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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This record also lacks 1950 federal census data.
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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Jahr, Oscar Ingvald
1889 WI – 1952 WI

OSCAR JAHR AT CAMP M'ARTHUR



OSCAR JOHR

Oscar Jahr is from Blair, Wis. He joined Uncle Sam forces this summer and is now a member of Truck Co. No. 6; Supply Train No. 107 and is in camp at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

“Winona (MN) Daily News” Saturday 22 Dec 1917 p 5



Friends of Omer E. Dahl, Oscar Jahr and Omer Hankom, all of Blair, Wm., watched the Associated Press reports today for news of the boys, all members of the 107th Engineer train, a unit that is known to have been aboard the liner Tuscania, torpedoed

by a German submarine near the North coast of Ireland. News from the boys has been lacking recently and it is now believed that this was caused by the embarkation of the men on the ship. When the report that all but 168 American soldiers aboard the vessel

had probably been saved was received this morning, friends voiced their hope that these three young men may have been among the rescued. They all are enlisted men who were trained at Camp McArthur, Texas. Definite information concerning them had not been received late today.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" 7 Feb 1918 p 2



When Survivors Of The Tuscania sinking held their reunion Sunday at Whitehall, among the Trempealeau county club members present were those pictured above. Front row, from left, L. B. Rist, John Hellekson, Otto Bates and Nathan Cahart. Back row, from left, Oscar Jahr, Lee Mathson, Martin DeBoer, Oakley Parkhill and Henry Veum.
Colonel Larson photo

Oscar Jahr is standing in the back row at far left – “Winona (MN) Republican” Tuesday, 7 Feb 1950 p 7





Survivors Of The Tuscania Troop transport sinking 31 years ago off the coast of Scotland met at Galesville Saturday night and Oakley Parkhill, Galesville, seated third from the left, was re-elected president of the Trempealeau county group. Those present for the reunion were: Left

to right, front row, Henry Oksnee, Winona; Nat Carhart and Parkhill, Galesville; Martin DeBoer, La Crosse; Gordon Herreid, Ettrick; and August Cierzan, Winona, Minn.; back row, Lee Mattson, Blair; Oscar Jahr, Independence; Carl Herreid, Ettrick, and John Helleckson, Blair.



Oscar Jahr is standing, 2nd from left - "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Monday 7 Feb 1949 p 2

Oscar I. Jahr

INDEPENDENCE, Wis. (Special)—Oscar I. Jahr, 63, Trempealeau County highway department employe for 16 years, died while working nine miles south of Arcadia at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday. He had suffered from a heart condition for some time.

Jahr was born Jan. 25, 1889, in Preston Township near Blair. He spent his boyhood on the farm and in 1917 enlisted in the Army. He served with the 32nd Division on the Chateau Thierry, Aisne-Marne, Belleau Wood and Meuse-Argonne fronts in France. Jahr was a survivor of the Tuscania sinking in 1919. He was discharged that year. Since his marriage to Inga Bergum July 25, 1922, he had lived here.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Mrs. Verne Quillin, St. Paul; Robert, Winona, and Karen, Eau Claire; three sisters, Mrs. W. E. Kasebert and Mrs. Fred Norberg, Mankato, and Mrs. Larry Bellows, Portland, Ore.; three brothers, Sigwald, Hot Springs, S. D.; Ed, Spokane, Wash., and Carl, Whitehall, and one grandchild.

Military funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m., at the Independence Lutheran Church, the Rev. K. M. Urberg, Blair, officiating. Friends may call at the Wiemer Chapel today and Friday.

Obituary "Winona (MN) Republican-Herald" 21 Aug 1952 p 15



His wife Inga Gunilla Bergum, 1914 Fagernes Lutheran Church Confirmation class -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/32464229/person/20460364738/media/82cdcc1c-0c50-4ac8-82d3-1be5739ff087>

Inga G. Jahr

INDEPENDENCE, Wis. — Inga G. Jahr, 84, Independence, died Wednesday, July 11, 1984, in La Crosse Lutheran Hospital.

She was born on April 8, 1900, in Blair to Tom and Karen (Taija) Bergum. She married Oscar Jahr on July 27, 1922, in Winona, Minn. He died on Aug. 20, 1952.

She had worked at the Reich Variety Store in Independence for many years and also had been a reporter for the Independence News Wave.

