

Family History Report

1 Rear Admiral George Theodore Mundorff, Jr.^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7}

Birth: 24 Feb 1905, New York, New York
Death: 31 Mar 1978, St. Vincent Hospital, Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico^{1,8}
Burial: 4 June 1978 (Cremation), Santa Fe National Cemetery, Plot 3 1499, Santa Fe, NM⁸
Occupation: Career Naval officer; My 1st Cousin, once removed
Education: U.S. Naval Academy
Father: Dr. George Theodore Mundorff (1871-1917)
Mother: "Minnie" Grau (1882-1968)

(My 1st Cousin, once removed)

The first son of Dr. George Theodore (1871-1917) and "Minne Mundorff, nee Grau (1882-1968), George Theodore was born on February 24, 1905, in New York City.

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1926, George volunteered for flight training and was ultimately designated a U.S. Naval aviator.

He pioneered in Naval aviation in the late 1920's-early 1930's. He participated in the first overseas delivery of Naval aircraft from Virginia to the Panama Canal Zone in 1931.

In 1939, he took part in the first world record-breaking mass flight of any aircraft from California to the Panama Canal Zone.

A member of the first Navy precision flying team, the predecessor to the famous Navy Blue Angels, he then held command of several aircraft squadrons and served aboard aircraft carriers throughout the remainder of his career.

In command of Patrol Squadron Ten at Pearl Harbor at the start of World War II, he later commanded Fleet Air Wing Ten against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific.

During World War II, he commanded the "U.S.S. Windham Bay" and during the Korean War, the "U.S.S. Lake Champlain".

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with Gold Star, the Air Medal with Three Gold Stars, the Commendation Medal with Bronze Star, the Distinguished Unit Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Korean Presidential Citation.

He retired as Vice-President of Ampex Canada.

He died on March 31, 1978, at the age of seventy-three. He was cremated and his ashes were buried on April 6, 1978, with arrangements through Memorial Chapel Mortuary; his remains are found in Plot #31499.

His address in his last years was 310 Calle Estado, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

He was the author of a number of professional books and articles as well as the holder of several mechanical design and computer patents.

He spent much time and effort putting together a Mundorff genealogy, a copy of which was donated to the Family History Library.⁹

Spouse: Jeanne Mallinson Weir^{1,10,2}
Birth: 28 Apr 1909, Spokane, Spokane County, WA
Death: abt 12 Jun 1998, San Francisco, CA
Father: Harold Mallinson Weir (~1879-1960)
Mother: Ruth Fraye (>1870->1927)

Born on April 28, 1909, in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, Jeanne Mallinson, whose grandfather was lost on the "Titanic", was married to George Theodore when she was seventeen years of age. The ceremony was performed at an elaborate military home wedding in the Giles Bishop residence in Coronado, California. The bride's brother, Colin Weir, gave her in marriage.

They were divorced on March 29, 1946, when she was thirty-six.

Later, she remarried a Mr. Morse.

She died in the San Francisco, California, area at the advanced age of eighty-nine about June 12, 1998. Her obituary appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle".

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Marriage: 12 Feb 1927, Unknown
Divorce: 29 Mar 1946

Children: George Theodore (1933-1966)

Other spouses: Margaret Lena Haga Ramey

1.1a George Theodore Mundorff III*^{1,2}

Birth: 30 Mar 1933, Baltimore, Baltimore County, Maryland
Death: 16 Feb 1966, Luzon, the Philippines¹¹
Burial: 1966, Manila Memorial Park, Phillippines
Occupation: Pilot and crop duster; Mom's 1st Cousin, once removed

George Theodore, the first son and only child of George Theodore (1905-1978) and Jeanne Mallinson Mundorff, nee Weir (1909-1998), was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 30, 1933.

As the son of a naval officer, "Ted" was moved back and forth at two year intervals between the East and West coasts of the United States.

He was living on Ford Island on South Oahu in the North Pacific in the midst of Pearl Harbor when the Japanese made their surprise attack on Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

He received much of his primary education from the St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., leaving there during the final years of World War II to move to California with his mother, where he attended various schools and the University of San Francisco.

On June 7, 1952, at the age of nineteen, George Theodore eloped to Reno, Nevada, with Leone Bray. They were married again in California on June 27, 1952. Out of this union there was issue as follows:

- *1)George Theodore Mundorff IV (1953-)
- *2)Janice Ann Mundorff (1955-)
- *3)Jeanne Wir Mundorff (1956-)
- *4)Anne Bray Mundorff (1960-)

George and Leone Bray Mundorff were granted an interlocutory divorce in San Francisco, California, on August 5, 1963.

A final decree was awarded by the Court on August 4, 1965.

Just eleven days later, on August 15, 1965, again in Nevada, George Theodore married Rosenda Pedrosa Marquez. There was no issue from this second marriage.

An aviator like his father, George Theodore formed a company to introduce aerial crop spraying and insect control methods to the Philippines and shortly after his second marriage in 1965 became established in the residential suburbs of Manila as president of the Asian Aerial Corporation.

Romanticist, profligate, adventurer, philanderer, and wastrel, "Ted" was at the same time a talented person with great imagination and versatile skills.

His strong internal conflicts were put to rest when he was killed on February 16, 1966, in an airplane accident while demonstrating crop dusting techniques near Tarlac, Luzon. He was thirty-two years of age.

He was buried in the Manila Memorial Park Cemetery, Paranaque, the Philippines.

His abberances followed two serious automobile accidents involving head injuries.

Spouse: Leone Bray^{1,2}

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Birth: 6 Jul 1932, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California
Marriage: 27 Jun 1952, California
Divorce:

Children: George Theodore (1953-)
Janice Ann (1955-2000)
Jeanne Weir (1956-)
Anne Bray (1960-)

Other spouses: Rosenda Pedrosa Marquez

1.1b George Theodore Mundorff III* (See above)

Spouse: Rosenda Pedrosa Marquez¹²
Birth: 1 Mar 1938, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique, Philippines
Father: Santiago Palacios Marquez (1904-1981)
Mother: Consolacion Silibgon Pedrosa (>1900-)
Marriage: 15 Aug 1965, Nevada

Other spouses: Leone Bray

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spouse of 1.1a

Fraye

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parent of spouse of 1

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parent of 1

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Santiago Palacios

parent of spouse of 1.1b

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child of 1.1a

Dr. George Theodore

parent of 1

Janice Ann

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Pedrosa

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parent of spouse of 1

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