

Arneson, Melvin Arthur 1894 WI – 1971 MN

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Arneson Melvin, A., age 76, of 10704 32nd Av. N., Plymouth, on Saturday. Survived by wife, Mary: daughter Mrs. William (Donna) Velte, Mpls., brother John. St. Paul. Services Tuesday 1 pm. at the StrobeckJohnson Chapel, 1400 Excelsior Av. W., Hopkins, Interment fort Snelling. Friends may call at the Chapel after 3:30 pm Monday.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Monday 12 Jul 1971 p 31

Others Near Here

Who the victims were will not be known for several days. With 111 soldiers killed or drowned out of approximately 2,200, each soldier aboard may be estimated to have had a 20 to 1 chance to escape.

Men from other nearby points believed to have been aboard, the list being far from complete, were:

New London—Ralph A. Mayo, George E. Doman, Elmer A. Hebbe, Clifford Norths, Byron E. Christian, Laurel J. Conat, William B. Spencer, Frank I. Davis, Charles Foley, Archibald Beaudoin, Martin D. Bongers, Leonard T. Meshke.

Manawa—Martin T. Evenson. Mellen—Joe Kramer, Carl J. Gonia. Westboro—George C. Nelson..

Colby-Tracey C. Greene.

Marshfield—Lieutenant Fred J. Braem, Sergeant Columbus Vannedom, Corporal Ray Anderson.

Abbotsford-Melvin Arneson, Owen R. Thompson.

Iola—George Danley.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Partial List of Survivors of the Tuscania

FROM OTHER STATES.

Charles L. Ambler, Ossining, N. Y. Gallan T. Albritton, Myaka City, Iowa.

Melvin A. Arneson, Abbotsford, Wis. Edwin J. Allen, Salt Lake City. Ray Anderson, Marshfield, Wis. Clarence C. Andrew, Waukesha, Wis.

"Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 6

Melvin Arneson, Minneapolis. spent several days at the Andrew Lieders home.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 19 Dec 1933 p 2

Wife:

Mary R. Arneson

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name	Mary R. Arneson
Social Security Number	472-05-5434
Birth Date	8 Dec 1904
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Minnesota
Last Residence	55427, Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Date	26 May 1999

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1703632:3693

Mary Rose Arneson

in the Minnesota, U.S., Death Index, 1908-2017

Name	Mary Rose Arneson
Death Age	94
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	8 Dec 1904
Birth Place	Buck Township, Illinois, USA
Death Date	26 May 1999
Death Place	New Hope, Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1999
Mother's Maiden Name	Meyers
Certificate Number	1999-Mn-014982

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/99867:7316

Daughter:

Donna Mae Velte, 42, 5045 2nd Av. S.

Hennepin County MN deaths (excerpt): "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Friday 12 Dec 1975 p 20

Mother:

Mrs. Mattie Arneson (By News-Herald Correspondent) Curtiss Services were conducted Tuesday. May 8, at Evangelical Lutheran Church for Mrs. Mattie Arneson, 84, Minneapolis, a former resident of Curtiss, who died Saturday, May 5, at the home of her son, Albert, with whom she had been living. The Rev. G. E. Borreson officiated at the funeral rites, and burial took place in the family lot in the church cemetery. Mrs. Arneson, nee Rasmussen. was married to Armund Arneson in 1884, and they lived in Curtiss until 1913 when they moved to Abbotsford, leaving from there for Minneapolis. Her husband died in 1930. Surviving are four sons, John and Albert Arneson, Minneapolis, and Melvin and Louis Arneson. St. Paul; and two daughters, Mrs. Clara Peterson, Bend, Ore., and Mrs. Steila Ross, Minneapolis.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Thursday 10 May 1945 p 8

Siblings:

John Richard Arneson

in the U.S., Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019

Name	John Richard Arneson
Death Age	85
Birth Date	7 Jun 1886
Service Start Date	26 Jul 1918
Service End Date	6 May 1919
Death Date	5 Oct 1971
Interment Date	8 Oct 1971
Interment Place	Minnesota, USA
Cemetery Address	7601 34th Avenue, South Minneapolis, MN 55450
Cemetery	Ft. Snelling National Cemetery
Plot	Section L Site 2315
Notes	Pvt Us Army World War I

brother John Richard Arneson (1886-1971) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/143777:8750?ssrc=pt&tid=112609337&pid=212027164136



Sister Clara Arneson Peterson (1889-1968) - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/112609337/person/212027164137/facts

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OR death record of Clara Matilda Arneson Peterson -

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Marriage of Clara Anderson to Anton Peterson - "Wausau (WI) Pilot" Thursday 26 May 1921