She had served as treasurer for the Independence Lutheran Church for 20 years and was a past president of the American Lutheran Church Women. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Whitehall Chapter of Rebekah Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors are two daughters, Verne M. Quillin of Egan, Minn., and Karen Jurgensen of Lindenhurst, Ill.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Lester Bergum of Alexandria, Va.; and three sisters, Doris Frederickson of Blair, Gladys Strand of Winona and Alice Jancik of Salem, Ore.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Independence Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. John Clasen will officiate. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, Independence.

Friends may call at the Kern-Edison Funeral Home, Independence, on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. Friends also may call at the church on Saturday from noon until the services.

Robert O. Jahr

INDEPENDENCE, Wis. (Special) — Robert O. Jahr, 47, Independence, died today at 2:10 a.m. at Luther Hospital, Eau Claire, Wis., following a heart attack. He was admitted to Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Whitehall, Friday, then transferred to the Eau Claire hospital. He had been employed 20 years as field representative of Retail Credit Co.

The son of Oscar and Inga Bergum Jahr, he was born at Independence, Dec. 7, 1926. He attended Independence schools, was an Army veteran of two years, and received a degree in economics and business administration from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. He was a member of Whitehall Masonic Lodge.

Survivors are: his mother, and two sisters, Mrs. V. Marie Quillin, St. Paul, and Mrs. Laurand (Karen) Jurgensen, Lindenhurst, Ill. His father has died.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Independence Lutheran Church, the Rev. Harvey Pederson officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Wednesday at Kern Funeral Home, Independence.

Left: Obituary of wife Inga Bergum Jahr — "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Thursday 12 Jul 1984 p 17 — Right: Obituary of son Robert O. Jahr "Winona (MN) Daily News" Monday 28 Jan 1974 p 2



Son Robert Oscar Jahr - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/32464229/person/20471864233/media/ae876764-b7ec-4202-833c-06367a809cc9>

Carl Jahr
 WHITEHALL, Wis. (Special)—
 Carl Jahr, 82, Whitehall, died at
 Trempealeau County Hospital
 about 3:30 p.m. Monday where he
 had resided several years.
 Mr. Jahr was Trempealeau
 County sheriff at one time and
 was engaged in the mercantile
 business here many years.
 Funeral services will be held
 Thursday at 2 p.m. at Our Savi-
 our's Lutheran Church, the Rev.
 O. G. Birkeland officiating. Bur-
 ial will be in Lincoln Cemetery.
 Friends may call at Johnson Fu-
 neral Home this afternoon and eve-
 ning.
 Mr. Jahr was born May 19, 1877,
 in Lakes Coulee, Town of Pres-
 ton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto
 Jahr.
 On Nov. 30, 1902, he married
 Amelia Bidney of Independence,
 who died March 1, 1955.

Mr. Jahr is survived by one
 daughter, Mrs. Archie (Verna)
 Jacobson, Chippewa Falls; six
 grandchildren; five great-grand-
 children; one brother, Sigvald, re-
 siding in Montana, and three sis-
 ters, Mrs. Stella Bellows, Seattle,
 Wash., and Mrs. Lillian Norberg;
 and Mrs. Manda Casebere of Man-
 kato, Minn.

A son, Spencer; a sister, Mrs.
 Tena McLeod, and two brothers,
 Julius and Oscar Jahr, have
 died.

Obituary of brother Carl Jahr – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Wednesday 18 May 1960 p 17

Funeral Services for Mrs. Jahr Held

WHITEHALL, Wis. (Special)—Funeral services for Mrs. Ingeborg Jahr, 87, mother of Carl Jahr of Whitehall, who died at the home of his son, Oscar Jahr, at Independence, were conducted by the Rev. Johan Olson Tuesday at the Fagerness Lutheran church with the Rev. O. G. Birkeland assisting. Mrs. Jahr was one of the earliest members of the Fagerness church having come to Trempealeau county when a girl of 15 years of age. She was born in Norway, June 7, 1851. Her husband, Otto Jahr died 19 years ago.

Of a family of 12 children seven survive. They are Mrs. Lillie Nordberg and Mrs. Willis Casbere of St. Peter, Minn.; Mrs. Stella Bellows of Seattle, Wash.; Carl Jahr of Whitehall, Edward Jahr of Spokane, Wash.; Sigvald Jahr, who is confined to a hospital in South Dakota and Oscar Jahr of Independence.

MRS. INGEBORG JAHR

Independence, Wis.—Mrs. Ingeborg Jahr, 87, died Saturday of a fractured hip and old age at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jahr and family, with whom she has made her home for the past three years.

She was born in Norway and came to America at the age of 18. On May 16, 1873, she married Otto Jahr at French Creek, Wis., who preceded her in death many years ago.

