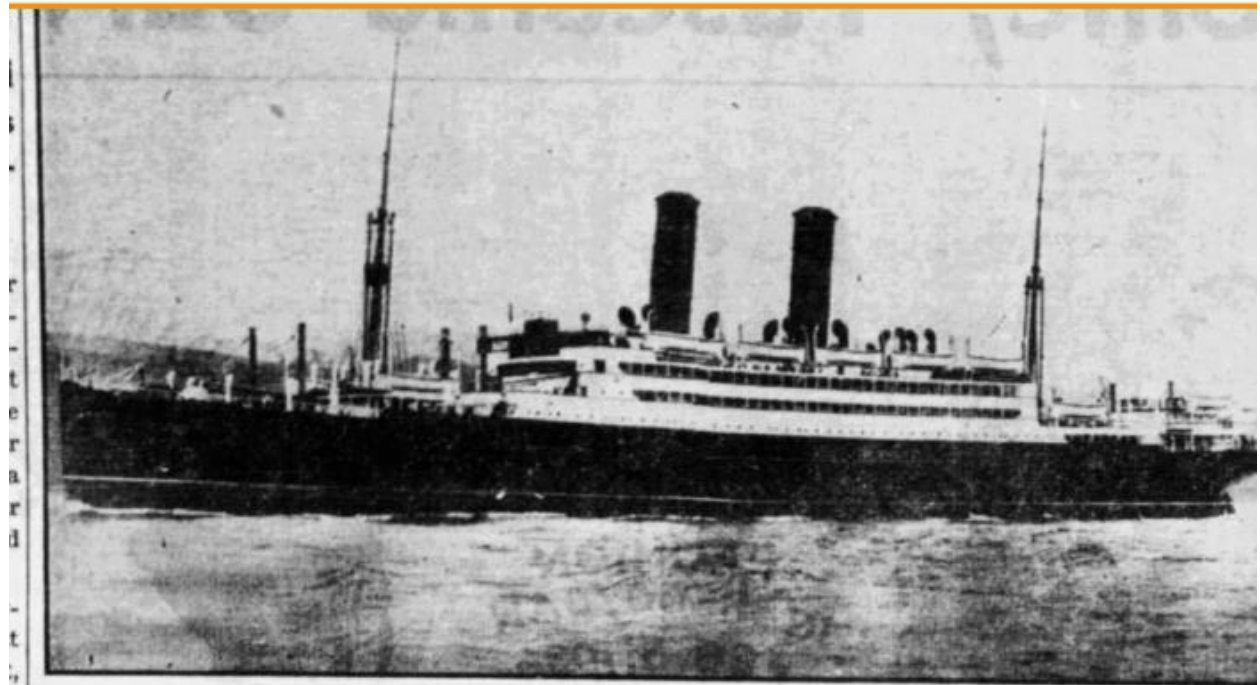


TUSCANIA

Collins, Maxwell W. (born Klug)
1896 WI – 1979 WI





Above is a picture of the British transport, Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off the north coast of Ireland just eighteen years ago today.

M. W. Collins Was One Of 1st To Arrive Here

One of the first two Tuscania survivors to get here for the 18th annual reunion was M. W. Collins, Milwaukee, secretary of the association. He



M. W. Collins

came in on the interurban from Milwaukee Tuesday morning with Capt. Oakley Parkhill of Bismarck, N. D.

Mr. Collins, who is in the oil business now, was with Company F of the 107th Supply Train

when the Tuscania went down. He enlisted August 2, 1917, and was discharged at Camp Grant May 29, 1919.

He is one of the charter members of the survivors' association and was president of the organization for three years.

Maxwell W. Collins – "Sheboygan (WI) Press" Wednesday 5 Feb 1936 p 16



*New president of National Tuscania Survivors Association – “Sheboygan (WI) Press”
Thursday 6 Feb 1936 p 1 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/239469160/>*

On Sunday last Albert Klug came down from Elroy to visit his people and to take his little son, Maxwell, with him to Elroy; he has found a good home for both of his children. The little girl, Lorena, is in the family of Smith Sherman, and Walter Collins has the little boy. Mr. Klug's mother has had the little boy since his mother's death, but she can now go out as nurse again.

“Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press” Thursday 23 Dec 1897 p 5 –

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Maxwell Klugg

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U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current

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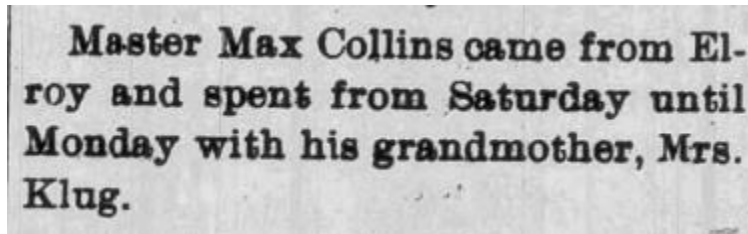
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Life:



Master Max Collins came from Elroy and spent from Saturday until Monday with his grandmother, Mrs. Klug.

Grandmother Mrs. Albertine Buelow Klug in Reedsburg WI – “Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press”
Thursday 12 Sep 1907 p 2

ALL SOLDIERS GONE

Co K Departed for Camp Saturday

—Joined Here by Phillips and
Mellen Units.

The military spirit that has been prominent in the city the past few months is gone. It vanished Thursday with the departure of the last of Marshfield's militia units for the stationization center, Camp Douglas, leaving at 11:15 a. m. This unit was Company K. On the same train, composed of ten coaches, two baggage cars and one caboose, were the Phillips and Mellen companies, whose cars were transferred here from the Soo to the Omaha line.

The visiting soldiers arrived about a half an hour ahead of the scheduled time, 10:30 a. m. The Phillips company, of which Ed. Witt of this city is the commander, detrained here and marched to the Omaha depot with the local company, while the Mellen company remained on board the train during its transfer to the other line, after which they were allowed to go as they pleased until train time. Practically all of the Mellen and Phillips boys were unquipped.

A large crowd of people was at the depot to bid the soldiers farewell. It was tearful parting for many.

Following are the members of Company K:

Captain, William J. Mittlesteadt.

First Lieutenant, Fred Braem.

Second Lieutenant, John Kohl.

First Sergeant, Ted Witt.

Mess Sergeant, Adolph Mittlesteadt.

Supply Sergeant, George C. Stauber.

Sergents—William Maass, Columbus Vannedom, Archie C. Lant, Halie Dumas, Vernon Kelly, Oakley Parkhill, Arthur May, Frank Lawohn.

Corporals—Mathias Wolf, Frank W. Smith, Chester M. Smith, Arthur P. Raleigh, Chester A. Purdy, William E. Pors, Clarence M. Parlsb, Clement Osterdag, William LaMere, John Kleutsch, George Hart, Alvin Hansen, Tracey S. Greene, Fred W. Gortz, James Foy, Max Collins, Ray Anderson.

Cooks—Edward O. Stone, Edward T. Potter, Frank C. Ciolewinski.

Mechanics—Edwin J. Sybeldon, Fred Siegert, Jr.

Buglers—Tony G. Sommers, Albert Winger.

First class privates—Melvin Anderson, Jay E. Cronin, Reynold Dettinger, Ray J. Eckes, Francis Firnsthal, Joseph Fleischman, Carl Flink, Otto Gorr, Carl Gust, James Hayes, Roy Hiller, Alfred Horn, John Kelly, Bradley Komers, Otto Kops, Jacob Kramer, William Laurence, Charles Martin, Edmund Mayville, Edwin Nelson, Fred Pacholke, Robert Peter, John Polysbinski, William Popp, Earl Ringquist, Lloyd Smith, Lincoln Tuttle, Irvin Wendt.

Privates—Adrian Sylvester, Arthur Bidwell, Edward Boyer, Glenn Cottrell, Marvin Covey, Newell Craig, Arthur Crostwaite, Charles Declercq, Robert Derington, Irvin Eckel, Ole Fleming, Carlos Fink, Frank Fox, Clem Fry, William Guesswein, Roy Hadler, Arthur Hansen, Arthur L. Hanson, Charles Hanson, Christian Heggelund, Henry Hendrickson, Robert Higgins, Edward Hilber, Clarence Holland, Willis Hopkins, Virgil Horton, William Hustedt, John Jacobeck, Bernard Jens, Perry Jones, Montie Kane, Frank Kelly, John Kelly, Gilbert Kittis, Deane Knapton, Harry Knight, William Knudsen, Alfred Kohl, Floyd Laird, Henry Lemmin, Leonard Liberty, John Mason, Percy Merrill, Charles Meyenberg, Arthur Miller, Lester Mittelschadt, Valentine Moszkiewicz,

Fred Olsen, William Pacholke, Earl Patterson, Orville Patterson, Herbert Peep, Albert Pocallus, Roland Piehn, Fred Prein, Anson Price, Elmer Sbertole, Joseph Schmitz, Robert Smith, John Sorlin, Arthur Sparks, Calbert Sparks, Olin Thompson, Alvin Voelker, Roy Wall, William Weber, Louis Weideman, George Welk, Edward Welsh, Joseph Wilcott, Elmer Williams, Walter Williams, Winford Wolf, Wayne Wyman

As corporal - "Marshfield (WI) News & The Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 30 Aug 1917 p 1

(By United Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Out of the war zone today came the names of hundreds of American boys saved from the torpedoed transport Tuscania, to ease anxiety in the homes of this country. The names are now being sent across the water in a steady stream and as rapidly as possible being compiled for publication. Not until the entire list is in will the war department be able to check up and determine those who gave up their lives. Those thus far announced include the following Wisconsin men:

Melvin Aarenson, Abbotsford.
 Ray Anderson, Marshfield.
 Clarence C. Andrews, Waukesha.
 Guide Frederick Buth, Waterloo.
 Joseph Bauer, Wautoma.
 Oliver B. Bendixen, Wautoma.
 Warren J. Berry, Wautoma.
 Martin D. Bongers, New London.
 Arthur E. Bidney, Independence.
 Fred Braem, Jr., Marshfield.
 Harry Arnold Burnham, Barron.
 Claude Buckmaster, Barton.
 James Karel Brunslík, Haugen.
 Lyle Barnhart, Waukesha.
 Harold William Bresnahan, Ripon.
 Newell Craig, Owen.
 Arthur A. Cantwell, Shawano.
 Walter J. Callahan, Wautoma.
 Byron E. Christian, New London.
 Harry B. Collar, Hortonville.
 Laurel J. Conat, New London.
 Nathan F. Carhart, Trempealeau.
 Max Collins, Elroy.
 Frank I. Davis, New London.
 George E. Denson, New London.

List continues — "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

NEPHEW ON TUSCANIA

Max Collins, of Elroy, a nephew of H. J. Klug, of this city, was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, but his name is found among those of the survivors. This was exceptionally good news to his relatives, who have been anxiously awaiting word from him.

"Merrill (WI) Daily Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

The following letter was received by Conductor and Mrs. Wm. Anderson from their son, Ray, who is in France with the American troops:
DEAR ALL:

Just received your letters today and was glad to get them. I suppose that you all were some worried for a while, but everything came out O. K. I suppose that you have received my other letters by this time, at least I hope you have. Mickie (Max Collins) is next to me, also writing to his mother. You should have seen us two stick together when the ship was struck. The only time that we were parted was when we went down the life rope to the destroyer.

