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Abbreviations:

b = born

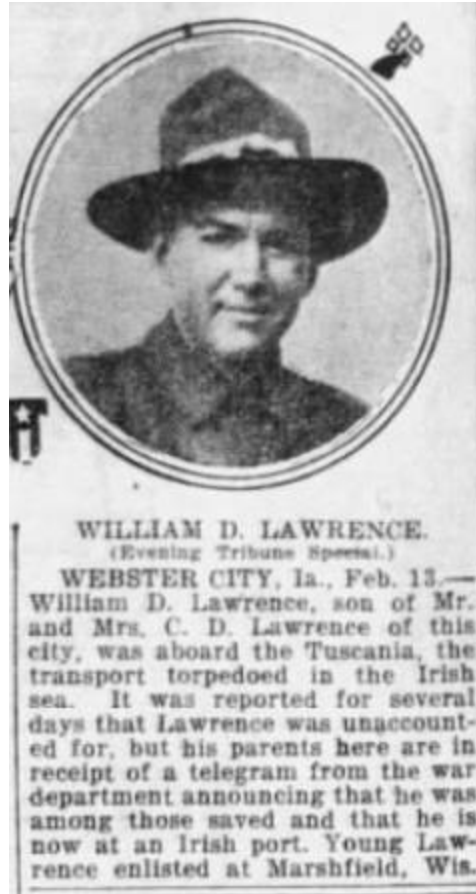
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with decorative flourishes. The text is set against a solid red rectangular background.

Lawrence, William Dudley
1895 WI – 1985 MN



William Dudley Lawrence – “Des Moines (IA) Evening Tribune” 13 Feb 1918 p 3

Dudley Lawrence, formerly of Turtle Lake, now of Oshkosh, Wis., has enlisted in the army and will soon leave for camp.

“Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Tuesday 5 Jun 1917 p 3

1 IOWAN LOST ON TUSCANIA

Clyde C. Pellem, Cedar Rapids, Only Iowan Not Accounted For.

WEBSTER CITY BOY
IS REPORTED SAFE

Parents of William D. Lawrence Hear of Son's Rescue From Ship.

(Evening Tribune Special.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—

Iowa's loss on the Tuscania has narrowed to one.

Clyde C. Pellem of Cedar Rapids is the one missing Iowan. The others, including William D. Lawrence, who was believed to have been missing until today, are accounted for.

There is a probability that Pellem may not have gone down with the ship, although his name so far does not appear in the list of survivors.

The war department today wired the parents of Lawrence that their son was safe.

Clyde Pelley was the only IA casualty — "Des Moines (IA) Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

SON RESCUED FROM TUSCANIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lawrence Get
Telegram from War Depart-
ment Announcing Rescue
of Their Son.

CLATE CONNER ALSO SAFE.

Regiment Split and he Did Not Sail.

—Nothing Heard From Jack
Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lawrence, corner of Ohio and Superior streets, are in receipt of a telegram from the war department announcing that their son, William D. Lawrence, who was aboard the Tuscania, torpedoed last week in the Irish sea, was among those rescued.

Nothing has been heard from Jack Allen, brother of Mrs. R. L. Sterling of this city, who was with a Wisconsin regiment aboard this transport.

Clate Conner Safe.

A letter received in this city this morning from Clate Conner, also supposed to have been on this ship, was written Feb. 6 from Camp Mills. The Tuscania was torpedoed Feb 5, so it is evident that the 107th Military Police were divided and part sent on the Tuscania. Clate wrote that he expected to sail the following day.

William D. Lawrence was with a Wisconsin regiment. The telegram his parents had from the war department did not say at what port the young man had been landed, but it was probably an Irish port. The parents were much relieved to get the wire. The friends and relatives of Clate Conner are also rejoiced to learn that he was not aboard the boat. Mrs. Sterling is hourly expecting word regarding her brother.

TURTLE LAKE SOLDIER SURVIVES TUSCANIA

Another Beltrami county boy has been reported saved from the tragedy of the Tuscania, a message to that effect having reached Turtle Lake that Dudley Lawrence had survived the torpedoing of the transport.

The advice came from Washington and was official and the many friends of the young man will be greatly pleased to learn that he was among those safely landed.

