

TUSCANIA

Thompson, Lauren D.
1890 PA – 1957 PA

HVS-20143-525M-9-55		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		File No. 24330	
Primary Dist. No. 370-352		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registered No. 224	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County Lawrence b. City, Borough or Township New Castle c. Length of stay in 1b. 12 days d. FULL NAME (If NOT in hospital, give street address) of HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION Jamison Hospital e. Is Place of Death inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived. If institution; residence before admission) a. State Pa. b. County Lawrence c. City, Borough or Township New Wilmington d. Street Address or Location 240 New Castle St e. Is Residence inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> f. Is Residence on a Farm? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) LAUREN b. (Middle) - c. (Last) THOMPSON (Type or print)		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) Mar 28 - 1957			
5. SEX M	6. COLOR OR RACE W	7. MARRIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH Sept 17 - 1890	9. AGE (in years last birthday) Months Days Hours Min. 66	10. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE Mary Campbell Thompson
11. FATHER'S NAME Frank B Thompson		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.			
13. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) Farmer		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Laurence Vukobrat			
15. Social Security No. 185-30-9358		16. INFORMANT Miss Lauren Thompson New Wilmington Pa			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c)] PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Bacterial Ulcer, Perforated Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) Bacterial Ulcer, Bowel DUE TO (c)					INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 4 days, 1 year 5401
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS [contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease given in Part I (a)]					
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.		20c. Time of Injury Hour, Month, Day, Year 11:00 A.M. Mar 28 1957	
20d. INJURY OCCURRED While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/>		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (a.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.)		20f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE New Wilmington Pa	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from [date] to [date], that I last saw the deceased alive on [date] and that death occurred at [date] from the causes and on the date stated above.					
22a. SIGNATURE Howard L. Sheffer M.D.		22b. ADDRESS New Wilmington Pa		22c. DATE SIGNED Mar 28 1957	
23a. BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/>		23b. DATE Mar 30 - 1957		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Fairview Cemetery New Wilmington, Pa.	
24. DATE REC'D BY 3-30-57		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Marion A. Cameron		26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Harry May New Wilmington, Pa.	

PA death record of Lauren Thompson -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/42410_3421606189_0992-03616?pld=606114265

Lauren Thompson	
in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013	
Name:	Lauren Thompson
Baptism Age:	2
Event Type:	Baptism
Birth Date:	7 Sep 1890
Baptism Date:	13 Nov 1892
Baptism Place:	Oakmont, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, USA
Denomination:	Episcopal
Organization Name:	St Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church
Father:	Frank B Thompson
Mother:	Florence Vickroy Thompson

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Lauren Thompson
 Lauren Thompson, New Castle Street, New Wilmington, father of Mrs. James A. Stranahan III, of Mercer, died at 11:15 a. m. yesterday, March 27, 1957, in Jameson Memorial Hospital, New Castle.

Besides Mrs. Stranahan, he leaves his wife, Mary, and another daughter, Mrs. William Throop, Cuyahoga Falls, O., and three grandchildren. Funeral rites will be tomorrow.

Obituary of Lauren Thompson "Greenville (PA) Record-Argus" Friday 29 Mar 1957 p 2

Jameson Memorial
 Admitted
 Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Edenburg,
 RD 1.
 Arndol F. Morris, 231 East St.
 Elgie Arblaster, RD 5
 Mrs. Nettie Lewis, 109 E. North
 St.
 Miss Esther Shetler, New Wil-
 mington, RD 2.
 Mrs. Bertha Little, 311 S. She-
 nango St.
 Mrs. Margaret Gibson, 420
 Elizabeth St.
 Miss Jeannette Johnson, 148
 Quest St.
 Lauren Thompson, 240 New
 Castle St., New Wilmington.
 Ray Longanecker, Connellsville,
 Pa., RD 3.

Admitted to Jameson Memorial Hospital – “New Castle (PA) News” Monday 18 Mar 1957 p 11

Lauren Thompson
 Lauren Thompson, 240 New Cas-
 tle St., New Wilmington, died to-
 day at 1:05 a.m. in the Jameson
 Memorial Hospital.
 The body has been removed to
 the Sharp Funeral Home, New
 Wilmington. Complete obituary will
 be published tomorrow.

“New Castle (PA) News” Thursday 28 Mar 1957 p 2

Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948 for Lauren Thompson

Army > Thomas, Samuel M - Thompson, Richard C (432)

Dates as per Card Record From Sept 1-17 to Feb 1937
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

NUMBER 213381

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Lawrence

LAUREN THOMPSON (937)

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from 9-2-1917 to 2-20-1919; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

- (2) THOMPSON LAUREN WHITE
(Last name) (First and middle name) (Serial number) (White or colored)
- (3) Legal residence at entry into service 183 TAYLOR AVE BEAVER PA BEAVER CO
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (4) Present residence: 240 NEW CASTLE ST NEW WILMINGTON LAWRENCE CO PA
(Street and number, City, County and State)
- (5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA; ANG; NA; NG; ERO; Navy; NRE; MC; ORC; Pa. Vols; US Vols; at
Commissioned Date 6-2-17 on
- (6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from _____ to _____
- (7) Place and date of birth WILKINSBURG PA 9-7-90
- (8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) MARY A CRAWFORD THOMPSON
Minor children 1 Nancy Thompson 2 Sara Thompson
Mother (full name) FLORENCE VICKROY THOMPSON
Father FRANK B THOMPSON
- (9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
2nd REGT. 1st LEARNWORTH BATT. from 7-2-17 to 11-30-17
CAMP DOUGLAS DES MOINES IOWA from 11-30-17 to 1-20-18
TUSCUMBIA SINK REGIMENT IN IOWA from 1-20-18 to 2-20-19
- (10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: 2nd Lt E.O.R.C.
(11) Engagements: _____
- (12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: _____
- (13) Served overseas from 2-2-18 to 2-6-19
- (14) Honorably discharged on LAKELAND NJ at 2-20-19
- (15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? NO
- (16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? NO

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day

of Feb 4 1934

(18) Lauren Thompson
(Signature of Applicant)

(17) _____
(Signature and seal of officer administering oath)

Notary Public - Commonwealth of Pa.

My Commission Expires Mar 8, 1937

Feb 6, 1934

(19) I, Notary Public do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public
at New Wilmington Pa. that Lauren Thompson applying for Veteran's
(Name of person certifying to) (Name of applicant) (Title of officer)

Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that he is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression of seal or stamp indicating office or position held.

Read instructions (19) before signing.

(1) 17 Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$ \$170.00

(2) Computed by J. C. Rice

(3) Checked and approved by Crickson
For The Adjutant General.

(Signature of person identifying applicant)

Reviewed by R. J. Fother

My Commission Expires Mar 8, 1937

OFFICER—ORC

Thompson, Lauren Whit 0937
 (Surname) (Christian name)

Residence 604 1 St Beaver BEAVER PENNSYLVANIA
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Born in Wilkensburg Pa Sept 7/1890

† Called into active service as 1 Lt Engr Sept 2/17 fr ORC

Promotions: 2 Lt ERC Jan 18/18

Organizations and staff assignments: 313 Engr to --; 116 Engr to --; 1 Gas Rgt to disch

Principal stations: Ft Leavenworth Kans; Cp Dodge Ia; AEF; Cp Mills NY

Engagements: Meuse Argonne

Wounds received in action: None.

§ Served overseas June 24/18 to Feb 2/19

|| Hon. disch. Feb 10/19 for convenience of the Government, services no longer required.

Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.

Remarks:

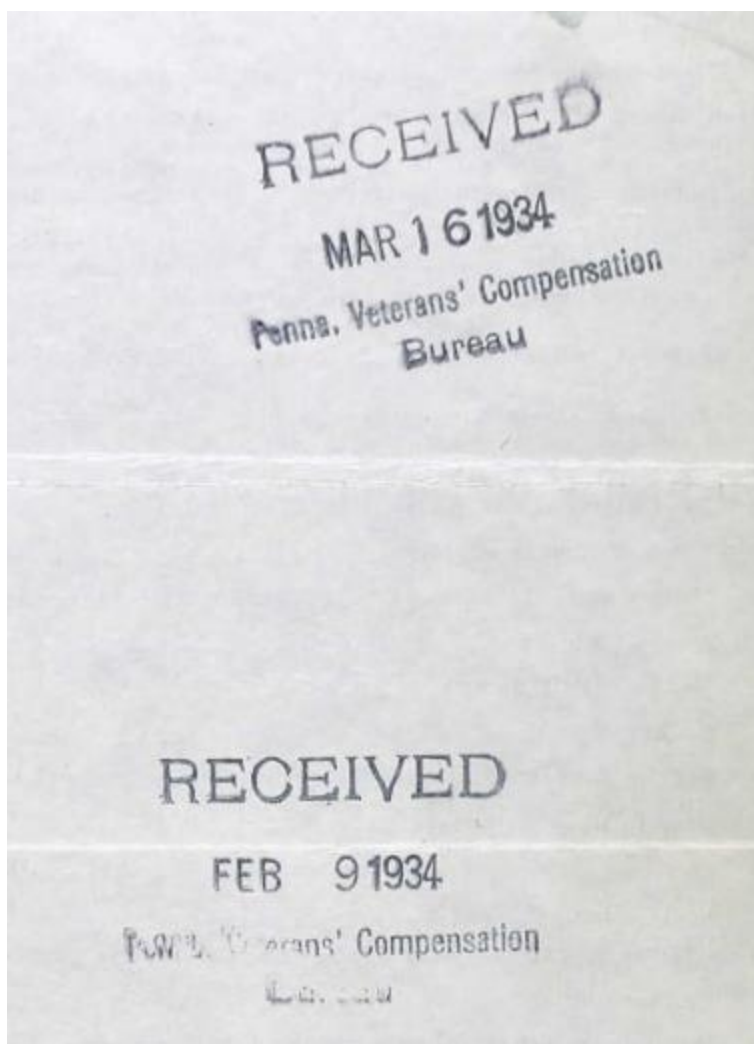
Form No. 84c-1
A. G. O.
 Oct. 18, 1922

* Give place and date. † Insert (a) grade; (b) arm or staff corps or department; (c) date; (d) source, civil life (CL), RA, NG, ORC, NA; and (e) designation of training camp attended, if any. ‡ Strike out if he did not attend a training camp. § Give dates of departure from and return to the United States. || Give date.

3-8091

APPLICATION No. 13381 APPROVED

MAY 4 1919
 AUD. GEN.



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Enl 9/2/17	Dia 2/10/19	CL 307 512
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7502--Rev. Sept., 1928		I cee INDEX CARD

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National Number 40355 State Number 1609

Application is to be made in duplicate (in typewriting, if possible), and sent to the Secretary of the State Society, who will forward one copy, when approved and accompanied by the initiation fee of five dollars, to the Registrar General of the National Society, S. A. R.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY
OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— OF —

LAUREN THOMPSON

DESCENDANT OF

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS AYER

Application examined and approved
June 6 1924
Hoyden J. J. J.
Sec. Registrar

Accepted by the State Board of Managers
June 5 1924
William J. J. J.
Sec. Secretary

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary

Notification of election

Form paid

Duplicate sent to Registrar General

Approved and registered by Registrar General

Certificate of Membership delivered

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

National Number _____

State Number _____

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETYOF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, Lauren Thompson hereby apply for membership in this
Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from William Augustus Atlas
who was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on the 1st day of July 1735
and died in Lancaster, Pa. on the 6th day of July 1790
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born on September 7th, 1890 in Wilkinsburgh, Pa.
(Town, City, or County.)
and am a resident of Ambridge, Penna.

