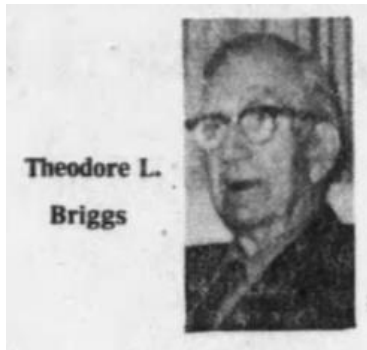


TUSCANIA

Briggs, Theodore Louis
1888 WI – 1978 WI



(left) Theodore Louis Briggs - "Sheboygan (WI) Press" 13 Oct 1978 p 12 "Tuscania Survivor Dies" - (center) "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 , at <https://www.newspapers.com/image/408626881/> - (right) "Chicago Tribune" 10 Feb 1918 p 2



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Tuscania Survivor Dies

Theodore L. Briggs, 90, the last Sheboygan survivor of the sinking of the U.S. troopship Tuscania in 1918, died today at Rocky Knoll Health Care Facility where he had been a resident for the past several years.

Born in Appleton July 2, 1888, he was the son of Theodore W. and Leona Suberville Dane Briggs. He came to Sheboygan in 1922.

Mr. Briggs was on board the Tuscania on the night of Feb. 5, 1918, when the ship, carrying troops to France, was torpedoed by a German U-boat.

A total of 2,177 American troops were on board, of whom 213 perished.

Briggs recently recounted that night.

"I was somehow pushed off the rope while climbing down to try and reach a lifeboat," he said.

"The water was rough, cold and dark. Many of those who jumped or dove in didn't make it. Ropes broke on life-

Theodore L.
Briggs



boats and many were overburdened and overturned.

"I managed to stay afloat for about 20 minutes before being picked up.

"The worst part was having to wear wet, frozen clothes for the next few days for fear of removing them and having them stolen by someone else wearing less than I."

Mr. Briggs continued on to France and was awarded the Purple Heart during the war. He was discharged in 1919.

After coming to Sheboygan, he was employed at the Wadhams Oil Co. for many years.

He was a member of the Sheboygan Masonic Lodge, the Red Arrow Club of Mil-

waukee, the 32nd Division AEF and a life member of the 32nd Division Veterans Association.

He was an active member of the American Legion Prescott-Bayens Post 83 and in 1977 was recognized by the group for his continuous years of service.

Annual reunions of the sinking of the Tuscania were held until the last few years. At one of the reunions, Dr. Wilhelm Saarbrucken of Germany, the commander of the U-boat which torpedoed the Tuscania, came to recount his experiences the night of the sinking.

Mr. Briggs is survived by several nieces, including Mrs. Walter Wingrove of Sheboygan. He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Private family funeral services are planned. Burial will be in the American Legion Prescott-Bayens Post 83 plot in Wildwood Cemetery.

Plans are also being made for a memorial fund.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Friday 13 Oct 1978 p 12 -

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Mother	Leona Dane
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Life:

state board of equalization.
—Theodore Briggs, of Appleton, brother of Mrs. Karl Mathie, arrived in the city yesterday on an extended visit.

“Wausau (WI) Pilot” Tuesday 23 Aug 1904 p 4

Gene Taylor, Theodore L. Briggs,
John Powell and Dick Montgomery at-
tended a party at Oshkosh last night.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 26 May 1906 p 1

LUCIUS A. COLLAR HAS BEEN PROMOTED

DRIVER FOR UNITED STATES EX-
PRESS COMPANY, IS MADE
MESSENGER.

Lucius A. Collar, for a long time driver for the United States Express company in this city, has been promoted. Mr. Collar is now acting as messenger on the express car, his route being from Appleton to Hilbert on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. On March 1 he will be permanently promoted to this position, which he is now occupying only temporarily.

William F Bergholtz, Collar's predecessor on this route, has been put on the car from Green Bay to Winona, Minn., via the Green Bay, Winona and Western road. Theodore L. Briggs is filling the position of driver made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Collar.

The United States Express company promotes its employes rapidly, as rapidly as their efficiency and integrity warrants.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 26 Feb 1907 p 1

Theodore L. Briggs has returned from Wausau where he was temporarily driver for the United States Express company.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 19 Jul 1907 p 5

Richard Pardee has accepted the position of driver for the United States Express company's local agency, succeeding Theodore Briggs, who resigned to return to school.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 16 Sep 1907 p 8

Theodore L. Briggs Jr., leaves Monday for St. Cloud, Minn., to resume his former position with the Wautab Pulp & Paper company.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 14 Jan 1909 p 5

FOR SALE—Piano. Cheap if taken at once. Call on Theo. L. Briggs, 778 Franklin. 123d3

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 14 Mar 1914 p 5

Theodore Briggs, who a month ago left here for South Dakota with Herbert Ferron, Wright Smith and Henry Boon to canvass for the Fuller Brush company, returned home last night, he having been given the northern Wisconsin district.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 11 Apr 1914 p 5

Theodore Briggs has resigned his position with the Wells-Fargo Express company. W. S. Taylor, Jr., will take his place.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 7 Jul 1914 p 8

POOL

In a close match game of 100 points pool held in Menasha last night, Theodore Briggs and Harold Pindle of this city defeated Hines and Sawyer of Menasha by a score of 100 to 96. The Menasha team won from an Appleton aggregation two weeks ago by a score of 99 to 100.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Wednesday 3 Feb 1915 p 4

Theodore Briggs came from Richmond yesterday, and enlisted in time to leave with the Appleton contingent. Ray Piette of this city also was among those who left with the local troops yesterday.

Mexican border conflict – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Friday 23 Jun 1916 p 8

BOYS ARE CONTENTED SAYS FRED BUSHEY

RETURNS FROM CAMP DOUGLAS
AFTER MAKING DELIVERY

Ballard and His Horse—Bellew Calm
Over Crisis—Briggs Looking
For a Game—Other
Notes

BOYS ARE CONTENTED SAYS FRED BUSHEY

(Continued from Page 1)

to see. The last of the Appleton recruits arrived at Camp Sunday morning and will be equipped as soon as the uniforms which are expected Monday or Tuesday, arrive. One hears but little war talk among the men, but everywhere the impression is that they will leave for the south some day this week.

Saturday afternoon the Co. G recruits were put through a stiff drill and the boys came in delighted with the progress they are making.

Ballard was busily engaged in teaching Major Pomeroy's beautiful black horse that a real officer's horse is supposed to allow a man to mount, and also to dismount in the ordinary way, instead of over its head. The horse finally decided that Ballard was right. The Co. Briggs is still looking for someone who has time to shoot a game or two of craps. He says everything seems to be coming his way.

ORDERLIES HAD DISORDERLY TIME GETTING READY

**BUT ONLY WITH THE HORSES—MEN
LEFT AT CAMP UNTIL SOLDIERS
RETURN FROM HIKE**

RADTKE WAS THE STAR

**With Ballard in the Same Class—Kunitz
Was Badly Needed—Horses Serenad-
ed a la Victrola—Scenes When
Start Was Made**

CAMP WILSON, Aug. 7—Busy bees buzzing in a bee hive are no busier than the Wisconsin boys were in Camp Wilson last night.

Busy Badgers

Although it rained, and then some, yesterday afternoon and a fellow needed non-skid chains in order to make progress through the gumbo, the fellows all went to it with the old time Wisconsin pep. That, of course, needs no explanation, for everyone knows that when anything as full of life as that runs up against a job, said job is done right, and in a hurry. Last night the job was loading the auto trucks and supply wagons preparatory to the hike to Leon Springs where range work will be taken up.

Before the March

Now and then a lantern would flash, lighting the path of some brawny Wisconsin soldier carrying a rolled up pyramidal tent, kitchen range, or some other small article on his back. Nor was the camp entirely noiseless. Some deep lunged sergeant's command, the mild slang phrases of the men, or a witty remark from John McGinnis was constantly bursting in upon the silence coming from some of the more meek and mild of Uncle Sammy's soldier boys from the northland, Theo. Briggs and Leo Murphy for example. Of course the splash, splash of the mud is always in evidence on a night like this and it often reminds us of some of the noises heard "before the war" in Bill Thompson's restaurant.

Truman's Bronze

Excerpts – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 12 Aug 1916 p 1

XMAS PACKAGES SHOWERED ON COMPANY G BOYS

**FOX RIVER VALLEY POULTRY ASSO-
IATION FURNISHES BIG
CHICKEN DINNER**

Receive Miniature Xmas Tree—Guards
Get Hand Warmers—Pick Mistle-
toe To Send Home—Illinois
Troops Let Out

Worth Bushey who has been on detail
over at Divisional Headquarters has been
relieved by Theo. Briggs. "Teedlee", says
that "he likes it very well over there."

Excerpt – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 26 Jun 1916 p 8

THE HONOR ROLL

The following is the complete list of
those receiving the medals for border
service at the banquet last night at the
armory: *

PRIVATES 1ST CLASS

Harry Ahlquist
Benjamin G. Bilter, M. O. Feb. 17, '17
Theodore L. Briggs
Earl E. Engel
Eric R. Gelpin M. O. Feb. 17, '17
David F. Feavel
Howard J. Lowry
Fred B. Lalk
Leo P. Murnhy
Emory S. Rogers
Joseph H. Vandenberg
Norbert F. Vandenberg
Paul Van Wyck
Worth L. Bushey
Carl A. Rehfeldt
Alexander F. Sauter
Emery Snyder

Service in the Mexican border war - "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 3 Mar 1917 p 3

NEED MEN FOR THE HOSPITAL CORPS.

APPLETON SOLDIERS COME TO
NEENAH IN SEARCH OF
RECRUITS.

Privates Eric Galpin and Theo. Briggs, of the hospital corps located at Appleton in connection with the National Guards, were in this city this morning in search of recruits to join the squad. The officers in charge of the detachment at the Hilly City have received orders to increase the membership and the two privates were sent to Neenah to interview eligibles.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Tuesday 10 Apr 1917 p 1

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*** LIST OF OUTAGAMIE
* COUNTY BOYS WHO
* WERE ON TUSCANIA ***

* **Appleton—**

* JACOB SCHNEIDER

* ARTHUR J. HANTSCHER.

* IRVIN MEIDAM.

* ERIC R. GALPIN.

* WORTH L. BUSHEY.

* PAUL VAN WYK.

* MCKINLEY ROBINSON.

* THEO. L. BRIGGS.

* GEORGE ROEMER, Merrill

* Co., formerly of Appleton.

* HENRY J. PETTIGREW.

**THE FIRST SANITARY
SQUAD 32ND DIVISION**

The First Sanitary Squad of the 32d Division, was on board the Tuscania and the following from Appleton are members of that unit:

Sergeant Eric Galpin.

Theodore L. Briggs.

Worth L. Bushey.

Paul Van Wyk.

Sergeant James P. Hawley of Neenah was also a member of that squad.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Theodore Briggs, of Appleton, brother of Mrs. Karl Mathie, was on the Tuscania when it was sunk last Tuesday. He is reported saved.

"Wausau (WI) Pilot" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 5

9 NEAR DEATH ON SHIP; SEVEN ESCAPE WOUNDS

ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF TUSCANIA—LOCAL MEN ON HER LUCKY IN BATTLE

Today marks the first anniversary of the sinking of the British transport *Tuscania* off the coast of Ireland by a torpedo from a German submarine. Of the nine local young men who were on board the ill-fated ship, only two were wounded during the nine months of war that followed that first great disaster to American troops when they came so near death. Irvin Meidam, 107th Supply Train 32nd Division, was wounded in action in August, but has recovered from his wounds and is now with his unit in Germany. Theodore Briggs, Sanitary Squad No. 7, was struck by a piece of high explosive shrapnel in the left shoulder, July 30, at the battle near Chateau-Thierry when he was engaged in caring for the wounded. He spent six weeks in the hospital after that, but upon his release caught cold and a relapse followed, confining him to the convalescent hospital for two or three months. At present he is doing clerical work in the central department office.

The other four members of the Sanitary Squad, Sgt. Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, Worth Bushey, and McKinley Robinson, came through the war without a scratch. Soon after their arrival in France they were transferred from Sanitary Squad No. 1 to Squad No. 7 of the 32nd Division. Their work consisted mainly of seeing the billets for the rest of the troops were in proper sanitary condition. During the battles they were engaged as ambulance drivers and stretcher bearers, doing general first aid work. September 1 they were transferred from the 32nd Division, doing detached duty at various hospitals. They were at the base hospital at Is-sur-Tille, France, until recently, when they were detailed to do outside work, and are now awaiting orders to return home.

The other members of the 107th Supply Train, Lieut. Henry J. Pettigrew, since promoted to Captain of Co. D, Sgt. Arthur J. Hantsche and Sgt. Jacob Schneider, also escaped injury of any kind. They are still members of the same unit in which they served when they left this country and are now in Germany with the 32nd Division.

