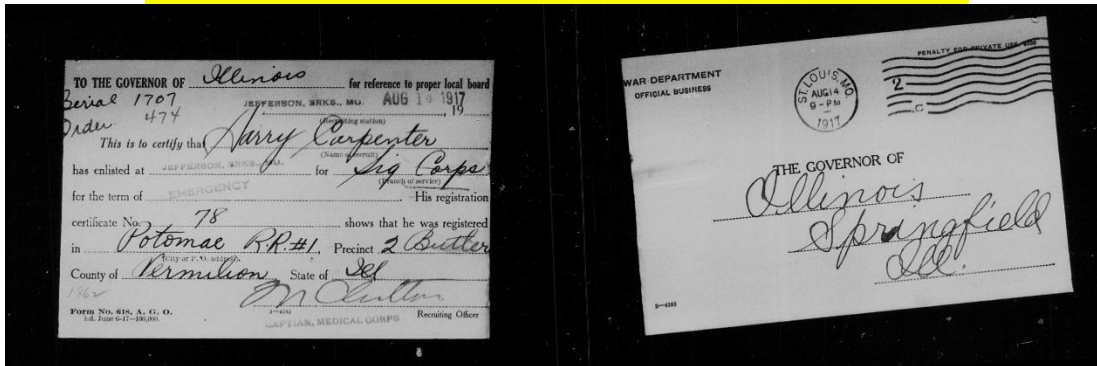


TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty
Carpenter, Harry**

1893 IL – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



CARPENTER HARRY		X C 7 097
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Harry Carpenter American Legion Post No. 428, - Potomac, Vermilion Co. IL

HARRY CARPENTER

Harry Carpenter was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Delos Carpenter living seven miles northwest of Potomac. He was born in Union Center, Cumberland County, Illinois on December 31, 1894. He and his parents moved to this vicinity and he volunteered in the aviation service in August with Fred Taylor. They were sent to Jefferson Barracks together. Harry was assigned to the 127th aero squadron and Fred to the 16th. both in training at Kelly Field, Texas. Harry was the victim of ptomaine poisoning

and was confined to the hospital for some time; he was not as far advanced in training as the other boys. When the 127th and 16th sailed for France, he was assigned to the 100th squadron for further training which accounts for his being on the ill-fated ship, the transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed. He was the first boy lost in war from Potomac and at the age of 23 was buried in Scotland. Our American Legion Post in Potomac was named in his honor.

From "Potomac: The Artesian Village [1876-1976]" [errors due to computer scanning]
https://archive.org/stream/potomacartesianv00poto/potomacartesianv00poto_djvu.txt

Life:

On Transport Tuscania.
 Harry Carpenter of Potomac, a member of the 100th aero squadron, and Kendall H. Peck of Monticello, in the 158th squadron, were on the torpedoed Tuscania. No definite word has been received of whether the men were among those rescued.

"Champaign (IL) Daily News" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

Sixteen Illinois Men Aboard.
 There are known to have been at least sixteen Illinois men aboard the Tuscania whose homes were outside of Chicago. Four are members of the One Hundred aero squadron—Otto E. Bethard, Beardstown; Leland S. Radcliffe, Dwight; William P. Jordan, Pana, and Harry Carpenter, Potomac.
 In the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth aero squadron are eight more—Sergt. Henry A. Skinner, Rockford; Maurice E. Peck, Rockford; Kendall H. Peck, Monticello; James J. Norris Jr., Olin; John A. Booth, Springfield; Fred O. Barger, Decatur; Corporal Guy W. Burnett, Eldorado.
 In the Camp Travis detachment No. 1 overseas casualties were Elmer Jones, Nebo; Morton McKendrick, Marion, and McSapp, Hillsboro. Stanley E. Hill of the First sanitary squad was from Rockford. Leo N. Sauer of sanitary squad 2 was from Milwaukee.

"Chicago Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2

ON BOARD TUSCANIA

Harry Carpenter of Potomac, 20 miles northwest of Champaign, was one of the victims of the Tuscania, which was sunk off the Irish coast by a German submarine. Word has been received that his body was recovered and was buried in Scotland.

"Champaign (IL) Daily News" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 10

ORIS E. HUTCHINS.

At Other Places.

