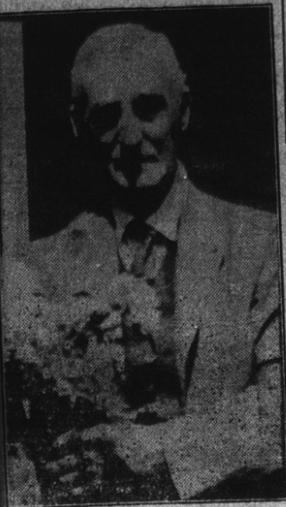


# ELEVENTH CHILD OF ELEVENTH CHILD, TORRANCE MAN HAD TWO GRAND-DADS WITH WASHINGTON



WILLIAM BARNES

The eleventh child of the eleventh child, and himself the father of eleven, William Barnes of Torrance, aged 72, stands up to his full height of 6 feet 2 and lays claim to the distinction of being the only man alive who had two grandfathers in the Revolutionary war. Not great-grandfathers, mind you, but parents of his own mother and father.

And then, just to prove that the name Barnes, coming from the old Norwegian "Bjerne," meaning warrior, William Barnes relates with pride that a member of his family has shouldered arms in every American war. Four of his own sons served Uncle Sam in the World war.

**Is Still Working**

"It may sound funny to you when I say that I had two grandfathers in the Revolutionary war," said Mr. Barnes. "But my parents were born when their parents were aged and I was the eleventh child in our family when my parents were old. My grandfathers served Washington as lads in their teens."

This stalwart veteran, now resident of Torrance, with eleven children, still maintains himself and exhibits a vigor possessed by few men of 60. "My children want me to come and live with them," said Barnes, "but I'm too young to throw up the sponge."

Mr. Barnes is employed in the pool room on East Carson street.

**Coincidence of Dates**

The father of eleven, Mr. Barnes is grandfather to a score and great-grandfather to several.

"I was married on the anniversary of the wedding of my father and mother, which by a queer coincidence was the anniversary of the date of my father's death," said Mr. Barnes. Children who read in school about the great French general Lafayette, and even those of us who read in school about him years ago, are apt to think of the great friend of the United States as a figure of the long ago.

Not so with William Barnes. And the following story he tells will reveal why.

**Mother Saw Lafayette**

"When my mother was 10 years old," says Barnes, "she was living with her parents in Cincinnati, when Lafayette visited the city on his American tour, shortly before his death. Great throngs greeted him on his tour of the country. He spoke to thousands in a gigantic meeting at Cincinnati. My mother was at that meeting and heard Lafayette speak.

"When the great Frenchman was addressing the throng of American admirers a shabbily dressed woman forced her way through the crowd and excitedly fought her way forward toward the speaker's platform. She spoke nervously and loudly in French.

"On account of her shabby appearance, and the fact that she was disturbing the meeting, guards started to eject her. But she raised such a cry and commotion that she attracted the attention of Lafayette.

"Stopping in the middle of a sentence, the aged French general looked at the woman with surprise, and hurriedly motioned the guards to escort her to the platform.

"When the shabby French woman reached the speaker's platform she clasped her arms around the neck of Lafayette, who caressed her tenderly. Was Old Friend

"Lafayette then explained to the audience that when he was a prisoner in the Bastille, near death from starvation, this woman smuggled food into his cell.

"The old French woman, weeping with joy, was given a seat of honor on the platform. My mother says that was the most inspiring sight she ever saw."

Mr. Barnes has traced his ancestry back to William the Conqueror. One of his forebears fought in the battle of Hastings in 1066.

"And there has been one or more in every war since," he said.

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# VETERANS OF CANADIAN ARMY NOW U. S. CITIZENS MAY JOIN AMERICAN LEGION, NEW RULING

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Under provisions of a new eligibility class in the American Legion, hundreds of allied soldiers, heretofore unable to join the veterans' organization, are becoming members, according to word received from national headquarters.

Morgan Keaton, state adjutant of the legion for California, said yesterday that men who served with the allied forces, whether at the time of entry American citizens or later becoming naturalized, are now eligible to the legion because of a change made in the constitution at the recent San Francisco convention.

The new provision particularly applied to Canadian veterans who have

taken up American citizenship since the World war, and scores of such men are affiliating with the legion. Keaton says, as well as making eligible the thousands of Americans who enlisted in the armies of other nations during the war, but who were previously barred from the legion because of foreign service.

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## STANDARD TO ERECT TANKS NEAR HARBOR

Farm at Wilmington Will Connect With El Segundo

Work on a tank farm which will extend over 11 acres was begun last Monday morning by the Standard Oil company near Wilmington, which will be connected with the company's large refinery at El Segundo.

It is announced that eight large tanks of 60,000-gallon capacity each will be erected on the site, which is near the Lomita oil field and within three miles of the company's loading station at Wilmington waterfront. It will require the work of more than 100 men constantly for four months to get the tanks ready for the oil from the Lomita and other fields which the Standard has contracted for.



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