

# TUSCANIA

**Trageser, Charles Alphonse**  
**1896 MD – 1978 MD**



Charles Alphonse Trageser – “Baltimore (MD) Evening Sun” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 20 -  
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## Charles A Trageser

in the Maryland Military Men, 1917-1918

Detail	Source
Name:	Charles A Trageser
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	21
Birth Date:	16 Apr 1896
Birth Place:	Baltimore, MD.
Residence Place:	718 N. Kenwood Ave., Baltimore
Military Year:	1917-1919
Military Place:	Maryland, USA
Comments:	NA 12/15/17 pvt; sgt 1/8/18, Co D 20 Engrs; Hq Det 6 Bn 20 Engrs 1/8/18; Hq Det 16 Bn 20 Engrs 10/29/18, Hon disch 1/7/19, Overseas 1/24/18 to 9/19/18

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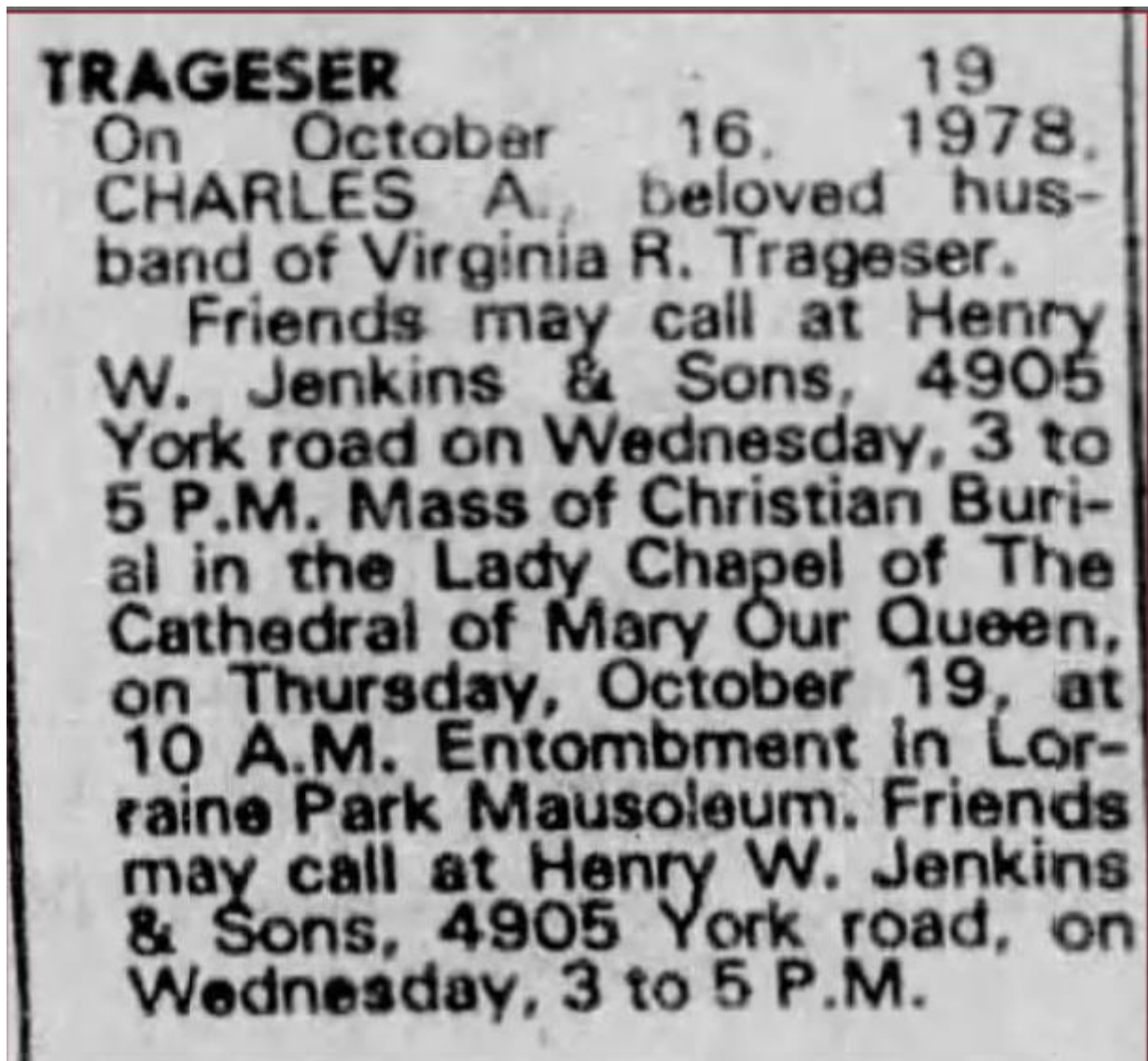
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Obituary of Charles Alphonse Trageser – “Baltimore Sun” Wednesday 18 Oct 1978 p 37

Life:

Atlantic City has never before seen as many motor vehicles as are in evidence this summer. There are motor-cars from almost every state in the Union, as far west as Colorado and as far south as Florida.

Baltimoreans registered at the various hotels here include the following:

[list continues]

Elberon — Doctor and Mrs. T. E. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Litten, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McHugh, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Day, Mrs. L. J. Lathroum, Mrs. B. H. Flaggs, Misses M. Lathroum, Lillian Day, Messrs. Charles A. Trageser, Rader Lathroum, Henry Flaggs, Clarence Flaggs and Edward Amos.

"Baltimore Sun" Sunday 22 Aug 1915 p 22

Eleven Marylanders, including seven Baltimoreans, were among the men on the Tuscania when she was sent down near Ireland on Tuesday, according to a SUN Bureau dispatch last night from Washington. Those definitely known already are:

CAPT. OTIS K. SADTLER, 1610 Bolton street.

FIRST LIEUTENANT AUGUSTUS J. P. GALLAGHER, 925 North Calvert street.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SHANNON L. VAN VALZAH, 1042 North Broadway.

SERGT. CHARLES A. TRAGESER, 718 North Kenwood avenue.

PHILIP EMIL WIEGAND, 2810 East Baltimore street.

CHARLES L. SMITH, 1123 West Franklin street.

HARRY E. SMITH, 3329 Chestnut avenue.

PHILIP B. RAKSIN, 518 Aisquith street.

CAPT. WILLIAM PAGE MCINTOSH, Glenwoda, Howard county.

SERGT. CHRISTOPHER BROCKLEY, Corriganville, Md.

SERGT. LAWRENCE S. MCCOY, Bel Alton, Md.

