

One of the Spooner (WI) boys Voyer, Peter Joseph 1895 WI – 1972 MN



Photograph from Spooner (WI) Advocate, February 15, 1918, page 4



Peter's grave in Shell Lake Cemetery, veterans' section on west side of cemetery Photograph by Marilyn Gahm, 30 Aug 2016

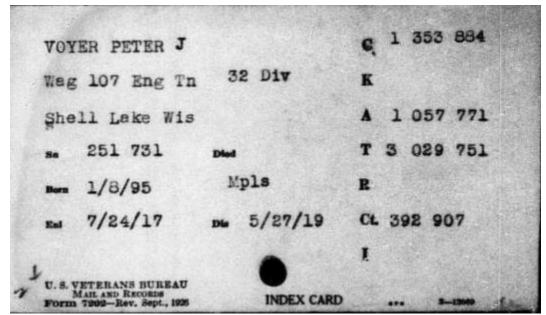


Peter's veteran tombstone in the Shell Lake Cemetery http://findagrave.com/cgibin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=voyer&GSfn=peter&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=51&GScntry=4&GSo b=n&GRid=68592111&df=all& FindAGrave Record #68592111



Veterans' section of Shell Lake Cemetery – Peter's grave to right of flower stand, with cross and flagpole to the rear (west). Photograph by Marilyn Gahm, August 30, 2016

The Shell Lake Cemetery is located north of County Highway B, in the northwest corner of its intersection with Highway "K," in Bashaw Township, Washburn Co. WI – just east of the city of Shell Lake, Washburn WI.. To locate Peter's grave, enter the cemetery from Highway "B" at the westernmost of the three roads. The veterans' section is on the left (west), marked by a flagpole with the American flag, and a concrete sidewalk. To the east of the flagpole is a white-painted concrete cross dedicated to Captain Walter G. Hoar. Peter's grave is in the third row from the cross, second grave, on the north side of the sidewalk.



Peter's stone lists him as a wagoner, 107th Engineers, 32nd Division. He is buried next to his wife, Mabel Hanson Voyer.

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Peter Joseph Voyer's World War II registration card, April 25, 1942. His next-of-kin is Mrs. Mabel Voyer; he is self-employed in Shell Lakie. His height is 5 feet, 10-1/2 inches, and he weighs 190 pounds. Peter has brown eyes, brown hair and dark skin.

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS-MAYBE HIS NAME IS HERE!

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Wife:



Mabel Ida Caroline Hanson Voyer – Find A Grave 68592110 Spooner (WI) Advocate 9 Dec 1943 - Mabel Voyer contributed 100 hours to make bandages for Red Cross use in WWII from Nov 1942 to Nov 1943.

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Marriage of daughter Patricia I. Voyer to Gordon Donald Johnson on 9 Oct 1943 in Shell Lake, Washburn WI - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-

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Patricia C. Johnson

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

Name	Patricia C. Johnson
Social Security Number	472-20-5343
Birth Date	6 Mar 1925
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Minnesota
Last Residence	54836, Foxboro, Douglas, Wisconsin
Death Date	26 Nov 2008

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Birth of daughter Nancy Lou Voyer – "Minneapolis Star" Thurday 25 Sep 1930 p 15

Nancy Lou Voyer

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Birth Index, 1900-1934

Name	Nancy Lou Voyer
Birth Date	17 Sep 1930
Birth Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Father's Surname	Voyer
Mother's Maiden Name	Hanson
Certificate Number	1930-39324
URL	http://people.mnhs.org/bci/Results.cfm ?CERTID=1930-39324

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content/view/549345:9196?tid=&pid=&queryId=1ba8e7384c1863f120451f60a5b5c8b1&_phsrc=h

Name	Nancy Smyth
Social Security Number	396-26-1738
Birth Date	17 Sep 1930
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	55110, Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota, USA
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Siblings:

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MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Theophil Valentine Metkowski, 190 E. 10th st; Lorraine Merzenich, 624 E. Cook st. Roy Edward Dolan, 1550 Simpson av; Alta Pugh Valentine, 77 N. Milton st. Herman Robert Droher, 257 W. Page st; Loretta Bertha Steichen, 998 Otto av. Timothy Lee Barge, St. Louis, Mo .; Juanita Simmons, 459 Carroll av. Vernon Fredrick Evers. Wadena. Minn.; Dorothy Barbara Hartman, 1019 Galtier st. Anthony Podgorski, 765 Cook st; Josephine Mary Huerth, 756 Hawthorne st. Maurice W. Harvieux, 935 Sims av; Betty Mae Clark, 1528 Breda st. Halsey Howard Bennett, 876 Duluth av; Betty Mae St. Aubin, 534 Capitol blvd. Raymond Harlett Petschel, 1066 Farrington av: Lorraine Dorothy Schauer, 53 W. Geranium st.

