



Howard Robert Higgins Birch

BIRTH 15 SEP 1927 • Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA

DEATH 2019 • Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA

maternal grandfather

Timeline

Age 0 – Birth

15 Sep 1927 • Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA

Birth (Alternate)

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15 Sep 1927 • Pima, Arizona, USA



Serving in the Navy During World War II

Your grandfather, Howard Birch, was in the Navy—America's "first line of attack"—during World War II.



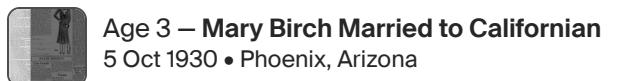
World War II Army Soldier

One of America's Greatest Generation, your grandfather, Howard Birch, served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Age 2 – Living with Doris Higgins in Buckeye

Apr 1930 • Buckeye, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Looking at the census record, Howard was 2 and living with Doris (30) here as a lodger.



Age 3 – Mary Birch Married to Californian

5 Oct 1930 • Phoenix, Arizona

Age 3 – Residence

1930 • Buckeye, Buckeye, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Lodger

Age 3 – Residence

1930 • Buckeye, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head: Lodger

Age 4 – Orphanage

Abt. 1931 • Silver City, NM

"We know during the depression[1] he was sent to a Catholic orphanage in Silver City, NM with his cousin *Wills 'Bill' Rosser,* son of *Jessie Kuthe.*" [moleson2001]
<https://www.ancestry.com/connect/profile/00f7ae2f-0001-0000-0000-000000000000>

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1930 United States Federal Census



1940 United States Federal Census



1940 United States Federal Census



1950 United States Federal Census



1950 United States Federal Census



Ancestry Family Trees



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**Age 5 – Vekol Valley**

1933-04-07 • Casa Grande, Arizona

Howard lived in Agua Caliente with Doris' family.

**Age 5 – Vekol Valley**

7 Apr 1933 • Casa Grande, Arizona

Age 7 – Birth of half-sister Barbara Anna King (1934–2012)

26 Dec 1934 • Reno, Washoe, Nevada, USA

Age 8 – Residence

1935 • Agua Calienta, Maricopa County, Arizona, USA

Age 10 – Death of father James Everett Higgins (1892–1938)

06 Jul 1938 • San Francisco

Age 12 – Residence

Apr 1940 • 1517 almeria rd, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Howard lived in Phoenix in 1940; Agua Caliente in 1935.

Age 13 – Residence

1940 • Csd 2, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head of House: Lodger

Age 13 – Residence

1940 • Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Marital Status: Single; Relation to Head: Lodger

**Recorded in a Hotel for the 1940 Census**

Your grandfather, Howard Birch, was a guest in a hotel on the day the 1940 census was taken.

Age 17 – Education

1944 • Phoenix, AZ

North Phoenix HS Wearing ROTC hat?

Age 17 – Residence

1944 • Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Age 17 – Navy: USS Clytie

18 Jan 1945

"USS Clytie (AS-26) was an Aegir-class submarine tender in the United States Navy during World War II." [1] [1]
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Clytie

Age 17 – Military

18 Jan 1945 • USS Clytie

Navy?

Age 18 – Military

29 Oct 1945

This originally said Jan, not sure why. Army reserves 19218968, Navy 8874748 1 year of college

Age 18 – Residence

29 Oct 1945 • Maricopa, Arizona

Marital Status: Single, without dependents



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Age 21 – Marriage

23 Apr 1949 • Pinal, Arizona, USA

 **Patricia Anne Mowrey**
1929–2009

Age 21 – Address

29 May 1949 • 90 west cypress st, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Lived with aunt and uncle. (Jessie and Bill?) Also address belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Birch, I believe.



Age 21 – Marriage of Mowrey / Birch

29 May 1949 • Phoenix, Arizona

Marriage/engagement announcement for Howard Robert Birch and Mowrey Uncle and aunt: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Birch Mother: Doris Nonon in Tucson



Age 21 – Howard R. Birch and Patricia A. Mowrey

17 Jun 1949 • Phoenix, Arizona

Married on June 17th at St. Frances Xavier Church.