"Baltimore Sun" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Sergt. Charles A. Trageser, Company D, Twentieth Engineer Corps, enlisted in October, 1917, and trained at Camp American University, Washington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse J. Trageser.

On board Tuscania – "Baltimore Sun" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

# **MARYLANDERS SAVED.**

[From The Sun Bureau.]

Washington, Feb. 9.—Assurances were received by the War Department today that a few of the Marylanders and Virginians aboard the *Tuscania* were known to have survived the torpedoing of that ship. This does not mean that the others were lost, any or all of them. The survivors list is not complete, less than half of the names having been given out today. This means that the remaining Marylanders recorded as aboard the vessel may appear in the second list.

The Marylanders whose names were given out in the first list are as follows.

BERNARD PHILIP RAKSIN, 519  
Aisquith street, Baltimore.

SHANNON L. VAN VALZAH,  
1042 North Broadway, Baltimore.

CHARLES L. SMITH, 1123  
West Franklin avenue, Baltimore.

AUGUSTUS J. P. GALLAGHER,  
925 North Calvert street,  
Baltimore.

CHRISTOPHER BROCKLEY Cor-  
gansville.

CHARLES A. TRAGESER, 718  
North Kenwood avenue,  
Baltimore.

LAWRENCE S. MCCOY, Bel  
Alton

The Virginians in today's list  
are:

FRANK H. CARROLL, Norfolk,  
HARVEY P. HOLLAND, Wake-  
field.

JESSE E. VEITCH, Ballston.  
HOUSTON L. VEST, Buena  
Vista.

Saved — "Baltimore Sun" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

From three of 10 other Marylanders on board the *Tuscania* direct cable messages were received by relatives yesterday announcing that the soldiers from this State were "safe and well."

The messages were from Capt. Otis K. Sadtler, son of Mrs. Adele S. Sadtler, 1610 Bolton street, to his mother; Capt. William Page McIntosh, of Glenwood, Howard county, to his sister there, and from Sergeant Charles A. Trageser, son of A. J. Trageser, 718 North Kenwood avenue, to his father. A direct cable message was received from Capt. John R. Haswell, son of Mrs. E. J. Haswell, 606 Lennox street, a couple of days ago.



"Baltimore Sun" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 12

## **TUSCANIA SURVIVOR WRITES**

**Sergt. C. A. Trageser Says Irish  
Were Hospitable.**

Sergt. Charles A. Trageser, of the Twentieth United States Engineers, who lived at 718 Kenwood avenue, and who was rescued from the Tuscania, has written to his parents under date of February 7. His letter was postmarked Belfast, Ireland, and stated that the people are treating the survivors royally, making them feel glad that they had come over.

Sergeant Trageser cabled his mother, "Safe, well," and this relieved the intense anxiety that prevailed in his home. At the time he entered the military service Sergeant Trageser was employed as a stenographer by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

"Baltimore Sun" Tuesday 12 Mar 1918 p 16

**Why Can't He Hear From Home?**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir:* Every now and then a letter from a soldier on the other side appears in the columns of THE SUN, and it is, of course, perused with interest. In it the writer acknowledges the receipt of letters from the States, and there you are.

What I want to disclose is the fact that Sergt. Charles A. Trageser, of the Twentieth Engineers, a very bright and promising Baltimorean, who was rescued from the *Tuscania*, has written again and again that since his dreadful experience on the torpedoed ship he has not received one single letter from home. His parents, residing on North Kenwood avenue in this city, have written repeatedly and others have done likewise, and yet he has received absolutely nothing.

Why is it not possible to get one little letter from this anxious mother through to that boy? Why hold up all the mails to let other things through, when this young man as well as others are thirsting for a letter from home.

GEORGE W. HAULENBEEK,  
Baltimore, April 8.

"Baltimore Sun" Wednesday 10 Apr 1918 p 8



Headquarters Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, American Expeditionary Force, France, Aug. 1, 1918.

Dear Mr. Haulenbeek: A little rain this afternoon to cool the place. Of course, this does not interfere with a soldier's work, whether he be working indoors or outside. We never stop work in our three mills except on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We cut three million feet of pine lumber into railroad ties during the month of July. There is an ever-increasing demand for lumber at the front. Railroads are built hourly. This takes an enormous amount of ties. Red Cross Hospitals, barracks and the like must be built daily, which is also a demand for lumber. We have had to fight quite a few forest fires the past three weeks, but this rain, it is thought, will prevent more fires, for a while at least.

I presume your agents on the railroads now are mostly women, save for some elderly men. Nearly every railway station in France that I have seen a woman station agent was in charge. It is astonishing to see with what vigor and splendid energy they carry on the work formerly done by the men. It is nothing to see a girl, say of 25 years, lift thick, heavy ties on her shoulder, carry them up a plank to a railroad car to load them. All freight cars here are known as "railway wagons."

I have just received another sweet picture of Susan Anne Trageser. I saw in a magazine this afternoon the story of a man who received a picture of his little one from home. He pinned it on the wall, and pretty soon it was surrounded by 200 other pictures of other little ones of men who had left babies at home while away fighting. The article said in part that pictures from home of those left behind were a real treat. Believe me, they are.

I am always thinking of you and your Saturday trips to Bethlehem. Weren't you glad to have Susan in Baltimore even for a short visit? I know these trips are a supreme happiness to you. You have my very sincere wishes that you will be able to long continue these visits. I have been told how impatient Susan is to have Saturday come.

Your letters are highly appreciated. You have my thanks in cheering my soldierly heart with your kind messages.

With love and best wishes for your good health. Yours,

CHARLES A. TRAGESER.

Sergeant, Headquarters 6th Battalion,  
20th Engineers, A. E. F.  
To Geo. W. Haulenbeek, Baltimore, Md.,  
U. S. A.

## ON TUSCANIA WHEN SUNK

### Sergt. Charles A. Trageser Home To Act As Instructor.

Having survived from the Tuscania, which was torpedoed on February 5 last, and having spent six months in France, Sergt. Charles A. Trageser, 22 years old, a member of the headquarters company of the Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trageser, 718 North Kenwood avenue, on a 10-day delay. He will go to Camp Humphries to act as instructor.

When the torpedo struck Sergeant Trageser, with about 10 others, were in the cabin playing cards. There was a shock and the lights went out. A card and five pennies were all he saved. There was no disorder or panic of any kind, he said.

"Baltimore Sun" Saturday 21 Sep 1918 p 12

## TUSCANIA SURVIVOR VISITING IN YORK

Sergeant Charles Trageser, of Baltimore, a survivor of the Tuscania, the British cargo steamer sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland last winter, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Trageser, 49 East Cottage place, this city. Sergeant Trageser is a member of the famous Twentieth Engineers which unit was aboard the Tuscania when she was torpedoed, and many members of which were drowned. Young Trageser had a narrow escape himself and was rescued along with others by a U. S. destroyer an hour and a half after the Tuscania was struck.

