

Interview with Herbert Dolan, son of Herbert Dolan and nephew of Charles F. Dolan  
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Mr. Dolan called in response to a message from us on his answering machine. There are only 3 Herbert Dolans listed in the United States at whitepages.com. We did a cold call.

Another relation to Charles F. Dolan is William Dolan, a reporter for Channel 7 News (I think this might be Jim Dolan—son of William Dolan?).

There were three brothers, Herbert, Charles and William. Herbert was the black sheep as he ran away from home and served in the Army during WWI. He was machine gunned and gassed. Later he married and became a policeman and moved to Woodside, Queens.

According to Herbert, Jr., Charles and William both went to college and were very successful.

Charles F. Dolan was a very talented artist (Herbert, Jr., has a beautiful charcoal and pen drawing of a World War I battle scene and offered to copy it for us) and worked as a draftsman for Dunn and Bradstreet. When the Army found out he was a map maker, he was immediately sent to Australia to make maps of Papua New Guinea. There were no real maps of the area at the time and the Army was relying on children's maps.

He was given a rank in the Army.

He was killed in a plane crash.

Herbert remembers him as a very nice man, even tempered. As bachelors, Charles and William used to come once or twice a week to Herbert, Sr's home for dinner. They lived together for years in Larchmont/Mamaroneck.

Herbert Jr. remembers one of the brothers teaching him how to play chess when he was 6.

William fought in the Italian campaign and was Treasurer of Larchmont Savings and Loan for 30 years.

Herbert, Jr. attended Loughlin High School on a scholarship and then went into the Marine Corps from 1948-1952. He delivered the mail from Camp LeJeune to Cherry Point, North Carolina. He became a police detective in Spanish Harlem and was decorated and pensioned off in his early thirties.

After high school, Herbert, Jr. attended Brooklyn College but was turned off by its leftist tendencies.

Herbert, Jr. requested that we send him a letter and he will try and locate the photo and get it to us as soon as possible.