



FLORIDA FRANCE SOLDIER STORIES

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Chester A. Duvinski

1918 - 2012

Sergeant: US Army

756th Tank Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division

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STATE New York COUNTY Queens TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Laurel Hill

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 10th DAY OF January, 1920. WARD OF CITY 24th ENUMERATOR Edward F. Kelly

PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	SEX	RACE	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	SATISFY AND MOTHER TONGUE						OCCUPATION					
								FATHER		MOTHER		OTHER							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
51	John	Head	M	W	30	U.S. born	High school	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish
52	Mary	Wife	F	W	28	U.S. born	High school	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish
53	Leocardra	Daughter	F	W	5	U.S. born	None	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish
54	Edward	Son	M	W	3 1/2	U.S. born	None	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish
55	Chester	Son	M	W	6 months	U.S. born	None	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish	Polish

1920 Federal Census

On January 10, 1920, the Duvinski family lived in Laurel Hill, Queens, NY. Stephen and Mary lived with their three children: Leocardra (5), Edward (3½), and Chester (6 months). Stephen worked as a laborer in the copper industry, as did the boarder living with them. All three adults emigrated from Poland between 1904 and 1913.

Le 10 janvier 1920, la famille Duvinski vivait à Laurel Hill, dans le Queens (New York). Stephen et Mary avaient trois enfants: Leocardra (5 ans), Edward (3 ans et demi) et Chester (6 mois). Stephen travaillait comme manœuvre dans l'industrie du cuivre, tout comme le pensionnaire qui habitait avec eux. Les trois adultes avaient émigré de Pologne entre 1904 et 1913.

"1920 United States Census," database, Ancestry (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 12, 2025), entry for Chester Duvinski, New York, Queens, New York.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/48585297?tid=&pid=&queryId=f74ed03e-a340-40e2-84ee-af55286a9929&phsrc=VIG828&phstart=successSource>

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Form 15-4
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State New York Incorporated place Brooklyn Borough Enumeration District No. 241-265 Sheet No. 4 B
County Kings County Ward of city 65 Community District Block No. 41 Supervisor's District No. 28 Alfred Kelly 6076
Township or other division of county _____ Subincorporated place _____ Institution _____ Enumerated by me on April 21, 1930.

Serial	Sex	Race	Age	Marital status	Name	Relationship to head of family	Home date	Personal description	Education	Place of birth	Native tongue	Date of immigration	Citizenship	Occupation and industry	Code	Employment	Veteran	Place of birth of each person enumerated and of his or her parents. If born in the United States, give State or Territory. If of foreign birth, give country in which born (Latin American and Canada, give Province, Territory, or Dominion). If born in the United States, give State or Territory.	
																		Father	Mother
51	M	W	34	Mar	Steno	Head	1896	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1896	None					Poland	Poland
52	F	W	31	Mar	Steno	Wife	1899	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1899	None					Poland	Poland
53	M	W	14	Unm	Steno	Son	1916	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1916	None					Poland	Poland
54	F	W	11	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1919	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1919	None					Poland	Poland
55	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
56	F	W	7	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1923	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1923	None					Poland	Poland
57	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
58	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
59	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
60	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
61	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
62	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
63	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
64	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
65	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
66	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
67	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
68	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
69	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
70	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
71	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
72	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
73	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
74	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
75	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
76	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
77	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
78	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
79	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
80	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
81	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
82	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
83	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
84	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
85	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
86	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
87	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
88	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
89	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
90	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
91	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
92	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
93	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
94	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
95	M	W	10	Unm	Steno	Son	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland
96	F	W	8	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1922	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1922	None					Poland	Poland
97	M	W	12	Unm	Steno	Son	1918	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1918	None					Poland	Poland
98	F	W	9	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1921	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1921	None					Poland	Poland
99	M	W	13	Unm	Steno	Son	1917	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1917	None					Poland	Poland
100	F	W	10	Unm	Steno	Daughter	1920	Polish	8	Poland	Polish	1920	None					Poland	Poland

1930 Federal Census

In 1930, the Duvinski family lived in Brooklyn, Queens County, NY. The census taker introduced several errors, listing their boarder, Alexander Slesinski, as the head of household, recording Chester's father, Stanley, as a 14-year-old son, and omitting Chester's mother, Mary. The Dubinski family also included two additional sons, Alex (10) and Larry (8), and a daughter, Florence (7). Stanley worked as a laborer in a sugar factory.

