

Wichern, Fred Louis 1890 WI – 1979 CA

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WI birth record of Fred Louis Wichern - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/512762:61482?tid=18142263&pid=1077852251&queryld=59cde62443f192ded37f9e7692a93d00&_phsrc=hFB68666&_phstart=successSource

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Life:

The Misses Fern and Hazel and Master Fred Wichern f Barron, surprised their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs Matthias Wichern.

Skillet Creek news: "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Wednesday 23 Aug 1905 p 8

Misses Ferne and Hazel, and Fred Wichern of Barron, Wis., are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. C. L. Gibbons.

Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Wednesday 23 Aug 1905 p 2

Fred Wichern spent Washington's birthday at his home in Barron.

Miss Fern Wichern of Barron visited her brother Fred, the first of the week, and also inspected the College work. She may take a course later, but at present, is teaching school.

"Ladysmith (WI) News-Budget" Thursday 4 Mar 1909 p 8

Fred Wichern and his sister, Hazel of Barron are visiting relatives in and about Baraboo and have spent several days at the home of Wichern Brothers recently.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 2 Jul 1914 p 5

Mrs. Fred Wichern of Barron after making a few days visit with Wichern brother's family returned to Baraboo Monday morning and as she departed her son, Fred, Jr. came to remain at his uncle's home during the coming spring and summer.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 11 Mar 1915 p 5

Mrs. Louisa Wichern starts today on a trip to Barron. She will accompany Fred Wichern, her grandson, who goes to his parental home and vicinity on a hunting expedition.

Kirkwood news: "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 11 Nov 191 p 12

SKILLET CREEK FARMERS' CLUB IN BIG BANQUET

On Friday the members and friends of the Skillet Creek Farmers' club enjoyed the annual mid-winter banquet at the Wellington, about one hundred being present.

Excerpt:

Among those who registered were the following:

Wilbur Cowles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hengstler.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. McCready.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Templin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas.

Albert Wichern.

L. M. Wichern.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wichern.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Weidenkopf.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Marriott.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo S. Cobleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Erswell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Risley.

Fred L. Wichern.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Roser.

William Rodewald.

Article continues

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 3 Feb 1916 p 4

Fred Wichern is for a few days assisting his uncle, Carl Wichern, who lives east of the city.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 3 Feb 1916 p 8

the city bunday.

Miss Emma Wichern and nephew, Fred Wichern, spent Sunday with reltives and friends in the city visiting and attending church.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 17 Feb 1916 p 11

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Robert Hirschinger of Skillet Creek was the guest of his friend. Fred Wichers, on Sunday.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 16 Mar 1916 p 8

Mrs. Louisa Wichern and two daughters, Miss Emma and Mrs. Louie Armbruster, of the city and Fred Wichern were guests at the Carl Wichern home east of the city Sunday.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 13 Apr 1916 p 7

Hazel Wichern of Barron is visiting relatives. Sunday Albert Wichern took Bernice, Ernest, Hazel and Fred Wichern for an auto trip across country.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 22 Jun 1916 p 7

Fred Wichern of Barron and formerly of near Baraboo, is visiting relatives and friends about here this week, and at the same time taking in considerable of the Sauk County fair.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 28 Sep 1916 p 12

Fred Wichern, Jr., of Barron, who has been working in Iowa for some time past, has lately been calling on relatives and friends here and in Baraboo.

Kirkwood news: "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 12 Jul 1917 p 5

TUSCANIA DISASTER SURVIVORS

ADAM WISNIEWSKI, Milwaukee, AUGUST WOLF, Detroit, Mich. CHARLES P. WARD, Ann Arbor. Mich. ELMER S. WILLIAMS, Owen, Wis. RALPH WINKEL, Marion, Mich. WILLIAM G. WEBER, Bayfield, Wis. FRED LOUIS WICHERN, Barron, Wis. EARL D. WILDER, Coloma, Wis. MARTIN C. W. WINTER, Clintonville, Wis. THOMAS WEIR, Linden, Wis. ALLEN EDWARD WILLIAMS, Waukesha, Wis. ELMER WILLIAMS, Kenosha, Wis. RAYMOND K. WILMARTH, Chippewa Falls, Wis. THOMAS G. WELSTAD, Mattawan, N. J.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

Would Like to Come

Miss Bessie Gibbons, Baraboo, has received the following letter:

Dammartin, France, December 10, 1918.