Marriage license application of Josephine Mary Voyer Huerth to Anthony Podgorski – "Minneapolis Star Tribune Tuesday 23 Oct 1945 p 4

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

Name	Rose Ehlers
Death Age	80
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	22 Oct 1896
Death Date	4 Sep 1977
Death Place	Nobles, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1977
Mother's Maiden Name	Debourd
Certificate Number	022149
Record Number	2687062

MN death record of sister Rosanna/Rose Voyer Ehlers (1896-1977) -

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content/view/637132:7316?tid=155275214&pid=122449541924&queryId=30de8c957cbb5df1f668 718eeb35d63f&_phsrc=hFB65512&_phstart=successSource

WEB: Minnesota, Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage	
System, 1850-2019	

View record

Name	Marie Voyer
Marriage Date	21 Jul 1928
Marriage Place	St. Louis, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Herbert P Nieman
Certificate Number	193-214

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Marie Leo Voyer

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

Name	Marie Leo Voyer [Marie Lea Voyer]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	10 Aug 1898
Birth Place	Basha, Washburn County, Wisconsin
Father	George Voyer
Mother	Louis Tunbord
FHL Film Number	1306422

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> Marie Wells in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Source citation for Wisconsin, Birth Index, 1820-1907

Name	Marie Wells
Gender	Female
Birth Date	10 Aug 1898
Death Date	May 1977
Claim Date	11 Oct 1961
SSN	391263811

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Obituary of sister Melina Voyer Harum (1900-1971) – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Monday 4 Jan 1971 p 25

Minnesota, Death Index,	1908-2002
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Name	Melina Harum
Death Age	70
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	4 Jun 1900
Death Date	1 Jan 1971
Death Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1971
Mother's Maiden Name	Guibord
Certificate Number	000481
Record Number	1799058

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Brother Frank Xavier Voyer (1904-1967) – Find A Grave 3941911

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OR death record of Frank Xavier Voyer - <u>https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-</u> content/view/215109:61675?tid=68301446&pid=122223163674&queryId=9c05fbb8fa9133511d81 46cbee97ba3a&_phsrc=hFB65533&_phstart=successSource

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WII draft registration of brother Edward Isaiac/Isaac Voyer (1907-1991) https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-

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Name	Edward Isaac Voyer
Death Age	83
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	14 Aug 1907
Death Date	15 May 1991
Death Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1991
Mother's Maiden Name	Guibord
Certificate Number	012397
Record Number	2388974

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Vosmek, Alice Louise age 99 of Shorewood, MN, passed on April 29, 2009. Born July 30, 1909 in Shell Lake, WI to George and Louise Voyer. Preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; four brothers and four sisters. Survived by son, Richard Vosmek and wife Ricia; grandsons, Mark and Tom Vosmek and their mother Twila Blackowiak; and three great-grandchildren. Alice was a volunteer at the MN Landscape Arboretum for over 20 years. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Tuesday, May 5th at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345 (952-935-1432). Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Shorewood, MN. Huber Funeral & Cremation Services Excelsior Chapel 952-474-9595 <u>www.huberfunerals.com</u> This obituary was originally published in the Star Tribune.

obituary of sister Alice Louise Voyer Vosmek (1909-2009) https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/alice-vosmek-obituary?pid=126904925



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Abbreviations: b = born d = died F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org) NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Peter Joseph Voyer

