

TUSCANIA

Thayer, Arthur Howard
1890 WI – 1972 WI

'Baraboo's 21,' of Tuscania Fame, Meet



Surviving members of "Baraboo's 21," who escaped alive when the troopship, Tuscania, was sunk in World War I, with a loss of 147 American lives, will hold a dinner and smoker at Baraboo Saturday on the 31st anniversary of the sinking of the ship. Among the 2,030 American soldiers aboard the transport when it was sunk by a German submarine Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland were 21 Baraboo soldiers. Fifteen of the 21 are alive but one of them, Wayland Kier, now lives in Montana. The other 14 are expected to attend the reunion in the Baraboo Legion club. The 14 expected at the anniversary celebration are pictured above. They are, from left to right: front row, Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; Horace Cahoon, Lake Delton; Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo city clerk; Edward Coughlin, Baraboo; Charles Kellogg, Janesville, and James Bray, and Randall Herfort, Baraboo; back row, Otto Bates, Baraboo; Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee; Otto Arndt, Reedsburg; and Earl Powell, Clarence Braun, Arthur Thayer, and Herbert Steckenbauer, Baraboo.



Arthur Howard Thayer, 3rd from right (behind man in front row in light-colored suit) – “Madison Capital Times” 4 Feb 1949 p 12

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Life:

Miss Julia Thayer and brothers, Arthur and Vernie of Winfield, were Sunday callers here.

Big Creek WI news: “Baraboo (WI) News-Republic” Tuesday 19 Jan 1904 p 2

Thanksgiving Dinner at Waco

Mr. and Mrs. George Steckenbauer have received a menu card from their son Herbert showing what was served for Thanksgiving at Waco. The card reads:

Lieutenant Lee M. Boyden
Truck Co. No 5, 107th Supply Train

THANKSGIVING MENU

Turkey with Dressing
Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes
Cabbage Salad
Celery Asparagus
Cranberries
Home-Made Bread
Pure Wisconsin Butter
Mince Pie
Fruit Cake Fruit Salad
Ice Cream Grape Punch Fruit
Cocoa
Cigars Cigarettes

Mess Sergeant
Arthur H. Thayer
Cooks
Tony Holtman,
Fred L. Wickern
Waco, Texas. Nov. 29, 1917.

"Baraboo (WI) Daily News" Tuesday 4 Dec 1917 p 1

TUSCANIA DISASTER SURVIVORS

ARTHUR HOWARD THAYER,
Reedsburg, Wis.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

Nephew of Kleeber—Sergeant Arthur Thayer of Reedsburg, who was on board the sunken Tuscania, is a nephew of Judge Leonard Kleeber of La Crosse. No word has been received regarding him.

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 5

RAISE SERVICE FLAG AT REEDSBURG

**Patriotic Address Is Given---One
of Those Represented Was on
the Tuscania, Sunk Last Week**

At Reedsburg on Sunday evening the Young People's Union of the Baptist church raised a service flag at their meeting, which was largely attended. A fine musical program was rendered and the county Y. M. C. A. superintendent, C. H. Dinsmore, gave a patriotic address. When "America" was sung all stood up and the flag was raised. There were four stars on it, which represent the four young men from the church and society that have gone forth to join the ranks of Uncle Sam. The honor roll contains the names of Allen Corlice, Albert Hunter, Clyde Bennett and Arthur Thayer. The last named was on board the ill-fated steamer Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine last week. A telegram from the young man to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thayer, on Saturday, stated that he had landed safe. The telegram was sent from a port somewhere in England.

LAUDS RELIEF WORK OF IRISH

REEDSBURG SOLDIER, TUSCANIA
SURVIVOR, SAYS HE'LL NEVER
FORGET KINDNESS

"There are wonderful people here. They are so good to us in every way, we shall never forget them as long as we live."

This is the tribute of Sergt. A. H. Thayer, 107th supply train, among the rescued when the Tuscania was sent down, to the people of Ireland, who cared for survivors of the tragedy of the sea.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Thayer, Reedsburg, he said:

Dear Mother and All:

"We're 'Somewhere in Ireland,' well and happy in every way and hope this will find you the same. I did not get a scratch thru all so do not worry for I am fine and dandy.

Did you get my trunk? Be sure and open it in some way. And did you get any insurance papers of mine? Let me know.

There are wonderful people here. They are so good to us in every way, we shall never forget them as long as we live.

Now do not worry as it is hard to write much now for a while.

Will write just as often as I can. And with all my love will close.

Your loving son,

Sgt. A. H. Thayer,
Truck Co. E, 107 Supply Train,
32 Div. A. E. F.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Monday 4 Mar 1918 p 4 -
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Letter From Arthur Thayer, Reedsburg

Mrs. William Thayer, Reedsburg, received a letter from her son, Arthur Thayer, who is somewhere in Ireland. The young man was on the Tuscania and says he did not get a scratch. The people in Ireland are very good to them and he says the boys will not forget them as long as they live.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 14 Mar 1918 p 7

HOW TUSCANIA SANK

"The sinking of the Tuscania surely ought to open the eyes of people in America and let them know that we are at war." These are the words that Sergeant Arthur Thayer, nephew of Judge Leonard Kleeber of La Crosse and the only Reedsburg boy on the troopship Tuscania when she was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, wrote in a letter to his mother, Mrs. William Thayer. Together with other survivors of the Tuscania disaster he is now in a military camp at Winchester, England, awaiting new equipment.

In another letter to his father, which was received this week, he gives a graphic account of the sinking of the big transport and of his escape from the boat. Through the courtesy of his father, William Thayer, we are printing the letter below:

On Active Service With American Expeditionary Force

Somewhere Abroad,

February 13, 1918.

Dear Father and All:

As I sit here in my barracks this evening I am thinking of the folks at home and so will write you a few lines. I have a board across my knees to write on and it is hard work. First, I will tell you something about my trip across on the Tuscania.

I was awfully seasick on the boat; had no idea it was so sickening until it came on me—but I know now.

About 6:10 p. m. February 5th, just after supper, I was sitting on my bunk sewing buttons on my overcoat. Suddenly there was an awful shock and I was nearly thrown out of my bunk. I knew that the boat had been hit because it immediately started to list. We all made a rush for the deck. I went to my station on the third deck and lifeboats were already being lowered. Some of them were shattered and most of them jammed so that they leaked. You could see the boys swimming around in the water, some having jumped overboard. There was no need of jumping, however, and if everyone had kept their heads no one would have been lost. In about forty-

five minutes a destroyer came alongside. I waited until it was nearly loaded and then got hold of a rope and slid down onto the destroyer's deck all O. K. It was an awful sight to look out and see all the boys in the water.

Our boat started for land and about 11:30 we landed in a little town in Ireland. Believe me, people never want to say anything against the British soldiers or the people in Ireland; they could not do enough for us. Just as soon as we got in camp they gave us supper—at that time of night.