(1) I am the son of Frank B. Thompson born in Allegheny Co.
on July 14th 1866, died in _____ on _____
and Florence Vickroy his wife, born in Johnstown, Pa. on July 28, 1870
died in _____ on _____, married in Johnstown, Cambria Co.
on October 15, 1889.

(2) Grandson of Edwin Augustus Vickroy
born in Cambria Co., Pa. on July 30, 1850, died in _____
on _____, and Almira Osborne his wife, born in _____
on _____, died in _____ on _____, married in Cambria Co.
on October 21st, 1869.

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- (3) Great-Grandson of **Edwin Augustus Vickroy**
 born in **Alum Bank, Bedford Co., Pa.** **March 8, 1801**, died in **Ferndale, Pa.**
 on **May 1st, 1885**, and **Cornelia Harlam** his wife, born in **Warren Co. Ohio**
 on **Aug. 13, 1806**, died in **Ferndale, Pa.** on **Aug. 29, 1880**, married in **Bedford Co., Pa.**
 on **May 15, 1823**
- (4) Great-Grandson of **Thomas Vickroy**
 born in **Cecil Co. Md.** on **Oct. 18, 1756**, died in **Bedford Co., Pa.**
 on **June 9, 1845**, and **Sarah Ann Atlee** his wife, born in **Lancaster, Pa.**
 on **June 5, 1780**, died in **Bedford Co., Pa.** **Sept. 5, 1868**, married in **Lancaster, Pa.**
 on **October 27, 1796**
- ✓ (5) Great-Great-Grandson of **William Augustus Atlee**
 born in **Philadelphia, Pa.** on **July 1, 1735**, died in **Lancaster, Pa.**
 on **Sept. 9, 1793**, and **Ester Bownes Sayre** his wife, born in **Elizabethtown Pt., N.J.**
 on **July 31, 1747**, died in **Lancaster** on **July 6, 1790**, married in **Philadelphia, Pa.**
 on **August 31, 1763**
- (6) Great-Great-Great-Grandson of _____
 born in _____ on _____, died in _____
 on _____, and _____ his wife, born in _____
 on _____, died in _____ on _____, married in _____
 on _____, and he, the said **William Augustus Atlee** (No. **5**) is the
 ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of _____

NOTE: It is not essential to admission to membership that all blank spaces for information be filled, but it is extremely desirable.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

George H. Kelley
H. B. Morrison
Wm. Warren Littel

Signature of applicant (Name in full)

Lawrence Thompson

Residence,

AMBRIDGE PA

Occupation,

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"SECTION I. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section I, adopted June 3, 1907.*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the State Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

William Augustus Atlee - During the war of the Revolution he was
Chairman of the Committee of Safety & Commissary and Superintendent
of the Arsenal, Barracks, and British Prisoners then at Lancaster, Pa.

Thomas Vickroy's name is prominently associated with the military
movements of George Roger Clark against the English & Indians
in the west during the Revolutionary War.

Full maiden name of applicant's wife **MARY AGNES CRAWFORD**

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT.

(Added to blank by order of Trustees, July, 1915.)

Name.

Date of Birth.

Residence.

The following are references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service:

Cambria Co. Pioneers By **James M. Swank** 1910

Genealogical Record of the Atlee Family by Edwin Atlee Barber 1884

(Signature of applicant) Lauren Thompson
(Name in full.) (Also to be signed at bottom of second page.)

[The following form of acknowledgment is required.]


STATE OF Pennsylvania ss: Ambridge Pa June 4th 1924
COUNTY OF Beaver

Personally appeared Lauren Thompson

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature, P. H. Mansford
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
APRIL 1st, 1927.



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Life:

D. A. R. to Give Ball.

All social interests in the Beaver Valley are centered in the Colonial ball and card party to be given Friday evening, March 3 at Junction park, by the Fort McIntosh chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The following committee will have charge of the affair:

General—Chairman, Miss Mary H. Darragh; Misses Sarah Stone, Mary Fry, Mary L. Mansfield, Mrs. W. A. McConnell, Mrs. T. L. Kennedy, Mrs. Theo. Stengel, Mrs. R. R. Owens, Mrs. W. L. McKee, Mrs. Ralph Wilson. Decorating—Chairman, Mrs. E. S. Hoopes; Misses Cora Parkinson, Greta Graham, Sallie Stone, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Mrs. Henry Mansfield, Mrs. Agnes Stuchfield, Mrs. W. S. Bachelor, Mrs. R. R. Owens, Messrs. Samuel Kennedy, W. S. Anderson, E. N. Bush, Charles H. Stone, C. C. Aughenbaugh, Lewis E. Graham, R. R. Owens, W. A. McConnell, Lauren Thompson, Robert Darragh. Prizes—Chairman, Miss Mary Mansfield; Miss Annie Cunningham, Mrs. Frank B. Thompson. Minuet—Chairman, Mrs. W. R. Bolton; Mrs. J. L. Holmes, Mrs. Elmour Kirtland, Mrs. D. K. Cooper. Refreshments—Chairman, Mrs. E. N. Bush; Mrs. D. B. Bell, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Mrs. A. C. Scott, Mrs. Harrison Witherow, Mrs. Avis Collins, Mrs. Charles H. Thomas, Mrs. H. W. Reeves, Mrs. Margaret C. Gallitin, Mrs. S. H. Baxter, Mrs. Mary Lowry, Mrs. Margaret Reed, Mrs. J. L. Holmes, Mrs. Elmour Kirtland, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mrs. William B. Ritchie, Miss Adessa Liscomb, Miss Byrd Darragh. Card—Chairman, Mrs. G. L. Kennedy; Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, Mrs. Annie O. Foster, Mrs. W. B. Ritchie, Mrs. W. A. McConnell, Mrs. L. F. Mansfield, Mrs. D. K. Cooper, Mrs. W. R. Bolton, Miss Stella Stone. Floor—Chairman, Mr. E. S. Hooper; Messrs. W. L. McKee, E. N. Bush, C. H. Stone, Theo. Stengel, T. L. Kennedy, Joseph Stone, Henry Mansfield, S. H. Baxter, R. R. Owens, Ralph Wilson, Norman Ritchie, D. B. Bell, H. W. Reeves, Harry Collins, Lewis E. Graham, W. A. McConnell, W. R. Bolton.



Lauren's ancestor was a Revolutionary War soldier – "Pittsburgh Press" Sunday 26 Feb 1911 p 42

Lauren Thompson of First street has for his guests Prof. R. G. Taylor of the Pennsylvania State College and Frank Lowry of Ellwood City, a classmate at State.

Beaver PA news: "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" Thursday 22 Jun 1911 p 6

Beaver, Pa.

Franklin Thompson of First street has returned from a visit with his brother Lauren Thompson, who is attending State College.

"Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" Thursday 20 Mar 1913 p 12

<p>Penna. Men on Board The following Pennsylvanians were aboard the Tuscania. Whether or not any of them are among the missing is not yet known. IN THE TWENTIETH ENGINEERS</p>	<p>LAUREN THOMPSON, first lieutenant, Engineer Reserve Corps; father, Frank B. Thompson, Pittsburgh.</p>
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"Harrisburg (PA) Evening News" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 12

Beaver Man on Tuscania.
Beaver, Pa.—Lieutenant Lauren Thompson formerly of the American Bridge Company with offices at the Frick building in Pittsburgh was on the Tuscania. No news of his whereabouts has been received.

"Greenville (PA) Record-Argus" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Pennsylvania Boys on Board.
The Pennsylvania survivors of the Tuscania disaster so far reported are Joseph E. Burkhardt, Johnstown; Charles J. Fisher, Oakdale, Jeddo; Charles D. Feather, Lindell; Roland E. Duncan, Wilmerding; Chauncey I. DeLong, Beech Creek and Lieut. Lauren Thompson of Beaver.
Lieutenant Thompson's father, F. E. Thompson of Beaver received a cable from his son who had arrived at Guncarn, Ireland, stating his safe arrival.

"Greenville (PA) Record-Argus" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

Beaver, Feb. 14.—"Happy to report Lieut. Lauren Thompson of Pennsylvania safe in England." This was the official government telegram that reached Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Thompson of First st., yesterday afternoon, informing that their son, who was aboard the Tuscania, had survived.

"Pittsburgh Press" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 4 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/144803639/>

are taking.
Beaver, March 13.—Something of the dread of waiting for the Tuscania to capsize after it was struck by a German torpedo is described by First Lieut. Lauren Thompson, son of Frank B. Thompson in a letter just received. He says that most of those who lost their lives met death when their lifeboats were dashed to pieces against the jagged rocks of the Scottish coast.

"Pittsburgh Press" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 4

BEAVER MAN ONE OF LAST LEAVING TUSCANIA

Lieut. Thompson Says
Lifeboats Were Dashed to
Pieces on Scotch Coast.

TORPEDO'S HIT JARS

BEAVER, PA., March 16.—Chances of escape seemed rather vague to about 900 men left aboard the torpedoed Tuscania until the approach of a second destroyer, according to First Lieut. Lauren Thompson of Beaver, who describes scenes attending the German submarine's attack in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Frank B. Thompson. He was one of the last who left the vessel, it appears by his letter, although he hides the fact. As he was stepping off, the Tuscania had sunk so far that it was impossible for him to approach his stateroom.

Most of the men who were lost, Lieut. Thompson says, were in boats that were dashed to pieces on the jagged rocks of the shores of Scotland. Thompson's letter follows:

Dear Mother:

I do hope that by this time you are able to understand the brief notes I have previously sent you. The trip over was very pleasant, as we had nice weather the entire time. I was not at all seasick and did not miss one meal, although, as you know, these highly seasoned foods that one gets on such a trip, do not appeal to me.

Before describing to you what we went through when the Tuscania was hit, I must tell you that all signs pointed in that direction, as it was the 13th day out of New York, the official number of the vessel added to 13, and a number of similar things. We had been in sight of the Scottish coast most of the afternoon and expected to reach our destination the next morning without, as we then thought, having the least excitement on the way over.

I was inside and was reading, about one-half hour after dark or dusk, when—bang! and the lights went out; the sailors name "the dull thud" is a very good description. A minute after the explosion I ran for my lifebelt and overcoat which were lying just outside the door. I had little difficulty in making my way to the stern of the boat, "C" deck, where the boat to which I had been assigned was to be launched. I was to go in the third boat in that section, but we soon found out that only one boat could be gotten away at that station and a similar condition was almost universal throughout the entire ship; at one station all the lifeboats had been wrecked by the force of the explosion.

In a short time all the available life boats had been gotten off and there remained perhaps three-fifths of those on board, who could do

little, only wait in the hope of grabbing some wreckage when the ship sank. However, the watertight compartments were holding well and the ship was not sinking fast.

