

99 Charter Biography File

Maiden Name: Neva Finlay

Married Name(s): Paris

Date of birth: January 1883

Birthplace: Kansas City, Missouri

Date of death: January 9, 1930

Death place: Woodbine, Georgia

Occupation(s): pilot

License(s): 5073

Known stats:

1. Women's Air Derby 1929: won 5th place

Publications:

1. "Wichita in mighty gesture of welcome to women aviators." The Wichita Eagle. Aug. 24, 1929.
2. "Hats off to the fair 'Argonauts of the Sky'." The Wichita Beacon. Unknown date.
3. "One of the 'Flying Femmes'." Wichita Beacon. Aug. 25, 1929.
4. "World Famous Girl Fliers at Municipal Airport." El Paso Times. Aug. 22, 1929. (photo only)
5. "Women fliers who are Tulsa's Derby guests today." Tulsa Tribune. Aug. 23, 1929.

Award(s):

1. N/A

Miscellaneous information:

1. Married Rex Lee Paris in 1911; divorced in 1920
2. Neva was one of four 99 members to write a joint letter, "Call-to-the-colors," to all licensed women pilots inviting them to a formal organizational meeting for Nov. 2, 1929.
3. Killed in 1930 during an airshow

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File contents:

1. Four large photos, four small photos
2. 99 death notice
3. Copy of call-to-the-colors letter
4. Letter from Neva Paris to Viola Gentry