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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

**One of the “Baraboo 21”
Kier, Wayland Eugene
1897 WI – 1978 MT**



Wayland Eugene Kier – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

LEWISTOWN — KIER, W. E.
"Dick," 81, died Tuesday in a drowning accident west of Lewistown. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Creel-Morrison-Retz Chapel. He was born in Kendall, Wis. and came to Lewistown in 1920. He married Bernice Melchert in Lewistown in 1924. He worked for the Milwaukee Railroad until 1933 when he and Con Bryte started an insurance agency which they sold in 1963. They had been in the real estate business since that time. Mrs. Kier died in 1976. Surviving are three sisters.

Obituary of Wayland Eugene Kier - "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Saturday 13 May 1978 p 11

W.E. 'Dick' Kier

LEWISTOWN — W.E. "Dick" Kier, 81, who had been in the real estate business, died Tuesday in a drowning accident west of Lewistown.

Born in Kendall, Wis., a son of John and Leonora Kier, he was a veteran of World War I. In 1920 he came to Lewistown, and in 1924 married Bernice Melchert. He worked for the Milwaukee Road until 1933, then was co-owner of an insurance agency until 1963. His wife died in 1976.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Hollingshead of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Christine Hayes of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mrs. Shirley Brotherson of San Diego, Calif.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Creel-Morrison-Retz Chapel. Burial will be in Lewistown City Cemetery.

Obituary of Wayland Eugene Kier – "Billings (MT) Gazette" Saturday 13 May 1978 p 12

Kier

LEWISTOWN — Mrs. Dick (Bonnie) Kier, 72, died Sunday night in Central Montana Hospital.

She was born March 19, 1903, in Davenport, Iowa, the daughter of William and Mary Melchert. The family moved from Davenport to Denver, living in Denver until 1912. They moved to Lewistown that same year and she graduated from Fergus County High School.

On Aug. 8, 1924, she married W.E. Dick Kier in Lewistown. They had lived in Lewistown since.

Mrs. Kier was a member of Daughters of the Nile and St. James Episcopal Church.

Survivors include the widower and a sister, Mrs. Con (Mildred) Bryte of Lewistown.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Creel-Morrison-Retz Chapel, Father Robert Bohyer officiating.

Burial will be in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Obituary of his wife Bertha (Bonnie) Melchert Kier – "Billings (MT) Gazette" Wednesday 17 Mar 1976 p 8 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/412953084/?terms=%22dick%20kier%22&match=1>

LEWISTOWN — **BRYTE, Conway E.**, 89, died Thursday in a Lewistown hospital after a short illness. Service 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Creel-Morrison-Retz chapel; interment in city cemetery. Born and educated in Shenandoah, Iowa; served in World War I; came to Lewistown in 1921. Married Mildred Melchert in 1922. Worked for the Democrat News until 1933, when he and the late Dick Kier started an insurance agency, which they sold in 1963. Worked in real estate until his retirement in 1978. Survivors: his wife; several nieces and nephews.

Obituary of Conway E. Bryte, his business partner & brother-in-law – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Friday 7 Jun 1985 p 12

W. E. KIER PURCHASES INSURANCE BUSINESS FROM FRED E. RACE

Lewistown, April 6.—Announcement has been made of the purchase by W. E. ("Dick") Kier of the general insurance business of Fred E. Race, for many years one of the leading insurance agencies of Lewistown. Details of the purchase were completed during the past week, with Mr. Kier assuming complete charge Saturday, April 1.

For the past several years Mr. Kier has been connected with the Austin R. Warr insurance agency in this city, but with the purchase of the Fred E. Race & Co. business he has severed his connection with Mr. Warr and will now devote his entire time to his own enterprise, which will be known as W. E. Kier & Co. With the acquisition of the business formerly conducted by Mr. Race, the new agency will represent some 15 of the largest and strongest insurance companies in the world, with complete coverage of every type of insurance and surety bonds.

Kier, Bryte Sell Firm To Ruzicka

LEWISTOWN — Dick Kier and Conway Bryte announced sale of their insurance business to Frank Ruzicka Jr.

Kier and Bryte founded their insurance-real estate firm April 1, 1933. Both came here in 1920. Kier was associated with the Milwaukee Railroad and Bryte was employed by the old Lewistown Democrat News. Both men have no definite future plans.