Some of the boats landed in other towns. It has been over a week now and we still lack two of our men, but we think we are lucky.

We lost everything we had. We were well supplied with tobacco, enough to last us six weeks, and that is all gone, too. All I had when I got on the boats was pants, shirt and shoes. I grabbed a bed spread to put over my head. I had just bought a new razor and that is gone too, but I am going to buy some things I need when pay-day comes, and that won't be long.

I am well and happy so don't ever worry about me as everything will be all right in every way.

We are going to stay in this camp until we have all of our equipment again. I think this will be all for tonight so will close. With love,

SERGEANT A. H. THAYER,
Truck Co. E, 107th Supply Train, Q. M.
C., 32nd Div., A. E. F.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 24 Mar 1918 p 2

LOCAL WOMEN ARE INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Two Baraboo Cars Come Together on Kilbourn Highway

Mrs. Rose Kingsley and her daughters, Mrs. Gladys Kingsley and Mrs. Catherine Reuland, and the latter's little son received cuts and bruises last night when an Ajax sedan in which they were riding collided with the Buick coach of Albert Elliott of this city. The accident occurred in the early evening just this side of the Paul Ca-hoon farm on the Baraboo-Kil-bourn highway.

The car in which Mrs. Kingsley and her daughters were riding was knocked off the highway and over-turned. Passing motorists were able to assist the occupants out through the broken windows, and Deputies Arthur H. Thayer and H. H. Mueller arrived soon after the crash to render assistance.

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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 21 Jun 1930 p 1

100 Attend Annual Meeting of Veterans at Legion Hall

BARABOO — About 100 Baraboo men gathered at the American Legion hall Saturday night to attend the annual reunion of "Baraboo's 21," the group of local boys who were aboard the Tuscania when the American transport was sunk off the Irish coast by a German U-boat on Feb. 5, 1918.

Those honored at the reunion Saturday night were Otto Arndt, Paul L. Stewart, George W. Hattle, Beloit; Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Madison; E. W. Coughlin, Herbert Steckenbauer, Randall M. Herfort, Charles Kellogg, Janesville; Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee; James F. Bray, Arthur H. Thayer, John T. O'Brien, Milwaukee, and Clarence Braun, Wayland Kier, who resides in Montana, could not be present.

Four of the original 21 in the group have passed away: Russell Brodie died of pneumonia on his return from over-seas; Donald Duncan died in France of influenza; Ralph Sanderson passed away in Texas three years ago, and Vernon E. Caffisch died in Baraboo a year ago.

This was the fifth annual reunion which the Baraboo boys have held.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 10 Feb 1931 p 10

Baraboo's 21 Are Now 15

"Baraboo's 21" is the name by which the little group of Tuscania survivors from this city have been known for years, and in the minds of most local people the expression is synonymous with the sinking of the Tuscania. In the years since 1918, the 21 have become 15, and no observance of the anniversary passes but what fitting tribute is paid to the boys who are not present.

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The 15 men who now compose Baraboo's Tuscania Survivors are: Otto Arndt, who is now Sauk county register of deeds; Paul L. Stewart of Baraboo, last year elected secretary of the national group; Earl L. Powell, who now resides at Wisconsin Rapids; Edward W. Coughlin, last year elected treasurer of the national association; Otto F. Bates of Baraboo; Horace C. Cahoon, who resides at Wisconsin Dells; Herbert E. Steckenbauer of Baraboo; Randall H. Herfort of Baraboo; Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville; Richard Mahler of Maywood, Ill.; Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee; James F. Bray, who at the 1934 convention was elected national president; Wayland E. Kler, who lives in Lewiston, Montana; John T. O'Brien, Chicago and Clarence Braun, Baraboo.

Although they have lost in membership, the group has gained one member, for Arthur H. Thayer, although he enlisted from Reedsburg, is now residing in Baraboo and joins the local group in its annual gathering each year.

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"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 10 Feb 1931 p 10

40 et 8 Enjoys Chop Suey Dinner

Members of the Sauk county voiture of 40 et 8 held a regular meeting last night at the American Legion clubhouse here. A chop suey dinner was served, the committee in charge being C. W. Schroeder, Harlan Page, Arthur H. Thayer and D. L. Van Auken.

Guests present included Dr. W. H. Kaeser of Rockford, Ill., and Deputy Charles Mattice of Reedsburg.

The usual business session was held, including plans for a "wreck" to be held in November. Election of a delegate to attend the national promenade to be held in New York

City in September also took place, George Weber being elected the Sauk county delegate with Herbert Steckenbauer as alternate. Congratulations were also extended to H. H. Prange of the local voiture who was elected a Wisconsin delegate to the national convention at the recent Milwaukee state convention.

A social session followed the business.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 24 Aug 1937 p 4

Anniversary Of *Tuscania* On Saturday

Twenty years ago tomorrow was an eventful day in the lives of a number of Baraboo men, familiarly known as "Baraboo's 21," who were aboard the ill-fated *Tuscania* when the ship was struck by a German torpedo and went down off the Irish coast on Feb. 5 of 1918. For many years the group has held a reunion here but the custom will not be observed this year.

Planning to attend the national *Tuscania* Survivors' convention in Chicago are Paul L. Stewart and Dr. C. F. Stekl of Baraboo. It is possible others may attend. Two of the "21" are ill this year, Earl Powell having undergone a serious operation at a Madison hospital a few days ago while Edward Coughlin is recuperating after an illness with pneumonia.

The complete list of Baraboo's 21 is:

Otto Arndt, Baraboo.
Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo.
George W. Hattle, deceased.
Arthur Bender, deceased.
Earl F. Powell, Baraboo.
Otto F. Bates, Decatur, Ill.
Horace C. Cahoon, Wisconsin Dells.
Edward W. Coughlin, Baraboo.
Vernon E. Caffisch, deceased.
Arthur H. Thayer, Baraboo.
Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Baraboo.
Randall H. Herfort, Baraboo.
Charles M. Kellogg, Janesville.
Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.
Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee.
James F. Bray, Baraboo.
Wayland E. Kier, Montana.
John L. O'Brien, deceased.
Clarence Braun, Baraboo.
Ralph Sanderson, deceased.
Donald Duncan, deceased.
Russell Brodie, deceased.

Arthur Howard Thayer was not one of the original "Baraboo 21" - "Baraboo (WI) News Republic"
Friday 4 Feb 1938 p 4

Members of Baraboo School Boy Patrol



Courtesy Wisconsin State Journal

Baraboo's latest group of safety boosters are shown above, the city's newly organized School Boy Patrol, sponsored by the local American Legion post. Arthur H. Thayer was chairman of the committee responsible for the organizing of the patrol here, other members of the committee appearing in the picture with the boys who have voluntarily taken upon themselves the task of

making the streets in the vicinity of the schoolhouses safer for the pupils as they go to and from their classes.