At a third place forty-four victims are buried in three trenches, the largest holds eighteen bodies, another sixteen and a third ten. In the first named the bodies have been numbered one to eighteen in this order:

HARRY CARPENTER.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED PRIVATES.
JOHN A. LAAKKO.
ROCCO CALARESE.
ADE M'COY.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED PRIVATES.
STANLEY A. ANSPURGER.
E. A. HOUSTON.
STANLEY L. COLLINS.
JOSEPH G. MAXSTRUCK.
OTTO RAY MARTIN.
COLUMBUS HILL.
CLARE METZENBAUMER.
WILBUR CLARK JACKSON.
JOHN LICHAMMER.
BEN BARKER.

"Champaign (IL) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 5

POTOMAC SOLDIER ON THE TUSCANIA.

Harry Carpenter, a farm hand who worked in and about Potomac for some time, was a member of the 100th Aero Squadron, aboard the Tuscania, sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast. Carpenter entered at Danville last summer, at the same time as did Fred Taylor, brother of Ed and Bill Taylor, of Taylor Brothers, horse auctioneers. Taylor is now in France. Whether Carpenter was rescued was not known early Friday.

Other men from this section of the country were Kendall H. Peck of Monticello; John A. Booth of Springfield, and Fred D. Barger of Decatur, all members of the 158th Aero Squadron, and Mo Sapp of Hillsboro, Ill., Camp Travis detachment, overseas casualties.—Hoopeston Herald.

In this morning's Tribune we noticed the name of Harry Carpenter among the names of those who are missing or have not as yet been accounted for.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Brother of Local Woman.

Harry Carpenter of Potomac, one of the missing off the Tuscania, is a brother of Mrs. Reece of this place.

"Champaign (IL) Daily News" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 6

ENLISTED AT DANVILLE.

Harry Carpenter, Tuscania Victim, Buried in Scotland.

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

DANVILLE, Ill., February 14.—Harry Carpenter, a member of the 100th aero squadron, one of the victims of the Tuscania disaster, who was buried in Scotland Tuesday, enlisted here last August. His home was at Potosi, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Carpenter, live on a farm. Carpenter was on his way to France some time ago, but became sick in New York and was left behind. He was transferred later to the 100th squadron, which sailed on the Tuscania. The young man was twenty-six years old.

"Indianapolis (IN) News" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 5

LOST HIS LIFE ON TUSCANIA

FORMER TOLEDO YOUNG MAN
ONE OF VICTIMS OF THE ILL-
FATED TRANSPORT.

PARENTS ARE NOTIFIED

Harry Carpenter One of the American
Soldiers Who Perished When
Boat Went Down.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 15.—The fate of Harry Carpenter, the Vermillion county soldier who was listed among the missing a few days after the Tuscania, the American transport, was sunk off the coast of Ireland, is now known. Yesterday the parents of the young man, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Carpenter, who reside on a farm one and a half miles northeast of Potosi, received official notice of his death. The notice came from the United States war department, the officials of which expressed their sympathy to the bereaved parents for the loss they have sustained.

Gave Up Hopes.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter practically gave up all hope of ever seeing their brave son again after his name appeared in the list of the missing, and were prepared for the shock which came with the official announcement of his death.

With the notice came the information that the Vermillion county boy's body was buried, with more than 100 others who met a similar fate, Tuesday morning on the coast of Ireland, near the place where their bodies were washed ashore.

The First Death.

Several Vermillion county soldiers have died at various army camps, but Carpenter is the first to lose his life, so far as is now known, while in the war zone combat.

The young soldier is a native of this state, and was born at Toledo, Ill., on December 31, 1885. He came with his parents to this county ten years ago. At that time the family, which settled on the farm where the parents now live, consisted of the father and mother, the deceased, a sister, now Mrs. Viva Reese, of Toledo, and a brother, Ray, who has been in the regular army for seven years and is now stationed at Santiago, Cal.

relatives and friends.
 Harry Carpenter of Potomac, who went down with the Tuscania, was a former resident of this locality. His parents lived on a farm near here for many years and the young man was well known here and had many friends.

"Champaign (IL) Daily Gazette" Tuesday 19 Feb 1918 p 10

MEMORIAL FOR HARRY CARPENTER PLANNED

Potomac, Ill., Feb. 20.—Arrangements are being made to hold a memorial service in honor of Harry Carpenter, the young soldier who lost his life when the Tuscania was sunk. The war came home to the people here in full force when it was learned that one from our own community had lost his life. Just when the service will be held has not been announced.

"Mattoon (IL) Journal-Gazette" Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 6

—Mrs. E. C. Reese has received word that her brother, Harry Carpenter, of Potomac, was among those lost on the Tuscania, and that he had been buried in Scotland. He was a member of the 100th aero squadron and enlisted last May.

"Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph" Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 2

CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT BOY'S DEATH

In the Chicago papers Thursday the name of Harry Carpenter was given among those who died on the Tuscania and were buried on the coast of Scotland. For some time the papers gave his name in the list of missing, but Thursday's was the first official report of his death and burial. We were about to publish this report when we noticed an article in a Rantoul paper, stating that his parents had received word from him and that he is safe. Take your choice—is he dead or alive? How such conflicting reports get out is hard to explain, but we sincerely hope that for once the government was wrong and the official report of his burial a mistake.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1

GIVES HIS THIRD SON TO COUNTRY'S SERVICE

Hoopeston, Ill., June 7.—A pathetic incident of the registration of the new eligibles to the draft was the registration of Thomas Reed Carpenter of Potomac. He was accompanied by his father, Delos Carpenter, who was contributing his last son for the defense of his country. His oldest son, John Henry Carpenter, was this district's representative, on the ill fated *Tuscania*, which was sunk off the coast of Ireland a few months ago. Another son is in the service and now the third and last son was registered. The Carpenter family came here from Toledo, Cumberland county, two or three years ago.

*Here identified as John Henry Carpenter instead of Harry – "Mattoon (IL) Journal-Gazette"
Friday 7 Jun 1918 p 6*

Ludlow, Ill., Oct. 20.—The body of Harry Carpenter, soldier, who perished when a transport was torpedoed, arrived in Ludlow Monday evening and the funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M. E. church. The American Legion had charge of the funeral service and burial was in Ludlow cemetery.

"Urbana (IL) Daily Courier" Wednesday 20 Oct 1920 p 10

LAST HONORS FOR SOLDIER.

Ludlow, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The funeral services of Harry Carpenter, the Ludlow soldier, whose remains arrived in that place from overseas the first of the week, were held at the Ludlow M. E. church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in the Ludlow cemetery. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Carpenter of Ludlow, and lost his life when the army transport on which he was riding was sunk by a submarine off the Irish coast, where his body was first buried. The Ludlow post of the American Legion had charge of the funeral services. A firing squad was furnished by Co. F, 10th Infantry, I. N. G. of Paxton.

"Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph" Friday 22 Oct 1920 p 10

TUSCANIA HERO COMMEMORATED

**Ludlow Legion Honors Harry Carpenter—Military Funeral
Last Wednesday.**

Wednesday afternoon at Ludlow the remains of Private Harry Carpenter reached their final resting place.

Under the direction of the American Legion, Ludlow Post, full military honors were paid his memory. Mr. James Henry, the commander of Ludlow American Legion, had charge of the services which the members attended in a body. Prior to the interment the body reposed under guard at the Ludlow Methodist Episcopal church. Lieut. William Horridge, commanding F Company, Tenth Regiment, I. N. G., of Paxton, was in charge of a firing squad detailed from that company. The Rev. Arthur A. Heinlein, pastor of the Methodist church at Rantoul, formerly chaplain in the U. S. Army, delivered the eulogy.

Rantoul Post, American Legion was represented by its Commander and Adjutant.

Among the large number present were the lad's mother, Mrs. DeLoss Carpenter, of Rankin; his brothers, Norman, of Rankin, and Thomas, of Champaign, and his sisters, Mrs. C. C. Reese, of Ludlow. His father passed away after his son's enlistment.

Harry Carpenter, son of DeLoss and Ella Carpenter, was born near Greenup, in Cumberland county, Illinois, in the year of 1893, and lived with his parents on a farm until he was 15 years old. He then went to Arkansas and remained 18 months. During his stay in Arkansas he was employed in a saw mill at Gilmore.

In 1910 he came to the vicinity of Ludlow, Illinois, where he lived for 5 years. During this time he assisted his father and cousin, Charles Carpenter, in their farm work.

In 1915 he moved with his parents to a farm in Vermilion county where he remained until August 11, 1917, when he enlisted in the Aviation branch of the army at Danville. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, and from there to Camp Kelly, Texas. After receiving training at San Antonio, he was transferred to Garden City, New York, where he was placed in the 127th Aero Squadron preparatory to being sent overseas.

On the day he was to sail he was taken ill and sent to the hospital, his company sailing without him. When he recovered he was placed in the 100th Aero Squadron and set sail for England about the 23rd of January, 1918, on the ill fated Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland on February 3th. It was then that Harry made the supreme sacrifice. His body was recovered and buried on the Isle of Islay, off Scotland.