Ruzicka has been associated with his father, Frank Ruzicka Sr. in the Frank Ruzicka Agency since Jan. 1, 1948. The agency was established by Frank Ruzicka Sr. and the late P. J. Osweiler in 1935. Osweiler sold his interest in the business prior to World War II.

Frank Ruzicka Jr. was born in Lewistown, graduated from Fergus County High School and attended the University of Montana.

Left: "Helena (MT) Independent-Record" Friday 7 Apr 1933 p 6 – Right:
"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Wednesday 17 Jan 1962 p 13

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LOCAL FILE NUMBER STATE FILE NUMBER

1 DECEDENT - NAME FIRST WAYLAND		MIDDLE E.		LAST KIER		SEX 2 Male		DATE OF DEATH (Mo., Day, Yr.) 3 May 8, 1978	
RACE - White, Black, American Indian, etc. (Specify) 4 White		AGE - Last Birthday (years) 5a 81		UNDER 1 YEAR Mos. Days 5b		UNDER 1 DAY Hours Min. 5c		DATE OF BIRTH (Mo., Day, Yr.) 6 Mar. 31, 1897	
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 7a Lewistown		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (if not in enter, give street and number) 7c West of Lewistown 2 miles		COUNTY OF DEATH 7a Fergus		IF HOSP. OR INST. Indicate DDA, OP/Emr. Rm. Inpatient (Specify) 7b			
STATE OF BIRTH (If not in U.S.A. name country) 8 Wisconsin		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY 9 USA		MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) 10 Widowed		SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) 11			
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 12 517-36-2303		USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) 13a Real Estate Broker		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY 13b Realty		WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Specify Yes or No) 14 Yes			
RESIDENCE - STATE 15a Montana		COUNTY 15b Fergus		CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION 15c Lewistown		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) 15d Yes		STREET AND NUMBER 15e 1008 West Brdway	
FATHER - NAME FIRST 16 John Kier		MIDDLE 16		LAST 16		MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME FIRST 17 Leonora McGary		MIDDLE 17	
INFORMANT - NAME (Type or Print) 18a Conway Bryte		MAILING ADDRESS STREET OR R.F.D. NO. 18b 302 8th Ave. No.		CITY OR TOWN 18c Lewistown, Mont.		STATE 18d 59457		ZIP	
CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME 19a City Cemetery		LOCATION 19b Lewistown Montana		MORTUARY OR OTHER - NAME AND ADDRESS 20 Creel-Morrison-Retz		CITY OR TOWN 20a Lewistown, Montana		STATE 20b 59457	
BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL, OTHER (Specify) 19c Burial		DATE OF DISPOSITION (Month, Day, Year) 21 May 13, 1978		PERSON IN CHARGE OF DISPOSITION 22 (Signature) Jerry H. Morrison		License Number 22 160			
To be Completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN Only		To be Completed by CORONER Only							
23a To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated.		23b (Signature and Title) 23b Jerry H. Morrison		23c DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 23c May 16, 1978		23d HOUR OF DEATH 23d Monday Evening			
23e NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or Print) 23e Jerry H. Morrison		23f PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Yr.) 23f May 10, 1978		23g PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) 23g AT 1:20 A.		23h M 23h M			
23i NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN OR CORONER) (Type or Print) 23i Jerry Cloud, Coroner, 209 3rd Ave. No. Lewistown, Mont. 59457		23j LOCAL REGISTRAR 23j Vision O. McNeas		23k DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (Mo., Day, Yr.) 23k 5-17-78		23l			
27. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))		PART I (a) Probable Accidental Drowning		DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:		Undetermined			
(b)		(b)		DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:					
(c)		(c)		DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:					
PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in Part I(a)		AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No) 28 Yes		WAS CASE REFERRED TO CORONER? (Specify Yes or No) 29 Yes					
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, UNDET. OR PENDING INVESTIGATION (Specify) 30a Accident		DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.) 30b May 8, 1978		HOUR OF INJURY 30c Monday Evening		DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED 30d Truck by-pass West of Lewistown, MT			
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No) 30e No		PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify) 30f Fishing Pond		LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. 30g		CITY OR TOWN 30g		STATE 30g	

Bureau of Records and Statistics, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences
1978 Revision

MT death certificate – died in fishing pond at the truck bypass west of Lewistown MT -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5437/images/47791_302022005450_0076-00309?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=bf9ae00f88edc2a292644ce8b3e06f97&usePUB=true&phsrc=hFB21861&phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=1242131

LEWISTOWN COUPLE WED

Special to The Tribune.

