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

This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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

Moody, Robert Julius
1893 MN – 1987 MN



MOODY, ROBERT J.
Private, 20th Eng. Entered service
December 16 1917. Discharged June
8, 1919. Served with the A. E. F. On
Tuscania torpedoed off Irish coast.

Robert Julius Moody – Find A Grave 52722594

Robert Julius Moody

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

Name	Robert Julius Moody
Enlistment Date	13 Dec 1917
Birth Date	9 Sep 1893
Birthplace	Cambridge, Isanti, Minn
Military Rank	Pvt
Military Unit	16th Co 20th Engineer/forestry
Father's Name	Moody Eric
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Sweden
Mother's Name	Moody Julia
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Sweden
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Fort Snelling, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Ft Snelling, Blank, Minn

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The list of the Tuscania's unaccounted for was further reduced today when a list of the names of "Sammies" found among the sick and injured in Ireland was cabled to Washington. The names of two Minnesota boys were among those in the list. They are: Private Robert J. Moody of Cambridge and Private Albert J. Nauman of Minneapolis.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 3

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An-interesting letter from Robert J. Moody, one of the Tuscania sufferers when that ill fated vessel was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, appears in the Cambridge newspapers. Mr. Moody was in a hospital in Londonderry, Ireland, and he tells of the genuine Irish hospitality shown him there, and how he was taken to private homes and every kindness and courtesy extended to him as well as his other comrades in misfortune. The writer was born almost within sight of Londonderry's old historic walls.

"Princeton (MN) Union" Thursday 4 Apr 1918 p 5

5 ARE HURT IN CAR COLLISION

Two Vehicles Crash Near Duluth on Highway Curve at Night.

Duluth (P)—Five out of town men were injured, four of them seriously enough to be hospitalized, in a two-car crash last night on the Beck's road five miles outside of Gary and just inside the Duluth city limits.

The injured are:

Robert Barker, 22, Superior, Wis., chest and back injuries.

L. A. Munro, 56, Superior, bruises and contusions.

Victor Erickson, 56, Stanchfield, Minn., crushed chest and other injuries.

Robert Moody, 46, Cambridge, Minn., severe cuts and other injuries.

Edwin Ryberg, 32, Mora, Minn., scratches.

All but Ryberg were in Webber hospital, where they were taken by an ambulance.

Police reported the cars driven by Barker and Erickson crashed on a curve. The cars were going in opposite directions, and one of them was said to have gone over into the others lane. The Erickson machine struck Barkers car amidships.

"St. Cloud (MN) Times" Tuesday 26 Sep 1939 p 2

Such an accounting was never produced and the application for tax exemption was rejected unanimously by the board in March "because the board couldn't see that it is being used for the purpose it was set up for," according to Robert J. Moody, Isanti county auditor.

"They (Boys Town officials) state that Boys Town is a home for boys," Moody commented. "But at no time have they had what we consider a boys' home. It's more of a camp."

An investigation into Minnesota Boys Town (Northwest Christian Boys Town) on Lake Fanny near Cambridge, established 1950, due to concerns about licensure, delinquent taxes and intention of founders Einar Hallborne & Evert Kallman as to helping boys or raising money for themselves –
 "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Monday 18 May 1959 p 9

On Oct. 24, 1951, the bureau of census advised Robert Moody, Isanti county auditor, of a change in the 1950 population figure for our village. It had been discovered that all of the persons resident at the Cambridge state school and hospital were included in the village court, whereas these persons actually should have been counted as residents of the adjoining townships. The bureau advised that a footnote would be inserted in the 1950 population reports and the Minnesota reprint thereof, indicating the official census of Cambridge for the year 1950 to be 1,790.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Saturday 27 Aug 1960 p 6

Wife:

