii. **Mamie Olive Hutcheson** was born in Aug 1879 in Iowa.
- M viii. **Frank Orville Hutcheson** was born on 5 Dec 1881 in Iowa.

Even though the information provided on Oril's death certificate was uncertain, a fairly round picture of Oril's family can be created. Time could add further historical details and more solid connections, but this case shows that connections can be found even with misreported data.

²⁸ 1885 state census, Monona County, Iowa, population schedule, Jordan, p. 179 (stamped), fam. 13, line 11, Oley Hutcheson in the household of Jacob Bowman.

²⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Monona County, Iowa pop. sch., Jordon, ED 156, p. 93A, dwell. 45, fam. 45, Household of Thomas Hutcheson.

³⁰ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "Ancestral File," database, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 21 Feb 2011), Thomas Warren Hutcheson (5675-D2) and Catherine D. Hunter (5675-F7) family group record.

³¹ Carol Powell, "Days Past: Etta Mae 'Ma Hutch' Hutcheson, Arizona Legislator, 1953-1972," *The Daily Courier*, 27 Feb 2010, online archives (<http://prescottdailycourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&subsectionID=1&articleID=78218> : accessed 5 Sep 2010).

³² Negley and Tinney, *Arizona Marriages: Pima County, 1912-1926*, 152, citing Pima County Marriage Records book #6, p. 99.

³³ Arizona birth certificate no. 482 (1928), Frank Finnis Hutcheson.

³⁴ Carol Powell, "Days Past: Etta Mae 'Ma Hutch' Hutcheson, Arizona Legislator, 1953-1972," *The Daily Courier*, 27 Feb 2010, online archives (<http://prescottdailycourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&subsectionID=1&articleID=78218> : accessed 5 Sep 2010).

³⁵ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "Ancestral File," database, *FamilySearch*, Thomas Warren Hutcheson (5675-D2) and Catherine D. Hunter (5675-F7) family group record.

³⁶ Elaine M. Hutcheson, Family Tree Maker's Genealogy Site, *The Hohl Hutcheson Family Home Page* (<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/h/u/t/Elaine-M-Hutcheson/index.html> : accessed 25 Feb 2011), "Descendants of Ferdenandus Van Sickle," Page 3-4 of 6.