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1

Turtle Lake Soldier, Saved On Tuscania, Writes Letter

(Special Correspondent)

Turtle Lake, March 20.—William D. Lawrence, better known as Dudley, was one of the survivors of the transport where she was torpedoed. He was a resident of Turtle Lake when he enlisted in Wisconsin and a letter just received, dated in England and written February 11, narrates an interesting account of his experiences on the ill-fated vessel. It is as follows:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am safe here. Crossed from Ireland day before yesterday. I suppose you have heard by this time that we were on the Tuscania when she went down, but most of us got off. I got off in an English destroyer and we sure can't thank the English navy enough for the chances they took that night.

"They risked their ship and took nearly as great chances as ours in getting us off. One was missed by a torpedo only a few feet as she swung off. And they sure took good care of us when we got ashore. We were bunked in an English barracks and they couldn't do enough for us. They treated us all like brothers.

"I don't know where we will go from here or how long we will stay here, but I am well as usual and don't care much about it. Pretty

short on clothes, though, and dead broke.

"This is a very pretty country, although it rains most of the time. It's real warm and every thing is nice and green. Can's go around much and I haven't seen much except from the train, but it certainly is interesting. Have a great lot of stories to tell if ever I get home.

"The rest of our company came in this morning and there is only one man missing. Pretty lucky for us.

"But our fellows behaved fine and there was no panic at all. I went down in the last boat on our davit and it got pinched between the ship and destroyer and was smashed to pieces. We all made it into the destroyer, though.

"I got seasick for the first time that night coming in on the little boat. They had about 300 on board, where there is only supposed to be about fifty and, say, how she did pitch. We were packed in like sardines and it was darn close and stuffy, and this along with the rolling of the boat made me very sick for awhile.

"But my worst trouble is I lost my sweater and razor.

"Well, it's nearly dinner time and I must go, or go without so I have to close. So long for this time.

"DUD."

"Bemidji (MN) Pioneer" Wednesday 20 Mar 1918 p 1

LAWRENCE WILLIAM DUDLEY		C 1 239 045
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William Dudley Lawrence

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Event Type	Military Service
Name	William Dudley Lawrence
Event Place	Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin, United States
Event Place (Original)	Marshfield, Wis
Enlistment Date	7 May 1917
Birth Date	12 Jul 1895
Birthplace	Grand Rapids, Wood, Wisconsin
Military Rank	Private
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	A 2nd Wis 32
Father's Name	C A Lawrence
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Calais, Maine, USA
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Canada

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Parents:

Father Charles A. Lawrence

Chas A. Lawrence

Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002

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Name:	Chas A. Lawrence
Death Date:	01 Jun 1933
Death Place:	Beltrami, Minnesota
Typed or Handwritten:	H
Record Number:	645400
Certificate Number:	000813
Certificate Year:	1933
File Name:	000813
Affiliate Batch Identifier:	NF306DO

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Chaz A Lawrence

Death • Minnesota Deaths, 1887-2001

Name **Chaz A Lawrence**

Sex **Male**

Age **83**

Death Date **1 Jun 1933**

Death Place **Turtle Lake Township, Beltrami,
Minnesota, United States**

Death Place (Original) **Turtle Lake, Beltrami, Minnesota**

Birth Date **1850**

Birthplace **Calais, Maine**

Father's Name **Dudley Lawrence**

Father's Sex **Male**

Mother's Name **Mary Hume**

Mother's Sex **Female**

Spouse's Name **Catherine Lawrence**

Certificate Number **813**

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HARLOW LAWRENCE IS DEAD.

**Veteran of the Civil War Passes Away
After Ten Weeks' Illness—Funeral
to Be Military.**

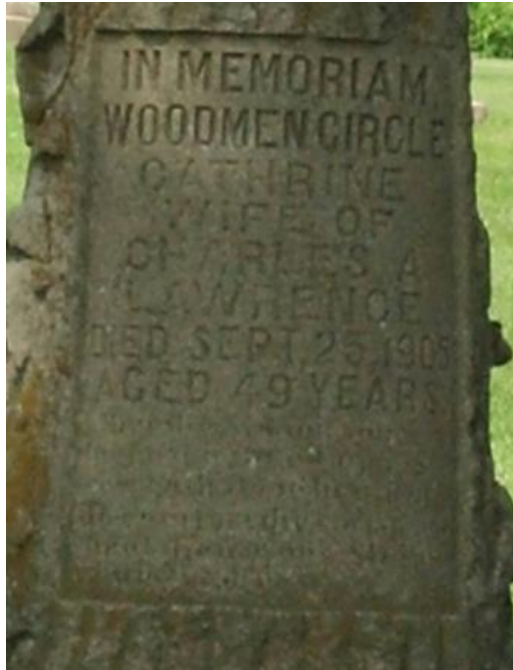
Harlow J. Lawrence died at his home, 185 Graham street, early this morning after an illness of about ten weeks. The deceased was born November 11, 1842, at Calais, Me. He was an old soldier, having been in active service all through the civil war, and