Trageser was picked up by a British destroyer, not a US Navy one – "York (PA) Daily Record" Friday 27 Sep 1918 p 1

# 105 ARE ADMITTED TO MARYLAND BAR

**New Lawyers Take Final Steps  
After Passing State  
Examinations.**

## **WOMEN ABSENT FROM LIST**

**Name Of Eugene P. Seltzer, Former  
City Police Magistrate,  
Is Included.**

One hundred and five new members were admitted to the Maryland State Bar yesterday following their passage of the examinations held June 26 and 27. Not a woman was on the list. Eugene P. Seltzer, former magistrate at the Eastern Police Court, who resigned a year ago, was among those who passed.

The list of those admitted:

[list continues]

Walter L. Taylor, Charles H. Thompson, Roszel C. Thomsen, Charles A. Trageser, Vaughan R. Truitt, Francis H. Urner, Dan M. Vann, Julius A. Victor, John G. Vogeler, Edwin C. Weaver, Francis A. Weiskittel, Charles C. Williams, Lewis M. Wilson, Lawrence E. Yakel.

Admitted to the MD bar as an attorney – "Baltimore Sun" Thursday 31 Aug 1922 p 16

## Survivor Relates Sinking Of Troopship Tuscania

Charles Trageser Recalls Wild Experience When  
German Submarine Torpedoed Vessel—Gives  
Enemy Raider American Version

"It was awful—as though we were sitting inside a big steel drum and someone crashed a maul on the sides." That's the other side of the picture.

Albrecht Hellmann, chief officer of the German ship Bockenheim, has told the German version of the sinking of the liner Tuscania, en route from New York to England with 3,000 American soldiers aboard. Mr. Hellmann was at the wheel of the U-boat 77 on February 4, 1918, when that under-water raider crept through destroyers scouting the Irish Sea, to put a torpedo into the Tuscania's sides and send her to the bottom.

Less than two minutes after Dr. William Meyer, commander of the 77, gave the signal, the submarine crew felt the explosion and fired, escaping. They didn't know what happened afterward.

### Survivor Tells Story

But Charles A. Trageser, a Baltimore lawyer, knows what occurred while the German was seeking open water, hoping that the destroyers wouldn't blow her to bits. Mr. Trageser, a soldier in the Headquarters Company of the Twentieth Engineers, was aboard the Tuscania.

The time elements in the two stories coincide perfectly. The Germans couldn't know what was going on aboard their quarry. The Americans

crashed against the side of the ship and turned over, spilling others.

"We couldn't see the other ships in the convoy, but could see a lighthouse on the shore. Fortunately the sea was calm. Finally a destroyer came up and tied alongside the Tuscania and the men started off. Altogether three or four destroyers did rescue work that way, although they were afraid the submarine might still be around and take a shot at them.

### Ship Listed Badly

"I was away aft, with others of my outfit, and we thought we had been forgotten. The ship was listing so badly that standing on the deck was almost impossible. An officer came up to us. 'I thought you men had gotten off,' he said. He led us forward, and we cheered. Then we were halted. And the fifteen minutes we were forced to stand was a lifetime—to be so close, and yet, as it seemed, so far.

"We could never figure how the submarine had gotten in to us. We were the middle ship of a convoy of six. A Canadian cruiser led the line. Then came the Baltic, the Tuscania and three other smaller vessels. Outside the line were destroyers. And how that German had worked his way through the destroyers and other guarding ships and had come close enough for a shot has remained a mystery."

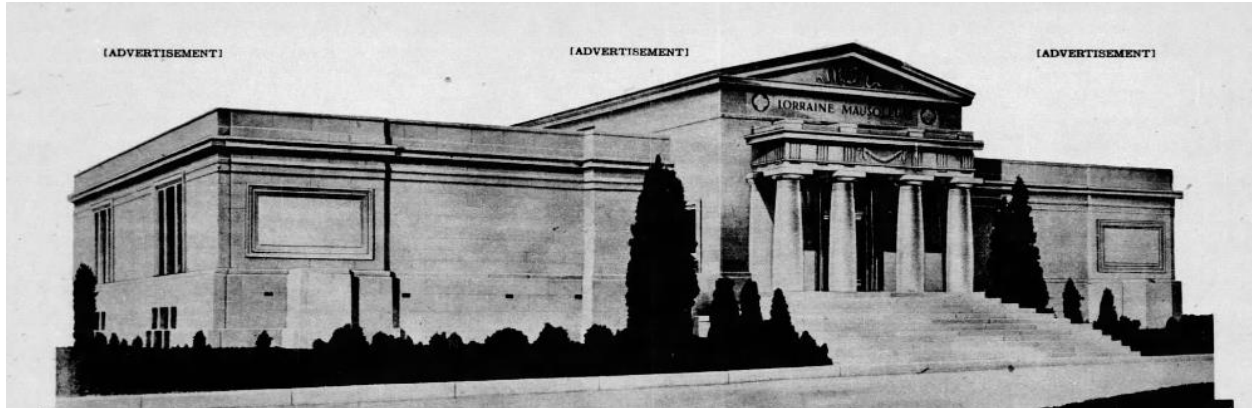
didn't know that keen eyes were peer-  
ing at them through the tiny tube  
that is a periscope. If they had, per-  
haps, Mr. Heilmann couldn't have  
told his story—and there would be  
225 more Americans to tell one.

#### Confusion Reigned

"It was about 5.30 o'clock in the eve-  
ning," Mr. Trageser recalls. "I know,  
because supper was divided into two  
shifts, and I was in the late one. We  
were sitting in a cabin on next to the  
top deck playing cards, waiting for  
our turn to go below and eat. We  
had carried life preservers for several  
days, and when we sat down to the  
card table we just dropped them be-  
side our chairs.

"There came a crash, the lights went  
out. Confusion reigned. The boys  
grabbed for their life belts. In the  
darkness many lost out. We rushed to  
the door, but had to fight our way out  
into the jammed passageway leading  
to the deck. Many had jumped over-  
board into the icy water. Those who  
could, found their way to their boats.  
Then we found that the ropes were  
rotten and that the rain-plugs in the  
boats had been left out. The ship listed  
and boats, manned by raw recruits,

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Thursday 16 Feb 1933 p 4



### *Just what is represented by Mausoleum Entombment?*

A few Baltimoreans still do not know just what mausoleum entombment represents. In the Lorraine Mausoleum, the answer, simply, is this: instead of the casket being buried in a grave, it is sealed forever in a dry, marble-fronted crypt. Space is purchased outright, as a cemetery lot would be. Remember, also, that the cost of from one to three crypts is no greater than that of ground burial.