Name variations: Military: On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private Serial number: 251,731 Entered service from: Shell Lake, Washburn WI Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Peter Voyer Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. George Voyer, Shell Lake WI Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919 Sailed on return ship as: Peter Voyer Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Louise Voyer, Shell Lake WI (wagoner, 107th Engineer Train) World War I draft registration (1917): as Peter Voyer - b. 8 Jan 1895 Sarona WI; res: Shell Lake, Wasburn WI. Single. Common laborer, not employed now, will work for L. Bohn, Shell Lake WI. Tall & stout. National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Shell Lake WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors) World War II draft registration (1942): as Peter Joseph Voyer - b. 8 Jan 1895 Sarona WI; res: Shell Lake, Washburn WI. NOK Mrs. Mabel Voyer, same address. Self-employed, Shell Lake WI. Height: 5' 10 ½" – 190 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: Enlisted: 24 Jul 1917 Discharged: 27 May 1919 Address: Shell Lake WI Rank/unit: wagoner, 107th Engineers Train, 32nd Division

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Jan 1895 Sarona, Washburn WI Died: 11 May 1972 St. Paul, Ramsey MN Find A Grave record: 68592111 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower Burial location: Shell Lake, Washburn WI Cemetery: Shell Lake Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Wagr 107 Engrs 32 Div WWI

Father: George Voyer, May 1857 [1900 census) St. John Chrysostome, Quebec, Canada – ca. 1935 WI (?). Son of Francis Voyer & Julia Cantin. His birthplace on his WI marriage record is listed simply as "Stanford, Canada." The 1920 census birth information agrees with the 1857 date, but in 1930, his birth year computes to 1854.

In the 1910 census, he says he emigrated to the US in 1882. In the 1920 census, he says he emigrated to the US in 1880.

Still alive in the 1930 census in Shell Lake, Washburn WI - conducted 5 April 1930. Find A Grave:

Mother: Louise E. Guibord Voyer, 3 or 4 Apr 1872 Rice Lake, Barron WI or the Chippewa (Ojibwe) Native American reservation in Sawyer Co. (near Hayward) WI or perhaps in Cedar Lake township – 8 Dec 1961 St. Paul, Ramsey Co. MN.

Daughter of Toussaint Guibord & Eliza Nancy Elizaa Ke Ji Inini {Nazi Chi Inini], married 20 Nov 1871 Barron, Barron WI.

In the 1880 census, Louise (8 WI), lives in Cedar Lake township, Barron Co. WI with her parents. Louise was christened at Notre Dame Church on 7 May 1872 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa WI,

along with some of her siblings (Mary Emma, born 1869 & Joseph Ernest, born 1865).

In WI marriage records, "Elisabeth's" father is identified as "Gianini" and her mother as Ekwaiwoifen. Louise died in December 1961.

A listing of deaths in Ramsey Co. MN (headed St. Paul MN) "Minneapolis Star" 13 Dec 1961 says Louise died at age 89, a resident of 756 East Hawthorne Avenue.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 30 Dec 1889 Oak Grove, Barron WI. This is indexed as 1887 but since the marriage record was filed Jan 1890, an 1887 date seems unlikely.

Spouse: Mabel Ida Caroline Hanson, 31 Dec 1899 Johnson township, Polk Co. MN – 5 Dec 1965 Shell Lake, Washburn WI (in the Shell Lake Hospital). Only daughter of Ole Digerness Hanson (1858-1942) & Anna Mary/Marie Olson (1866-1959). Her obituary lists her name as "Mabel Carlina" Voyer. Died at age 66. Her early life was spent in the Gully area.

Buried in Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn WI.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 28 Sep 1923 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Children:

 Patricia Corrine Voyer Johnson, 6 Mar 1925 Hennepin Co. MN – 26 Nov 2008. SSN 472-20-5343. Wife of Gordon Donald Johnson at Salem Lutheran Church, in Shell Lake, Washburn WI on 8 Jan 1924 Barronett, Baron WI – 5 May 2005, F: 74733953. Resident of Superior, Douglas WI in May 1972 when her father died. Buried in Parkview Cemetery, Hawthorne, Douglas WI. F: 74734032

 Nancy Lou Voyer Smyth, 17 Sep 1930 Hennepin Co. MN – 21 Mar 1986 Ramsey Co. MN 1931 MN. Wife of Howard J. Smith (12 Feb 1931 St. Paul, Ramsey MN – 7 Apr 2010 Stillwater, Washington MN, F: 48909600). Mrs. Howard Smith was a resident of White Bear Lake, Ramsey MN in May 1972 when her father died. Buried in Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn WI. F: 68592096