Private Carpenter was a manly and straight forward young fellow.

His quiet manner and friendly disposition won for him many warm friends in Ludlow and vicinity who mourn his loss in so noble a cause.

When the Tuscania was torpedoed the Chicago Tribune extended this tribute to their memory—"the men who died on the Tuscania died in battle and their names belong among those which though invisible make sacred and beautiful to the inner eye the beloved flag of our country." We know furthermore that the effect upon the country was electrical. More men and more ships were speedily available. "Remember the Tuscania" rang in all ears. It was a call to arms.—Rantoul Press.

call to arms.—Rantoul Press.
 "The word rings out; a million feet
 tramp forward on the road,
 Along that path of sacrifice o'er
 which their father's strode.
 With eager eyes and cheeks aflame,
 with cheers on smiling lips,
 These fighting men of '17 move on-
 ward to their ships.
 Nor even love may hold them back,
 nor halt that stern advance,
 As your dear lad and my dear lad go
 on their way to France.

—Randall Parrish.

Yes, indeed, Harry Carpenter died in action, watched by the comrades of a thousand fields and loyal to the same old flag and the same old faith, fighting for what we mean when we say "America."

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 28 Oct 1920 p 10

THE BLOW GLANCES.

While the loss of life finally reported from the attack upon the *Tuscania* would be serious in peace times, it is so much smaller than it might have been that there is a sense of relief. Yet to those who lost relatives or friends among the hundred odd the sorrow will be as acute as if they had died among thousands, and the nation's sympathy will go out to them. The American public also will have from this event a keener sense that war has come to us and of the need to brace ourselves morally for the sacrifices that lie in wait for us. If the blow struck at the *Tuscania* missed its full effect, another blow at another ship may not fall, and the shadow of death will spread wide over the land. Even now our soldiers are within range of German guns and have begun to exchange blows with the enemy. The casualty lists are lengthening.

The men who died on the *Tuscania* died in battle and their names belong among those which, though invisible, make sacred and beautiful to the inner eye the beloved flag of our country. They have gone to join the men of Bunker Hill and Valley Forge, of Lundy's Lane and New Orleans, of Buena Vista and Chapultepec, of Gettysburg and Spottsylvania, of Santiago and Manila. They have paid the great debt of the past, and, though their part in the inspiring story of America may be anonymous, it is none the less noble and our gratitude should be none the less deep and enduring.

Referenced article in the "Chicago Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 6 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/354981617/>

Father:

Source citation for Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947

 Ancestry record

 Citation details

 Associated facts

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Name	Delos Carpenter
Birth Date	4 Apr 1858
Birth Place	Cumberland Co , Ill
Death Date	14 Feb 1920
Death Place	Vermilion Co , Illinois
Burial Date	17 Feb 1920
Burial Place	Ludlow
Death Age	61
Occupation	Farmer
Race	White
Marital Status	M
Gender	Male
FHL Film Number	1562480

DeLos Carpenter - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/82730453/person/312050889248/facts>

Father of War Hero Falls Dead at Depot

U Rankin, Ill., Feb. 16.—E. R. Carpenter, 55, a well known farmer, fell dead on the station platform at Keilley about 7 o'clock Saturday morning. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

He was the father of Harry Carpenter, a young soldier, who went down with the Tuscania, when it was torpedoed off the Irish coast in February, 1918. A month ago his younger daughter died.

Mr. Carpenter had been in failing health since the day he received the telegram telling of the ocean tragedy. Deputy Coroner Van Etten, of East Lynn conducted the inquest Saturday afternoon, at the request of Coroner Cole.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 19 Feb 1920 p 7

Mother:

DEATH OF MRS. ELLA CARPENTER, 85, OCCURS AT LUDLOW

The death of Mrs. Ella Carpenter occurred on Sunday morning at six thirty o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Johnson, in Ludlow.

Mrs. Carpenter, who was 85 at the time of her death, had resided for many years with her daughter.

She is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. Clint Reese of Humboldt and three sons, Ray of Los Angeles, Calif., Tom of Urbana and Norman of Maywood. One son Harry preceded her in death in 1918 while in service during World War I. Her husband passed away in 1929.

Ella Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, was born on Sept. 2, 1860 in the Greenup community and was married to Delos Carpenter on Nov. 8, 1883.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Christian church in Ludlow. Rev. Gayle Hollingsworth, pastor of the Christian church of Fisher, officiating, assisted by Rev. Howard, pastor of the Christian church in Ludlow.