Lewistown, Aug. 9.—Wayland E. Kier, car inspector with the Milwaukee here, and Miss Bernice Melchert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Melchert, were married Friday. Rev. E. Top performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Kier left on the morning train for the coast on a wedding trip.

Marriage to Bernice Melchert on 8 Aug 1924 – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Sunday 10 Aug 1924 p 4

Raft Survivors Of World War I Reunite in State

LEWISTOWN—It was 39 years ago when W. E. (Dick) Kier, Lewistown, was on the U.S. troopship the “Puscania” in the Atlantic ocean, near Ireland en route to the battles in France.

With Kier was an Army buddy, Omer Houkom. On the night of Feb. 5, 1918, the troopship was torpedoed by a German submarine and 257 men on the “Puscania” lost their lives. Kier and Houkom were together on the same life raft after the explosion. They drifted for several hours that night and were picked up by a fishing boat and taken to Larne, Ireland, the next day.

A few days ago Kier and Houkom met again after 38 years. The last time that they had seen each other was in 1919, a year after the Puscania was torpedoed. Houkom was taking his family through Lewistown en route to the western part of the state when he stopped to visit Kier.

Wayland Kier meets Omer Houkom 38 years after “Tuscania” (not “Puscania”) – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Wednesday 17 Jan 1962 p 13 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/238689622/?terms=%22dick%20kier%22&match=1>

Tuscania Survivors At Baraboo 'Get-Together'

(Special to The Capital Times)

BARABOO.—The annual get-together of the Baraboo men, who survived the sinking of the Tuscania Feb. 5th, 1918, was held at the American Legion hall Saturday night. There were 21 local men on board the ship when it went down and all were saved. Since then three have died. The three who have died are: Donald M. Duncan, Russell Brodie and Ralph Sanderson. The others include: P. L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, G. W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, E. L. Powell, O. F. Bates, H. C. Cahoon, E. W. Coughlin, V. A. Caffisch, H. E. Steckenbauer, R. H. Herfort, C. M. Kellogg, R. L. Mahler, E. W. Veerhusen, J. F. Bray, W. E. Kier, J. T. O'Brien and Clarence Braun.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 4 Feb 1929 p 7



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The Baraboo 21 – “Portage (WI) Daily Register” Wednesday 11 Nov 1992 p 23

Engineer and Mrs. John Kier have
 received letters from their son, Way-
 land E. Kier, in France. He was in a
 hospital, suffering from diphtheria.

“Wisconsin State Journal” Tuesday 17 Dec 1918 p 8

A traditional, get-together dinner meeting is to be held tonight at the Warren hotel by "Baraboo's 21." They are veterans of the sinking of the Tuscania, army transport, in the Irish sea with 21 Baraboo men aboard. The national Tuscania survivors group is not meeting this year.

Planning to attend from Baraboo are Paul L. Stewart, James F. Bray, Clarence Braun, Horace Cahoon, Randall Herfort, Otto Arndt, Herbert Steckenbauer, Earl Powell, Ed. Coughlin, Otto Bates and Arthur Thayer. Wayland E. Kier resides in Montana and can not be here, but out-of-town members who it is hoped can be present are Charles Kellogg of Janesville, Richard Mahler of Maywood, Ill., and Earl Veerhusen of Milwaukee.

