



Greenwood Hills

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Mother of Invention: The story of Etta Carman and Her Son Roscoe's "Peng-Wings"

Early pioneering Oswego resident Waters Carman was in most ways a man of his time. Like many men in the 19th century, he quickly remarried within a year of his first wife's passing. Following the first official wedding in Lake Oswego on September 12, 1852, Waters' second family in Oswego with Lucretia Gurney would eventually grow to include four children. First-born son George would be followed by the powerful pioneer force of three strong-willed girls: Mary Lucretia (Mamie), Henrietta Susanna (Etta) and Helen Adelia (Della). Middle daughter Etta (1858-1925) grew up in the homestead at Springbrook Farm, familiar to most Lake Oswego residents of today as the Carman House, leaving in 1881 following her marriage to Daniel Dean Magone, the handsome son of another local pioneering family.

The young newlyweds soon settled down at Dogwood Farm on Etta's share of the original Carman land claim. Daniel and Etta would eventually bring a total of eight children into the world, including not one but two sets of twins! Son Roscoe, their fourth child, was born in 1889.

In 1886 Etta's life began to unravel. On a lazy Sunday afternoon under blue sky and wispy clouds, tutor Maxwell McKechnie asked Etta for permission to take his charges, her three oldest children - daughters Lulu, Mamie and Francette- to the canal that connected the Tualatin river with Oswego lake for their weekly landscape painting lesson. While crossing a felled log lying across the steep-walled canal, Francette, the youngest Magone daughter, tragically misstepped, slipping and falling into the canal. Their brave tutor immediately dived in to save her, only to get caught on a submerged snag and quickly drown. Lulu and Mamie watched helplessly while Francette struggled and then drowned. It took two hours before the bodies were retrieved and returned to Dogwood Farm.



Henrietta Susanna "Etta" Carman
and Daniel Dean Magone

Etta's life was shattered but she still had five remaining children who would soon be joined by the second set of twins within the year. Husband Daniel would eventually crumble under financial setbacks, as well as the loss of Francette. The death of his twin sons, Rexford and Maxwell, drove him over the edge. He became manic, angry, and eventually abandoned his family at Dogwood Farm, spending most of his time in Portland dive bars at night and fishing the Willamette during the day. He eventually ended up part of a scheme to extort money that involved digging up the body of William S. Ladd to hold for ransom. Things did not go according to plan: Magone ended up with no cash, but a new set of clothing that included prison stripes.

This proud pioneer daughter of Waters Carman was left with five surviving young children, a husband locked up in an East Salem prison, no help on the Carman farm, and the public shame that often comes with small town village life. To survive and rebuild, she left the farm and went to find work wherever she could. Following stints as a housekeeper for two Portland families, Etta moved into a small house in Sellwood and worked as a weaver for the woolen mills along with her two surviving daughters, Lulu and Mamie.

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Greenwood Hills Cemetery Maintenance Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining the grounds of Greenwood Hills Cemetery in a manner that respects the dead, honors the living, and preserves a valuable connection with our rich pioneer history. Through responsible stewardship of resources, we strive to maintain a safe and beautiful open space where people can come to remember the past and enjoy the natural world which we hold in sacred trust for the future.

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In early 1906 Etta sent Roscoe, then only 15, to work at a basket factory in nearby St. Johns. Assigned to a machine he had no familiarity with and no training, Roscoe completely severed his right hand within 45 minutes of starting the job. Etta later sued the company and lost.

Despite a life of continual hardship and tragic losses, Etta managed to live a life of noble grace, charity, and devotion to her family. Letters written when she was well into old age reveal a sweet, uncomplaining spirit, battered but without a shred of bitterness.

Like his mother [in her resilience], Roscoe did not let the unfortunate loss of his hand impede him. He would earn his living as a commercial fisherman, eventually becoming a crack violinist and excellent swimmer. In the years after WWII Roscoe put his talents to inventing prosthetic devices for amputees, including a device for playing the violin. His most interesting patent is unquestionably for a swimming aid he named "Peng-Wings."

According to a December 1959 article in the St. John's Review, Roscoe's idea was to allow anyone who wished to "swim and dive like a Penguin" to be able to do so. Constructed of rubber and neoprene, those detachable wings were officially patented by Magone in 1957.

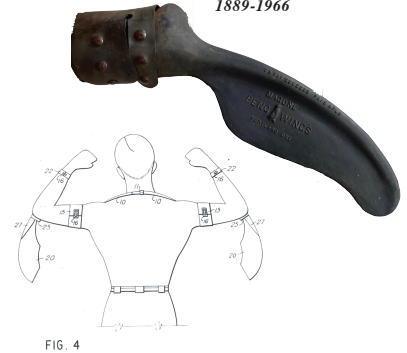
Roscoe's invention didn't exactly fly off the shelves but there is an existing pair currently held in the archives at the Oswego Heritage House Museum.

Roscoe passed away in 1966 and is buried at the Greenwood Hills Cemetery in Portland, along with his parents, twin brothers Rex and Max, and sister Francette. The family plot is located in section 3, in the southwest corner of the property.

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Roscoe Magone
1889-1966



Clean-Up 2022

We just might have had the most perfect day ever for our annual clean up- 72° with a slight breeze. While the number of volunteers was down, the spirits and energy were high. We thank the volunteers that attended. We can't do what we do without everyone's enthusiasm and help. Always a fun event!

Memorial Bench Update

The bench for Ken Mead has finally arrived in Portland and is awaiting final proof of the engraving. While installation will be this year, a dedication will be planned in the spring. It seems winter has arrived already whether we are ready or not. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this lovely memorial.

Your contributions keep our work going.

We volunteer our time, but the landscaping, arborist work, pet waste bags, and garbage disposal costs at Greenwood Hills Cemetery are all real expenses for which we rely on your generous donations. We are honored to be a place of gathering and leisure for the neighborhood, and even more so to be a place of remembrance for those far and near - we hope if you partake that you also make a plan to give back. Thank you!



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