En 1930, la famille Duvinski habitait à Brooklyn, Queens County (New York). Le recenseur a introduit plusieurs erreurs concernant la famille en inscrivant leur pensionnaire, Alexander Slesinski, comme chef de famille, en enregistrant le père de Chester, Stanley, comme un fils de 14 ans, et en omettant la mère de Chester, Mary. La famille Dubinski comprenait également deux autres fils, Alex (10 ans) et Larry (8 ans), ainsi qu'une fille, Florence (7 ans). Stanley travaillait comme ouvrier dans une sucrerie.

"1930 United States Census," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 12, 2025), entry for Chester Duvinski, Brooklyn, Kings, New-York.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/39814140>

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SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
1862	CHESTER ANTHONY DUVINSKI			1383
2. ADDRESS (Print)				
49 INDIA ST., BROOKLYN N. Y.				
<small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
3. TELEPHONE		4. AGE IN YEARS	5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
		22	Raven Hill maspero	U. S. A.
		DATE OF BIRTH		
		8 24 1918		
		<small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>		
		New York		
		<small>(State or country)</small>		
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON
Mary Duvinski				Mother
<small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON				
49 India St., Brooklyn, New York				
<small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME				
Benjamin Lilsey + Co.				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS				
293 7th St., Brooklyn, New York				
<small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD		16-17105		3
D. S. S. Form 1		(over)		Chester Duvinski <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>

WWII Draft Registration Card (Front)

In 1940, when Chester completed his World War II registration draft card, he lived and worked in Brooklyn. He listed his mother, Mary, as his emergency contact.

En 1940, quand Chester remplit sa carte de recensement militaire pour la Seconde Guerre mondiale, il vivait et travaillait à Brooklyn. Sa maman, Mary, était son contact d'urgence.

"New York, New York City, World War II Draft Registration Cards" database, *Familysearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> accessed November 20, 2025), entry for Chester Duvinski.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C341-69N6-Y?view=index&cc=3288447&lang=en&groupId=>

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
			EYES	HAIR
White	5'11	160	Sallow	
			Light	✓
Negro			Ruddy	
			Dark	
Oriental			Freckled	
			Light brown	
Indian			Dark brown	
			Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

.....

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

.....

.....

Registrar for 18 15 Brooklyn, New York
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration 10-16-1940

SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD 194
PUBLIC SCHOOL 126
93 MESEROLE AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

WWII Draft Registration Card (Back)

The back of Chester's draft card listed his physical description: he stood 5'11", weighed 160 lbs., and had a light complexion with brown eyes and brown hair.

Le verso de la carte d'enregistrement militaire de Chester indiquait sa description physique: il mesurait 1,80 m, pesait environ 73 kg, avait le teint clair, les yeux et les cheveux bruns.

"New York, New York City, World War II Draft Registration Cards" database, *Familysearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> accessed November 20, 2025), entry for Chester Duvinski.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C341-69N6-Y?view=index&cc=3288447&lang=en&groupId=>

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Military Service

Chester A Duvinski

US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

full name	Chester A Duvinski
army serial number	32180851
enlistment place	Ft Dix New Jersey
enlistment date	4 Sep 1941
army branch	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Branch	Army
race or ethnicity	White
residence	Kings County, New York
source of army personnel	Civil Life
army component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
level of education	2 years of high school
occupation	Shipping and receiving clerks
marital status	Single, with dependents
birth date	1918
birth place	New York
source box number	0475
source film reel number	2.139
conflict	World War II

Enlistment Record

Chester Duvinski enlisted on September 4, 1941, at Fort Dix, NJ. At this point, he had completed 2 years of high school and worked as a clerk. His card also mentioned that he was single with dependents.