Deceased members of the group are Ralph Sanderson, Donald Duncan, Russell Brodie, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Vernon Caffisch and John T. O'Brien.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 6 Feb 1943 p 7

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Surviving members of "Baraboo's 21," who escaped alive when the troopship, Tuscania, was sunk in World War I, with a loss of 147 American lives, will hold a dinner and smoker at Baraboo Saturday on the 31st anniversary of the sinking of the ship. Among the 2,030 American soldiers aboard the transport when it was sunk by a German submarine Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland were 21 Baraboo soldiers. Fifteen of the 21 are alive but one of them, Wayland Kier, now lives in Montana. The other 14 are expected to attend the reunion in the Baraboo Legion club. The 14 expected at the anniversary celebration are pictured above. They are, from left to right: front row, Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; Horace Cahoon, Lake Delton; Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo city clerk; Edward Coughlin, Baraboo; Charles Kellogg, Janesville, and James Bray, and Randall Herfort, Baraboo; back row, Otto Bates, Baraboo; Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee; Otto Arndt, Reedsburg; and Earl Powell, Clarence Braun, Arthur Thayer, and Herbert Steckenbauer, Baraboo.

his fellow survivors, but Wayland Kier lived in MT - "Madison (WI) Capital Times" 4 Feb 1949 p 12 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/523344534/?terms=tuscania%20baraboo%20madison&match=1>

Winchester England Feb 14 1918

Dear mother and all:

Will write you again today because I presume you will be glad to get the letters. *Suppose they will be few and far between.* Am going to tell you about my experience when we were hit. I was down in my sleeping quarters lying on my bunk. There were about ten of us there just getting ready to go to supper. You see the first sitting was at five and the second sitting was at 6. I ate at the second sitting. It was just about 5:45 when we were hit. I was never so surprised in my life. An officer was down where we were and told us that we had better go up on deck until 830. This was about ten minutes before we were hit.

Well, I said to him what are we going to do about our supper? He says well then go up as soon as you have supper. I say all right. I thought when we were hit we would never get out of that hole because we were down four decks from where the life boats were. The minute we were hit the water came rushing in where we were and glass was flying around and then besides that the lights went out the minute we were hit. Well I grabbed my life belt and ran for the door or where I thought it was. I got up on deck where the life boat were and just as I got up there why the boat that I was suppose to go in went down and was broken in

splinters. Then three more boats came down and broke in pieces. Well then I thought we were gone. I helped the major into a boat and that was the last I saw of him for 4 days. Some of the fellows lost their heads and jumped over board. Well I waited there with John O'Brien, James Bray and our Sergeant Major. We managed to get in the last life boat. I slid down a rope about 30 feet into the life boat.

Well the sea wasn't very rough when we started out but, it got pretty rough after awhile. Well, we rowed as hard as we could so as to get away from the big boat sucking us down. Of course you know that there is an awful suction when a big boat sinks. Well, we managed to get away from the big boat and then it got so rough that we were not able to do anything by rowing so we just drifted. We drifted for 4 hours before we were picked up. We were picked up by a fish boat. It was about 11:20 when we were picked up and we didn't land on shore until 5:30 the next morning. Believe me I was sure glad when I got my feet on land. The people there in Ireland where we landed treated us fine. They got something for us to eat right away and then I went to bed and slept until 2:00 in the afternoon. I got up then and looked around.

The people had an entertainment for us that afternoon which was swell of them. We stayed there two days and then went to a camp for a day and then went to Dublin and then came to Wales and now I am in England. I am feeling just fine. Well I lost that swell pair of socks that you and Marjorie made for me and that helmet that Shirley sent me but, I shouldn't worry, so long as that I am alive. I guess there were about 160 men lost altogether. It sure was a great experience anyway but it was an exciting one. HA! HA! The weather is very damp here. You see the sun about once a week. I don't know how much of this letter will go through but, I am writing quite a little. Will say good bye to all for this time. Will write again tomorrow or next day.

Your loving son

Wayland C. Kier

Furnished by Andrew Babicki

VETERAN RAILROAD MAN DIES AT BARABOO

JOHN KIER SUCCUMBS AFTER
LONG ILLNESS; EMPLOYED
BY C. & N. W. COMPANY
FOR 47 YEARS

BARABOO—John Kier died at his home on Sixth avenue Wednesday morning after a long illness. He had been employed by the C. & N. W. railroad for 47 years. He was born 65 years ago and came to this county when about 15 years old. Shortly after this he went to work for the C. & N. W. and at the time of his death was an engineer. Besides his wife he leaves six children: Hugh, Grand Forks, N. D.; Wayland, Lewiston, Mont.; Miss Shirley and Mrs. Stephen Hayes, Milwaukee, and Walter and Marjorie at home.