was a member of the John W. Scott Post No. 9. He had been a resident of this city for some time. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Adelaide Rice and Mrs. Winifred Lancaster, both of this city, three sons, George Lawrence of Antigo, Harlow

Lawrence, Jr., of Fond du Lac and Everett Lawrence, now in active service somewhere in France, and two brothers, George Lawrence of Westboro, Wis., and Charles Lawrence of Webster City, Ia. The funeral services will be held from the home Sunday

Obituary of Harlow John Lawrence (1843-1918), the brother of Charles A. Lawrence, who was then living (Aug 1918) in Webster City IA. Harlow's Find A Grave 151237293 – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 30 Aug 1918 p 4

Mother Catherine McDonald Lawrence -



Headstone of mother Catherine J. McDonald Lawrence – Find A Grave 117043216

R. A. McDonald received the news last Tuesday of the death of his sister Mrs. C. A. Lawrence of West-boro. Mr. McDonald went to Oshkosh Wednesday where the funeral is to be held.

Death of his mother Catherine McDonald Lawrence – “Wood County Reporter” (Grand Rapids WI) Friday 29 Sep 1905 p 5

FUNERAL OF MRS. LAWRENCE.
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Lawrence was held Friday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jane MacDonald, Walnut street. The services were conducted by Rev. George E. Farnam, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church. The singing was rendered by Mrs. J. W. Kircher and Miss Clara Schmidt. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Mrs. Lawrence was the daughter of the late Donald MacDonald and was born in New Brunswick and came to Oshkosh with her father's family in 1869. She was married to Charles A. Lawrence in 1875. A few years later they removed to Westboro, Wis., where she resided at the time of her death. She was a kind and loving wife and daughter, patiently and quietly enduring all the severe suffering which she sustained. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Jennie, and a son, Dudley, her mother and four brothers, William, Thomas and John MacDonald of Oshkosh, and Robert MacDonald of Grand Rapids, Wis.

Obituary of his mother Catherine McDonald Lawrence – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Saturday 30 Sep 1905 p 3

Stepmother Sarah Lucelia Whaley Dingman Lawrence –

Iowa, U.S., Marriage Records, 1880-1951 for Sarah Whaley					
1916 - 1917 > 469 (Emmet - Lyon)					
1 546	1	3 Chas. A. Lawrence	6 years 57	10 Maine	
			7 White		
2 1/15/17	2	4 Turtle River, Minn.	8 Cau.	11 Dudley, Lawrence	
		5 Farmer	9 Second	12 Mary Hume	
13 Sarah Dingman	16 years 51	20 Iowa	23 at Webster City, Iowa,	1 1/16/17	
	17 White		Jan. 15, 1917	2 1/16/17	
14 Sarah Whaley	18 Cau.	21 Ebenezer Whaley	24 John Stanger, Elizabeth Stanger		
15 Webster City, Iowa.	19 Second	22 Lunie Sutton	25 William J. Todd, Clergyman		

2nd marriage for both Sarah Whaley Dingman & Charles A. Lawrence, on 15 Jan 1917 in Webster City, Hamilton IA -