Interment will take place in the Ludlow cemetery. The body will remain at the Brown funeral home until the time of funeral.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 13 Jun 1946 p 1

MARRIED IN PAXTON

Mrs. Ella Carpenter and Mr. Tless Wilson of Ludlow were united in marriage Wednesday at the United Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. Robert Welch.

Did she remarry? "Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 13 Apr 1922 p 1

Mrs. Ella Carpenter and Mr. Fless Wilson were united in marriage on Wednesday at Paxton by Rev. Robert Welch of the Presbyterian church.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 27 Apr 1922 p 10

Mrs. Ella Carpenter and Mrs. Thelma Johnson have returned to their homes near Paxton after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Reese.

"Mattoon (IL) Journal Gazette" Saturday 15 Mar 1924 p 7

Siblings:

Ray Carpenter

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997



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- Add or update information
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Detail	Source
Name	Ray Carpenter
Social Security #	563164249
Gender	Male
Birth Date	28 Jan 1890
Birth Place	Illinois
Death Date	21 Nov 1959
Death Place	Los Angeles
Mother's Maiden Name	Reed
Father's Surname	Carpenter

brother Raymond William Carpenter (1890-1959) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10200210:5180?tid=82730453&pid=312050944822&queryId=b3b69add-c796-4ebd-be0a-003608ac7a2e&_phsrc=cPx14762&_phstart=successSource

38; Ethel P. Jones, 38.
CARPENTER—CUMMINGS. Ray Carpen-
ter, 44; Edna M. Cummings, 40.

"Los Angeles Times" Tuesday 10 Apr 1934 p 18

Ray Carpenter

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



[Add or update information](#)

Detail Source

Name	Ray Carpenter
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	14 Apr 1934
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Edna M Cummings

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900784402:61460>

CARPENTER

Ray Carpenter, resident of Lincoln Heights since 1923 and operator of Ray's Cafe on N. Broadway for many years, died Nov. 21. Surviving Mr. Carpenter are his widow, Edna; four daughters, Mrs. Edwin Morris, Mrs. Kenneth Perkins, Mrs. Jack Cloward, and Mrs. Kathryn Leek; and ten grandchildren.

"Lincoln Heights Bulletin-News" (Los Angeles CA) Thursday 3 Dec 1959 p 12

1a. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST NAME EDNA		1b. MIDDLE NAME MAYE		1c. LAST NAME CARPENTER		2a. DATE OF DEATH—MONTH, DAY, YEAR 10-31-75		2b. HOUR 6:03	
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18e. CITY OR TOWN D/C		18f. COUNTY 81M		18g. LENGTH OF STAY IN CALIFORNIA		18h. LENGTH OF STAY IN CALIFORNIA		18i. LENGTH OF STAY IN CALIFORNIA	
19a. USUAL RESIDENCE—STREET ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION) 126 Bixby -				19b. INSIDE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) yes		20. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Kathryn Leek, dtr. 126 Bixby San Francisco 94132			
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25. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH) Rose Hills Mortuary				26. IF NOT CERTIFIED BY CORONER, WAS THIS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		27. LOCAL REGISTRAR—SIGNATURE		28. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION BY LOCAL REGISTRAR	

Edna May Chance Carpenter, wife of Raymond William Carpenter - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/433081:2118>



Taken in the early 1960's before he had passed away with throat cancer

Brother Thomas Reed Carpenter (1896-1962) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/70440958/person/46218221526/media/d7af9b0e-4e42-4cf8-ad6f-1be9bcd8dfa5?queryId=c52ae961-8d1b-442a-ab32-b2c0fb2e6815&phsrc=cPx14772&phstart=successSource>

Thomas Carpenter Passes Away

Thomas Carpenter of Champaign, died Tuesday evening, January 2, 1962. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at Weaver Memorial Funeral Home, and burial will be in the Ludlow cemetery.

Mr. Carpenter was formerly of Ludlow and is a brother of Mrs. Ed Johnson of Ludlow. A niece is Mrs. Robert Stone of Paxton.

"Paxton (IL) Record" Thursday 4 Jan 1962 p 1

CARPENTER

Norman E. Carpenter of Bellwood, beloved husband of the late Mary E., nee Howard; loving father of Dorothy M. (John W.) Nepp, Lucille F. (Donald) Denison and Robert E. (Genevieve) Carpenter; dear grandfather of six; great-grandfather of two; dear brother of the late Vivia Reese, Velma Johnson, Thomas, Raymond and Harry Carpenter. Chapel services Friday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., at Rosewood Funeral Home, 4000 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood. Interment Mount Emblem Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2 to 9 p.m. 544-6667.