I saw the band and part of Company A over in England, and it seemed good to see them again. I had a few talks with the Campbell boys. Guess they had a fine trip across.

France is a fine country, but the only country for me is the good old U. S. A. We sure have an awful time trying to make the French people understand us. They certainly do like the American soldiers. When I landed in this place I had about five men and women and a bunch of kids around me. They were all talking at once and I had all I could do to say "Wee Wee." I have a small diary with a sort of French dictionary in it. I made good use of it and finally got into a small conversation with them.

If you send anything put it in a small wooden box so I will sure get it. All we need is some newspapers and some tobacco. Send me some newspapers, whether old or not because we never get any over here.

I suppose things are pretty dead around Marshfield now. I guess we will have to hurry back and liven things up. Whatever you do don't worry about me because it never gets a person any place or does him any good. Well, dad, take good care of yourself and don't work too hard. I will take some of the work off your hands when I get back. Will have to close for this time. Be sure to write soon and often.

Heaps of love to all.

RAY.

*Letter from Ray Anderson, "Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub" (Marshfield WI) 2 May 1918
p 8*

April 1, 1918.

The following is a part of a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clark from the latter's brother, Ray Anderson, who is with the American expeditionary forces in France:

Received both of your letters and surely was glad to get them. You can't imagine how good it is to get mail over here. It has been raining the last couple of days, but we are getting used to that.

We were hit February 5 at 6 o'clock at night. Mick and I ate at the first sitting for supper and we had just rolled in our bunks. I had just made a remark to Mick that we must be out of the danger zone because we could see land on both sides. I no more than said that when we were hit. When the torpedo struck, the ship made a big lurch to one side. The lights all went out and Mick and I went out of our bunks. The fellows all kept their heads though. We got out on deck to our life boat.

Believe me, we sure did have a funny feeling for about five minutes but after that we had a chance to get our thoughts collected. Mick and I were on deck for two hours which seemed like two years. Then a British destroyer came along side and started taking men off. We both slid down a life rope but couldn't stop when we got to the end and got a salt water bath. The sailors on the destroyer pulled us right out though, so we didn't have to stay in the water. The destroyer then took us to Ireland. The people in Ireland treated us great. They gave us clothes and everything we could eat. I certainly was glad to get my feet on land again. A sailor's life might be all right, but none of it for me.

Well, Jim, I did not see any of your kin in Ireland, but if I get back there again will look them up. Ireland is a very pretty country. Would like to take a trip through it in times of peace. England and France also are pretty countries. But give me the good old U. S. A. every time to live in.

We are getting everything here that we want, so can't help feel good.

A couple of French girls just went passed, and of course, we couldn't help acknowledging their smiles.

If you send cigarettes or anything else, put the same in a wooden box. Things are not any too safe if you send them wrapped in paper.

Note—The Mick mentioned in the letter is Max Collins of Elroy.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 16 May 1918 p 5

**Max Collins of Elroy is a guest of
Albert Klug.**

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Tuesday 11 Jan 1921 p 3

Max Collins, of Elroy, is visiting relatives and friends in Portage.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Thursday 10 Mar 1921 p 3

from Milwaukee.
Mrs. Charles McKenzie is visiting her brother, Max Collins, at Elroy.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 16 Aug 1921 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins, L. J. Brandt and little daughter Gerry, all of Milwaukee, were here to attend the funeral of Albert Klug.

"Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press" Thursday 27 Feb 1930 p 8

Tuscania Men to Relive Days of '18 Sinking

Kenosha Veterans on Ship Torpedoed Going to Convention

Kenosha will join with Milwaukee when more than 100 survivors of the torpedoed troop transport Tuscania will meet in Milwaukee February 5 to celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of their rescue from one of the World war's major sea disasters.

In Kenosha there are 31 members of the division that was on hand the Tuscania at the time, and many of these are planning on attending the meeting in Milwaukee at the Randolph hotel.

Excerpt:

Officers All Milwaukeeans

Of the 1,000 members of the association, 15 live in Milwaukee. All the officers are Milwaukee residents. They are M. W. Collins, 2735 N. Bartlett street, president; L. V. Zimmerman, 5502 W. Washington boulevard, vice-president, and Tracey Greene, 5362 N. Thirty-sixth street, secretary.

To Mr. Zimmerman, on behalf of the association, Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the U-77 that sent the Tuscania down, has written his greetings and well wishes for the annual survivors' reunion.

Written from Saarbrücken, Germany, the latter gives an insight into German political affairs. It says in part:

"Here in Germany our circumstances are becoming worse from day to day. Politically, we are threatened on the one side by French imperialism, from another by Russian bolshevism.

City Tuscania Survivors To Attend 15th Reunion

J. L. Barnes, C. P. Diggles on Torpedoed Troop
Ship; Meet in Chicago Feb. 4-5

MADISON survivors of the "Tuscania" sinking are planning to attend the reunion of survivors to be held in Chicago Feb. 4 and 5, just 15 years after the disaster. The "Tuscania" was the only U. S. troopship torpedoed by a German submarine in the transportation of 2,000,000 troops to France during the World war.

Invited guests of honor at the reunion will be Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the German U boat No. 77 which sent the "Tuscania" to the bottom. Also invited are John M. Smith, commander of the British de-

stroyer "Grasshopper" which rescued all but the 225 men who were drowned or killed; and Capt. Peter McLean, Glasgow, master of the "Tuscania."

Two known survivors in Madison are John L. Barnes and Clyde P. Diggles. They will be taken to the convention by the delegation from Wautoma, which had 70 men on the ship for the largest group from any one place.

Members of the convention executive committee include Otto F. Bates, Baraboo; C. W. Eagan, Wautoma; Fred A. Scholey, Kenosha; Leo Zimmerman and M. W. Collins, Milwaukee.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 20 Jan 1933 p 1

New Oil Company Will Open Blending Plant in Eau Claire

M. W. Collins of Milwaukee has incorporated the Collins Petroleum company, which will operate an oil blending and compounding plant in Eau Claire, commencing this week. The plant will be at 1125 Menomonie street, where tanks and mixing kettles are already installed. The office will be at 4 Margaret street. The company will market its products within a 100 mile radius of Eau Claire. The plant, Mr. Collins points out, is the only one of its kind between Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Thursday 16 Aug 1934 p 8

Jimmy Wendt, Fred Braem, and Ray Anderson left this morning for Baraboo, to attend the Club Tuscania reunion there. They were accompanied by Mickie Collins, Eau Claire.

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Tuesday 5 Feb 1935 p 7

SURVIVORS MEET

BARABOO, Wis.—The 18th annual reunion of the National Tuscania Survivors Association will be held in Sheboygan in 1936.

Delegates at this year's meeting yesterday elected Fred A. Duxbury, Sheboygan, president; Dr. Ingwald Hansen, Manitowoc, vice-president; Max Collins, Eau Claire, secretary; Fred Braem, Marshfield, treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Nathan F. Carhart, Galesville, sergeant at arms, and John L. Barnes, Wautoma, chaplain.

"Beaver Dam (WI) Daily Citizen" Wednesday 6 Feb 1935 p 5

SURVIVORS TO MEET IN '36 AT SHEBOYGAN

Fred A. Duxbury Heads Association for Coming Year

Members of the National Tuscania Survivors association, in annual session in Baraboo Tuesday, voted to hold their 18th annual convention, that for 1936, in Sheboygan. President James F. Bray of Baraboo presided at yesterday's session, held at the American Legion clubhouse.

New officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

Persident—Fred A. Duxbury, Sheboygan

Vice president—Ingwald Hansen, Manitowoc

Secretary—Max Collins, Eau Claire

Treasurer—Fred Braem, Marshfield

Judge advocate—Charles B. Dunn, Chicago

Historian—Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee

Sergeant at arms—Nathan F. Carhart, Galesville

Chaplain—John L. Barnes, Wautoma.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 6 Feb 1935 p 1

Tuscania Reunioners Arrive Despite Snow

Huge snow drifts and bitter cold did not keep members of the National Tuscania Survivors' association from coming to Sheboygan today for their 18th annual reunion.

By noon about 25 reunioners had arrived, and it was expected that this number would be considerably increased by late this afternoon. Reports were received here that about 11 survivors bound for the reunion were stalled in the snow drifts at Green Bay, but delegates, who left Baraboo Tuesday, arrived this morning.

Despite the bad road conditions those who were here at 10:30

Francis E. Anderson, 904 Jackson, Waukegan, Ill.; Dell E. Rogers, 813 E. Wells street, Milwaukee; William H. Seltrecht, 160 S. Hawley Road, Milwaukee; Henry C. Hansen, Rhinelander, Wis.; Fred Scholey, Kenosha, Wis.; Stanley E. Hult, 1049 Berwyn avenue, Chicago; Hans Anderson, Kenosha; John J. Young, 913 De Koven avenue, Racine; Ray Stephenson, 1916 Fiftieth street, Kenosha; Otto Arndt, Edward Coughlin, James F. Bray and Paul L. Stewart, all of Baraboo; D. F. Nicolazzo, 2723 S. Austin street, Milwaukee; Martin D. Bongers and Fred A. Duxbury, Sheboygan.

o'clock this morning went to Kohler for a tour of the village and the plant. They were guests of the Kohler company for luncheon at noon.

The business meeting of the association is being held this afternoon at the reunion headquarters in the American Legion home, and memorial services are being held at the lake front after the meeting.

Tonight at 6:30 o'clock the annual banquet will be held at the Foeste hotel to which business men and others of the city are welcome. Other details regarding the program and speakers will be found in the special Tuscania section of this newspaper published today.

Names of those survivors who had arrived here this morning follow:

Captain Oakley Parkhill, Fort Lincoln, N. D.; M. W. Collins, 2735 N. Bartlett avenue, Milwaukee; John Mitchell, 6828 Twenty-eighth avenue, Kenosha; Joe Bartol, 520 S. Genesee street, Waukegan, Ill.;

1937 Tuscania Reunion Goes To Milwaukee

M. W. Collins Is Elected President—Meeting Was Success Despite Snow And Cold

Milwaukee will have the 19th annual reunion and convention of the National Tuscania Survivors' association.

This was decided late Wednesday afternoon at the annual business meeting of the association, which was held in the American Legion home, the reunion headquarters here.

M. W. Collins, Milwaukee, who has been president of the organization three times in the past, was unanimously elected president again. He succeeds Fred A. Duxbury of Sheboygan.

Other officers also elected at the meeting were: Capt. Oakley L. Parkhill, Fort Lincoln, N. D., vice-president; Ralph R. Westcott, Shawano, treasurer; Tracy Green, Milwaukee, secretary; William H. Seltrecht, Milwaukee, sergeant-at-arms; John J. Young, Racine, chaplain. Leo Zimmerman of Milwaukee is the permanent historian.

