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NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Mathson, Lee Melvin
1898 WI – 1976 WI



Lee Melvin Mathson – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” 7 Feb 1949 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.

N Colonel Larson photo

Lee Melvin Mathson – “Winona (MN) Daily News” 7 Feb 1950 p 7 -

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Lee Mathson

BLAIR — Services were here today for Lee M. Mathson, 78, who died Saturday at his home here after suffering an apparent heart attack.

The Black River Falls native was a veteran of World War I and married Alma Otterson at Winona, Minn., Dec. 2, 1922.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Arthur, of Blair, Leland, Eau Claire, Jerry, Virona; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Williams, Burke, Va.; two brothers, Harry, Lawrence, both of Blair; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Hulings, Mrs. J. Jacobs, both of Chicago; and 14 grandchildren.

Burial was in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery near here. The Jack Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Lee Melvin Mathson – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Monday 20 Dec 1976

LEE M. MATHSON

BLAIR, Wis. — Lee M. Mathson, 78, Blair, died Saturday, Dec. 18, in his home of an apparent heart attack.

He was born Feb. 18, 1898, in Black River Falls, to Martin and Betsy Mathson.

He married Alma Otterson Dec. 2, 1922, in Winona.

He was a World War I veteran.

Survivors are his widow; three sons, Arthur of Blair, Leland of Eau Claire, and Jerry of Verona; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Williams of Burke, Va.; two brothers Harry, and Lawrence, both of Blair; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Hulings, and Mrs. J. Lucille Jacobs, both of Chicago Ill.; and 14 grandchidren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, in the Jack Funeral Home, Blair, with Rev. M.J. Larson officiating and burial in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, rural Blair.

Friends may call at the funeral home, after 4 p.m. Sunday, and Monday, until the time of service.

Obituary of Lee Melvin Mathson – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Sunday 19 Dec 1976 p 10

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Father:

Blair, Wis.—(Special)—Funeral services will be conducted for Martin Mathson, 65, long a resident of Blair, Wednesday, Jan. 27, from the First Lutheran church of Blair, with the Rev. K. M. Urberg conducting the services at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Rest Haven cemetery.

Mr. Mathson was born at Vaaler, Solor, Norway, the son of Marthus and Martha Brenden, on Jan. 24, 1871, and lacked just one day of being 66 years old at the time of his death on Saturday.

He was baptized and confirmed in Vaaler parish, and came to America in the year of 1889. For some time he was engaged at blacksmithing in the northern woods of Wisconsin, being an expert at his profession of woodworking and blacksmithing. A few years later he located at Sechlerville, where he operated a woodworking and blacksmithing shop for three years, moving then to Black River Falls. There he operated the Spalding shop, doing blacksmith and wagon work until July 7, 1905, when he moved to Blair, where he continued his work until shortly before his death.

April 4, 1897, he was married to Betsy Hanson at Black River Falls by the Rev. N. A. Giere. The entire time spent in that locality by Mr. Mathson was 12 years.

He was first taken ill Jan. 16,

and after some improvement being noted, he passed away suddenly early Saturday morning.

Beside Mrs. Mathson the following children survive: Lee, Alvin, Harry, Basil, Victor and Lawrence of Blair, and Rudolph, Evelyn and Lucille of Chicago.

Brothers and sisters surviving are: Mrs. B. O. Tenneson, Blair, Mrs. August Adams, Minneapolis, Mrs. Carl Thysel, Hawley, Minn., Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Ole Olson, Minneapolis, and Tena of Norway. Two brothers, Ole and Otto, and one sister, Mrs. Aleck Olson, preceded him in death. All of the children will be present at the funeral.

Obituary of father Martin Mathson – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Tuesday 26 Jan 1937 p 9

Mother:

MRS. BETSY MATHSON

Gulbrandadalen

Bertha Hanson Mathson was born July 20, 1870 in Gulbrandadalen, Norway to Albert Hanson Haug Haugen and his wife, Marthe. She was baptized in the Lutheran church there.