Siblings: when Peter died in 1972, he was survived by 1 brother & 4 sisters

- George Joseph Voyer, 28 Jul 1891 Sarona, Washburn WI 9 Dec 1964 Ramsey Co. MN. In 1910, he was a laborer at a sawmill. When he registered for the WWI draft on 29 May 1917, he was a laborer at Virginia Rainy Lake Co., Virginia MN. George served as a private first class in the U.S. Army in WWI. In 27 Jun 1921 in Washburn Co. WA, George married Julienne Helen Hurly Voyer (16 Sep 1893 21 Jan 1986, F: 67255876). Buried in Section K, Site 2287, Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis MN, F: 67080808.
- Josephine Mary Voyer Huerth Podgorski, 3 Dec 1892 WI 3 Feb 1987 Ramsey Co. MN. SSN 471-07-8293. Josephine is a schoolteacher at the Johnecheck School in the fall term of 1912. This school, later renamed the LaFayette School, was located in the township of Long Lake (later Madge), Washburn Co. WI, 3 miles east of Sarona WI. Married William Huerth (1885-1965) on 17 Jun 1914 in Shell Lake, Washburn WI. In the 1940 St. Paul, Ramsey MN census, Josephine Huerth, 47 WI, divorced was a janitree, her 3 sons lived with her. Peter's obituary in the *Spooner Advocate* 18 May 1972, lists this surviving sister as Mrs. Josephine Podgorski of St. Paul MN., Minnesota. Wife of Anthony Podgorski (13 Oct 1892 20 Nov 1970, F: 3490470). She is buried in Plot N2981 with her husband in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, F: 3490472
- Rose K. (Rossanna/Rosana) Voyer Ehlers, 22 Oct 1896 [or 1897] WI 4 Sep 1977 Nobles Co. MN. SSN 477-58-5428. Her brother Peter's obituary in the *Spooner (WI) Advocate* 18 May 1972 lists this surviving sister as Mrs. Rose Ehliers [actually Ehlers] of Worthington MN. Rose Voyer married 23 Mar 1920 in Hennepin Co. MN to Albert John ("Hap") Ehlers (1896-1964, F: 170130433) in Worthington Memorial Gardens, Worthington, Nobles MN. F: 170130453
- Marie Leo/Mary/Marie Voyer Goodman/Barry Wells, 10 Aug 1898 Bashaw township, Washburn Co. WI [also found as Barron Co. WI] – May 1977. SSN 391-26-3811. Appears to have first married Harry Richmond Goodman (buried with the surname Barry) (1896 Wi – 1950 IL, F: 38975024). Their son was Harry Laverne Nieman, born 28 May 1919 & apparently listed as Marie's brother, Harry Voyer, age 8 months, in the 1920 census. – Married 21 Jul 1928 in St. Louis Co. MN to Herbert Paul Nieman (1890-1950). - Peter's obituary in the *Spooner Advocate* 18 May 1972 lists this surviving sister as Mrs. Marie Wells of Milwaukee WI. She is also listed in the obituary of her sister, Melina Voyer Harum, in Jan 1971.
- Melina ("Bob") Marie Voyer Kannon Harum, May 1900 WI Jan 1971 MN. Her nickname "Bob" is inscribed on her tombstone. – Melina Marie Voyer married on 12 Nov 1919 in Hennepin Co. MN to John Ralph Kannon. Married 30 Jan 1924 in Hennepin Co. MN to Oscar Benjamin Harum. The obituary for Melina Voyer Harum appears in the "Minneapolis Star" 4 Jan 1971, p 27. She dies at age 70 & was residing at 4104 Webster Avenue South, St. Louis Park MN with husband Oscar Benjamin ("Ben") Harum (1896-1973, F: 30044317). Surviving are her sisters Mrs. Marie Wells, Mrs. Josephine Podgorski, Mrs. Rose Ehlers and Mrs. Alice

Vosmek, plus brothers Peter and Edward Voyer. –She is interred in Resurrection Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin MN. F: 30044340.