Rising Vote of Thanks

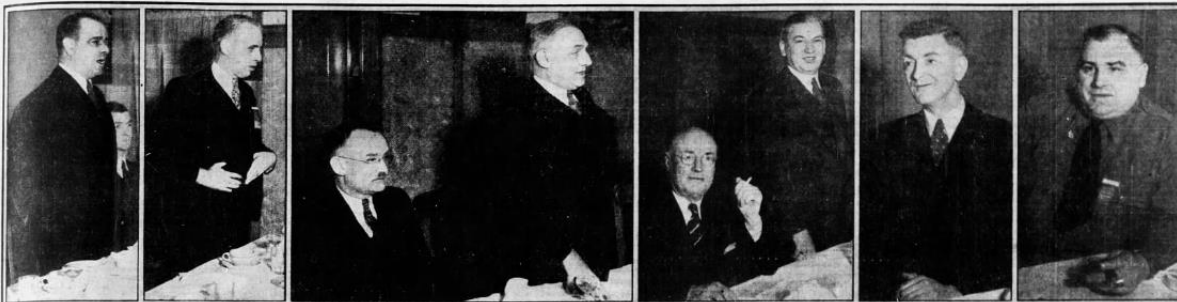
Upon motion of Captain Parkhill, the members of the association extended a rising vote of thanks to the city of Sheboygan, The Sheboygan Press, the Kohler company, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Kohler, the Prescott-Bayens post of the American Legion, and all others here who contributed to the success of the reunion.

A number of telegrams from members who were unable to get to Sheboygan either because of the

(Continued on page 3.)

THE SHEBOYGAN PRESS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1936

Pictures Taken By Press Photographer At Tuscania Survivors' Banquet



Above are shown the speakers at Eighteenth annual banquet of the National Tuscania Survivors' association held here at the Hotel Poete Wednesday night. Pictures,

from left to right, are: (1) Attorney A. Matt Werner, state director of the National Emergency council; (2) M. W. Collins, Milwaukee, new president of the association;

(3) Mayor Willard M. Sonnenburg, seated, and Walter J. Kohler, standing; (4) George Buchanan, toastmaster, seated, and C. E. Broughton, standing; (5) the Rev. George

B. McCreary, who gave the invocation; and (6) Capt. Oakley L. Parkhill, Fort Lincoln, N. D., newly elected vice-president.

1937 Tuscania Reunion Goes To Milwaukee

(Continued from page 1)

now blockade or illness were read at the meeting, which was held after the survivors had made a trip through the Kohler plant and had been guests of the Kohler company at luncheon.

After the business meeting, all marched down to the lake front and held a brief memorial service for those survivors who had passed on. The Veterans of Foreign Wars drum and bugle corps accompanied them, the Rev. George B. McCreary acted as chaplain at the services, and Mr. Duxbury presided.

Banquet at Hotel

The banquet was held in the evening at the Hotel Foeste. Mr. Duxbury opened the program and then turned it over to George Buchanan, who acted as master of ceremonies and called on the various speakers. Thomas Scanlon, reunion entertainment chairman, thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the convention and welcomed all who were at the banquet. He said that although there were many who couldn't be at the reunion, he knew they were here in spirit.

The Rev. McCreary then gave the invocation, and George Plant, Milwaukee, state commander of the American Legion, spoke briefly and expressed his happiness at being able to be at the reunion. He said he hoped that all would put their bonus money to good purposes.

Mayor Willard M. Sonnenburg welcomed the survivors in behalf of the city and told them that Sheboygan was proud to have them hold their reunion here.

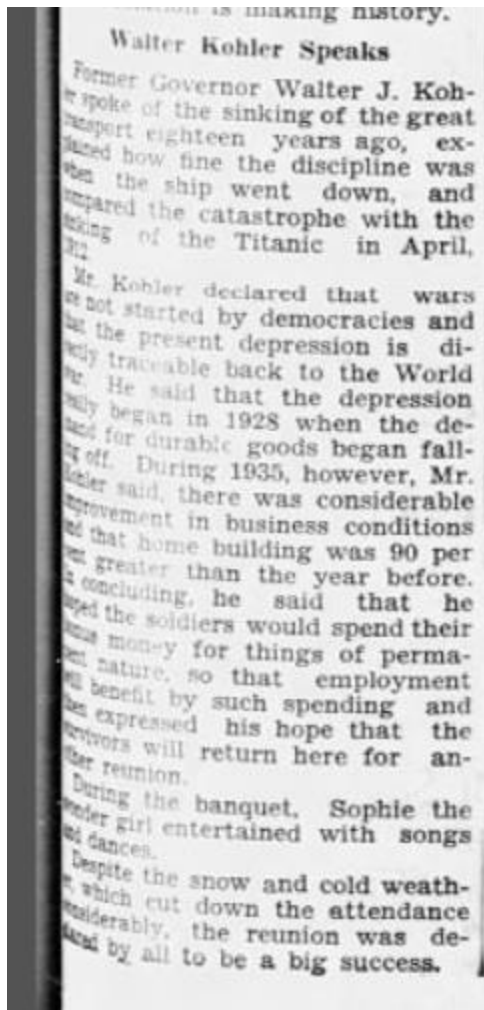
Other Speakers

Attorney A. Matt Werner, state director for the National Emergency Council, said he always has had a warm spot in his heart for the Tuscania survivors and that he hoped February 5, the anniversary of the Tuscania sinking, always will be a sad letter day in the lives of the survivors.

Mr. Collins, the newly elected president, was then introduced and asked the survivors to be sure to send to the officers reply cards when reunion material is sent to them in the future.

C. E. Broughton said that February 5 always brings back tender recollections, for it is a day when the survivors revere the memory of their buddies who have gone. He also expressed the hope that the association would hold its reunion here in Sheboygan again sometime in the future, and paid tribute to the inimitable work of Mr. Buchanan as toastmaster.

Mr. Broughton declared that Sheboygan was proud to have the 18th reunion here and pointed out that the association is making history.



"Sheboygan (WI) Press" Thursday 6 Feb 1936 p 1

M. W. Collins Heads Tuscania Group

Milwaukee Elected 1937 Convention
by Survivors Assn.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Members of the National Tuscania Survivors' association at their eighteenth annual reunion here Wednesday, selected Milwaukee as their 1937 convention city. Officers for the coming year elected were: President, M. W. Collins, Milwaukee; vice president, Capt. Oakley L. Parkhill, Fort Lincoln, N. D.; treasurer, Ralph R. Wescott, Shawano; secretary, Tracy Green, Milwaukee; judge advocate, Charles B. Dunn, Chicago; sergeant at arms, William H. Seltrecht, Milwaukee, and chaplain, John Young, Racine.

The Tuscania, British ship carrying U. S. troops to France, was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. More than 200 lives were lost.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 6 Feb 1936 p 5

Responding to an invitation which read like this:

"How'd you like to break the fast,

December eight at ten half-past,
With Pearl LaFrance, Wisconsin street,

And then, when you've enough to eat,

Vie with one another to see who'll win the rubber."

Some 50 friends of Mrs. Alfred E. LaFrance were entertained this morning, and not only vied with one another for the rubber of bridge, but also in preparing clever rhymes of acceptance. Mrs. Frank E. Wilcher won the prize for the most original and unique acceptance. The LaFrance home was festive in its holiday attire of blue and silver.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Ivan Satow of Philadelphia, Mrs. Maxwell W. Collins of Milwaukee, and Mrs. George Greiner of Kenosha.

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" Tuesday 8 Dec 1936 p 12

Tuscania Men Meet Feb. 5

Kenosha Survivors to At- tend Annual Conven- tion in Milwaukee

The nineteenth anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania, British transport ship carrying 1,200 American soldiers to Liverpool, England, will be observed by the Tuscania Survivors' Association at its national convention Friday, February 5, in Milwaukee.

A score of Kenosha survivors of the great war disaster are planning to attend the national convention. All sessions will be held at the Plankinton Hotel.

Memorial Services

Memorial services will be conducted following the annual business session, starting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Most of the veterans on the Tuscania, torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast, were members of the Thirty-second division from Wisconsin and Michigan.

The banquet will be held in the evening, followed by a program of entertainment. Speakers at the dinner will include Harry Ransom, national president of the 40 and 8 society; Gil Stordock, adjutant of the Wisconsin Department of the American Legion, and Maj. E. M. Connor, all of Milwaukee.

Officers of the association are M. W. Collins, 2735 N. Bartlett ave., Milwaukee, president; Tracey Greene, 5362 N. Thirty-sixth st., Milwaukee, secretary; Ralph Wescott, Shawano, treasurer; D. E. Rogers, 313 E. Wells st., Milwaukee is general chairman of the convention.

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS TO MEET IN CHICAGO IN '38

Milwaukee —(AP)— The Tuscania Survivors' association, holding its annual reunion here last night, decided to meet in Chicago in 1938.

Leo P. Zimmerman of Milwaukee, association historian, said Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, lieutenant commander of the German U-boat which torpedoed the Tuscania transport, has promised to attend

the Chicago meeting. He lives in Saarbrücken.

A memorial service for the 225 American soldiers who lost their lives when the Tuscania sank off the Irish coast 19 years ago yesterday was held.

The association, which has a nationwide membership of 1,200 survivors of the Tuscania tragedy, elected the following officers: Arnold Joerns, Chicago, president; Stanley Hult, Chicago, vice president; Charles Dunn, Chicago, secretary; and Henry Knaup, Kenosha, Wis., permanent secretary.

Fred Duxbury, Sheboygan, Wis., James Bray, Baraboo, Wis. and M. W. Collins, Milwaukee, were named to the board of directors. About 100 members attended the reunion.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Saturday 6 Feb 1937 p 4

WISCONSIN CORPORATIONS

Acme Carbon Brush Co., Milwaukee, 200 shares common stock at \$10 each, Sell electric motor and generator brushes, O. Harvey, A. Seher, A. Buehlow.

Builders' Supply Corp., Janesville, 500 shares no par value, Sell lumber, iron, steel, tin, brick, etc., J. P. Cullen, M. A. Cullen, L. Dobratz.

Community Stores, Inc., Milwaukee, 150 shares no par value, Deal in electrical appliances, M. Letko, E. M. Widen, A. I. Stern.

R. B. Tire Service, Inc., Milwaukee, Sell automobiles, motors, bicycles, etc., 100 shares common stock no par value, R. Overacre, C. Hayes, S. J. Kahn.

Twin City Bottling Co., Menasha, 100 shares at \$50 each, C. A. Vander Heyden, M. F. Crowley, G. Vander Heydan.

Rosenheim Furniture Co., Milwaukee, 500 shares at no par value, General furniture business, L. E. Rosenheim, M. Weinstein, R. E. Kline.

Chippewa Petroleum Co., Chippewa Falls, Sell petroleum products, 100 shares at \$100 each, J. G. Hodgins, Jr., O. J. Wiggins, J. G. Hodgins, Sr.

W. F. Rowe & Co., Wausau, General trade and commercial acceptance business, 50 shares common stock at \$100 each, W. F. Rowe, W. R. Scholfield, H. H. Scholfield.

St. Croix Golf Club, St. Croix, Promotion of social, educational, and recreational games, 30 shares at \$100 each, John M. Fast, M. S. Weymouth, E. L. Benjamin.

Supplies Inc., Milwaukee, Sell machinery, tools, implements, etc., 1000 shares at \$1.00 each, H. C. Kettelson, M. W. Collins, H. B. Welly.

