TUSCANIA

Zeller, Hugh Edwin 1900 OH – 1968 CA



Hugh Edwin Zeller – left: "Dayton (OH) Daily News" 10 Feb 1918 p 13 and right: 'Dayton (OH) Herald" 12 Feb 1918 p 2



Transport Tuscenia and coast of Ireland, of Illustrations. The picture from which this showing Larne and Buncrana, ports where illustration of Mr. Zeller was taken, was made by the Sunday News photographer just after high Zeller is also shown in this group Mr. Zeller's discharge from Camp Sherman.

Hugh Edwin Zeller – "Dayton (OH) Daily News" 5 Jan 1919 p 20



Hugh Edwin Zeller - 4 Feb 1934 p 6

Ohio, Roster of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in World War I, 1917-1918

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U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938 for Hugh Zeller

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Hugh Edwin Zeller, 67, wh	
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Portland, Ore. Mr. Zeller was a native of	of I
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Roy W. Zeller, Kalamazoo, Mich	

Obituary of Hugh Edwin Zeller – "Napa (CA) Valley Register" Wednesday 10 Jul 1968 p 15

OHIOANS ON

THE TUSCANIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Ohioans known to have been on the transport Tuscania, include the following:

Ed G. Doll, Two Hundred and Thirteeth Aero Squadron; G. W. Doll, father, 1106 Wellman street, Massillon. Hugh Zeller, Two Hundred and Thirteenth Aero Squadron; Mrs. Catherine Zeller, mother, 728 East First street, Delaware.

Kenneth B. Martin, One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Aera Squadron; Mrs. Maggie Martin, mother, West Unity

Frank A. Broz, Company E, Twentieth Engineers; Mrs. Marie Broz, mother, Cleveland.

C. W. Richard, Company D, Twentieth, Engineers, Newark.

Dan D. Casement, captain, unas-

signed. Painesville.

Stanley Augsburger, private, Twentieth Engineers, Dayton.

Wilbur S. Nutt, private, Spring Valley.

James H. O'Leary, private, Crest-

Clell H. Cox, private, Columbus.

The first list of survivors made public by the war department, contains the name of Frank A. Broz, of Cleveland, and James T. Moss, of Corey, Ind. The fate of the others is not known.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 9

SOLDIER WHO WAS ON TORPEDOED LINER



Hugh Zeller, the 17-year-old Dayton lad whose photograph appears above, is reported among the list of survivors on the transport steamship Tuscania which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland last Wednesday night.

The boy is the son of E. L. and Catherine Zeller, who live one and one-half miles east of Dayton on the Xenia pike. He was born at Delaware, O., December 13, 1900. Young Zeller enlisted in the aviation corps at Dayton, October 31, 1917, and was immediately ordered to Fort Thomas, Ky. Within three weeks he was sent to the flying school at San Antonio, Tex., and was assigned to the 249th squadron. He left San Antonio, January 5 for further training at Garden City, N. J., but contracted measles shortly after his arrival and was unable to accompany his unit overseas. Later he was assigned to the 213th aero squadron and embarked with that unit aboard the Tuscania.

Great has been the anxiety of the lad's parents and everything was being done to ascertain whether he was among the list of survivors or had perished in the disaster.

Both Zeller and his wife were overjoyed and unable to restrain their emotions when they were informed Saturday night by The News that their boy had been saved.

Another son, Ralph, 21 years of age is in the service, being a member of the 149th aero squadron, stationed at Wilbur Wright field.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Friday 10 Feb 1918 p 13

CONFIRMATION

From Congressman Gard and Senator | Pomerene of Zeller's Rescue.

E. L. and Catherine Zeller, parents of Hugh Zeller, the 17-year-old Dayton boy who was among the list of survivors on the ill-fated Tuscania, that was torpedoed off the Irish coast last Wednesday, are momentarily expecting a cablegram from their son, a notifying them that he was saved in the disaster.

Mr. Zeller has received answers to the both telegrams sent to Congressman Gard and Senator Pomerene last Saturday afternoon, in which confirmation was made of their son being

among those saved.

Mr. Zeller also received a telegram from Adj. Gen. McCann at the war department in Washington late Monday morning, confirming officially the report that his son Hugh is numbered among the survivors. He cabled his son Monday in care of the war department at London, England, which was the address given him by head-quarters at Washington to communicate with his son. An answer is expected any hour.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 10

E. L. Zeller wired Congressman Gard and Senator Pomerene as soon as the disaster was reported, but he too, read in the Dayton papers that his son, Hugh, had been saved, before any information reached him from Washington. The Zeller family did not learn of the loss of the Tuscania until Thursday noon and the news of their son's escape was reported Friday evening. Zeller is only 17 years old. He enlisted last October in the aviation section and was stationed for a time at San Antonio. At Garden City he contracted measles and was unable to sail with his squadron, the 249th. When he recovered, he was assigned to the 213th and sailed on the Tuscania, He has a brother. Ralph, with the 149th squadron at Wilbur Wright field.

"Dayton (OH) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 14



"Dayton (OH) Herald" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 2

HEAR FROM THEIR SON WHO ESCAPED FROM "TUSCANIA"

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller Receive First Letter, From England. Second Son in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller, living on the Xenia pike, Saturday afternoon received the first word from their son, Hugh E. Zeller, who was on the transport "Tuscania," when the British boat was sunk in the Irish sea Feb. 5, by a German submarine. In his letter the young soldier tells of having escaped and the kindly reception accorded the Americans by the people of the country where 'hey were landed. He has toured Ireland and seen much of England since the "Tuscania" went down. The letter was written to his parents by young Zeller from Winchester, England, and dated Feb. 12. He says he is feeling fine and advises the folks back home not to worry about him.