Obituary of father John Kier – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 19 Nov 1921 p 5

Mrs. John Kier

BARABOO—Mrs. John Kier, a lifelong resident of Baraboo, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Brotherson, Chicago.

For several years Mrs. Kier had been making her home with the Brothersons and also in Waterloo, Ia., with another daughter, Mrs. Christine Hayes. Other survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Hollingshead, Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Walter, St. Paul, and Wayland, Lewiston, Mont., and two sisters, Mrs. Belle Wood, Baraboo, and Mrs. Jessie Weisel, Wisconsin Rapids.

Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at Kendall.

Obituary of his mother Leonore Kier – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Saturday 19 Nov 1921 p 5

Dick Kier Named as President of Club at Lewistown

Special to The Tribune.

LEWISTOWN, June 17.—Wayland "Dick" Kier was elected president of the Lewistown Rod and Gun club at a reorganization meeting. Frank Jacobson was elected vice president, Guy Enlow, secretary-treasurer, and Gifford Theobald, Paul Slater, C. E. Baker, Joe Holecek, Roy Marshall, directors. The club plans to install a number of rearing ponds in central Montana. The annual membership drive will start soon.

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Saturday 18 Jun 1932 p 5

Lewistown Rotary to Sponsor P.-T. A. Program Tonight

Special to The Tribune.

LEWISTOWN, Nov. 7.—At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club President Oliver Belden presented an invitation by Mrs. Hitch of the Parent-Teacher association to have the Rotary club sponsor a program and refreshments at a meeting Wednesday evening at the junior high at 8.

The invitation was accepted and it was suggested that ladies of the Rotarians be invited to participate.

W. E. Kier gave an account of experiences during the World war, including a description of the torpedoing and sinking of the troop ship, Tuscania.

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Wednesday 8 Nov 1933 p 5

LEWISTOWN — MELCHERT, Mrs. William A., died at a local hospital. Services will be at the Creel-Gurnett-Retz Chapel Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Robert Bohyer officiating, burial in the Lewistown Cemetery. Born in Davenport, Iowa, she married William Melchert there. She came to Lewistown in 1912 and for many years operated a bakery. Survivors include daughters, Mrs. W. E. Kier and Mrs. C. E. Bryte, Lewistown.

Death of his mother-in-law – “Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Wednesday 3 Jul 1968 p 12

HEIDINGER — KIER
Miss Yolanda Heidinger and Walter Kier of Dodgeville were married Tuesday evening of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heidinger, the Rev. Boerger performing the ceremony. They will make their home in Dodgeville. Many friends extend congratulations.

Marriage of his brother Walter Kier to Yolanda Heidinger in Jul 1918 – “Platteville (WI) Witness” Wednesday 31 Jul 1918 p 1. The couple divorced in Apr 1919.

Kier Is Safe—Wayland Kier of Baraboo, Wls., who was on board the ill-fated Tuscania as one of a party of 35 Baraboo men, is safe, according to a message received yesterday by his brother, Hugh Kier, cashier at the Great Northern railroad station, in this city.

“Grand Forks (ND) Herald” 14 Feb 1918 p 6

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Announcement is made of the marriage of Mrs. Edith Jones, daughter of E. M. Read, 307 North Eighth street, to Hugh Kier of Grand Forks. The wedding took place on Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's father. Rev. George Henry of the Methodist church officiated over the ceremony before just a small company. There were no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Kier left Saturday night for Chicago and points in Wisconsin. They will be at home after December first at 307 North Eighth street.

Marriage of his brother Hugh Kier to Mrs. Edith Jones – “Grand Forks (ND) Herald” Monday 17 Oct 1921 p 12

Kier Child Dies—At an early hour this morning the death of Annira, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kier of 128 1-2 South Third street occurred. The child's death was due to complications which set in after an illness of influenza. This is the second death in the Kier family within six weeks. Baby Ruth Kier died February 2, only thirteen months old.