Age 21 – Marriage

17 Jun 1949 • Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Mr. Howard Robert Birch

 **Patricia Anne Mowrey**
1929–2009



Age 21 – Vows Recited In Church

18 Jun 1949 • Phoenix, Arizona

Age 21 – Residence

18 Jun 1949 • Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Age 22 – Death of father Robert Birch (1869–1950)

6 August 1950 • Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, United States of America

Age 23 – Residence

1950 • Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA

Relation to Head of House: Head; Marital Status: Married

Age 23 – Birth of daughter Michele Anne Birch (1951–)

18 Aug 1951

Age 24 – Residence

1951 • 30 Polo Village

Age 26 – Birth of daughter Melanie Doris Birch

Garliepp (1953–)

20 Sep 1953

Age 26 – Residence

1953 • Tucson, Arizona, USA

Age 30 – Birth of son Michael K Birch (1958–2010)

23 Jun 1958 • Schenectady, Schenectady, New York, USA

Age 31 – Death of mother Sarah Cope Birch (1878–1959)

21 August 1959 • Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona, United States of America



Age 32 – To Whittier from Schnectady

24 Jan 1960 • Whittier, California

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Birch and family recently came to Whittier from Schnectady, NY., and now reside at 531 Howard St. Birch is employed by General Electric Co. in Los Angeles.

Age 32 – Residence

24 Jan 1960 • Whittier, Los Angeles, California, USA

Occupation: Sis Trainee



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Relationships

Age 32 – Residence

24 Jan 1960 • Whittier, California, USA



Age 36 – Howard R. Birch - General Electric Rotarian
8 Mar 1964 • Phoenix, Arizona

Age 57 – Residence

1984 • Tucson, AZ



Age 57 – Appointed Second Vice President of TRGC
29 May 1985 • Tucson, Arizona

Age 58 – Death of father Ralph Waldo Woodard (1896–1986)

29 January 1986 • Whittier, Los Angeles County, California, United States of America



Age 61 – Tucson Rod and Gun Club
3 Mar 1989 • Tucson, Arizona

Howard Birch, president of the 3,300-member Tucson Rod and Gun Club, seeks to renew permit for presence in Sabino Canyon.

Age 63 – Residence

1990 • Tucson, AZ

Age 66 – Residence

1993 • Tucson, AZ

Age 67 – Death of sister Mary Elizabeth Birch (1908–1995)

14 Aug 1995 • Gila Bend, Maricopa, Arizona, USA

Age 68 – Death of mother Doris Pauline Kuthe (1902–1996)

22 February 1996 • Nogales, Santa Cruz, Arizona, USA

Age 81 – Death of wife Patricia Anne Mowrey (1929–2009)

4 Apr 2009 • Tucson, AZ



Age 81 – Obituary for Patricia A. BIRCH (Aged 80)
8 Apr 2009 • Tucson, Arizona

Age 82 – Death of son Michael K Birch (1958–2010)

4 Jul 2010

Age 84 – Death of half-sister Barbara Anna King (1934–2012)

13 Sep 2012 • King, Washington, USA

Age 87 – Death of half-sister Elsie Woodard (1923–2015)

1 January 2015 • Santa Fe New Mexico USA

Age 92 – Death

2019 • Tucson, Pima, Arizona, USA

Military

Arizona, USA

Namesake

Last name "Birch" comes from aunt and uncle

Residence

Phoenix, Arizona

Occupation: Student; Marital Status: Single

Residence

Schenectady, Schenectady, New York, USA

Residence

Phoenix

Residence

Edgar, Wisconsin, USA

Biological parents



James Everett Higgins
1892–1938



Doris Pauline Kuthe
1902–1996

Additional parent relationships

Foster



Ralph Waldo Woodard
1896–1986



Robert Birch
1869–1950



Sarah Cope Birch
1878–1959

Siblings



Mary Elizabeth Birch
1908–1995

Half siblings



Elsie Woodard
1923–2015



Barbara Anna King
1934–2012

Spouse and children



Patricia Anne Mowrey
1929–2009



Michele Anne Birch
1951–



Melanie Doris Birch Garliepp
1953–



Michael K Birch
1958–2010

Notes

<notexml>Army 1945

Air Force reserve 1947??

See BIRLs file

Blue eyes

Blonde

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