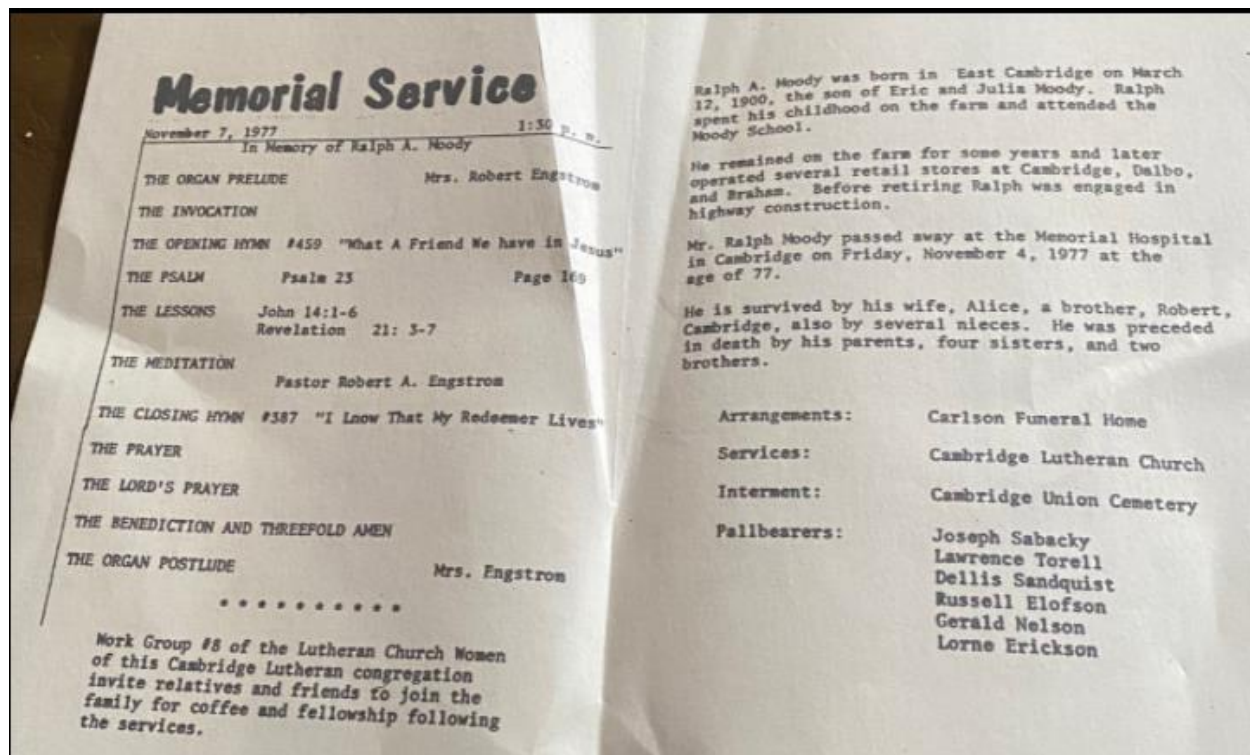


Lydia Bergdahl Moody (1895-1964) -
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Robert Julius Moody & wife Lydia Bergdahl Moody - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/156180445/person/272057342580/media/29633bb7-225e-4994-8c60-d4a7879b9d5a?_phsrc=hFB37398&_phstart=successSource

Siblings:



Memorial service for brother Ralph A. Moody – Find A Grave 35317096



Brother Frank A. Moody (1900-1977) – Find A Grave 35317096

Name: Robert Julius Moody

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,362

Entered service from: Cambridge, Isanti MN
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Robert J. Moody
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother W.S. Moody, Cambridge MN
 Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919
 Sailed on return ship as: Robert J. Moody
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother William S. Moody, Cambridge MN (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Robert J. Moody - b. 9 Sep 1893 Cambridge MN; res: Isanti Co MN. Single. Manager, flour mill, Cambridge Milling Co., Cambridge MN. Tall & slender.
 National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Cambridge MN
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Robert Julius Moody - b. 9 Sep 1893 Cambridge, Isanti MN; res: Cambridge, Isanti MN. NOK Mrs. R.J. Moody, same address. Employed by Isanti County Co-op Association, Cambridge MN. Height: 5'10" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917
 Discharged: 8 Jun 1919
 Address: Cambridge MN
 Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 9 Sep 1893 Cambridge, Isanti MN
 Died: 27 Jul 1987 Isanti Co. MN
 Find A Grave record: 52722594 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text
 Burial location: Cambridge, Isanti MN
 Cemetery: Union
 Tombstone:

Father: Eric Moody, 1 Jan 1856 Sweden – 10 Aug 1932. Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN.
 Find A Grave: 52606577

Mother: Juliana Kristina Paulusdotter [on Ancestry.com family trees] or Lane [daughter Bertha's MN death record] Moody, 18 Sep 1857 Sweden – 24 Jul 1926 Cambridge, Isanti MN. Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN.
 Find A Grave: 52606586
 Parents' marriage: 1877 (reported being married 23 years in 1900) or 1879 (reported being married 31 years in 1910)

Spouse: Lydia Bergdahl Moody, 19 Oct 1895 MN – 6 Oct 1964 Cambridge, Isanti MN. SSN 469-05-5772. Daughter of John E. Bergdahl (F: 52670065) & Lovisa Wickstrom (F: 52670077). Baptized 12 Feb 1923 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. – "St. Cloud (MN) Times" Wednesday 18 Jul 1934 p 11 – among the "Delegates at Convention" [the Democratic State Convention held in St. Cloud MN on 17 Jul 1934] is Mrs.

Robert Moody of Cambridge, from Isanti County. - Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 52722632

Marriage: 19 Mar 1923 Isanti Co. MN

Spouse: Lillian Cathryn Johnson Westin Moody, 18 Dec 1900 Forest Lake, Washington MN – 8 Jan 1998 Cambridge, Isanti MN. Daughter of Andrew W. Johnson & Lydia C. Pulver. – First married to Harold Lloyd Westin, 24 Feb 1904 Alexandria MN – died at age 43, obituary in “Minneapolis (MN) Star” Tuesday 2 Sep 1947 p 30. – In the 1930 census of Cambridge, Isanti MN, Harold L. Westin (29 MN, age 23 at 1st marriage, lawyer in general practice) lived with wife Lillian C. (29 MN, father b. Sweden, mother b. MN, age 26 at 1st marriage) & their daughter Mary Ellen (age 1). Buried in Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 88277271

Marriage: 3 Oct 1967 Isanti Co. MN. Robert Julius Moody was age 73, Lillian C. Westin was age 66.