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Brother Louis Herman Arneson (1897-1964) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/2563887:2375?tid=9123498&pid=1939305576&queryId=8eb647ffc06a2bc08 dfdd3c9ab3c3006&_phsrc=cPx3063&_phstart=successSource

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Melvin Arthur Arneson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F – private 1st class

Serial number: 251,310

Entered service from: Abbotsford, Clark WI Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Melvin A. Arneson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father A. Arneson, Abbotsford

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919 Sailed on return ship as: Melvin A. Arneson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Mattie Arneson, Abbotsford WI (PFC, Co. F,

101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Melvin Arneson - b. 9 Sep 1894 Curtis WI/also answered Norway; res: Abbotsford WI. Single. Laborer, railroad, Soo Line between Owens & Superior. Registered Marathon Co. WI, Card not dated. Medium height, slender build. National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: not listed, but on 1955 WI Survivors - 2609 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis MN

World War II draft registration (1942): as Melvin Arthur Arneson - b. 9 Sep 1894 Curtis [sic] WI; res: 3527 E. 54th St., Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. NOK Mrs. Joseph Cousineau, 2012 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis MN [sister]. Employed at Stainles [sic] and Steel Products Co., 1000 Berry St., St. Paul, Ramsey MN. Height: 5'7" – 125 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917 Discharged 26 Apr 1919 Address: Abbotsford WI

Rank/unit: PFC, 2nd Co., 161 D B

Birth & death:

Born: 9 Sep 1894 Curtiss, Clark WI/also answered Norway

Died: 10 Jul 1971 Hennepin Co. MN

Find A Grave record: 297619, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Fort Snelling National

Tombstone: veteran upright - PFC, Co. F, 1010 Sup Tn, 26 Division, WWI

Father: Amund Arneson, Nov 1850 (1900 census) or 10 Apr 1850 Ringebu kommune, Oppland fylke, Norway – 8 Oct 1924 Westfir, Lane OR (on a visit to his daughter). Son of Arne Johannessen & Kari Hansdatter. Emigrated at age 21. Buried in St., Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Curtiss, Clark WI.

Find A Grave: 121105719

Mother: Mattie Rasmusson Arneson, 25 Oct 1860 WI - 5 May 1945 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Daughter of Ole Korstuen Rasmussen & Marit O., Paulson. Mother's surname listed as Rasmussen on Melvin's MN Death Index record. Buried in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Curtiss, Clark WI.

Find A Grave: 121105781

Parents' marriage: 1884 (according to Mattie's obituary) or 3 Feb 1885 (according to

Amund's obituary)

Spouse: Mary Rose McKenzie Arneson, 8 Dec 1904 Buck township IL -26 May 1999 New Hope, Hennepin MN. Her mother's maiden name was Arneson.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: Marriage: Melvin A. Anderson married Mary R. McKenzie 15 Oct 1929 Hennepin Co. MN (moms.mn.gov)

Children:

• Donna Mae Arneson Velte, 10 Jan 1933 Hennepin Co. MN – 1 Dec 1975 Hennepin Co. MN. – Wife of William Andrew Velte, born Aug 1945, on 8 Apr 1967 in St. Croix Co. WI. Following Donna's death, the "Minneapolis Star" of Friday, 9 Jul 1976 p 2, reported that William A. Velte, age 30, resident of 5045 – 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis MN obtained a marriage license in Hennepin Co. MN with Joyce K. Boda, age 33, of 2820 – 30th Ave., Minneapolis MN. William & Joyce married 28 Aug 1976 in Hennepin Co. MN - Listed as Mrs. William Velte of Minneapolis MN when her Melvin d. 1971. "Minneapolis Star Tribune" 12 Dec 1975 p 20 – Hennepin County Deaths: Donna Mae Velte, age 42, 5045 – 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis MN. Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery (same cemetery as her father Melvin), Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 67168683,

Siblings:

- George Arneson, 1883 1912. Linked on Find A Grave but not recorded with the family in 1900 census. He would not be included in his mother's list of children born to her in 1900 & 1910 censuses. His tombstone matches that of Amund & Mattie. Buried in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Curtiss, Clark WI. F:121105748
- John Richard Arneson, 7 Jun 1886 Curtiss, Clark WI 5 Oct 1971 Ramsey Co. MN. Age 33 in 1920. Living in Minneapolis MN in 1924 & 1945 & in St. Paul MN in 1971. Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 297608