Children surviving are Oscar of Independence; Mrs. Amanda Caschere of St. Peter, Minn.; Mrs. Fred Norberg of St. Peter, Minn.; Edward of Spokane, Wash.; Stella of Seattle, Wash.; Sigwald of Hot Springs, S. D.; and Carl of Whitehall, Wis. Others preceding them in death were Julius, John, Mina, Ida, and Tena.

Funeral services were held Tuesday from the home of her son Oscar, and the Fagerness church with the Reverends Olson and Olaf G. Birkeland officiating.

Vern Marie Jahr Married in Iowa

Independence, Wis. —(Special)— Mr. and Mrs. Oscar I. Jahr announce the marriage of their daughter, Vern Marie to Raymond W. Quillin, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Quillin, Dubuque, Iowa. St. Paul's Lutheran church, Davenport, Iowa, was the setting for the marriage ceremony, with the Rev. Miller reading the words.

The bride is a graduate of the Independence High school, class of 1942, and also of the Moline Lutheran Hospital school of nursing, Moline, Ill., and is now on the nursing staff of St. Luke's hospital, Davenport. Mr. Quillin served two years with the navy in World War II and attended the University of Iowa. The couple will make their home in Davenport, Iowa, at 617 Kirkwood boulevard.



MISS MARIE JAHR

Left: Marriage of daughter Vern Marie Jahr to Raymond W. Quillin – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Saturday 11 Oct 1947 p 6 – right: photo from engagement announcement, “Davenport (IA) Daily Times” Wednesday 24 Sep 1947 p 12

Sailor Asks Help in Locating Father

Aid in locating John McLeod, father of four men in the armed services, was requested today by one of the sons, Kenneth James McLeod, navy coxswain, stationed aboard the USS Massachusetts.

The sailor reported his family lived in Minneapolis around 1920 and that his mother, the former Tena Jahr, died when he was three. Shortly after 1920 the family moved to Arcadia, Wis. The father was last heard from in St. Cloud, Minn.

Sons besides Kenneth include

John, Robert and Milton, all in the army air forces.

Anyone having information was requested to write to chaplain's office, USS Massachusetts, care Fleet postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

Missing husband of his deceased sister Tena Jahr McLeod – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Tuesday 21 Mar 1944 p 12

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1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) Jahr, Oscar I.			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) 7/30/17		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) 4/26/19 <i>hon</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE
4. SERVICE NO. 251 321		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. 430 702		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
6. STATE Wisconsin	7. GRADE PFC	8. MEDALS None		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP 101st Supply Train 26 Division			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Mrs. Oscar Jahr, Independence, Wisconsin	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 1/25/1889		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 8/20/52		15. FREIGHT STATION Independence, Wisconsin
16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Bethel, Independence, Wisconsin			17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>Mrs Oscar Jahr</i> DATE 6/15/55	
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED JUN 28 1955 VERIFIED COLUMBUS MARBLE WORKS COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI B/L WY 3005813 14 JUL 1956 ORDERED			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Mrs. Oscar Jahr, Independence, Wisconsin 19. I certify this application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Mrs Oscar Jahr</i> DATE 6/15/55	

QMC FORM 13 OCT 52 646 REPLACES OQMG FORM 623, 8 FEB 49 WHICH MAY BE USED

IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed

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Veteran headstone application

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Oscar. I. Jahr. (Ger)

MILITARY HISTORY

Time and Place of Each Enrollment	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disabilities when admitted to the Home
July 30, 1917 Blair Wis.	Pvt.	Co F 101 st Supply Train	April 26, 1919 Camp Grant Ill. Pvt.	Convoy Gen.	1300 Pharyngitis Catarrhal 0139 Arthritis left knee. 0801 Hypertension Papuloneum 7 Lap.

Army Serial No. 251 321

DOMESTIC HISTORY

Place of Birth	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Read and Write	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Name and Address of Closest Relative
Wisconsin	40	5-11	Ruddy	Blue	Bro	Yr	Prot	Latron	Independence	Married	Manuel Inge Jahr. Independence Wis.

HOME HISTORY

Date of Pension	Date of Admission Re-Admission and Transfer	Conditions of Re-Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death
	Adm. 11 May 24, 1929		May 30, 1929	Dis. M.D.		

US National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers – Milwaukee WI – admitted 22 May 1929,
discharged 30 May 1929

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Car Explodes; Three Hurt at Pigeon Falls

Leader & Telegram News

PIGEON FALLS — Three people were injured, one critically, on their way home from a wedding when their car gas tank exploded after the car left the road and struck an abutment during a cloudburst Sunday night.