Vielie Inc., Waukesha, 200 shares at \$25 each, Deal in drugs, chemicals, oils, paints, etc., A. Vielie, F. Vielie, M. Vielie.

WISCONSIN CORPORATIONS

Mosinee Meat Co., Mosinee, 500 shares of common stock of no par value, to buy, sell, raise and deal in cattle and all forms of livestock; Francis A. Rondeau, Marie Rondeau, Harvey B. Benson.

Schwartz Footwear Co., Milwaukee, 200 shares of common stock at \$100 per share, to manufacture, sell, buy, and deal in all types and kinds of shoes and accessories incidental to the shoe business; Abe Schwartz, Esther Schwartz, Albert A. Cohen.

Williams-Collins, Inc., Milwaukee, 500 shares of no par value, the manufacturing, buying, selling, leasing, dealing and jobbing in machinery, parts of machinery, tools, dies, material for tools; D. M. Williams, M. W. Collins and Victor F. Gagliano.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 11 Jul 1945 p 8

Memorial day guests at the E. H. Rosenthal home were: Mrs. H. J. Klug of Merrill; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Klug of Mosinee; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bieberstine and son of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McLerran of West Allis; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds of Delton; Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins of Milwaukee; Mrs. Ed. Schulte and Charles Krohn of this city.

"Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press" Thursday 5 Jun 1947 p 7

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Maxwell Collins

in the U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969



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Detail Source

Name	Maxwell Collins
Gender	Male
Record Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	19 Sep 1925
Marriage Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Minerva E Zinzow
Church Name	Ascension
Church Location	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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 681 Cramer St 629 Bartlett 629 Bartlett Ave 1925
 Mrs. Hildegard Wright
 - Joel Wright
 Bay View Chapel

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Maxwell W Collins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	Maxwell W Collins
Marriage Date	19 Sep 1925
Marriage County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Minerva E Zinzow

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Miss Minerva Zinzow, who has been the guest of Miss Marie Garlander at her home on Washington avenue, returned to her home in Milwaukee this morning.

"Port Huron (MI) Herald-Press" Friday 9 Jul 1920 p 6

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 —Bliz wid Chas h 681 Cramer
 —Fred C asstmgr German Am Bank Bay View Branch h 3, 404 25th
 —Grace L buffer h 106 8th
 —Kathlyn steno 317, 114 Grand av h 342 Greenbush
 —**Louise** E clk 321 Grand av h 681 Cramer
 —Mary A h 489 33d
 —Michl h 342 Greenbush
 —Minnie Miss h 681 Cramer
 —Raymond F E S Co chauff h 489 33d
 —Thos E telopr h 1081 Humboldt av
 —Thos J h 381 Prospect av

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Piano, Chamber Music Chosen As Subject of Series Program

The music department of the Woman's club of Racine on Wednesday afternoon will present the third in its series of programs from "Song to Symphony" in the auditorium of the clubhouse. Mrs. Frank Pope and Mrs. Alfred LaFrance, at right, two members of the department, will present a program dealing with piano and chamber music.

Mrs. Pope, narrator, has spent several months in research, preparing for this program. Mrs. LaFrance has made music her major cultural interest and began the formal study of piano in her early years in Milwaukee where she resided before coming to Racine in 1931. She studied under Jacob Moerschel of the music department of the Milwaukee state teachers' college and later under Dr. Liborius Semmann, dean of the Marquette University college of music, also teaching a class



of piano students. At present she is a student of John Carre and is a member of his Thursday evening repertoire class for students enrolled in his school.

Members will recall the program given some years ago when Mrs. Carroll Heft and Mrs. LaFrance gave Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince." Miss Edith Chandler, department chairman, will call the meeting to order at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow, and Mrs. LaFrance will play the following program, illustrating the history of piano music as narrated by Mrs. Pope:

A Tausig arrangement of Scarlatti's "Pastorale;" a Saint Saens transcription of Bach's "Bourree" from the second violin sonata No. 9 in A Major." (Mozart), part of first movement; first movement of "Sonata in C Sharp Minor" (Beethoven); three Chopin preludes.—Op. 28, No. 7; Op. 28, No. 6 (cello) and Op. 28, No. 20; "Clair de Lune" (Debussy); "La Coquette," written by John Carre in 1926.

Tea will be served by members of the group under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. D. Bowers. Out of town guests will include Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Maxwell W. Collins, and Miss Evelyn May, Milwaukee. Members and friends of the Woman's club are invited to attend this program.

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" Tuesday 19 Mar 1940 p 8

Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Konrad, 115 Waugoo street, received the congratulations of many friends and relatives yesterday during an open house celebration observing their golden wedding anniversary. Bouquets and baskets of lovely flowers decorated their home for the occasion.

Refreshments were served from a table centered with a huge cake, a gift from the nieces and nephews of the honored couple. Lucern Zinzow, a nephew who is with the U. S. occupation forces in Germany, sent a cablegram congratulating the Konrads on the occasion. Numerous cards and letters from relatives and friends were also received.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. E. G. Sibberson of Topeka, Kan., sister of Mr. Konrad; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Zinzow and Mrs. Lucern Zinzow, Fond du Lac; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Redlin, Lomira; Mr. Julius Konrad and the Misses Linda and Elsa Konrad of Kaukauna; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Collins, Mr. and Mrs. William Schwefel of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Zinzow, Menominee Falls; Mrs. Henry Heminghaus and family of Nekimi, and Sgt. Wm. Konrad of Boston, Mass.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Konrad were guests of honor at a turkey dinner for 63 relatives and friends at the American Legion clubhouse.

FORMER RIPON RESIDENT EXPIRES AT MILWAUKEE

Ripon, Wis.—(Special)—Henry Schaefer, 79, former resident of Ripon, a brother of the late William E. Schaefer, died Wednesday morning at Milwaukee. He had been in poor health for about a year.

Mr. Schaefer, a foundry molder, was employed at the Schaefer foundry in Ripon and in Berlin for a number of years. About 15 years ago he went to Beloit where he was engaged in foundry work, removing five years ago to Milwaukee.

Surviving are a son, Charles Schaefer, of Beloit and two half-sisters, Miss Louise Clifford and Mrs. Clarence Cunningham, of Milwaukee.

Funeral services will be held from the Hanson chapel in Ripon Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with burial in Hillside cemetery.

Uncle & aunts of Minerva – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Thursday 10 Feb 1938 p 9

Biological father Albert A. Klug:

Albert Klug returned to Portage Saturday, having spent a week with his mother Mrs. Albertina Klug.

“Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press” Thursday 5 Jan 1911 p 2

Brother Dies

Henry Klug of this city, received word this morning of the death of his brother, Albert A. Klug, at Dalton, near Kilbourn. Deceased was 72 years of age, and the cause of death is believed to have been heart disease. He is survived by two children by his first wife, and his widow, he having been twice married. Mr. Klug expects to leave for Dalton Sunday, and will remain for the funeral.

"Merrill (WI) Daily Herald" Friday 21 Feb 1930 p 3

Former Portage Man Passes Away At His Mirror Lake Home

Albert A. Klug, 72, a brother of Charles J. Klug and Edward J. Klug of this city, died at his home at Mirror Lake at 8 o'clock this morning, following an illness of three or four months from heart trouble. He was well known in Portage where he lived for several years while engaged in business.

Deceased is survived by his wife and also by one son and one daughter.

Funeral services will be held from the family home at Mirror Lake at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Friday 21 Feb 1930 p 1

DEATH OF ALBERT KLUG

Albert Klug, and aged resident of Mirror Lake, died on Friday at eight o'clock from heart trouble, after an illness since last August. Deceased was 72 years of age.

The funeral was held on Sunday from the M. E. church under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. Rev. Philpott conducting the services. Deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge at Portage.

An Obituary will be published next week.

"Wisconsin Dells Events" (Kilbourn WI) Thursday 27 Feb 1930 p 1

REMAINS ARE INTERRED AT REEDSBURG

Service For Former Portage Man Held From Delton M. E. Church

(Contributed)

Albert A. Klug was born in New York, December 3, 1858. His parents, Godfried and Albertina Klug, came to Reedsburg when he was still an infant, making that place their home for several years, later moving to a farm in the town of Dellona. He attended school in Reedsburg, afterward learning the trade of harnessmaker which he followed the greater part of his life.

In September, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lindsay of Dellona, who died September 26, 1897. To this union were born three children: Max of Milwaukee; Lorena, now Mrs. Chas. McKenzie of Sioux City, Ia., and one dying in infancy.

In the year 1910, Mr. Klug moved to Portage where he became a member of the Klug Truss Co. On December 10, 1919, he was again united in marriage to Mrs. Della Stule of Delton, who was a kind and devoted companion in his last years. For the past six months he had been suffering from heart attacks; and all that could be done, was done to prolong his life. However, on Friday morning, February 21, after eating his breakfast and remarking to his wife how well he felt, he suddenly answered the summons we all must sooner or later receive. The funeral services were held from the Delton M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, February 23, conducted by the Masonic lodge of Portage, of which he was a member. Rev. Philpott as-

slating. The remains were taken to Reedsburg for interment and were accompanied by a large concourse of brother Masons and friends.

Possessing a happy and friendly disposition, he left many friends as the beautiful flowers and large attendance at the funeral bore mute testimony.

Those attending from away were his son, Max, and wife and L. C. Brandt of Milwaukee; his brothers, Edward J. Klug and Chas. J. Klug and family of Portage; a brother, Henry, and son of Merrill, Wis.; an aunt, Mrs. Minnie Esterly, of Minneapolis; and cousins, Mrs. Elsie Campbell, of Swarville, Minn.; and Henry Buelow and family of Reedsburg; Frank Darrenogue of Reedsburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bonfrey of Lyndon; Joe Rodwell and son, Robert, of Baraboo, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Landt of Kilbourn.

"There is no death; what seems so is transition.

This life of mortal breath
Is but the border of that land elysian,

Whose portal we call Death."

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Tuesday 4 Mar 1930 p 1

and proving property.

—Albert Klug, of Reedsburg, was in town to-day calling upon his brother, Chas. Klug. Mr. K. is travelling for Samnel Stotzer's marble works.

"Portage (WI) Daily Democrat" Friday 13 Dec 1889 p 3



"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Thursday 11 Dec 1919 p 1

Albert A Klug

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004

Detail	Source
Name	Albert A Klug
Death Date	21 Feb 1930
Death County	Sauk, Wisconsin, USA

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Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004 for Theodore Steel
Pre-1907 > Sauk (1877-1886)

	No. <u>209</u> ✓
1. Date of registration.....	Dec. 29, 1880.
2. The color.....	White.
3. Full name of husband.....	Theodore Steel.
4. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Lella Givson.
5. Occupation of said husband.....	Farmer.