Shortly, we shall start construction of our Mausoleum Addition, which will be integrated with our present building. By reserving space now, you have your choice of the best above-ground locations, at a very substantial saving.

The letters from spaceholders, which we quote, indicate what our Mausoleum can mean to you. We suggest that you send the coupon below, and without obligation we shall gladly mail you our illustrated brochure.



**MR. CHARLES A. TRAGESER**  
**32 Charlote Place**

"Mrs. Trageser and I are greatly satisfied that we could find such unique space in your beautifully situated and appointed Lorraine Mausoleum. Truthfully, it is a real satisfaction to know that if I am called first, my widow would be relieved of making a decision in this important matter. We reached the conclusion to provide beforehand so that the selection would not have to be made at a time of emotional strain.

The Mausoleum's freedom from the elements, plus the knowledge that a trust fund for the upkeep of the Mausoleum is now in existence, enhances our enjoyment of the realization that this insurance-type service has been provided for—an event which we know must happen, but the time of which is uncertain."

His endorsement for his entombment location in Lorraine Park Cemetery, Woodlawn, Baltimore Co. MD along with his wife Virginia, in funeral pre-planning – "Baltimore Sun" Sunday 30 Jan 1949 p

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**Installation Is Set**  
**For K. Of C. Officers**

Officers elected recently by the Notre Dame Council No. 2901, Knights of Columbus, will be installed in ceremonies at 8.30 P.M. Thursday, July 6, at St. Mary's School hall, 201 Homeland avenue.

They are: Charles A. Trageser, grand knight; Andrew McNamara, deputy grand knight; Edward W. Scally, chancellor; John Dolan, recording secretary; Michael King, treasurer; Harry Dingle, advocate, and Maurice Klein, warden.

Also, Louis Orefice, inside guard; Lawrence and Joseph Gueydan, outside guards; Lester Bartholomew, trustee; Alfred F. Walker, delegate to the State convention, and John Codd and Thomas L. Fitzpatrick, alternate delegates.

Member of the Catholic men's group, the Knights of Columbus – "Baltimore Sun" Monday 26 Jun 1950 p 4

## Four Additional Lawyers To Vie In Bar Poll

At least four lawyers in addition to the ten recommended by a bar committee for elevation to the Supreme Bench will compete in the special "bar primary" or referendum to be held next month.

Bar officials, who have given notice that any names to be placed in the primary must be entered by 4 P.M. Saturday, revealed today that the name of Charles A. Trageser has been added to the list.

Michael F. Delea, City Solicitor Thomas N. Biddison, and Joseph H. A. Rogan, chairman of the State Tax Commission, already had been submitted as additional contestants after a bar group called for a referendum to extend the original recommendations.

### Backed By Women's Bar

The Women's Bar Association last night voted to approve the original bar list, also two men who have entered the bar primary, two more male lawyers who were not yet in the judgeship race, and one of their own members.

Miss Helen Elizabeth Brown was the woman lawyer indorsed by her sisters at the bar. Mrs. Nellie Marie Marshall, another member of the women's bar who had vainly sought an Orphans Court nomination in the recent primary, announced at the meeting that she did not wish to be considered for the judgeship recommendation.

Thomas J. Kenney and Briscoe L. Gray were the two new lawyers urged for the bench by the women. They also recommended Mr. Biddison and Mr. Trageser.

### Politics Charged

As the nomination deadline neared, charges of "bar politics" and of "bar electioneering" flew thick and fast. Many lawyers who previously had won mention on recommended lists charged that "politics" had something to do with names now being left off.

"Electioneering" particularly was being charged to backers of Mr. Biddison, as several of the recommended lawyers declared they themselves had been importuned by telephone to vote for the city official. Members of the city solicitor's staff and other city employees have been making such electioneering telephone calls, attorneys stated.

The "bar primary" which some lawyers characterize as a "popularity contest" will call for consideration of the four added starters as well as the original recommended list of Robert D. Bartlett, Joseph R. Byrnes, Robert E. Coughlan, Jr., James K. Cullen, Paul F. Due, Bernard J. Flynn, Paul M. Higinbotham, Paul R. Kach, Joseph T. Parr and William T. Tippet, Jr.

Candidate for the MD Supreme Court – "Baltimore Evening Sun" Thursday 26 Oct 1950 p 36

## Cullen Leads Vote For Bench Post

James K. Cullen, Republican lawyer, today was listed at the top of a group of fifteen lawyers voted on in a special referendum of the Bar Association of Baltimore City in connection with the bar's recommendations for elevation to the Supreme Bench vacancy.

Second place on the bar's preference list went to Paul F. Due, a Democrat and a former deputy city solicitor. Third place went to another Republican, Robert D. Bartlett.

Wallis Giffen, bar secretary, reported that the recommendations as a result of the bar primary had already been communicated to Governor Lane, who has a responsibility of appointing a lawyer to the bench to fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Judge J. Abner Saylor.

The complete vote on the fifteen lawyers whose names were entered in the bar referendum follows:

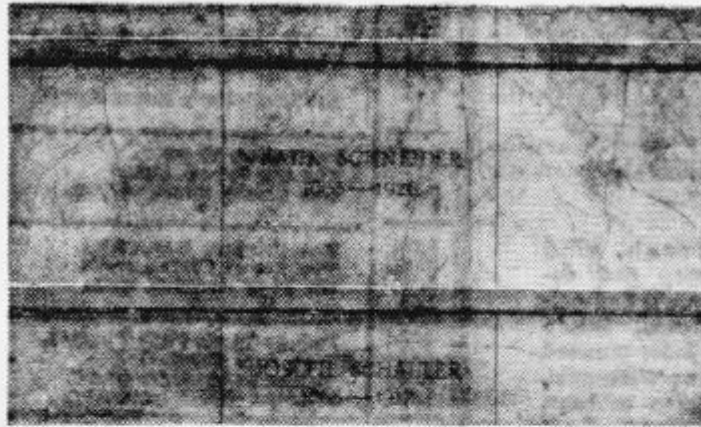
JAMES K. CULLEN, 456.  
PAUL F. DUE, 416.  
ROBERT D. BARTLETT, 375.  
THOMAS S. BIDDISON, 308.  
JOSEPH T. PARR, 265.  
ROBERT E. COUGHLAN, JR., 261.  
BERNARD J. FLYNN, 249.  
JOSEPH R. BYRNES, 247.  
PAUL R. KACH, 218.  
PAUL M. HIGINBOTHOM, 208.  
WILLIAM T. TIPPETT, JR., 176.  
JOSEPH H. A. ROGAN, 146.  
MICHAEL F. DELAY, 90.  
THOMAS J. KENNEY, 69.  
CHARLES A. TRAGESER, 43.