Mrs. Robert Darling Sr., 49, Fairchild, is in critical condition at Whitehall Community Hospital with burns, a back injury, and shock.

Also patients in the hospital are: Miss Karen Jahr, 21, Independence, daughter of Mrs. Oscar Jahr, bridesmaid at the wedding, and Miss Pauline Bowers, 20, Fairchild.

THE THREE women were riding in the rear seat of a 1950 model car driven by George Darling, 25, Fairchild. Riding with him were Robert Darling, Sr., about 50, Fairchild, and Don Smith, 26, Beaver Dam.

The group was on its way home from the wedding in Independence Sunday of Robert Darling, Jr., and Janet Reich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reich. Miss Reich has been employed as a clerk-typist by the City of Eau Claire in the police records bureau and public works department.

Darling told Sheriff Ernest Axeness that he had no idea of just what happened. The accident took place shortly after midnight on Hy. 53 one-half mile north of here.

Axeness said the car hit two guard posts along the right side of the road and possibly flipped around so that the rear end, where the gas tank is located, slammed into the abutment of a dry run.

An explosion and fire followed, with the men battling the fire to extract the women passengers from the flaming car. The car was badly damaged by the fire. It spun partially into a ditch with the doors on the left side opening toward the dry run. Posts that were hit in the guard rail were about 25 feet from the abutment.

George Darling was the only one of the men injured. He had slight burns on the forehead but was not hospitalized.

A PASSING motorist turned in an alarm at Pigeon Falls and the injured were taken to the Whitehall hospital in the Hagen ambulance.

Miss Jahr is a nurse at Madison General Hospital and is believed to have been on her way back to work at the time of the crash. George Darling was an attendant at the wedding of his brother.

Miss Jahr and Mrs. Darling were the most severely injured of the women. Their clothes were partly burned off in the fire that followed the explosion, it was reported. Miss Jahr was still wearing her bridesmaid's dress.

The driver's mother died the next day; Karen Jahr spent months in the hospital - "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 24 Aug 1954 p 3

Name: Oscar Ingvald Jahr

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F – private 1st class

Serial number: 251,321

Entered service from: Galesville, Trempealeau WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Oscar I. Jahr

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Otto M. Jahr, Galesville WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Oscar I. Jahr

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Otto Jahr, Galesville WI (pvt, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Oscar Ingvald Jahr - b. 25 Jan 1889 Preston WI; res: Blair WI. Single. Farmer for John Jahr on farm. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Box 433, Independence WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Oscar Ingvald Jahr - b. 25 Jan 1889 Trempealeau Co. WI; res: Independence, Trempealeau WI. NOK Mrs. Inga Jahr, same address. Employed by Trempealeau County Highway Department, Whitehall WI, at Trempealeau County Highway Commission. Height: 5'11" – 168 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 30 Jul 1917

Discharged 26 Apr 1919

Address: Independence WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 2nd Co., 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Jan 1889 Preston, Trempealeau WI

Died: 20 Aug 1952 Trempealeau Co. WI (while at work with county highway dept. 9 miles S. of Arcadia)

Find A Grave record: 127974490, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Independence, Trempealeau WI

Cemetery: Bethel

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin PFC 101 Supply Train WWI

Father: Otto Marthiniusen/Marthinius. Jahr, 23 Feb 1849 Gjervik farm, Enebakk commune, Akershus fylke, Norway – 9 Jul 1920 Preston, Trempealeau WI. According to his Find A Grave record, Otto was born Otto Martinusen to Martinus Eliassen Jahr & Maren Erichsdatter Bye Jahr. Hans Olsen Jahr was his stepfather. Buried in Fagernes Lutheran Cemetery, Upper French Creek, Trempealeau WI.

Find A Grave: 83310566

Mother: Ingeborg Johnson (Johansdatter) Braaten Jahr, 7 Jun 1852 Søndre Land, Norway – 28 Jan 1939 Independence, Trempealeau WI. Her Find A Grave record lists her unmarried surname as Johnson. Ancestry.com family trees list her as the daughter of Johan Thoresen Braaten & Berthe Marie Knudsdatter. Emigrated to the US with her parents & siblings when she was age 14, or variously found as 1870, 1871 or 1872. Buried in Fagernes Lutheran Cemetery, Upper French Creek, Trempealeau WI.