Personnel of the patrol is as follows:

THE OFFICERS

Captains—Bruce Frenz, jurisdiction over entire city school patrol; John Mead, charge of St. Joseph's parochial school; and Edward Kurtz, St. John's Lutheran paro-

chial school.

Lieutenants—Paul Karil, junior high school; George Howard, first ward; Floyd Hewitt, second ward; and Harold Sweeney, third ward.

SENIOR HIGH

Don Anderson, Clarence Miller, Kenneth Harvey, William Meon, Fred Gerber, Charles Kernot and George Sprecher.

JUNIOR HIGH

E. Adams, L. Adams, R. Miller,

B. Bothel, M. Zentner, L. Wickus and C. Burton.

THIRD WARD

Richard Nicholson, Philip Slezak, Kenneth Newkirk and Howard Hansen.

SECOND WARD

Donald Oyan, Robert Vogel, David Holaday, Glenn Quale and Keith Osborne.

FIRST WARD

Eugene DuBois, Clavin Price,

Lewis Borck and Robert Bates.

LUTHERAN PAROCHIAL

Mevin Hultenstrom, Carroll Ed-

ert, Robert Dunse, Harold Albrecht

and George Zimmerman.

ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL

Robert DiRenzo, Robert Amund-

son, Donald Wedekind, James Bray,

Vern Goodenough, Eugene Leni-

hall, Joseph Burke and Robert

Tait.

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Arthur is somewhere in this photograph – he was the chairman – “Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Friday 25 Feb 1938 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer of this city are entertaining a party of friends at a cottage at Lake Delton this week-end. Guests are Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ahnell of the Chicago Tent and Awning company and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isaacson, the former the vice president of the George B. Carpenter company of Chicago. The week-end party is observing three birthdays, those of Mr. Thayer, Mr. Ahnell and Mr. Isaacson, and also the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thayer, a dinner at the Dell View hotel this evening commemorating the anniversaries.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Friday 28 Jul 1939 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer left this morning for St. Louis, Mo., where they will visit cotton mills of the south before continuing on to Florida. They expect to be gone about a month.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 11 Jun 1940 p 4

'Baraboo's 21' Plan Reunion

Tuscania Survivors to Meet Saturday

By IRENE UNDERKOFER
(State Journal Correspondent)

BARABOO — The group of Tuscania survivors, known as "Baraboo's 21", will meet in reunion here on Saturday night, to recall that night of 26 years ago when a German torpedo sent their transport to the bottom of the Irish sea and the 21 Baraboo men aboard found their way to safety.

This year's conversation probably will be different from that of past years, however, for most of the "boys" of the Tuscania disaster are now the fathers of men in service or else themselves are doing "behind the lines" service in war plants or otherwise.

Otto Arndt, always one of the leading spirits in the reunion, is in Alaska, serving as baker for a construction crew, while his three sons are all in military service on widely-scattered fronts. Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo city clerk, will be present at the reunion, but thinking of his two sons in service. Possibly he will be wearing alongside his American Legion button the decoration recently conferred upon him by naval authorities for meritorious service in naval recruiting.

James F. Bray has a son in service, Earl Powell's boy is in the navy; Otto F. Bates, who will come from Milwaukee where he is employed, has a son in the air corps, and Charles Kellogg, father of a son in service, will be here from Janesville. Edward Coughlin and Randall Herfort will be on hand, their shifts at the Badger Ordnance Works permitting.

Other planning to be present are Herbert C. Steckenbauer, Arthur H. Thayer, Clarence Braun, Horace Cahoon, Wisconsin Dells, and Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill. Wayland Kier, who lives in Montana, completes the roster of surviving members of "Baraboo's 21". The union dinner will be held at the Warren hotel.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 4 Feb 1944 p 9

Baraboo Riding Club Organizes, Elects

BARABOO—Horseback riding enthusiasts have organized the Baraboo Riding club and have elected Earl Powell, president; Keith Kindschi, vice-president, and Arthur H. Thayer, secretary-treasurer. For the benefit of members one of the barns at the Sauk county fairgrounds has been rented, providing space for 40 horses if needed, while arrangements have been made to use the fairgrounds race track as a riding course.

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Thursday 11 Apr 1946 p 19

Baraboo Tent And Awning Has Birthday

Twenty-five years ago today, Arthur H. Thayer established the Baraboo Tent and Awning business here in Baraboo. He has been in approximately the same location for the twenty-five years for he was originally located in the building next to where he now is.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” - Monday 14 Nov 1949 p 1

The News office is enjoying two lovely deep red roses which were brought to us by Arthur H. Thayer.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Friday 12 Sep 1952 p 4

Mrs. Roy Trussell of Clinton, Wis., came yesterday to help her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer, celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary and also to help her father celebrate his birthday. With her little daughters, Mary Ann and Karen, who have been spending a week here, the double anniversary was celebrated at Devils lake and today Mrs. Trussell and the children are returning home.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 29 Jul 1953 p 4

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

This advertisement was authorized and paid for by Arthur H. Thayer, 404 7th Street, Baraboo, Wis.

VOTERS OF SECOND WARD, BARABOO

AT THE APRIL 6TH ELECTION I AM A CANDIDATE
FOR THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF THE CITY OF
BARABOO SECOND WARD.

I was born and raised on a farm in Sauk County. Am a
veteran of World War 1 and also one of Baraboo's 21 Tus-
cania Survivors. I operated a successful business in Bara-
boo for twenty-eight years. I sold my business two years ago
and since that time I have been Secretary of the Sauk
County Fair. Therefore, I have plenty of time to attend all
meetings and act on any committee for the benefit of the
City of Baraboo.

YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTE IS APPRECIATED

ART H. THAYER

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 5 Apr 1954 p 4

Mrs. Rosenthal Is 88 Today

Mrs. Bertha Rosenthal of this city is today quietly observing her 88th birthday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer, with whom she has made her home for the past 25 years. Mrs. Rosenthal, who was for many years a resident of Reedsburg, is fairly well. A family gathering honoring the birthday is planned for this coming Sunday.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Friday 14 Jan 1955 p 1

Thayer Announces His Candidacy

Arthur H. Thayer is today announcing his candidacy for the office of supervisor of the Ninth ward in the spring elections.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Thursday 19 Jan 1956 p 1

ARTHUR H. THAYER

Arthur H. Thayer, candidate for the office of supervisor of the Ninth ward, was born and raised on a farm in Sauk county and lived in this county all his life. In 1924 he moved to Baraboo and started the Baraboo Tent & Awning which he operated until 1951 when he retired to have more time to spend on the apartments which he owns. He is a survivor of the Tuscania and a member of Baraboo's twenty-one and is a member of the American Legion. For the past three years he has been secretary of the Sauk county fair. He has been a member of St. John's Lutheran church since coming to Baraboo and has been chief usher of this church for 27 years. He and his wife live at 404 Seventh street, and are the parents of one married daughter.