Dear Cousin:

Will write a few lines to night. We

just got through supper.

Well, Bessie we are at peace over in this country. It seems queer, believe me, but guess it is true.

We were in the lines when the war

ended.

We met the 26 division on the Toul sector the last of March. We were there until the last of June when we went toward a rest camp about 200 miles away. When we got to Meaux, a little way east of Paris, we were called up on the Chateau Thierry front where the Germans were making a big drive on Paris, but the old 26 turned them the other way. From there we went to the St. Mihel front and started a drive there, captured ground that the Hun had held for four years. There is where we saw real no-man's land. Well, from there we went to the Verdun front and we were there until the last shot of this great war was fired.

We were moving toward the coast but have stopped now, but think we will sail for America about January 15, at least I hope so.

I have seen all of the beautiful France I care about. Take me home now, but you know we don't have anything to say about that.

How is every thing around there anyway? How is your mother now? I guess my girls are all getting married are the rest? I read in the papers that about 10,000 men are married over here but I am not in the bunch but may be if they keep me here much longer. Ha! Ha! Well will close.

As ever,
FRED L. WICHERN
101 Supply Train A. E. F
Motor Truck Co. F.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 30 Jan 1919 p 4

Father:

Fred Wichern, 76, who moved to Barron, Wis., from Baraboo 35 years ago, died Tuesday night at Barron. Funeral services will be held there Friday afternoon and burial will be there. Br. Wichern is survived by the widow, formerly Bertha Ryan, and two daughters and a son, Mrs. Claude Temblin, Barron, and Mrs. Emil Rost and Fred Wichern, Jr., both of Los Angeles, Calif. He also leaves five brothers and sisters, F. E. Wichern, Evansville, Carl and Louis Wichern, and Mrs. Anna Armbruster and Emma Wichern, all of Baraboo.

Obituary of Fred Wichern – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 2 Oct 1936 p 30 – on Find A Grave 127074630

Funeral of Natihias Wichern.

The funeral of Matthias Wichern, who passed away Thursday, occurred from the residence west of the city at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. The service was in charge of Rev. J. S. Crowder of the First Methodist church. Interment was in the Baraboo cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wichern of Barron, Wis., and Carl Wichern of Denver, Colorado, were present from away.

The pall bearers were Charles Randall, Lester, Randall, Adam Arnold, Leonard Roser, Henry Roser and John Paddock.

Death of his paternal grandfather, Matthias Wichern – "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 11

Mar 1909 p 5

SKILLET CREEK.

Mar. 8—The funerals of Norman North and Matthias Wichern were both largely attended. The community mourn the death of two such good citizens and neighbors.

Mr. and Miss Fred Wichern came from Barron to attend the funeral of their father. Mr. Wichern has been confined to his bed since his arrival, with a bad cold.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 11 Mar 1909 p 11

Mother:

Barron Woman Taken III While Visiting Here

Mrs. Bertha Ann Wichern, aged 82 years, passed away Saturday evening at 9:30 at St. Mary's-Ringling hospital where she was taken on Thursday, Mrs. Wichern is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fern Lillian Timlin of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. E. Rost of Glendale, Cal., and one son Fred L. of Baraboo, also by a sister, Mrs. Charles Gibbons, of Baraboo and sister-in-law, Miss Emma Wichern of Baraboo, whom she was visiting at the time she was taken ill. Her home was at Barron, Wis., and she had come here last Monday for a visit.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the McGann funeral home and the remains will be taken to Barron on Friday where burial will take place. Friends wishing to call may do so at the funeral home Wednesday afternoon or evening.

Mrs. Wichern Rites

BARABOO — Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Ann Wichern, 82, Barron, who died at a Baraboo hospital Saturday after she was taken ill while visiting relatives here, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the McGann funeral home. The body will be taken to Barron for burial Friday.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Fern Timlin, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. E. Rost, Glendale, Calif.; a son, Fred L. Wichern, Baraboo, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Gibbons, Baraboo.