Chester Duvinski a rejoint l'armée le 4 septembre 1941 à Fort Dix (New Jersey). À cette époque, il avait terminé 2 ans d'études secondaires et travaillait comme commis. Sa fiche indiquait également qu'il était célibataire, mais qu'il avait des personnes à charge.

"U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records," database, Fold3.com (www.fold3.com: accessed January 20, 2026), entry for Chester Duvinski, service number 32180851.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/86049775/chester-a-duvinski-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-1938-1946>

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Military Service

Duvinski, Chester A

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

full name	Duvinski, Chester A
gender	Male
race	White/Mexican
birth place	New York
admission age	20
admission date	Oct 1942
admission place	30th General Hospital
military service number	32180851
rank	Enlisted Man
Unit	001
branch	Signal Corps
length of service	13
injured in line of duty	In line of duty
medical diagnosis	Diagnosis: Rupture; QualifyingTerm: Moderate; Location: Ligament; Location: Knee; CausativeAgent: Football
discharge type	Duty (returned to)
discharge date	Nov 1942
description	4742941
conflict period	World War II

1942 Hospital Admission Card

In October 1942, Chester injured his knee playing football. He stayed at the 30th General Hospital before returning to duty in November 1942.

En octobre 1942, Chester s'est blessé au genou en jouant au football américain. Il reprit son service en novembre 1942.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Card Files," database, Fold3 (www.Fold3: access January 20, 2026), entry for Chester Duvinski, service number 32180851.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/703214050/duvinski-chester-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

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Military Service

Duvinski, Chester A

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

full name Duvinski, Chester A

race White, includes Mexican

admission age 25

admission date Jan 1944

admission type of injury Casualty, battle

military service number 32180851

rank Enlisted Man

branch Armed Forces (not Elsewhere Classified)

length of service 2 Year(s), 6 Month(s)

injured in line of duty In line of duty

medical diagnosis FirstLocation: Neck, generally; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Other or Unspec to Blast, Fragments, Debris

discharge type Duty

discharge date Jan 1944

conflict period World War II

served for United States of America

1944 Hospital Admission Card

Chester Duvinski suffered a neck wound from an artillery shell in January 1944, possibly during the Battle of Anzio, Italy. He returned to service the same month.

En janvier 1944, Chester Duvinski fut blessé au cou par un éclat d'obus, probablement lors de combats d'Anzio (Italie). Il a repris son service le même mois.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Card Files," database, *Fold3* (www.Fold3: access January 20, 2026), entry for Chester Duvinski, service number 32180851.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/704713314/duvinski-chester-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

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Military Service

Duvinski, Chester A

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

full name	Duvinski, Chester A
race	White, includes Mexican
admission age	26
admission date	Sep 1944
admission type of injury	Casualty, battle
military service number	32180851
rank	Enlisted Man
branch	Armored Forces, Tank Units, Not Elsewhere Classified
length of service	3 Year(s), 0 Month(s)
injured in line of duty	In line of duty
medical diagnosis	FirstLocation: Leg; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
medical treatment	Closure of wound, delayed (suture, secondary to wound) (delayed closure)
discharge type	Duty
discharge date	Oct 1944
conflict period	World War II
served for	United States of America

1944 Hospital Admission Card

In September, Chester was injured again in the line of duty by artillery shell fragments in his leg. He likely got hurt while advancing north with his unit in the Rhone Valley, France. Medical professionals initially delayed closing his wound, likely to prevent infection, which delayed his return to service.