Brother Norman E. Carpenter (1902-1981) – “Chicago Tribune” Thursday 10 Sep 1981 p 67

Carpenter

Mary E. Carpenter, nee Howard, of Bellwood, beloved wife of Norman E.; loving mother of Dorothy M. [John] Nepp, Lucille F. [Donald] Denison, Robert E. [Genevieve] Carpenter; grandmother of six; dear sister of Charlotte Tanner, Lee Howard, Delila Lange and Homer Howard. Chapel services Monday, Feb. 21, 1:30 p. m. at Rosewood Funeral Home, 4000 St. Charles Rd., Bellwood. Interment Mount Emblem Cemetery. 544-6667.

Mary E. Carpenter, wife of Norman - "Chicago Tribune" Saturday 19 Feb 1972 p 72

Mrs. Velma Johnson

PAXTON—Mrs. Velma Johnson, 68, who served as a telephone operator in Ludlow until 1951 and was a former Ludlow resident, died at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Paxton Community Hospital.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Brown-Miller Funeral Home, Paxton, with the Rev. Roger James officiating. Burial will be in Ludlow Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today.

She was born in Cumberland County, Nov. 12, 1906, a daughter of Dielos and Ella Reed Carpenter. She was married to Ed Johnson March 23, 1923.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Stone, Paxton; a son, Harry Johnson, Tulsa, Okla.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Norman Carpenter, Bellwood.

Memorials may be made to the Ford County Nursing Home, where she had resided for some time.

Sister Velma Fern Carpenter Johnson (1906-1975) – "Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph" Thursday 27 Mar 1975 p 38

Velma Carpenter of East Lynn is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Reese.

"Urbana (IL) Daily Courier" Friday 15 Aug 1919 p 3

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Harry Carpenter

Name variations: Harry E. Carpenter, Harry O. Carpenter, Harry F. Carpenter

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 14th Squad - private

Serial number: not assigned when died

Entered service from: Potomac, Vermilion IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Harry Carpenter

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Delos Carpenter, RR 1, Patomac (sic/Potomac) IL

Burial on isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kinnabus, Islay, Scotland - grave 1, as Harry Carpenter

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Body listed on return ship as: Harry Carpenter

Rank: pvt, 100th Aero Sq

World War I draft registration (1917): b. 31 Dec 1893 Greenville IL; res: RR1, Potomac IL.

Single. Farming for Delos Carpenter, RR1, Potomac IL

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 14 Aug 1917

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Paxton IL

Rank/unit: private, 100th Aero Squadron**Birth & death:**

Born: 31 Dec 1893 Greenville, Bond IL

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 41888640, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Ludlow, Champaign IL

Cemetery: Ludlow

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Illinois Pvt 100 Aero Sq

Father: DeLos R. Carpenter, 4 Apr 1857 (or 4 Apr 1858) Cumberland Co. IL – 14 Feb 1920 Vermilion Co. IL Son of Nathaniel Carpenter & Julia A. Mann. – Said to have been in failing health ever since hearing of the death of Harry on Tuscania, DeLos dropped dead on the railroad train station in Paxton, Vermilion IL. - Buried in Ludlow IL. Tombstone inscribed De Los Carpenter.

Find A Grave: 41888641

Mother: Ella Reed Carpenter, 2 Sep 1860 Greenup, Cumberland IL – 9 Jun 1946 Ludlow, Champaign IL. Daughter of John S. Reed & Sarah Ann (Sallie) Smith. Buried in Ludlow IL. Obituary: "Paxton (IL) Record" 13 Jun 1946 p 1 – Mrs. Ella Carpenter, age 85, died 9 Jun 1946 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Johnson, in Ludlow IL, with whom she had lived for many years. She is survived by Mrs. Johnson as well as another daughter, Mrs. Clint Reese of Humboldt IL, and 3 sons: Ray (Los Angeles CA), Tom (Urbana IL) & Norman (Maywood IL). Her son Harry died in service in WWI. Ella Reed was born the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Reed on 2 Sep 1860 in Greenup IL. She married Delos Carpenter 8 Nov 1882. Buried in Ludlow Cemetery.

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Parents' marriage: 8 Nov 1882 [or 1884?]