While caring for the wounded, Theodore was hit by a piece of high explosive shrapnel in the left shoulder on 30 Jul 1918 in the battle of Chateau-Thierry – spent 6 weeks recovering in the hospital – upon his release, caught a cold and spent 2 to 3 months in a convalescent hospital, now assigned to clerical duty in the central department office - "Appleton (WI)

Post-Crescent" Wednesday 5 Feb 1919 p 5

BRIGGS A CORPORAL—Ben Bilter has received a letter from Theodore Briggs saying he is now a corporal on duty at Allery. He expects to be in France all summer. He states that he has not seen Eric Galpin for a month, but that the latter, also expects to be over there for the summer.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 7 Apr 1919 p 2

—Victory—
BACK TO DIVISION—Word has been received that the 7th Sanitary Squad has been assigned to the 32nd Division and will return home with them. The squad includes the Appleton hospital corps boys who went over on the Tuscania, Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, McKinley Robinson, Theodore Briggs and Worth Bushey.
—Victory—

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 26 Apr 1919 p 2

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Day's Casualty List

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 12 May 1919 p 8

BRIGGS IN NEW YORK — Corp. Theodore Briggs, who left with the hospital corps, has arrived in New York and expects to be here Wednesday.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 30 Jun 1919 p 2

BRIGGS HOME—Theodore Briggs, a Tuscania passenger, who left here with the hospital corps and was later transferred to a sanitary squad, arrived home this morning, discharged.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 10 Jul 1919 p 2

at the church.

Theodore Briggs of Appleton is spending a few days in this city, a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Karl Mathie. Mr. Briggs was discharged from the army July 9, at Camp Grant, Ill. He served overseas for some time and also attended the A. E. F. university at Beaune.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Friday 18 Jul 1919 p 3

joyed a few days' outing.

—Miss Leona Briggs and Theodore Briggs of Appleton returned to their home at Appleton, yesterday, after a visit at the Karl Mathie home.

“Wausau (WI) Pilot” Tuesday 22 Jul 1919 p 4

If a Fair Maiden “Vamps” You Accept Her or Pay Toll

Pity the poor bachelor!

Leap year is with us again and the bachelor isn't quite sure which way to step.

Appleton girls, unlike those of Canada and England, are not confronted with a dearth of eligible candidates for a matrimonial flight. The "woods are full of 'em" and it only remains for the coy maidens to pick out the men whom they desire.

According to old Scotch law there is mighty little chance for a bachelor when a maiden pins him down to brass tacks. This law provides that in leap year the maiden may propose and the proposee must either accept or buy her off—providing however that if he is already engaged he may use that as an excuse and go free.

There is also an old law in England which says that the man of the maiden's choice must accept, give her a silk dress, a kiss, or all three.

The old Scotch law reads as follows:

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of her maist blisset Megeste, for ilk yeare known as lepe year, ilk mayden layde of bothe highe and lowe estait, shall hae liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to tak her to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sune ane poundis orless as his estait may be; except and avis gife he can make it appear that he is betrathit ane ith-er women, he then shall be free."

The same law is to be found in French legal history and there are records showing that the privilege was granted to maidens of Florence and Vienna, at the same time Columbus left for America.

Therefore, sweet maiden, take heart. And, gruff bachelor, take heed, for there is additional warning in the following from the laws of "Love, Courtship and Matrimony," a little book published in London, 1608:

"Albeit it nowe become a part of the common lawe in regard to social relations of life, that as often as every leap yeare doth return, the ladyes have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love, either by words or lookes, as to them it seemeth proper, and, moreover, no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her with slight or contumely."

So that Appleton girls will know where to look when they start on their quest, this list of eligible bachelors may be of some assistance:

Fred C. Abendroth, druggist; Fred L. Arnold, wholesale egg dealer; George Baldwin, Baldwin corporation; James Henry Balliet, secretary, Balliet Supply company; Oscar Bayer, pressman; Carl Boettcher; Henry J. Bedessem, insurance agent; Francis H. Bellew; Edgar T. Bellew; Homer H. Benton, Lawyer; Lieut. Col. Byron T. Beveridge; Ben. G. Bilter, salesman, Langstadt and Meyer company; Herbert Boettcher, Saecker-Didderick company; Oscar Boldt, carpenter; Charles S. Boyd, Appleton Coated Paper company; Francis S. Bradford, Jr.; Alfred S. Bradford; Theo Briggs; Harold G. Brooks, wire chief; William R. Bruce; Arthur H.

ry a moral lesson."

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SINKING OF TUSCANIA



Two years ago today the Tuscania carrying American troops to Europe, including eight Appleton boys, was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland. All of the Appleton men were saved. The ship was torpedoed about six o'clock in the evening.

The eight local boys on board were Worth Bushey, Eric Galpin, Paul Van Wyk, McKinley Robinson, Theodore Briggs, Arthur Hantschel, Irvin Meidam and Jacob Schneider.

Even the unpleasant acquaintance-ship with the beaucoup water around in the Atlantic has failed to create a distate for liquids. A reporter called one of the group this afternoon. After securing the names and other particulars he asked if a get-together party would be held to commemorate the event.

"Have you anything in the form of refreshments to offer?" the reporter was asked.

"Liquid of course."

WILL VISIT EVERY APPLETON HOME IN LEGION CAMPAIGN

**No Efforts Will Be Spared When
Veterans Begin Drive
Next Week.**

No effort will be spared by members of Onsey Johnston post of the American legion to make the membership drive next week one of the most comprehensive ever held, with a goal of not less than 500 members. The post believes this number of former service men are to be found in Appleton and aims for a 100 per cent membership.

Edgar Schommer, a member of the legion executive committee, is chairman of the membership committee. The other members are James H. Balliet, Raymond Peterson, John Hantschel, Walter Sulp, William Zilske, Chester Hill, Herbert Farland, Gordon Radtke, Benjamin Bitter, Herbert Kahn, Eric Galpin, Irving Turnow, Mr. Young, Theodore Briggs and Arnold Gritzmacher.

Each committeeman is to be made captain of a team which will be assigned a portion of the city. Each home will be visited to ascertain whether a former service man resides there. The men thus located will be induced to join the post. The committee also has a list of eligible men on file, all of whom will be approached.

It will not be necessary for any prospective member, or any whose membership has lapsed, to wait for a visit by the committees. Booths are to be established downtown and a building probably will be secured for a campaign headquarters. This will give each man an opportunity to conveniently step into one of the places and give his name as a member. The membership fee is \$2.50 a year, part of which goes to the state and national bodies, and includes a subscription to the American Weekly, published in Washington.

A large amount of publicity has been arranged, including slides in the theaters, two minute talks at all performances, and a public parade Saturday evening.

Relics on Display

In one of the display windows of A. Galpin Sons' hardware store is a collection of relics belonging to members of the firm and to T. L. Briggs that is attracting a great deal of attention. It includes a leopard skin, African bow and arrow, Australian boomerang, flint lock pistol that dates back to 1776, cutlass used in the war of 1812, colt pistols, Japanese dagger, buffalo rib used in making arrow heads, Indian pipe made from pipe-stone, powder horn that dates back to the revolutionary war, civil war canteen and bullet pouch and Mexican seraph.

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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 30 Apr 1921 p 3

T. L. Briggs, Leslie Buchman, Thomas Scheils of Appleton and Oscar Scheils of Green Bay, are occupying one of the cottages at Waverly for the season.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 9 Jun 1921 p 7

Theodore Briggs, formerly of Appleton and now residing in Sheboygan was a visitor here Sunday.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 4 May 1925 p 16

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS MEET FOR BANQUET

Memories of the World war and the sinking of the United States transport Tuscania off the coast of Scotland on Feb. 5, 1918 will be recalled at a reunion of Wisconsin survivors of the ship in Milwaukee on Sunday evening, Feb. 5. The banquet will begin at 6:45, the exact hour the torpedo struck.

Six Appleton men were on the Tuscania and survived. They are Eric Galpin who will attend the dinner, McKinley Robinson, Worth Bushey, Theodore Briggs and Paul Van Wyck, now dead, and Arthur Hantschel. The men were attached to the 32nd division.

Two hundred and thirteen men lost their lives in the disaster, many from this state. Most of them are buried in Scotland near a little sea coast town.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 4 Feb 1928 p 17

Survivors Of The Tuscania Reside Here

Through an article printed in The Press Tuesday about the annual reunion of the survivors of the transport Tuscania, which was sunk off the coast of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1918, the name of a third Sheboygan survivor has been learned. He is Martin Bongers, 1118 S. Fifteenth street. If there are any other survivors of that ill-fated wartime vessel in Sheboygan county, The Press would like to hear from them or about them.

The other two are Fred A. Duxbury, 1530 N. Tenth street, and Theodore L. Briggs, 902 Superior avenue.

Mr. Bongers enlisted in the army while residing in New London, Wis., and went across to England with the 107th Supply Train. After the Tuscania was torpedoed, he jumped from the deck of the sinking ship to that of a rescue ship. Landing on his knee instead of his feet, he sustained a fractured knee cap. The wound was bound up, and he was taken ashore on the coast of Ireland, later going to England and to France. An abscess formed under the injured knee cap, and he was in a French hospital three months before recovering sufficiently to leave.

Mr. Bongers has resided in Sheboygan nearly nine years. He did not know that any of the Tuscania survivors live here until he read Tuesday's article in The Sheboygan Press. He is now employed by the Myers Construction company in the erection of the Wisconsin Power and Light company generating plant.

On Torpedoed Boat

Ten Outagamie county men in the division were on board the transport Tuscania which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918. County men aboard the transport when it went down and who for hours withstood cold and hunger in life boats were Capt. Henry J. Pettigrew, Sgt. Arthur J. Hantschel, Sgt. Jacob Schneider, Sgt. Eric Galpin, Irwin Meldam, Theodore L. Briggs, Paul VanWyk, McKinley Robinson, all of Appleton; Arthur Steefen and Harry B. Collar of Hortonville. Sgt. James P. Hawley of Neenah was among the men who died and today the Neenah legion post is named after him.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 30 Apr 1932 p 17

The sixteenth annual reunion in Kenosha Monday of the National Tuscania Survivors' association recalls that there is in Sheboygan only one man who survived that famous war-time catastrophe in which many lost their lives when the British steamer Tuscania, conveying American troops and airplane supplies to Liverpool, was torpedoed and sank by a German submarine off the north coast of Ireland on February 5, 1918. The lone Sheboygan survivor is Fred A. Duxbury, of 1928 Cooper avenue. Another survivor, Theodore L. Briggs, made his home here since the war but recently moved to California.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Tuesday 6 Feb 1934 p 2

BROTHER ILL — Mrs. Karl Mathie was called last night to Sheboygan where her brother, Theodore L. Briggs of that city, who recently returned from California, underwent an emergency operation early this week for appendicitis at the Sheboygan Memorial hospital.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Wednesday 26 Sep 1934 p 4

MRS. INA DANE HAWTHORNE
Funeral services for Mrs. Ina Dane Hawthorne who died Thursday at the home of her niece, Mrs. John Neller, 410 E. Washington street, were conducted by the Rev. John W. Wilson, pastor of First Congregational church at 3:30 Friday afternoon at the Wichmann Funeral home.
Other nieces and a nephew surviving Mrs. Hawthorne are Mrs. N. J. Bleser, Milbank, S. Dak.; Mrs. Charles Jaquot, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Mrs. Charles J. Faulkner, Chicago; Mrs. Grace D. Scudder, Rome, N. Y.; Mrs. Frances D. Colvin, Milwaukee; Mrs. John H. Burch, Ashland; Mrs. Karl Mathie, Wausau; Mrs. Mary E Brooks, Sheboygan; Theodore L. Briggs, Manitowoc. Interment was in Riverside semetry.

Death of aunt - “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 13 Jul 1935 p 4

T. L. Briggs, Survivor, Once Resided Here

Up to a few years ago, Sheboygan had three Tuscania survivors as her citizens. They were Theodore L. Briggs, Fred A. Duxbury and Martin D. Bongers.

Mr. Briggs, however, left Sheboygan. He was with the Second Sanitary squadron of the 32nd Division at the time the Tuscania was sunk. When living here he resided at 902 Superior avenue.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Wednesday 5 Feb 1936 p 16

Annual Reunion Of Survivors Of Torpedoed Ship

The 23rd annual reunion of the National Tuscania Survivors' association will be held Feb. 7, 8 and 9 in Detroit, Mich., and a large number of survivors of the Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk during the World war, are expected to attend.