2 of his brother Hugh's children by wife Myrtle Margaret Peterson die within 6 weeks – “Grand Forks (ND) Herald” Tuesday 18 Mar 1919 p 5

STATE OF TEXAS *015-01-2 05-16-49* **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** *410X* STATE FILE NO. **22947**

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First (b) Middle (c) Last **SHIRLEY JOSEPHINE BROTHERRSON** 2. SEX **Female** 3. DATE OF DEATH **April 25, 1980**

4. RACE **White** 5a. WAS THE DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? **NO** 5b. IF YES, SPECIFY MEXICAN, CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN, ETC. 6. DATE OF BIRTH **10-7-1891** 7. AGE (In years last birthday) **88** 8. IF UNDER 1 YEAR (Months) (Days) (Hours) (Minutes) 9. IF UNDER 24 HRS. (Hours) (Minutes)

8a. PLACE OF DEATH — COUNTY **Bexar** 8b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **San Antonio** 8c. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION **Nix Memorial Hospital** 8d. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? **YES**

9. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) **Widowed** 10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **Wisconsin** 11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? **U.S.A.** 12. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? **NO** 13. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)

14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. **562-78-0101T** 15a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) **Housewife** 15b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY **Own Home**

16a. RESIDENCE — STATE **California** 16b. COUNTY **San Diego** 16c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) **San Diego** 16d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) **5122 University Avenue** 16e. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? **YES**

17. FATHER'S NAME **John Kier** 18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Lenora McGary** 19. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT *Marjorie Hollander*

20. PART I IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), (c)) (a) **Congestive Heart Failure** (b) **Acute Myocardial Infarction** (c) **Interval between onset and death 4 days** **Interval between onset and death 5 days**

21. AUTOPSY? **NO**

22a. ACC. SUICIDE, HOM. UNDET., OR PENDING INVEST. (Specify) 22b. DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.) 22c. HOUR OF INJURY (M.) 22d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED

22e. INJURY AT WORK (Specify yes or no) 22f. PLACE OF INJURY — At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify) 22g. LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and (due to the cause(s) stated) (Signature and Title) *O. Roger Hollan, M.D.* 23b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) **4-25-80** 23c. HOUR OF DEATH **4:58 a.** 23d. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (Type or print) **O. Roger Hollan, M.D.**

24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and (due to the cause(s) stated) (Signature and Title) **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** **REC'D MAY 12 1980** **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS** 24b. DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) 24c. HOUR OF DEATH 24d. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Year) 24e. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) (M.)

25a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) **Removal for Burial** 25b. DATE **April 26, 1980** 25c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY **Greenwood Cemetery**

25d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) **SAN DIEGO California** 25e. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH *Porter Loring Mortuary*

27a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. **2638** 27b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR **APR 28 80** 27c. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR *June Hornowick*

VS-112, REV. 1/80

TX death certificate of his sister Shirley Josephine Kier Brotherson -

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Christine Hayes, 97, of Friendship Village, died there Nov. 6, 1991, of natural causes; memorial services 3 p.m. Saturday at the chapel of Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery; Locke Funeral Home, 233-6138, was in charge of arrangements; memorials to Friendship Village Med Center or Trinity Episcopal parish.

Obituary of his sister Christine Kier Hayes – "Waterloo (IA) Courier" Wednesday 29 Apr 1992 p 6

Name: Wayland Eugene Kier

Name variations: W.E. Kier, Dick Kier

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. HQ - private

Serial number: 250,921

Entered service from: Baraboo, Sauk WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Wayland E. Kier

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Nora Kier, 319 - 6th Ave., Baraboo WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Wayland E. Kier

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Nora Kier, 319 - 6th St., Baraboo WI (sgt, HQ Co., 10th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 1939 NTSA: 202 Montana Bldg.,

Lewistown MT - 1955 WI Survivors: Montana Bldg, Lewistown MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as Wayland Eugene Kier – b. 31 Mar 1897 Kendall WI; res:

1008 W. Broadway, Lewistown MT. NOK Mrs. Bernice Kier [no address listed]. Employed by self at 202 Montana Building, Lewistown MT. Card is signed W.E. Kier. Height: 5' 5 ½" – weight: 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 23 Jun 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: Lewistown MT

Rank/unit: sergeant, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 31 Mar 1897 Kendall, Monroe WI

Died: 9 May 1978 Lewistown, Fergus MT (drowned west of Lewistown)

Find A Grave record: 77132438, presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Lewistown, Fergus MT

Cemetery: Lewistown City

Tombstone: reads W.E. Kier

Father: John Kier, Jul 1856 Denmark – 16 Nov 1921 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Tuscania researcher Steven Schwartz recorded a birthdate of 23 Mar 1856 Skjern, Denmark. Came to the US when about 15 years old. Went to work for the Chicago & North Western Railroad, where he was employed for 47 years, most recently as an engineer. Survived by 6 children. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Kendall, Monroe WI.