En septembre 1944, Chester fut blessé à nouveau sur la ligne de front par des éclats d'obus dans une de ses jambes. Il a sans doute contracté cette blessure lorsque son unité remontait la vallée du Rhône en France. Les médecins ont attendu avant de refermer sa plaie, sans doute pour éviter toute infection, ce qui a retardé son retour dans son unité.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Card Files," database, *Fold3* (www.Fold3: access January 20, 2026), entry for Chester Duvinski, service number 32180851.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/704713313/duvinski-chester-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

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Military Service

Duvinski, Chester A

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

full name	Duvinski, Chester A
gender	Male
race	White (includes Mexican)
admission age	26
admission date	Jan 1945
admission type of injury	InjuryType: Battle casualty; InjuryType2: All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person
military service number	32180851
rank	Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Cadet or Student)
Unit	7
branch	Armored Forces, Tank Units, Not Elsewhere Classified
length of service	3-5 yr.
medical diagnosis	Diagnosis: Wound(s), lacerated with no nerve or artery involvement; Location: Thigh; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
discharge type	Duty (includes AWOL)
discharge date	Jan 1945
discharge place	Aid Station, Clearing or Collection Station, Dispensary
notes	None

1945 Hospital Admission Card

In January 1945, Chester was injured again by artillery fragments, this time in his thigh. Given the date, it is likely that Chester sustained these injuries while fighting in the Colmar Pocket. The aid station discharged him to return to duty.

En janvier 1945, Chester fut à nouveau blessé par des éclats d'obus, cette fois à la cuisse. Au vu de la date, il est probable que Chester ait été blessé lors des combats dans la poche de Colmar. Après traitement, le poste de secours le renvoya au combat.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Card Files," database, *Fold3* (www.Fold3: access January 20, 2026), entry for Chester Duvinski, service number 32180851.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/701415126/duvinski-chester-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

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Post Service Life

Duvinski, Alexander A. <small>(Last name)</small> <small>(Other names)</small>	7/21/20 ✓ <small>(Date of Birth)</small>
49 India St., Brooklyn, N.Y. <small>(Home address)</small>	Maspeth, LI NY <small>(Place of Birth)</small>
37-43 98th St., Corona, NY <small>(Change of address)</small>	
	20227143
Serv. Co. 71st Infantry <small>(Enlisted in)</small>	3 10/20/39 <small>(No. Yrs.) (Date enlistment)</small>
A-US (GO 35 AGO, NY) 16 SEP 40 <small>(How separated from active service)</small>	 <small>(Date separation)</small>
HD (Demobilization) 9 Oct 45 S/Sgt. <small>(Reenlisted in)</small>	 <small>(No. Yrs.) (Date re-enl.)</small>
	 <small>(Date separation)</small>
	 <small>(No. Yrs.) (Date re-enl.)</small>
	 <small>(Date separation)</small>
<small>(United States service)</small> Form AGO-PB-E-1. 7-9-37-100,000 (1B-214)*	<small>(Continue on back)</small>

New York National Guard Service Card

Alexander Duvinski, Chester's younger brother, also served in the military during World War II. He enlisted with the New York National Guard on October 20, 1939. He served until October 9, 1945, as part of the Service Company 71st Infantry Division. He reached the rank of Staff Sergeant during his service in the US Army.

Alexander Duvinski, le frère cadet de Chester, a également servi pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Il s'est enrôlé le 20 octobre 1939 dans la Garde nationale de New York. Il a servi jusqu'au 9 octobre 1945, au sein de la logistique rattachée à la 71e division d'infanterie. Il avait atteint le grade de sergent-chef au moment de sa démobilisation.

"New York, U.S., New York National Guard Service Cards," database, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 12, 2025), entry for Alexander Duvinski, New York, New York.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60808/records/248369>

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Marriage Licence

On October 22, 1948, Chester Duvinski married Helen R. K. Bilsky in Manhattan, New York, NY.

Le 22 octobre 1948, Chester et Helen R.K. Bilsky se marièrent à Manhattan, New York (New York).

"New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018," database, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed January 19, 2026) entry for Chester Duvinski.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61406/records/2135684>

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Chester A Duvinski	
in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1	
Detail	Source
Name	Chester A Duvinski [Chester Duvinski]
Residence Date	1981
Address	299 Calusa Av
Residence	Dunnellon, FL
Postal Code	32630
Second Residence Date	1981
Second Address	299 Calusa Av
Second Residence	Dunnellon, FL
Second Postal Code	34433
Third Residence Date	1985
Third Address	9261 N Caressa Way
Third Residence	Citrus Springs, FL
Third Postal Code	34434-4081
Fourth Residence Date	1985
Fourth Address	9261 N Caressa Way
Fourth Residence	Citrus Springs, FL
Fourth Postal Code	34434-4081

Public Records Index

The public records index listed Chester's home addresses between 1981 and 1985, after his move to Florida, first in Dunnellon and then in Citrus Springs.