- Frank Xavier (Frankie) Voyer, 8 Jul 1904 Sarona, Washburn WI 5 Oct 1967 Portland, Multnomah OR. SSN 559-16-6100. Never married. His veteran tombstone is inscribed "Wisconsin Sgt 565 Ord Das Co, WWII, Korean." Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 3941911
- Edward Isaiac/Isaac Voyer, 14 Aug 1907 Shell Lake, Wasburn WI 15 May 1991 Hennepin Co. MN. He served in the US Navy in WWII. When his brother Peter died in 1972, Edward was living in Los Angeles CA. Buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Shell Lake, Washburn WI. F: 168550601.
- Alice Louise Voyer Vosmek, 30 Jul 1909 Shell Lake, Washburn WI 29 Apr 2009 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. She was the widow of Stanley Vosmek. Peter's obituary in the *Spooner (WI) Advocate* 18 May 1972 lists this surviving sister as Mrs. Alice Vosnek instead of Vosmek, a resident of Excelsior MN. Alice's obituary in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* 2 May 2009 indicated she had been preceded in death by 4 brothers and 4 sisters. This notice may have missed some of her siblings. Her husband is buried with the name Stan Vosmek (F: 30138701). Buried in Resurrection Cemetery, Shorewood, Hennepin MN. F: Her husband is buried as Stan Vosmek (Find A Grave 30138701). The other side of his headstone has Alice's name & birth year of 1909; rest is blank.
- ? Laverne/Javerne Voyer, summer 1919 WI Male. Listed as 8 months old when the 1920 census was taken in Shell Lake, Washburn WI on 5 March 1920. Although labeled as the son of George & Louise, she was age 48 and a bit old for bearing children. Believe this is the son of Marie L. Voyer, Harry Laverne Voyer, b. 28 May 1919 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN [or WI?], died 12 Sep 1999 Hennepin Co. MN, who later used the surname of Marie's first husband, Herbert Paul Nieman.

Notes:

<u>Peter's maternal grandparents</u>, Toussaint and Eliza Guibord, had 12 children. Toussaint was the son of Pierre & Adelaide Guibord. Toussaint immigrated to the U.S. from Canada in 1857. He may be the Toussaint Guibord, age 13, born circa 1838, residing in St. Jacques, East Quebec, Leinster County in the 1851 Canada census. His birth year might be 1841.

When Louise's brother Ernest Guibord married Maggie Redmond Quarderen on 5 Jun 1901 in Barron Co. WI, both Ernest and Maggie are listed as "mixed white and Indian."

The first name of Peter's grandmother, Eliza, has been found as Nancy Eliza, Elisa, Liza, Elija & Elisabeth. Her surname has been found spelled Chinnex, Zeminie, Janinie, Guimer, Gianini, Cheninay, Ghinins, Shunny & Ke Je Inini. Eliza was supposedly born in 1845 & died 9 May 1932 (according to findagrave.com 107752055) and is maybe buried in Reserve, Sawyer Co. WIWisconsin.

Ancestry.com records list Eliza's father as Ke Ji Inini (1804-1895) and her mother as Na Wa Ke Migokwe (1808-1869). In the 1900 census, when the family is living in Cedar Lake township, Barron County, Wisconsin, Toussaint is identified by race as "white" while Eliza is identified as "Indian," born on the "Courtonilles Reservation," presumably a misspelling of the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation of the Ojibwe tribe. Prosper Guibord, Eliza's younger brother, is featured in the book *Wisconsin Chippewa Myths and Tales And Their Relation to Chippewa Life*, by Victor Barnouw (University of Wisconsin Press, 1977, Appendix B, pages 261-262, found at:

https://books.google.com/books?id=FZ6zlnlARBUC&pg=PA261&lpg=PA261&dq=prosper+guibord &source=bl&ots=tEXAO7xvU7&sig=-

<u>kNuJU3fGsRCr31tdoVklwyZdWs&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjY2aKf6fbQAhVorFQKHamSByMQ6A</u> <u>EIGjAA#v=onepage&q=prosper%20guibord&f=false</u>).

Prosper, who contributed three tales to the book, was interviewed in 1942 at age 67. Prosper, who was bilingual, served as an interpreter for author Barnouw and his three anthropology colleagues. Prosper said he had been born in Barron County WI about seven miles east of Rice Lake. His father Toussaint was a Frenchman who came down from Canada for logging and married an Indian girl. After she died in childbirth, he married another Indian girl, age 13. This would appear to be Eliza. Until Prosper, their fourth child, was age 12, the Guibord family lived in a cabin of hewn white oak logs (circa 1887), then his father built a frame house and became a farmer.