About an hour and a half after we were hit an English destroyer pulled up alongside and took off about 300 men. None of us on the stern had an opportunity of getting on this destroyer. We remained at our posts and put in the time keeping the men quiet and under control, meanwhile pulling several half-dead men out of the water. The auxiliary lights came on shortly after we were hit and burned for about an hour, and I can't see why the sub did not hit us again, as the decks were all lit up and we certainly did present a good target.

About two hours after we had been hit the second destroyer came alongside and all who remained on board the ship were taken off. You can well imagine the feeling of relief and thankfulness that passed over me as I stepped from the "B" deck of the *Tuscania* to the deck of the destroyer. It was packed with men, some 300, and the pitching and rocking was awful—I was almost

seasick. After several hours we were landed at a point in the northern part of Ireland and reached a British camp. The men there took wonderful care of us—far more than we could reasonably expect. During the next week we were moved through several camps and reached England about a week later.

Most of the men who were lost were those who had got away safely in the lifeboats, but were unable to land on the rugged shores of Scotland, their boats having been dashed to pieces on the rocks. Some of the boats were upset in leaving and men were thrown into the water—in one case a loaded boat fell directly on another boat. I could tell you many stories of good work done, but these must be reserved for a later time.

After the original explosion I had an opportunity to return to my stateroom and save some of my equipment, but felt that any added weight would be a disadvantage in the water, and, as a result, I lost everything that I possessed, not even saving my hat. When the last destroyer came alongside the *Tuscania* was so low in the water that it was impossible to get back to the stateroom.

"Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" Sunday 17 Mar 1918 p 45 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/85833419/>

Number 13 Figured in the Sinking of Tuscania

BEAVER, April 12.—All the signs pointed to something happening to the *Tuscania* on the day that she went down, according to a letter received from First Lieutenant Lauren Thompson, who was aboard.

It was the thirteenth day out of an Atlantic port, the official number of the vessel was thirteen, and that hoodoo number was connected with a number of similar things.

"Harrisburg (PA) Evening News" Sunday 12 Apr 1918 p 11 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/58025242/>

Deeds.

Wilson D. Bennett to Lauren Thompson, Sept. 21, 1927, several sections in Irwin.

"Franklin (PA) News-Herald" Friday 14 Oct 1927 p 3

Sampson Elected Cattle Club Head

N. E. Sampson Elected President
Of Jersey Cattle Club;
Plan Junior Club

N. E. Sampson of Volant was elected president of the Lawrence County Jersey Cattle Club at their meeting which occurred Wednesday evening at the Y. M. C. A. At this same time W. M. C. Drake was made vice president and J. W. Bronson secretary-treasurer.

Directors elected in addition to these men were Lauren Thompson, J. W. Martin, H. L. McCurley and J. A. Boak.

Plans outlined at the meeting for the activities in the coming year included the sponsoring of another Junior Calf Club in the county.

"New Castle (PA) News" Thursday 25 Apr 1929 p 23

DAIRY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

Diana, the registered Jersey cow, belonging to Lauren Thompson of New Wilmington led the Lawrence County Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the month of December in butter fat production by producing 69.7 pounds of fat from 1,036 pounds of milk. Mr. Thompson's registered Jersey herd of 19 cows led the entire association in the production of both milk and butterfat. The average milk production in this herd was 736 pounds with 40 pounds of fat.

The registered Jersey herd of Milo Moose and Son of New Wilmington

was second in the production of butterfat with 30.7 pounds per cow. The registered Guernsey herd of Arnold Bros., of Beaver County was third with an average production of 30.3 pounds butterfat per cow.

The registered Holstein herd of W. H. McCullough of Big Beaver Township was second in the production of milk with an average of 725 pounds per cow. The Holstein herd of Dan Brenner, and the Holstein and Guernsey herd of Chalmer Elder of Beaver County tied for next place, each herd producing 663 pounds of milk per cow.

Then ten highest producing cows in butterfat for the month were as follows:—

Owner	Name of Cow	Breed	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Butterfat
Lauren Thompson	Diana	R. J.	1,036	69.7
Lauren Thompson	Marie	R. J.	1,066	54.6
Lauren Thompson	Queen	R. J.	801	54.4
Lauren Thompson	Hattie	R. J.	778	52.3
Lauren Thompson	Johnquill	R. J.	1,039	52.0
Milo Moose & Son	Nora	R. J.	986	51.5
Lauren Thompson	Bud	R. J.	884	49.4
J. W. Martin & Sons	Nita	R. J.	936	47.0
H. L. McCurley & Son	Lena	R. J.	689	46.9
J. A. Boak & Sons	Jean	R. J.	862	46.4

"New Castle (PA) News" Friday 15 Jan 1932 p 16

Guy Neal Suffers Broken Leg In Accident On Farm

(Special To The News)
NEW WILMINGTON, Mar. 12—Guy L. Neal, New Wilmington carpenter had his leg broken Saturday while cutting wood at the Lauren Thompson farm, north of New Wilmington, when he and David Redmond were cutting wood for home use when weather conditions permitted no work on CWA projects on which they are employed.

Neal was hitching a horse to a huge limb by means of a chain and for some reason the horse was frightened and plunged away, the limb striking Neal's leg with enough force to shatter the bone immediately above the left ankle.

He was placed on the horse which carried him to his parked car. From here Mr. Neal gamely drove to his home in New Wilmington, a distance of some three miles. He received medical attention and is now resting quite nicely.

"New Castle (PA) News" Monday 12 Mar 1934 p 17

COW TESTING REPORT

According to the report of Dale McCurley, Tester for the Lawrence County Cow Testing Association, a registered Jersey cow from the herd of Lauren Thompson, of Wilmington Township, led the Association for butter fat production for the month of December by producing 59.9 pounds of fat.

There were four cows on test which produced over 50 pounds of butterfat during the month. A total of eleven cows was sold by the Association members during the month, three of which were determined as unprofitable in the herds of Association members.

The three herds with the highest milk average for the month were: Arnold Bros.; Beaver County, J. W. Martin & Sons, North Beaver Township; and Lauren Thompson of Wilmington Township.

"New Castle (PA) News" Friday 28 Dec 1934 p 7

E. G. RICE WINS A GOLDEN COW

Had Highest Scoring
Jersey Milk At State
Show

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Golden cows for outstanding achievements in dairying with purebred Jerseys were presented to four Pennsylvania breeders of Jersey cattle at the recent banquet of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association in Harrisburg. Charles W. Shrum of Jeanette, Pa., is president of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club which awarded the gold models of Jersey cows, most coveted award in Jersey breed circles.

The gold cow for the highest scoring individual registered Jersey cow on the official herd test of the American Jersey Cattle Club was awarded to L. B. Carter of Titusville, Crawford County. The record of his Blonde Lad's Beatrice 736265 on 305-day test was 14,182 pounds of milk and 704.79 pounds of butterfat.

E. G. Rice of Dixonville, Indiana County, received the gold cow for the highest scoring Jersey milk in the state milk show. His score, 96.25 points, was one of the highest in the entire show.

Harry I. Sharp of Diamond, Venango County, received the gold cow for the outstanding record in Pennsylvania during 1937 in the official herd test of the American Jersey Cattle Club. With an average of 7.21 cows in his herd, Mr. Sharp's Jerseys averaged 508.29 pounds of butterfat and 8,620 pounds of milk.

Lauren Thompson of New Wilmington, Lawrence County, received the gold cow for the highest Pennsylvania record of registered Jerseys in Dairy Herd Improvement Associations. With an average of 7.68 registered Jerseys on test, his record was 516.6 pounds of butterfat and 9,785 pounds of milk.

"Indiana (PA) Gazette" Thursday 27 Jan 1938 p 5

Dairymen Have Annual Election

**Dairy Herd Improvement
Association Has Annual
Meeting Last Evening**

**LAUREN THOMPSON
NAMED PRESIDENT**

At the annual meeting of the Lawrence County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, which took place in the offices of the Lawrence County Agricultural Extension Association, Friday evening, Lauren Thompson, of Wilmington township, was named president for the ensuing year. Other officers and directors named, were: vice president, H. S. Foster of Beaver county; H. L. McCurley, North Beaver, secretary and treasurer; W. W. McCombs, North Beaver and R. W. Hartenbaugh, Beaver county, directors.

Testing.

Wayne Walker, tester for the association, presented the awards of the Pennsylvania and National Associations to herd owners who had an average production of 300 pounds of butter fat per cow or better, during the year.

These included: F. W. Byers, North Beaver; Lauren Thompson, Wilmington township; N. A. Sampson, Wilmington township; R. N. Moose, Wilmington township, who had over 400 pounds per cow; and J. C. Shoemaker, North Beaver; J. W. Bronson, Big Beaver; Arnold Prothers, Beaver county; W. R. Fox, North Beaver; Hyllmede Farms, Beaver county; W. N. Walker, Big Beaver; H. L. McCurley, North Beaver; J. C. Goehring, Beaver county; J. F. Smith, Wilmington township; J. A. Boak and sons, Slippery Rock township; Frank Frumen and son, Beaver county; D. S. Kennedy, Wilmington township.

"New Castle (PA) News" Saturday 7 Oct 1939 p 6

Lauren Thompson At Farm Meeting

Lauren Thompson, New Wilmington, is attending the annual meeting of the statewide farmers' cooperative in Harrisburg this week. Pennsylvania farmers made greater use of their Farm Bureau cooperatives in 1949 than ever before, according to Mr. Thompson.

"New Castle (PA) News" Tuesday 25 Apr 1950 p 6

Lauren Thompson To Attend Farm Bureau Meeting

Lauren Thompson, New Wilmington, will represent Lawrence County farmers at the regular quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn. at Harrisburg, Feb. 7.

In addition, he will take part in a special Farm Bureau Directors' Day program at Hershey on the following day, according to a release made by the state Farm Bureau office.

He will be among some 275 directors and managers of local Farm Bureau cooperatives who are expected to attend the observance.

A question and answer period will be held to enable those attending to learn of the operating policies and programs of the organization.

"New Castle (PA) News" Thursday 2 Feb 1956 p 15

Wife:



MARY CRAWFORD
New Wilmington, Pa.

From the town of New Wilmington,
On the Sharpsville branch,
Hails this pretty maiden
Of the Crawford ranch.
Her hair is brown
And so are her eyes,
And if she's not bright
Then the eyes tell lies.
She is very neat
And shy and sweet,
From the crown of her head
To the soles of her feet.
In Basket Ball
She can't be beat,
She never falls,
But keeps her feet.
In her English class
She is a shark
And in every discussion,
Hits the mark.
Now last of all
We must truly say,
She is a dear
In every way.

Mary Crawford, Westminster College PA yearbook, 1917 -

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ALMIRA HOME BOARD—Directors and officers from Lawrence County are: (seated, left to right) Mrs. Lani G. Laurell, Mrs. C. LeRoy Shira, Mrs. James Chambers, Mrs. Homer Allen and Mrs. Howard M. Kirk. Standing, (left to right) are: Mrs. Arthur Durlless, Mrs. Jacob F. Reniz, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. W. Walter Braham, Mrs. James D. Crawford, Mrs. Lauren Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Clyde M. Whittaker.