Two survivors of this tragedy now live in Sheboygan. They are Fred Duxbury, past president of the association and at present a member of the executive committee, and Theodore Briggs. Plans are being made to have 25 Wisconsin members of the association to charter an airplane to make the flight from Milwaukee to Detroit, Mr. Duxbury said today.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Friday 31 Jan 1941 p 4

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DETERMINATION OF INHERITANCE TAX
 STATE OF WISCONSIN, County Court, Sheboygan County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of ANDREW J. ANDERSON, Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 1947, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Sheboygan, in said County, there will be heard and considered:
 The application of Theodore L. Briggs, administrator of the estate of Andrew J. Anderson, deceased, late of the City of Sheboygan, in said County, for the examination and allowance of his final account, which account is now on file in said Court, and for the allowance of debts or claims paid in good faith without filing or allowance as required by law, for the determination of who are the heirs of said deceased, and for the assignment of the residue of the estate of said deceased to such persons as are by law entitled thereto; and for the determination and adjudication of the inheritance tax, if any, payable in said estate.
 Dated May 17, 1947.
 By Order of the Court,
 MARJORY E. BRANDL,
 Register in Probate.
 Herman C. Runge, Attorney.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Monday 19 May 1947 p 17

Local 'Tuscania' Survivors To Attend 29th Reunion

Two Sheboygan World War I veterans, survivors of the sinking of the British troopship "Tuscania" on Feb. 5, 1918, will attend the 49th anniversary reunion of the "Survivors of Tuscania" at the Cudworth American Legion Post in Milwaukee Saturday night.

They are Fred A. Duxbury of 1903 Cleveland Ave., chairman of the Sheboygan County Veterans' Service Commission, and

Theodore L. Briggs, retired, of 528 Ontario Ave.

A third Sheboygan veteran who survived the sinking, was the late Martin Bongers.

Duxbury served as president of the "Survivors Club" during 1936.

The transport ship Tuscania was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918, by a German submarine.

Each year the National Tus-

cania Survivors' Association holds its reunion and memories of the dramatic rescue from the icy waters of the North Atlantic are revived.

Membership is limited to members of the American Expeditionary forces and members of the Tuscania crew who survived the torpedoing that resulted in the loss of 315 persons of the 2,700 aboard.

Of the 2,700 persons aboard, 2,156 were American soldiers. The remainder were British female nurses, British officers and crew members.

Duxbury recalled the Tuscan-

ia rescue as "the biggest thrill I got out of the war."

The survivors were honored at a special program at the Palace Theater in Southampton, England, on Feb. 2, 1918, just two weeks after the sinking.

“Sheboygan (WI) Press” Thursday 2 Feb 1967 p 6

Father:

PIONEER DIES AT AGE OF 72 YEARS

**THEODORE W. BRIGGS PASSES
AWAY AT ST. ELIZABETH
HOSPITAL LAST
EVENING.**

ILL ONLY A SHORT TIME

**Came to Appleton When Only 13
Years of Age and Had Made This
City His Home Ever Since—Was
Prominent in Insurance Circles
Throughout This Part of the
State—Was One of the First Mem-
bers of Masonic Order in Appleton.**

Appleton, Wis., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Theodore W. Briggs, pioneer of Appleton and well known in insurance circles throughout this part of Wisconsin, died at St. Elizabeth hospital last evening, after only a few days' illness. It was believed yesterday morning that he had passed the crisis and that he would soon be able to again be up and about, but later in the day a change for the worse set in and the patient died within a few hours after.

Mr. Briggs was a native of New York state, having been born in St. Lawrence county on December 20, 1840. Had he lived about three weeks longer he would have passed his seventy-second birthday. His father was also a native of the Pioneer state and Theodore was the oldest of six children. The Briggs family came to Appleton in 1853,

Theodore Briggs being then but thirteen years of age. This city had been his home ever since. The elder Briggs pursued farming while in the east, but after coming west took up masonry and contracting and was among those who worked on the old Lawrence university building and also on some of the locks constructed by the Green Bay and Mississippi Canal company in the improvement of the water power along the Fox river from Neenah to Green Bay.

Theodore Briggs received only a common school education and was able to attend only a few months after his father's death, which occurred two years after his arrival in Appleton. At the age of 16 years he took a position as clerk at the Phinney Brothers' store here. He continued in this line of work until 1865, resigning at that time a responsible position in the Pettibone store to take the position of agent in Appleton for the American Express company. In connection with this work he conducted a general store, which he discontinued in 1870. Although he had done considerable insurance work before then, it was not until 1874 that he gave his entire time and attention to fire insurance work and with A. H. Conkey opened the Conkey and Briggs company office. Four years later he took a travelling position for the Fire Association of Philadelphia as special agent for Wisconsin and Minnesota, but still retained his interest in the local agency. In 1887 Mr. Briggs was appointed compact manager for all the leading insurance companies in this vicinity. Resigning this in 1891 he accepted the

special agency for the state of Wisconsin and Minnesota with the Home Insurance company of New York, and established headquarters in Appleton. In 1893 he was appointed state agent and adjuster for Wisconsin.

Mr. Briggs was married to Miss Leona S. Dane, a native of Nova Scotia in 1862. He is survived by his widow, four daughters and one son. They are: Mrs. John Burch of Ashland; Mrs. Mary Horr; Mrs. Karl Mathie of Wausau; Mrs. John H. Neller, all of Appleton. A brother, Louis Briggs, of this city and sixteen grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Briggs served in the capacity of city treasurer for a period of two years and for one term was assessor. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge and of the Knights Templar, being among the first in Appleton to secure membership in that order.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 28 Nov 1912 p 8

THEODORE W. BRIGGS DEAD

PIONEER OF APPLETON EXPIRES
IN HOSPITAL AFTER BRIEF
ILLNESS

AN OLD RESIDENT

Dean of Appleton Fire Insurance Agents
Came Here in 1853—Was Prominent
Mason For Forty-Five Years—
Funeral Wednesday at
Riverside Chapel

Theodore W. Briggs, dean of the fire insurance agents of Appleton and one of the oldest Appleton residents, died at the St. Elizabeth's hospital last night at 9 o'clock at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Briggs was in apparently as good health as ever up until last week. Wednesday he was able to walk up town to consult his physician, but Thursday underwent an operation at the St. Elizabeth's hospital. From that time on it was known he was in a critical condition and his children were summoned.

Mr. Briggs was born in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., on Dec. 20, 1840, and in 1853 came to Appleton, having been a resident here continuously to the time of his death. Two years he spent as a student at Lawrence university, part of which time he clerked in a store. Later he took up a permanent position in H. Phinney Bros. general store and then became proprietor of a dry goods store, which he ran until about 1870.

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He became interested in the fire insurance business and was actively engaged in that line of business for the past forty years. At first he was on the road as adjuster and then opened an office here, he having A. H. Conkey associated with him at one time as a partner.

In 1891, and for a term of years, he was State agent for the Home Insurance company.

For the past forty-five years he had been a member of the Masonic lodge, in which order he took an active part for many years.

He leaves a wife, four daughter and one son: Mrs. Carl Mathie, of Wausau; Mrs. May Horr, and Mrs. John H. Neller, both of this city, and Mrs. John Birch, of Ashland, and Theodore, of this city.

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The funeral will be on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with private services at the home and public services at 2:30 o'clock at the Riverside chapel, Dr. Faville officiating. The Masons will have charge of the services at the grave.

Theodore Briggs was one of the most highly esteemed residents of this city and his death is deplored by a vast circle of friends who admired him for his many fine qualities and who extend to the bereaved family their sympathy.

Mr. Briggs came to Appleton when a boy of 13 years and saw Appleton grow from a straggling village in the woods to a modern city in all of which activities he took his part nobly and successfully, always giving his best to whatever engaged his attention. Loyal to his friends, strictly upright in all his dealings, considerate and sympathetic, he built up an enviable reputation in the community. He was unobtrusive and

modest in his demeanor and his greatest joy was in the home circle; he was a loving husband and a thoughtful, tender father.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 26 Nov 1912 p 1

THEODORE W. BRIGGS UNDERGOES OPERATION

Theodore W. Briggs was operated on yesterday at the St. Elizabeth's hospital for cancer. He was reported this afternoon as resting comfortably.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 22 Nov 1912 p 1

Mother:

MRS. LEONA DANE BRIGGS

Mrs. Leona Dane Briggs, 85, widow of Theodore W. Briggs, died at 3 o'clock Monday morning. Mrs. Briggs was born in 1840 at Lockeport, Nova Scotia, and came to Appleton with her family when she was 16 years old. She has been a resident of this city ever since. Her marriage to Theodore W. Briggs, who died in 1912, occurred in 1861.

The survivors are five daughters, Mrs. John H. Birch of Ashland, Mrs. Mary A. Brooks of Sheboygan, Mrs. Karl Mathie of Wausau, Mrs. Ina Dane Hawthorne of West Duluth, Minn., and Mrs. John H. Neller of this city; one son, Theodore L.

Briggs of Sheboygan; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 Wednesday morning from Riverside chapel, conducted by the Rev. H. E. Peabody, pastor of First Congregational church, of which Mrs. Briggs was a life long member, and at the time of her death, the second oldest member. The body will lie in state at the Saecker Conn funeral home until Wednesday morning, when it will be taken to the home of Mrs. John Neller, E. Washington-st.

Mrs. Leona Briggs Dies At Appleton

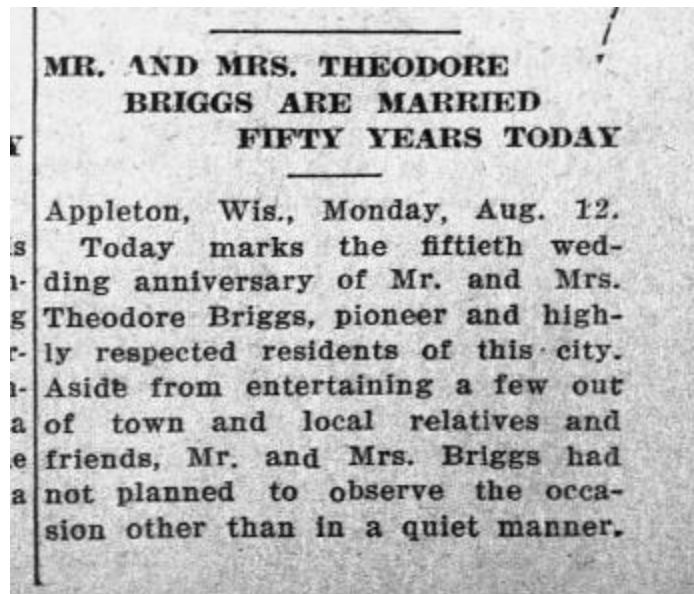
Mrs. Leona Dane Briggs, widow of Theodore W. Briggs and mother of Mrs. Mary A. Brooks and Theodore L. Briggs of this city, died early Monday morning at Appleton. She was 85 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at Appleton.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Wednesday 2 Jan 1929 p 13

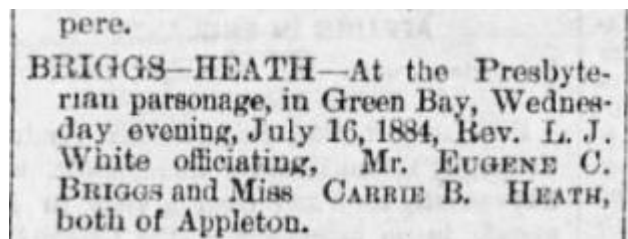
Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs has an interesting collection of articles that have been in the family for a great many years, some of which are as follows: A picture made of fish scales, which is nearly 150 years old. The frame around the picture is an old fashioned gilt frame with the brass pressed onto the wood. Mrs. Briggs has a Spanish silver dollar date 1791 which is one of a keg full of money found after many weeks of diligent search after the death of her great-grandfather, James Locke, who, together with a few other men, established an independent colony on Ragged Island, now known as Lockport, N. S., over 100 years ago. A piece of cotton cloth which was spun over 125 years ago in the family of James Locke, is also being duly recognized by Mrs. Briggs as a relic of the family. A set of old dishes from Holland, a stone axe used by the Indians in Mexico many years ago, and some old time pottery which was taken from the tombs of some of the Aztecs, are also among the things which are being retained owing to their age.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 27 Jul 1901 p 1



"Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 15 Aug 1912 p 1

Siblings:



Brother Eugene Curtis Briggs (1863-1888) – "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Thursday 17 Jul 1884 p 3

EUGENE BRIGGS DEAD.

A Former Oshkosh Resident Dies at Pueblo, Col.