6. Residence of said husband.....	Hellin Wis.
7. Birthplace of said husband.....	Wisconsin.
8. The place, town or township, and county where the marriage was contracted.....	Benavon. Wis.
9. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	Dec. 21st. 1887.
10. By what ceremony contracted.....	Religious.
11. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	S. P. Kengul.
12. Residence of person last named.....	Benavon. Wis.
13. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	Chas Clark. Ella Stul.
14. Date of certificate of marriage.....	Dec. 21st. 1887.
15. Name of the father of said husband.....	John Stul.
16. Name of the mother of said husband.....	Sarah A. "
17. Name of the father of said wife.....	Charles Giron
18. Name of the mother of said wife.....	Mary "

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Gibson

Mary DeMott was born in Morristown, N. Y., April 21, 1830. She came with her parents to Delavan, Wis., in 1841. In 1848 she was married to Charles Gibson. Nine children were born to them, five of whom died in childhood. Her husband died in 1891. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters, Mrs. Addie Rodwell of Baraboo, Mrs. Della Steele of Delton, Mrs. Dolly Brown of Kilbourn and Mrs. Lora Bonfoey of Lyndon, at whose home she died June 15, 1919. Interment in Delton cemetery.

Della's mother Mary DeMott Gibson -

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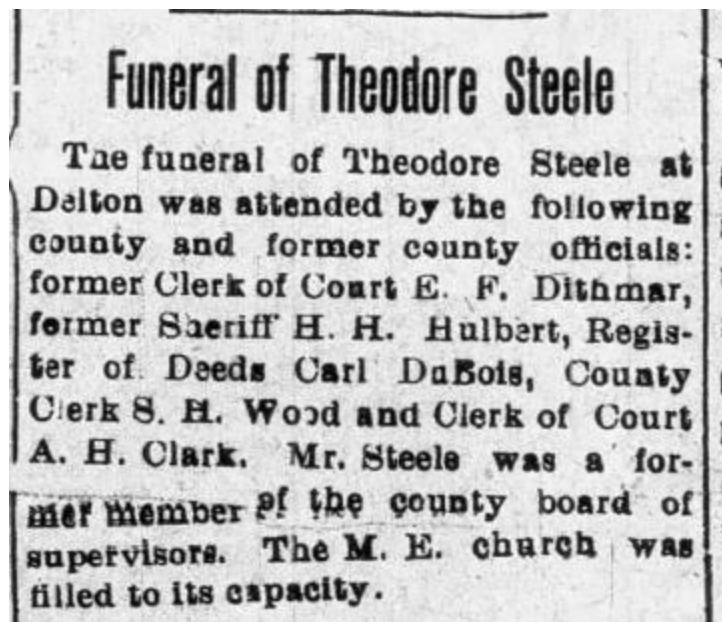
DELTON RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Theodore Steele Dies on
Thursday After a Linger-
ing Illness.

Theodore Steele died at his home in Delton on Thursday after a lingering illness. He was aged 58 years and had always resided in Delton. His father was James Steele, one of the pioneers. Theodore Steele was at one time a member of the county board of supervisors and for some time conducted a boat line on Mirror Lake. His wife, nee Luella Gibson, two sons and a daughter survive. The daughter is the wife of Whalen Hurlburt. The mother resides in Delton. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Funeral on Saturday at 10:30 at the M. E. church in the village of Delton.

Obituary of Theodore Steele, 1st husband of his 2nd wife Helen Gibson Steele – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 3 Apr 1914 p 1



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 4 Apr 1914 p 8

Biological mother Sarah Lindsay:

Albert Klug

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Detail	Source
Name	Albert Klug
Marriage Date	4 Jul 1889
Marriage County	Sauk, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Sarah Lindsay

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Registration of Marriage	
No.	24 273
1. Full name of husband.....	Albert Klug
2. Name of the father of husband.....	Gotfred Klug.
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage.....	Lena Klug
4. Occupation of husband.....	Harness Maker.
5. Residence of husband.....	Dellona
6. Birthplace of husband.....	Albany New York.
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Sarah Lindsay
8. Name of the father of wife.....	William Lindsay
9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage.....	= Lindsay
10. Birthplace of wife.....	Dellona
11. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	July 4 th 1889.
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted.....	Dellona
11. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	July 4 th 1889.
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted.....	Dellona
13. The color of the parties.....	White
14. By what ceremony contracted.....	
15. Names of subscribing witnesses.....	Ethan Reynolds Amos J. Reynolds M. L. Reynolds
16. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	
17. Residence of person last named.....	Dellona Bank County, Wis.
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage.....	July Fourth, 1889.
19. Date of registration.....	July 30, 1889.
20. Any additional circumstances.....	

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the syrup.
Mr. and Mrs. P. Timlin, Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Klug and Mrs. Minnie
Lindsay attended the funeral of Mrs.
Albert Klug at Reedsburg Wednesday
of last week.

"Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press" Thursday 7 Oct 1897 p 8

	No. 01758
1. Full name of deceased.....	Sarah J. Klug
2. Maiden name (if wife or widow)....	Sarah J. Lindsay
3. Color	White
4. Sex	Female
5. Race (a)	Ch
6. Occupation of deceased.....	Housewife
7. Age (years, months, and days).....	26 years
8. Name of father.....	William Lindsay
9. Birthplace of father.....	Ireland
10. Name of mother.....	Maggie Lee
11. Birthplace of mother.....	Ireland
12. Birthplace of deceased.....	Illena
13. Name of wife of deceased.....	
14. Name of husband of deceased.....	A. C. Klug
15. Date of birth of deceased.....	
16. Condition (single, married, or wid- owed)	Married
17. Date of death.....	Sept 26 th 1897
18. Residence at time of death.....	Elroy Wisconsin Co
19. Cause of death—Primary..... Cause of death—Secondary.....	Miliary Tuberculosis
20. Place of death.....	Elroy Wis

21. Duration of disease.....	4 weeks
22. Was the deceased ever a soldier or sailor in the service of the United States?.....	
23. Place of burial.....	Reedsburg Wis
24. Name of undertaker or other person conducting burial.....	Robert M Warr
25. Date of certificate.....	Sept 27 th 1897
26. No. burial permit.....	
27. Date of burial permit.....	Sept 28 th 1897
28. Other important facts not related..	

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Name	Sarah J. Lindsay Klug
Sex	Female
Age	26 years
Birth Date	1871
Birthplace	Dellana
Residence Date	1897
Residence Place	Elroy, Juneau Co., Wis.
Burial Place	Reedsburg, Wis.
Marital Status	Married
Race	white
Father's Name	William Lindsay
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Ireland
Mother's Name	Maggie Lee
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Ireland
Spouse's Name	A.c. Klug
Spouse's Sex	Male
Event Type	Death
Event Date	1897
Event Place	Elroy, Juneau, Wisconsin, United States
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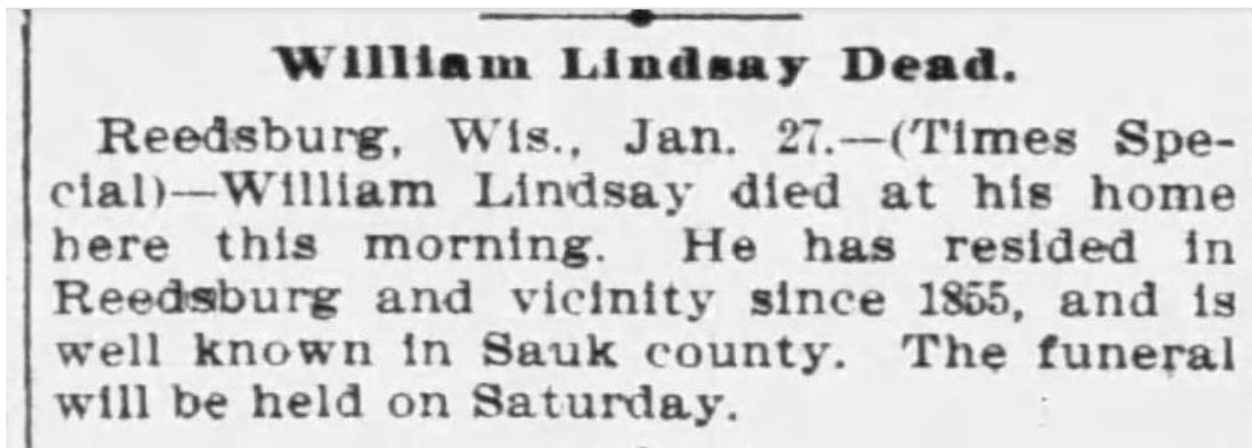
Sarah J Klug
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Index, 1808-1907



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Name	Sarah J Klug
Death Date	26 Sep 1897
Death Place	Juneau, Wisconsin, USA
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"Minneapolis (MN) Daily Times" Friday 28 Jan 1898 p 3 – WI death record:
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Adoptive Father:

Walter H Collins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Index, 1808-1907



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Detail	Source
Name	Walter H Collins
Marriage Date	26 Aug 1878
Marriage Place	Rock, Wisconsin, USA
Volume	3
Page	85

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Walter H Collins

Celia J Wattles

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Marriages.	
1. Date of registration	Aug. 27. 1878
2. The color	White
3. Full name of husband	Walter R. Collins
4. Full name of wife previous to marriage	Lelia Watless
5. Occupation of said husband	Railroading
6. Residence of said husband	W. Howard Ill.
7. Birthplace of said husband	Cocksville Wis.
8. The place, town or township, and county where the marriage was contracted	Clinton
9. Time when the marriage was contracted	Aug. 26. 1878
10. By what ceremony contracted	Baptist
11. Name of person pronouncing marriage	C. C. Marston
12. Residence of person last named	
13. Names of substantiating witnesses	Allen Jones Mrs Nancy
14. Date of certificate of marriage	Aug. 26. 1878
15. Name of the father of said husband	John Collins
16. Name of the mother of said husband	Lucy
17. Name of the father of said wife	J. P. Watless
18. Name of the mother of said wife	M. G.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/2062488>

Rev. O. L. Robinson Hurt.

**Passenger Train at Elroy Struck by a
Switch Engine Last Evening.**

Milwaukee, June 26.—A Journal special from Elroy, Wis., says.