A second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller, a member of the 149th Aero Squadron, has also landed "over there" and is now in Paris.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Saturday 9 Mar 1918 p 1

Two Brothers Serve Nation In Aero Squadron Work Over There



HUGH E. ZELLER

RALPH W. ZELLER

ERE are two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller, of the Xenia pike both of whom are in overseas service of their country. One, Hugh E., 17, was on the "Tuscania" when this British transport was sunk by a German submarine early in February off the Irish coast. Ralph W., his brother, 21 years of age, is in France, with the 149th aero squadron. He was formerly stationed at the Wilbur Wright aviation field. Hugh is 17 years of age. He is now at an American camp at Winchester, England and has written his parents he is feeling fine.

The two boys are members of a family in which there are seven children. Three brothers and two sisters live here. One of the boys, the father says, has the war fever, although he is only 14 years of age. He

wants to join the Boy Scouts, and probably will, before long.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 10 Mar 1918 p 13 – https://www.newspapers.com/image/397144530/

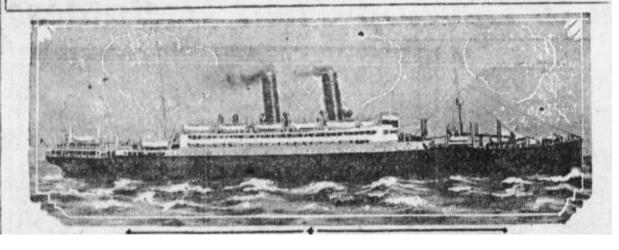
HUGH ZELLER BACK FROM WAR DUTIES

There is one home in Montgomery county that was made glad Monday when news that the steamship Mauretania had docked in New York and was ready to unload the several thousand American soldiers and military men just released from further war duties in England. In the group, with the 1107th Aero squadron is Private Hugh Zeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller of the Xenia pike. Young Zeller went to England after a period of training at the Wilbur Wright field near Dayton. He was included in the first group to be returned to civil life. As soon as the men returned are given a physical examination, they will all be honorably discharged from military service and returned to their homes.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Tuesday 8 Dec 1918 p 30 -

British Girls Mighty Nice to Yanks Says Returned Aero Man

TRANSPORT SUNK BY U-BOAT OFF IRELAND AFTER MANY SAFE TRANSITS







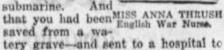
Transport Tuscania and coast of Ireland, of illustrations. The nicture from which this showing Larne and Buncrana, ports where illustration of Mr. Zeller was taken, was made first survivors were landed.

High Zeller is also shown in this group Mr. Zeller's discharge from Camp Sherman.

OULD the shock resulting from being sent to the brink of eternity by a Hun torpedo,

meta your heart more tible to the charms of the next girl of girls that Fate should send across your path?

Suppose you had been a passenger on the liner Tuscania when it was sent down off the north coast of Ireland by a German submarine. And



recover from heart shock.

Would your British nurse look like
the most beautiful girl in the world—
even better than American girls?

even better than American girls?

Hugh E. Zeller, of this city, who is a survivor of the Tuscania disaster, makes no direct answer to the question but does say that English girls are more sociable than those of our United States.

"I will not say that they are any more beautiful," says Zeller, "but they are at least as good leking."

Sociability of English girls is proven by the fact, Zeller believes, that they refused to allow American troops in England to buy tickets for shows and pay expensive restaurant bills. It was nothing uncommon, the Dayton youth asserts, for the girls of that country to insist on paying all the entertainment bills when she was in company with a young soldier from overseas.

Men are very scarce in England and U. S. fighters in that country will accept or refuse many offers of marriage to wealthy girls, says Zeller. He adds, however, that he was able to resist all temptations of the matrimonial game. He is now discharged and living with his parents on the Xenia pike.

Other features of life in the warbusied land of King George that particularly appealed to Zeller were the fact that one could go in a barber shop in that country and obtain a hair cut, shave and massage, all for the sum of 25 cents.

And, that a maximum price of 35 cents was imposed upon restaurant patrons. They could not buy any more than 35 cents worth if they wanted to. And for that sum, an order of meat, small of course, potatoes and other side dishes could be obtained.

Food most found in English restaurants was "ham and," Zeller says.

Hugh Zeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Zeller, enlisted in the aviation service because, he says, "he didn't want to loaf around home when everybody

else was going."
From Fort Thomas, Ky., he was sent to San Antonio, Texas, and placed in the 213th Aero squadron as a mechanic. After a short period of three months training in this country, he sailed from New York on the Tuscania on January 24, 1918.

"It was our thirteenth day out and being about 6 o'clock in the evening was so dark that we couldn't see our hands in front of our face," is the way Zeller starts his scory of the torpedoing of the Tuscania.

'We were getting ready to go to the mess room when a lieutenant told us that 'something might happen' and ordered us on deck. I had just stepped into the mess room, with my life belt on and my knife, fork and spoon in my pocket when a loud explosion was

"All the lights went out and a frightened rush for the stairway began. In the scramble, I was crowded against the stairway but managed to hold on to my life belt. Looking down the steps. I was able to see two Mexican infantrymen cutting their way through the crowd to the exit with their knives.

"They were shot dead by two officers. When the crowd got up tho steps, the Mexicans fell back dead to the bottom of the flight.

"A man got his foot in my life belt but I was seemingly possessed with extraordinary strength for I was able to press ahead and finally got on deck. There I found another life belt and put it on.

"After getting out in the open, I was unable to find any trace of my squadron, the 213th. Looking over the rail, I could see hundreds of men floundering in the icy water, They States.

