

### **E. Ruth Webb**

Ethel Ruth Webb ("E. Ruth Webb" of Llanerch & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

June 5, 1907 - July 17, 1949

In 1929, Ethel was 23, resided at 16 Mifflin Ave Llanerch, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Philadelphia Glider Club, and an airplane private pilot license #8240.

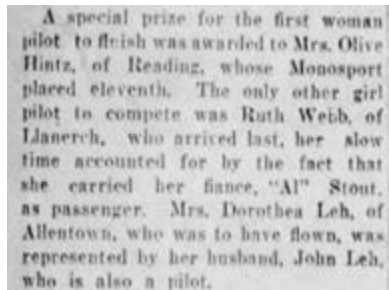
## Flying Stenographer In Phila. Air Derby



Miss Ethel Ruth Webb, 23, of Philadelphia, standing in front of the airplane she will pilot in the Women's Air Derby at Philadelphia. Miss Webb has sixty flying hours to her credit. She is a stenographer when she isn't handling the stick.

**The 1930 census finds her on Mifflin Ave with her parents Clarence & Ethel (nee Snyder) and brother George. She is named as Ruth E. Webb and is employed as a stenographer for an airport company.**

**In September of that year, she competed in a 70-mile air race from Philadelphia to Wilmington and back. The race, sponsored by the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, started and ending at Patco Airport with a half hour stop at DuPont Field, Wilmington. and a pylon turn over Coatesville. Seven women competed and Ethel placed last....**



A special prize for the first woman pilot to finish was awarded to Mrs. Olive Hintz, of Reading, whose Monosport placed eleventh. The only other girl pilot to compete was Ruth Webb, of Lanerch, who arrived last, her slow time accounted for by the fact that she carried her fiance, "Al" Stout, as passenger. Mrs. Dorothea Leh, of Allentown, who was to have flown, was represented by her husband, John Leh, who is also a pilot.

**[Philadelphia Enquirer; Mon, Sep 29, 1930, Page 10]**

**Allison "Al" Barnard Stout Sr. was one of the original Army Air Corps pilots charged with the delivery of air mail. During World War II he was a commander in the North Atlantic with the Coast Guard. He had been married a decade when his 1st wife filed for divorce in Miami Jan 1932 for "desertion".**

**Although no marriage record has been found, at some point after his divorce decree was issued that Feb, Ethel became the 2nd Mrs. Allison B. Stout and took up residence in Easton, Maryland. An Aug 1935 Easton Star-Democrat news bit mentions her Webb brothers visiting them in Avonille. She and her husband are also noted in as exhibitors in dog shows in the mid '30s. Ethel also enjoyed skiing as made the paper in April of 1941.**



As well as Feb of 1942-

## *Mountain Skier*



Mrs. Allison B. Stout (above) of Freeport, Nassau, enjoys Winter sports on Cranmore Mountain, at North Conway, N. H.

They also seemed to have several homes (note their address of Nassau).

At some point, Allison and Ethel Divorced as he is recorded as marrying his 3rd wife in 1944.

A few years later, she fell ill and died in 1949.

[The Philadelphia Inquirer Philadelphia, PA Fri, Jul 29, 1949 Page 38]

Viewing Friday eve.

**STOUT.**—RUTH WEBB, died July 27, 1949, in New York City, after a long illness.

**SUTTON.**—WILLIAM, died July 27th, at

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/190021039/ruth-ethel-stout>

It is interesting to note that Al Stout came from quite a bit of money-

<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-philadelphia-inquirer-allison-b-stou/172361359/>

The 1940 Census lists him as "retired" at age 38! No wonder they traveled so much.

Additionally, the PA Birth record shows the correct name is Ethel Ruth (she was erroneously enumerated on the 1930 census was Ruth Ethel)

## 99 Charter Biography File

**Maiden Name:** E. Ruth Webb

**Married Name(s):** N/A

**Date of birth:** Unknown

**Birthplace:** Unknown

**Date of death:** Unknown

**Resting place:** Unknown

**Occupation(s):** pilot

**License(s):** 8240

**Known stats:**

1. N/A

**Publications:**

1. "Air Amazons Compete at Legion Races." Philadelphia Inquire. September 7, 1930.

**Award(s):**

1. N/A

**Miscellaneous information:**

1. No information found on this pilot

**File contents:**

1. No photos or artifacts found