- Clara Mathilda Arneson Peterson, 12 Oct 1889 WI 7 Feb 1968 Bend, Deschutes OR. Living in Westfir OR in 1924. Clara Arneson Peterson living in Bend OR in 1945. Find A Grave record on 22 Oct 2023 claimed death date of 1965 but 1968 on OR death certificate. - Married in Clark Co. WI on 1 Jun 1921 to Anton Peterson (F: 30869901). Anton was born 2 May 1887 & died 31 May 1954 in Bend Co. OR, the son of Theodore Peterson & Karen Mathea Larson.- Anton & Clara are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Bend, Deschutes OR, F: 30869902
- Albert Olaf Arneson, 15 Apr 1892 [1893 in 1900 census] Curtiss, Clark WI 7 Nov 1965 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Age 27 in 1920. Living in Minneapolis MN in 1924 & 1945. Married Agatha W. Shovelain (1904-1967, F: 297581). A cook in the US Army in WWI. Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 297583
- Louis Herman Arneson, 25 May 1897 Clark Co. WI 27 Mar 1964 Los Angeles Co. CA. Living in Stevens Point WI in 1924 & in St. Paul MN in 1945. He married Effie M. Ryan (1901-1988). When he registered for the WWII draft, he lived in Minneapolis MN, worked for the Soo Line Railroad & listed Estelloa Cousineau (his sister) as his next-of-kind. Albert is buried in Oakwood Memorial Park, Chatsworth, Los Angeles CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 22 Oct 2023.
- Estella/Stella Arneson Cousineau Ross, 1902/1903 WI, Ancestry.com family tree claims she died in Casa Grande, Pinal AZ but could not locate verification. Age 17 in 1920. Living in Minneapolis MN in 1924 (listed as Estella Arneson in father's obituary) & as Mrs. Stella Ross in Minneapolis MN in her mother's obituary in 1945.-Married Joseph Cousineau, b. ca. 1903. In the 1930 census, Joseph Cousineau (27 MN, parents b. MN, 1st marriage at age 24, a salesman for a wholesale grocery) was the head of the household at 4334 Snelling Ave. Minneaglis, Hennenin MN, Living

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with him were his wife Estella Cousineau, age 27, b. WI, father b. Norway, mother b
WI, age 24 at her 1st marriage, a clerk-machine operator & his mother-in-law Mattie
Arneson, 69 WI, parents b. Norway, a widow In the 1940 census, Estella Marry
Cousineau, age 37, b. WI, married, a stenographer at a wholesale grocery, lived on
Lyndale Ave. in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN with her mother Matty Arneson, 79 WI.
She had lived in the same house in 1935.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Living in Minneapolis MN in 1924 when his father Amund died & in St. Paul MN when his mother died in 1945.

Obituary:

"Minneapolis Star-Tribune" 12 Jul 1971 p31 - res: 10704 - 32nd Ave. N, Plymouth MN, age 76, d. 10 Jul 1971, survived by wife Mary, daughter Mrs. William (Donna) Velie of

Minneapolis & brother John Arneson, St. Paul MN. Funeral 13 Jul 1971, interment Fort Snelling.

Social Security Number: 474-01-0068

Censuses:

1900 Mayville township, Clark WI

Amon Aneson, 50 Norway, Apr 1850, parents b. Norway, married 15 years, cook in camp (occupation is listed on Mattie's line)

Mattie, 40 WI, Oct 1860, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

John, 13 WI, Jun 1886

Clara, 10 WI, Oct 1889

Albert, 7 WI Apr 1893

Melvin, 5 WI, Sep 1894

Louis, 3 WI, May 1897

1910 Mayville, Clark WI

Amond Arneson, 60 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 25 years, cook, logging camp

Matatie, 49 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. WI, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 childen, 6 are living

John, 23 WI, single, laborer, odd jobs

Clara, 20 WI, single, teacher, public school

Albert, 18 WI, single, laborer, odd jobs

Miloin, 15 WI [Milton]

Louis, 13 WI

Estella, 8 WI

1920 Holton, Marathon WI

Amon Arneson, 69 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1872, naturalized 1887, cook Mattie, 59 WI, parents b. Norway

John, 33 WI, single, cook

Albert, 27 WI, single, laborer, paper

Melvin, 25 WI, single, laborer, railroad

Estella, 17 WI, single

1930 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 405 First Ave. S. - conducted 16 Apr 1930

Melven A. Arneson, 35 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. WI, age 35 at 1st marriage [just married], laborer, mgr. B. [undecipherable], WWI veteran

Mary, 25 IL, age 25 at 1st marriage, father b. IN, mother b. IL, age 25 at 1st marriage, machine operator, garment factory

1940 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 3527 – E. 5th St. – same house in 1935

Melvin A. Arneson, 45 WI, assembler, farm mfg. plant Mary R., 35 IL, floor lady, garment factory Donna Mae, 7 MN

1950 Golden Valley, Hennepin MN – 5001 Culver Rd. Melvin A. Arneson, 55 WI, farm machinery factory Mary R., 45 IL, floor lady, garment factory Donona M., 17 MN