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE		IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Division of Vital Statistics		State Office No. 40-4-84	
Bureau of the Census		16257 Certificate of Death			
1. PLACE OF DEATH:					
(a) County	Hamilton		Township	Boone	
(b) City or Town	Webster City, Iowa (If outside city or town write RURAL, NEAR and give town)				
(c) Hospital or Institution; Name and Street Address					
Length of stay:					
In hospital or institution	yr.	mo.	day		
In this community	yl	yr.	mo.	day	
2. USUAL RESIDENCE (HOME) OF DECEASED:					
(a) State	Iowa		(b) County	Hamilton	
(c) City or town	Webster City, Ia (If outside city or town limits write RURAL, NEAR and give town)				
(d) Street No.	123 Division St. (If rural give LOCATION)				
(e) If foreign born how long in U.S.A.	years				
(f) Citizen of foreign country?	(yes or no)				
If yes, name of country					
3. (b) IF VETERAN, NAME WAR					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION					
12. DATE OF DEATH August 21, 1947, at P.M.					
(Month, DAY, YEAR) (Day) (Time)					
13. I CERTIFY that death occurred on the date above stated; that I attended deceased from several years					
to _____ and that I saw _____ alive on 10:00AM 8/21/47					
Immediate cause of death					
heart dysfunction due to Hypertension & arterial sclerosis					
Due to A.M.C.					
Other conditions					
(Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)					
OPERATION: Date of					
Of operation					
Of autopsy					
14. If external cause contributed to the death, fill in the following:					
(a) (Accident, suicide or homicide) (b) Date of					
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)					
(d) Injured at home, farm, industry, public place (where?)					
(e) Injured at work? (Yes or no)					
(f) Means of injury					
(g) Nature of injury					
15. (a) Signature Arab E. Garton License No. 1138					
(b) Address Webster City, Iowa					
16. (a) Signature Mrs. Edna Kelly District 40-3					
(b) Address Webster City, Iowa					
Date received Aug. 23 47 Filed No.					
SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.					
(OVER)					

Stepmother Charlotte Hathaway Hotchkiss Lawrence –

Brought to Hospital.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence, formerly of this city, but recently of Turtle River, Minn., has been brought to the Sacred Heart Hospital in this city suffering with several fractures of the spine and ribs. Mr. Lawrence accompanied her, and is at the bedside.

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Sunday 12 Jan 1913 p 8

Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

Yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at the Sacred Heart hospital, occurred the death of Mrs. Charles Lawrence of Turtle River, Minn., but who for a period of 35 years had resided in this city. The deceased was 61 years of age and leaves to mourn her departure an aged father, her husband, and four daughters, Mrs. Myron Tibbetts, Mrs. Jennie Joyce, Mrs. Richard Pitt of this city and Mrs. Fred Ogden of Weston; seven sons, Eldon, Fred, Leroy, George, Edward, Walter and Benjamin Hotchkiss, all of this city. Two step-children, Jennie and Dudley Lawrence, of Turtle River, Minn. will also miss the tender care of a loving parent.

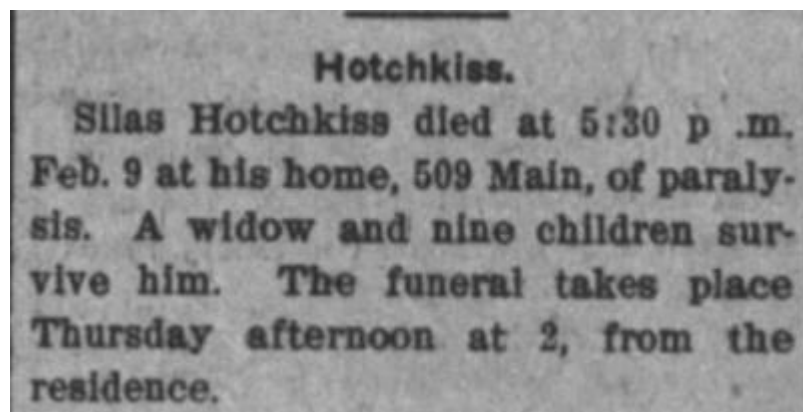
About two months ago Mrs. Lawrence sustained a broken back and other injuries in a fall at her home in Turtle River, and was brought to the hospital in this city.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Pitt, 324 First Avenue.

Death of stepmother Charlotte -- Hotchkiss Lawrence – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Sunday 19 Jun 1913 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/239384135/?article=e8deb6fc-4d5a-4e69-b501-b1db2de7b5ba&focus=0.5586113,0.6982493,0.692166,0.85977936&xid=3355> -



“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 22 Jan 1913 p 8



“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 10 Feb 1904 p 4

Sister

JENNIE LAWRENCE

Ora Jennie Lawrence, 86, died at the Bemidji Hospital Friday. She was born at Westboro, Wis., Sept. 6, 1887 and came to Turtle Lake Township with her family in 1913 where she had lived since.