Find A Grave: 50746447

Parents' marriage: 15 May 1873 Trempealeau Co. WI

Spouse: Inga Gunilla Bergum Jahr, 8 Apr 1900 – 11 Jul 1984 Independence, Trempealeau WI. Father was Tideman ("Tom") Bjornson Bergum (1872-1946, F: 83308565) & mother was Karen ("Kari") Olson/Olsdatter Taie (1879-1946, F: 83308499). Birth date also found as 4 Apr 1900. Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Independence, Trempealeau WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 127974689

Marriage: 25 Jul 1922

Children:

- Vern Marie Jahr Quillin, 26 Aug 1923 Trempealeau Co. WI – 28 Mar 2011 Hennepin Co. MN. Living in St. Paul MN when her father died. Married in Davenport, Scott Co. IA in Oct 1947 to Raymond William Quillin (1924 IA – 2009 IA, F: 39497905), son of Dr. William H. Quillin & Katherine R. Deluhery. They were divorced. Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Independence, Trempealeau WI. F: 127974629
- Robert Oscar Jahr, 7 Dec 1926 Trempealeau Co. WI – 28 Jan 1974 Eau Claire Co. WI. Living in Winona MN when his father died. Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Independent, Trempealeau WI. F: 127974542
- Karen Diane Jahr Jurgensen, 28 Aug 1932 WI – Jul 1991. SSN 572-40-4525. Baptized 30 Oct 1932 Fagernes Lutheran Church, Blair, Trempealeau WI. Living in Eau Claire WI when her father died; unmarried. Graduate Independence (WI) High School 1950. – "Winona (MN) Republican-Herald" Saturday 24 Feb 1951 p 7 – Miss Karen Jahr, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Jahr, received her nurse's cap at Lutheran School of Nursing in Eau Claire WI on 16 Feb 1951. – Became a nurse at Madison (WI) General Hospital. Severely burned in a car accident on 23 Aug 1954, she spent months hospitalized. She was a passenger in a car returning from a Darling family wedding. Her bridesmaid's dress was burned off her body. - Married Laurand E. Jurgensen (1931-2003, F: 54937056) on 4 Dec 1960 in Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. Buried in Millburn Cemetery, Wadsworth, Lake IL. F: 54936998

Siblings:

- John Magnus Jahr, 20 Mar 1874 Preston, Trempealeau WI – 22 Jan 1924 La Crosse, La Crosse WI. Husband of Anna Rubeck (1886-1974) whom he married 16 May 1906. She was from Egeland ND. They had 4 daughters & 2 sons who survived John. Buried in Fagernes Lutheran Cemetery, Upper French Creek, Trempealeau WI. F: 83310620
- Mina Bertine (“Minnie”) Jahr, 2 Jan 1876 Trempealeau Co. WI – 22 Apr 1902 Trempealeau Co. WI. Buried in Fagernes Lutheran Cemetery, Upper French Creek, Trempealeau WI. F: 83310636
- Carl Jahr, 19 May 1878 Trempealeau Co. WI – 16 May 1960 Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. Husband of Amelia (“Ann”) Bidney (1885-1955) whom he married 30 Nov 1902 Trempealeau Co. WI. Buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. F: 145643932
- Eddie Jahr, 22 Feb 1881 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 22 Sep 1953 Spokane, Spokane WA. SSN 553-12-5509. Does not appear to have a grave marker. Buried in Riverside Memorial Park, Spokane, Spokane WA. F: 81743737
- Ida Ovidia Jahr Lewis, 20 Dec 1882 Trempealeau Co. WI – 6 Jan 1919 Towner Co. ND. Wife of Edgar Lewis (b. 1875). Buried in Egeland Union Cemetery, Egeland, Towner ND. F: 14722688
- Julius E. Jahr, 17 Oct 1885 Trempealeau Co. WI – 2 Sep 1926 Trempealeau Co. WI. Husband of Mary Katherine Schneider (1887-1973) whom he married 8 Nov 1911 in Winona Co. MN. Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Independence, Trempealeau WI. F: 134481582
- Caroline Amanda (Manda/Carol) Jahr Casebere, 8 Nov 1887 Trempealeau Co. WI – 4 May 1973 Blue Earth Co. MN. Wife of Willis Eldon Casebere (1875 IN – 1941 MN, F: 149757425, son of J.B. Casebere & Lenora Perkins) whom she married in 1915 in CA. Caroline & Willis adopted Milton McLeod (later Casebere), the son of her sister Tena Jahr McLeod. Resident of Seattle WA when her father died Jul 1920. Buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Mankato, Blue Earth MN. F: 149757423. See https://www.schluterbalikfuneralhome.com/obituaries/print?o_id=1085832 for the adoption of her nephew Milton McLeod (later Casebere) after the death of his mother, Caroline’s sister Tena McLeod.
- Sigvald Jahr, 12 Dec 1890 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 30 Apr 1984 Hot Springs, Fall River SD. Baptized 24 Jan [no year but presumably 1891]. Confirmed 21 May 1905, both ceremonies at Fagernes Lutheran Church, Blair WI. Not listed with his family in the 1910 census but as Sigvald Johnson, an adopted son of Christ & Sophia Johnson in Gale, Trempealeau Co. WI. Was a private in the Army in WWI. In 1920 census Sigvald lived in Egeland, Towner ND. Resident of Egeland ND when his father died Jul 1920. Married 27 Sep 1919 in Cando, Towner ND to Katherine L. Hoffke (1889-1973, F: 25447492). Well driller for 11 years in ND & surgical attendant at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Hot Springs SD for 24 years until retiring in May 1953. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Hot Springs, Fall River SD. F: 25447403
- Tina/Tena (“Ina”) Jahr McLeod, 22 Feb 1893 Preston, Trempealeau WI – 9 Dec 1926 Hennepin Co. MN. Her birth record in WI lists her 1st name as Tina; her MN death record lists it as Tena. Married 1 Sep 1914 in Hennepin Co. MN to John Miller McLeod. “Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune” Wednesday 26 Aug 1914 p 12 – marriage license: John M. McLeod (24) & Tena Jahr (22). John & Tena had 5 children between 1915 & 1923. Listed as Mrs. John McLeod of Kandiyohi MN when her father died Jul 1920. After her death from endocarditis, her son Milton McLeod (21 Mar 1920 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN) was