News reaches the city of the death of Eugene Briggs which occurred last Thursday night at Pueblo, Colorado. The remains are expected to arrive in Appleton to-night. From a letter received at Appleton from the father of the deceased it appears that death resulted suddenly from a malignant attack of typhoid fever, complicated perhaps by other troubles. Eugene C. Briggs was born in Appleton twenty-five years ago, the 22nd of February last, and the larger part of his life was spent among the early associations of that vicinity. The last few years of his life, however, have been passed for the most part in Oshkosh and other cities of Wisconsin, where the deceased was employed at his trade of a printer. He was engaged as a compositor on THE NORTH-WESTERN for a considerable length of time and during his residence here won many friends, his genial and companionable manner making him a general favorite among a large number of people. Four years ago next July he was married to Miss Carrie Heath, of Appleton, formerly of Pewaukee, and their union was blessed by three little ones, who are now left fatherless. His lungs showing symptoms of disease, he departed last fall for the west, trusting that the salubrious airs of Colorado would counteract the incipient danger. In this his friends were not disappointed, as his lungs seemed entirely to recover their normal healthy condition. Just as the cure appeared complete, however, the hand of fever was laid upon him and he was taken.

Curtis E. Briggs

Posted Feb 28, 2012 by Allison Rose

The 1901 Appleton City Directory shows the widowed Carrie living with Lucile and Leona, who are both students, at 819 Atlantic. Later Leona became a cashier at the Appleton Theater.

Daughter Leona, b. December 29, 1884, married Bill Nugent, divorced, and then married Henry Pettigrew, who was a widower with 3 children. His grave may be between Lucile's and Mary Elizabeth Brooks in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Wisconsin, but it does not have a marker. Burial records show the space only as reserved. William Nugent, from Kaukauna, Wisconsin, was the son of Alfred A. and Eva A. Nugent. Alfred Nugent was a noted lawyer in Kaukauna who passed away in 1904. William Nugent and his brother Earl H. are best known for having established in 1909 the first successful moving picture theater in the Fox River Valley known as The Elite.

Curtis and Carrie's last child, Frederick was born in Pueblo, Colorado as per his birth records. I'm not clear how this came to be.

<http://www.newerindustries.com/Jim/genealogy/Briggs/Briggs-CurtisE.htm>

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<p>Death of Eugene Briggs.</p> <p>This well known young man, the son of Mr. Theo. W. Briggs, died on Thursday last at Pueblo, Colo., in the 26th year of his age, his death resulting from a malignant attack of typhoid fever, not consumption, as was reported. Some ten days or two weeks previous to his death his father went to Pueblo, summoned thither by a telegram, and was with his son at the time of his death. On Monday evening Theo. Briggs arrived here accompanying Eugene and his grief stricken widow and her three little children, the funeral taking place on Tuesday afternoon last. His sleep at beautiful Riverside is peaceful. Eugene C. Briggs was born in this city and until within the past five or six years had been a resident among us—being a printer in the offices of the <i>Crescent</i> and <i>Post</i>. For a time he worked at the <i>Northwestern</i> office, Oshkosh. In speaking of him that paper says:</p>	<p>“His genial and companionable manner making him a general favorite among a large number of people. Four years ago next July he was married to Miss Carrie Heath, of Appleton, formerly of Pewaukee, and their union was blessed by three little ones, who are now left fatherless. His lungs showing symptoms of disease, he departed last fall for the west, trusting that the salubrious airs of Colorado would counteract the incipient danger. In this his friends were not disappointed, as his lungs seemed to recover their normal healthy condition. Just as the cure appeared complete, however, the hand of fever was laid upon him and he was taken.”</p> <p>The deep sympathies of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances are tendered the family in their great bereavement.</p>
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“Appleton (WI) Crescent” Saturday 21 Apr 1888 p 3

Mrs. Carrie Heath Briggs and children
of Appleton are visiting relatives here.

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 28 Jun 1894 p 5

night at the Clarke homestead.—Mrs.
Carrie Briggs and daughter have re-
moved from Appleton to Milwaukee.
Mrs. Briggs was formerly Miss Carrie
Heath and a Pewaukee girl.—On

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" Thursday 17 Sep 1908 p 5

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

Lawrence Street the Scene of Another Joyous Marriage.

On Wednesday evening, February 24th, Mr. John Henry Burch, of Ashland, Wis., was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Spaulding Briggs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. W. Briggs, of this city, the ceremony being performed at the residence of the bride's parents on Lawrence street, by Rev. John Faville, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and the most intimate friends of the contracting parties.

The best man was Mr. Jay P. McDermott, of Ashland, the business partner of the groom. The maid of honor was Miss Carrie H. Briggs, a sister of the bride.

In the parlor a beautiful canopy of carnations and smilax had been prepared by the loving hands of friends, under which the couple stood while the brief but impressive marriage service was said by Rev. John Faville, and they were pronounced one in the blessed sacrament of a union that must be of joy and felicity, of loving trust and fealty.

The wedding chorus from the "Huguenots" was joyously rendered by Miss Allie Williams on the piano, followed by warm and sincere congratulations and best wishes, the reception continuing until 10:30 o'clock, during which time delicate refreshments were served by caterer Wookey in his usual inimitable manner.

The bride, always an Appleton favorite, was lovely in her bridal gown of cream crepe. She carried bridal roses in her hand. Miss Carrie Briggs, the maid of honor, wore a gown of pink Henrietta, trimmed with chiffon and smilax. The groom and best man wore conventional black.

The interior of the home was rendered additionally attractive for the occasion by the green, red, yellow and white lights in the parlors and a beautiful bank of flowers and greenery in the dining room, cut flowers and potted plants being arranged with taste throughout the house.

The bride is a very sweet girl, being beloved by a large circle of friends who esteem her for her qualities of mind and heart. Her husband is a man of integrity and character, who is engaged in Insurance, Real Estate and Loans, a member of the firm of Burch & McDermott, of Ashland.

The wedded ones departed south by the 12:05 Northwestern train on a wedding trip and will be "at home" in Ashland after the 28th of March.

A profusion of rich and elegant presents testified to the esteem in which the bride is held by her many friends.

Among those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDermott and Mr. Geo. L. McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Miss Maud L. Clark, Miss Mary E. Airhart and Mr. Burt L. Shepard, all of Fond du Lac; Mr. Frank T. Stevens, of Chicago; and Mr. Karl Mathie, of Wausau.

Mrs. Cornelia Burch

Mrs. Cornelia Briggs Burch, 86, formerly of Appleton, died Monday at the home of her son, Dr. Hobart A. Burch, Elmira, N. Y. She had been living with her son for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Henry J. Burch, Ashland, and Dr. Hobart A. Burch, Elmira, N. Y.; one brother, Theodore L. Briggs, Sheboygan; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Brooks, Sheboygan, Mrs. Karl Mathie, Wausau, and Mrs. John Neller, Appleton; and five grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at Elmira, N. Y. before the body is taken to Ashland where funeral services will be held at 1:30 Friday afternoon. Burial will be in Ashland cemetery.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 15 Apr 1952 p 12

Mrs. Cornelia Spaulding Briggs Burch of 825 W. Water St. The body is at the Smith & Fudge Funeral Home where funeral will be held today, 10:30 a. m. The Rev. John F. Stearns. The body will be sent to Ashland, Wis., for further services and burial.

"Elmira (NY) Advertiser" Wednesday 16 Apr 1952 p 6

MARRIED AT APPLETON.

**Frank J. Brooks and Miss Mary Briggs
United in Wedlock.**

APPLETON, Wis., Sept. 2—Frank J. Brooks and Miss Mary E. Briggs, two society young people, were married last night by the Rev. John Faville, at the Congregational church.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Briggs Brooks Horr (1869-1955) – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern”
Wednesday 2 Sep 1891 p 1

A SEPTEMBER WEDDING.

The Early Dawning of Autumn Witnesses the Union of Two Loving Hearts.

The interior of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening was a beautiful scene—the elegance of the church, brilliant with light, being enhanced or rather relieved by the graceful plant and floral decorations—golden rod and vines predominating, while nearly every seat in the large auditorium was occupied by ladies and gentlemen of Appleton and elsewhere; all hearts beating high in expectancy, awaiting the arrival of the bridal procession, when Mary Briggs was to give her hand and heart in marriage, to Frank J. Brooks. Boyd Wells presided at the organ and rendered the music of the Bridal Procession, from the Huguenots, amid the strains of which the immediate relatives of the bride and groom took positions near the altar. Then Frank Brooks, the groom, and Richard Watrous, best man, entered the right aisle and proceeded to their positions, while up the left aisle came the ushers, Messrs. Carl Mathie, of Wausau, A. M.

PERSONAL MESSAGES.

The Crescent unites with a legion of friends in wishing for these happy young people all the joys that life affords, a cloudless future of happiness in their devotion to each other.

Among the guests from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Finney, of Oshkosh, Mrs. William Hawthorne, of Duluth; Carl Mathie, of Wausau and Richard Watrous, of Milwaukee. A wealth of presents was bestowed upon the fair bride, testimonial of the esteem in which she is held.

"Appleton (WI) Crescent" Saturday 5 Sep 1891 p 5

TWO HEARTS NOW ONE.

The Marriage of Frank J. Brooks and Mary E. Briggs at the Congregational Church Tuesday Night.

Frank J. Brooks and Miss Mary Elizabeth Briggs, were married Tuesday night by Rev. John Faville at the Congregational church. The church was filled with invited guests and the event was a very brilliant and delightful one. The altar was trimmed with wild blossoms, golden rod, daisies and vines and made a very handsome appearance.

Shortly before 8:30 o'clock when the ceremony was to take place, Mr. F. Boyd Wells mounted the organ bench and gave a little recital appropriate to the occasion, which resolved itself into the Lohengrin wedding march as the bridal party entered. The members of the families of the bride and groom, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Nellie Briggs, Mrs. William Hawthorne and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brooks entered first, ascending the west aisle, preceded by little Theodore and Lucille Briggs and were followed shortly by the groom and his best man, R. B. Watrous of Milwaukee. The party took positions at the right of the altar where they awaited the coming of the bride.

A few moments later the bridal party entered and ascended the east aisle. First came the ushers, Messrs. A. M. Smith, Karl Mathie, Frank Studley and Jerome Shaylor, who were followed by little Ina Briggs and Grace Brooks who scattered flowers before the bride, coming after, upon the arm of her father, and followed by the bridesmaids, the Misses Carrie Briggs and Effie Dane. The bride wore a gown of cream crepe trimmed with cream chiffon, and carried cream colored roses. She looked very sweet and winsome.

Rev. John Faville pronounced the service in an impressive manner and the young people plighted each other their troth in firm and happy voices. The organ then pealed forth the bridal march from "The Huguenots" and the party took its way from the church.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs, a reception was given immediately at the conclusion of the ceremony to family relatives and the bridal party. The parlors were decorated with ferns, smilax, woodbine, and white wax berries, and the dining room with ferns, woodbine and red berries. A delicious supper was

...and a sumptuous supper was served during the evening and the hours were spent merrily until the departure for Milwaukee of the bride and groom on the 11:30 o'clock train for a bridal trip of two weeks' duration.

The guests present from abroad were Mrs. William Hawthorne, of West Duluth, and Mrs. E. E. Pinney, of Oshkosh.

"Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 10 Sep 1891 p 1

In Business at Wausau.

Frank Brooks, who has for some time been connected with the Appleton Bazar, has decided to go into business for himself at Wausau. He has gone to Chicago this week to purchase goods. THE POST regrets losing Mr. Brooks in Appleton but wishes him all success in his new venture. The Appleton Bazar will continue to be administered by the veteran O. J. Brooks.

"Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 5 Jan 1893 p 5

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks are soon to take up their residence in Kansas City. Mr. Brooks has accepted a traveling position with a Port Washington furniture manufactory, and takes charge of the western business. Good luck to you, Frank.

"Appleton (WI) Crescent" Saturday 17 Feb 1894 p 4

Mrs. Frank Brooks, of Topeka, Kansas, is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Briggs.

"Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 6 Dec 1894 p 5

...s parents.

Mrs. Frank Brooks, of Appleton, arrived in the city Tuesday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Karl Mathie. —Wausau Herald.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 25 Oct 1897 p 4

Divorces.

In circuit court yesterday afternoon a divorce was granted Guy George from Maude George. The parties are from Shawano count,

In circuit court today Mary E. Brooks was granted a divorce from Frank J. Brooks.

Divorce – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 10 Mar 1900 p 3

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Austin C. Horr and Mary Brooks, E. B. Kellogg and Carrie D. Harbeck, al lof this city.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Thursday 14 Mar 1901 p 3

Mr. Austin C. Horr and Mrs. Mary E. Brooks, both of this city, were married Monday evening, March 18.

“Appleton (WI) Post” Thursday 28 Mar 1901 p 5

Married by Justice.

Justice J. H. Cook performed the marriage ceremony of Austin C. Horr and Mary E. Brooks, Saturday afternoon.

Married again? – “Appleton (WI) Post” Thursday 9 Oct 1903 p 1

Special Marriage Permits.