Mary Agnes Crawford Thompson is standing in the back row, 3rd from right, in figured dress - "New Castle (PA) News" Thursday 20 Jun 1963 p 10



—New Castle News Photo

PREPARE FOR YEARLY INGATHERING—Many hours of work are being done by the Board of Trustees and the Auxilliary of the Almira Home for open house Sept. 24 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sending out invitations are the donation committee: Mrs. Lauri Laurell, Miss Helen Maxwell, Mrs. Clyde Whittaker, Mrs. Arthur Durlless, Mrs. Lauren Thompson of New Wilmington and Mrs. David Jones of Ellwood City, and Auxilliary members, Mrs. William E. Hufford, Mrs. George Cunningham and Mrs. Raymond Cox. Mrs. W. Walter Braham of the donation committee and Mrs. Paul Jarvis of the Auxilliary are not pictured. It is expected many friends from Lawrence, Mercer, Butler and Venango Counties will visit the home, and residents are anticipating eagerly the day. Like most organizations of its kind, the entrance fee covers only a small part of expenses. The home is financed by an endowment, and bequests as well as gifts from individuals and organizations. D-6

Mary Crawford Thompson in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007	
Name:	Mary Crawford Thompson [Mary O Thompson] [Mary Crawford Crawford]
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	10 Feb 1896
Birth Place:	Lawrence Co, Pennsylvania
Death Date:	12 Jul 1990
Father:	Robert J Crawford
Mother:	Matilda Wilkison
SSN:	182361632
Notes:	May 1962: Name listed as MARY CRAWFORD THOMPSON; 25 Jul 1990: Name listed as MARY O THOMPSON

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"Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Friday 17 Mar 1922 p 18

New Wilmington Girl Married.

The marriage of Miss Mary Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawford of New Wilmington, to Lauren Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Thompson of Beaver, was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents last Saturday evening, with the Rev. Dr. R. G. Ferguson, former president of Westminster College, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. Ralph Neale. Miss Elizabeth Crawford, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Franklin Thompson of Beaver, brother of the groom, acted as best man. A wedding dinner and reception supplemented the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Thompson departed for a lake trip. They will reside in Ambridge.

Marriage on Saturday 10 Jun 1922 in New Wilmington, Lawrence PA – "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette"
Wednesday 14 Jun 1922 p 18

Luncheon Held At Slocum Home

ELLWOOD CITY, July 20.—One of the most interesting social events of the present summer season, was the 1 o'clock luncheon held today by Miss Marian Slocum at her home on Park avenue. The event was in honor of Mrs. Lauren Thompson of Ambridge, who will be remembered as Miss Mary Crawford of this city, and Mrs. James Parrott of Beaver Falls. Covers were laid for eight. Pink and white were the colors used. The hostess was assisted by her sisters, Miss Doris and Miss Winifred Slocum. The guests of the occasion were Mrs. Roy Hamilton, Mrs. J. O. Wiltshire, Miss Louise Gelbach, Miss Margaret Johnston, Mrs. James Parrott of Beaver Falls, Mrs. Lauren Thompson of Ambridge and Miss Mary McLaughlin of Jamestown, Pa.

"New Castle (PA) News" Thursday 20 Jul 1922 p 18

Mrs. Matilda W. Crawford

Mrs. Matilda Wilkison Crawford, aged 87, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Thompson, 240 New Castle St., New Wilmington, Sunday at 8 a.m. unexpectedly.

Born in Lawrence County, May 7, 1868, she was a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca McConahy Wilkison. She was a member of the New Wilmington United Presbyterian church.

On June 20, 1894, she was united in marriage to Robert James Crawford who died on November 23, 1941. She had made her home in New Wilmington for 55 years.

Surviving, are two daughters, Mrs. Lauren Thompson, New Wilmington; Mrs. Cornelius B. Muste, Medford Lake, N. J.; Two granddaughters; three great grandsons.

One daughter, Mrs. John Thorn preceded her in death in 1946.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Sharp Funeral Home in New Wilmington in charge of Dr. Richard Graves. Private interment will be in Fair Oaks cemetery.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home at anytime while the family will be present Tuesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Death of mother-in-law Matilda Wilkison Crawford – "New Castle (PA) News" Monday 19 Mar 1956

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Children:



Nancy T. Stranahan

June 3, 1924 - June 1, 2010

Obituary was published June 9, 2010. Nancy T. Stranahan of 222 S. Pitt St., Mercer, died peacefully surrounded by her family at 3 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010, in her residence after an extended illness. She was 85. Mrs. Stranahan was born June 3, 1924, in Pittsburgh to Lauren and Mary Agnes Crawford Thompson. An alumna of Wilmington High School; and Pennsylvania State University, she attended Westminster College, New Wilmington. Mrs. Stranahan was previously employed as a math teacher by Maxada School in Gibsonia. A homemaker, she was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Mercer and the PYADS (Presbyterian Young Adults). Active in her community, Nancy served as president of the Children's Aid Society in Mercer and was a past president of the Mercer Woman's Club. She also belonged to Mercer Shakespeare Club, bridge clubs and the Grove City Country Club. She had an avid interest in Shaker antiques and the Shaker way of life. Her husband, James A. Stranahan III, whom she married Sept. 22, 1948, died May 2, 2003. Surviving are: two sons, James A. Stranahan IV and his wife S. Ann, Mercer; and Robert T. Stranahan and his wife Celeste, Lutz, Fla.; a sister, Sara Thompson Throop, Seattle; three grandchildren, Courtney A. Sumpter, wife of JL, James A. Stranahan V; and John Q. Stranahan II; and two great-grandchildren, Anna M. and Luke A. Sumpter. Besides her husband, Nancy was preceded in death by her parents. Calling hours were Thursday (6-3-10) in Cunningham Funeral Home Inc., Mercer. Funeral service was Friday (6-4-10) in the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. William P. Crooks, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, officiating. Interment in Fair Oaks Cemetery, New Wilmington. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to American Diabetes Association, Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131; or Sharon Regional Health System Hospice and Palliative Care, 2320 Highland Road, Hermitage 16148.

Obituary of **daughter Nancy Thompson Stranahan (1924-2010)** -
<https://obituaries.alliednews.com/obituary/nancy-stranahan-752732711>

**NANCY THOMPSON
AFFIANCED TOLD**

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Thompson, of 240 New Castle street, New Wilmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Thompson, to James A. Stranahan III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stranahan, of Mercer.

Miss Thompson attended Westminster College and graduated from Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Stranahan, who is an alumnus of Wooster College, attends the University of Pittsburgh law school. During the war he served four years with the U. S. Marine Corps.

Engagement of daughter Nancy Thompson to James A. Strahan III – "New Castle (PA) News"
Wednesday 31 Dec 1947 p 3

THOMPSON-STRANAHAN AFTERNOON WEDDING

Miss Nancy Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Thompson, of 240 New Castle street, New Wilmington, became the bride of James A. Stranahan III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stranahan Jr., of West Market street, Mercer, at an afternoon wedding in the New Wilmington U. P. church, Wednesday, September 22 at 3:30 p. m. Dr. C. B. Muste, uncle of the bride, of Brooklyn, N. Y., officiated at the service, assisted by Rev. H. P. McDonald, of New Wilmington, before an altar embellished with palms, ferns and gladiolas.

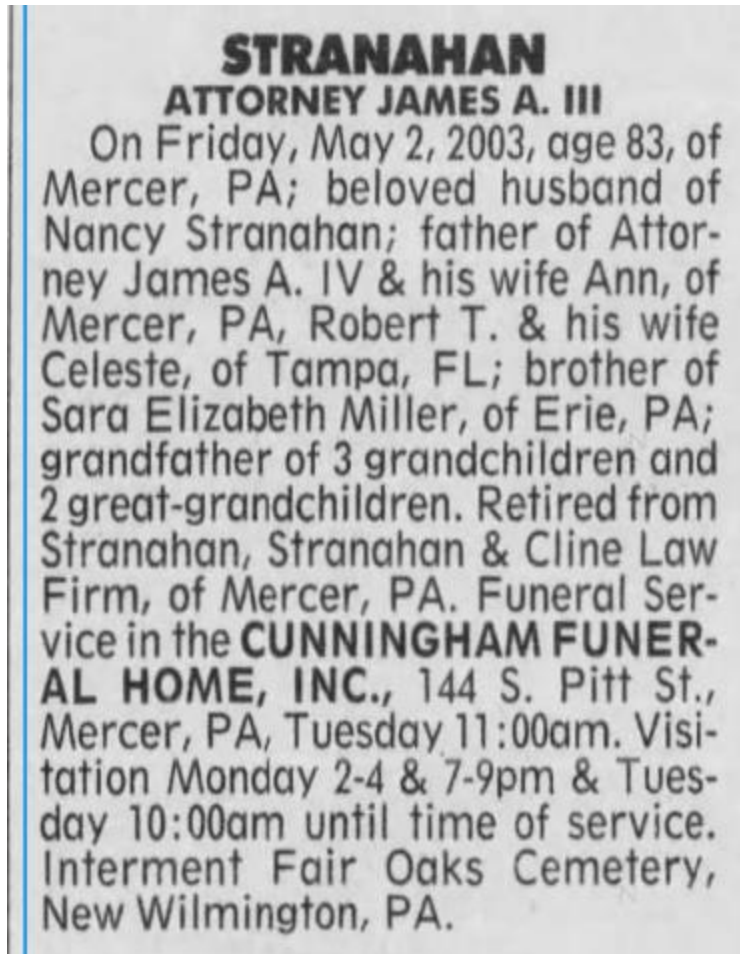
The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a gown of white Chantilly lace. Her full length veil was the one worn by her aunt, the late Mrs. John A. Thorn, of Mercer. She carried a bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid.

Miss Sara Thompson, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, wore a blue taffeta gown and carried American Beauty roses. Miss Quay Stranahan, niece of the groom, as flower girl, wore a pink hoopskirt gown. John Q. Stranahan, of Mercer, brother of the groom, served as best man and ushers were Leland Crill and Dr. Harry Miller, both of Mercer.

Mrs. C. B. Muste, of Brooklyn, N. Y., aunt of the bride, sang Schubert's "Serenade" and Brahms' "Still of the Night". Following the ceremony there was a reception for 100 guests at a local dining room. The newlyweds then left on an extended motor trip and upon their return will reside in Mercer.

Mrs. Stranahan is a graduate of New Wilmington high school and of Wooster and the University of Pittsburgh Law School, class '48.

Tuesday evening, September 21, following the wedding rehearsal at the church, a dinner was given at a local dining room by the bride's aunt and grandmother for the wedding party and immediate families.



Obituary of James A. Strahana III – “Pittsburgh Post-Gazette” Sunday 4 May 2003 p 31



Published by Akron Beacon Journal on Oct. 2, 2011.

Sara Thompson Throop - <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/ohio/name/sara-throop-obituary?id=24672618>



Sara Thompson – Westminster College PA, 1939 yearbook -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/241230820:1265?tid=13833326&pid=280133120014&queryId=8e8c7ee8e10b02fa32a032dc7421ff83&_phsrc=hFB62192&_phstart=successSource

Sara T. Throop

MAY 1, 1926 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

IN THE CARE OF

Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home & Cemetery

Sara Throop Obituary 2011

Sara Thompson Throop was at home in Seattle on Wednesday, September 28, preparing to lead a writers' group on telling the story of one's life, when she died.