The Chicago & Northwestern railroad passenger train No. 4, of Winona, collided with a switch engine at the north end of the Elroy yard last night. The switch engine was standing on the main track without protection, which was the direct cause of the accident. In no case were serious injuries inflicted. The injured include seventeen among them Charles Melce, of Neillsville; A. Rolles, Madison; Rev. O. L. Robinson, Madison; A. Trelvin, Fond du Lac; Mrs. Ellen Valkenstein, Baraboo; Thomas Cummings, Baraboo; W. H. Collins, Elroy.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 26 Jun 1901 p 1

Walter Henry Collins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail	Source
Name	Walter Henry Collins
Death Date	9 Jan 1917
Death County	Juneau, Wisconsin, USA

Death on 9 Jan 1917 Juneau Co. WI -

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Celia W. Collins

in the Illinois, U.S., Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947



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Detail	Source
Name	Celia W. Collins [Celia W. Wattles]
Birth Date	4 Jun 1845
Birth Place	Ill
Death Date	11 Sep 1920
Death Place	Woodstock, McHenry, Ill
Burial Date	12 Sep 1920
Burial Place	Harvard, Ill.
Death Age	75
Race	White
Marital Status	W
Gender	Female
Father Name	John Parks Wattles
Father Birth Place	N.Y.
Mother Name	Maria Goodwin Bennett
Mother Birth Place	N.Y.
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Adoptive Mother:

Walter H Collins

in the Illinois, U.S., Marriage Index, 1860-1920



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Detail Source

Name Walter H Collins

Gender Male

Marriage Date 15 Feb 1892

Marriage Place Mchenry, Illinois, USA

Spouse Name [Alice Backus Alexander](#)

Spouse Gender Female

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Alice Backus

in the Illinois, U.S., Marriage Index, 1860-1920



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Name Alice Backus

Gender Female

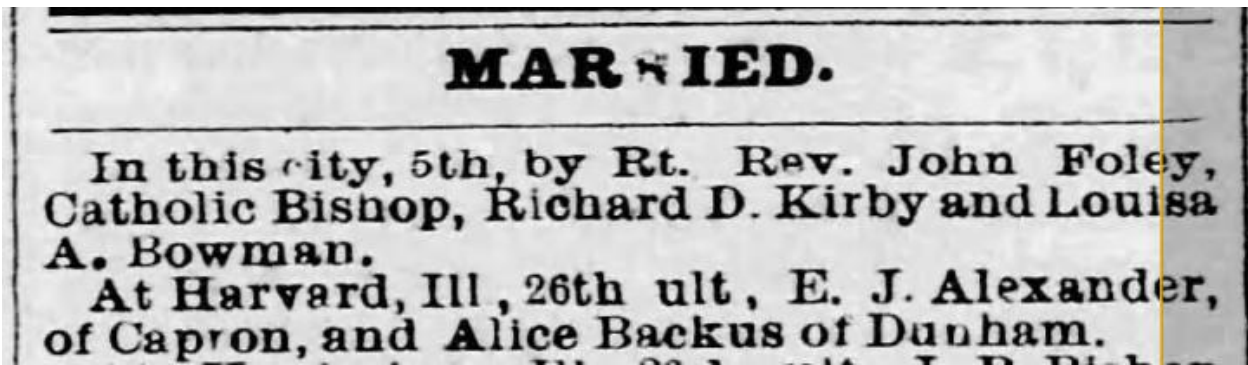
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Spouse Gender Male

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Marriage 26 Dec 1870 to Elisha J. Alexander – “Chicago Evening Mail” Saturday 7 Jan 1871 p
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Illinois, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1772-1999 for Alice A. Alexander

McHenry > Probate Packets No.2644-2688, 1891

In the Name of God, Amen,
 I, Elisha J. Alexander, of Harvard,
 McHenry County, Illinois, of the age of forty-two years, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in the manner following, that is to say:
First, I direct that all my just debts and general expenses be paid as soon as can conveniently be done after my decease.

Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Alice A. Alexander, all my personal property of every kind and character and wherever situate, to have and to hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Third, I give and devise to my said beloved wife, Alice A. Alexander, all my real estate, described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half of the South West Quarter of Section No. Four (4) and One (1) acre of land in the Northwest Corner of the South East Quarter of said Section No. Four (4), containing Eighty-one (81) acres, more or less, situate in Township No. Forty-five (45) North, of Range No. Five (5) East of the Third Principal Meridian in the County of McHenry and State of Illinois, also all my real estate, situate in Boone County and State of Illinois, belonging to me

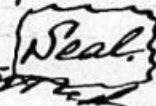
as one of the heirs at law of my father, James Alexander, late of said Boone County, deceased, being the undivided one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of all said real estate owned by my said father at his decease, to have and to hold to her, my said wife, Alice A. Alexander and her heirs and assigns forever, hereby intending to devise to her all my real estate, and all my interest in any real estate, whatsoever and

wherever situate, whether held by me in fee, joint tenancy, or tenant in common, or otherwise, to have and to hold to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth, I hereby make, constitute and appoint my said beloved wife, Alice A. Alexander, sole executrix of this my last will and testament, without her being required to give bond as such ex-

ing required to give bond as such executrix, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of January A.D. 1891.

Edw. A. Alexander  Seal.

The foregoing instrument in writing consisting of a little less than two pages of legal cap paper, was on the date there-

of Elisha J. Alexander

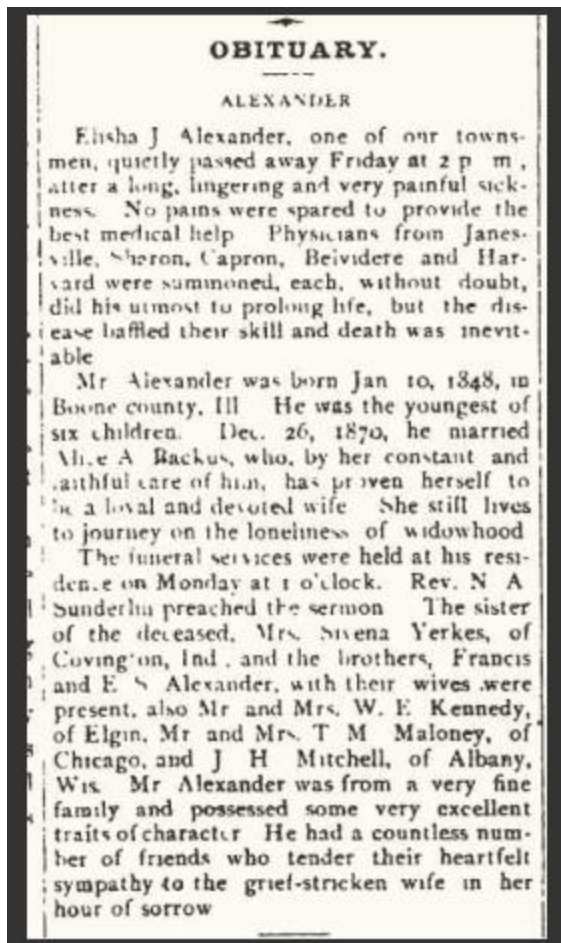
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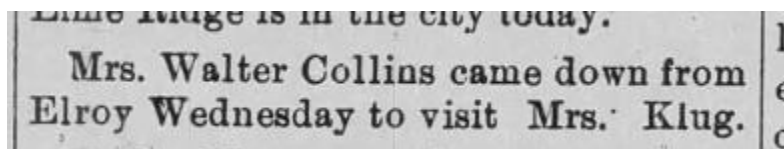
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Mr. Avery
Clerk.



"Harvard (IL) Herald" 13 Feb 1891 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/192950489/person/232514767155/media/18667ff6-7172-4bf3-aa50-ffbf61f49ecc?queryId=6776cc22-c9fa-486a-8d30-eb8889d8d64f&searchContextTreeId=61758794&searchContextPersonId=38163891118&phsrc=cPx28896&phstart=successSource>



"Reedsburg (WI) Times-Press" Thursday 9 Aug 1900 p 2

Alice A. Collins

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail

Source

Name	Alice A. Collins
Death Date	15 Mar 1933
Death County	Juneau, Wisconsin, USA

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Sibling:

'Heart' Royalty

Laurena McKenzie, 89, and Richard Miller, 82, reigned as the King and Queen of Hearts at the seventh annual Valentine's Party for residents of Green Acres Care Center in South Sioux City. The parties and entertainment are sponsored by the women of Hope Lutheran Church with Mrs. Lillie Gilster as chairman of the monthly visitation program. The King and Queen's Sweetheart Court included Heart Prince and Princess, Troy Sanford, 6, and Angela Gilster, 4. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Darold Gilster of Salix, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sanford of Dakota City. (Staff Photo)



"Sioux City (IA) Journal" Wednesday 11 Feb 1976 p 14

Laurena McKenzie

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



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Detail	Source
Name	Laurena McKenzie
Social Security Number	483-66-1145
Birth Date	21 May 1894
Issue year	1966
Issue State	Iowa
Last Residence	87031, Los Lunas, Valencia, New Mexico, USA
Death Date	Mar 1977

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Lawrence Sherman

in the South Dakota, U.S., Marriages, 1905-2018



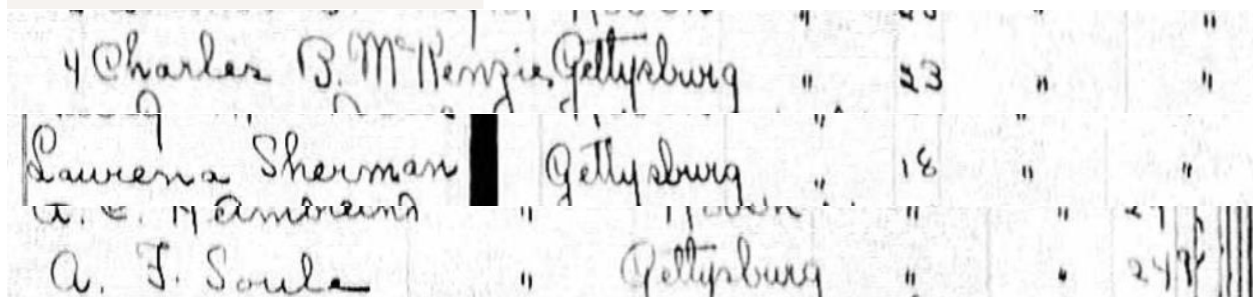
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Name	Lawrence Sherman
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	18
Birth Date	abt 1894
Record Type	Marriage
Residence Date	1912
Residence Post Office	Gettysburg
Residence Place	Potter
Marriage Date	24 Apr 1912
Marriage Place	Potter, South Dakota, USA
Spouse	Chalres B McKenzie
Certificate	31324
Registration Number	46398



<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8561/records/715915>

Mrs. Charles McKenzie

Mrs. Charles McKenzie, 82, Green Acres Nursing Home, South Sioux City, died Sunday at the home after a long illness.

Mrs. McKenzie, the former Laurena Sherman, was born in Wisconsin May 21, 1894. She was married in 1912 to Charles McKenzie.

The couple moved to Sioux City in 1928 from Vermillion, S.D. Mr. McKenzie died in 1949 in Sioux City.

Survivors include a son, Burton of Los Lunas, N.M., four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the W. Harry Christy Funeral Home in Morningside. The Rev. M. Dwight Walker will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Park Cemetery.

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" Tuesday 22 Mar 1977 p 6

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Maxwell W. Collins (birth surname: Klug)

Name variations: born Maxwell Klug (Klugg) - - nickname: Mickie

Military:

On Tuscania: 07th Supply Co. F - corporal

Serial number: 251,289

Entered service from: Elroy, Juneau WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Max Collins

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Alice Collins, Elroy WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Max Collins

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Alice Collins, Elroy WI (cpl, Co. F, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Not on NTSA roster – in list of 1955 WI Survivors: 2829 N. Kramer, Milwaukee WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Maxwell Collins - b. 1 Oct 1896 Elroy WI; res: 2829 N. Cramer St., Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. NOK Mrs. Minerva E. Collins of the same address. Employed at Zetterlund Engineering Works, 3707 N. Richards, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Height: 5'11 ½" & weight: 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Max Collins and Maxwell Collins

Enlisted 2 Aug 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: 422 Austin, Milwaukee WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. F, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Oct 1896 Elroy, Juneau WI

Died: 28 Nov 1979 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Find A Grave record: 122522139, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Died:

Find A Grave record:

Burial location: Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Cemetery: Forest Home

Tombstone: inscription: 32nd Div on regular tombstone

** Maxwell is listed as the "adopted son" of Walter & Alice Collins in the 1910 census.

In the 1900 census, his biological father was born in NY; his biological mother was born in WI; while adoptive father Walter Collins was born in WI & adoptive mother Alice in IL. Alice indicates she has given birth to 1 child in the 1900 census & 1 is living, but says she has given birth to 1 child in the 1910 census & no child is living.