County Judge Henry Kreiss last day issued special dispensations for marriage before the expiration of the five days' limit after a license is issued, to the following persons: John Schneider and Mattie Stutzman, both of Black Creek; Austin C. Horr and Mary E. Brooks, of Appleton.

“Appleton (WI) Post” Thursday 29 Oct 1903 p 5

Austin Horr Dead.

The funeral of Austin Horr, who died Saturday afternoon from injuries received by the bursting of a steam pipe in the Howard pulp mill at Menasha, will be held Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 from the Menasha Methodist church. Interment will be at Riverside cemetery in this city.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 29 Feb 1904 p 4

APPLETON MAN IS INJURED.

Oscar Boser Suffers Terrible Accident at Howard Paper Mill.

Austin Horr, of this city, and Oscar Boser, of Appleton, employes of the Howard Paper company, met with a serious accident while at work last week. Mr. Horr and Mr. Boser were at work in the sulphite mill on the third floor of the mill when a steam pipe on the first floor burst filling the entire mill with hot steam before it could be shut off. The steam escaped from the lower floor to the stories above by a way of chutes which are used for elevating wood. Mr. Horr and Mr. Boser were at work at the opening of one of the chutes when the steam rushed upon them. Dr. Kendall was called at once and after a minute examination ordered that the men be taken to the Horr residence on First street. Horr was burned about the back and legs and side while Boser received less serious burns. Both are resting quite easily this morning and will probably recover.

against the company.

MENASHA CASE ON.

A case on trial at the present time is one from Menasha. Mrs. Mary S. Horr is suing the C. W. Howard Paper company for \$5,000 damages for the death of her husband, Austin Horr, whose death is claimed to have been the result of an accident at the Howard company's plant. He was employed in the pulp mill and was at work in the third story of the mill when a blow-off pipe of the digester exploded on the first floor. The fumes from the digester, in which sulphurous acid is used, filled the building and Horr and a companion, Oscar Bosser, were overcome by the fumes and Horr died later. Bosser has a suit for damages against the company, also, which is yet to be tried. The plaintiff claims that the accident was the result of negligence, the pipe being worn.

JURY AWARDS DAMAGES

**MRS. MARY HARR OF MENASHA
WILL RECEIVE \$2,500 FROM
THE HOWARD PAPER
COMPANY.**

**Widow of Austin Harr Secures Fa-
vorable Verdict in Case in Which
She Sued for \$5,000—Negligence Is
Proved Responsible for the Man's
Death.**

The jury in the case of Mary Harr vs. the C. W. Howard company of Menasha this morning brought in a verdict awarding damages in the sum of \$2,500 in favor of the plaintiff. The suit was one in which Mrs. Harr sued for \$5,000 for the death of her husband, alleged to have been caused by an accident in the pulp mill of the C. W. Howard Paper company of Menasha. The deceased, Austin Harr, was working in the third story of the building when a pipe exploded and the deceased and another workman, Oscar Bosser, were unable to escape from the building and were overcome by the fumes of the digester, which was filled with a combination of liquids, part of which was sulphuric acid. Mr. Harr died later from the result of his injuries. Bosser has a case pending against the company.

The verdict was one in which special questions were propounded and answered. The jury was sent out at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, but did not reach a verdict until in the night, and by directions of the court it was sealed and delivered this morning.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Saturday 31 Dec 1904 p 3

Wedding Invitations.
Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs for the marriage of their daughter, Carrie Hamilton, to Mr. Karl Mathie of Wausau, which is to occur at their home on

Lawrence street on Wednesday evening, July 27, at 9 o'clock. The ceremony will be quite private in character, the guests being limited to family connections of the contracting parties.

Sister Caroline Hamilton Briggs Mathie (1872-1958) – "Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 28 Jul 1892 p 1

UNDER A FERN BELL.

Another Lovely Bud on Lawrence Street has Blossomed Into a Beautiful Bride—The Manly Groom an Alumnus of Lawrence University.

Amid the most gorgeous display of heaven's electric, flashing lightning, overspreading the horizon and zenith, enhaloing, as it were, the auspicious occasion, Karl Mathie and Carrie Briggs were married on Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 779 Lawrence street.

The rooms of the pleasant residence were prettily and tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers arranged by deft fingers of loving girl friends of their companion, soon to be a bride.

The parlor decorations were in white and green; the back parlor or dining room being in yellow and green—all presenting a cool, refreshing and restful expression and eliciting much admiration of guests. In a corner of the parlor there was a background of ferns, in front of which was suspended the marriage bell, composed of white daisies, ferns, and trimmed with hollyhocks and strings of smilax. Between the two parlors was sprung an arch covered with sweet peas, giving a charming effect in its dainty sweetness.

The invitations had been confined to the relatives and most intimate friends, yet withal the home was thronged with a merrie, happy company to witness the union of two happily blended lives into a oneness of being and high purpose.

At the hour of 9 o'clock, Theodore W. Briggs appeared from the staircase with his daughter resting on his arm, and from a side apartment Karl Mathie, with the mother of the bride, moved forward to the floral bell, preceded by Miss Laura Briggs, bridemaids, leaning upon the arm of Mr. Henry Abraham, best man, where Karl Mathie met his bride, Carrie Hamilton Briggs, and were received by Rev. John Faville, who had twice previously, within about a year, performed a like service for two other daughters of the household; and in a few well chosen, appropriate words impressively given, pronounced them man and wife, meanwhile the music of the wedding march being in happy unison with the inspiring scene, the wedded ones being surrounded by the families and guests. Earnest, warm congratulations followed, after which delicate refreshments were served and an hour or more devoted to social intermingling.

The bride was very sweet in her gown of white surah and bridal roses.

The bridemaids wore a gown of pale lemon Henrietta, with tea roses. The groom and best man wore conventional black.

As the Crescent has hitherto spoken quite freely of the young couple, we shall not personally elaborate at present as that would be a reiteration of commendations. They are fully worthy of each other in all the elements of character and adaptability, and the Crescent unites with hosts of friends in wishing for them the full meed of earth's joys. The bride is one of the loveliest of her sex and her husband is a young man of strong character, self-respecting and high minded. He is the forthcoming principal of the Wausau high schools. They took the Northwestern midnight south bound train on their wedding trip.

Among the guests from abroad were Mr. F. Mathie, Sr., Edward Mathie, Frank Mathie Jr, John Mathie, Otto Mathie and Mr. Meyers, Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. John Burch, Ashland; Mrs. Henry Weeks, Waupaca; Henry W. Abraham, Wausau.

The floral, mysterious letters in the dining room, trimmed with nasturtiums—S. P. G. G.—elicited much curiosity and fun among the guests. The letters referred to the "Society for the Prevention of Going with the Girls," organized with four members eight years ago, the groom having been one of the charter members. It is said that for an entire year he preserved his good standing in the society, but succumbed as did two others, now married. Mr. Abraham is now the sole survivor of that one time vigorous anti-girl society.

They will be at home after Aug. 28th, at Wausau.

MATHIE IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Unanimously Elected By State Teachers' Association.

At Milwaukee, Friday afternoon, Karl Mathie, of Wausau, formerly of this city, was elected president of the Wisconsin Teachers' association by a vote of 295 to 164 over J. H. Natrass, of Shullsburg. The vote was upon motion made unanimous. Karl Mathie was born in Wausau about 35 years ago, and learned the jeweler's trade when young. Later he came to Appleton and attended Lawrence university, from which he graduated in 1891, and afterward took a post-graduate course at Harvard. Returning to Appleton he was for some time assistant pastor of the Congregational church, being a most effective co-worker with the Rev. John Faville, at that time pastor. Later he was called to Wausau to take the principalship of the high school, and is now city superintendent of schools, in which position he has shown marked efficiency. Some years ago he was married to Miss Briggs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs, of this city, and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of his deserved prominence in educational affairs in Wisconsin.

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CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR FORMER APPLETON MAN

Karl Mathie of Wausau, who has accepted the Democratic nomination for governor as a representative of the dry element in that party, is remembered in Appleton as a former assistant pastor of the Congregational church during the regime of Dr. John Faville. Mr. Mathie accepted the position shortly after graduating from Lawrence college and while engaged in church work married an Appleton girl, a daughter of the late Theodore Briggs.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 8 Jul 1922 p 3

A LAWRENCE STREET WEDDING.

Marriage of Mr. Karl Mathie and Miss Carrie Briggs—Decorations and Guests.

The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs was the scene Wednesday night of another pretty wedding, it being the occasion of the marriage of their youngest daughter, Miss Carrie Hamilton to Mr. Karl Mathie, of Wausau. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. John Paville in the presence of about thirty relatives and friends. The bridesmaid was Miss Laura Briggs. Mr. Henry W. Abrahams assumed the role of best man. The bride who is one of Appleton's most favorite young ladies never looked more charming. She was arrayed in white surah and carried bridal roses. Pale lemon Henrietta, with tea roses, was the gown worn by the bridesmaid who also added beauty to the scene. The rooms were beautifully decorated, the parlor in white and green, and the dining room in yellow and green. In the corner where the ceremony was performed there was a background of ferns, just in front of which hung the marriage bell, trimmed with ferns, holly hocks, white daisies and amilax. In the dining room, in a conspicuous position, were the four initials "S. P. G. G." trimmed with nasturtiums which signified that the groom belonged to an organization known to its four members as the "Society for the Prevention of Going With Girls" formed at Wausau several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Mathie took their departure for the south on the midnight train where they will spend a portion of their honeymoon. They will return to Wausau, their future home, in time for Mr. Mathie to take charge of the High school of which he has lately been elected principal. The guests from abroad were: Messrs. Frank Mathie, Sr., Edward Mathie, Frank Mathie, Jr., John Mathie, Otto Mathie, Mr. Meyer, H. W. Abraham, of Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. John Birch, Ashland; Mrs. Henry Weeks, Waupaca.

"Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 4 Aug 1892 p 1

Karl Mathie Dies of Heart Attack at 72

Death in California
Ends Active Career
Of Prominent Citizen

Karl Mathie, 72, for more than half a century one of Wausau's most colorful figures and prominent citizens, died early last evening while on a winter's vacation in Los Angeles, Cal.

News of his passing was contained in a briefly worded message to Dr. J. H. Kolter, his cousin, from Mrs. John Eagan, Los Angeles, a sister of Dr. Kolter. Later advices indicated death was the result of a heart attack.

Mrs. Mathie and Mrs. Eagan will leave tomorrow for Wausau, accompanying the remains. Their time of arrival here was expected to be learned tomorrow. The Mathie residence is at 516 Franklin street.

Left Here November 28

Mr. Mathie, in apparent good health, left Wausau November 28 for Los Angeles, after stopping off here en route to the coast from New Rochelle, N. Y. For several weeks previously, he and Mrs. Mathie had been visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, in New Rochelle. Mrs. Mathie had been called west early in November when two friends were involved in a serious automobile accident.



DIES IN WEST—Karl Mathie, prominent Wausau citizen who died in Los Angeles, Cal., last evening is shown above.

tice and once more devoted himself to business affairs.

Before the war, he was one of the group that in 1910 organized the Wausau Sulphite and Fibre company, now the Mosinee Paper Mills company. It was the first plant in North America to manufacture the kraft pulp and paper which is now an important part of the industry. He was president and manager of the company until the outbreak of the World war.

Founded Minnesota Company

Previously, he had been the founder and general manager of the Watsb Paper company at St. Cloud, Minn., where he spent the years from 1905 to 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathie, who had spent many winters in California, had planned to return home in April or May.

Educator, industrialist, politician, preacher, poet, historian and pleader of dozens of good causes, Karl Mathie had one of the most active careers in Wisconsin's history. His death put an end to the vital enthusiasm and drive which characterized his life-long efforts in community affairs, as well as personal matters.

Sponsored Many Movements

His death removes a man who devoted a lifetime to his ideals and to following the course he conceived to be the righteous one. He was the sponsor and founder of a hundred different movements for the benefit of his community.

A high spot in his career occurred during the World war when he and Otto C. Butz, son of the exiled German poet, Conrad Butz, organized the American Friends of German Democracy, a society composed of German-Americans loyal to this country.

With scores of distinguished citizens of German ancestry on its roster, the society plunged into the task of explaining to German-Americans and to citizens of Germany the cause of the United States in the war. As secretary-treasurer of the organization, Mr. Mathie spoke before hundreds of audiences throughout the middle west during the war.

World-Wide Publicity

Working without compensation, Mr. Mathie and his colleagues prepared publicity material for distribution in this country and abroad to point out the merits of the American system. Mr. Mathie's poem, "Der Tag," was used in one of the Liberty Loan drives.

Stationed in Evanston, Ill., during the period of world turmoil, he returned to Wausau after the armis-

1900 to 1910.

