

# TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty**

**Allen, Fred Kent**

**1893 MN – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Private Fred K. Allen.  
20th Engineers, Ada,  
Minn. Went down with  
the torpedoed transport  
Tuscania.



*Fred Kent Allen – casualty – left: Find A Grave 57041091 - right: “Norman County Herald”  
(Ada MN) 20 Feb 1918*



Fred Kent Allen <http://www.mnhs.org/blog/collectionsupclose/9679>



## STATE OF MINNESOTA THE GOLD STAR ROLL

Compiled by the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety, co-operating with the Minnesota War Records Commission, to commemorate Minnesota men and women who made the supreme sacrifice while serving their country in the World War.

Name in full Allen Fred Kent  
(last name) (first name) (middle name)

White, Colored, Indian, or Mongolian? White Date of birth Feb. 20 1893  
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth Ada Norman County Minnesota United States  
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Residence prior to service Ada Norman County Minnesota  
(town) (county) (state)

### CHARACTERISTICS

State below ambitions; chief aptitudes; participation in sports and other activities; part in the community life; church connections; membership in lodges, fraternities, associations, etc.; and anything which the informant remembers as characteristic of the one here commemorated:

~~Fred K. Allen was a young man of the finest character and with exceptional ability. In college he was active in literary and musical organizations. He was a member of the Carleton College Glee Club for three years. He had been out of college only a little over a year when he entered the military service, but he had taken a prominent place in the business and social life of the city. He was a member of the Congregational Church and taught a class of boys in the Sunday School. He was Secretary of the Ada Commercial Club, Vice President of the Young Mens' Boosters Club of Ada and was organizing a troop of Boy Scouts when he entered the military service.~~



"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Thursday 26 Mar 1914 p 12 – Fred Kent Allen of Ada MN was 1 of the first basses (the lowest male voice) in the Carleton College Glee Club. Performances were scheduled in Minneapolis & other cities, including Ada MN on 8 Apr 1914 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/181304770/>

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Q. M. C. Form No. 14  
Revised Oct. 6, 1928

Interment in the Arlington, Virginia National Cemetery  
To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
			Number	State	Arm	
Allen, Fred K.	Pvt.	D	20th	(Minn)	Engineers	World War

DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	
Feb.	5	1918	July	13	1922	White Europ.	4487	Grave # 55, Row 3, # 154 Kilnaughton City Fort Ellen, Islay Argyll, Scotland.

Shipping point for headstones \_\_\_\_\_

(See Instructions on Reverse Side)

Superintendent. \_\_\_\_\_

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<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2213803:2590>

Life:

# 80 Northwest Soldiers and Fliers Aboard

War Department Makes  
Public Official Lists of  
Troops in Danger.

MEN ARE SCATTERED  
AMONG THREE UNITS

Chances of Their Being  
Saved Are Estimated  
at 40 to 1.

Other Northwest men aboard the ship, the roster shows, were:

Private Allen E. Aplers, Stewart; First Sergeant John Nelson, Scotland, S. D.; Private Ralph H. Aaron, Arlington, S. D.; Walter L. Nelson, East Grand Forks; Gerald R. Russell, Austin; Gust Frederick, Tripp, S. D.; Walter Crellin, Virginia; Joseph A. Allen, Shakopee; Henry A. Smith, Virginia; Charles W. Meyenberg, Bellingham; Otto I. Mathiasen, Canton, S. D.; William Binnie, Fridley; Omer P. Anderson, Thief River Falls.

Herbert E. Benson, 752 East Rose street, St. Paul; Edwin R. Burke, Bemidji; James W. Sauby, Elbow Lake; Alfred Remark, Ada; Fred K. Allen, Ada; Porter Olson, Leeds, N. D.; Robert J. Moody, Cambridge; Andrew C. Anderson, Nelson; Frank Pew, An-

excerpt:

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

### Minneapolis Among Dead.

Contained in the list of victims of the torpedoing who were buried in a Scottish seaport, are the names of a number of men from Minnesota and the Northwest, among them the following:

James J. Buckley, Minneapolis.  
 Walter Crellin, Virginia, Minn.  
 John A. Eichhammer, East Grand Forks, Minn.  
 John C. Johnson, Big Falls, Minn.  
 W. F. Tragesser, Cottonwood, Minn.  
 Edwin C. Burkey, Bemidji, Minn.  
 Fred K. Allen, Ada, Minn.  
 Gunder A. Austad, Oklee, Minn.  
 Frank Drahota, Jackson, Minn.  
 Charles E. Swanson, Fairchild, Wis.  
 Fred A. Rudolph, Milwaukee.  
 Orvel N. Casper, Milwaukee.  
 William R. Johnson, Metamora, Mich.  
 Raymond Butler, New Richmond, Wis.  
 John Edwards, Butte, Mont.  
 Herbert C. J. Bresner, Saginaw, Mich.  
 M. B. Cook, Coma, Mont.  
 Homer Llewellyn Anderson, Cumberland, Wis.

[list continues] – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

### Body of A. E. F. Engineer, Kin of Ada Man, Returned

Washington, D. C., July 1.—The body of Fred K. Allen, late private, Company D, Twentieth Engineers, is among 14 overseas dead returned to this country to be buried with military honors at Arlington National cemetery, July 13. Private Allen's next of kin is given in War department records as C. C. Allen, Ada, Minnesota.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Sunday 2 Jul 1922 p 3



## **Carleton Service Marks Armistice**

Northfield, Minn., Nov. 13.—Carleton College paid tribute to the nine students who gave their lives in the World war in a brief, impressive service in Skinner memorial chapel.

Professor James Pyper Bird of the Carleton faculty in a brief address eulogized the significance of the sacrifice made by the best of American youth during the war and emphasized the point that Ameri-

can youth of today must make its sacrifices that the heroism of these men might not be in vain.

Dean Lindsey A. Blayney, in charge of the service, briefly summarized the importance of Armistice day, calling attention to the international significance of November 11 as a turning point in human history.

After a brief silence following taps, Dr. C. A. Culver read the names of the Carleton men who gave their lives in the World war. The names as Professor Culver read them were: Fred K. Allen, Austin F. Hanscom, Charles L. Joy, Thomas S. Knox, Walter C. Larson, Edwin O. Phinney, Lee C. Prentice, John W. Watson and Thomas Lyle Russell.

Father:

### CHARLES C. ALLEN

Charles C. Allen, 71, father of Mrs. L. B. Hessler of Minneapolis, will be buried at Austin, Minn., Monday afternoon. Mr. Allen, who engaged in the lumber business in the Red River valley for 40 years, died at Palo Alto, Calif. In 1890, Mr. Allen went into the lumber business with John McCulloch of Minneapolis, later buying out the sole interest in the business and moving to Ada, Minn. In 1930, he sold his business and moved to California. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nellie Crawford Allen; a son, Dr. Charles Allen of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. E. S. Norby of Palo Alto, and Mrs. Hessler; and five grandchildren.

Obituary of Charles Casper Allen – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Thursday 13 Sep 1934 p 8



The application must be in duplicate and accompanied by three unmounted photographs of the applicant, not larger than three by three inches in size, one of which is to be affixed to the passport by the Department; the other two must be attached to this application and its duplicate, respectively. The photographs must be on thin paper and should have a light background. The one not attached to the applications should be signed by the applicant across its face, so as not to obscure the features.

22- This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.

A woman's application must state whether she is married or not, and a married woman must state whether her husband is a native citizen.

The rules should be carefully read before mailing the application to the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Washington, D. C.

[Edition of 1915]

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issued \_\_\_\_\_

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Herman

SS:

I, Charles C. Allen, ~~and wife~~

, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE

UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

To the British, Isles, and possible France and Belgium.

*accompanied by my wife Melly Sarah Allen*

I solemnly swear that I was born at North Ferrisburg, Vermont, in the State of

Vermont; on or about the 29th day of May 1863, I, \* that

my [father] Lewis J. Allen was born in The United States.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
PASSPORT

ISSUED  
JUL 2 1920  
WASHINGTON

*Thick*

that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Ada,  
in the State of Minnesota, where I follow the occupation of Lumber Merchant:

that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within 4  
months with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and that I desire  
a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

<u>British Isles</u> , <small>(Name of country.)</small>	<u>To visit the Grave of my son.</u> <small>(Object of visit.)</small>
<u>France</u> , <small>(Name of country.)</small>	<u>To see the Country.</u> <small>(Object of visit.)</small>
<u><del>Belgium</del> Belgium</u> , <small>(Name of country.)</small>	<u>To see the Country.</u> <small>(Object of visit.)</small>

I intend to leave the United States from the port of and Sail from Montreal, Canada  
(Port of departure.)  
sailing on board the Saturnia, on July 17th, 1920, 191  
(Name of vessel.) (Date of departure.)

#### OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States  
against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and  
that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Charles B. Allen  
(Signature of applicant.)

Sworn to before me this 4th day

[SEAL OF COURT.]

of June, 1920.

L. K. Lee

Clerk of the District Court at Ada, Minn.

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\* A person born in the United States in a place where births are recorded must submit a birth certificate with his application.  
† If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.  
[OVER.]

#### DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: <u>57</u> years.	Mouth: <u>fair</u>
Stature: <u>5</u> feet, <u>7½</u> inches, Eng.	Chin: <u>fair</u>
Forehead: <u>medium</u>	Hair: <u>sandy</u>
Eyes: <u>blue</u>	Complexion: <u>sandy</u>
Nose: <u>medium shape</u>	Face: <u>fair shape</u>

#### IDENTIFICATION.

Ada, Minn. June 4, 1920.

I, D. E. Fulton, solemnly swear that I am a [native] citizen  
of the United States; that I reside at Ada, Norman County, Minn.; that I have known  
the above-named Charles C. Allen and Wife personally for 25 years and  
know [him] to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in [his] affidavit  
are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. E. Fulton  
Ada, Minnesota  
(Address of witness.)

Sworn to before me this 4th day  
of June, 19 20.  
[SEAL] *C. M. Lee*  
Clerk of the District Court at Ada, Minn.

Applicant may be communicated with at the following address:  
Ada, Minnesota.  
33 - Concord Square,  
Boston, Mass.  
Special Delivery  
*[Signature]*

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto  
must be sent to the Department with the application,  
to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the  
Department's seal.



US passport application of Fred's parents – 4 Jun 1920 – “to visit the grave of my son” – to  
sail from Montreal, Canada, on “Saturnia” on 17 Jul 1920 -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490\\_1288-0443?pld=450374421](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490_1288-0443?pld=450374421)

## New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957


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Name Nellie S Allen  
 Gender Female  
 Marital Status Married  
 Age 55  
 Birth Date 9 Dec 1864  
 Birth Place Michigan  
 Departure Port Cherbourg, France  
 Arrival Date 25 Sep 1920  
 Arrival Port New York, New York, USA  
 Ship Name Mauretania

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/120388007/person/350197237853/facts>

Mother:

ALLEN	CHARLES G.	37	M	M	Vermont,	May 29th 1888	164996	Norfolk County,
ALLEN	NELLIE S.	55	F	M	Michigan	Dec. 9th. 1864		Ad. Minnesota.

On board "Mauretania" which departed Cherbourg, France, arriving in NYC on 25 Sep 1920

- [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYT715\\_2842-0104?pId=4016459650](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7488/images/NYT715_2842-0104?pId=4016459650)

## *In the Northwest*

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**Mrs. Charles C. Allen**, 81, resident of Ada, Minn., for 50 years, in Rochester, Minn., Saturday. She was the widow of C. C. Allen, pioneer lumber dealer. Surviving are a son, Dr. Charles C. Allen, Austin, Minn.; two daughters, Mrs. L. B. Hessler, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Florence Norby, Palo Alto, Calif., and four grandchildren. Services at Austin.

Obituary of Nellie Sarah Crawford Allen – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Tuesday 27 Nov 1945  
p 3

Siblings:



Brother Dr. Charles Crawford Allen (1885-1946) – Find A Grave 22261213

Office of County Clerk,  
LaMoure County, North Dakota.

LaMoure, N.D., Mich. 1920.

Mr. C.C. Allen,

Ada, Minn.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your inquiry of the 25th  
Inst. for a birth certificate for Charles  
Crawford Allen, born December 1st, 1885.

No official record of births was  
kept at that time in this county.

Yours truly,

*Charles H. Auden*  
LaMoure County, North Dakota.





Passport application of Charles Crawford Allen – 3 Jun 1920 -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490\\_1251-0016?pld=600944203](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490_1251-0016?pld=600944203)

## *Northwest*

Dr. Charles C. Allen, 60, Austin, Minn., physician and surgeon since 1912, in Austin. He was past president of Southern Minnesota Medical society and Mower County Medical society and had served as city health officer and county physician.