The ten originally recommended by the bar's judiciary committee were Messrs. Bartlett, Byrnes, Coughlan, Cullen, Due, Flynn, Higinbothom, Kach, Parr and Tippet.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Thursday 26 Oct 1950 p 36

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**M**R. AND MRS. CHARLES A. TRAGESER have returned to their home in Guilford after spending the Easter holidays in Atlantic City.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Friday 23 Apr 1954 p 26



**Crypt—sealed after entombment**

**CHARLES A. TRAGESER**

*(Attorney-at-Law)*

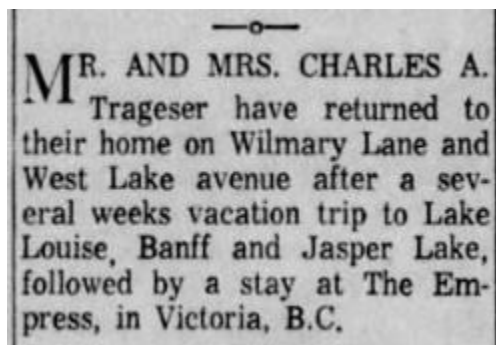
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Another endorsement for the mausoleum - "Baltimore Sun" Thursday 13 Oct 1955 p 11



"Baltimore Evening Sun" Friday 14 Aug 1964 p 17

Wife:

Mrs. Samuel T. Rhodes, of the Eastern Shore, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Cecilia Virginia Rhodes, to Mr. Charles A. Trageser, of Baltimore.

The wedding will take place late this month.

Engagement of Cecilia Virginia Rhodes to Charles Alphonse Trageser Jun 1939 – “Baltimore Sun”  
Sunday 23 Jun 1929 p 80

**TRAGESER** 7e  
On December 6, 1990,  
VIRGINIA RHODES TRA-  
GESER, beloved wife of  
the late Charles A. Tra-  
geser, survived by Robert  
H. and Charles R. Golds-  
boro Jr. Also survived by  
other nieces and neph-  
ews.

Mass of Christian Burial at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (Lady Chapel) on Friday, December, 7, at 9 A.M. Entombment in Lorraine Park Mausoleum. Arrangements by Henry W. Jenkins & Sons.

Obituary of Virginia Rhodes Trageser – “Baltimore Evening Sun” Sunday 7 Dec 1990 p 37

### **Teresa V. Rhodes**

Funeral services for Mrs. Teresa V. Rhodes, who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Goldsborough, 2923 St. Paul street, will be held at 10.30 A. M. tomorrow at the Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville.

The widow of Samuel T. Rhodes, Sr., of Centreville, she was 74 years old. The Rev. Francis Fisher will officiate at a requiem mass.

Surviving are five children, Mrs. Charles Trageser, Miss M. Gertrude Rhodes and Mrs. Goldsborough, of Baltimore; Samuel T. Rhodes, Jr., Centreville, and Mrs. Spencer T. Harrison, Mobile, Ala.

Obituary of Virginia's mother Teresa V. Rhodes, widow of Samuel T. Rhodes Sr. – "Baltimore Sun"  
Friday 12 Feb 1943 p 5



# See the Luncheon Tables

*After 10.30 Tomorrow*

SET BY

ARUNDEL CLUB (Garden Section) <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. David Fulton	LITTLE GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Maurice Skinner, Jr.
CATONSVILLE GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Hardy Gieske	MOUNT WASHINGTON GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Luttrell
CEDARCROFT GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Miss Edith Blackburn and Mrs. James Hayward	NORTHWOOD GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Harry L. Payne and Mrs. Thomas O'Rourke
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GREEN SPRING VALLEY GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Arthur Hall, Jr.	WOMAN'S CITY CLUB (Garden Section) <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Charles A. Trageser
HARFORD COUNTY GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Robert Lee Wilson	WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE (Garden Section) <i>Represented by</i> Miss Mildred Murdock
HOMELAND GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Louella Cleveland	WORTHINGTON VALLEY GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. Townsend Scott, Jr.
LAKE ROLAND GARDEN CLUB <i>Represented by</i> Mrs. C. Gordon Pitt	

HEAR THE TALK BY

Mrs. Perry T. Hawkins of The International Silver Co.

AT 2 O'CLOCK IN

*Hutzler's China Shop*

—Fifth Floor.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Tuesday 6 Nov 1934 p 9

By FRANCES YEARLEY HISS

**T**HE twentieth annual meeting of the Baltimore League of Women Voters will be held Tuesday at the Longfellow Hotel. Miss Catharine A. Latane, first vice-president of the league, will preside at the sessions as acting president, in place of Mrs. Harry Horstmyer, who has resigned her office, having moved to Arlington, Va.

The meeting will open at 10.30 A. M., with a business session which will be followed by a report of the past year's work by Miss Latane. Mrs. Harold Williamson, president of the Maryland League, will explain the National League program in a talk entitled, "The Relation Between the National, State and Local Leagues."

The six chairmen of the various departments of the Baltimore league will present their programs for the coming year and their talks will be followed by general discussions and adoptions. The chairmen are Mrs. Alan P. Hoblitzell, foreign policy; Mrs. O. Dale Hendrickson, government and its operation; Mrs. Johannes Mattern, economic welfare; Mrs. Louis Silverman, child welfare; Mrs. W. Kenneth Erdman, education, and Miss Marguerite L. Riegel, the legal status of women.

Luncheon will be served at 12.30 P. M., and the guest speaker will be D. Benton Biser, director of the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Inc. Mr. Biser will address the meeting on "Toward Greater Efficiency and Economy in the Baltimore Municipal Government."

Officers of the club in addition to Miss Latane are Mrs. Lewis J. Rosen-

thal, second vice-president; Mrs. Thomas J. S. Waxter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles A. Trageser, recording secretary, and Mrs. Ernst Feise, treasurer.

Recording secretary of the League of Women Voters – "Baltimore Sun" Sunday 7 Jan 1940 p 65

### Hospital Board To Meet

The Women's Board of St. Joseph's Hospital will hold their regular monthly meeting next Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Nurses' Home, Oliver and Eden streets. Mrs. Charles A. Trageser is secretary and Mrs. A. H. Carpenter is president.