He was born in Wausau April 12, 1866, the son of Francis S. and Katherine Tischer Mathie, both natives of Germany. He bore the name of his great-grandfather, Karl Mathie, son of a French general under Napoleon, and head of a family which settled in Germany after the Napoleonic wars.

His parents came to Wausau in 1850 and his father became the city's first blacksmith. Later, in 1869, he founded the Mathie Brewing company.

Attended Lawrence, Harvard

Mr. Mathie was educated in the public schools here and was graduated from Lawrence college at Appleton in 1891, winning Phi Beta Kappa honors. He later took post-graduate work in theology and economics at Harvard university.

Part of the costs of his education he paid by working as a watchmaker, a trade he learned during his early youth.

He was appointed principal of the Wausau high school in 1892 and served until 1895, when he became assistant pastor of the First Congregational church at Appleton. The next year he returned to Wausau to become city superintendent of schools, a position he filled until he branched out into the manufacturing business in 1905.

In Education Associations

During the period he spent in education work he was honored with the presidency of the Northeastern Wisconsin Teachers association and the Wisconsin State Teachers association. He was a former member of the board of regents of Minnesota normal schools, was the first president of the industrial board of education in Wausau, and at one time served as member of the board of trustees of Lawrence college.

Mr. Mathie waged two unsuccessful campaigns for political office on the Democratic ticket, one in 1922

the Democratic ticket, one in 1922 when he sought the nomination for governor and the other in 1932 when he was a candidate for the congressional nomination from this district. He was an ardent Democrat and an active prohibitionist in earlier years.

Collected Historical Data

History led the list of Mr. Mathie's many hobbies. Until recently he headed the group collecting data on early days in Wausau for the Wausau Centennial association.

His interest in Wisconsin's pioneer days and his work as an amateur poet led him into an assiduous study of the lumberjack songs and verses which belong to American folk-lore. He could quote dozens from memory.

A pageant, of which he is the author, is scheduled for presentation as a highlight of the Centennial celebration next year. A preview showing was held last winter.

Mr. Mathie was married July 27, 1892, at Appleton to Caroline Hamilton Briggs. Besides Mrs. Mathie, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Bell, New Rochelle, N. Y., and Mrs. Earl Tippet, Milwaukee; four brothers, Edward Mathie, Los Angeles, Otto and John Mathie, Milwaukee, and Frank Mathie, 620 McClellan street, and five grandchildren.

Masonic Affiliations

His Masonic lodge affiliations included membership in Forest lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., of which he was senior warden in 1903 and worshipful master in 1904; Wausau chapter No. 51, R. A. M.; Wausau council No. 23, R. and S. M.; St. Omer commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, of which he was a former prelate; Wisconsin consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Tripoli Temple, of Milwaukee.

He was a former president of the Wausau Rotary club and a member of the Wausau Country club, the Wausau club, the Harvard club of Wisconsin, the state historical society and the American Political Science association.

MRS. CAROLINE B. MATHIE, 86, a resident of the Concord Hotel, St. Petersburg, died yesterday in a St. Petersburg hospital.

Mrs. Mathie had lived in St. Petersburg three years. She previously had been a seasonal visitor. A native of Appleton, Wis., she was a member of the Colonial Dames, the DAR, the Magna Charta Dames and a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star. In Wausau, Wis., she was a member of the Universalist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Earl J. Tippet, Largo, and Mrs. James A. Bell, New Brunswick, N.J.; a brother, Theodore Briggs, Plymouth, Wis.; a sister, Mrs. John Neller, Appleton, Wis.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Wilhelm Funeral Home Inc. is in charge of arrangements. Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

"Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Friday 23 Nov 1958 p 29

Mrs. Caroline Mathie

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Caroline Mathie, a former local resident who died last winter in Florida, will be held here tomorrow afternoon in Pine Grove Cemetery. The Rev. Carleton Fisher, pastor of the First Universalist Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Mathie was a former member of the Wausau Library Board, the Gray Ladies at Memorial Hospital, the Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, Magna Carta Dames, Order of the Eastern Star and the New England Genealogical Society.

Mrs. Caroline Mathie

Brief commital services were held in Pine Grove Cemetery yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Caroline Mathie, formerly of this city and the widow of Karl Mathie, prominent Wausau resident, with the Rev. Carleton M. Fisher, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Mathie died last Nov. 22 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where she had been living since leaving Wausau. Mrs. Mathie is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Earl Tippet, Largo, Fla., and Mrs. Tippet, Largo, Fla., and Mrs. James Bell, St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. John Nell, Appleton; a brother, Theodore Briggs, Plymouth; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

YOUNG LIVES LOST.

The Dread Death Angel
Descends upon Three
Households.

STORY OF THE DREADFUL CALAM-
ITY WHICH HAS PUT ALL AP-
PLETON IN MOURNING.

FROM GAYETY TO ANGUISH.

The Frightful Ending of an Evening of
Pleasure—A Miracle that Ten Families
are not Desolated—The Long Float
Through the Icy Water—Heroic Work of
the Rescuers—Searching for the Bodies—
Jamie Scott Tells How the Accident Hap-
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Sunday and Monday all Appleton
has been in mourning at the loss of
three bright young lives whose career
of usefulness had just begun. In a
moment, in the twinkling of an eye
they were summoned to the mysterious
life beyond, and three homes were robbed
of their most precious treasures.

The calamity of Saturday night is
probably the most distressing and fatal
coasting accident that ever occurred in
the state. While we can scarcely be-
lieve that the three who are now sleep-
ing shall never appear among us again,
on sober thought, we marvel more that
any who sat upon the fatal sled ever es-
caped alive. The accident itself was in
in many respects natural, but the res-
cue was altogether miraculous.

The Fatal Ride.

The story of the calamity is soon told. A merry party of young people had gathered upon the Lawe street hill. Three double runners repeatedly carried down the steep incline their laughing freight of buoyant young lives. The warm sun of the afternoon had melted the surface of the road which at evening congealed again to icy hardness and the sport was unusually exhilarating. At the foot of the incline a slight turn is necessary in order to pass straight out upon the bridge. Down they come with the speed of the wind, but at the foot the momentum is too great, the sled refuses to make the little turn required, leaves the well worn rut, shoots like a cannon shot straight ahead against the railing which is carried away by the shock and plunges down into the deep water of the river. At this moment two innocent young souls stand before their Maker, and a few minutes later a third, after a brief struggle against the icy grasp of death, joins them.

The boy who guided the sled was Jay Briggs, and behind him in regular order were Jamie Scott, Theodore Berg, Ella Malone, M. H. Crosswell, Mamie Shields, Emma Adair, Lottie Smalley, Mary Holihan, May Carey, and J. A. Schreiner. All these are well-known to Appleton people except perhaps, Lottie Smalley, whose home is in New London, and who is the guest of Gertie Ulrich, and J. A. Schreiner, a Chicago gentleman, who has been engaged for some little time past in doing electrical work for the Manufacturing Investment company. When the sled left the bridge Theodore Berg managed to roll off upon the roadway, and was the only one of the party who was not thrown into the river. Schreiner, who was the last man on the sled when the railing gave away, managed to grasp a board with one hand and held himself for a few moments suspended above the river, his other arm

being clasped about May Carey, who sat just in front of him, and whom he thus attempted to prevent from going into the water. The railing had been so shattered, however, that it supported the combined weight of the two but for a few moments and then let them fall into the river. Schreiner still held on to the board which was subsequently of considerable assistance in supporting the party. The sled went into the water right side up and with five of the party still sitting upon it in much the same

position as they came down the hill. It sank beneath their weight, however, until but little more than their heads were out of the water. Examination of the bodies of Emma Adsit and Jay Briggs afterwards recovered, showed in each case fractures of the skull which must have caused instant death when the sled struck the railing. What became of Jay Briggs in the water is not known, but Emma Adsit's clothes were attached to the sled and her body was recovered by the boatman Clarence Neff but a few rods above the third dam.

Schreiner's Devotion.

Upon striking the water Schreiner made his way to the sled with May Carey and attempted to support her upon it. Two of the other girls clung to him in such a manner that the entire party was threatened with losing its frail support. He therefore changed his position and supported the chins of two or three of the girls upon his extended arm in such a way that their heads were out of the water. He and the other men and boys of the party encouraged the girls and warned them to keep perfectly still, and in about this position they drifted down in the icy water, through the long half hour that must have elapsed, in the slow current before they reached the railway bridge, 600 feet below. Sometime during this harrowing experience May Carey, probably too chilled to longer make any effort dropped away from the party. Her absence was not immediately noticed, so that the precise spot at which she sank is not known. Jamie Scott, being an expert swimmer, freed himself in the water of his overcoat and undercoat, and struck out for the shore on the left bank, which he finally reached in a completely exhausted condition and was assisted from the water by Frank Kimball. Upon attempting to stand up he found that he was injured in the side and could not keep his feet.

The Rescue.

The cries of the party had meanwhile been heard by many people in the neighborhood, and in the bright moonlight their heart-breaking predicament could be plainly seen. William, Robert and Alex. Smith among others ran down the hill from their home and made their way to the railroad bridge where they awaited the drifting victims. They were joined by T. E. Munhall, Eugene Murphy, Frank Babcock and John VerBryck, all of whom did heroic work in rescuing. Clarence Neff, who lives on the barge Dekorra moored near by got a boat and as the party drew nigh posted himself under the bridge, where he stopped them and assisted by the willing arms, stretched down from above, lifted the chilled and helpless victims to the bridge from which they were hurried off to the Telulah paper mill, all but Ella Malone who was taken on board the Dekorra. The people in the water were so cold that they were unable to assist their rescuers in the least degree, their clothing was weighted with water and it was many long and cruel minutes before Schreiner, the last man up, was finally out of the river.

The scene at the Telulah mill which was looked upon by an anxious crowd baffles description. The victims lay on the floor in all positions, some motionless, others twitching convulsively as sympathetic hands worked over them, none of them fully conscious of what had happened to them and of the horrid death they had just escaped. From the mill they were removed to their various homes in carriages.

Flying Stories.

Meanwhile the most contradictory stories were flying about on the street. At first it was reported that fourteen persons had been drowned. From this the number gradually dwindled until it was said that only Emma Adsit had been killed. May Carey, it was said, was at home, but badly injured. Nothing whatever was said at first about Jay Briggs. Boys are always expected to

Misses Briggs are always expected to turn up all right. A reporter called at Mr. Carey's and found that May was missing and a few minutes later it was authoritatively known that Jay Briggs was also not to be found among the survivors. A half dozen physicians were hurrying about attending to the sufferers. It was fully half past 11 o'clock before the entire extent of the calamity was accurately known.

Body Recovered.

All day Sunday the bridge and river banks near the scene of the accident were lined with people who watched curiously the operations of the boats that were dragging the river. At about 10

o'clock the body of Jay Briggs was found, but although the dragging of the river has been continued indefatigably, the water sluiced down several feet and dynamite exploded, the remains of May Carey have not as yet been recovered. A couple of mirrors were taken to the river Monday in the hope that by throwing down into the water the rays of the sun the the bottom might be examined. The water was found too roily, however, and the attempt was abandoned. The starting of the mills rapidly raised the water Monday. It is most earnestly to be hoped that the only remaining body may soon be found, but some doubts are being expressed. As yet the dragging has mostly been confined to that part of the river between the bridges. It may be that the remains went below the railroad bridge and will be found there.

A. W. Patten Sunday gave instructions to put on a night crew to drag the river that night, and send a bill of \$50 to him.

Jamie Scott's Explanation.

Jamie Scott Monday said what caused the accident was that the rope became lost just as the sled went under the bridge communicating between the grounds of A. L. Smith and A. L. Smith, Jr., and that point and the river bridge the sled very nearly tipped over. The rope fouled one of the runners and made it impossible to steer the sled.

A Peculiar Circumstance.

A very peculiar circumstance was that when the body of Emma Adair was recovered a large stone weighing not less than 30 pounds was found enveloped in the folds of her garments. Whether it was picked up on the bridge or from the river bottom is unknown.

The Inquest.

Coroner Goelzer empaneled a jury consisting of L. D. Nickerson, William Tesch, D. J. Ryan, W. F. Johnston, Wm. Sweetser, and W. J. Baker. The jury viewed the bodies of Emma Adsit and Jay Briggs and then adjourned until Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the county clerk's office.

The Survivors.

None of the survivors are seriously effected. James Scott was injured in the groin, but not seriously and Mamie Schields has been somewhat prostrated by the cold and shock. The others are bruised more or less about the body and felt sore and lame, but are otherwise all right.

The Funeral.

The funeral of Jay Briggs occurred Monday at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Rev. John Faville at the home of the deceased. It was very simple and informal. The house was filled with sorrowing friends and relatives, and the High school class-mates of the deceased attended in a body. There was no singing as the overwrought feelings of the family would hardly have permitted of it. Mr. Faville took no text but spoke in a general way of the sorrow which had fallen upon the household, of how it could best be supported, and some thoughts suggested by the sacrifice of these young lives.