In 1910, both of Maxwell's parents are reported as born in WI.

BIOGRAPHY:

Maxwell Klug (with surname spelled Klugg on his Wisconsin birth record) was born 1 October 1896 in Elroy, Juneau County, Wisconsin, to Albert A. Klug and Sarah Lindsay. Albert & Sarah had married 4 July 1889 in Sauk County, Wisconsin.

Albert and Sarah Klug had three children: Laurena M. Klug (born 21 May 1894), Maxwell Klug (born 1 October 1896), and an additional child who died in infancy, according to Albert's obituaries.

Sarah died 26 September 1897 of military tuberculosis in Sauk County, Wisconsin. Laurena was three years old and Maxwell was five days away from his first birthday.

Three months later, the Reedsburg (WI) "Times-Press" of Thursday, 23 December 1897, page 5, reported:

"On Sunday last Albert Klug came down from Elroy to visit his people and to take his little son, Maxwell, with him to Elroy; he has found a good home for both of his children. The little girl, Lorena [sic/Laurena], is in the family of Smith Sherman, and Walter Collins has the little boy. Mr. Klug's mother [Albertine Buelow Klug] has had the little boy since his mother's death, but she can now go out as nurse again. "

Laurena M. Klug Sherman (1894-1977, Find A Grave 214213322) joined the family of Smith B. Sherman (Find A Grave 185376648) and Annie M. (Richardson) Sherman (Find A Grave 31826935).

On 24 April 1912 in Potter County, South Dakota, Laurena Sherman married Charles B. McKenzie (1888-1949, Find A Grave 233360747). The "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) of Tuesday, 16 August 1921, page 8, notes "Mrs. Charles McKenzie is visiting her brother, Max Collins, at Elroy."

Maxwell joined the family of Walter Henry Collins (1846-perhaps 1917?) and Alice Backus (1850-perhaps 1933?). This was the second marriage for both. Alice Backus Alexander was a widow; her first husband was Elisha J. Alexander (1848-1891, Find A Grave 66397491), whom she had married in 1870.

In the 1900 census, both Maxwell and sister Laurena lived in Elroy, Juneau County, Wisconsin, but with their adoptive families. Maxwell Collins is listed as the son of Walter H. and Alice A. Collins. Laurena M. Sherman is the "adopted daughter" of Smith and Anna M. Sherman.

In the 1910 census, Maxwell is listed as the "adopted son" of Walter H. and Alice Collins, living in Elroy, Juneau County, Wisconsin. In 1910, Laurena Sherman is age 14 and living with her adoptive sister Mellie Sherman Blakeslee, Mellie's husband Charles Blakeslee and Laurena's adoptive mother Annie M. Sherman in Gettysburg, Potter County, South Dakota.

Maxwell Collins entered the U.S. Army on 2 August 1917. As a corporal in the 107th Supply Train, Company E, he sailed aboard the troopship SS "Tuscania" on 24 January 1918 from New York City on his way to World War I. On 5 February 1918, the "Tuscania" was

torpedoed and sunk in the North Channel between Scotland and Ireland by German submarine UB-77, with the loss of 215 American soldiers.

Maxwell Collins returned from war with the same rank and in the same unit in May 1919 aboard the “Virginian.” His military serial number was 251289. On both voyages, he listed his mother, Alice Collins of Elroy, Wisconsin, as his next-of-kin.

Maxwell served as president of the National Tuscania Survivors Association in 1936 and as its secretary in 1938.

On 10 December 1919, Maxwell’s biological father Albert A. Klug married Mrs. Helen Della Gibson Steele (1864-1943, Find A Grave 79251848). Della’s first husband Theodore Steele had died in 1914.

Albert’s numerous obituaries in Wisconsin newspapers in 1930 report he was survived by a son and daughter from a previous marriage, and that another child had died in infancy. His children’s names are often not reported, but Laurena is once mentioned as Mrs. Chas. McKenzie. When Max is listed as the surviving son, his surname is not included.

In 1920, Maxwell Collins, age 23, was an order clerk for a motor manufacturer, a boarder in the Sheeran household in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

On 19 September 1925, Maxwell Collins married Minerva E. Zinzow in Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Frederick W. Zinzow and Frederica (Kliefoth) Zinzow. In the 1930 census, Maxwell and Minerva Collins lived with Minerva’s parents and brother Clifford Zinzow in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Maxwell was a salesman of lubricating fuel oils.

In 1940 and 1950, Maxwell and Minerva Collins lived with the sisters of Minerva’s mother, Emma Louise Kliefoth Clifford (Find A Grave 111304334) and Wilhelmina (Minnie) Kliefoth Cunningham (Find A Grave 111304316) in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

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Biological father: Albert A. Klug, 3 Dec 1857 [1858 in obituary] NY – 21 Feb 1930 Sauk Co. WI (at his home at Mirror Lake).

Son of Gottfried Klug (1827-1893) & Albertine Buelow (1838 Germany-1911 WI, F: 105794157).

Three months after his wife Sarah’s death, his daughter Laurena was in the household of Smith Sherman & son Maxwell in the household of Walter Henry Collins. Their surname Klug changed to those of their adoptive parents.

On 10 Dec 1919, Albert Klug married Mrs. Helen Della Steele (1864 WI – 22 Jan 1943, F: 79251848). She is buried in Lake Delton Cemetery, Lake Delton, Sauk WI.
Buried in Green Wood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI.
Find A Grave: 105794178

Biological mother: Sarah J. Lindsay Klug, 1870 Dellona, Sauk WI – 26 Sep 1897 Sauk Co. WI.

Daughter of William Lindsay (b. County Tipperary, Ireland – d. 29 Jan 1898, a resident of Reedsburg, Sauk WI, F: 120631906) & Margaret (Maggie) Lee (b. Apr 1826 County Tipperary, Ireland – 4 Mar 1881, F: 58400756). Both buried in the same cemetery as Sarah.

Sarah died of miliary tuberculosis, which she had for 4 weeks prior to her death.

One of her brothers is John Henry Lindsay (19 Sep 1856 WI – 19 Oct 1936 ID).

Buried in Green Wood Cemetery, Reedsburg, Sauk WI.

Find A Grave: 105794183

Parents' marriage: 4 Jul 1889 Sauk Co. WI. Sarah was age 26.

Biological father's 2nd wife: Helen Della Gibson Steele Klug, Mar 1863 [or 1864] WI – 22 Jan 1943 Lake Delton, Sauk WI. Name also found as Delphine.

Daughter of Charles Gibson (1821-1891, F: 79251610) & Mary DeMott (1830-1916, F: 79251611).

First married to Theodore Steele (1856 WI – 1914 WI) on 21 Dec 1880 in Sauk Co. WI.

Theodore was the son of James Steele. They had 4 children. He is buried in the same cemetery as Helen Klug – Lake Delton Cemetery, Lake Delton, Sauk WI, F: 79251848.

Helen Klug's Find A Grave: 79251848

Adoptive father: Walter Henry Collins, Mar 1846 WI (1900 census) – [could be the Walter Henry Collins who died] 9 Jan 1917 Juneau Co. WI.

EXCEPT – a Walter Collins who died 9 Jan 1917, buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Rock WI, was born in 1867, F: 202540435, is buried with wife Bertha Andrew (1868-1916, F: 202540445) – so that does not correspond,

Was married once before he married Alice Backus Alexander.

Is he the Walter H. Collins who married 26 Aug 1878 in Clinton, Rock Co. WI to Celia Wattles [misspelled Watles]. Celia Wattles was born 4 Jun 1845 IL, the daughter of John Parks Wattles (1821 PA – 1872 IL, F: 107279654) & Maria Goodwin Bennett (1823-1904, F: 107279593), both buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Harvard, McHenry IL. He was listed as the son of John & Lucee Collins, resident of Harvard IL, born Cooksville WI, employed in railroading. She is listed as the daughter of J.P. & M.G. Watles. – According to her IL death record, Celia W. Collins died 11 Sep 1920 in Woodstock, McHenry IL & is buried in Harvard, McHenry IL (cemetery not noted). Note that Celia Wattles Collins's parents are also buried in Harvard, McHenry IL as are the parents of Walter Henry Collins's 2nd wife Alice Backus Alexander's 1st husband & her parents.

If Celia lived until 1920, this would presume that the Walter Collins she married were divorced.

Based on his residency in Juneau Co. WI, Maxwell's adoptive father appears to be the Walter H. Collins who died 9 Jan 1917 in Juneau Co. WI. Maxwell's adoptive father was alive in the 1910 census but wife Alice indicates she is widowed in the 1920 census.
Find A Grave:

Adoptive mother: Alice Backus Alexander Collins, 10 Dec 1851 or Dec 1850 McHenry Co. IL (1900 census) - [apparently the Alice A. Collins who died] 15 Mar 1933 Juneau Co. WI. Daughter of Lyman Strong Backus (1825 CT – 1894 IL, buried Harvard, McHenry IL, F: 31921578) & Sarrah Loraine Downs (1829 NY – 1880 IL, buried Harvard, McHenry IL, F: 31921606).

Married Elisha J. Alexander on 26 Dec 1870 in Harvard, McHenry Co. IL. In the 1880 census, Alice & Elisha (b. NY) live in Dunham, McHenry IL. Elisha J. Alexander died at age 42 in Harvard, McHenry IL. He was the son of James Alexander. His will was dated 31 Jan 1891. Elisha was born 10 Jan 1848 Boone Co. IL & died 6 Feb 1891 in Harvard, McHenry IL. Elisha Alexander is buried in Jerome Cemetery, Harvard, McHenry IL, F: 66397491

Find A Grave:

Adoptive parents' marriage: 15 Feb 1892 in McHenry Co. IL. Walter H. Collins to Alice Backus Alexander. Alice was age 31.

Both his parents indicated they were previously married on their marriage license application.

Spouse: Minerva E. Zinzow Collins, 21 Jul 1901 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 24 Jun 1982 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.

Daughter of Frederick W. Zinzow (1866-1941, F: 122531949) & Frederica Kliefoth (1869-1937, F: 122531800).

Frederica Kliefoth Zinzow was the daughter of Charles Kliefoth (1828-1887, F: 254377509) & Elizabeth Lieber, 1st married to William Schaefer (1838-1920, F: 254377524).

Frederica's sisters were (Emma) Louise Kliefoth (15 Feb 1872 Ripon, Fond du Lac Co. WI – 26 Feb 1953 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, buried as Louise Clifford, F: 111304334), who married a Clifford, although she claimed to be single, and Wilhelmina (Minnie) Kliefoth Cunningham (May 1876 Ripon, Fond du Lac WI – 4 Mar 1959 WI, buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, F: 111304316 with husband Clarence Cunningham (1879-1937, F: 111304307). Maxwell & wife Minerva lived with E. Louise & Wilhelmina/Minnie in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI in the 1940 & 1950 censuses.