Secretary on the Women's Board of St. Joseph's Hospital – "Baltimore Evening Sun" Friday 6 Feb 1942 p 48

**S**EEN here and there around the town:

At the spring luncheon of the Women's Civic League, Mrs. R. Harris Cooper wore a print frock in several shades of green, a moss green toque veiled in a lighter tone and a mink stole.

Mrs. Reginald M. Smith chose for the occasion a white hat and navy wool frock piped in red and trimmed with crisp white piqué collar and cuffs. A pearl choker, matching earrings and furs were chic accessories.

**M**RS. GIDEON N. STIEFF had on a small red straw with her gray tweed suit and soft gray blouse. Mrs. Philander B. Briscoe's becoming pink hat, banded in a darker shade and trimmed with a single rose, added a gay touch of color to her navy outfit.

Mrs. Charles A. Trageser wore navy, too, a smart tailed, trimmed with white piqué and a navy straw ornamented with two large pearl pins.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Friday 10 Apr 1953 p 20

## Alumnae Unit Committee Meets

Mrs. Charles A. Trageser, general chairman for the annual benefit of the Maryland Chapter, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, was hostess at a committee meeting held yesterday at the Baltimore Country Club.

Mrs. Trageser was assisted by Mrs. John J. Erwin, cochairman and Mrs. Byron Risley, assistant chairman. Other chairmen attending the meeting were Marie Pinning, Angela Henry, Eugenia Kelly, Mary Winters, Mrs. C. Zodac Parks, Mrs. Florence Stewart, Dorothy Murk and Janet Plunkett.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Friday 30 Dec 1955 p 12

## Catholic Alumnae Set St. Patrick's Benefit

Shamrocks will be growing at the Cadoa, 118 West Franklin street, Saturday evening when the Maryland chapter, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, holds its annual benefit for the Sisters Scholarship Fund.

Many a guest will be "wearin' o' the green" for the yearly fashion show, card party and dance to augment the fund financing



MRS. CHARLES A. TRAGESER

graduate study for the teaching sisters of the archdiocese of Baltimore, always held on St. Patrick's night.

Chairman of the benefit is Mrs. Charles A. Trageser, with Mrs. John J. Erwin and Mrs. Byron Risley as cochairmen.

### Groups Participating

Members of 22 affiliated alumnae associations are participating in arrangements for the party.

These include graduates of Catholic high schools for girls, col-

leges and nursing schools throughout the State who are members of the Maryland chapter. Governor of the chapter is Miss Margaret E. Kramer.

Mrs. P. Beacham Stanton will be the accompanist for the showing of spring and summer fashions, planned by Mrs. Risley.

Miss Marie Pinning has charge of arrangements; Miss Mary Winters, door prizes; Mrs. Donald Kuhlman, patrons; Mrs. Thomas Van Metre, Jr., table prizes, and Mrs. Edgar A. Mueller, sponsors.

### Appropriate Touch

Appropriately enough, a Kelly has charge of the decorations—Miss Eugenia Kelly, president of the Mount de Sales Alumnae Association. Mrs. C. Edwin Newark is chairman of refreshments; Mrs. Florence W. Stewart, information, and Mrs. Thomas G. Brennan, program.

Models for the fashion show, beginning promptly at 8 P.M., will include Mrs. Vincent Bagli, Mrs. Herbert Levickas, Miss Ann Bacon, Mrs. Dorothea Schaub, Mrs. John Fetting, Jr., Miss Veronica Leyko and Mrs. Glenn Damstra.

Dancing to the music of Hayes Russell and his orchestra will follow the style show. Mrs. Z. T. Parks 3d, is dance chairman.

### Others In Charge

Others heading committees are Mrs. Donald Thurlow, Mrs. John Schleupner, Mrs. Robert Schultenes, Mrs. Roman Steiner, Miss Angela Henry, Miss Rita Kramer, Mrs. David P. Bendann, Miss Anne Barlage, Mrs. Albert Rudigier, Mrs. George Osenburg and Miss Rose Sperzel.

Mrs. Charles R. Rouse, past governor of the chapter, heads the hostesses for the party. Miss Dorothy Murk is ticket chairman and Miss Margaret Weigman, treasurer.



Virginia Rhodes Trageser at left – “Baltimore Evening Sun” Wednesday 24 Sep 1958 p 36

## Mrs. Trageser Heads Md. Catholic Alumnae

Mrs. Charles A. Trageser has been installed as governor of the Maryland Chapter, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. She succeeds Miss Margaret E. Kramer.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Roman Steiner, vice governor; Miss Bernadette Judge, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Brennan, corresponding secretary, and Miss Mildred S. Cassidy, treasurer. The Rev. Martin J. Gamber is moderator and the Rev. Joseph B. McAllister is director of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.

"Baltimore Evening Sun" Wednesday 5 Nov 1958 p 38





Mrs. B. Dorsey Boyle, left, is serving as general chairman of the St. Patrick's Day party, sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, Maryland Chapter, which will feature a fashion show, and Mrs. Charles A. Trageser is governor of the sponsoring organization.

Virginia Rhodes Trageser supposedly at right but believe caption reverses the two women –  
“Baltimore Evening Sun” Wednesday 9 Mar 1960 p 30



Sunpapers photo—Paul Hutchins

Mrs. Charles A. Trageser walks with Mrs. Walter James, while they talk over plans for annual luncheon, fashion show and

card party to be held at noon Tuesday at Tail of the Fox for benefit of the English Speaking Union Educational Programs.

"Baltimore Sun" Sunday 4 Oct 1970 p 119

## *Samuel T. Rhodes, 70, Dies At His Centreville Home*

**Retired Agriculturist Once Was  
One Of Leading Eastern  
Shore Farmers.**

Samuel T. Rhodes, 70, retired agriculturist of Queen Anne's county, died yesterday at his home in Centreville. Born in Talbot county, a son of the late John Rhodes, Mr. Rhodes was for many years one of the leading farmers of the Eastern Shore.

He is survived by his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Charles R. Goldsborough, Miss M. Gertrude Rhodes and Miss Virginia Rhodes, of Baltimore; Mrs. Spencer T. Harrison, of Philadelphia, and a son, Samuel T. Rhodes, Jr., of Centreville. He also is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10.30 A. M. Thursday at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Centreville. Burial will be in Chesterfield Cemetery.

Obituary of Virginia Rhodes Trageser's father Samuel Thomas Rhodes – "Baltimore Sun" Monday 23 Feb 1925 p 10

Sibling:

## Paul A. Trageser, PBNE Official, Dies, Aged 61

Paul A. Trageser, 61, 1728 Sycamore St., Bethlehem, vice president of the Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad for the past 12 years, died in St. Luke's Hospital Sunday afternoon several hours after admission. He had been ill several weeks.