Find A Grave: 6667324

Mother: Leonora (Nora) McGary Kier, Oct 1860 Monroe Co. WI – 16 Jun 1942 Chicago, Cook IL.

Daughter of Selium McGary (F: 80012945) & Elvira Ann Fox (F: 80012939), who married in 1851 in OH. Her parents arrived in Monroe Co. WI in autumn 1852. Her father served in the Civil War in the 52nd "T" Regiment of the WI Volunteer Infantry. She died at the home of her daughter Mrs. James Brotherson [Shirley] in Chicago. She had lived with the Brothersons & with another daughter Mrs. Christine Kier Hayes (Waterloo IA) for several years. Buried in Glendale Cemetery, Kendall, Monroe WI.

Find A Grave: 6667325

Parents' marriage: 28 Oct 1880 Kendall, Monroe WI

Spouse: Bernice (Bonnie) Melchert Kier, 19 Mar 1903 Davenport, Scott IA – Mar 1976 Lewistown, Fergus MT. Daughter of William A. Melchert & Mary C. Storch. Her family moved from Davenport IA to Denver CO where they lived until 1912, when they moved to Lewistown, Fergus MT. Graduate of Fergus County High School. Her sister Mildred married Conway (Con) Bryte, who became Wayland's business partner. Buried in Lewistown City Cemetery, Lewistown, Fergus MT.

Spouse Find A Grave: 77132439

Marriage: 8 Aug 1924 Lewistown, Fergus MT. Wayland Kier, age 27, son of John Kier & Nora McGary, to Bernice Melchert.

Children:

Siblings: In the 1900 census, Wayland's mother reported giving birth to 8 children, 5 of whom were living. In the 1910 census, she reported giving birth to 10 children, 6 of whom were living.

- Hugh Kier, 27 Sep 1886 WI – 1 Mar 1926 Grand Forks Co. ND. Employee of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Married Myrtle Margaret Peterson on 21 Jan 1911 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. As a railroad ticket agent in Grand Forks ND, he was held up at gunpoint in Mar 1921. Married Mrs. Edith Read [Reid?] Jones on 13 Oct 1921 in Grand Forks Co. ND. Marriage: "Grand Forks (ND) Herald" Monday 17 Oct 1921 p 12. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Grand Forks, Grand Forks ND. F: 135649173
- Shirley Josephine Kier Brotherson, 7 Oct 1891 WI – 25 Apr 1980 San Antonio, Bexar TX (Nix Memorial Hospital). Wife of James N. Brotherson (1891-1969, F: 195595984). Resident of Milwaukee WI (unmarried) in Nov 1921 & of Chicago IL in Nov 1921 & San Diego CA in May 1978. Her TX death certificate lists her as a resident of 5122 University Ave., San Diego CA, widowed. Buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, San Diego CA. F: 195239288
- Christine Kier Hayes, 31 Oct 1894 WI – 6 Nov 1991 Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. Wife of Stephen V. Hayes (17 Sep 1894 – 3 Mar 1973, F: 26716747). Was living in Waterloo IA in May 1978. Buried in Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery, Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. F: 26716786.
- Walter Eugene Kier, 19 Jun 1899 Kendall, Monroe WI – 22 Dec 1968 St. Paul, Ramsey Co. MN. SSN 477-09-1572. He married 23 Jul 1918 Yolanda Heidinger of Platteville WI. In the "Grant County Herald" (Lancaster WI) Wednesday 23 Apr 1919 p 1, a divorce judgment granted in the case of Yolanda Kier of Platteville WI vs. Walter Kier of Baraboo WI. - On his WWII (1942) draft registration, he lives in St. Paul, Ramsey MN at 323 Robert St. & is employed at the Golden Rule [a department store]. His NOK was Mrs. John Kier, 86 Streeter Dr., Chicago IL. – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Wednesday, 1 Jan 1969 p 48 – Ramsey County deaths: Walter Kier, 69, 1707 Fry St., Falcon Heights MN. Buried with wife Helen Louise Fritsche (1903-1987, F: 134876120) in Acacia Park Cemetery, Mendota Heights, Dakota MN. F: 134876121
- Marjorie Leonora Kier Hollingshead, 13 Apr 1906 Kendall, Monroe WI – 11 Aug 2000 Bexar Co. TX. Wife of Lloyd Jesse Hollingshead (1905-1989, F: 52356192) whom she married 3 Jul 1933 in Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. Resident of Kansas City MO in Jun 1942 & San Antonio TX in May 1978. Buried in Alamo Heights United Methodist Church Cemetery, Alamo Heights, Bexar TX. F: 52356217