Sara, 85, daughter of Mary and Lauren Thompson, was born in New Wilmington, PA, attended New Wilmington High School and Westminster College before graduating from Flora Stone Mather College for Women. In the 1960s, she co-owned The Learning Center in Stow, Ohio where she enjoyed tutoring children and adults. Sara earned a PhD in Elementary Education from Akron University and went on to teach at Youngstown State University. She wrote numerous educational books including Basic Sight Words. Sara engaged in many volunteer activities and hobbies, including active membership in Altrusa, Good Neighbors of Akron, and Friends of Stow Public Library; teaching writing classes at OASIS of Akron; and raising monarch butterflies. Sara moved to Seattle in 2008 to be near family.

Sara leaves three children, David Throop (Kathy) of Friendswood, TX; Liz Throop (Joy) of Atlanta; and Patricia Throop (Angela) of Seattle; grandchildren Nathaniel, Leila, Rebecca, and Sara Jeanne of Friendswood, TX; and many dear friends. Her sister Nancy Stranahan preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Good Neighbors, Inc. of Akron, OH, the Sara Throop Scholarship Fund at Youngstown State University, or Monarch Watch. Arrangements: Washelli.com. To leave a remembrance, visit the family's tribute web page at tinyurl.com/sarathroop.

Obituary of **daughter Sara Thompson Throop (1926-2011)** -
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/seattle-wa/sara-throop-8167246>



Sara Throop

Part-time writer, YSU teacher makes productive use of time

YOUNGSTOWN—For a part-time author, her literary output is prodigious. She's had four works published this year. A five-volume series was published last year. And 56 items are in print in addition to over 2,000 books, films, tapes, puzzles and games developed for Encyclopedia Britannica's Reading Achievement Center.

Owner of the prolific pen is Dr. Sara Throop, a full-time assistant professor of elementary education at Youngstown State University, who enjoys "using creative materials to meet specific classroom needs."

Since receiving a doctorate in elementary education from the University of Akron, the Pennsylvania native has made the most of the opportunity to combine academic and literary pursuits. Her writings, reflecting a life-long interest in educational techniques, take a fresh and often innovative approach to the learning process. Toys and games, in Dr. Throop's presentations, become effective educational tools.

While many of her works are joint efforts, her solo ventures have also captured acclaim. These include a five-volume Early Childhood Activity Series published last year that covers language arts, social studies, health and safety, science, and mathematics; and Test Items, recently published by Houghton Mifflin Co.

Not resting on her accomplishments she will soon complete work on a series of 12 books, "Famous Presidents," for Davco

Publishing. The series and accompanying teacher's manual will offer students with limited reading skills an opportunity to read social studies material at their own level.

A YSU faculty member since 1972, Dr. Throop is former director of the Learning Center, a registered private clinic in Ohio working with students in developmental and remedial math and reading. Under the Center's supervision and training, successful on-going reading programs have been established on both elementary and high school levels.

Working in collaboration with Barbara Horner, a partner in the Center and now a supervisor in the Portage County School System, Dr. Throop has developed three complete teacher's manuals, 12 units of Basic Training for the U.S. Women's Air Force, 35 study cards for Holt, Rinehart and Winston's Satellite Reading Program and designed a Readiness Series for Playskool Division of Milton Bradley. She has also coauthored "Logos," a primary reading kit, and a multi-media module called Threshold to Reading.

To discuss shared interests and enhance her research, the perceptive YSU professor conducts numerous workshops and in-service meetings with teachers. "I find the personal contact stimulating and I always try to stress one point. If you give them things they can read, students will read."

Daughter Sara Thompson Throop — "New Castle (PA) News" Monday 22 Dec 1975 p 22

Sara Thompson

in the Web: Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriage Index, 1850-2010

Name:	Sara Thompson
Spouse:	Wm R Throop
Marriage Date:	Abt 1952
Marriage Place:	Lawrence, Pennsylvania, United States
URL:	http://75.144.2.26/obit2/index.php?function=show_search_form&table_name=d_m&MMN_position=15:15

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WILLIAM THROOP
ASHEVILLE – William Rutherford Throop, 73, died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Mountain Area Hospice Solace Center.

He was a native of New Castle, Pa., and was the son of the late Virginia and Glenn Throop. He was a U.S. Army Medical Corps veteran of World War II and a graduate of Westminster College in Pennsylvania. William retired in 1991 after more than 30 years as a pharmaceutical representative. He was very active in volunteering his time with the North Carolina Arboretum. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and hiking.

William is survived by his wife of 33 years, Susan Ann Throop; a son, David; daughters, Elizabeth, Joy and Patricia; stepdaughters, Diane and Sherry and her husband Don Sr.; sister, Jane, and brother-in-law, Ed Vidt; niece, Virginia; nephew, Jim; grandsons, Nathaniel, David and his wife April, Cary and his wife Jennifer and Don Jr.; four great-nieces; four great-nephews; and two great-granddaughters, Katrina and Jessica.

Memorials may be made to Mountain Area Hospice, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813 or North Carolina Arboretum, P.O. Box 6617, Asheville, NC 28816.

Asheville Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



Obituary of Sara's ex-husband, William Rutherford Throop – "Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times"
 Saturday 12 May 2001 p 12

Father:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

File No. 512 61267
Registered No. 44

Private
Dist. No. 04-03-21

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Beaver
(b) Township Beaver
(c) Borough Beaver
(d) City Beaver
(e) Name of hospital or institution None
(f) Length of stay: In hospital or inst. _____ (g) In this community _____

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Pa (b) County Beaver
(c) City or town Beaver
(d) Street No. 183 Taylor Ave
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? wt years

3. (a) FULL NAME FRANK B Thompson
(b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate No. XXXXXX
(c) Social Security No. XXXXXX
(d) Color or _____ (e) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed
(f) Sex M race W
(g) Name of husband or wife XXXXXXXXXXXX (h) Age of husband or wife XXX years
(i) Birth date of deceased July 14 1865
(j) AGE: Years 78 Months 11 Days 18 If less than one day hr. min.
(k) Birthplace Washington, Co. Pa.
(l) Usual occupation Chairman Board of
(m) Industry or business Reymers Candy Co.
(n) Name Robert Thompson
(o) Birthplace Washington Co. Pa.
(p) Maiden name Don't Know
(q) Birthplace Don't Know
(r) Informant's own signature Mrs Eugene L. Pappert
(s) Address 183 Taylor Ave, Beaver
(t) Date thereof July 4, 1944
(u) Place Beaver County Beaver State Pa
(v) Signature of funeral director R. J. J. J. J.
(w) Address 535 Third St., Beaver, Pa.
(x) Date received local registrar July 4-1944 (y) Registrar's signature Lula N. Scott

4. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
(a) Date of death: Month July day 2 year 44 hour 11 minute 35 AM
(b) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 6, 1944 to July 2, 1944
(c) that I last saw him alive on July 2, 1944
(d) and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
(e) Immediate cause of death Congestive heart failure
(f) Due to Arteriosclerotic heart disease
(g) Other conditions none
(h) Major findings: Of operations none
(i) Of autopsy none
(j) If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) no
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? _____
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____
(e) While at work? _____
(f) Means of injury _____
(g) Signature R. W. J. J. J. (h) Date dictated 7-2-44

5. PHYSICIAN
(a) Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

PA death record of father Frank B. Thompson – Find A Grave 84426310

FRANK B. THOMPSON

Frank B. Thompson, 78, of Taylor avenue, Beaver, Pa., former vice president of the American Bridge Company and chairman of the board of directors of Reymer Brothers, Inc., died yesterday. He was born in Washington county and was the husband of the late Florence Vickroy Thompson who died in 1943. Mr. Thompson is survived by three sons, Lauren

Thompson, of New Wilmington, Pa., Major Franklin B. Thompson, United States Army., A. S. A. M., and Moreland Thompson, of New Wilmington, Pa.; three daughters, Mrs. Eugene T. Parrot, and Miss Florence Vickroy Denman of the home, and Mrs. Paul Soeffing of Cynwyd, Pa; eight grandchildren, two brothers and one sister. Private services will be held at the home at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Obituary of father Frank B. Thompson – "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" Monday 3 Jul 1944 p 6

Mother:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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File No. **61878**

Primary Dist. No. **04-4-21**

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Registered No. **161**

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) Country **Beaver**
(b) Township **Rochester**
(c) Borough **Rochester**
(d) City
(e) Name of hospital or institution **Rochester General Hospital**
(f) Length of stay: In hospital or inst. **1 week(s)** In this community **25 yrs**

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State **Penn'a** (b) County **Beaver**
(c) City or town **Beaver, Low Ave.**
(d) Street No. **183 Taylor Ave.**
(e) If citizen of foreign country, name country

3. (a) FULL NAME **Mrs. Florence V. Thompson**
(b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate
(c) Social Security No. **XXXXXXXXXX**
(d) Sex **F** (e) Color or race **W** (f) (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced **M**
(g) (b) Name of husband or wife **Frank B. Thompson** (h) (c) Age of husband or wife of **2** years
(i) Birth date of deceased **July 28, 1870**
(j) AGE: Years **72** Months **11** Days **23** If less than one day
(k) Birthplace **Johnstown, Penn'a**
(l) Usual occupation **Housewife**
(m) Industry or business **own home**
(n) Name **August Vickroy**
(o) Birthplace **Pennsylvania**
(p) Maiden name **Almira Osborne**
(q) Birthplace **Pennsylvania**
(r) (a) Informant's own signature **F. H. Thompson**
(s) (b) Address **183 Taylor Ave. Beaver, Pa.**
(t) (c) Burial **Beaver** (d) Date thereof **7/23/43**
(u) (e) Signature of funeral director **Thompson**
(v) (f) Address **535 Third St., Beaver, Pa.**
(w) (g) Signature of registrar **Charles B. Bunn**
(x) (h) Address **Beaver, Pa.**

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
20. Date of death: Month **July** day **21** hour **4.0** PM
year **1943** minute
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **July 14, 1943** to **July 21, 1943**
that I last saw him alive on **July 21, 1943**
and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death **Coronary Artery Disease**
Due to **Coronary Artery Disease**
Due to **50**
Other conditions **470**
(Include pregnancy within 9 months of death)
Major findings:
Of operations **Coronary Artery**
Of autopsy
22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
(b) Date of occurrence
(c) Where did injury occur?
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?
(e) While at work (f) Means of injury
23. Signature **Thompson** (M. D. or other)
Address **Beaver, Pa.** Date signed **7/23/43**

PHYSICIAN
I hereby certify that the cause of death should be as stated on this certificate.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BUILDING
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
H. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in full. Do not leave blank spaces. Do not write "see back of certificate" or "see other side of certificate".