It was back in October, 1917, that by a destroyer before the Tuscania sunk. The sunken ship was a passenger and freight steamer of 14,348 tons, and had been near calamity many times on her voyages over and back. She had safely carried many loads of Canadian and American troops to France and England and the U-boats vented a spleen of long standing when they finally sent her to the bottom.

> "The Tuscania was under charter to the Cunard line and was 567 feet long and was equipped to carry 2500 passengers in cabin and steerage. death toll from the sinking was more than 200 out of the nearly 3000 troops aboard."

> After the sinking of the transport, Zeller was landed by the British destroyer "Pigeon" at Larne on the north coast of Ireland. His squadron saved its service record and flags.

> Irish residents of Larno gave up their beds to the rescued survivors as they were the first American troops they had seen. An Irish band from the town, followed the American troops about in the city and from Larne to Belfast and Dublin.

From Larne, Zeller was sent to an Irish training camp at Belfast, where his squadron remained two weeks and then was detailed to Dublin, where it remained a week. From Dublin he went to Winchester, England, headquarters for the American Expeditionary forces in that country.

Jealousy between English United States troops resulted in several fights breaking out in Winchester between soldiers. Fists formed the principal weapons used and the casualty list was confined to injured.

Zeller's travels in the British Isles were continued when he was sent from Winchester to Ayr, Scotland, to work in a factory assembling airplanes sent over from the United

moundering in the icy water, become panic stricken and jumped. An effort was made to lower the life boats but in many cases, through haste, they were allowed to fall on the heads of the drowning seldiers in the water.

"On a top deck, soldiers could be heard singing "Over There" and "Tipperary." One man was seen kneeling and praying, surrendering his wife and three little children to the care of God.

"Nothing was seen of the U-boat which had caused the scene of horror. The Tuscania was one of a convoy of 11 transports, which was being escorted to Ireland by a squadron of eight British destroyers.

"The Tuscania sunk in about two hours after the torpedo had struck on the starboard side. I managed to get in a life boat by removing the cord from my hat and claiming that I was from Company D, which I had heard was assigned to lifeboat 11-A. didn't know where my own company was and couldn't find its life boat.

"Many of the troops slid down ropes on the side of the sinking ship to get on the life boats. One man, while hanging to a rope was struck by a rescuing destroyer and his body was cut in two.

At about that time the Dayton mechanic was examined in a hospital and told that he would never have his ambition to go to France realized—he had a weak heart, caused by exposure in the Tuscania wreck and he was detailed for clerical work.

His first duties along that line was in the office of the censor at Flower-down, England. Then ne went to a hospital at Codford, England, where he met some more nurses, including Miss Anna Thrush, whose picture, a valued war relic of Zeller's, is shown herewith.

In Codford, Zeller met his brother, Ralph W. Zeller, aviation sergeant, who was on his way to France. They were together three weeks and then on Nov. 20, the discharged Tuscania survivor sailed on the Minnerota and arrived in New York harbor on Thankagiving day. The Minnesota was the second troopshin to arrive on this side with discharged soldiers.

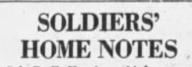
"Every whistle from those on a peanut stand up was blowing when the boat docked at Hoboken." says Zeller. We landed just as the "George Washington," with President Wilson aboard was leaving.

Zeller was sent to Camp Sherman to be mustered out and arrived at his "My life boat had been picked up home in Dayton on Christmas eve.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 5 Jan 1919 p 20 https://www.newspapers.com/image/397504060/

Tuscania Survivor Home KENTON .- Hugh years old, one of the few survi of the tornedoed Tuscania, has taken a position as machinist here after being discharged from the army.

"Lima (OH) Gazette & The Lima Republican" Sunday 20 Jul 1919 p 9



Members who have been admitted during the last week—Lawrence L. Baker, Tony Cmejrek, Theodore Dean, John Dorn, Andrew F. Edwards, John F. Faroncavich, Douglas Gray, Allie Green, Elijah Hawkins, Robert J. Hershberger, James G. Hunter, Grady Jackson, John E. Johnson, Frank Landry, Lawton Lysle, Walker McGaha, Elza J. Morris, William O'Brien, Otto Oda, George F. Pollock, Ollan J. Salyers, Frank Schuh, James H. Whitacre, David H. Williams, John J. Williams, Fred W. Woodman.

Transfers—James T. Hamilton, James E. Smith, Lloyd Ballou, Ira C. Berry, Orrel C. Brubaker, Henry R. Clark, John F. Cleary, Charles Cofer, Isaac N. Combs, Volney W. Corin, Alfred Cuddy, Bennie Cunningham, David T. Disckson, John W. Driskell, Lewis A, Dubbs, Frank Ehret, William A. Finley, Henry George, Paul Hamilton, Otto L. Hooven, Robert E. Hughes, Will Johnson, Thomas W. Kover, Robert H. Lamar, Hobart S. Long, Archibald McKay, Charles G. McDowell, George W. Moore, George Morrison, Edward G. Mullane, Paul M. O'Brien, Jack O'Keefe, Joseph Osborn, George F. Risckerson, Thomas M. Ridgeway, Alfred St. Pierre, Carl D. Shaw, Richard E. Stanley, Alexander Stewart, William C. Timko, Arnold Trent, Ernest Wackler, Anthony Wehner, Jackson Whittinghill, George J. Winkler, Hugh Zeller. Members who have been ad-

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 30 Jan 1927 p 31

NATIONAL MILITARY HOME.