Obituary of Bertha Ann Ryan Wichern – left: "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 15 Aug 1944 and right: "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 14 Aug 1944 p 1

Siblings:

Miss Fern Wichern of Barron visited her brother Fred, the first of the week, and also inspected the College work. She may take a course later, but at present, is teaching school.

"Business College notes": "Ladysmith (WI) News-Budget" Thursday 4 Mar 1909 p 8

Ferne L Wichern in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004			
Name	Ferne L Wichern		
Marriage Date	27 Nov 1912		
Marriage County	Barron, Wisconsin, USA		
Spouse	Claude W. Timblin		

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/91235942:61484?tid=18142263&pid=1077852251&queryld=59cde62443f19 2ded37f9e7692a93d00&_phsrc=hFB68668&_phstart=successSource

California, Death Index, 19	940-1997
Social Security # Gender Birth Date Birth Place Death Date	Female 5 Dec 1893 Wisconsin 17 Aug 1947 Los Angeles Ryan

Sister Hazel Wichern Rost (1893-1947) - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/169844186/person/182203010491/facts? phsrc=hFB68646& phstart=su ccessSource

Wichern-Rost

On Monday morning, June 19th, at 11:30 a very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wichern of Barron when their daughter Hazel E., was married to E. H. Rost of Roundup. Montana. Rev. Penn of the M. E. church officiating.

The bride was attired in a navy blue tricotine traveling suit and carried white roses. The bride and groom, unattended, descended the stairs to the strains of Lohengrins wedding march played on the piano by Miss Bessie Timblin. The double ring service was used.

The only out of town guests were Miss Bessie Gibbons of Baraboo, a cousin of the bride, and Fred L. Wichern of Minneapolis, the bride's only brother. The happy couple left on the two o'clock train for Minneapolis, where they will spend a short honeymoon. Later they will visit at the home of the groom's parents near Moorhead. Minnesota and from there will go to Roundup, Montana, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wichern were former resident of Baraboo.

Marriage of Hazel E. Wichern to Emil Howard Rost – "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 22 Jun 1922 p 6

Oldtime Titonkian Returns

Druggist and Mrs. W. J. Denton were taken by surprise Wednesday when a Wesley telephone call was received Fred L. Wichern, Los Angeles, whom they had not seen since 1922, Mr. Wichern was watchmaker and jeweler for Mr. Denton prior to the first World war. At that time he was a mem-

is of the Wisconsin national a guard, and was first to be called to the army from this community. Herbert Nelson, youngest brother of Henry Nelson, left with him to enlist in the guard, and together the boys traveled to overseas on the Tuscania, which was torpedoed. Henry and Fred to became separated at that time, and they saw each other only once afterwards in France, though they returned to Titonka together. Mr. Nelson is now living at Hopkins, Minn. Mr. Wichall ern will make an extended visit with the Dentons.

When Fred Wichern registers for the WWI draft on 5 Jun 1917, he lists his occupation as a watchmaker for William Denton in Garner IA. "Kossuth County Advance" (Algona IA) Tuesday 20 May 1941 p 14 https://www.newspapers.com/image/12070156/

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Fred Louis Wichern

Name variations: Louis on WI birth record – Lewis on WWI & WWII draft registrations – often found referred to as "Fred Jr." but he & his father had different middle names <u>Military:</u>

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - clerk

Serial number: 251,239

Entered service from: Barron, Barron WI Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Fred Louis Wichern

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father J.F. Wichern, Barron WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Fred Wichern

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John F. Wichern, Barron WI (cook, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Fred Lewis Wichern - b. 1 Jun 1890 Baraboo WI; res: Garner, Hancock IA. Single. Watch maker, William Denton, Tetonka IA. Claimed exemption from draft: "physical ailments." Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Fred Lewis Wichern - b. 1 Jun 1890 Baraboo WI; res: Cameron, Barron WI. NOK Mrs. G.F. Wichern, Barron WI. Employed by Otto Hol---, Cameron, Barron WI. Height: 5'5" – 153 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Jul 1917 Discharged: 26 Apr 1919