adopted by her sister, Caroline Jahr Casebere. – Death: “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 15 Dec 1926 p 17 – death: Tena McLeod, 32, 901 – 15th Ave. S. - John Miller McLeod (SSN 504-18-6643) was born 4 Dec 1890 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Son of John Adelbert McLeod (1862-1941, F: 49862974) & Margaret A. Miller (1869-1920, F: 135468002). - In the 1910 census he is living in Tonka Bay, Hennepin MN with parents John A. & Marguerite R. McLeod. - On his WWI (1917) draft card, he is listed at 706 Polk St., Minneapolis MN, auto mechanic, with a wife & 2 children. – In the 1920 census for Kandiyohi, Kandiyohi MN, conducted 5 Jan 1920, John McLeod (30 MN, father b. WI, mother b. IL), machinist, garage lives with wife Tine (26 WI, parents b. Norway) & children John O. (4 years 11 months ND), Helen M. [Margaret] (3 MN) & Robert W. (1 year 9 months ND), On his WWII (1942) card, he is working for the government (Cheyenne Agency) at Dewey SD with next-of-kin Mary Louise McLeod at the same address. He was found dead in his house in Eunice, Lea NM. “Hobbs (NM) Daily News-Sun” Friday 2 Aug 1974 p 5 – John McLeod was found dead in his home in Eunice. Neighbors had not seen him for a few days so one peeked in his window & saw him lying on his bed. It is believed he died Monday, 29 Jul 1974. A self-employed mechanic. Buried in Eunice Cemetery, Eunice, Lea NM but not on Find A Grave as of 7 Apr 2021.

- Estella/Stella Jahr Bellows, 16 May 1895 [on her tombstone: 1898] – 25 Jul 1987 Portland, Multnomah OR. Stella is listed as 3 years older than Lillian on the 1900 & 1910 censuses, but she is listed in family trees as younger & born May 1895 in the 1900 census. Wife of Lorian E. Bellows (1892-1973). Listed as Mrs. Larry Bellows of Portland OR in Aug 1952. Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 352222
- Lillian Amelia (“Lilly”) Jahr Norberg, 22 May 1898 [1898 on census where she is younger than Estelle in 1900 & 1910 but 1895 on Find A Grave] – 16 Dec 1980 Blue Earth Co. MN. Listed as Mrs. Fred Norberg in Aug 1952. Wife of Fred E. Norberg (Fridolf Emanuel Norberg) (1902-1980, F: 150818145). She is buried in Woodland Hills Memorial Park, Mankato, Blue Earth MN. F: 150818146
- Ancestry.com family trees list 2 more children: Martinus J. Jahr (b. 6 Nov 1899 Trempealeau Co. WI; died 1899 or 1900 in Trempealeau Co. WI) & Martinus M. Jahr (b. 30 Sep 1900 Trempealeau Co. WI; died between 1900 & 1905 Trempealeau Co. WI)