She is survived by a brother, W.D. Lawrence of Bemidji.

Funeral services will be held at the McKee Funeral Home Tuesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. George Smith of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church will officiate with burial in Turtle Lake Township Cemetery.

LAWRENCE RITES

The Rev. George Smith conducted funeral services for Miss Jennie Lawrence at the McKee Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harold Naylor was the organist.

Pallbearers were Robert Hamilton, Arlo Gould, David and Steven Carlson, Robert Gallop and John Locke. Burial was made in the Turtle Lake Township Cemetery.

Miss Lawrence, a resident of the Bemidji area for over 60 years, is survived by a brother, W.D. Lawrence of Bemidji.

Funeral of sister Ora Jennie Lawrence – “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer Wednesday 22 May 1974 p 2

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wentworth, Dudley Lawrence, Miss Jennie Lawrence and George Butler of Redby spent Easter at the M. W. Butler home.

Turtle Lake MN news - “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Friday 13 Apr 1917 p 3

Miss Jennie Lawrence of Turtle River was in the city yesterday, en-route to Webster, Wis., where she will make her future home. While here she was the guest of Mrs. George McTaggart.

Jennie moves to Webster, Burnett WI – “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Saturday 14 Apr 1917 p 3

W. D. Lawrence and Miss Jennie Lawrence called at the O. W. Olson home Thursday evening.

Turtle Lake MN news – “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Thursday 3 Mar 1921 p 2

Dudley and Miss Jennie Lawrence spent Sunday at O. W. Olsen's.

Turtle Lake MN news – “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Friday 29 Apr 1921 p 2

Dudley and Jennie Lawrence attended church in Turtle River Tuesday evening.

Turtle Lake MN news – “Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Wednesday 25 May 1921 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Turtle River and Mr. Dudley Lawrence and his sister Miss Jennie Lawrence autoed to Lake Julia Sanitorium to visit Irvin Wold.

“Bemidji (MN) Pioneer” Thursday 26 Oct 1922 p 3

Stepsiblings:

Eldon E. Hotchkiss Dies at Age of 66

Eldon E. Hotchkiss, 430 Fulton street, died at Luther hospital early Friday morning at the age of 66 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Gorton and Mrs. Muriel Torrey, of Eau Claire; four granddaughters, one grandson and one great grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Ogden, of Weston, Wis., and Mrs. Ada Pitt, Long Beach, Calif.,

and six brothers, Fred, George, and Edward, of Eau Claire; Leroy, of Janesville; Wallace, of California and John, of Minneapolis.

Mr. Hotchkiss was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Odd Fellows service will be used at the funeral, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Stokes and Sons. The Rev. J. H. Norenberg will officiate. Interment will be in Forest Hill cemetery. Friends may call at Stokes and Sons from 2 to 9 p.m. today.

HOTCHKISS (Eldon E.) 430 Fulton St., died at Luther hospital early Friday morning at the age of 86 years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Gorton and Mrs. Muriel Torrey, of Eau Claire; four granddaughters, one grandson and one great grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Edward Ogden, of Weston, Wis. and Mrs. Ada Pitt, Long Beach, Calif. and six brothers, Fred, George and Edward of Eau Claire, Leroy of Janesville, Wallace of California and Ben of Minneapolis. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Obituary of stepbrother Eldon Eugene Hotchkiss – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 10 Mar 1934 p 10

Mrs. Mary Tibbetts.
The funeral of Mrs. Mary Tibbetts will be held this afternoon from the home of Ed. Hotchkiss, 707 Talmadge St. at 2:30.
The Rev. O'Neil will officiate and interment will take place at Forest Hill cemetery.

Obituary of stepsister Mary Agnes (Mae) Hotchkiss Tibbetts – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Sunday 5 Mar 1916 p 8

Edward Hotchkiss Dies at Age of 68

Edward L. Hotchkiss, 69, of 719 Talmadge St., died Monday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m., at Stokes and Sons chapel, the Rev. J. N. Quello officiating. Interment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral chapel Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning.