Most of the other candidates furnished photographs – “Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Wednesday 7 Mar 1956 p 9

In the only contest in the Ninth ward, Kenneth L. Crawford defeated Arthur H. Thayer for the post of supervisor. The vote was:

Crawford	99
Thayer	88

“Wisconsin State Journal” Wednesday 4 Apr 1956 p 5

Young People Also Get \$4,136 For Fair Awards

South school auditorium was last night filled to capacity with families and friends of the several hundred Sauk county young people who have won 4H achievement awards for their work during the past year. All 4-H clubs were present. Not only did the young people receive all sorts of pins and awards — they also received checks in the amount of \$4,136.-75 which represented their Sauk county fair premiums for the fair of 1959. Secretary Arthur H. Thayer of Baraboo was on hand to present the awards in the form of 775 checks earned by the young people for their outstanding contribution to the exhibits in the 1959 fair.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Saturday 7 Nov 1959 p 1

Sauk County Fair Program Opens Tonight

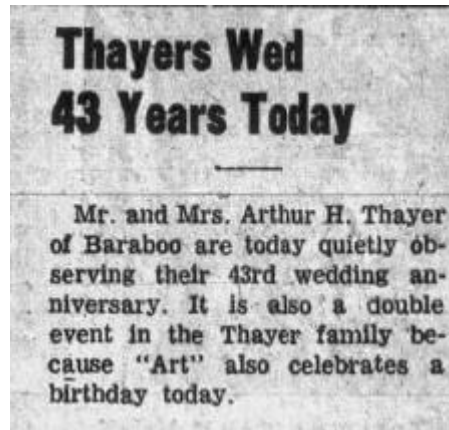
The 107th annual Sauk county fair program opens this evening with the annual horsepulling contest given before the grandstand.

All roads led to the fairgrounds today as the hundreds of exhibitors brought in their exhibits of all kinds from a frosted chocolate cake to a prize bull calf. They found clean, attractive buildings awaiting them. As usual Secretary Arthur H. Thayer and his workers had been busy getting everything in tidy shape for the fair opening. Sauk county has a fairgrounds of which it can well be proud — all buildings in good repair, the grounds in excellent condition so that it is a pleasure to attend the Sauk county fair.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Thursday 10 Aug 1961 p 1

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer of this city are now nicely situated at the Country Club Manor apartments in Phoenix, Arizona. Word from them states that they made the trip to Flagstaff, Arizona, in less than three days with perfect weather and good roads all the way. Thanksgiving day was spent with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Trussell, and family and they will be spending Christmas together at Phoenix.

“Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Wednesday 4 Dec 1963 p 4



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 28 Jul 1964 p 1

Evening Auction!

338 RUSSELL STREET, BARABOO

THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 6, 1968

5:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M.

ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS: Coppertone combination refrigerator and freezer; Monarch eye-level oven Modernique stove, both new and good condition; set Royal lace china, glasses, dishes, kitchen utensils, elec. percolator, toaster, etc.; small metal leg drop leaf formica top table with two chairs; new walnut round dining table with extra leaves and 4 chairs; ironing board; Hoover vacuum, Electrolux vacuum; large davenport; upholstered ottomans; wicker rocker; 2 end tables; four piece blonde bedroom set; (like new); 3 piece bedroom set; 3 piece birdseye maple bedroom set; pullup chairs; straightback chairs; metal cabinets; lamps; electric dryer and automatic washer (like new); dehumidifier; chests of drawers; rollaway bed; Coldspot air conditioner; aluminum lawn furniture; stands; trunk; folding chairs; card table; towels and linens; hand tools; garden tools; rotary mower; ext. ladder; step ladders and many other items not listed. All furniture clean and in good condition.

ARTHUR H. THAYER, owner

Gavin Brothers, Auctioneers, Baraboo & Reedsburg
The Baraboo National Bank, Clerk & Cashier

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 4 Jun 1968 p 3

Wife:

Arthur Thayer, son of Mrs. W. Thayer, and Miss Elva Rosenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosenthal, both of this city, were married Thursday noon at the home of the bride's parents in Clark street by the Rev. Mr. Kansier. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Emma Rosenthal. Harry Kjorstadt acted as best man. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer left by auto for Rice Lake after which they will make their home in this city.

Marriage of Arthur Thayer & Elva Rosenthal on Thursday 28 Jul 19 1921 in Reedsburg, Sauk WI, at the home of her parents – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Monday 1 Aug 1921 p 8

Arthur Thayer and Elva Rosenthal were married, Thursday, July 28. They immediately left on the wedding trip to Rice Lake and vicinity. They will be at home after August. 10.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 4 Aug 1921 p 7

Miss Elva Rosenthal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosenthal of Reedsburg, and Arthur Thayer, son of Mrs. W. Thayer, also of that city, were married July 28th, at the bride's home. They were attended by Miss Emma Rosenthal, sister of the bride, and Harry Kjorstadt. The bride was prettily gowned in white organdie and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and swansonia. The bridesmaid wore tea rose organdie and carried a bouquet of tea roses. They will make their home in Reedsburg where the groom is employed as a salesman for the Collins Marble Company.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 11 Aug 1921 p 7

Arthur Howard Thayer	
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004	
Detail	Source
Name:	Arthur Howard Thayer
Marriage Date:	28 Jul 1921
Marriage County:	Sauk, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Elva Edna Rosenthal

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1232426:61484>

Mrs. A. H. Thayer

Mrs. Arthur H. Thayer, 71, Baraboo, passed away early this morning at St. Clare Hospital after a long illness.

The former Elva Rosenthal was born in Reedsburg and had been a lifelong area resident. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Ladies Aid of the church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur H., Baraboo; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Trussell (Beverly), Flagstaff, Ariz.; one brother, Ewald Rosenthal, Reedsburg; 2 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Emil G. Toepel officiating.

Friends may call at the Hanson Funeral Home after 7 o'clock Friday evening.

Burial will be made in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

LEGAL NOTICE

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State of Wisconsin, Sauk County
Court, Probate Branch
Order Limiting Time for Filing
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Heirship

In the Matter of the Estate of
ELVA E. THAYER,
Deceased.

A petition for probate or administration of the estate of said deceased, late of the City of Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin, and for determination and adjudication of heirship, having been filed,

IT IS ORDERED:

That the time within which all creditors of said deceased shall present claims against such estate for examination and allowance is hereby fixed and limited up to and including the 11th day of August, 1970:

That proofs of heirship be taken and all claims and demands against the said deceased be examined and adjusted by the Court on the 18th day of August, 1970, at the opening of Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard;

Dated May 5, 1970

By the Court,

s/Harland H. Hill

Judge.