Born Aug. 9, 1891 in Baltimore, he moved to Bethlehem in 1915, when he became associated with Bethlehem Steel Co., remaining with the firm until he assumed his post as vice president of the railroad.

A member of Central Moravian Church, Trageser was a member of the Bethlehem Club and the Saucon Valley Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Irene (Haulenbeek) Trageser, and a daughter, Mrs. G. Massey Comegys, both of Bethlehem; and two sons, Charles A., Hamburg, N. Y., and David A., Weyland, Mass.

Obituary of brother Paul Adam Trageser – "Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Monday 23 Feb 1953 p 3

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### CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b> a. COUNTY <b>Lahigh</b> b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL or BOROUGH and give township) <b>Fountain Hill</b> c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) <b>1 day</b> d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>St. Luke's</b>		<b>2. USUAL RESIDENCE</b> (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission). a. STATE <b>Pa</b> b. COUNTY <b>North</b> c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <b>Bethlehem</b> <b>48021</b> d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>1728 Sycamore</b>	
<b>3. NAME OF DECEASED</b> a. (First) <b>Paul</b> b. (Middle) <b>A.</b> c. (Last) <b>Trageser</b> (Type or Print)		<b>4. DATE OF DEATH</b> (Month) (Day) (Year) <b>2 - 22 - 53</b>	
<b>5. SEX</b> <b>Male</b>	<b>6. COLOR OR RACE</b> <b>White</b>	<b>7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED</b> <b>Married</b>	<b>8. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <b>Aug. 9, 1891</b>
<b>10a. USUAL OCCUPATION</b> (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Executive</b>		<b>10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY</b> <b>Beth. Steel Co.</b>	
<b>11. BIRTHPLACE</b> (Also give State or foreign country) <b>Baltimore, Md.</b>		<b>12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?</b> <b>U.S.A.</b>	
<b>13. FATHER'S NAME</b> <b>Alphonse J. Trageser</b>		<b>14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</b> <b>Margaret Cunningham</b>	
<b>15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES?</b> (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b>		<b>16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.</b> <b>420-1</b>	
<b>17. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE</b> <b>Irene H. Trageser</b>		<b>ADDRESS</b> <b>1728 Sycamore St., Beth.</b>	
<b>18. CAUSE OF DEATH</b> Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.			
<b>1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH*</b> <b>Acute Coronary Arteriosclerosis</b> <b>with heart failure</b>			
<b>2. ANTECEDENT CAUSES</b> Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. <b>Coronary Artery Disease &amp; Arteriosclerosis</b>			
<b>3. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS</b> Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <b>H.T. 150 mm. &amp; Hypertension</b>			
<b>19a. DATE OF OPERATION</b>		<b>19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION</b>	
<b>20. AUTOPSY?</b> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE</b> (Specify)	
<b>21b. PLACE OF INJURY</b> (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)		<b>21c. (CITY, TOWN AND TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)</b>	
<b>21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) OF INJURY</b>		<b>21e. INJURY OCCURRED</b> While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?</b>		<b>22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from</b> <b>1/10/53</b> <b>to</b> <b>2-22-53</b> <b>that I last saw the deceased alive on</b> <b>2-22-53</b> <b>and that death occurred at</b> <b>2:50 p.m. E.S.T.</b> <b>from the causes and on the date stated above.</b>	
<b>23a. SIGNATURE</b> <b>Irene H. Trageser</b>		<b>23b. ADDRESS</b> <b>Bethlehem, Pa.</b>	
<b>23c. DATE SIGNED</b> <b>2/23/53</b>		<b>24a. BURIAL CREMA- TION, REMOVAL</b> (Specify) <b>Burial</b>	
<b>24b. DATE</b> <b>Feb. 25, 1953</b>		<b>24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY</b> <b>NISKY HILL CEM.</b>	
<b>24d. LOCATION</b> (Town, township and county) (State) <b>Bethlehem, Pa., Northampton</b>		<b>25. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR</b> <b>Carl A. Zuehlke</b>	
<b>DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG.</b> <b>2-23-53</b>		<b>ADDRESS</b> <b>1728 Sycamore St., Beth.</b>	

PA death record of brother Paul Adam Trageser -

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**TRAGESER-HAULENBEEK.**—Paul A. Trageser, 21, 718 Kenwood avenue; Irene Haulenbeek, 29.

Marriage license – misspelling Trageser – “Baltimore Sun” Tuesday 10 Jun 1913 p 4



### ***Trageser—Haulenbeek***

Miss Irene Haulenbeek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haulenbeek, was married Tuesday afternoon to Paul Adam Trageser at her father's home, 315 East Twenty-fourth street. Rev. Henry A. Griesemer, pastor of Franklin Square Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

The parlors of the home were beautifully decorated. The bride was attired in a gown of pale blue chiffon and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and sweetpeas. She is a graduate of the Western High School.

The following out-of-town guests were present: William S. Hall, Miss Mary Talley, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Sailer and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Plumb, all of Washington; Mrs. Emily Connett and Miss Mary Wilson, of Newark, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Schoolman and Mrs. Frank Morse, of Germantown, Pa.

Marriage of Paul Adam Trageser & Irene Haulenbeek on 10 Jun 1913 – "Baltimore Sun" Sunday 15 Jun 1913 p 25



308 Broxton Rd., Baltimore MD - <https://www.redfin.com/MD/Baltimore/308-Broxton-Rd-21212/home/11152098>





32 Charlcote Place, Baltimore MD - <https://www.redfin.com/MD/Baltimore/32-Charlcote-Pl-21218/home/11209681>

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Charles Alphonse Trageser**

Name variations: middle name found spelled Alphonse, Alphons, Alphonius – Veterans Administration Master Index reports it as Alphonse

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. HQ (1938 NTSA, 6th & 16th Battalions) - sergeant

Serial number: 250,232

Entered service from: Baltimore, Baltimore City MD

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Charles A. Trageser

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Alphonse J. Trageser, 718 N. Kenwood Ave., Baltimore MD

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Sep 1918

Sailed on return ship as: Charles Trageser

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: , list does not include NOK info (sgt, 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Charles Alphonse Trageser - b. 16 Apr 1896 Baltimore MD; res: 718 N. Kenwood, Baltimore MD. Single. Stenographer, B&O Railroad Co., Camden Station. Short in height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 422 Equitable Bldg., Baltimore MD (listed as Charles E. Trageser)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Charles Alphons Trageser - b. 16 Apr 1896 Baltimore MD; res: 308 Broxton Rd., Baltimore City, Baltimore City MD. This address is crossed through & a note added, dated 8 Jul 1944, that address is now 32 Charlotte [Charlacote] Place, Baltimore City MD. NOK wife Virginia R. Trageser, same address. Employed by self, 422 Equitable Building, Baltimore City MD. "scar on abdomen – removal of gall bladder. Tatoo on left forearm." { Height: 5'5" – 148 lbs. Dated 26 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index: lists middle name as Alphonse