L'index des archives publiques répertoriait les adresses de Chester entre 1981 et 1985, après son déménagement en Floride, d'abord à Dunnellon puis à Citrus Springs.

"U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed November 19, 2026) entry for Chester Duvinski.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1788/records/321896167?tid=&pid=&queryId=c197ce21-15e0-4166-9aef-f123beaefb26&phsrc=wyG68&phstart=successSource>

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Alexander C. of Deptford, NJ. Formally of Willingboro, N.J. On June 3, 1995. Age 74. Beloved Husband of Caroline (nee Trochelman). Also survived by one son, Michael Duvinski of Dubuque, Iowa. Two daughters, Carol Ann Baker of Destreham, Louisiana, and Suzanne Cohen of Atco, N.J. Nine grandchildren, one great-grandson. One brother, Chester Duvinski of FL. Two sisters, Florence Genus of Sayreville, NJ, and Lillian Kelsey of Brooklyn, NY, other relatives, and dear friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday 9:30 am at the Corpus Christi R.C. Church, Sunset & Charleston Rds, Willingboro. Relatives and friends may call Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm and Wednesday morning after 8 am at the GOES FUNERAL HOME, 212 Levitt Parkway, Willingboro. Internment Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Arnetown. The family request memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Transcription of news from *Courier-Post*

On June 3, 1995, the Camden (NJ) *Courier-Post* published an article informing that Alexander Duvinski, Chester's younger brother, passed away at the age of 74. He lived in Deptford, NJ.

Le 3 juin 1995, le journal de Camden (New Jersey) a publié un article indiquant qu' Alexander Duvinski, le frère cadet de Chester, était décédé à l'âge de 74 ans. Il habitait Deptford (New Jersey).

"Duvinski" *Courier-Post*, (Camden, New Jersey), June 6, 1995.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/courier-post/189421211/>

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Name	Chester A Duvinski
Residence Years	1997-2002
Address	9261 N Caressa Way
Residence Place	Dunnellon, Florida, USA
Zip Code	34434-4081
Phone Number	352-489-3109
View Neighbors	View Neighbors

Phone and Address Directories

The local directory listed Chester as living in Dunnellon, FL, between 1997 and 2002.

L'annuaire local répertoriait Chester à Dunnellon (Floride), entre 1997 et 2002.

"U.S., *Phone and Address Directories, 1993-2002*" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed November 19, 2026) entry for Chester Duvinski.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7339/records/69446830?tid=&pid=&queryId=5ee19683-071c-4f8d-9020-88d5462645db&_phsrc=wyG70&_phstart=successSource

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Duvinski, Helen R., 80 of Citrus Springs, died Saturday (March 1, 2003) in Crystal River. Born in Lawrence, Mass., she came here in 1974 from Brooklyn, N.Y. She was a retired payroll clerk employed by EDO Aircraft Corp., Long Island, N.Y. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Chester A.; two sons, Stephen Duvinski Sr., Bardonia, N.Y. and Edward, Milford, Pa; and two grandchildren. Fero Funeral Home With Crematory, Beverly Hills.

Transcription of news from *The Tampa Bay Times*

On March 1, 2003, the Tampa Bay, FL, newspaper, *the Tampa Bay Times*, announced that after 54 years of marriage, Helen Duvinski, Chester's wife, passed away at the age of 80.

Le 1er mars 2003, le quotidien de Tampa Bay (Floride), *Le Tampa Bay Times*, annonçait qu'après 54 ans de mariage, Helen Duvinski, la femme de Chester, était décédée à l'âge de 80 ans.

"Duvinski, Helen R.," *Tampa Bay Times*, (St. Petersburg, FL), March 4, 2003.