Jenks and Jenks, Attorneys
Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Death of Elva Rosenthal Thayer – left: "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 28 Jan 1970 p 7
and right: "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 21 May 1970 p 6

TO GRADUATE AT REEDSBURG

Thirty-Seven to Receive Diplomas at the Annual Event---President Rogers to Speak

There will be a class of thirty-seven graduates from the Reedsburg high school this year. The baccalaureate address will be given by D. O. Stine at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

The alumni banquet will be held in the parlors of the Methodist church on the evening of Thursday, June 7.

The commencement exercises will be held at the armory on Saturday evening, June 9. A. M. Royce, president of the Platteville normal school, will deliver the address. Harriet Mead is the salutatorian and Fred Popp the valedictorian.

The members of the class are Fred Popp, Harriet Mead, John Watson, Olive Prouty, Herbert Stolte, Mary Campbell, Lloyd Hackett, Florence Scheme, Alma Terry, Pearl Morley, Irvin Krohn, Lawrence Hahn, Irene Dahlberg, Elva Rosenthal, Pauline Krohn, George Frazier, Edmund Schroeder, Harold Gardner, Raymond Darrenougue, Wilbur McKenna, Raymond McKenna, Paul Byrne, Agnes Trainer, Clara Lahey, Ione Pfiel, Loretta Kane, Frances Dolan, Stephen Miles, Myrtle Kelley, Emily Hand, Helen Bechtoldt, Lettie Bechtoldt, Paul Koenecke, Ada Kansier, Ruth Schultis and Marguerite Struebing.



Elva graduates from Reedsburg (WI) High School in 1917 – “Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Thursday 31 May 1917 p 1

Elva Rosenthal and Esther Miller
spent Friday at Camp Douglas.

What soldier was Elva Rosenthal visiting at the Camp Douglas WI training camp? – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Sunday 19 Aug 1917 p 14

Miss Elva Rosenthal went to Milwaukee to visit her sister, Emma, and also remain there, if she finds suitable employment.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 14 Oct 1919 p 8

Miss Elva Rosenthal, who is employed in Milwaukee, spent the week end with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosenthal.

Reedsburg WI news: "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 18 Feb 1920 p 10

Arthur Thayer and Miss Elva Rosenthal spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Reinhart Rosenthal, and wife, in Cambria.

Arthur Thayer & Elva Rosenthal – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 16 Jun 1920 p 8

Miss Elva Rosenthal left Thursday for Chicago where she will spend a few days, and from there will go to Milwaukee to visit her sister, Miss Emma. She will go thence to Cambria, to visit in the family of her brother, Reinholdt Rosenthal.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Monday 14 Mar 1921 p 8

Daughter:



Beverly Thayer - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/115803719/person/352293911928/media/df9dcceb-467a-4aaa-9b60-0b1ec818e96a>

Tea-Shower At Zantow Home For Miss Thayer

Mrs. Lawrence W. Zantow and Miss Margaret Koehler were hostesses at a lovely tea-shower at the Zantow home Sunday afternoon, honoring the approaching marriage of Miss Beverly Thayer of this city to Staff Sgt. Roy Trussell of Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

The wedding is to be an event of May.

Sixteen guests were present at the tea. Cards were enjoyed during the afternoon, honors going to the Misses Sylvia Dudley, Shirley Foss and Ellen Marie Lindley.

Lilacs were used on the tea tables at which Miss Koehler poured. The honoree was presented with a lovely gift by her friends.

Out-of-town guests at the party were Mrs. Clifton Wersal of Reedsburg and Mrs. Howard Schrack of Madison.

Bridal shower for daughter Beverly Thayer - "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 4 May 1942 p 4

Application To Marry

Roy H. Trussell, Baraboo

Beverly J. Thayer, Baraboo

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 5 May 1942 p 1

Miss Thayer Is Bride Of Sgt. Trussell

At a candlelight ceremony at high noon Sunday at the home of her parents, Miss Beverly Thayer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thayer became, the bride of Staff Sgt. Roy H. Trussell of Chanute Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Trussell. The Rev. H. C. Kirchner officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a rose-mist dress with a fitted jacket, with white accessories. Her corsage was pink tea roses and sweetpeas.

She was attended by Miss Nola Schwantz, who wore a tropic blue street dress with white accessories. Her corsage was of salmon tea roses and lavender sweetpeas.

The groom was attended by his brother, Robert Trussell of Racine.

Mrs. Lawrence W. Zantow played the wedding march.

The bride's mother wore a sand beige print dress with a turf tan jacket and wore a corsage of tea roses and sweetpeas.

The groom's mother wore a French blue sheer print and corsage of tea roses and sweetpeas.

Mrs. Bertha Rosenthal, the bride's grandmother, wore a dusty blue dress and a corsage of lilies-of-the-valley.

A reception was held at the Silver Room of the Warren hotel. Covers were laid for twenty-four guests. The table decorations were carried out in yellow and white. A two-tiered wedding cake formed the centerpiece with a miniature bride and groom.

Out-of-town guests were Mr and Mrs. W. H. Cole of Delton, Vern Thayer of Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Rosenthal and Mrs. Martha Peatty of Reedsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Rosenthal and son Eugene of Columbus, Miss Mildred Rosenthal of Milwaukee, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trussell and son David of Racine.

Mr. and Mrs. Trussell will make their home at 603 West Church street, Champaign, Illinois. Staff Sgt. Trussell is stationed as an instructor at Chanute Field, Rantoul. The bride has been employed at the Wisconsin Telephone company. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

Marriage of Beverly Thayer to Roy H. Trussell on 10 May 1942 at the home of her parents in Baraboo, Sauk WI – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 11 May 1942 p 4

Beverly Trussell, 61

A memorial service was conducted Monday at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church for Beverly Trussell, who died Friday at Flagstaff Medical Center. She was 61.

Mrs. Trussell was born July 7, 1922 in Reedsburg, Wis. and came to Flagstaff in August 1960. She was a wife and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Roy, Flagstaff; two daughters, Karen Truett, Mesa, and Marianne Caves, Lewis, Colo., two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Obituary of Beverly Thayer Trussell – "Arizona Daily Sun" (Flagstaff AZ) Thursday 29 Dec 1983 p 12

Roy H. Trussell

Roy H. Trussell, a longtime Flagstaff resident and World War II Army veteran, died Dec. 1 in Apache Junction. He was 74.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 2605 N. Fort Valley Road.

Mr. Trussell's survivors include two daughters, Karen Truett of

Chinle and Marianne Caves of Farmington, N.M.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions can be made to the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Elementary School, 2605 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, 86001.

Obituary of Roy H. Trussell – "Arizona Daily Sun" (Flagstaff AZ) Wednesday 7 Dec 1994 p 2

A. H. Thayer had a clever card prepared for his son-in-law, Staff Sgt. Roy H. Trussell, now stationed at Amarilla, Texas, who is among those who will celebrate four years of birthdays in one today. Mrs. Trussell, the former Beverly Thayer, has often joked about marrying "a boy" who has had only six birthdays so Mr. Thayer had a cartoon-

ist make a birthday card, showing on one side the soldier with his staff sergeant's stripes, and standing opposite him a little school boy in short pants, the 6-year old. No doubt the Trussells will get a big laugh out of the birthday greeting at their new station in Texas.