The status of the Home, as shown by the official records on file in the Adjutant's office is as follows: Present for duty 1,070, present on extra duty 384, present sick in the hospital 1,137, total present 2,591, absent with leave on furlough 317, absent sick in the General Hospital for the Insane (St. Elizabeth), Washington, D. C., 19; absent without leave 72, total absent 40s, total present and absent total present and absent 2,999. year ago 2,975, men temporarily at post awaiting admission, readmission and transfer 202, civilian employees 370. The following applications for admission

The following applications for admission to this home have been approved by the President, Board of Managers: Lloyd

[list continues]

andonignou! Alexander Stewart, Guard and Fire Company, No. 326; William C. Timko, Tenth Company, Third Division Tr. Battalion; Arnold Trent, H Company, Forty-eighth United States Infantry; Ernest Wackler, F Company, Fourth United States Infantry; Anthony Wehner, F Company, First Ohio Infantry: Jackson P. Whittinghill, C Company, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Aero Squadron; George J. Winkler, Salvage Squadron; Hugh Zeller, One Thousand One Hundred and Seventh Aero Squadron.

"Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer" Sunday 6 Feb 1927 p 95

Loren J. Hidy, Washington C. H., was indicted on charges of having forged a Veterans' Bureau check. Similar charges were made against William Zeller, alias Hugh Zeller, of Dayton.

"Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer" Friday 19 Dec 1930 p 4

Charged with having forged a Veterans' Bureau check is William Zeller, alias Hugh Zeller of Dayton. [Not sure if it's William or Hugh accused here – this may account for 1930 census entry as a resident of the Dayton county jail]

DAYTON SOLDIER RECALLS TORPEDOING OF TRANSPORT 16 YEARS AGO

Sunday Feb. 4, may be just an- ey other day on the average man's calendar, but it is one day in the year Hugh Zeller, now residing at 207 Jones st., is not likely to m Feb. 4 marks the sixteenth anniversary of the sinking of the British transport "Tuscania" off the Irish coast. Zeller, then 17 years of age. was on transport when it was struck by a German torpedo. He had enlisted in the corps aviation in Dayton in Oct. 1917, and received his training at Wright 'field, Later he was sent to the flying school at San Antonio, and in January, eyes of the Dayton soldier. When 1918, he left dawn came, and it was possible to HUGH that post to emcall the roll, it was found that 126 bark with the of the men had perished beneath ZELLER 213th squadron the waves. The remainder had for service abroad. managed to reach the Irish coast, o There , were 1400 American and Zeller was one of these. soldiers on the "Tuscania" when Serving throughout the duration she was struck by the torpedo, of the war, he returned to Dayton The harrowing scenes which folin 1919 where he has since followed lowed are still vivid before the his occupation of sign painting.

The Tuscania sank on 5 February 1918, not the 4th - there were 215 casualties, not 126 – there were over 2,000 soldiers aboard "Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 4 Feb 1934 p 6

Motorists Pay \$252 in Modesto Court

MODESTO OFFICE, STOCK-TON RECORD, July 18 - Justice of the Peace and Police Judge Leslie K. Floyd levied fines totaling \$252 on 62 motorists charged I with violating the traffic laws in I ending Monday.

Speeders were the principal of- t fenders, '9 being cited.

paid a \$15 fine for speeding. Ned | Zeller, 40, Lodi,

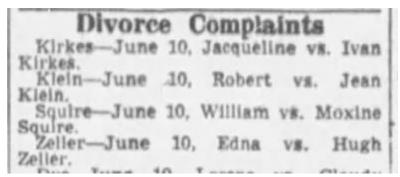
the Modesto area over the week i McDaniel, 35, Glendale, paid a similar fine for a similar offense. The balance of the fines for speeding ranged from \$5 to \$10, Raymond Watrous, 50, San Jose, s the later sum being paid by Hugh

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Thursday 18 Jul 1942 p 5

Wife:



Edna Alice Bernier Zeller (on left) - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34634029/person/18708598606/media/86d0f099-2ca2-4ba5-9ccc-9b64f8d28f53



"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Saturday 12 Jun 1948 p 25

No. 43863-Dept. No. 3 SUMMONS

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin.

Edna Bernier Zeller Plaintiff vs. Hugh E. Zeller Defendant.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Joaquin, and the complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of said County of San Joaquin.

ROBERT H. RINN, Attorney for

Plaintiff.

The People of the State of California Send Greetings:

To Hugh E. Zeller, Defendant. You are hereby directed to appear and answer to complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Joaquin. within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of San Joaquin, this 11th day of June, 1948.

(SEAL)

R. E. GRAHAM.

Clerk.

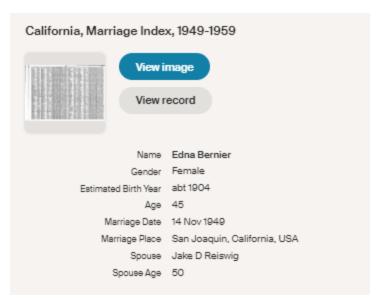
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By M. A. HOLBROOK, Deputy Clerk.

Action by wife in court – "Lodi (CA) News-Sentinel" Saturday 14 Aug 1948 p 8

Interlocutory Decrees IN STOCKTON Zeller-Nov. 9. Edna B. E. Zeller

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Thursday 18 Nov 1948 p 34



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Edna Zeller, Jake Reiswig **Exchange Marriage Vows**

ed at the First Christian Church panied at the organ by Mrs. Peter Monday afternoon to witness the Verkuyl, who also played softly marriage of Mrs. Edna Zeller to during the ceremony. Jake Reiswig. The Rev. Edwin Sweet of the First Methodist and Mrs. Ida Hein gave a dinner for Church performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a street length Frogue's country home. dress of plum crepe trimmed with plum satin and black accessories, daughter of Mrs. Mary Bernier of Her corsage was of orchids.

of honor, was attired in a print. The couple will make their home sage of talisman rosebuds.