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/tampa-bay-times/189351327/>

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Name	Chester A Duvinski
Gender	Male
Birth Date	24 Aug 1918
Death Date	2 Jun 2012
SSN	096077801
Enlistment Branch	Army
Enlistment Date	4 Sep 1941
Discharge Date	14 Sep 1945
Page number	2

Veterans Affairs Death File

Chester's Veterans Affairs death file confirmed he was born on August 28, 1918, and that he died on June 2, 2012. In addition, it confirms that he served for 4 years in the military during World War II, leaving service on September 14, 1945.

Sa fiche de décès d'ancien combattant confirme que Chester est né le 28 août 1918, est décédé le 2 juin 2012 et a servi pendant 4 ans dans l'Armée durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Il a retrouvé la vie civile le 14 septembre 1945.

"U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs; United States" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed November 19, 2026) entry for Chester Duvinski.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2441/records/16614102?tid=&pid=&queryId=ca60ee6e-1d41-42f7-b197-9d4ce39a3bf9&phsrc=wyG62&phstart=successSource>

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Chester A. Duvinski, 93, of Citrus Springs, Florida, passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Hospice

of Citrus County in Lecanto, Florida. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he was born August 24, 1918 to Stanley and Mary Duvinski. Mr. Duvinski retired from the U.S. Postal Service in New York, New York in 1972 as a supervisor and moved to Citrus Springs.

Chester served his country proudly during WWII as a U.S Army sergeant serving with the 756th Tank Battalion

and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Mr. Duvinski is survived by his two sons;

Edward Duvinski and his wife Nancy of Milford, Pennsylvania and Stephen Bilsky and his wife Christine of Bardonia, New York;

grandchildren Erica Moore and her husband Corey and Stephen Bilsky and great grandson Andrew Moore. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, The Late Helen Duvinski, on March 1, 2003.

Catholic Rite of Committal will be held on Monday, June 18th at 10:00 A.M. at Fero Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, Florida.

Transcription of Obituary

Chester Duvinski died on June 2, 2012, at the age of 93 in Florida, where he had lived since 1972 after moving from New York upon retiring. The link below to his online obituary provides a picture of him as a young man.

Chester Duvinski est mort le 2 juin 2012, à l'âge de 93 ans, en Floride, où il avait déménagé de New York après sa retraite en 1972. Le lien ci-dessous mène à sa nécrologie en ligne où figure une photo de lui, jeune homme.

"Chester Duvinski Obituary - Beverly Hills, FL." *Dignity Memorial*, 2012, accessed November 10, 2025.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/beverly-hills-fl/chester-duvinski-5131247>

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26 août 2024 : 80^e anniversaire de la libération de Cairanne



À la mémoire du Lieutenant Edgar R. Danby et de ses camarades du 15^e régiment d'infanterie et du 756^e bataillon de chars de l'armée des États-Unis d'Amérique qui libérèrent Cairanne le 26 août 1944,

Les Cairannais reconnaissants.



We will remember them



Edgar R. Danby est mort au combat le 27 août 1944 à Allan (Drôme)

756th Tank Battalion Plaque

The village of Cairanne, 30 miles north of Avignon, France, installed a plaque for the 80th anniversary of its liberation to honor the men of the 756th Tank Battalion and the 15th Infantry Division. This plaque commemorates the service of Chester Duvinski and his fellow soldiers.

Le village de Cairanne, situé à environ 50 km au nord d'Avignon, en France, a installé une plaque commémorative à l'occasion du 80e anniversaire de sa libération afin d'honorer les hommes du 756e bataillon de chars et de la 15e division d'infanterie. Cette plaque rend hommage au service rendu par Chester Duvinski et ses camarades soldats.

"Lt Edgar R. Danby Plaque -756th Tank Battalion," database, *American War Memorials Overseas*, Inc. (<https://www.uswarmemorials.org/>, accessed February, 16, 2026), entry 756th Tank Battalion.

https://www.uswarmemorials.org/html/monument_details.php?SiteID=3101&MemID=4229

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