Arthur celebrates his son-in-law Roy H. Trussell's 29 Feb birthday – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic"
Tuesday 29 Feb 1944 p 4

BANKRUPTCIES — Nels P. Anderson, Route 2, Edgerton, tenant farmer, voluntary, liabilities, \$4,100; assets, \$1,387; exemptions claimed, \$1,387.

Roy H. Trussell and Robert D. Trussell, partners in the Trussell Sales and Service, Clinton, voluntary, liabilities, \$2,675; assets, \$255.

Roy H. Trussell, Route 1, Clinton, mechanic, voluntary, liabilities, \$2,675; assets, \$1,951; exemptions claimed, \$1,763.

Robert D. Trussell, Clinton, salesman, voluntary, liabilities, \$3,425; assets, \$2,491; exemptions claimed \$1,328.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 27 Oct 1951 p 9

Father:

BLEW OUT THE GAS, FARMHAND IS DEAD

JANESVILLE, Wis. — William Thayer, 65, was found dead in his room Sunday morning. The gas was turned on. Thayer, a farm-hand living at Reedsburg, where he has a family, had quit one farm job and was on his way to get another. He came from Madison Saturday night and went to the home of C. H. Howard, where he had once roomed when employed here. He was warned about the gas. Coroner Whaley after investigation declared it an accident. The body was sent to Reedsburg.

Death of father William R. Thayer – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Monday 9 May 1921 p 6

William Thayer

The remains of William Thayer arrived in Reedsburg Monday from Janesville where he died at the home of a friend. It is thought his death was caused by accidentally being overcome by gas. When his family in Reedsburg received the message his son Arthur left at once for Janesville, and accompanied the remains home.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from the Baptist church conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Fisher and interment in the Greenwood cemetery.

He was about 70 years of age and is survived by his wife, two sons, Arthur and Vernon of Reedsburg, two daughters Mrs. P. Spaulding of Reedsburg and Mrs. Julia Cole of Delton, one sister and four brothers.

“Baraboo (WI) News-Republic” Wednesday 11 May 1921 p 1

Name **William R. Thayer**
Sex **Male**
Father's Name **Alonzo Thayer**
Father's Sex **Male**
Mother's Name **Mary Thayer**
Mother's Sex **Female**
Spouse's Name **Emeline Kleber**
Spouse's Sex **Female**
Spouse's Father's Name **Frenh Kleber**
Spouse's Father's Sex **Male**
Spouse's Mother's Name **Maria Kleber**
Marriage Date **8 Nov 1877**
Marriage Place **Sauk, Wisconsin, United States**
Event Type **Marriage**

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Mother:

OBITUARY

MRS. EMALINE THAYER

Mrs. Emeline Kleeber Thayer was born in Albany, N. Y., Oct. 30th, 1854.

She came here with her parents when two years old. On June first, 1873, she united with the First Baptist church where she had been a faithful member for sixty years, and had always been active in the Ladies Aid and White Cross work of the church.

In 1870 she was united in marriage to William Thayer. This union was blessed with eight children, four having preceded her in death. Her husband passed away in 1921.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Edna Spaulding of Racine, Wis., Mrs. Julia Cole of Lake Delton, Wis., Arthur Thayer of Baraboo, Wis., and Vernon Thayer of North Freedom, Wis.

There are also three brothers, Leonard Kleeber of La Crosse, Wis., A. L. Kleeber of Reedsburg, Wis., and Dr. Kleeber of Madison, Wis.

Mrs. Thayer passed away on Tuesday evening, July 14th, 1936, at the age of 81 years and 9 months.

Mrs. Thayer was a loving and faithful mother to her children and was respected and loved by all who knew her.

Beside her immediate family and relatives she leaves to mourn her loss a host of friends.

Obituary of mother Emeline Kleeber Thayer – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 20 Jul 1936 p

Siblings:

Name	L. C. Bass
Sex	Male
Father's Name	S. O. Bass
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Agnes Bass
Mother's Sex	Female
Spouse's Name	Mabel Thayer
Spouse's Sex	Female
Spouse's Father's Name	William Thayer
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male
Spouse's Mother's Name	Kleeber
Marriage Date	11 Apr 1900
Marriage Place	Sauk, Wisconsin, United States
Event Type	Marriage

Marriage of **sister Mable Thayer (1881-1914)** to Leroy ("Roy") Oscar Bass on 11 Apr 1900 in Sauk Co.
WI - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XRR1-34M>

No. 66

Bass L.C.

D.O. Bass

Agnes Bass

Farmer

Summit Creek ^{Lincoln} South W. Am.

Dellona, South W. Am.

Mabel Thayer

William Thayer

Irma Kleck

Winifred South W. Am.

April 11 1900

Winifred South W. Am.

White

Fred Thayer

Nathan Bass

Geo. H. Foster Elder

Reedsburg, Wis.

April 11 1900

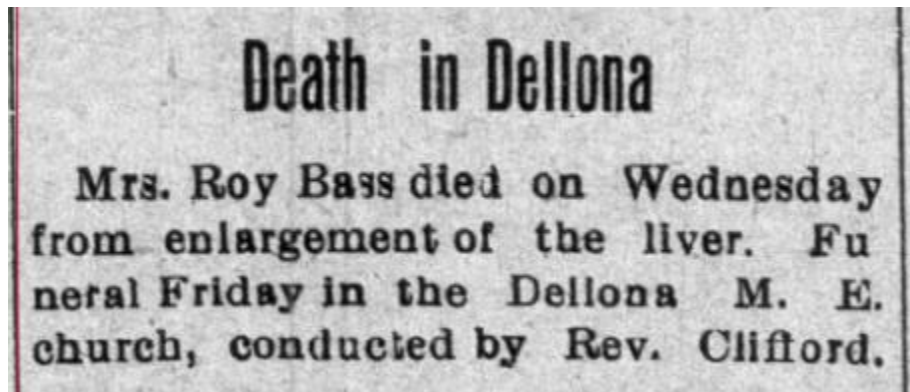
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The funeral of Mrs. Roy Bass, who died on January 7, was held at the M. E. church in Dellona on Friday. Burial in the Butterfield cemetery. Mrs. Bass leaves a husband, five children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thayer of Reedsburg, two sisters and two brothers.

Obituary of Mable Thayer Bass – “Baraboo (WI) Weekly News” Thursday 15 Jan 1914 p 5



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 8 Jan 1914 p 8



Obituary of sister Edna Mae Thayer Spaulding (1881-1937) – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 21 May 1937 p 6

Mrs. Edna M. Spaulding.