Address: 3825 Montclair St., Los Angeles CA Rank/unit: cook, 101st Supply Train, Co. F

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Jun 1890 Baraboo, Sauk WI

Died: 13 Jan 1979 Glendale, Los Angeles Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 85547402 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Glendale, Los Angeles

Cemetery: Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Glendale)

Tombstone: Find A Grave header uses Louis (asked to change 9 Dec 2018) - uses only

middle initial - "L." on tombstone - veteran flat: US Army WWI

Father: John Fred [or Frederic] Wichern, 29 May 1860 Freedom, Sauk WI – 29 Sep 1936 Barron, Barron WI. Son of Mathias/Matthias Wichern (1832-1909, F: 70423926) & Louise

Krayer (1832-1926, F: 70423925). Buried in Barron Cemetery, Barron, Barron WI.

Find A Grave: 127074630

Mother: Bertha Ann Ryan Wichern, Jun 1862 WI – 12 Aug 1944 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Buried in

Barron Cemetery, Barron, Barron WI.

Find A Grave: 127074656

Parents' marriage: ca. 1885 in Freedom, Sauk WI

Spouse: in 1950 census, reports he had "never married"

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Ferne Lillian Wichern Timblin, 25 Nov 1885 Baraboo, Sauk WI Dec 1967 Seattle, King WA.
 Resident of Seattle WA in Aug 1944 when her mother died. Wife of Claude Willis Timblin (1887-1978, F: 11841761). Buried in Barron Cemetery, Barron, Barron WI. F: 11841793
- Hazel E. Wichern Rost, 5 Dec 1893 WI 17 Aug 1947 Los Angeles Co. CA. Wife of Emil Howard Rost (1884-1944, F: 85501498) whom she married 27 Nov 1912 in Barron, Barron WI. Resident of Glendale CA in Aug 1944 when her mother died. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. F: 85501500

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Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 563-16-2207

Censuses:

1900 Barron township, Barron Co. WI

John F. Wichern, 40 WI, May 1860, parents b. Germany, married 15 years, farmer Bertha, 37 WI, June 1862, parents b. NH, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Ferne L., 14 WI, Nov 1885

Fred L., 10 WI, Jun 1890

Hazel E., 6 WI, Dec 1893

1905 WI state census - Barron, Barron IW

John F. Wichern, 45 WI, parents b. Germany, farmer

Bertha A., 42 WI, parents b. NH

Fern L., 19 WI

Fred L., 15 WI, farm laborer

Hazel E., 11 WI

Appears to be double-counted in the 1910 census

1910 Barron, Barron WI

John F. Wichern, 49 WI, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 25 years, own income

Bertha, 47 WI, parents b. NH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Fern L., 24 WI, teacher, country school

Fred L., 19 WI, laborer, farm

Hazel E., 16 WI, student, high school

& boarder Jennie Newman [indexed as Newsom], 30 MN, parents b. Scotland, widow, weaver, woolen mill

1910 Ward, Burke ND

Fred Wichern, 19 WI, parents b. WI, hired man, farm laborer for:

Harry & Katy Menges/Mangas

1920 Minnetonka, Hennepin MN – line 2

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/77903592:6061

Fred Wichern, 28 WI, parents b. US, single, jeweler, firm, boarder with:

William & Eleanor Kowalsky

1930 Glendale, Los Angeles CA – living with married sister Hazel Wichern Rost – very faint text

Found at: https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GR4Z-6MB?i=11&cc=1810731&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXCFG-WQP

Emil H. Rost, 46 MN, parents bn. Norway, age 38 at 1st marriage, accountant, oil firm Hazel W. Rost, 36 WI, parents b. WI, age 28 at 1st marriage [wife] Robert W. Rost, 5 MN [son] Howard W. Rost, 2 CA [son] Fred L. Wichern, 39 WI, parents b. WI, single, occupation left blank [brother-in-law] [indexed as WICHIEN]

1940 cannot locate

1950 Billings, Yellowstone MT – line 16 Fred Louis Wichern, 59 WI, never married, clock-watch repairman, jewelry store Lodger with Harold A. Miller (assistant manager, hotel rooms) & Ada Miller (proprietor/manager hotel rooms)