PA death record of mother Florence Vickroy Thompson – Find A Grave 84425976

Siblings:

Almira Thompson
in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013

Name: **Almira Thompson**

Baptism Age: **0**

Event Type: **Baptism**

Birth Date: **17 Aug 1892**

Baptism Date: **13 Nov 1892**

Baptism Place: **Oakmont, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, USA**

Denomination: **Episcopal**

Organization Name: **St Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church**

Father: **Frank B Thompson**

Mother: **Florence Vickroy Thompson**

Sister Almira Thompson (1892-1893) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3023704:2451>

Defense Corps Members and Guests Enjoy Picnic at Johnston Farm



Almost 150 persons enjoyed the outing of Company E, Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Defense Corps, Saturday at the farm of Capt. Richard Moffitt Johnston, along the Linglestown road. The badminton players in the upper picture are, left to right: Sergt. Thomas Kean, Mrs. Leola Young, Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Shull. The men are members of the local "home guard" unit. The committee members, grouped in the lower picture, are, left to right, front row: Maj. John S. Hollar, Mrs. Richard M. Johnston, Mrs. Charles J. Topper, Mrs. Franklin B. Thompson and Lieut.-Col. John S. Shade; back row, Captain Johnston, the host; Lieut.-Col. Franklin B. Thompson and Lieut. Charles J. Topper, of Berwick, adjutant of the Second Regiment.

Brother Franklin Bell Thompson Jr. (1894-1973) is in the lower photograph, center of the back row (dark-colored jacket) & his wife is seated in the front row, 2nd from right – "Harrisburg (PA) Evening News" Monday 11 Aug 1941 p 4

Proud of Baby Brother



—Ken Smith Photo.

Phillip Woodward Thompson, 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bell Thompson, Jr., Camp Hill, is shown at the home of his parents with his brother, Franklin Bell Thompson, III.

"Harrisburg (PA) Telegraph" Friday 30 Dec 1932 p 2

eastern cities on a honeymoon trip.
 Announcement of the engagement of Miss Ellen Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Thompson of Taylor ave., Beaver, and Eugene Thomas Perrott of Beaver Falls, was made at a luncheon given Tuesday afternoon by Miss Nellie Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Hartley at the Hartley residence in Beaver. No date for the wedding was announced.

Engagement of sister **Ellen Thompson (1897-1971)** to Eugene Thomas Perrott – “Pittsburgh Press”
Sunday 4 Jan 1920 p 77

Ellen Thompson Perrott	
in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007	
Name:	Ellen Thompson Perrott [Ellen Thompson Thompson]
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	27 Nov 1896
Birth Place:	Oakmont, Pennsylvania
Father:	Frank B Thompson
Mother:	Florence Vickroy
SSN:	188368230
Notes:	Dec 1962: Name listed as ELLEN THOMPSON PERROTT

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10994879:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=153250642&pid=382028970742>

Moreland Thompson

NEW WILMINGTON — Moreland Thompson, 74, of RD 2 died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday at his home after an extended illness.

Born Sept. 25, 1900, in Harmarville, he was the son of Frank E. and Florence Vickroy Thompson. He was married Aug. 19, 1924, to the former Jean McClure, who died in 1967.

Mr. Thompson, a member of the Neshannock United Presbyterian Church in New Wilmington, was a retired teacher in the Darlington Area School District, and formerly taught agriculture at Union High School, New Castle. He was a member of Wilmington Lodge 804, F & AM, and the New Castle Consistory.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Robert (Jean) Cleland of Lakenheath, England, and three granddaughters.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at E. Gailey Sharp Funeral Home, where services will be held. Dr. Marshall Berryhill of the Neshannock U.P. Church will officiate at 1:30 p.m. services Wednesday at the funeral home and interment will be in Fair Oaks Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the New Wilmington Elementary School Library.

Form V, S. No. 6

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 350

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Beaver
Township of Beaver
Borough of Beaver
City of Beaver

Registration District No. 04-03-21
Primary Registration District No. 04-03-21
File No. 85
Registered No. 85

2. FULL NAME Mrs. Florence Thompson Denman
(a) Residence No. 83 Taylor St. Ward. art.
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 7 yrs. 10 mos. 4 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? 7 yrs. 10 mos. 4 ds.

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Divorced

6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND or (or) WIFE of Divorced

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) 2/25/1903

7. AGE Years 30 Months 8 Days 4 IF LESS than 1 day hrs. 0 min. 0

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work House Keeper
(b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Beaver, Pa. (State or Country)

10. NAME OF FATHER Frank D. Thompson
(State or Country) Pittsburg, Pa.

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or Country)

12. NAME OF MOTHER Florence Vickers
(State or Country) Johnstown, Pa.

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or Country)

14. Informant (Address) Frank D. Thompson
187 Taylor St. Beaver, Pa.

15. Filed Oct 30 19 36 Mrs. J. K. Sheets Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH Oct 29 1936
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Jan. 1, 1924, to Oct 29, 1936.
That I last saw her alive on Oct 29, 1936,
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 2:35 P. m.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Rheumatic heart disease - Aortic Insufficiency
(duration) 10 yrs. 10 mos. 4 days
CONTRIBUTORY Congestive heart failure
(Secondary) (duration) 2 yrs. 2 mos. 2 days

18. Where was disease contracted at home
If not at place of death? at home

Did an operation precede death? No Date of Oct 30 1936

Was there an autopsy? No

What test confirmed diagnosis?
(Signed) F. D. Wilson M.D.
Oct 30 1936 (Address) Beaver, Pa. D.O.

* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MANNER AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUSPICIOUS, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Beaver Cemetery DATE OF BURIAL Oct 31 1936

20. UNDERTAKER J. Anderson ADDRESS Beaver, Pa.

(OVER)

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Signs should be given in plain language so that it may be properly classified. Exact Statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

PA death record of sister Florence Thompson Denman (1903-1936) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5164/images/46923_520306900_0027-00086?treeid=77884828&personid=182176174343&hintid=&queryId=c9c43515f0b69e2867fbd765693edc63&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB62203&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=1479

are to be married by Rev. Macauley.

Richard L. Denman of Hillstown, Texas, a student, and Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Thompson of Salem, have been granted a marriage license. They were married by Rev. Macauley at the parsonage of the Lisbon Presbyterian church.

Marriage of Florence Thompson to Richard L. Denman – “East Liverpool (OH) Evening Review”
Tuesday 29 Dec 1925 p 9

50M.—12-7-36.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

The minister or other person celebrating this marriage is required within five days to fill out and sign both copies of the Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage and deliver them to the clerk of the court in which the marriage was celebrated. The copy with the license and water on the back is for the clerk, the other for the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

V. S. 77

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE 19343

CITY OR COUNTY OF Mecklenburg COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

FULL NAME OF GROOM Richard Langston Denman CLERK'S No. 220

PRESENT NAME OF BRIDE Ruth DeLopatte Lockford

GROOM				BRIDE			
AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED	AGE	RACE	SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED	NO. TIMES PREV. MARRIED
35	White	Divorced	Once	34	White	Widowed	once
OCCUPATION <u>Clerical Government Work</u>				MAIDEN NAME <u>Ruth Hansen</u>			
BIRTHPLACE <u>Hill County Texas</u>				BIRTHPLACE <u>Washington D. C.</u>			
FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>E. G. Denman</u>				FATHER'S FULL NAME <u>P. L. Hansen</u>			
MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Addie May Wilbanks</u>				MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Anna Jensen</u>			
RESIDENCE P. O. ADDRESS <u>1005 L St. N. W.</u> (IF IN CITY ST. AND NO.) <u>Washington, D. C.</u>				RESIDENCE P. O. ADDRESS <u>1328 Montague St. N. W.</u> (IF IN CITY ST. AND NO.) <u>Washington, D. C.</u>			
Date of Proposed Marriage <u>June 17, 1939</u>				Place of Proposed Marriage <u>Mecklenburg Co. Va.</u>			
Given under my hand this <u>17</u> day of <u>June</u> , 19 <u>39</u>							
<u>W. L. Burks</u> Clerk of <u>Mecklenburg Circuit</u> Court.							

CERTIFICATE OF TIME AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE

I, W. L. Burks, a Minister of the Methodist Church, or (Denomination.)

religious order of that name, do certify that on the 17 day of June, 19 39 at Boydton Virginia, under authority of this license, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the county (or city) of Franklin Commonwealth of Virginia.

Given under my hand this 17 day of June, 19 39

Address of celebrant Boydton, Va.

W. L. Burks
(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

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Richard Langston Denman

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name:	Richard Langston Denman
Social Security #:	578228871
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	31 Jan 1904
Birth Place:	Texas
Death Date:	31 Jul 1958
Death Place:	Alameda
Mother's Maiden Name:	Wilbanks
Father's Surname:	Denman

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1811814:5180>

A wedding of interest solemnized last night was that of Mrs. Sara Thompson Zurn of Seaside Park, N. J., to Paul Soeffing of Germantown.

The wedding took place in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia in the presence of only a few relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Soeffing will live in Philadelphia. Mrs. Soeffing is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Thompson of Beaver, and a sister of Franklin B. Thompson at whose home in Camp Hill she has been a frequent visitor.

Sister Sara Atlee Thompson Zurn Soeffing Caley (1906-1975) – “Harrisburg (PA) Telegraph”
Saturday 31 Jul 1937 p 4

Name	Sara Attee Thompson
Baptism Age	0
Event Type	Baptism
Birth Date	18 Aug 1906
Baptism Date	13 Jan 1907
Baptism Place	New Brighton, Beaver, Pennsylvania, USA
Denomination	Episcopal
Organization Name	Christ Episcopal
Father	Frank B Thompson
Mother	Florence V Thompson

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/77884828/person/182316523227/facts>



SARA ATLEE THOMPSON

Mandolin Club; Class Treasurer '23, '24; Girls' Athletic Editor; "Roof Garden Review;" Basket-ball '22, '23, Captain '24; Class Play

College: University of Pittsburgh.

"Better late than never"

This is the one and only "Sal." She used to come to school at ten o'clock, but now she comes at noon. Nevertheless her slowness in walking is overbalanced by her speed on the basket-ball floor. She has been our star center for two years.

She is one of the cleverest, most capable girls in the class and is always ready with a witty remark. She is usually quite quiet—until she gets going! Her one failing is her alternating fondness for "Baker" and Dogs." Best wishes, Sara, and may you never have any worry worse than "Dogs."

Private Funeral For Lehigh Man

**O. F. Zurn, 30, Manufacturer,
Passed Away on Fri-
day**

Funeral services for Oliver Franklin Zurn, 3d, husband of Sarah Zurn (nee Thompson) on Monday will be private from the late home, 602 E. Allen Lane, Philadelphia.

The vice president of the O. F. Zurn Manufacturing company, Philadelphia, he passed away on Friday, aged 30 years.

Mr. Zurn was graduated from Lehigh university in 1928. He was a grandson of the late Oliver F. Zurn, founder of the oil manufacturing firm that bears his name. He had been associated with his father, O. F. Zurn, Jr., as vice president since his graduation from college. He was a member of University Lodge, No. 610, F. and A. M., the Philadelphia Rotary club and the Seaside Park Field club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sara Thompson Zurn, and a daughter, Atlee.