Toussaint & Eliza "Janinie" were married 20 Nov 1871 in Barron, Barron Co. WI. The marriage record lists Toussaint's parents as Pierre & Adelaide Guibord, while Eliza's parents are listed as John & Adel Janinie. Three of their children, including Louise, had already been born prior to this marriage date. In the 1900 census, the couple says they have been married 36 years (therefore, circa 1874). A second Wisconsin marriage record (or perhaps the recording of a marriage ceremony needed to comply with a legal requirement) gives a marriage date of January 23, 1904, between Toussaint Guibord (born in Quebec, son of Peter Guibord) and Eliza Shunny, a Chippewa Indian, born on the reservation, Sawyer County, Wisconsin. Eliza's father is listed as John Shunny and her mother as Newaquaning Cuocee Court D'Oervilles, with the "Courte Oreilles" presumably being the name of the reservation and not the final part of her mother's surname.

Toussaint Guibord supposedly died in 1915. He was alive at the time of the 1910 U.S. census, when, at age 71, born circa 1839, he was living with his nephew, Prosper Forrest, in Couderay (Sawyer County), where Forrest, a widower, was a saloonkeeper. Toussaint's status is "married."

Pre-war:

The *Spooner (WI) Register* of 4 May 1901 noted that George Voyer & family left the area Sunday to visit friends and relatives at Dobie WI.

"Spooner (WI) Register" 25 May 1901 reported Mrs. Voyer's two-day "shopping expedition" to Rice Lake, Barron WI.

"Spooner (WI) Register" 14 Sep 1901 - Sarona news column: "Geo. Voyer is doing his duty as a farmer, plowing."

Spooner (WI) Register of 19 Oct 1901 reports that George Voyer is working on road maintenance using his team. "He says there is a little more satisfaction in working on the road for \$8 a day than working on the section [the railroad] for \$1.25 per day."

Spooner (WI) Register, 2 Nov 1901 – George Voyer is recorded as purchasing another 40 acres of land.

Spooner (WI) Register of 4 Jan 1902 notes that George Voyer is hauling logs to the sawmill.

"Spooner (WI) Register" 2 May 1903 – George Voyer is "loading staves for Mrs. Turner."

Spooner (WI) Advocate of 23 Nov 1906 offers 16-inch maple wood for sale by George Voyer for \$1.75 a cord.

"Spooner (WI) Advocate" 11 Mar 1910 – George Voyer was paid \$6 for "team drawing wood" by the Washburn County WI Board of Supervisors.

Wartime:

<u>Draft registration</u> (FLM 1674998) on 5 Jun 1917: Peter Voyer, age 22, common laborer. Not currently employed but going to work for L. Bohn of Shell Lake. He has brown eyes & dark brown hair, is tall and of stout build. On his draft registration card, Peter answered "No sir" when asked if he wished to claim exemption from the draft. Peter registered for the draft on 5 Jun 1917, the national registration day, in the village of Shell Lake, Washburn WI, which was listed on the front page of the *Spooner (WI) Advocate*, 22 Jun 1917.

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Peter's World War I registration – June 5, 1917

Peter held Washburn County conscription number 623. In the draft number lottery held on July 20, 1917; this number ranked #1144. According to his Veterans Administration Military Index card, Peter enlisted July 24, 1917.

Peter was 23 years old the day the *Tuscania* sank. He sailed listed as "Peter Voyer," a private in the 107th Engineer Train, listing his mother, Mrs. George Voyer of Shell Lake WI, as his next-of-kin.

In *Tuscania* survivor & fellow Spoonerite Fred Taylor's letter to his mother written 29 Dec 918, Fred recounts how he & Peter Voyer, at the Second Battle of the Marne, ate a lunch of corned beef, sitting on a pile of lumber - surrounded by lots of dead German soldiers.

Again listed as Peter Voyer, he sailed home aboard *Haverford*, which left Brest, France, on 4 May 1919 & arrived in Philadelphia PA on 18 May 1919. A wagoner in the 107th Engineer Train, he recorded his mother, Mrs. Louise Voyer of Shell Lake WI, as his next-of-kin. His serial number was 251,731.

His Veterans Administration Military Index card indicates he was discharged 27 May 1919.

