

Human Interest

Hope Montgomery Scott

Did you know that...

Hope Montgomery Scott's lifestyle inspired playwright Phillip Barry to write "**The Philadelphia Story**" in 1939? The work was made into a movie in 1940 which starred Katherine Hepburn and co-starred Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart. A 1956 remake of the movie, titled, "**High Society**" starred Philadelphia's Grace Kelly.

Hope Montgomery Scott, a Philadelphia Main Line socialite and award-winning dairy farmer lived on her 650 acre estate

"**Ardrossan**" until her death in 1995 at the age of ninety.

An avid rider since age 4, she won many awards over the years at the Devon Horse Show. She kept 310 Ayrshire dairy cows on her farm and had names for each.

She was a wonderful character and was known as a symbol of the good things in life. She had elegance and a zest for fun. She had dined with Winston Churchill on Aristotle Onassis' yacht and danced with the Duke of Windsor at the Stork Club in New York. She turned down four marriage proposals at her first formal social event in 1922 and later married Edgar Scott, an heir to the PA Railroad fortune.

Mrs. Scott was the daughter of Col. Robert Montgomery, a financier, and Charlotte Hope Binney Tyler, a needlepoint artist.

Her husband, Edgar Scott, also died in 1995 at the age of 95. When an ambulance crew came to their home, to take Hope to the hospital after her fatal fall, while leading a horse to a pasture, he is quoted as saying, "There goes my darling."

This remarkable couple had two sons: Edgar Scott, Jr. and Robert Montgomery Scott, who is retiring at age 67 this year after many years with the Philadelphia Art Museum - the past 14 years as President and Chief Executive Officer. He will stay on as Honorary Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are also survived by 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

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Mrs. Maurice Montgomery Hears from Brother

Uerzig, Germany
December 28, 1918

My dear sister:

I will try and answer your letter which I received a few days ago. Sure was glad to get it and also surprised. I am feeling just fine and hope all of you are. I hope you had a merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year. We had as nice a Christmas as could be expected. Our battalion had a tree and a little program. We had music by the band and a few quartets and our Chaplain and Colonel gave us a nice talk and then they gave out what packages that had already come. We sure have a nice town to stay in, we all have beds in private homes and they sure treat us fine.

We are on the Mosel river with mountains on one side and green sloping hills on the other. It sure looks pretty.

Have you heard from George lately? I got a letter from Ethel and she sent me a handkerchief for a Christmas present. I haven't got the one Mamma sent me yet.

Tell Allie and Pearl that I am coming back and give them a visit when I get back. I suppose their baby is getting to be quite a boy.

Well, I will close for this time. Write often.

Your brother,
Pvt. Carl McGuire
Co. L 359 Inf., A.E.F.

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Paul E. Gomer CMSI #916 writes that the "GOMER" in Montgomery means "COMPLETE." He also says that he was at D-Day Normandy (Utah-Omah Beaches) as well as William Montgomery CMSI #48, with Theodore Roosevelt Jr's 4th Naval Unit.