Mrs. Edna Mae Spaulding, 56, died early today at her home, 1615 Sixteenth street. A native of Reedsburg, she came to Racine eight years ago. She attended the Grove Avenue Baptist church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. L. L. Paquette of Jackson, Mich., Mrs. O. J. Wyman of Los Angeles, Mrs. Hazel Deichmann and Mrs. Jerry Laughlan of Racine; two sons, Ervin of Chicago and Lloyd of Racine; a sister, Mrs. Julia Cole of Lake Delton, Wis., and two brothers, Arthur Thayer of Baraboo and Vernon Thayer of Freedom, Wis.

The body is at the H. H. Hall home for funerals where it may be viewed tonight. Announcement of funeral plans will be made Saturday.

Mrs. Edna M. Spaulding.

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Mae Spaulding, of 1615 Sixteenth street, who died Friday, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the H. H. Hall Home for Funerals. Immediately after services here the body will be shipped to Reedsburg, Wis. Services will be held at the Reedsburg Baptist church Tuesday at 2 p. m. and burial will follow in the Reedsburg cemetery. The body may be viewed at Hall's until service time here.

Obituary of Edna Mae Thayer Spaulding – left: “Racine (WI) Journal Times” Friday 14 May 1937 p 4 and right: “Racine (WI) Journal Times” Saturday 15 May 1937 p 2

Mrs. Spaulding To Be Buried At Reedsburg

Arthur H. Thayer has received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Edna Spaulding, at Racine last night. The body of Mrs. Spaulding who will be remembered as a former Reedsburg girl, Edna Thayer, is being taken to Reedsburg Monday night and the funeral is to be held at the Baptist church in

Reedsburg Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

“Baraboo (WI) News-Republic” Saturday 15 May 1937 p 4

Mrs. Cole Dies In Florida

Word was received this morning of the death of Mrs. Julia Cole, Lake Delton, who had been spending the winter in Florida. Mrs. Cole, wife of William Cole, passed away suddenly. Besides her husband she is survived by two brothers Arthur Thayer of Baraboo and Vern Thayer of Milwaukee. The body will arrive here Wednesday morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Obituary of sister **Julia Ann Thayer Cole (1887-1954)** - "Baraboo (WI) News-Republic" Monday 20 Dec 1954 p 4

Licensed to marry, Oct. 28, William H. Cole of Delton and Julia A. Thayer; Nov. 1, William Christiansen of Lone Rock and Margaret Hanson of Bear Creek.

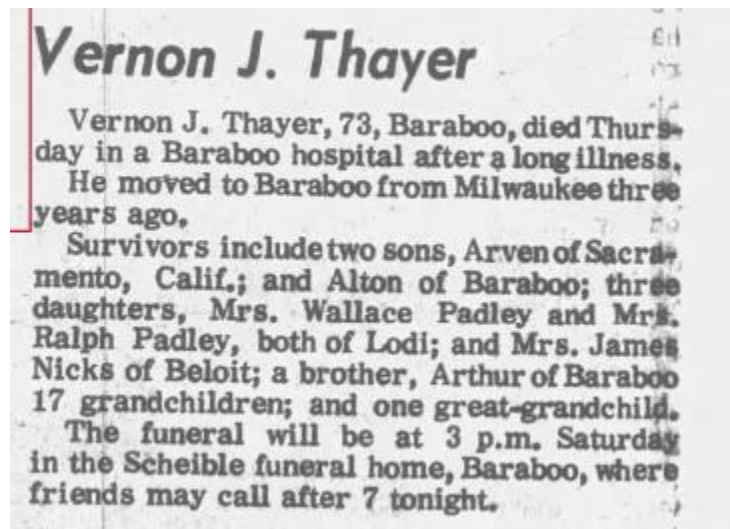
Marriage license 28 Oct 1907 - "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Wednesday 6 Nov 1907 p 10

Married in Winfield at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Sherman of Reedsburg, Miss Julia Thayer and William Cole of Delton. They will commence housekeeping in Kilbourn.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Wednesday 13 Nov 1907 p 12



Brother Vernon James Thayer (1895-1967) – Find A Grave 16950811



Obituary of Vernon James Thayer – "Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 24 Nov 1967 p 4

Services For Vernon Thayer

Funeral services for Vernon J. Thayer were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Scheible Funeral Home with the Rev. Werner Lemke of the North Freedom Baptist Church officiating.

The organist was Mrs. Charles Malone.

Burial was made in Lake Delton cemetery.

Funeral of Vernon James Taylor – “Baraboo (WI) News Republic” Monday 27 Nov 1967 p 4



Home at 617 – 5th St., Baraboo, Sauk WI - https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/617-5th-St-Baraboo-WI-53913/79450181_zpid/

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Arthur Howard Thayer

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - sergeant

Serial number: 251,204

Entered service from: Reedsburg, Sauk WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Arthur Howard Thayer

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Emma Thayer, 520 N. Pine St., Reedsburg WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Arthur H. Thayer

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Emma Thayer, 520 N. Pine St., Reedsburg WI (sgt, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Arthur H. Thayer - b. 28 Jul 1890 Reedsburgh [sic] WI; res: Reedsburg WI. Registered in Barron WI. Single. Cook, Roy D. Walsh, Barron WI. A corporal in the Home Guard for 3 years, US. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1939 NTSA: 617 - 5th St., Baraboo WI - 1955 WI Survivors: 404 - 7th St., Baraboo WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Arthur Howard Thayer - b. 28 Jul 1890 Reedsburg WI; res: 617 - 5th, Baraboo, Sauk WI. NOK Mrs. Elva Thayer, same address. Card signed A.H. Thayer. Employed at Baraboo Tent & Awning, 220 Ash, Baraboo, Sauk WI. Height: 5'9" - 140 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 18 Jul 1917

Discharged: 13 May 1919

Address: LaValle WI

Rank/unit: sergeant, Casual Detachment 2 Tng Battalion, 161st Depot BrigadeBirth & death:

Born: 28 Jul 1890 Reedsburg, Sauk WI

Died: 6 Feb 1972 Reedsburg, Sauk WI (in the Reedsburg hospital, after an apparent heart attack)

Find A Grave record: 69727707 - presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Baraboo, Sauk WI

Cemetery: Walnut Hill

Tombstone:

Father: William R. Thayer, 24 Oct 1850 WI - 7 May 1921 Janesville, Rock WI. Son of Alonzo Thayer & Mary A. McComber. Died from accidental gas asphyxiation at the home of C.H. Howard, where he had once roomed while living in Janesville WI. Howard had warned his visitor Thayer about the gas. Buried in Green Wood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI.

Find A Grave: 118265946

Mother: Emeline (Emaline/Emma) Kleeber Thayer, 30 Oct 1855 [also found as 1854] Albany Co. NY – 14 Jul 1936 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Daughter of Augustine Kleeber & Maria Hart. Buried in Green Wood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI.