Children: Robert’s & Lydia’s headstones are labeled “father” and “mother” respectively. There are no children listed in the 1930 or 1940 censuses.

Siblings:

- William Serenus (“Willie”) Moody, 28 Feb 1879 Cambridge, Isanti MN – 27 Jan 1954 St. Louis Co. MN. SSN 470-09-2742. Tombstone labeled “father.” Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 52649549
- Bertha Merinda Moody Mattson, 7 Sep 1880 MN – 18 Sep 1969 Isanti Co. MN. Married on 5 May 1917 to Frank Mattson (1883-1964, F: 67071394) in Isanti Co. MN. Buried in Calvary Lutheran Cemetery, Rush Point, Chisago MN. F: 67071390
- Fred Milton Moody, 7 Jul 1883 MN – 4 Jan 1918 Cambridge, Isanti MN. Husband of Mabel Evangeline Anderson (1888-1968, F: 52370388) who then married Berger Nicholas Nelson (1889-1968). Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 52606563
- Minnie Moody, 11 Jul 1886 MN – 13 Feb 1968 Isanti Co. MN. Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 52606572
- Viola Moody, 22 Nov 1891 MN – 21 Mar 1969. SSN 474-28-6496. Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 52606591
- Flora Alice Moody, 9 Jul 1896 MN – 5 May 1912 Isanti Co. MN. Buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 52606552
- Ralph Abraham Moody, 12 Mar 1900 Isanti Co. MN – 4 Nov 1977 Cambridge, Isanti MN. – His middle name is listed on both his WWI & WWII draft cards. - Married in 1930 to Doris Lillette (“Donie”) Hawkinson (1904-2001, F: 28446835), who is buried with her husband, Dr. Oscar Peter Ahnmark (1901-1995). – Married 7 Nov 1967 in Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Ramsey MN to Alice Maria Adams Griffin/Griffen (1903-1991, F: 35317014). Ralph is buried in Union Cemetery, Cambridge, Isanti MN. F: 35317096

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – on board Tuscania: Robert J. Moody of Cambridge MN.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 8 – among the Minnesotans missing: Robert J. Moody of Cambridge MN

"Princeton (MN) Union" 4 Apr 1918 p 5 - letter from Moody in Cambridge MN newspapers. Is in Londonderry hospital, received Irish hospitality, taken to private homes. Letter says writer (?) born within sight of Londonderry walls (the newspaper reporter? Robert?)

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 469-05-5739

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Cambridge, Isanti MN

Erick Moody, 38 Sweden, farmer

Julia, 38 Sweden, housewife

Willie, 16 MN, student

Bertha, 15 MN, student

Freddie, 12 MN, student

Minnie, 9 MN

Viola, 4 MN

Robert, 1 MN

1900 Cambridge, Isanti MN

Eric Moody, 43 Sweden, Jan 1857, parents b. Sweden, married 23 years, emigrated 1862, in US for 38 years, naturalized, farmer

Julia, 42 Sweden, Sep 1857, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1869, in US for 31 years, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Willie, 21 MN, Feb 1879, farm – laborer

Bertha, 19 MN, Sep 1880

Fred, 16 MN, Jul 1883, farm – laborer

Minnie, 13 MN, Jul 1886, at school

Viola, 9 MN, Nov 1890, at school

Robert, 6 MN, Sep 1893

Florina, 3 MN, Jul 1896

Ralph, 3 months MN, Feb 1900
& mother Christina Moody, 73 Sweden, widow

1910 Cambridge, Isanti MN

Erick Moody, 52 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1865, naturalized, married 31 years, farmer, general farm

Julia C., 51 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1867, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Bertha M., 28 MN

Fred M., 25 MN, farm laborer, home farm

Minnie E., 23 MN

Viola J., 19 MN

Robert J., 16 MN

Florina E., 13 MN

Ralph A., 10 MN

& hired man Courtney Torell, 19 MN

1920 Cambridge, Isanti MN

Robert J. Moody, 26 MN, parents b. Sweden, farmer, general farming [head of household]

Ralph A., 19 MN, parents b. Sweden, laborer, general farm [brother]

Minnie E., 33 MN, parents b. Sweden, housekeeper, private family [sister]

1930 Cambridge, Isanti MN

Robert J. Moody, 36 MN, parents b. Sweden, age 27 at 1st marriage, retail merchant, own grocery & [illegible] farm, WWI veteran

Lydia, 34 MN, parents b. Sweden

1940 Cambridge, Isanti MN – same place in 1935

Robert J. Moody, 46 MN, manager, retail grocery store

Lydia, 44 MN