Floyd Saskey was best man.

wedding with tall baskets of white home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reimchrysanthemums.

Miss L. Amelia Miller, the solo- Hein were hostesses.

A large group of friends gather- ist, sang, "Oh, Promise Me," accom-

After the wedding, Mrs. Frogue the bridal party and family at Mrs.

The new Mrs. Reiswig is the Lodi. The bridegroom is the son Mrs. Carolyn Frogue, the matron of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reiswig

dress, to which was pinned a cor- in Lodi upon their return from a two-week wedding trip.

They were feted shortly before The church was degorated for the their marriage at a shower at the che, at which Mrs. Frogue and Mrs.

Marriage of Edna Bernier Zeller to Jacob David (Jake) Reiswig on 14 Nov 1949 – "Lodi (CA) News-Sentinel" Thursday 17 Nov 1949 p 2 -

https://www.newspapers.com/article/93223564/marriage-of-zeller-jake/?xid=637

Adopted (?) daughter:

Adoption
11 Aug 1944 • San Joaquin County, California, USA

Family tree of Edna Alice Bernier Zeller Reiswig – unnamed child – no details - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/34634029/person/18708598606/facts?_phsrc=hFB71990&_phstart=succ essSource

Nancy Ann Reiswig in the California Birth Index, 1905-1995

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Birth Date	11 Aug 1944
Gender	Female
Mother's Maiden Name	Bernier
Birth County	San Joaquin

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Nancy Reiswig in the U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016

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Name	Nancy Reiswig
Yearbook Date	1961
School	Lodi Academy
School Location	Lodi, California, USA

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Nanci A Luna

in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2

Name	Nanci A Luna
Birth Date	11 Aug 1944
Address	PO Box 1598
Residence Place	Jamestown, California, USA
Zip Code	95327-1598

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Nancy Reiswig

in the Carson City, Nevada, U.S., Marriage Index, 1855-1985

Name	Nancy Reiswig
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	12 Oct 1964
Marriage Place	Carson City, Nevada, USA
Spouse	Felix G. Luva
Marriage Description	Carson
Marriage Record Number	39806188

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/528482:60954

Nancie A Luna

in the California, U.S., Divorce Index, 1966-1984

Name	Nancie A Luna
Spouse Name	Felix G
Location	San Joaquin
Date	5 Aug 1981

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/2899512:1141?tid=&pid=&queryId=fa506730f976e7e80f8188af74248cb7&_ phsrc=hFB71997&_phstart=successSource

Nancy A Luna

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1960-1985

Name	Nancy A Luna
Gender	Female
Birth Year	abt 1945
Age	36
Marriage Date	15 Aug 1981
Marriage Place	Alameda, California, USA
Spouse Name	David D Lafabregue
Spouse Age	40

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/6493661:1144?tid=&pid=&queryId=991481a09b6063932e487b78d8825499 &_phsrc=hFB71992&_phstart=successSource

Father:

Edwin Zeller Dies; Funeral Tomorrow

Edwin L. Zeller, 74, of 415 Negley place, died at 12:05 a. m. yesterday at St. Elizabeth hospital,

after a threemonth illness. A life-long resident of Dayton, he was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth C. Prince and Mrs. Martha Morter both of Dayton;



three sons, Ralph, Edwin Zeller of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Hugh, of Lodi, Calif., and Robert, of Trotwood; three grandchildren; two brothers, Ira Zeller of Dayton and Harry Zeller of Piedmont; and one sister, Mrs. Lola Davis of Louis Center.

Services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. at the Morris Sons funeral home. 1809 East Third street, with burial in Mt. Zion cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home this afternoon and evening.

Obituary of Edwin L. Zeller - "Dayton Journal Herald" Saturday 3 Oct 1942 p 11

Siblings:

ZELLER, RALPH W., 37597, White, Dayton, O.

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Ohio, Roster of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in World War I, 1917-1918

Brother Ralph William Zeller (1896-) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7895/images/019606-19380?pld=213304

YOUTH IS MISSING

The police have been asked to locate Ralph W. Zeller, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zeller, of Dayton, R. R. No. 8, who has been missing from his home since Friday. The young man started to Dayton on a bicycle and was last seen about two miles from his home on the edge of Dayton.

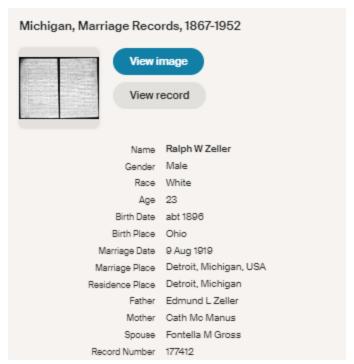
"Dayton (OH) Herald" Monday 16 Aug 1915 p 14

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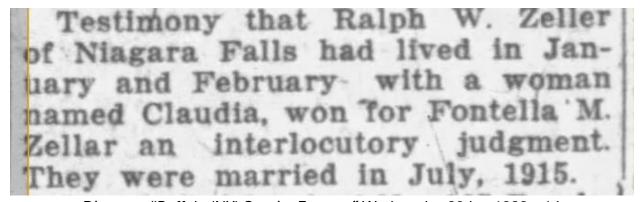
Received by Ralph Zeller's Parents Regarding His Whereabouts.