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings: one died before 1900 census

- Viva Lillian ("Bevie") Carpenter Reese, 30 Oct 1888 Cumberland Co. IL [obituary: 30 May 1888] – 29 Jan Effingham, Effingham 1971 Effingham, Effingham IL. Wife of Clinton C. Reese (1883-1962, F: 119277480), whom she married 19 Jul 1913 in Coles Co. IL. Clinton was the son of Harmon E. Reese & Eliza Ann Galbreath. Her 1st obituary in the Mattoon IL newspaper lists incorrect parents, and is corrected in a second version. "Mattoon (IL) Journal Gazette" 29 Jan 1971 p 5 – Mrs. Viva Lillian Reese, age 82, of Humboldt IL, died 29 Jan 1971 in St. Anthony Hospital, Effingham. Burial in Humboldt IL. Born 30 May 1888 Cumberland Co. IL. to Hezekiah & Judith Devore Carpenter [wrong parents]. She married Clinton Reese, who was a barber in Humboldt until he died 1 Jan 1962. She is survived by her sister Mrs. Velma Johnson of Paxton IL. Correction in "Mattoon Journal Gazette" 2 Feb 1971 p 5 – lists her parents as Delose Avery & Ella (Reed) Carpenter. – Buried in Humboldt Township Cemetery, Humboldt township, Coles Co. IL. F: 119277589
- Raymond William ("Ray") Carpenter, 27 Jan 1890 Cumberland Co. IL – 21 Nov 1959 Los Angeles Co. CA. Veteran tombstone in Whittier CA: Illinois Cook Co E 21 Inf World War I. Husband of Edna Mae Chance Rountree Cummings (1893-1975, F: 144884946), the daughter of Homer Austin Chance & Hettie Scripter. They married 14 Apr 1934 in Los Angeles Co. CA. – Edna M. Chance had married Alfred Butler Cummings in 1911 in Washington Co. AR. Alfred was the son of Alfred Butler Cummings Sr. & Rose K. Swan. Alfred was born 6 Jun 1890 in Eldorado KS & died 3 Mar 1955 in Tacoma, Pierce WA. He is buried in New Tacoma Cemetery, University Place, Pierce WA, F: 129002615 with wife Ruth Stanford (1891-1983, FP: 129002630) whom he married 28 Jul 1920 in Tulsa Co. OK. – In the 1920 census for Tulsa, Tulsa OK, Alfred claims he is single. Edna had married William Andrew Rountree (b. 20 Oct 1888 TX, d. 8 Jul 1948 CA), the son of James L. Rountree & Mittie Gardner. In the 1930 census for Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA, Edna M. Rountree (36

NE, age 18 at 1st marriage) was living with husband William A. Rountree (40 TX, age 28 at 1st marriage), her daughter Kathryn L. Cummings (15 KS) & William's daughters (or also hers?) Ruth V. (8 MO) & Wilma E. (5 CA) Rountree. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 144886599