Her sister was Evelyn Zinzow (Mrs. William A.) Schwefel (who d. 29 Nov 1991 Washington Co. WI) & her brother was Clifford F. Zinzow (his obituary: "Arizona Daily Star" of Tucson on 24 May 1990 p 4 – b. 6 Mar 1910 Milwaukee WI – d. 21 May 1990 Tucson AZ)

In the 1910 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI census, Elizabeth Kliefoth, 72 NY, parents b. Germany, widow, not employed, was head of household. Living with her were her daughters: Louise (38 WI, saleswoman in a department store) & Wilhelmina (36 WI, a seamstress at home). Their father had been born in Germany, their mother in WI.

Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI with husband Maxwell & her parents.

Spouse Find A Grave: 122522178

Marriage: 19 Sep 1925 in Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee WI. Minerva E. Zinzow, resident of 629 Bartlett Ave., Milwaukee WI, age 24. Maxwell Collins, resident of 681 Cramer St. & 629 Bartlett, age 28. Witnesses: Mrs. Hildegard Wright & Joel Wright.

Children:

Siblings:

- one sibling died in infancy
- sister Laurena M. Klug Sherman McKenzie, 21 May 1894 WI – 20 Mar 1977 South Sioux City, Dakota NE.

Birth surname: Klug.

In 1897, three months after her mother's death, Laurena became part of the family of Smith B. Sherman (31 Oct 1848-17 Jan 1906, buried in Elroy City Cemetery, Elroy, Juneau WI, F: 185376648) and Annie M. Richardson (1850 NY – 1938 AZ, buried in Glendale Memorial Park, Glendale, Maricopa AZ, F: 31826935)

In 1900, in Elroy, Juneau WI, Smith Sherman (51 OH, Oct 1848, parents' birthplaces unknown) was a railroad laborer. He had been married 30 years. His wife was Anna M. (49 NY, Aug 1850, parents b. NY) who gave given birth to 2 children, 2 of whom were living. Son George T. (24 WI, Sep 1875) & "adopted daughter" Laurena M. Sherman (6 WI, May 1894, father b. NY, mother b. WI). Also in the household was Samuel Richardson, 81 NY, parents b. NY, b. May 1819, widowed, a farmer, listed as father [i.e. Anna Richardson Sherman's father].

In 1910, Laurena M. Sherman (14 WI) resided in Gettysburg, Potter SD in the household of Charles Blakeslee (43 WI, owner of a retail jewelry store), his wife Mellie (36 WI), Mellie's mother Annie M. Sherman (60 NY) & sister-in-law Laurena Sherman. Annie was Laurena's adoptive mother, while Mellie was Annie's daughter. Lauren's father was allegedly born in OH, her mother in NY. These are the birthplaces of her adoptive parents, not her biological parents.

On 24 Apr 1912 in Potter Co. SD, Laurena Sherman, age 18 married Charles B. McKenzie (1888 TN – 1949 IA, F: 233360767). They moved from Gettysburg SD to Sioux City IA in 1926.

In 1920 Laurena McKenzie lived in Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota.

The "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 16 Aug 1921 p 8 reported: "Mrs. Charles McKenzie is visiting her brother, Max Collins, at Elroy."

In 1930, 1940 & 1950, Laurena McKenzie lived in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa. Buried in Graceland Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Woodbury IA.

Find A Grave: 214213322

Notes:

In 1940, Maxwell & Minerva, listed as nephew & niece, are living in Milwaukee with two sisters: E. Louise Clifford (68 WI, single) & Winnie Cunningham (66 WI, married).

In the "Oshkosh Northwestern" of 10 Feb 1938 p 9 – Henry Schaefer, brother of the late William Schaefer, of Ripon WI died at age 79 on 9 Feb 1938. He is survived by his half-sisters, Miss Louise Clifford & Mrs. Clarence Cunningham, both of Milwaukee. Louise Clifford: 1872-1953, buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, F: 111304334. Wilhelmina Cunningham, 1876-1959, buried in Forest Home Cemetery, F: 111304316

"Wisconsin State Journal" 26 Jun 1901 p 1 – The Chicago & Northwestern Railway train no. 4 of Winona MN collided with the switch engine at the north end of the Elroy WI yard on 25 Jun 1901. Among the 17 injured was W.H. Collins of Elroy WI.

Wartime:

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" 30 Aug 1917 p 1
Co. K left for camp at Camp Douglas on Sat., 25 Aug 1917. Among them was corporal Max Collins.

Post-war:

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" 11 Jan 1921 p 3 – Max Collins of Elroy WI was a guest of Albert Klug.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" 10 Mar 1921 p 3 – Max Collins of Elroy visited relatives & friends in Portage.

1935 Eau Claire WI city directory: Maxwell W. Collins with Minerva Collins, residents of 438 N. Barstow

Maxwell Collins served as president of the National Tuscania Survivors Association in 1936 and as secretary of the National Tuscania Survivors Association in 1938.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 6 Feb 1935 p 9 – at the National Tuscania Survivors Association meeting in Baraboo, the group chose Sheboygan for their meeting next year, which will be the 18th anniversary of the Tuscania. Max Collins of Eau Claire WI was elected secretary.

"Sheboygan Press" 5 Feb 1936 p 16 - photo - NTSA secretary, 1 of first 2 to arrive at Sheboygan reunion, came by interurban from Milwaukee, in oil business, enlisted 2 Aug 1917, discharged 29 May 1919, 1 of charter members of NTSA, its president for 3 years

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 350-10-0153

Censuses:

1850 Porter, Rock WI – Maxwell's "father" Henry – conducted 8 Aug 1850

John Collins, 40 England, tailor

Grace, 40 NY

Walter, 3 NY

Abby, 2 WI

Catherine, 2 months WI

1860 Porter, Rock WI – Maxwell's adoptive Walter Henry Collins - conducted 21 Jun 1860

J.B. Collins, 50 England, groceryman

Grace F., 40 New York state

W.H., 12 WI

Abba L., 11 WI

Catherine, 9 WI

Margaret Condon, 25 Ireland

Ellen M. Condon, 4 months WI

Thomas McGrah, 48 Ireland, day laborer

1860 Dunham, McHenry IL – Maxwell's adoptive mother Alice Backus

Lyman Backus, 36 CT, farmer

Lorine, 31 NY

Augusta, 11 IL

Alice, 9 IL

George, 7 IL

Albert, 4 IL

Orsatch [spelling?], 75 CT

James Beck, 20 Ireland, farm labor

Elnora Thompson, 15 IL, domestic

1870 Porter, Rock WI – Maxwell's adoptive father Walter Henry Collins

Grace COLLIN, 60 NY, keep house

Walter, 24 WI, at home

Abby, 21 WI, at home

Sarah, 18 WI, at home

1880 Dellona, Sauk WI – Maxwell's biological mother Sarah J. Lindsey – conducted 21 Jun 1880

Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/records/46296156> - surname appears as Lusey and Luissey & Linsey

William Lusey, 51 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, carpenter

Margrit, 52 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, keeping house

Helena, 27 WI, at home

Carthrin, 26 WI, at home
 William, 22 WI, at home
 John H., 19 WI, student
 Margret, 16 WI, student
 Paul, 12 WI, student
 Frank, 10 WI, student
 Sarah J., 8 WI
 Libbie, 6 WI
 & teacher Arcia Parshman, 22 [boarder]

1880 Dunham, McHenry IL – Maxwell's adoptive mother Alice Backus & her 1st husband –
 conducted 16 Jun 1880
 Lisha Alexander, 32 IL, father b. IN, mother b. PA, farmer
 Alice, 29 IL, parents b. NY, keeping house

1895 WI state census – Elroy, Juneau WI – adoptive father & mother – Maxwell is born in
 1896
 W.H. Collins, 1 male, 1 female in household, with 2 household members born in US

1900 Elroy, Juneau WI – 315 Liberty St. – conducted 22 Jun 1900
 Walter H. Collin [sic], 54 WI, Mar 1846, father b. England, mother b. NY, married 9 years,
 railroad baggageman
 Alice A., 49 IL, Dec 1850, father b. CT, mother b. "X", gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living
 Maxwell, 3 WI, Oct 1896, father b. NY, mother b. WI [son] [which does not match either of
 his "parents"]

1905 Elroy, Juneau WI - as of 1 Jun 1905
 W.H. Collins, 59 WI, parents b. NY, railroad fireman
 Alice A., 54 IL, parents b. WI [wife]
 Maxwell, 8 WI, parents b. WI [which differs from the information in 1900] [son]

1910 Elroy, Juneau WI – Liberty St. – conducted 29 Apr 1910
 Walter H. Collins, 62 WI, in 2nd marriage, parents b. US, married 17 years, wiper,
 roundhouse
 Alice, 58 IL, parents b. CT, in 2nd marriage, gave birth to 1 child, zero children are living
 [wife]
 Max, 13 WI, parents b. WI [adopted son]

1920 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 633 Fourth Ave. – conducted 2 Jan 1920
 Maxwell Collins, 23 WI, parents b. WI, single, order clerk, motor mfg., boarder with:
 Patrick & Mary Sheeran, their 4 children & 4 other boarders

1920 Plymouth, Juneau WI – his adoptive mother – 10 Liberty St.

Alice Collins, 68 IL, father b. CT, mother b. PA, widow, head of household

1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 629 Bartlett Ave. – Maxwell is living with his wife, her parents & her brother

Fred W. Zingow [Zinzow], 64 WI, parents b. Germany, age 35 at 1st marriage, occupation: none

Fredericka Zinzow, 60 WI, father b. Germany, mother b. NY, age 31 at 1st marriage [wife]

Maxwell Collins, 33 WI, married, age 29 at 1st marriage, salesman, fuel oils, lubricating, WWI veteran [boarder]

Minerva Collins, 27 WI, married, age 23 at 1st marriage, bookkeeper, fire insurance [boarder – actually Fred's daughter]

Clifford Zinzow, 20 WI, parents b. WI, single, occupation: none [son]

1930 Elroy, Juneau WI – 107 Academy St. – his mother – conducted 9 Apr 1930

Alice Collins, 78 IL, widow, father b. CT, mother b. IL

With lodger: Lillian Lawrence, 19 WI, waitress, restaurant

1940 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 2829 N. Cramer St. – Maxwell & wife Minerva living with her maternal aunts (her mother's sisters)

E. Louise Clifford, 68 WI, single, no occupation, same house in 1935 [born Emma Louise Kliefoth, she was either divorced or separated or widowed]

Winnie Cunningham, 66 WI, widowed, no occupation, same house in 1935 [sister]

Maxwell Collins, 43 WI, parents b. US, married, salesman, foundry supply, same place in 1935 [nephew] [by marriage]

Minerva Collins, 37 WI, bookkeeper, Wringerolla [spelling?], same place in 1935 [niece]

1950 Watertown, Milwaukee Co. WI – 2829 N. Cramer St.

Louise E. Clifford, 77 WI, never married, occupation left blank [head of household]

Wilhelmina Cunningham, 70 WI, widow, occupation left blank [listed as "partner" – as in "roommate" – but Wilhelmina/Minnie is Louise's sister]

Maxwell Collins, 53 WI, married, salesman, wringer rolls [nephew]

Minerva Collins, 48 WI, married, general office work, wholesale wringer rolls company [niece – Louise & Wilhelmina, nee Kliefoth, are her mother's sisters]