No news has been received by Edwin L. Zeller, father of Ralph W. Zeller, the 18-year-old lad who disappeared Friday from his home on Dayton rural route No. 8 on the Xenia pike. The lad had left home to go to the office of Dr. Sells, the Dayton dentist, and when he did not return the police were notified. Mr. Zeller is anxious that any one who has heard from his son should communicate with him, or telephone County 28-5. The only clue has been through the Ohio Electric company, who believe that the wheel the boy was rding was shipped to Indianapolis. A boy of Zeller's description presented a wheel to be checked for that city.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Wednesday 18 Aug 1915 p 11



Marriage to Fontella M. Gross on 9 Aug 1919 Detroit, Wayne MI https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/52338495/person/270078331185/facts



Divorce - "Buffalo (NY) Courier Express" Wednesday 20 Jun 1923 p 14

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Veteran headstone – brother Frank James Zeller (1903-1934) -

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BURIAL RITES TO BE FRIDAY

Francis Zeller, 30, died at the Memorial hospital in Lima Wednesday at 12:40 a.m. He resided at 2115 W. First st., Dayton.

He was born in Marion. Surviving him are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Zeller of Dayton; three brothers, Ralph of Kalamazoo, Mich., Hugh of Dayton, and Robert of Xenia, R. R. 3; two sisters, Mrs. George Prince, and Mrs. Herman Morter, both of Dayton.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the Morris Sons' funeral home, 1809 E. Third st. Burial will be in Mt. Zion cemetery.

Friends may view the body at the funeral home Thursday night.

Obituary of Francis James Zeller – "Dayton (OH) Daily News" Wednesday 29 Aug 1934 p 26

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Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1932, 1938-2007 View record Name Ruth Catherine Prince Gender Female Race White, Not Hispanic (White) Age 89 Birth Date 14 May 1905 Birth Place Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, USA Death Date 28 Oct 1994 Death Hospital Other/Nursing Home Death Place Licking, USA Inquest Hospital Long-Term Care Facilities Registrar's Certificate Number 079520 Father Zeller Inquest Questions Time of Death: 01:20 PM Education 7 Industry Own Home/At Home Occupation Housewife/Homemaker

OH death record of sister Ruth Catherine Zeller Prince (1905-1994) - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/52338495/person/270078331188/facts



Ruth Catherine Zeller Prince - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/192947965/person/152512201984/media/11c9b442-a339-49e8-af97-26a8643193c2

Martha Elizabeth Bettker

in the Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018

Name	Martha Elizabeth Bettker [Martha Elizabeth Zeller]
Gender	Female
Race	White, Not Hispanic (White)
Age	90
Birth Date	5 Jan 1908
Birth Place	Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, USA
Death Date	15 Dec 1998
Death Hospital	Other/Nursing Home
Death Place	Delaware, USA
Inquest Hospital	Long-Term Care Facilities
Registrar's Certificate Number	103720
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OH death record of sister Martha Elizabeth Zeller Morter Bettker (1908-1998) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2427477:5763

Martha Elizabeth Zeller Morter

in the New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S., Marriage Records Index, 1831-1964

Name	Martha Elizabeth Zeller Morter
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	Sep 1946
Marriage Place	New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Spouse	Thomas Bettker

ZELLER, Robert L., age 54, of 4785 Rexwood Drive, passed away Saturday. He is survived by 2 sisters. Mrs. Martha Bettker, with whom he resided. Mrs. Ruth Northridge, O.: 2 brothers. Hugh and Ralph of Detroit, Mich. He was formerly employed by White Villa Food Co. and was a member of Eagles Lodge, A former resident of New Lebanon, O. Funeral Services 10 a.m. Tuesday Tobias Funeral Home, 648 Watervliet Av. Interment David cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Mon.

Obituary of brother Robert L. Zeller (1911-1965) – "Dayton (OH Journal Herald" Monday 15 Nov 1965 p 26

Anne A. O'Linde appointed administratrix for the estate of Ulysses E. O'Linde. Martha Bettker appointed administratrix for the estate of Robert L. Zeiler.

"Dayton (OH) Journal Herald" Friday 10 Dec 1965 p 45

Robert L. Zeller, Dayton, and Anabel Bitner, New Lebanon, Ohio.

Marriage license – "Richmond (IN) Palladium-Item" Sunday 18 Jan 1948 p 3

Marriage Licenses

Charles Bitner, 20, West Alex, Ohio, and Orpha Fourman, 19, Arcanum, Ohio.

"Greenville (OH) Daily Advocate" Friday 24 Jun 1932 p 3

BAILEY, Anabel



age 92, of Dayton, died Saturday November 26, 2005. She was retired from Delco Products in January of 1973. She was a member of Delco 25 year Club and

St. Paul Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Bailey and son, Lowel Bitner, son-in-law, Wilmer (Bill) Albrektson, step-son, Gene Bailey, 6 sisters and 2 brothers, 2 grandchildren and great granddaughter; She is survived by her daughters, Deloris Albrektson, Catherine and husband Richard Collinsworth all of Dayton; sons, Byron Bitner and wife Carol of CA., daughter-in-law, Mary Bitner of New Lebanon, 3 step-daughters, Mary Clark, Peggy & Ralph Rider, Nancy Boles, step-son, Tom Bailey all of Dayton; brother, Emerson Fourman & Rhoda of Arcanum; 13 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 15 great great grandchildren; Funeral service will be held Thursday 2pm at Meyer-Boehmer & Reis Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, 1733 Brown St. Pastor Bob Miller, Officiating. Burial David Cemetery. Family will receive friends Thursday 12noon until time of service at the funeral home.