Dr. Charls Crawford Allen – “Minneapolis Star Tribune” Thursday 21 Feb 1946 p 19

## **Hessler**

Marguerite A. formerly of 230 Oak Grove. Survived by son Allen C., Overland Park Kansas. Sister Mrs. Florence A. Norby, Strawberry Valley, Calif. Services Wed. morn. 11:30 at Werness Brothers Chapel, 3700 Nicollet. If so desired memorials may be given to St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Obituary of **sister Marguerite Allen hassler (1889-1971)** – “Minneapolis Star” Tuesday 16  
Mar 1971 p 42

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Fred Kent Allen**

Name variation:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Fred died without a number

Entered service from: Ada, Norman MN

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Fred K. Allen

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father C.C. Allen, Ada MN

Islay, Scotland, burial: 1st buried at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 55, as Frederick Allen

Returned from war on: could not locate, body arrived in U.S. 1 Jul 1922

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as Fred K. Allen - b. 20 Feb 1893 Ada MN; res: Ada, Norman MN. Single. Lumber merchant for self, Ada MN. Medium height, slender build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: could not locate

State of Minnesota “The Gold Star Roll”

<http://www.mnhs.org/blog/collectionsupclose/9679>

b. 20 Feb 1893 Ada, Norman MN, residence prior to service Ada, Norman MN, father Charles C. Allen, b. Addison County VT, residence Ada, Norman MN. Mother Nellie S. Crawford, b. Jackson Co. MI, residence Ada, Norman MN. Attended grade & high school in Ada MN. Attended Carleton College, Northfield MN. After school a partner & manager of the building material business of C.C. Allen & Co. at Ada MN. Enlisted 14 Dec 1917 Fort Snelling MN in Army infantry. At Camp American University, Washington DC, 20 Dec 1917-22 Jan 1918. From around 1 Jul 1917 to 1 Dec 1917 in Quartermaster Construction Corps of US Army at Camp Funston KS. In Co. D, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn, 20<sup>th</sup> Engrs. Sailed from NYC on Tuscania 22 Jan 1918. Died 6 Feb 1918 off the coast of the island of Islay. “Cause of death: drowned. From life boat of the transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine boat in the North Channel between Ireland and Islay.” Buried Kilnaughton Cemetery, Port Ellen, islay, Scotland, on 9 Feb 1918. Religious services conducted by Reverends K. Smith & G. Sclater, the local clergymen. Over 60 bodies were buried in this one cemetery.

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Feb 1893 Ada, Norman MN

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania, Isle of Islay, Argyll & Bute, Scotland

Find A Grave record: 57041091 - presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co.

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone - MN Pvt 20 Engrs

Father: Charles Casper Allen, 29 May 1863 Addison Co. VT – 23 Sep 1934 1863 Palo Alto, Santa Clara CA. Son of Lewis J. Allen, b. US. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Mower MN.

Find A Grave: 22278667

Mother: Nellie Sarah Crawford Allen, 9 Dec 1864 Jackson Co. MI – 25 Nov 1945 Rochester, Olmsted MN. Daughter of Stephen Alfred Crawford (1837-1921, F: 92963435) & Ellen M. Fuller (1841-1935, F: 28971771). Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Mower MN.

Find A Grave: 22279176

Parents' marriage: 1884

Spouse: single at time of death

Siblings:

- Charles Crawford Allen, 1 Dec 1885 Grand Rapids, LaMoure ND – 21 Dec 1946 Austin, Mower MN. "Minneapolis Star Tribune" 21 Feb 1946 p 19 – Dr. Charles C. Allen, d. at age 60, Austin MN physician & surgeon since 1912, past president Southern Minnesota Medical Society & Mower County Medical Society, city health officer, county physician. Passport application found at: [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490\\_1251-0015?pId=600944203](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1174/images/USM1490_1251-0015?pId=600944203) – born Grand Rapids ND - Married to Mary S. Moore (1883-1965, F: 22261194). Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Mower MN. F: 22261213
- Marguerite Allen Hessler, 9 Apr 1889 ND – 13 Mar 1971 Shawnee Mission, Johnson KS. Wife of Lewis Burtron Hessler (1884-1958, F: 135065579). Obituary: "Minneapolis Star" 16 Mar 1971 p 42 – formerly of 230 Oak Grove, survived by son Allen C. Hessler (Overland Park KS) & sister, Mrs. Florence A. Norby, Strawberry Valley CA.. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 135065580
- Florence Allen Norby, 14 Dec 1890 MN - 9 Jan 1982 Brownsville, Yuba CA. Wife of Erling S. (E.S.) Norby (1890 MN – 1978 CA)..