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Businessman & active in community affairs in Lewistown, Fergus Co. MT (Rotary, Rod & Gun Club).

Obituary:

"Billings (MT) Gazette" 13 May 1978 p 10 & "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" 13 May 1978 p 11 - W.E. ("Dick") Kier, died at age 81, Lewiston, [ironically] of drowning. Born Kendall WI, the son of John & Leonora Kier. WWI veteran. He came to Lewistown MT in 1920. In 1924 Dick married Bernice Melchert, who died in 1976. Survived by 3 sisters. He worked for the Milwaukee Road railroad until 1933, then became co-owner with Con Bryte in an insurance agency until they sold it in 1963 & then became partners in the real estate business.

MT death certificate – Wayland E. Kier, d. 8 May 1978 at age 81. Born 31 Mar 1897 WI. Died 2 miles west of Lewistown, Fergus Co. MT – “probable accidental drowning” in a fishing pond at the truck bypass west of Lewistown. SSN 517-36-2303. Real estate broker, in the realty business. Served in the military. Residence: 1008 W. Broadway, Lewistown, Fergus MT. Buried 13 May 1978 in Lewistown City Cemetery. Son of John Kier & Leonora McGary. Was pronounced dead by coroner Jerry Cloyd on 10 May 1978 at 1:20 a.m.

Social Security number: 517-36-2303

Censuses:

1900 Kendall, Monroe WI – conducted 30 Jun 1900

John Kier, 43 Denmark, Jul 1856, parents b. Denmark, married 20 years, emigrated in 1866, in US for 23 years, naturalized, engineer, railroad

Lanora, 39 WI, Oct 1860, father b. VT, mother b. OH, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living

Hough, 13 WI, Sep 1886, at school [Hugh]

Shirley I., 8 WI, Oct 1891, at school

Christine F., 5 WI, Oct 1894

Wayland, 3 WI, Mar 1897

Walter, 1 WI, Jun 1898

1905 WI state census – Kendall, Monroe WI – as of 1 Jun 1905

John Kier, 48 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, railroad engineer

Nora, 44 WI, father b. VT, mother b. OH

Hugh, 18 WI, laborer

Shirley, 13 WI

Christian, 10 WI [daughter Christine]

Wayland, 8 WI

Walter, 6 WI

1910 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 319 – 6th Ave.

John Kier, 53 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, in 1st marriage, married 29 years, engineer, locomotive

Leonore, 49 WI, father b. VT, mother b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 10 children, 6 are living

Shirley, 18 WI

Christina, 15 WI

Wayland, 13 WI

Walter, 10 WI

Marjorie, 4 WI

1920 Othello, Adams WA – Hemlock St.

Wayland E. Kier, 22 WI, single, father b. Denmark, mother b. US, clerk, railroad

Lodger with 5 other lodgers at the home of J. Strother & Ruth E. Reynolds

1930 Lewistown, Fergus MT – 311 W. Main St.

Wayland E. Kier, 30 WI, father b. Denmark, mother b. WI, age 25 at 1st marriage, car inspector, railroad, WWI veteran

Bernice, 25 IA, age 20 at 1st marriage, stenographer, insurance company

1940 Lewistown, Fergus MT – 1008 Broadway – in same house in 1935

Wayland E. Kier, 43 WI, father b. Denmark, mother b. WI, proprietor agent, real estate & insurance

Bernice, 37 IA, father b. IA, mother b. Germany

[the next census entry is for Bernice's parents, William A. (49) & Mary (49) Melchert]