The funeral of Emma Adsit was held in the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. H. Pooley.

H. Pooley.

Stricken Homes.

It would be difficult to pick out three homes in Appleton that could be so deeply stricken by a calamity of this kind as the ones that have just been desolated.

Emma Adsit was the reliance and support of a widowed father, whom illness has made an invalid, and of a younger brother to whom she acted as mother and sister in one. May Carey was the only daughter of the household, beautiful and affectionate, in whom the fondest pride of father and mother has been centered. In the death of Jay Briggs Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Briggs see their third son lost to them forever on earth. He was a bright, pure, energetic lad, who would in three months more have been sixteen years of age. Neighborly sympathy has been most fully bestowed but it can be but slight comfort to such sorrowing households. Only time and reliance upon more than an earthly comforter, can at length in some measure assuage the poignant grief of to-day. Mere words are powerless.

Arrived too Late.

The hook and ladder department appeared on the scene shortly after the accident happened but was too late to assist in rescuing the unfortunate ice-coasters. They made themselves very useful, however, in repairing the broken part of the bridge and making it

firm and strong. In many other ways they lent their assistance, and nothing that needed doing did they leave undone.

THE SECOND FUNERAL.

A Great Concourse Attends the Obsequies of Emma Adsit—Notes Regarding the Accident Not Hitherto Mentioned.

The Methodist church could not hold the people that gathered Monday afternoon at the funeral of the late Emma Adsit. The auditorium, the gallery and the rear aisles of the church were packed with people, and many stood outside the doors, unable to gain entrance. The white casket, covered with flowers, rested at the head of the right-hand aisle. The choir, composed of Misses Babcock and Whorton and Messrs. Soper and Morrison, sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and Mr. Pooley announced his text from the Acts, "And suddenly." The sermon was one devoid of the least ostentation, but very beautiful in thought and expression, and very many people were affected to tears. Mr. Pooley touched briefly upon the sweet and helpful character of the deceased and passed to general considerations of the consolations possible in such cases and the lessons to be derived.

Cold as the Dead.

Clarence Neff, who did such noble work in saving lives at the railroad bridge, was as nearly frozen as most of the victims themselves when his work was done. When he pushed out in his boat he wore only a shirt, pair of pants, pair of rubbers and a hat. He was repeatedly wet to the skin and his clothes froze upon him. He trembled like a leaf and his teeth chattered like castanets, but, in the expressive language of the street, he got there just the same.

Found at Kimberly.

Monday early in the afternoon at Kimberly peculiar looking objects were discovered near the middle of the river where they had lodged against the ice. A boat was procured and two men went out to investigate. They found a ladies' hat and muff and an overturned boat. The boat was the one that was accidentally upset during the rescuing at the bridge. The hat and muff are thought to have been May Carey's.

Miss Mamie Shields, who perhaps fared the worst of any of the survivors, rested poorly Monday night. Her condition has been such that it was deemed advisable not to let her know the fate of May Carey, Emma Adsit and Jay Briggs. That evening, however, she found out what had become of them through a letter from a Milwaukee friend who expressed much sympathy for her and for the unfortunate ones that lost their lives. We are glad to state that she is feeling much better now. Her hosts of friends trust that her recovery may be speedy.

During the dragging of the river on Sunday night one of the men thus employed was sure he had found a body. He called those about him to his assistance, but when the object was brought to the surface it was found to be the carcass of a large dog.

A report was going the rounds Monday evening and Tuesday that the remains of the man who committed suicide a month ago by jumping into the river from the Lake Shore railway bridge had been found. The report, however, is not confirmed.

A couple of engineers, who visited the Lawe Street hill Monday, claimed that the party of coasters, which went into the river, must have been going at the rate of 70 miles an hour when the sled struck the bridge.

The search for Miss May Carey's remains still continues. The boats are now at work below the dam.

Miss Lottie Smalley was baptised at Grace church Monday.

A HAIR-BREADTH ESCAPE.

Another Coasting Party Came Near Meeting Their Death Sunday.

A party of boys who went coasting Sunday came near meeting with as sad an accident as that which occurred at the foot of Lave street hill Saturday night. Had the double runner upon which they sat passed the railroad track a moment later the result would have been too horrible to relate.

For some time, past children have made a practice of coasting on Prospect street in front of Edward West's, where the sleds pass down the long slope onto Pearl street between the two flour mills. It was at this point where the party had its narrow escape from being run over by a locomotive which grazed the rear boy's clothing as it sped by.

Brother Jeremiah B. ("Jay") Briggs (1873-1891).- "Appleton (WI) Post" Thursday 22 Jan 1891
p 17

Miss Ina Briggs was called to Ashland today by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. John Burch, who has typhoid fever.

Sister Ina Frances Briggs Neller (1881-1965) – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 18 Dec 1900 p 3

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following persons: John H. L. Neller, of Appleton, and Miss Ina F. Briggs, of Grand Chute; Wesley Haynes and Georgia Sanborn, both of Hortonville; Alias Cornelius and Anna Smith, both of Oneida Reservation.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 12 Feb 1903 p 3

—Mr and Mrs Karl Mathie are in Appleton to attend the wedding of the latter's sister, Miss Ina Briggs to Mr. John Nuelter which will take place tomorrow. Miss Briggs is very well known in Wausau, having visited here on numerous occasions.

"Wausau (WI) Pilot" Tuesday 17 Feb 1903 p 2

THE NELLER-BRIGGS NUPTIALS

Pretty Home Wedding of Popular Young People Last Evening.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Briggs, in the presence of a company of about seventy-five guests, was solemnized the wedding of Miss Ina F. Briggs and John H. L. Neller, both of this city, the marriage rite being read by the Rev. F. T. Rouse. The bride was gowned in white and carried white roses. She was attended by the Misses Emma Hauert, of this city, and Miss Lipke, of Menasha, who wore pink and blue costumes, respectively, and carried sweet peas. The bridegroom was attended by Peter Schneller, of this city, and S. Manser, of Oshkosh. The home was beautifully decorated, the arrangements all in faultless taste, and the wedding was in all respects a decidedly pretty home affair. Among the guests present from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Mathie, of Wausau, and S. L. Briggs, of Oshkosh. A reception followed the ceremony, and during the festivities the bride and bridegroom slipped quietly away to Kaukauna, where they took a train for Milwaukee for a short bridal trip, cleverly evading their friends who had planned an over-enthusiastic farewell demonstration for their benefit. Returning Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Neller will be at home at 428 Edwards street.

The bride is a very charming girl, of beautiful character, the daughter of those much respected pioneer citizens Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Briggs. She was born and brought up in Appleton, where her friends are legion, and their wishes for her long-continued happiness and prosperity are most sincere. Mr. Neller, the happy bridegroom, is a well known Appleton young man of sterling character and excellent business capacity, who is employed in the responsible position of secretary of the Pettibone-Peabody Co. The best wishes of many sincere friends will be with Mr. and Mrs. Neller in their married life so auspiciously begun.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 19 Feb 1903 p 3

Mrs. John Neller

APPLETON — Mrs. John H. Neller, 84, formerly of 410 E. Washington St., Appleton, died at 4:50 a.m. today.

The former Ina Frances Briggs was born March 6, 1881, in Appleton. She and her husband were lifelong residents of Appleton. She was a member of First Congregational Church, Appleton; a life member of Fidelity Chapter No. 94 of the Order of Eastern Star, member of the Fortnightly Club since 1918, and a charter member of the Monday Club.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Curtis Greenwald, Hollandale, Wis.; three sons, Richard, Neenah; Robert, Appleton, and Dr. James Neller, Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Theodore L. Briggs, Sheboygan; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband and an infant son, Donald.

Services will be held at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Wichmann Funeral Home, Appleton, with the Rev. Edward C. Dahl officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, and until the time of services on Wednesday.

A memorial fund is being established.

“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Monday 27 Dec 1965 p 25

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Theodore Louis Briggs

Name variations: Find A Grave record: Theodore Lewis Briggs. His WWI draft card & Veterans Administration Master Index card spell his middle name as "Louis."

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Sanitary #1 - private

Serial number: 18,183

Entered service from: Appleton, Outagamie WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Theodore L. Briggs

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Leona S. Briggs, 496 South St., Appleton WI

Returned from war on: "Julia Luckenbach" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Theodore L. Briggs

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Leona S. Briggs, 496 South St., Appleton WI (cpl, Med. Det. Sub. Post A.E.F.U.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Theodore Louis Briggs b.2 Jul 1888 Appleton WI; res: 787 Drew, Appleton, Outagamie WI. Single. Unemployed. Military experience: private 1st class, Hosp. Corps, 6 years in WI National Guard, member WI National Guard. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 2001 G St., Bakersfield CA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Theo L. Briggs - b. 2 Jul 1888 Appleton WI; res: 421 St Clair Ave., Sheboygan WI. No next-of-kin contact listed. Employed by W.H. Wingrove, Wingrove Oil Co., Sheboygan WI. Card signed Theo L. Briggs. Height: 5'9 ½ - 164 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 9 Jul 1919

Address: 480 Wash [sic] St., Appleton WI

Rank/unit: corporal, San Sq 7

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jul 1888 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Died: 13 Oct 1978 Plymouth, Sheboygan WI (Rocky Knoll Health Care Facility, where he had lived for past several years)

Find A Grave record: 90855448, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI

Cemetery: Wildwood

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Cpl US Army WWI

Father: Theodore Wood (Woods) Briggs, 20 Dec 1840 or 1842 [Find A Grave] Lisbon (or Ogdensburg), St. Lawrence NY – 25 Nov 1912 Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Son of Robert Cornell Briggs & Mary Cutler Banister.

Was the state agent for Home Insurance Co., at 779 Lawrence St., Appleton WI.

Obituary: "Appleton Post-Crescent" 28 Nov 1912 p 8 – photo – pioneer resident of Appleton, well-known in insurance circles in this part of WI, d. at St. Elizabeth Hospital 25 Nov 1912 after being ill a few days. B. St. Lawrence Co. NY 20 Dec 1840. He would have turned 72 in 3 weeks. Oldest of 6 children. Father also b. NY. Family moved to Appleton in

1853 when Theodore was 13 & has lived here since. His father, a farmer in the east, took up masonry & contracting in Appleton, but died 2 years after moving here. Theodore received a common school education. At age 16, became clerk in Phinney Bros. store. In 1865 moved to Pettibone store to be agent in Appleton for American Express. Also conducted a general store, which he discontinued in 1870. In 1874 turned his entire attention to fire insurance. With A.H. Conkey opened Conkey & Briggs Co. Four years later, took a traveling position with Fire Association of Philadelphia, its WI & MN agent. In 1887 was compact manager for all leading insurance companies in the vicinity, which post he resigned in 1891. Became special agency for WI & MN of the Home Insurance Co. of NY, establishing a headquarters in Appleton. In 1893 became state agent & adjuster. Married Leona S. Dane, born in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1862. Survived by his wife Leona, 4 daughters – Mrs. John Burch (Ashland WI), Mrs. Mary Horr (Appleton WI), Mrs. Karl Mathie (Wausau WI), Mrs. John H. Neller (Appleton) & 1 son (not named, but Theodore) & brother Louis Briggs. Served as Appleton city treasurer for 2 years & assessor for 1 term. Belonged to Masons & Knights Templar, being 1 of the 1st in Appleton to join the Knights. “Appleton Post-Crescent” 22 Nov 1912 p 1 – Theodore W. Briggs operated on for cancer at St. Elizabeth Hospital. “Appleton Post-Crescent” 5 Dec 1912 p 2 – it appears the late Theodore was Appleton’s oldest business man as respects length of continuous business experience, which was about 50 years

Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Find A Grave: 130419203

Mother: Leona Suberville Dane Briggs, 20 Aug 1843 Nova Scotia, Canada – 31 Dec 1928 Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Maiden name: Dane. Daughter of Thomas Gilbert Dane & Elizabeth Frances Locke. She came to Appleton WI in 1860.

Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Find A Grave: 130419119

Parents’ marriage: 10 [or 19?] Aug 1862 Appleton, Outagamie WI. “Appleton Post-Crescent” 15 Aug 1912 p 1 – on 12 Aug 1912, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Briggs, “pioneer and highly respected residents of this city,” observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Curtis Eugene Briggs / Eugene Curtis Briggs, 25 Feb 1863 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 12 Apr 1888 Pueblo CO. - Married 16 Jul 1884 at the Presbyterian parsonage in Green Bay, Brown Co. WI to Carolyn (Carrie) Bolles Heath (5 Sep 1862 Pewaukee, Waukesha WI – 13 Jun 1948 Ray, Pinal AZ, F: 171472714). “Appleton Post-Crescent” 19 Jun 1888 p 1 – to liven up the meeting of the girls’ Lawrence Street Club, 3 girls dressed up like men & rang the doorbell after the others had

assembled. No one guessed they were girls, at the start, "another might have been easily mistaken for Eugene Briggs, now in Colorado." - "Oshkosh (WI)

Northwestern" 16 Apr 1888 p 4 – Former Oshkosh resident Eugene Briggs d. 12 Apr 1888 in Pueblo CO. His body should arrive in Appleton tonight. A letter received by his father in Appleton says he died of typhoid fever, along with other troubles.