Mr. Hotchkiss, whose wife died Nov. 1, last year, is survived by four sons, Clyde E., of Eau Claire, George M., of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Lyle L., of Lansing, Mich., Donald E., of New London, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Lyman Hoyt, of Eau Claire, Mrs. Richard Conley, of Houston, Tex.; three brothers, Benjamin and Fred of Eau Claire, and Wallace, of California, and a sister, Mrs. Ed Ogden, of Red Wing.

Obituary of stepbrother Edward Leigh Hotchkiss, Mrs. Lyman Hoyt & Ms. Richard Conley misidentified as his sisters but they are his daughters – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 11 Mar 1952 p 3

George H. Hotchkiss Dies at Sanatorium

George H. Hotchkiss, 56, of the town of Pleasant Valley, died Saturday night, May 14, at the Douglas County Sanatorium. Mr. Hotchkiss

had been confined to the hospital since last fall.

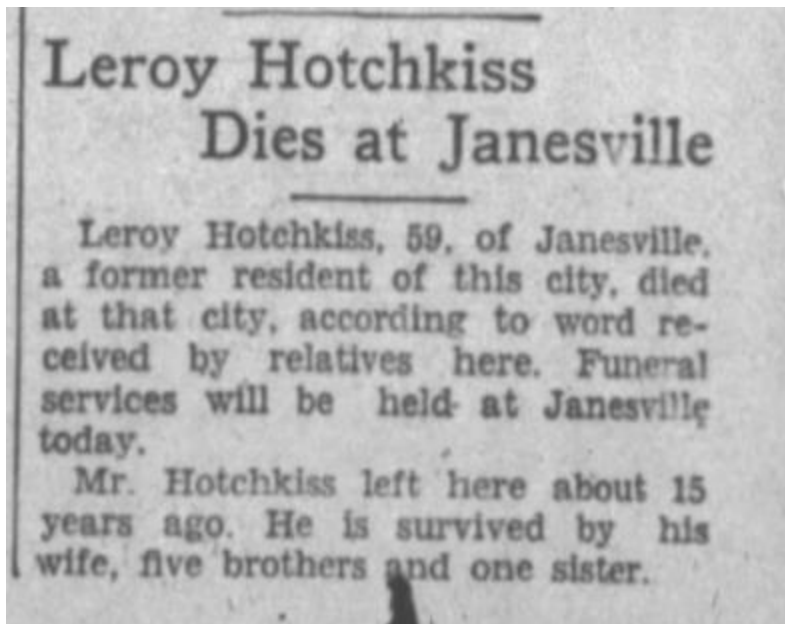
Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Alice Ogden of Weston, and four brothers; Wallace of California, and Fred, Edward, and Benjamin of Eau Claire.

The wife of the deceased died in 1929. No children survive.

The funeral will be held from Fleming's Funeral home at 2 p.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. S. P. Luce officiating. Interment will be made in Forest Hills cemetery.

Friends may view the remains from 9 o'clock Wednesday morning until the time of the funeral.

Obituary of stepbrother George Harvey Hotchkiss – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 17 May 1938 p 3



Obituary of stepbrother Leroy Hotchkiss – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 17 Dec 1937 p 19



Obituary of stepsister Ada Hotchkiss Pitt – “Long Beach (CA) Sun” Friday 24 Aug 1934 p 2

Name: William Dudley Lawrence

Name variations: Dudley Lawrence

Military:

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

Serial number: 251,314

Entered service from: Webster City, Hamilton WI (WI Veterans Museum: from Westboro, Taylor WI)

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: William D. Lawrence

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: sister Jennie Lawrence, 1003 Superior St. S., Webster City IA

Returned from war on: “Virginian” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William D. Lawrence

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Charles A. Lawrence, 1803 S. Superior St., Webster City IA (PFC, Co. F, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Dudley Lawrence - b. 12 Jul 1895 Wood Co. WI; res: Westboro, Taylor WI. Single. Laborer, Westboro Lb. Co., Westboro WI. “Has joined Co. A – 2 Reg. Wis. Nat Guards” – medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Dudley Lawrence - b. 12 Jul 1895 Wisconsin Rapids WI; res: 410 Van Buren St., Anoka, Anoka MN. NOK sister Miss Jennie Lawrence, same address. Employed by Foley Bros. Contractors, New Brighton, Anoka MN. On the side (vertically) is written the address: 1738 Jefferson St., St. Paul MN. Card is signed W.D. Lawrence. Height: 5’8 ½” – weight: 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: Turtle River MN