Notes:

Wartime:

“Norman County Herald” (Ada MN) 20 Feb 1918 at  
<http://www.mnhs.org/blog/collectionsupclose/9679>

Photo – it was over a week after the sinking until the War Department telegram dated 15 Feb reached Fred’s father, C.C. Allen, the mayor of Ada MN, on 16 Feb. The Associated Press reported him dead, and newspaper reports told of his burial. From dispatches, the family figures he either drowned at the time of the explosion or died of exposure in the lifeboat or when it crashed against Islay’s rocks. The funeral services & burial were at the water’s edge. He is survived by two sisters – Mrs. L.B. Hessler & Miss Florence Allen – and a brother who is a lieutenant in the Army. [Part of this article is missing – the brother is Charles Crawford Allen.] A memorial service was held in Ada for the 1<sup>st</sup> Ada soldier to die in the war. His father asked for his body to be returned home; the Red Cross did not promise this. On 21 Jan 1918 Fred wrote his last letter to his parents, from D.C. and “he was prepared for the final orders no matter in what form they came from the Supreme Commander.” Fred wrote that last week they checked equipment & got insurance. He was sending half his pay home. Then they had final inspection. Alfred Remark & he were in town only a little over an hour, although they had passes from 3-11 p.m. They got medical supplies and had “one last steak.” They got their sailing numbers and orders to mail notification cards. They finished buying supplies so he and Alfred are ready.

#### Post-war:

His parents obtain a US passport on 4 Jun 1920 & his brother Charles on 3 Jun 1920, to sail on “Saturnia” from Montreal, Canada, to the UK. Charles Casper Allen declares his intention to visit the grave of his son. This would have been on the isle of Islay, in Scotland. His parents return from Cherbourg, France, arriving in NYC on 25 Sep 1920 aboard “Mauretania.” His brother Charles Crawford Allen sails aboard “Imperator” from Southampton, England, which arrives in NYC on 6 Sep 1920. Simultaneously, however, the bodies buried on Islay are being exhumed. The “Antigone” arrives in Hoboken NJ on 29 Sep 1920 with many of the Islay burials.

#### Obituary:

“Minneapolis Star Tribune” 2 Jul 1922 p 3

The body of Fred K. Allen, late private, Co. D, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers, was among 14 overseas dead returned to the US to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery 13 Jul 1922. His next-of-kin in Army records is listed as C.C. Allen of Ada MN.

#### Censuses:

1895 MN State census – Ada, Norman MN

C.C. Allen, 32 VT, lumber merchant

Nellie, 30 MI

Charles, 9 ND

Margaritte, 8 ND

Florence, 4 MN

Fred, 2 MN

1900 Ada, Norman MN

Charles Allen, 37 VT, May 1863, parents b. VT, married 16 years, lumber dealer

Nellie S., 35 MI, Dec 1864, parents b. NY, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Charlie C., 14 ND, Dec 1885, at school

Marguerite, 13 ND, Apr 1887, at school

Florence, 9 MN, Dec 1890, at school

Fred, 7 MN, Feb 1893, at school

& servant Ida Benson, 21 MN, May 1879, single, parents b. Norway

1905 MN state census – Ada, Norman MN

Charles C. Allen, 42 VT, parents b. VT, lumber dealer

Nellie S., 40 MI, parents b. MI

Charles C., 19 ND, student

Florence, 14 MN, student

Fred K., 12 MN, student

& domestic Lydia Bennefeed, 21 MN, father b. MO, mother b. MN

1910 McDonaldsville, Norman MN

C.C. Allen, 45 VT, parents b. VT, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 25 years, proprietor, lumberyard

Sarah, 44 MI, parents b. MI, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Charles C., 24 ND, student, University

Marguirrte, 23 ND, student, college

Florence, 19 MN

Fred K., 17 MN