Eugene was b. in Appleton 22 Feb [1863] & was 25 years old at his last birthday. He spent most of his life in Appleton, but during the past few years lived in Oshkosh & other WI cities, working as a printer. He was a compositor for this paper ("Oshkosh Northwestern") & was genial & companionable. Four years ago next July [i.e. 1884] he married Miss Carrie Heath of Appleton, formerly of Pewaukee WI; the couple had 3 children, now fatherless. Finding his lungs to be diseased [tuberculosis?], he moved to Colorado last fall to counteract the danger. Funeral: "Appleton Post-Crescent" 19 Apr 1888 p 5 – the body of Eugene C. Briggs arrived in Appleton on 18 Apr 1888 on the evening train, accompanied by his father, wife & children. The funeral was held 19 Apr 1888 at 2 p.m. in the home of his father, Theodore Briggs. – Eugene's daughter Lucille Briggs (1885-1914) died of tuberculosis, F: 171472845. - Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 216980944

- Cornelia Spaulding Briggs Burch, 9 Jun 1865 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 14 Apr 1952 Elmira, Chemung NY. - Married John Henry Burch (1866-1937, F: 229795043) on 24 Feb 1892 in Appleton, Outagamie WI. Obituary: "Elmira (NY) Advertiser" 16 Apr 1952 p 6 – The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia Spaulding Burch, 825 W. Water St., Elmira, was held here today. The body is being sent to Ashland WI for further services & burial. "Appleton Post-Crescent: 15 Apr 1952 p 12 – Mrs. Cornelia Briggs Burch, age 86, formerly of Appleton, d. 14 Apr 1952 at the home of her son, Dr. Hobert A. Burch, Elmira NY. She had lived with him for several years. Survived by 2 sons & brother Theodore L. Briggs of Sheboygan WI & 3 sisters: Mrs. May Brooks (Sheboygan), Mrs. Karl Mathie (Wausau WI) & Mrs. John Neller (Appleton WI). A funeral was held in Elmira NY & a funeral in Ashland WI on 18 Apr, with burial in Ashland. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 202005587
- Doubtful – although some genealogies indicate this brother: Jay Fred Briggs / Fred J. Briggs, 31 Dec 1866 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 14 Jul 1873 Appleton, Outagamie WI. He is not mentioned in the obituaries of Theodore W. and Theodore L.'s obituaries.
- Mary Elizabeth (Mae) Briggs Brooks Horr, 16 Feb 1869 Outagamie Co. WI (or 16 Feb 1867?) – 19 Nov 1955 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI. - Married to Frank John Brooks (1869-1933, F: 130668804) on 1 Sep 1891 Appleton, Outagamie WI. They had 4 children. Divorced 10 Mar 1900 in Appleton, Outagamie WI. - Married to Austin C. Horr (1882-1904, F: 130669230) on 18 Mar 1901 in Appleton, Outagamie Co. WI. Then, it appears they married again, reportedly on 4 Oct 1903 in Appleton, Outagamie WI but might have been later that month. Austin was injured when a sulfur pipe broke in a Menasha WI mill. Apparently recovering, he died a week later. She sued the company & won a sizeable judgment. Their 3rd child was born 4 months after his death. Buried with the surname Brooks in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 130620574

- Caroline Hamilton (Carrie) Briggs Mathie, 4 Apr 1872 (9 Jun?) Appleton, Outagamie WI – 22 Nov 1958 St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL. - Married on 27 Jul 1892 in Appleton, Outagamie WI to Karl Mathie (1866-1938, F: 86505889), a prominent Wausau WI figure. His lengthy obituary appears with his photo in the “Wausau Daily Herald” 9 Dec 1938 p 1. He died on vacation in Los Angeles CA. - “Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) 23 Nov 1958 p 29 – Mrs. Caroline B. Mathie, resident of the Concord Hotel in St. Petersburg, d. 22 Nov 1958 in a St. Petersburg hospital. She lived in St. Petersburg for 3 years; was previously a seasonal resident. Survived by 2 daughters, brother Theodore Briggs (Plymouth WI) & sister Mrs. John Neller (Appleton WI). “Wausau Daily Herald” 27 May 1959 p 2 – Funeral held at the Pine Grove Cemetery graveside of Caroline Mathie, a former Wausau resident who died last winter in FL. “Wausau Daily Herald” 29 May 1959 p 2 – widow of Karl Mathie, d. 22 Nov 1958 in Fort Lauderdale FL [actually St. Petersburg], resided in FL since she left Wausau. Survived by 2 daughters, brother Theodore Briggs (Plymouth WI) & sister Mrs. John Nell (Appleton). – Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Wausau, Marathon WI. F: 231705655
- Jeremiah B. (“Jay”) Briggs, 1873 Outagamie Co. WI – 17 Jan 1891 Appleton, Outagamie WI. Was sledding with 10 others when his sled, which also carried 2 girls, hit a bridge rail & 9 of the riders fell in the river. He died at age 17. Find A Grave newspaper clipping said he was the only son of Theodore Briggs, manager of the local Underwriters Union [but Theodore Louis was already born]. Numerous newspaper articles about the accident, including “Appleton Post” 22 Jan 1891 p 17. Jay was lying on his stomach at the front of the bobsled, as steerer, on the Lawe Street hill. At the bottom of the hill, a sled had to turn to avoid the bridge railing, but the sled came out of the ruts due to the momentum – also speculation that the tow rope had gotten fouled in the runners – and although the riders tried to throw their weights to the side to avoid an accident, the bobsled hit the wooden bridge railing & the riders were thrown down into the river. At the inquest, it was decided that Jay had died instantly of a skull fracture. It was thought he had tried to turn his head when he saw the railing, as he had a “terrible cut” from temple to chin on the right side of his face. He was ruled to have died of drowning, unless he was already dead from the impact with his head. His body was found at 10 a.m. the following day at the 4th north pier of the railroad bridge, when the river was dragged. One of the dead, Emma Adsit, also hit her head, was bruised but also had water in her lungs. The other girl, May Carey, was swept away; her body was recovered 6 days later. He was the 3rd son of Theodore W. Briggs to die. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 168797965
- Ina Frances Briggs Neller, 6 [or 7] Mar 1881 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 27 Dec 1965 Neenah, Winnebago WI (also found as Appleton, Outagamie WI). Married John Henry Lewis Neller (1880-1956, F: 22943924) on 18 Feb 1903 in Appleton, Outagamie WI. Marriage: “Appleton Post-Crescent” 16 Feb 1918 p 6 – 20 years ago: Miss Ina Briggs & John Neller were married at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Briggs (her parents) on 18 Feb 1903, with about 100 guests in attendance. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie WI. F: 22943930

Notes: Through his mother, Leona Suberville Dane Briggs, Theodore was a descendant of a passenger on the "Mayflower" which arrived in Plymouth MA in 1620.

Wartime:

Recipient of the Purple Heart. Wounded at Chateau-Thierry on 30 Jul 1918. Spent 6 weeks in the hospital. Upon his release, contracted a cold and was in a convalescent hospital for 2 to 3 months.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – 1st Sanitary Squad, 32nd Division, was on the Tuscania, including Theodore L. Briggs of Appleton.

"Chicago Tribune" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – photo

"Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" 11 Feb 1918 p 1

"Appleton Post-Crescent" 5 Feb 1919 p 5 – 1st anniversary of the Tuscania sinking. There were 9 local men aboard. Only 2 were wounded during the next 9 months of war. One of them was Irvin Meidam of the 107th Supply Train, wounded Aug 1919, recovered, now stationed in Germany. The other was Theodore Briggs, of Sanitary Square 7, who was struck by a piece of high explosive shrapnel in his left shoulder 30 Jul 1918 in battle near Chateau-Thierry while caring for the wounded. Spent 6 weeks in the hospital; upon release, caught cold & relapsed, then spent 2-3 months in a convalescent hospital. At present doing clerical work in central department office

"Appleton Post-Crescent" 26 Apr 1919 p 2 – the 7th Sanitary Squad has been associated to the 32nd Division & will return home with them. They include the Appleton hospital corps boys, including Theodore Briggs.

"Appleton Post-Crescent" 10 Jul 1919 p 2 – Theodore Briggs, a Tuscania passenger who left town in the hospital corps & was later transferred to a sanitary squad, arrived home this morning, having been discharged

Post-war:

"Sheboygan Press" 5 Feb 1936 p 16 – city used to have 3 Tuscania survivors, Fred A. Duxbury, Martin D. Bongers & Theodore L. Briggs. Briggs has left the city; when he lived in Sheboygan, it was at 902 Superior Ave. The men were with the 2nd Sanitary Squad of the 32nd Division.

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" 5 Feb 1936 p 18 –Tuscania survivor Theodore L. Briggs, who has lived in Sheboygan since the war, recently moved to CA. [His move to CA was noted by Feb 1934]

"Sheboygan Press" 31 Jan 1941 p 4 – resident of Sheboygan, will likely attend NTSA annual reunion in Detroit MI.

Obituary:

Copied above: "Sheboygan [WI] Press" 13 Oct 1978 p 12 - "Tuscania Survivor Dies" - age 90, last Sheboygan survivor of Tuscania, son of Theodore W. & Leona Suberville Dane Briggs, came to Sheboygan in 1922 where he worked for Wadhams Oil Co., Am. Legion, 3 assns. Of 32nd Div. , told story of pushed off rope, "rough, cold & dark," floated for 20 min. before picked up by lifeboat, wore wet frozen clothes for days so no one else would take, fought in France, Purple Heart, discharged 1919, said Dr. Wilhelm "Saarbrücken" spoke at an NTSA reunion, survived by nieces, preceded in death by 4 sisters & 2 brother

Social Security Number: 391-03-6244

Censuses:

1870 Appleton, Outagamie WI

Theo. W. Briggs, 30 NY, insurance agent

Leona, 26 Nova Scotia, keeping house

1880 Appleton, Outagamie IW – 253 Fisk St.

Theo. W. Briggs, 39 NY, parents b. NY, fire insurance agent

Leona, 36 Nova Scotia, parents b. Nova Scotia, keeping house

Eugene, 17 WI, printer

Cornelia, 15 WI, at school

Mary, 11 WI, at school

Carrie, 8 WI, at school

Jeremiah, 5 WI

1900 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 779 Kimball St.

Theodore Briggs, 59 NY, Dec 1840, parents b. NY, married 38 years, insurance man

Leona, 56 Nova Scotia, Canada, Aug 1843, parents b. Nova Scotia, emigrated 1860, in US for 40 years, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living

Ina F., 19 WI, Mar 1881

Theodore, 11 WI, Jul 1888, at school

1905 WI state census – Appleton, Outagamie WI

Theodore W. Briggs, 69 NY, parents b. NY, insurance agent

Leona, 61 Canada, parents b. Canada

Theodore L., 17 WI, student
& 3 boarders named Bounds:
Hulda, 54 WI
Florence, 22 WI, student
Hattie, 20 WI

1910 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 778 Franklin St.
Theodore Briggs, 69 NY, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, insurance agent
Leona, 66 Nova Scotia, Canada, parents b. Nova Scotia, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living
Theodore Briggs, Jr., 21 WI, clerk, dry goods store

1920 Appleton, Outagamie WI – Franklin St.
Theodore Briggs, 30 WI, single, father b. NY, mother b. Nova Scotia, Canada, asst. city treasurer, city hall,
Lodging with Louis Van Buren, his wife, 2 daughters, another male lodger & a servant

1930 Sheboygan, Sheboygan CA – 909 New York Ave. - line 42
Theodore [sic] Briggs, 42 WI, bookkeeper, oil warehouse, single, WWI veteran
Lodging with Elfrida Bedford, 2 women lodgers & another male lodger

1940 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 621 St. Clair Ave. – line 6
Theodore Briggs, 51 WI, father b. NY, mother b. Canada (English), single, office clerk, retail & wholesale oil company, lived in same place in 1935
Listed as uncle, lodging with:
R.F. Berger (24 WI) & wife Helen Berger (23 WI) & their daughter Joann

1950 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI – 1510 – 5th
Theodore Briggs, 62 WI, never married, manager, retail liquor store, lodger with:
John & Helen D. Youmans