- Thomas Reed ("Tommy") Carpenter, 23 Jul 1896 Greenup, Cumberland IL – 2 Jan 1962 Champaign, Champaign IL. – SSN 714-12-9935. - Married Helen Marie [also found as Marie Lilly] Carpenter [maiden name same as his surname] (1901-1986, F: 128726971) whom he married 1 Mar 1918 in Tippecanoe Co. IN. Helen was the daughter of Charles R. Carpenter & Carrie Jenkins. She then married Aaron/Arron Al Trattner (1900-1959) & died with the surname Trattner. - On Thomas's 1942 WWII draft card, he lived in Peoria IL, with his next-of-kin listed as his ex-wife Marie. – Married 2 Jul 1945 in Pekin, Tazewell IL to Juanita Hancock (1902-1995, F: 177196393). Obituary: "Paxton (IL) Record" 4 Jan 1962 p 1 – Thomas Carpenter of Champaign IL died 2 Jan 1962. Burial in Ludlow IL. Former resident of Ludlow. Brother of Mrs. Ed Johnson of Ludlow. – Buried in Ludlow Cemetery, Ludlow, Champaign IL. F: 215186968
- Norman E. Carpenter, 26 Jul 1902 IL – Sep 1981 [last residence Bellwood, Cook IL]. Wife Mary Elizabeth Carpenter (1906-1972, F: 174553963) – In 1940, Norman E. Carpenter (37 IL, farmer) lived in Pilot, Vermilion IL with wife Elizabeth (33 KY) & children Dorthy (16 IL), Luciell (13 IL) & Robert E. (9 IL). - In the 1950 census for Maywood, Cook IL, Norma E. Carpenter (47 IL, baker, truck driver, retail baking store) resided with wife Mary E. (43 KY (fountain clerk, 5&10 lunch counter) & son Robert E. Carpenter (19 IL, truck driver, local trucking company). - Obituary: "Chicago Tribune" 10 Sep 1981 p 67 – Norman E. Carpenter, of Bellwood IL, husband of the late Mary E. Survived by 2 daughters & 1 son. Was the brother of the late Vivia Reese, Velma Johnson, Thomas Carpenter, Raymond Carpenter & Harry Carpenter. Burial in Mount Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst, DuPage IL. F: 174553986
- Velma Fern Carpenter Johnson, 12 Nov 1906 Cumberland Co. IL – 26 Mar 1975 Paxton, Ford IL. Married Clarence E. Johnson (1899-1985, F: 41888639) on 23 Mar 1923 in Paxton, Ford IL. Obituary: "Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph" 27 Mar 1975 p 38 – Paxton: Mrs. Velma Johnson, age 68, telephone operator in Ludlow until 1951, former resident of Ludlow, d. 26 Mar 1975. Buried in Ludlow IL. Born Cumberland Co. IL to Dielos [sic] & Ella Reed Carpenter. Married Ed Johnson 23 Mar 1923. Survived by husband, daughter, son & brother Norman Carpenter of Bellwood IL. Preceded in death by her parents, daughter, 3 brothers & 1 sister. Memorials to Ford County Nursing Home, where she had resided for some time. She was a "Pantagraph" reporter from Ludlow from Jun 1951 until she retired in 1961. F: 41888638

Notes:

From "Potomac: The Artesian Village [1876-1976]" -

Wartime:

"Indianapolis News" 14 Feb 1918 p 5, Harry buried in Scotland, enlisted Aug 1917 Danville IL, parents Mr. & Mrs. Delos Carpenter live on farm at Potomac IL, was on his way to France but got sick so was left behind on that voyage, transferred to 100th Aero & sailed on Tuscania

"Mattoon [IL] Journal Gazette" 15 Feb 1918 p 1 - War Department official notice of death & burial in Scotland received 14 Feb by Mr. & Mrs. Delos Carpenter on their farm 1.5 miles NE of Potomac IL. They had given up hope of seeing their son alive again & so were prepared for the shock of the news of his death. He was buried with other 100 others on the coast of Ireland [i.e. Scotland] where the bodies washed ashore., Born Toledo IL 31 Dec 1885 (?) & came to "this county" 10 years ago with parents, sister Viva (now Mrs. Reese of Toledo) & brother Ray (in Army 7 years, stationed Santiago CA). Several Vermilion County soldiers have died at various Army camps, but Harry was the 1st to lose his life, as far as the newspaper knew, in war zone combat.

"Mattoon Journal Gazette" 20 Feb 1918 p 6 – Arrangements are being made for a memorial service for Harry.

"Mattoon (IL) Journal Gazette" 7 Jun 1918 p 6 – "Gives His Third Son to Country's Service" – From Hoopeston IL 7 Jun – "A pathetic incident of the registration of the new eligibles to the draft was the registration of Thomas Reed Carpenter of Potomac." His father Delos Carpenter accompanied him, contributing his last son for the defense of his country. His oldest son, John Henry Carpenter [name?] died on the Tuscania. Another son is in service & now his third & last son is registering. The Carpenter family came here from Toledo, Cumberland Co. IL, 2 or 3 years ago.

Post-war:

Namesake of the Harry Carpenter American Legion Post No. 428 in Potomac IL.

Obituary:

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1900 Union, Cumberland IL

Delos Carpenter, 43 IL, Apr 1857, parents b. OH, married 16 years, farmer

Ella, 38 IL, Sep 1861, parents b. OH, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Biva L., 11 IL, May 1889, at school [i.e. Viva]

Ray W., 10 IL, Jan 1890, at school

Harry O., 6 IL, Dec 1893

Tommy, 3 IL, Jul 1896

1910 Fogleman, Crittenden AR

Delos Carpenter, 53 IL, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, laborer, lumber mill

Ella, 50 IL, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living

Viva, 22 IL

Harry, 17 IL, laborer, lumber mill

Thomas, 14 IL, laborer, lumber mill

Norman, 8 IL

Velma, 3 IL

Helen Reese, 4 IL, parents b. IL (granddaughter – presumably child of daughter Velma Carpenter Reese]