Death of husband Oliver Franklin Zurn III – "Allentown (PA) Morning News" Sunday 13 Aug 1935 p

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Sara Thompson Zurn

in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013

Name:	Sara Thompson Zurn
Event Type:	Marriage
Marriage Date:	30 Jul 1937
Marriage Place:	Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Organization Name:	Grace Episcopal Church
Spouse:	Paul Adolph Soebbing

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13669954:2451?tid=153250642&pid=382028970785&queryId=85bca373bb2720b326a5bbf1a9b1c264&_phsrc=hFB62213&_phstart=successSource

Phila. Man Dies, 2 Hurt In Blast on Schooner At Connecticut Pier

A gasoline explosion, heard for six miles, blew the 30-foot auxiliary schooner Sea Toy to bits early yesterday at Stonington, Conn., killing one Philadelphian and injuring two others.

The explosion, which instantly sheathed the boat in flames and shattered windows of nearby boats and buildings, came hardly an hour after the Philadelphian had telephoned his wife in this city

to tell her that "everything's fine, and we'll start for home in the morning."

SPARKS BLAMED

In another boat fire, at Essington Yacht Club, Essington, late in the day, a 28-foot cabin cruiser was sunk in the Delaware River to extinguish the flames.

The Essington fire started when the owner of the cruiser, Thomas Reddington, of Chester, turned over the boat's engine preparatory to its first cruise of the season. Essington firemen believe sparks ignited gasoline spilled near the engine.

CHOP HOLE IN BOAT

When the opening of seacocks failed to cause the boat to settle rapidly enough, Essington firemen chopped a hole in its bottom. One fireman, Thomas Cooper, was affected by smoke.

The Philadelphian, who drowned at Stonington when the flaming wreckage of the schooner sank off a pier in Fisher's Island Sound Harbor, 15 miles from New London, Conn., was Paul A. Soeffing, 35, of 3437 Midvale ave.

FRIENDS HURT

James H. Glenn, 37, of 116 Drexel ave., Lansdowne, was hurled from the boat by the blast, striking a pier piling 20 yards away. He suffered a fractured skull, burns and cuts.

William T. Plachter, 32, of 338 W. Durham st., also was blown from the boat and landed in the water. A policeman saved him from drowning. He suffered burns and cuts.

Soeffing, father of a 14-year-old girl, went to Bar Harbor, Me., with his companions by train last Friday to sail the schooner, which he recently purchased, to Seaside Heights, N. J.

FATHER OF TWO

Soeffing was associated with his father, Adolph, 706 Vernon road, in the wholesale hardware business of Adolph Soeffing & Co., 833 Arch st.

Glenn, a bachelor, is an investment salesman for Riter & Co., 1529 Walnut st., and lives in Lansdowne with his brother, Samuel, and sister, Eleanor. Plachter is an executive of the Plachter-Cadillac Co., Frankford and Torresdale ave., which is headed by his father. He is married and the father of two small children.

Mrs. Soeffing learned of the tragedy when police aroused her with a message from Stonington telling of the explosion.

SAVED BY POLICEMAN

Glenn and Plachter were both rescued by Patrolman Walter Adams, of Stonington. He found the unconscious body of Glenn on the dock and dragged it away from the heat of the flames. Then he leaped into the water and aided Plachter to shore. Later he found Soeffing's body floating in the water.

The three had sailed into the harbor at Stonington shortly before 11 o'clock Thursday night, docking at the Stonington Boat Works and going to a restaurant while an attendant filled the Sea Toy's gasoline tanks.

Returning to the boat after Soeffing had telephoned his wife and his companions had sent telegrams home, Soeffing went below to start the engine so he could take the Sea Toy out into deeper water. The blast followed.

Blast on Boat Kills Philadelphia Man

By The United Press

STONINGTON, Conn., June 20—Paul Soeffing, Philadelphia, was killed and two were seriously hurt when an explosion occurred in the motor of their 30-foot yawl, Sea Toy, last night.

Taken to Westerly, R. I., Hospital, were Herbert Glenn, suffering from a skull fracture, and William Plachter, who suffered burns on the face, arms and left leg.

The men were returning from Maine and put into Stonington Harbor for supper. As they were about to continue their journey there was an explosion when the motor was turned over. The craft burst into flames and sank within a few minutes. The stricken men were hauled from the water by the caretaker on the dock and others attracted by the blast and flames.

The explosion was believed to have resulted from a flooded carburetor.

"Pittsburgh Press" Friday 20 Jun 1941 p 31

Realty Transfers

TOMS RIVER—Deeds recorded in the office of Ocean County Clerk John A. Ernst include:

May 7

ver twp.

Sara T. Zurn, widow, Sara Atlee Zurn and State of New Jersey, per sheriff to Sara T. and Paul A. Soeffing, Seaside Park.

"Asbury Park (NJ) Press" Wednesday 18 May 1938 p 5

SOEFFING.—Suddenly, June 20, of 3437 Midvale ave., PAUL A., husband of Sara Thompson Soeffing. Relatives and friends are invited to call Sun. eve. at Parlors of Harold B. Mulligan, 1119 W. Lehigh ave. Int. private.

"Philadelphia Inquirer" Sunday 22 Jun 1941 p 28

Arthur L. Caley

Arthur L. Caley, who retired in 1965 as purchasing agent for Philco-Ford Corp. after 18 years with the firm, died Wednesday at Lankenau Hospital. He was 74, and lived at 64 W. Princeton Rd., Bala Cynwyd.

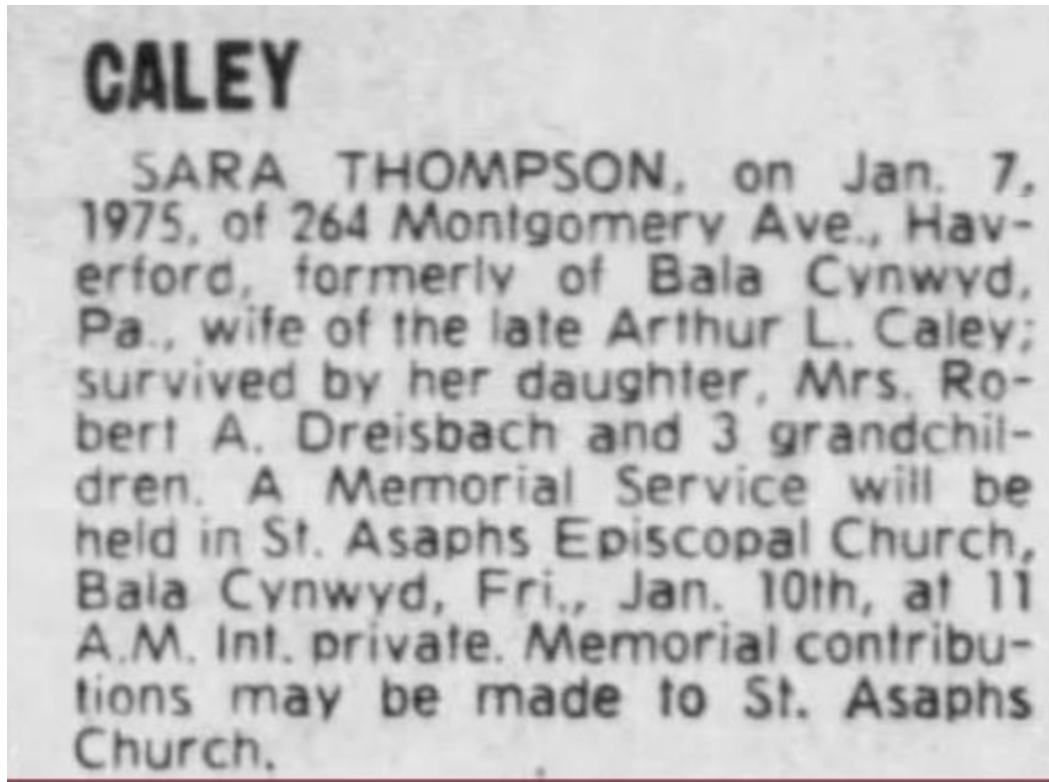
Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lee Dreisbach; three grandchildren, a brother and two sisters. Services will be at 1 P.M. today at St. Asaph's Church, Conshohocken Road, Bala Cynwyd.

"Philadelphia Inquirer" Friday 1 Nov 1974 p 34

CALEY

Suddenly, on Oct. 30, 1974, ARTHUR L., of W. Princeton Rd., Bala Cynwyd, husband of Sara Thompson Caley. Relatives, friends and colleagues of Philco-Ford, are invited to memorial services, at St. Asaph's Episcopal Church, Bala Cynwyd, Fri., 1 P.M. Int. private. Contributions to the Church in his name will be appreciated.

"Philadelphia Inquirer" Friday 1 Nov 1974 p 34



Obituary of sister Sara Thompson Zurn Soeffing Caley – “Philadelphia Inquirer” Thursday 9 Jan 1975
p 31

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Lauren D. Thompson

Name variations: Laurence - Lawrence

Military:

On Tuscania: Officer Reserve Corps, Casuals – 1st lieutenant

Serial number: US Army officers in WWII were not assigned serial numbers

Entered service from: Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Lauren Thompson

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Frank B. Thompson, 1523 Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh PA

[handwritten note: OK / Soldiers statement]

Returned from war on: Celtic Jan 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lauren Thompson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Frank B. Thompson, 1523 Frick Bldg, Pittsburg [sic] PA (2nd Lt, CWS, Co. E, 1st Gas Regiment)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Lauren Thompson - b. 7 Sep 1890 Wilkinsburg PA; res: 601 – 1st, Beaver, Beaver PA. Single. Employed in erection of electric steel [unreadable word], Ambridge Bridge, Cambridge. Military service: state school, graduates, 2 years, PA State College [now Penn State University]. Tall & slender. Registered 2

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1606 Oak Grove Ave., Pittsburgh PA [borough of Swissvale]

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lauren Thompson b. 7 Sep 1890 Wilkinsburg PA; res: New Wilmington, Lawrence PA - cannot locate card in Ancestry.com or Fold3.com, only a summary from FamilySearch.org:

Lauren Thompson

Military • United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

Name	Lauren Thompson
Sex	Male
Event Date	1942
Event Place	New Wilmington, Lawrence, Pennsylvania, United States
Event Type	Draft Registration
Residence Place	New Wilmington, Lawrence, Pennsylvania
Birth Date	07 Sep 1890
Employer	Lauren/Thompson

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/GSY9-RHL>

Veterans Administration Military Index: died 28 Mar 1957

Enlisted: 2 Sep 1917

Discharged: 10 Feb 1919

Address: 1523 Frick Building, Pittsburgh PA

Rank/unit: 2nd lieutenant, CWS 1 Cas Regt

Birth & death:

Born: 7 Sep 1890 Wilkinsburg, Allegheny PA

Died: 28 Mar 1957 New Castle, Lawrence PA (Jameson Memorial Hospital) (Veterans Administration Master Index & death in hospital notice: 28 Mar 1957 – date also found as 27 Mar 1957)

Find A Grave record: 135522088 – presence on Tuscania also indicated in text

Burial location: New Wilmington, Lawrence PA

Cemetery: Fair Oaks

Tombstone:

Father: Franklin Bell (Frank) Thompson, 14 Jul 1866 Washington Co. PA – 2 Jul 1944 Beaver, Beaver PA. Chairman of the board of Reymers Brothers Candy Co. Died of congestive heart failure. Buried in Beaver Cemetery & Mausoleum, Beaver, Beaver PA.