Obituary of Anabel Bitner Zeller Bailey – "Dayton (OH) Daily News" Wednesday 30 Nov 2005 p 13

Indiana, U.S., Marriages, 1810-2001 View record Name Robert L Zeller Gender Male Race White Age 37 Event Type Marriage Registration (Marriage) Birth Date 17 Jan 1911 Birth Place Dayton, Ohio Marriage Date 17 Jan 1948 Marriage Place Indiana, United States Residence Place Dayton, Ohio Father Edmund L Zeller Mother Katherine Momannis Spouse Anabel Bitner

https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/192947965/person/152512201548/facts

Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018 View record Name Robert L Zeller Gender Male Race White Age 54 Birth Date Est 1911 Residence Place Montgomery, Ohio, USA Death Date 13 Nov 1965 Death Place Dayton, Montgomery, USA Inquest Hospital Twin Valley Pshy Sys Dayton Ca Registrar's Certificate Number 88573 Inquest Questions Certification;

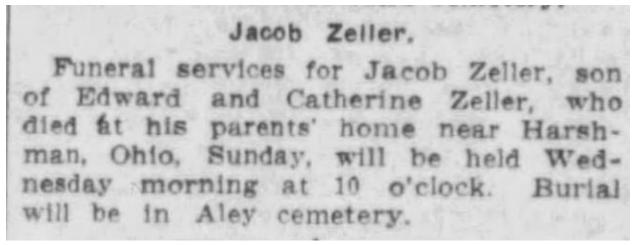
https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/192947965/person/152512201548/facts

Woodrow Zeller

in the Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018

Name	Woodrow Zeller
Death Date	9 Feb 1920
Death Place	Montgomery, USA

Brother Woodrow Zeller (1916-1920) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/4905528:5763?tid=192947965&pid=152512201489&queryId=2425681d056d b4fc51ff91685134e321& phsrc=hFB71975& phstart=successSource



"Dayton (OH) Herald" Monday 28 Jul 1913 p 13

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Hugh Edwin Zeller

Name variations: Beller (name variation noted on Veterans Administration Master Index)

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,223

Entered service from: Delaware, Delaware OH

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Hugh Zeller

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Katherine Zeller, 728 E. 1st St., Delaware OH

Returned from war on: "Minnekada" 1918 Sailed on return ship as: Hugh Zeller

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Catharine Zeller, 728 E. 1st St., Delaware

OH (pvt, 254th Aero Service Squadron)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Hugh Edwin Zeller - b. 14 Dec 1900 Marion OH; res: 509-1/2 E. Walnut St., Lodi, San Joaquin CA. NOK wife Edna Zeller, same address, Self-employed at same address. Height: $5'5\frac{1}{2}" - 170$ lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 1 Nov 1917 Discharged: 29 Dec 1918

Address: Ward 25, National Military Home, Dayton OH

Rank/unit: 1107th Aero Squadron SC

Birth & death:

Born: 14 Dec 1900 Marion, Marion OH (CA Death Index) (Veterans Administration Military

Index: 15 Dec 1900)

Died: 7 Jul 1968 Yountville, Napa Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 259206076 (created 3 Sep 2023)

Burial location: Portland, Multnomah OR

Cemetery: Willamette National

Tombstone:

Father: Edwin LeRoy Zeller, 3 Sep 1868 Defiance, Defiance OH - 2 Oct 1942 Dayton,

Montgomery OH (St. Elizabeth Hospital). Son of Edwin R. Zeller (1838-1887, F: 83268213) &

Martha A. Baker (1849-1878).

Buried in Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery. Beavercreek, Greene OH.

Find A Grave: 168937964

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-

tree/person/tree/52338495/person/13343672040/facts?_phsrc=hFB71954&_phstart=succ

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Mother: Catherine (Katherine/Kittie/Kitty) McManus Zeller, 1874 Delaware Co. OH - 1944.

Buried in Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery, Beavercreek, Greene OH.

Find A Grave: 168938131

Parents' marriage: 15 Oct 1895 Defiance Co. OH

Spouse: Edna Alice Bernier Zeller Reiswig, 25 May 1904 Lamartine, Fond du Lac WI – 15 Dec 1970 Lodi, San Joaquin CA.

Daughter of George Andrew Bernier (1874 WI – 1941 CA) & Mary Caroline (Marie) Suetmeier (1880 Germany – 1953 CA, F: 154953887). Edna is listed as Mrs. Edna Reiswig of Lodi CA in her mother's Apr 1953 obituary.

Listed as Hugh's wife in the 1940 census.

On 14 Nov 1949, at age 49, Edna Bernier Zeller married Jacob David (Jake) Reiswig. He was born 12 Nov 1899 Harvey, Wells ND & died 24 Sep 1985 in Lodi, San Joaquin CA, the son of David Reiswig & Elizabeth Tebelius. His 1st wife was Marth Celia Schmidt (1902-1974) with

whom he had a son, Floyd Ray Reiswig (1925-2004). Jacob is buried in the same cemetery as Edna, F: 15830136

Buried in Cherokee Memorial Park, Lodi, San Joaquin CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 15830155

Marriage: 22 Jan 1937 Eureka, Humboldt CA

Children:

• A note on Ancestry.com states that Edna [and presumably Hugh] adopted a child on 11 Aug 1944 [or that was the child's birthdate] in San Joaquin CA. In the 1950 census, when Edna Reiswig is living with husband Jacob David Reiswig, whom she married 14 Nov 1949, a daughter – Nancy A. Reiswig, age 5 (b. ca. 1945) - is listed as their daughter. – Nancy Ann [Zeller] Reiswig was born 11 Aug 1944 in San Joaquin Co. CA. She married Felix G. Luna in Carson City NV. Nancie A. Luna divorced Felix on 5 Aug 1981 in San Joaquin Co. CA. Ten days later, Nanci/Nancie Luna married David D. Lafabregue, son of Rene & Florence Lafabregue, on 15 Aug 1981 in Alameda Co. CA. He had earlier obtained a marriage license at age 25 with JoAnn Martensm, age 19 ("Oakland [CA] Tribune" Wednesday 29 Mar 1967 p 18).