Find A Grave: 118265947

Parents' marriage: 1870 (according to her obituary) or 8 Nov 1877 Sauk Co. WI according to his Find A Grave record

Spouse: Elva F. [middle name Edna on WI marriage record] Rosenthal Thayer, 1 Nov 1898 Reedsburg, Sauk WI – 28 Jan 1970 Sauk Co. WI. Daughter of Friedrich Wilhelm Rosenthal & Bertha Schwartz. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 69727708

Marriage:

Children:

- Beverly Jean Thayer Trussell, 7 Jul 1922 Reedsburg, Sauk WI - 23 Dec 1983 Flagstaff, Coconino AZ. Wife of Roy Howard Trussell (29 Feb 1920 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 1 Dec 1944 Apache Junction, Coconino AZ), son of Bruce E. Trussell (F: 53864094) & Estelle I. (F: 53864097). Came to Flagstaff AZ in Aug 1960. Her obituary is in the "Arizona Daily Star" (Flagstaff AZ) 29 Dec 1983 p 12. Roy & Beverly are not on Find A Grave as of 13 Mar 2023.

Siblings: Emeline gave birth to 8 children, 4 of whom survived her when she died Jul 1936

- Edna Mae Thayer Spaulding, earlier than the 1881 [on her tombstone] WI – 14 May 1937 Racine, Racine WI. She is 1 year old in 1880 census (conducted 1 Jun 1880). Lists Aug 1877 as birth in 1900 census. One obituary says she is 56 years old & the other obituary says 60 years old at time of death. - Married in 1897 to Pulford Spaulding (1855-1928, F: 120497938), the son of Simon Spaulding & Eliza Pulford. Buried in Green Wood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI. F: 120497612
- Mable Thayer Bass, 29 Sep 1881 WI – 7 Jan 1914 Sauk Co. WI. Married LeRoy Oscar ("Roy") Bass (1875-1969, F: 37138740) on 11 Apr 1900 in Sauk Co. WI. – In the 1900 census for Dellona, Sauk WI, Mabel M. Bass (19 WI, Sep 1880, father b. MI, mother b. NY, married zero years) lived with husband Leroy O. Bass (24 WI, Oct 1875, father b. NY, mother b. WI). - Was the mother of 5 children at the time of her death. Buried in Butterfield Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI. F: 54522635
- Julia Ann Thayer Cole, 1887 WI – 20 Dec 1954 FL. Wife of William H. Cole (1886-1964, F: 79251474). Buried in Lake Delton Cemetery, Lake Delton, Sauk WI. F: 79251467
- Vernon James Thayer, Jul 1895 Reedsburg, Sauk WI – 23 Nov 1967 Baraboo, Sauk Co. WI. Husband of Emma La Fountain (1897-1937, F: 79252306). Buried in Lake Delton Cemetery, Lake Delton, Sauk WI. F: 16950811

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 4 Mar 1918 p 4 - letter to parents Mr. & Mrs. William R. Thayer of Reedsburg from Ireland, didn't get a scratch, wonderful Irish people

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 24 Mar 1918 p 2 - "The sinking of the Tuscania ought to open the eyes of people in America and let them know we are at war." Nephew of Judge Leonard Kleeber of La Crosse, wrote letter to mother Mrs. William Thayer from Winchester. In a letter to his father, Arthur gave a graphic description. He was awfully seasick. Was on bunk sewing buttons on his overcoat when the Tuscania was torpedoed. He was nearly thrown off the bunk. The ship listed & he rushed for the deck. Boats were already being lowered from his station on the 3rd deck. The lifeboats were shattered, jammed. He saw lots of swimmers, then 45 minutes later slid down a rope to a destroyer. He landed 11:30 p.m. in Ireland where supper was waiting. Don't say anything negative about British soldiers or Irish people. Lost everything - had 6 weeks of tobacco, had only pants, shirt & shoes, wore bedspread on head, new razor gone

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" 8 Feb 1972 p 7 - age 81, lifelong Sauk Co. WI resident. Owned & operated Baraboo Tent & Awning Co. 1928-52. WWI veteran, member of American Legion, Sauk County Fair Association. Survived by daughter Mrs. Roy Trussell, Flagstaff AZ. Funeral 9 Feb 1972.

Social Security number: 391-32-4558

Censuses:

1880 Winfield, Sauk WI

Wm. R. Thayer, 29 MI, parents b. NY, farmer

Emeline, 26 NY, parents b. Bavaria (Germany), keeps house

Edna, 1 WI

1900 Winfield, Sauk WI

William Thayer, 49 WI, Oct 1851, parents b. NY, married 22 years, farmer

Emma, 45 NY, Oct 1854, father b. Germany, mother b. NY, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living

Julia, 12 WI, Sep 1887

Arthur, 9 WI, Jul 1890

Vernon, 4 WI, Jul 1895

1905 WI state census – Winfield, Sauk WI

William Thayer, 54 MI, parents b. NY, no occupation listed

Emmeline, 51 WI, father b. NY, mother b. Germany

Julia, 17 WI

Arthur, 14 WI, farm laborer

Bernard, 9 WI [by default, this is Vernon]

1910 Reedsburg, Sauk WI – Pine St.

Maria Kleeber, 75 NY, widow, parents b. NY, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living [head of household]

William Thayer, 59 US, parents b. US, in 1st marriage, laborer, odd jobs [son-in-law]

Emeline Thayer, 55 NY, father b. Germany, mother b. NY [does not list number of children] [daughter]

Arthur Thayer, 14 WI [grandson]

Verne Thayer, 12 WI [grandson]

& boarder Armenia Gregory, 62 WI, parents b. Germany, widow, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

1920 Reedsburg, Sauk WI

Arthur Thayer, 29 WI, single, father b. Germany, mother b. NY, traveling salesman [head of household]

Emmeline Thayer, 65 NY, married, father b. Germany, mother b. NY, housewife [mother]

William Thayer, 69 NY, married, parents b. NY, no occupation [father]

& 2 male lodgers, both age 17

& grandmother Maria Kleeber, 84 NY, widow, parents b. NY

1930 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 604 – 5th St.

Arthur Thayer, 40 WI, parents b. WI, age 32 at 1st marriage, proprietor, tent company, veteran status left blank

Elva, 31 WI, father b. WI, mother b. Germany, age 23 at 1st marriage

Beverly, 7 WI

& mother-in-law Bertha Rosenthal, 63 Germany, parents b. Germany, widow, age 23 at 1st marriage

1940 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 617 – 5th St. – same house in 1935

Arthur Thayer, 49 WI, proprietor, tent & awning company

Elva, 41 WI, bookkeeper, tent & awning

Beverly, 17 WI

& mother-in-law Bertha Rosenthal, 73 Germany, widow

1950 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 617 – 5th St.

Arthur H. Thayer, 59 WI, manager, tent & awning mgf. [sic]

Elva E., 51 WI

& mother-in-law Bertha Rosenthal, 83 Germany, widow