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 7 Jan 1919

Address: 2244 Cecil Ave., Baltimore MD

Rank/unit: sergeant, HQ, 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 16 Apr 1896 Baltimore MD

Died: 16 Oct 1978 Baltimore MD

Find A Grave record: 251557670 - record created 1 Apr 2023 - burial information from obituary in the "Baltimore Evening Sun" 18 Oct 1978 p 37 & advertisement endorsement for entombment there made by Charles – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Woodlawn, Baltimore Co. MD

Cemetery: Lorraine Park

Tombstone:

Father: Alphons John Trageser, 13 Jun 1868 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 19 Jun 1944 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD. Son of Johann Adam Trageser & Ann Margaret Thalheimer. Buried in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore, Baltimore City MD.

Find A Grave: 121283850

Mother: Margaret S. Kennedy Tragaser, 5 Feb 1870 Baltimore, Baltimore MD – 27 Sep 1923 Baltimore, Baltimore MD. Buired in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Baltimore, Baltimore City MD.

Find A Grave: 121283851

Parents' marriage: 1891 Baltimore

Spouse: Virginia Rhodes Trageser, 2 Jul 1903 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 6 Dec 1990 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD. When her mother announces her engagement, Virginia's name is listed as Cecilia Virginia Rhodes.

She is the daughter of Samuel Thomas Rhodes Sr. (1854-1925, F: 172430358) & Teresa V. Boyle (1868-1943, F: 172430359).

Buried in Lorraine Park Cemetery, Woodlawn, Baltimore Co. MD.

Spouse Find A Grave: 240258560

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Paul Adam Trageser, 9 Aug 1891 Baltimore, Baltimore MD – 22 Feb 1953 Fountain Hill, Lehigh PA. Married 10 Jun 1913 to Irene Haulenbeek (1881-1983, FP: 58902706), the daughter of George Washington Haulenbeek & Susan B. Conover, at her father's home in Baltimore MD in a Baptist ceremony. Paul & Irene had 1 daughter & 2 sons. He moved to Bethlehem, Northampton PA in 1915 & became associated with Bethlehem Steel Co. & was eventually named vice president of the Philadelphia, Bethlehem & New England Railroad. Paul is buried in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem, Northampton PA. F: 58902699

Notes:

The Tuscania sunk on the 48<sup>th</sup> birthday of his mother, Margaret Kennedy Trageser.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Baltimore Sun" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 - enlisted Oct 1917, trained at Camp American University DC, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse J. Trageser

"Baltimore Evening Sun" 8 Feb 1918 p. 20 - photo (caption spells name Trageser) - in story listed as Charles A. Pragesser, former Polytechnic boy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Pragesser, 18 N. Kenwood Ave., formerly stenographer at B & O Railroad.

"Baltimore Sun" 11 Feb 1918 p 12 - cabled safe to father A.J. Trageser, 718 N. Kenwood Ave., - same  
12 Mar 1918 p 16 - wrote parents 7 Feb from Belfast, to 718 Kenwood, treated royally by Irish, had cabled "Safe, well", was a stenographer for Baltimore & Ohio RR

"Baltimore Sun" 19 Aug 1918 p 6 - was stenographer in office of J.M. Davis, v.p. B&O RR, letter to George W. Haulenbeck in Baltimore, have 3 lumber mills that only stop Sat. afternoons & Sundays, cut 3 million ft of pine lumber into RR ties in July, RRs built hourly, hospitals & barracks built daily, fighting forest fires past 3 weeks. He assumes RR agents now mostly women with some older men, in France almost all station agents are women, vigor, energy, strength, just got "another sweet picture of Susan Anne Trageser, he knows Susan & George enjoy their Saturdays together, 1 man tacked up photo of his little one at home & 200 more photos of little ones were put up

"Baltimore Evening Sun" 21 Sep 1918 p 12 - survived Tuscania & 6 months in France, age 22, returned to parents' home (Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Trageser, 718 N. Kenwood) for 10-day furlough ("delay"), then to Camp Humphries as an instructor, was with 10 others in cabin playing cards when torpedoed, felt shock, lights out, only saved a card & 5 pennies, no disorder or panic

"York (PA) Daily Record" 27 Sep 1918 p 1 - Tuscania survivor visited uncle & aunt Mr. & Mrs. William F. Trageser, 49 E., Cottage Pl., York, member of famous 20th Engrs., rescued by U.S. [error] destroyer 1.5 hours after torpedo

Post-war:

There are hundreds of articles in Baltimore MD newspapers in his role as an attorney.

Obituary:

"Baltimore Evening Sun" 18 Oct 1978 p 37, survived by wife Virginia R., funeral 19 Oct, burial Lorraine Park Mausoleum

Social Security number: 213-20-5177

Censuses:

1900 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 1629 Washington St.

Alfonso J. Trageser, 31 MD, Jun 1868, parents b. Germany, married 9 years, wood turner  
Margaret, 28 MD, Feb 1872, parents b. Ireland, number of children born left blank, 2 are living

Paul A., 8 MD, Aug 1891

Charles A., 4 MD, Apr 1896

1910 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – N. Washington St.

Alphonse D. Trageser, 42 MD, parents b. Germany, married 19 years, cabinet maker, general

Margaret S., 38 MD, father b. Ireland, mother b. Scotland, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Paul A., 18 MD, stenographer, railroad

Charles A., 13 M

1920 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – N. Kenwood Ave.

Alfonse J. Trageser, 51 MD, father b. Germany, mother b. Holland, wood worker, [unreadable word], factory

Margaret S., 50 MD, father b. Ireland, mother b. Scotland

Charles A., 23 MD, single, stenographer, [unreadable word] company

1930 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 308 Broxton Rd.

Charles A. Trageser, 34 MD, parents b. MD, age 33 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, lawyer, law, WWI veteran

Virginia B., 27 MD, parents b. MD

1940 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 308 Broxton Rd. – same house in 1935

Charles A. Trageser, 44 MD, attorney, CPA, private & public

Virginia, 37 MD

1950 Baltimore, Baltimore City MD – 32 Charlcote Place

Charles A. Trageser, 53 MD, lawyer, CPA

Virginia R., 46 MD