Siblings: Hugh was the 2nd child.

- Ralph William Zeller, 29 Sep 1896 Troy, Delaware Co. OH ?. Served in WWI.
 Married 9 Aug 1919 in Detroit, Wayne MI to Fontella M. Gross. They divorced in Jun 1920 in Buffalo NY. Resident of Kalamazoo MI in Aug 1934 & Jul 1968.
- Frank [Francis] James Zeller, 13 Nov 1903 Marion township, Allen Co. OH 29 Aug 1934 Lima, Allen OH. In 1930, Frank was in the National Military Home, Jefferson, Montgomery OH. He was age 27, b. OH, single. Buried in Mount Zion Shoup Cemetery, Beavercreek, Greene OH. F: 168706955
- Ruth Catherine (Katherine) Zeller Prince, 14 May 1905 Columbus, Franklin OH 28
 Oct 1994 Sunbury, Delaware Co. OH. Listed as Ruth Katherine in the 1910 census.
 Resident of Dayton OH in Jul 1968 when her father died. Wife of George Julius Prince
 (1896-1996, F: 135907036). Buried in Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton,
 Montgomery Co. OH. F: 135907108
- Martha Elizabeth Zeller Morter Bettker, 5 Jan 1908 Clinton, Franklin OH 15 Dec 1998 Delaware Co. OH. Resident of Dayton OH in Jul 1968. – Married in 1927 in OH to Herman Richard Morter (1905-1988, F: 127023387), son of Joseph D. Morter & Clara Eliza Weidner. – Married in Sep 1946 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish LA to Thomas T. Bettker (1904-1978, F: 39592245). Buried in Davids Cemetery, Kettering, Montgomery OH. F: 39592244
- Robert L. Zeller, 17 Jan 1911 Dayton, Montgomery OH 13 Nov 1985. Married 17 Jan 1948 in IN to Orpha Anabel Fourman Bitner (18 Jan 1913 OH 26 Nov 2005, F: 29054510). She was the daughter of William Mathias Fourman (1878-1941, F: 44960274) & Orpha May Baker (1882-1958, F: 44960300). Her 1st husband was Russel Bitner. Anabel married Charles Albert Bailey (1912-1988, F: 29051647) & died 26 Nov 2005. In the 1950 census for New Lebanon, Montgomery OH, Robert

- L. Zeller (39 OH) lived with wife Anabel (37 OH) & 4 Bitner stepchildren, ages 9 to 16. She is buried in Davis Cemetery.
- Jacob Zeller, 20 Mar 1912 OH 28 Jul 1913 Beavercreek, Greene OH. Buried in Aley Cemetery, Beavercreek, Green OH but not on Find A Grave as of 3 Sep 2023.
- Woodrow Zeller, 27 Mar 1916 Dayton, Montgomery OH 9 Feb 1920 Dayton,
 Montgomery OH. Died at age 3 of a congenital heart valve problem. Buried in Mount
 Zion Shoup Cemetery, Beavercreek, Greene OH. F: 168937605

Notes:
Pre-war:
Wartime:
Post-war:
National Home, Dayton OH admissions Enlisted 1 Nov 1917 Fort Thomas KY, pvt in 1107 th Aero Squadron, discharged 29 Dec 1918 Camp Sherman OH Mitral insufficiency, defective vision, deafness b. OH, age 26, painter, resident Dayton OH, single, mother Catherine Zeller, RFD 1, Kalamazoo MI – 21 January 1927 to 19 April 1927
Obituary:

Social Security number: 548-18-2541

Censuses:

1900_Troy, Delaware OH - conducted 22 Jun 1900 - Hugh born Dec 1900 Edwin Zeller, 32 OH, Sep 1868, parents b. OH, married 4 years, farmer Kittie, 26 OH, Feb 1874, parents b. OH, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living Ralph W., 4 OH, Sep 1896

1910 Darby, Pickaway OH -indexed as JELLER
Edwin L. Zeller, 40 OH, parents b. OH, married 14 years, laborer, general farm
Katherine, 36 OH, parents b. OH, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living
Ralph, 13 OH
Hugh, 9 OH
Francis, 7 OH
Ruth Katherine, 5 OH

Martha, 2 OH

1920 cannot locate him

1920 Mad River, Montgomery OH – parents & some siblings – conducted 13 Jan 1920 Edward L. Zeller, 51 OH, parents b. OH, laborer, farm Catherine, 44 OH, parents b. OH Ruth, 14 OH Martha, 12 OH Robert, 8 OH Woodrow, 3 OH

1930 Dayton, Montgomery OH – County Jail – is this him? – line 54 Hugh ZELLAR, 28 OH, 1st marriage at age 26, parents b. PA, inmate, WWI veteran

1940 Lodi, San Joaquin CA Hugh E. Zeller, 40 OH, sign painter, own business – in 1935 lived in Dayton OH Edna B., 33 WI, head nurse, hospital – in 1935 lived in Eureka CA

1950 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 62 Turk St., Glynn Hotel – line 4 Hugh W. Zeller, 49 OH, divorced, odd jobs

1950 Lodi, San Joaquin CA – 528 Alicante – ex-wife & adopted daughter Jacob Reiswig, 50 ND, truck driver, wholesale grocery Edna Reiswig, 45 WI, registered nurse, hospital [wife] Nancy A. Reiswig, 5 CA [daughter] Mary C. Bernier, 69 Germany, widow [mother-in-law