Find A Grave: 84426310

Mother: Florence Vickroy Thompson, 28 Jul 1870 Johnstown, Cambria PA – 21 Jul 1943 Rochester, Beaver PA. Daughter of Edwin Augustus Vickroy & Almira O.V. Osborne. Buried in Beaver Cemetery & Mausoleum, Beaver, Beaver PA.

Find A Grave: 84425976

Parents' marriage: 15 Oct 1889 Johnstown, Cambria PA [also found as 1890]

Spouse: Mary Agnes Crawford Thompson, 10 Feb 1896 Lawrence Co. PA – 12 Jul 1990 Mercer, Mercer PA. SSN 182-36-1632. Daughter of Robert James Crawford (F: 133508962) & Matilda L. Wilkison (F: 133508887). Buried in Fair Oaks Cemetery, New Wilmington, Lawrence PA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 135522029

Marriage: 10 Jun 1922 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA

Children:

- Nancy Thompson Stranahan, 3 Jun 1942 Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA – 1 Jun 2010 Mercer, Mercer PA. Westminster College graduate. Married 22 Sep 1948 in New Wilmington, Lawrence PA to James Alexander Stranahan III (1919-2003, F: 184056857). Nancy is buried in Fair Oaks Cemetery, New Wilmington, Lawrence PA. F: 184056860
- Sara Thompson Throop, 1 May 1926 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA – 28 Sep 2011 Seattle, King WA. Married ca. 1952 in Lawrence Co. PA to William Rutherford Throop (b. New Castle PA, d. 8 May 2001 at age 73 in Asheville NC), the son of Glenn & Virginia Throop. William had been married to wife Susan Ann for 33 years at the time of his death. – Earned a Ph.D. from Akron University & taught at Youngstown State University. Sara is not on Find A Grave as of 20 Mar 2023.

Siblings: Lauren was the oldest of 7 children.

- Almira Thompson, 17 Aug 1892 Johnstown, Cambria PA – 16 Jul 1893 Ashmont, Allegheny PA. Baptized 13 Nov 1892 in St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont, Allegheny PA. Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Southmont, Cambria PA. F: 108617089
- Franklin Bell Thompson Jr., 29 Aug 1894 Pittsburgh, Allegheny 1894 – 11 Jan 1973 Camp Hill, Cumberland PA. Major in the US Army as of Jul 1944. Resident of Harrisburg PA in Mar 1957. His tombstone indicates he was a lieutenant colonel & served in WWI & WWII. Married in 1921 to Pauline Woodward (1898-1990, F: 215892902). Franklin & Pauline are buried in Longwood Cemetery, Kennett Square, Chester PA. F: 215892059
- Ellen Thompson Perrott, 27 Nov 1896 [1900 census & tombstone] PA – 8 Apr 1971 Beaver, Beaver PA. Married to Eugene Thomas Perrott (1892-1971, F: 86757721), who died the month after Ellen died. Buried in Beaver Cemetery & Mausoleum, Beaver, Beaver PA. F: 86757762
- Moreland Thompson, 25 Sep 1900 Harmarville or Pittsburgh, Allegheny PA – 9 Mar 1975 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA. Married on 19 Aug 1924 to Jean McClure (1902-1967, F: 135524790). Buried in Fair Oaks Cemetery, New Wilmington, Lawrence PA. F: 135524717

- Florence Thompson Denman, 25 Dec 1903 Beaver Co. PA PA – 28 Sep 1936 Beaver, Beaver PA. Florence married Richard Langston Denman; they obtained a marriage license in OH in Dec 1925. Richard was a resident of Hillstown TX at the time of the license. He was born 31 Jan 1904 TX & died 31 Jul 1958 Alameda Co. CA; not on Find A Grave as of 20 Mar 2023. Richard was the son of Clinton Groves Denman & Addie May Wilbanks. He married 17 Jun 1939 in Mecklenburg VA to Ruth Delopatte Lockford. - Although her father's obituary in Jul 1944 lists her as alive & living at home, Florence's 1936 PA death certificate negates that information. Buried in Beaver Cemetery & Mausoleum, Beaver, Beaver PA. F; 106184937
- Sara Atlee Thompson Zurn Soeffing Caley, 18 Aug 1906 PA – 7 Jan 1975 PA. – Baptized 13 Jun 1907 in Christ Episcopal Church, New Brighton, Beaver PA. - Sara Thompson married Oliver Franklin Zurn III (1906-16 Aug 1935, buried in Northwood Cemetery, West Oak Lane, Philadelphia Co. PA, F: 151549452). Their daughter was Sara Atlee Zurn. – On 30 Jul 1937 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA, Sara Thompson Zurn married Paul Adolph Soeffing (1906-1941, buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA, F: 154349049), who died when his boat the "Sea Toy" exploded. He & friends were returning from Maine when they put into the harbor at Stonington CT to have dinner. The gas explosion was heard 6 miles away. – Sara Soeffing married Arthur L. Caley (1909-1974, F; 200875316). Arthur & Sara are buried in Saint Asaph Church Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery PA. F: 200875326.

Notes:

Graduate of Penn State University

Pre-war:

Wartime:

1918 address: 152nd Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh PA

"Greenville (PA) Record-Argus" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 - lieutenant., from Beaver PA, former employee American Bridge Co. with offices in Frick Bldg. (Pittsburgh), no news.

"Greenville (PA) Record-Argus" 9 Feb 1918 p 1 - father F.E. Thompson of Beaver got a cable from Lauren that he was safe & had arrived at Guncarn [sic/Buncrana], Ireland

"Pittsburgh Press" 14 Feb 1918 p 4 - official telegram received 13 Feb 1918 by parents Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Thompson of 1st St., Beaver PA that their son was safe in England

"Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" Sunday 17 Mar 1918 p 45 - of Beaver PA, letter to mother Mrs. Frank B. Thompson said chances of escape seemed "rather vague" to 900 left on ship, he was 1 of last to leave, many in boats crashed on Scotland, trip over was very pleasant, nice weather the entire time, not seasick he didn't miss a meal on the voyage "as you know, these highly seasoned foods that one gets on such a trip, do not appeal to me." He saw the Scottish coast on the ship & expected to land safely the next morning without any excitement, he was reading inside when there was a "dull thud" & the lights went out, he ran for his lifebelt & overcoat just outside the door had little difficulty getting to his lifeboat station in stern on C deck, his boat was 3rd in order

to launch but only 1 could be launched, same at all stations, some destroyed by explosion, 3/5 of men left on board after all lifeboats gone after 1.5 hrs a destroyer took off about 300 men but nobody from the stern, so he stayed there keeping the men quiet & under control & pulling the half-dead out of the water, lights came on for about an hour, doesn't know why sub didn't try to hit such a good, well-lit target, after 2 hrs 2nd destroyer came along & took the 900 remaining, he stepped from B deck to the destroyer deck, the pitching & rocking were awful & he almost got seasick

after several hours landed at port in N. part of Ireland & reached a British camp there, wonderful care, during next week moved through several camps & ended up in England 1 week later, most men lost were in boats crashed in Scotland, after original explosion had returned to statesroom to get equipment but felt any added weight would be a disadvantage in the water "as a result, I lost everything that I possessed, not even saving my hat." When last destroyer came, ship had sunk so low in water that he could not get back to his stateroom

"Harrisburg (PA) Evening News" 12 Apr 1918 p 11 - his letter says signs pointed to something, sunk 13 days out of port, official number of vessel #13 & similar "hoodoo number" things

Post-war:

Obituary:

"New Castle (PA) News" 18 Mar 1957 p 11 - admitted to hospital 18 Mar 1957

"New Castle [PA] News" 28 Mar 1957 p 2 - d. today (28 Mar 1957) at Jameson Memorial Hospital (New Castle PA), resident of 240 New Castle St., New Wilmington PA

Obituary on Find A Grave: "New Castle (PA) News" 29 Mar 1957 p 2 – resident of 240 New Castle St., New Wilmington PA, d. 28 Mar 1957, funeral 30 Mar 1957, with burial at Fair Oaks. Born. Oakmont PA, son of Frank B. & Florence Vickroy Thompson. Resident in New Wilmington since 1924, prior to that lived in Beaver PA. Farmer. Survived by wife Mary (Crawford), whom he married 1922), 2 daughters: Mrs. Sara Throop (Cuyahoga Falls OH) & Mrs. Nancy Stranahan (Mercer PA), 2 brothers: Moreland Thompson (New Wilmington) & Franklin (Harrisburg) & 2 sisters: Mrs. Eugene Perrott (Beaver) & Mrs. Arthur Calerg (Philadelphia)

"Greenville [PA] Record-Argus" 29 Mar 1957 p 2 - d. 27 Mar 1957 at Jameson, survived by wife Mary, 2 daughters -

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Harmar, Allegheny PA

Frank Thompson, 33 PA, Jul 1866, parents b. PA, married 10 years, clerk (in office)

Florance, 29 PA, Nov 1870, parents b. PA, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Lauren, 9 PA, Sep 1890, at school

Franklin B., 5 PA, Aug 1894

Ellen, 3 PA, Nov 1896

& servant Fred A. Flack, 50 Germany, May 1830, single, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1892, in US for 8 years, alien

1910 Beaver, Beaver PA – 222 Fourth St.

Frank B. Thompson, 43 PA, parents b. PA, married 20 years, clerk, bridge works

Florence V., 39 PA, parents b. PA, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

Lauren, 19 PA

Franklin B., 15 PA

Ellen, 13 PA

Moreland, 9 PA

Florence, 6 PA

Sarah A., 3 PA

1920 Beaver, Beaver PA – 183 Taylor Ave.

Frank B. Thompson, 53 PA, parents b. US, auditor, bridge company

Florence, 48 PA, parents b. PA

Lauren [written over original spelling, indexed as Lawrence), 27 PA, laborer, bridge company

Franklin, 25 PA

Moreland, 19 PA

Florence, 16 PA

Sara, 14 PSA

& servant Mary Taylor, 25 Austria (Slovak), parents b. Austria (Slovak), emigrated 1907

1930 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA

Lauren Thompson, 39 PA, parents b. PA, age 31 at 1st marriage, farmer, stock farm, WWI veteran

Mary A., 34 PA, parents b. PA, age 26 at 1st marriage

Mancy, 5 PA [i.e. Nancy]

Sara, 3 PA

1930 Beaver, Beaver PA – 183 Taylor Ave. – conducted 29 Apr 1930 – parents & sister
Florence

Frank B. Thompson, 63 PA, parents b. PA, age 23 at 1st marriage, auditor & vice president, bridge company

Florence V. Thompson, 59 PA, parents b. PA, age 19 at 1st marriage [wife]

Florence V. Deman [Denman], 26 PA, married, age 21 at 1st marriage [daughter]

Florence V. Deman [Denman], 3 years 6 months OK, father b. TX, mother b. PA [granddaughter]

1940 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA – 240 New Castle St. – same house in 1935

Lauren Thompson, 49 PA, farmer, own farm

Mary C., 44 PA

Nancy, 15 PA

Sarah, 13 PA

1950 New Wilmington, Lawrence PA – 240 New Castle St.

Lauren Thompson, 59 PA, farm, farmer

Mary C., 54 PA