Notes:

Pre-war:

Oscar was baptized 28 Mar 1889 and confirmed 1 May 1904 at Fagernes Lutheran Church, Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Oscar’s parents, Otto & Ingeborg, settled on a farm in Lakes Coulee after their marriage in 1873, where they farmed for 36 years. After building a home in Galesville, they moved from the farm to the house, where they lived for 9 years. In the 10th year, Otto purchased a home in Minneapolis MN, where they moved in the autumn. Otto died in Minneapolis MN CHECK THIS. Ingeborg continued to live in Minneapolis for 4 years but later moved back to the old farmstead, which their oldest son John had purchased after the couple moved to Galesville, where she lived for 13 years. For the 3 years before her death, Ingeborg lived with her son Oscar & family in Independence WI.

Wartime:

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Tuscania survivors: Oscar I. Jahr, Galesville WI77

Post-war:

https://www.schluterbalikfuneralhome.com/obituaries/print?o_id=1085832 – The online obituary of Oscar's nephew Milton (McLeod) Casebere reports that after his mother Tena Jahr McLeod died (on 9 Dec 1926, not 1925 as reported in the obituary), Milton, who had been born 21 Mar 1920 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to John Miller McLeod & Tena Jahr, was adopted by his uncle & aunt, Willis & Carol Casebere. "Carol" was Caroline Amanda Jahr Casebere, his mother's sister. The family moved to Lake Crystal MN in 1927 where they operated the White Swan Café in partnership with another uncle & aunt, Fred & Lillian (Jahr) Norberg. Lillian was also a sister of his mother, Tena. In 1944, Tena's 4 sons – Kenneth, John, Robert & Milton – are featured in a story (copied above) in the Minneapolis MN "Star" asking for information on the whereabouts of their biological father, John Miller McLeod.

They moved to St. Peter MN in 1929 & there operated Casebere and Norberg's Café, where Milton worked while in school. Milton died 21 Feb 2011 Decorah IA. His brother Kenneth McLeod (15 Feb 1923 Kandiyohi MN – 23 Sep 2004) retained the surname McLeod.

Oscar:

1925 Minneapolis MN city directory – is this the right Oscar? And his sister?
 Jahr, Estella, saleswoman, Dayton's, boarding at 3541 – 10th Ave. S.
 Jahr, Oscar, blender, Russell & Miller Milling Co., rooms at 1626 SE 6th

Oscar admitted to the Milwaukee WI National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers on 22 May 1929; discharged 30 May 1929. See record copied above.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Saturday 27 Dec 1930 p 6 – US marshals served temporary injunction to five soft drink parlors & closed one in Arcadia WI. One of the temporary injunctions was for the soft drink parlor in Independence WI operated by Oscar Jahr & Harry Snyder.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 25 May 1931 p 7 – there were 15 places in WI padlocked for 1 year due to violations of the Prohibition law. One is Independence WI, operated by Oscar Jahr & Harry Snyder.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Monday 28 Jul 1947 p 1 – There was a large wind, rain, hail storm on Saturday night. Oscar I. Jahr, county highway department, had to abandon his county truck in Elk Creek & travel over the hills to reach the city.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Monday 28 Jul 1947 p 12 – Oscar Jahr, Independence WI, county highway maintenance worker & his crew had a narrow escape when the truck in which they were riding plowed into a washout & was carried downstream by the flood.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 7 Feb 1949 p. 2 - photo, at Tuscania reunion, from Independence WI.

"Winona (MN) Republican-Herald" Monday 7 Feb 1949 p 3 – the 2nd annual meeting of the Trempealeau Co. Tuscania survivors was held at the Galesville WI city hall on Saturday. Fourteen men organized the club last year. One of the attendees is Oscar Jahr of Independence WI.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 7 Aug 1949 p 13 – the Trempealeau Co. Tuscania Survivors Association will hold its 2nd annual picnic at Perrot State Park. There were 15 men from Trempealeau County WI on the Tuscania, one of them Oscar Jahr.

"Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram" 31 Jan 1951 p 2 – The Trempealeau County Tuscania Survivors Association will hold a meeting at the Edwards Hotel on 5 Feb 1951. Oscar Jahr is vice president of the association.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Thursday 12 Feb 1953 p 17 – the annual meeting of the WI Tuscania Survivors Association was held Saturday at Baraboo WI. Roy Marsh of Galesville WI was elected vice president to succeed the late Oscar Jahr of Independence WI.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Thursday 2 Sep 1954 p 3 – a coroner's inquest held that George Darling, 21, of Fairchild WI, was not guilty of criminal negligence ("willfull intent") when the car he was driving on 23 Aug 1954 one-half mile north of Pigeon Falls WI on Highway 53 hit a concrete bridge abutment & burst into flames. His mother died of her burns the next day. George & his father, who was a passenger testified that the car had previously had mechanical problems. Another male & female passenger escaped but Karen Jahr remains a patient in an Eau Claire WI hospital. The group had attended a Darling family wedding [in which Karen was the bridesmaid].

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Friday 18 Feb 1955 p 13 – a pancake supper will be held Monday in the basement of St. Peter & Paul School for the benefit of Miss Karen Jahr, who was seriously burned in an automobile accident last Aug. The supper is sponsored by the Independence Lions Club. Karen is the daughter of the late Oscar Jahr; her mother Mrs. Oscar Jahr lives in Independence WI. She has been hospitalized in Eau Claire WI & Madison WI most of the time since the accident.

Obituary:

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" 20 Aug 1952 p 3 - age 63, resident of Independence WI. Died at work with the Trempealeau Co. Highway Department 9 miles south of Arcadia of a heart attack. A Highway Department employee for the past 16 years. Tuscania survivor. WWI veteran. Survived by 3 children, 3 sisters, 3 brothers

"Winona (MN) Republican-Herald" 21 Aug 1952 p 15 - b. 25 Jan 1889 Preston Township near Blaine, enlisted Army 1917, Tuscania survivor, served on 4 fronts in France with 32nd Div., discharged 1919, married Inga Bergum 25 Jul 1922 & lived in Independence since, survived by wife, 2 daughters, son, 3 sisters, 3 brothers

Social Security number: 398-10-2799

Censuses:

1900 Preston, Trempealeau WI [oldest child John not listed but also Sigvald, then about 10 years old, not included, but listed separately as Sigvald Johnson, an adopted son, see below]

Otto Jahr, 51 Norway, Feb 1849, parents b. Norway, married 28 years, emigrated 1869, naturalized, farmer

Engborge, 47 Norway, Jun 1852, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1872, in US for 28 years, gave birth to 12 children, 12 are living

Minnie, 24 WI, Jan 1876

Carl, 22 WI, May 1878, salesman

Eddie, 19 WI, Feb 1881, farm labor

Ida, 16 WI, Dec 1883, at school

Julius, 14 WI, Oct 1885, at school

Caroline, 12 WI, Nov 1887, at school

Oschar, 11 WI, Jan 1889, at school

Tena, 7 WI, Feb 1893

Stella, 5 WI, May 1895

Lillie, 2 WI, May 1898

1900 Gale, Trempealeau WI [Oscar & Sigvald's mother was born Johnson]

Christ Johnson, 43 Norway, Jun 1856, parents b. Norway, married 7 years, farmer

Sophia Johnson, 29 Norway, Jan 1871, parents b. Norway, gave birth to zero children [wife]

John Nilson, 26 Norway, Dec 1873, parents b. Norway, servant

Sigvald Johnson, 10 WI, Dec 1890, parents b. Norway, at school [adopted son]

1905 WI state census – Preston, Trempealeau WI

Otto M. Jahr, 56 Norway, farmer

Ingeborg, 52 Norway

Edie, 25 WI, farm laborer

Oscar, 17 WI

Sigvald, 15 WI

Tine, 13 WI

Lillie, 10 WI

Stella, 7 WI

1910 Preston, Trempealeau WI – conducted 6 May 1910

John Jahr, 36 WI, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 4 years, farmer, general farm [head of household]

Anna, 24 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living [wife]

Lillian, 3 ND [daughter]

Stella, 2 ND [daughter]

Florence, 6 months WI [daughter]

& brother Oscar Jahr, 21 WI, parents b. Norway, single, laborer, home farm

1930 Independence, Trempealeau WI

Oscar I. Jahr, 41 WI, age 33 at 1st marriage, salesman, retail soft drinks, WWI veteran

Inga, 29 WI, parents b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage [wife]

Vern, 6 WI [daughter]

Robert O., 3 years 4 months WI [son]

1940 Independence, Trempealeau WI – same place in 1935

Oscar Jahr, 51 WI, parents b. Norway, state patrolman, highway

Inga, 40 WI
Vern, 16 WI [daughter]
Robert, 13 WI
Karen, 7 WI