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Casual Detachment, 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Jul 1895 Wisconsin Rapids, Wood WI (WWII draft) or Wood Co. WI (WWI draft & WI birth record)

Died: 19 Feb 1985 Beltrami Co. MN

Find A Grave record: 41502276 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Olga, Polk MN

Cemetery: Salem Lutheran (Eden Township)

Tombstone: veteran flat: PFC US Army WWI

Father: Charles A. Lawrence, b. Calais, Washington Co. ME - 1 Jun 1933 Turtle Lake township, Beltrami MN. Son of Harlow Lawrence (1814-1864) & Mary (b. 1814). In the 1870 census, Charles (19 ME) lives in Oshkosh, Winnebago WI with his parents Harlow & Mary & 2 brothers, Harlow & George. He is a lumberman. – In the 1920 census, he resides in Webster City, Hamilton IA with wife Sarah [Whaley Dingman], both being age 56 & her daughter Mabel Dingman (age 19). - In the 1930 census, he was living with his children, William Dudley & Ora Jennie Lawrence, in Turtle Lake, Beltrami MN.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Catherine J. McDonald Lawrence, Jul 1857 St. Stephen or Scotch Ridge, Charlotte County, New Brunswick, Canada – 25 Sep 1905 Westboro, Taylor WI. Tombstone inscribed Cathrine.

Daughter of Donald Grant McDonald (1826-1902) & Jane (1835-1928). Her tombstone is an upright, split tree, inscribed “In Memoriam, Woodmen Circle.” Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh, Winnebago WI.

Find A Grave: 117043216

Parents' marriage: 17 Apr 1876 Winnebago Co. WI

Stepmother: Charlotte Amelia Hathaway Hotchkiss Lawrence, Feb 1852 PA – 18 Jan 1913 WI.

Daughter of Amasa Albert Hathaway (1829-1916, buried in Corvallis OR, F: 11542775) & wife Lucy Ann Johnson (1831-1863), whom Amasa married on 9 Jan 1848 in NY. He is buried with his 2nd wife, Mary Jane Crabtree (1845-1927) whom he married 15 Aug 1865 in Kansas City KS. Amasa had 15 children, 11 of them by his 2nd wife.

Charlotte's first husband was Silas Eldon Hotchkiss, Jan 1832 Canada – 9 Feb 1904 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Silas was the son of Ezekiel Hotchkiss & Mary Eggleston. Silas is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co WI, F: 181330126. They had 11 children. Her Find A Grave has her death date as 1931, but her obituary appeared in 1913. Family tree at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/169314615/person/312191988096/facts>

Charlotte is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 181330251

Stepmother's marriage:

Stepmother: Sarah Lucelia Whaley Dingman Lawrence, reverted to Dingman, 21 Mar 1866 "in Saratoga vicinity" according to IA death certificate – 21 Aug 1947 Webster City, Hamilton IA.

Daughter of Ebenezer George Whaley & Luna Ann Sutton. First husband was Isaac James Dingman (1856 IL – 1908, F: 16485852). Nine of their children are listed on her Find A Grave record.

After his death, she married Charles A. Lawrence.

Buried with Isaac in Graceland Cemetery, Webster City, Hamilton IA.

Stepmother's Find A Grave: 16485709

Stepmother's marriage: 15 Jan 1917 Webster City, Hamilton IA. Second marriage for both.

Spouse: apparently never married

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Sibling:

- Ora Jennie Lawrence, 6 Sep 1887 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI – 17 May 1974 Bemidji, Bemidji MN. Buried in Turtle Lake Township Cemetery, Bemidji, Beltrami MN. F: 118164708

Stepsiblings: from his stepmother Charlotte Hathaway Hotchkiss's marriage to her 1st husband, Silas Eldon Hotchkiss:

- Eldon Eugene Hotchkiss, 30 Aug 1867 WI – 9 Mar 1934 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI but not on Find A Grave as of 25 Jul 2021.
- Mary Agnes Hotchkiss Tibbetts, 3 Apr 1869 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 2 Mar 1916 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Wife of Myron Tibbetts (1870-1945). Resident Eau Claire WI Jun 1913. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI but not on Find A Grave as of 25 Jul 2021.
- Frederick Marvin (Fred) Hotchkiss, 7 Nov 1870 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 1955. SSN 392-26-0781. Husband of Matilda Redmond (1872-1932, F: 93817556), whom he married 3 Jul 1889 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 93817605