In Jan 1920, Peter Voyer is among the wagoners of the 32nd Division to be cited for his bravery in a Sep 1918 action. Peter, along with Ernest L. Bowman (the cousin of Peter's fellow *Tuscania* survivor Fred Taylor) & P.C. Rice, receive a citation for bravery for their work as wagoners in the Sep 1918 action at the Oise-Aisne Canal & Ailette River in rebuilding the destroyed Gourson Bridge, allowing the Allies to advance.

Post-war:

Lived in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, where he was married in 1928, until returning to Shell Lake, Washburn WI in 1931.

By the time of the 1930 census, Peter listed his occupation as bricklayer. His obituary states that he was a bricklayer by trade, and that he belonged to Bricklayer Union Local 19. He was also a member of the Francis Bergin-Paul Nieman American Legion Post No. 225 of Shell Lake, Washburn WI.

Obituary:

Besides his two daughters & sons-in-law, Peter was survived by six grandchildren, two greatgrandchildren, one brother and four sisters.

Peter Voyer died at age 77 in a nursing home in St. Paul, Ramsey MN. His funeral was held Monday, 14 May 1972, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shell Lake, Washburn WI, with Rev. Fr. Paul Boshold officiating. Military honors were accorded at his gravesite in the Shell Lake Cemetery by member of the American Legion Post of Shell Lake. His military service is listed on his tombstone.

Resources:

Obituary: *Spooner Advocate*, May 18, 1972, p. 8 "Peter Voyer Rites Held at Shell Lake" Wartime Photograph: *Spooner Advocate*, February 15, 1918, p. 4

Social Security number: 477-03-6103

Censuses:

Census Records:

1900 Shell Lake, Washburn WI – conducted 14 Jun 1900 George Voyer, 43 Canada (French), May 1857, parents b. Canada (French), emigrated 1882, I US for 18 years, papers, married 10 years, section hand Louise, 26 WI, Apr 1884, father b. Canada (French), mother b. Canada, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living [wife] George, 9 WI, Jul 1891 Josephine, 6 WI, Sep 1894 or 1895 Peter, 5 WI, Jan 1895 Rossanna, 2 WI, Jul 1897 Maary, 1 WI, Jun 1899 Baby girl, zero WI, May 1900 1905 WI state census – Shell Lake, Washburn WI George Voyer, 52 Canada, parents b. Canada, farmer Louise E., 30 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. WI George Jr., 13 WI Josephine, 12 WI Peter, 10 WI Rose, 9 WI Mary, 7 WI Millina, 5 WI Frank, 1 WI 1910 Shell Lake, Washburn WI - 8th Ave. - conducted 2 May 1910 - the entire entry is crossed-off with a big "X" George Voyer, 54 Canada (French), parents b. Canada, emigrated 1882, naturalized, in 1t marriage, married 22 years, farmer Louise, 38 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. WI, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living George, 18 WI, laborer, saw mill Josephine, 17 WI Peter, 15 WI Rosana, 13 WI Mary, 11 WI Melina, 9 WI Frankie, 5 WI

Edward, 2 WI Alice, 9 months WI

1920 Shell Lake, Washburn WI – 8th Avenue – conducted 5 Mar 1920 George, 63 Canada (French), parents b. Canada (French), emigrated 1880, naturalized 189-, section hand, railroad Louise, 48 WI, father b. Canada (French), mother b. WI George J., 28 WI, laborer, common Peter, 25 WI, laborer, work, common Rosana, 23 WI, servant, hotel Marie L., 21 WI, servant, hotel Frank E., 15 WI, billiard hall, clerk Edward I., 12 WI Alice L., 10 WI Laverne/Laverne, 8 months WI [labeled as son – but perhaps the son of Marie]

1930 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 5248 - 35th Ave. South Peter J. Voyer, 35 WI, father b. Canada (French), mother b. WI, age 28 at 1st marriage, bricklayer, contractor, not a veteran Mable, 30 MN, father b. IL, mother b. Norway Patricia, 5 MN

1940 Shell Lake, Washburn WI – in same house in 1935 Peter Voyer, 45 WI, bricklayer, building-construction Mabel, 40 MN Patricia, 15 MN Nancy Lou, 9 MN

1950 Shell Lake, Washburn WI Peter J. Voyer, 55 WI, mason, construction company Mable I., 50 MN