- **Jennie Hotchkiss Joyce**, 1872 WI – 28 Oct 1930. Lived in Wheaton, Chippewa WI with husband Peter Joyce (1860-1946). Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 133343568
- Ada Hotchkiss Pitt, ca. 187 WI - 23 Aug 1934 Long Beach, Los Angeles CA. Wife of Richard H. Pitt (1860 IL – 1954, F: 53497284), whom she married 3 Jul 1889 in Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. He was the son of Charles W. Pitt & Elizabeth Boyce. Ada & Richard divorced. They had 6 children (on an Ancestry.com family tree). She moved to CA 12 years before her death, while Richard lived in Eau Claire WI.
- Alice Veronica Hotchkiss Ogden, 1876 – 21 Jul 1953 Goodhue Co. MN. Wife of Edward Pitman Ogden (1867-1942). Resident Weston WI Jun 1913 & May 1938. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 96093282
- **Leroy ("Roy") Hotchkiss**, 1878 MO – 16 Dec 1937 Janesville, Rock WI. Husband of Emma J. (1888-1946). Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Janesville, Rock WI. F: 12036405
- George Harvey Hotchkiss, 28 Feb 1882 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 14 May 1938 Eau Claire Co. WI (Douglas County Sanatorium). Husband of Pearl Edith Hazen (1882-1929). Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 90165371
- Edward Leigh Hotchkiss, Jan 1884 WI – 10 Mar 1952 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Husband of Nettie E. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 101188158
- Wallace Acy ("Walter") Hotchkiss, 19 Sep 1886 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 27 Mar 1952 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Husband of Bertha Minnie Strobel (1889-1925). Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 87839785
- Benjamin Harrison Hotchkiss, 12 Oct 1892 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 30 Nov 1955 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Husband of Helen Gertrude Ludvigson (1893-1973). Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 90165408

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Des Moines Evening Tribune" 13 Feb 1918 p 3 - photo - son of Mr. & Mrs. C.D. Lawrence of Webster City IA, was unaccounted for, for several days. His parents got a War Department telegram that he was safe in Ireland. Enlisted Marshfield WI.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 472-07-1835

Censuses:

1880 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – his future stepmother
Silas Hotchkiss, 43 Canada, father b. NY, mill hand

Charlotte, 29 WI

Eldon, 12 WI

Mary, 11 WI

Freddie, 9 WI

Jennie, 8 WI

Ada, 6 WI

Alice, 3 WI

Le Roy, 1 WI

1900 Westboro, Taylor WI

Charles Lawrence, 49 ME, May 1851, father b. MA, mother b. ME, married 23 years, day laborer

Catherine J., 42 ME, Jul 1857, parents b. ME, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Jennie O., 12 WI, Sep 1887, at school

Dudley, 4 WI, Jul 1895

1905 WI state census – Westboro, Taylor WI – conducted 1 Jun 1905 – his mother Catherine dies 25 Sep 1905

Charles Lawrence, 56 ME, parents b. ME, laborer

Catherine, 50 ME

Ora, 17 WI

Dudley, 10 WI

1910 Westboro, Taylor WI – his father is married to Charlotte Hathaway Hotchkiss

Charles Lawrence, 58 ME, father b. MA, mother b. ME, in 2nd marriage, laborer, odd jobs

Charlotte, 58 WI, father b. NY, mother b. VT, in 2nd marriage, gave birth to 11 children, 11 are living [wife]

Dudley, 14 WI, father b. ME, mother b. Canada [son]

George, 56 ME, father b. MA, mother b. ME, single, laborer, odd jobs [brother]

1920 cannot locate

1930 Turtle Lake, Beltrami MN

William D. Lawrence, 34 WI, single, father b. ME, mother b. Canada, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran

Charles A., 79 ME, widow, parents b. MA [father]

Ora J., 42 WI, single, father b. ME, mother b. Canada

1940 Turtle Lake, Beltrami MN – same place in 1935

William D. Lawrence, 45 WI, carpenter, building construction

Jennie O., 51 WI [sister]