The family came to America in 1883, settling in Blair River Falls. There she was confirmed by pastor F. A. Dietrichson and there married Martin Mathson Brenden on April 7, 1897.

The young couple moved to Blair in 1906 where Mr. Mathson was engaged in blacksmithing until his death on January 23, 1937.

Mrs. Mathson had been in ill health for some time but her last illness began late this summer. She was hospitalized for a time and then returned to her home here but become worse and was taken again to the hospital where she passed away Monday September 25.

She is survived by two daughters, Evelyn, Mrs. E. J. Halings; and Lucille, Mrs. Jacob Jacobs of Chicago; six sons, Lee, Alvin, Harry, Victor and Lawrence of Blair and Rudolph of Chicago. One son Basil died in April 1950. There are also 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Other survivors are a brother Albert in Minneapolis, two sisters, Mrs. Rose Elder of St. Paul and Lena of Black River Falls.

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon, September 28 (1950) at the First Lutheran church with the Rev. K. M. Urberg officiating. Interment was in the Rest Haven cemetery. (THE BLAIR PRESS, October 1, 1950)

Obituary of mother Bertha (Betsy) Hanson Mathson – from her Find A Grave 97780434

Siblings:

Alvin Alfred Mathson BLAIR, Wis. (Special)—Funeral services for Alvin Alfred Mathson, 52, will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, the Rev. K. M. Urberg officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery. He died Monday at 5:30 a.m. at Whitehall Community Hospital. He had suffered a stroke Sunday eve-	ning. Born Jan. 28, 1900, at Black River Falls, he had lived here since 1903 and had been a postal clerk here for about seven years. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church and served in the Army in 1943, receiving a medical discharge some months after his induction. Surviving are five brothers and two sisters, Lee, Harry and Lawrence, Blair; Rudolph, Mrs. Ernest Hulings and Mrs. Jake Jacobs, Chicago, and Victor, La Crosse.
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Obituary of brother **Alvin Alfred Mathson** – “Winona (MN) Republican-Herald” Tuesday 2 Sep 1952 p 11

Rudolph M. Mathson
 BLAIR, Wis. (Special)—Funeral services for Rudolph Mathson, 51, who died Sunday evening at City Hospital, Chicago, after an illness of several years, were held at 1:30 p.m. today at the First Lutheran Church, Blair, the Rev. K. M. Urberg officiating. Burial was in the Resthaven Cemetery. Mathson was born Sept. 3, 1902, at Black River Falls, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mathson. He lived in Blair and vicinity until he was 20 when he moved to Bound Brook, N. J., where he resided 10 years. For the last 15 years he had been an accountant in Chicago. He never married. Survivors are four brothers, Victor, Mondovi, and Harry, Lee and Lawrence, Blair, and two sisters Mrs. Isaac (Lucille) Jacobs and Mrs. Evelyn Hulings both of Chicago.

Obituary of brother **Rudolph Magness Mathson** – wrong death year inscribed on tombstone – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Thursday 4 Feb 1954 p 17

Harry M. Mathson

BLAIR, Wis — Harry M. Mathson, 86, of Blair died Saturday, (Feb. 24, 1990), in Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wis.

He was born Jan. 6, 1904, in Black River Falls, Wis., to Martin and Betsy (Hanson) Mathson.

He married Mildred Thompson Jan. 30, 1935, in Decorah, Iowa.

She preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 1989.

He lived in the Blair area all of his life.

Prior to his retirement in 1965 he was employed as a general laborer for a building construction firm in Milwaukee, Wis.

Survivors include two sons, Leslie and Kieth Mathson both of Blair; one daughter Linda Sokolowsky of Towanda, Kan.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Lawrence Mathson of Blair; and one sister Lucille Jacobs of Chicago.

One daughter, five brothers and one sister have died.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Lutheran Church in Blair, the Rev. Ray Reinholtzen officiating.

Burial will be in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Blair.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the Jack Funeral Home, Blair, and from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church on Wednesday.

Obituary of brother **Harry Merlin Mathson** — "Winona (MN) Daily News" Tuesday 27 Feb 1990 p 4

Services at Blair For Basil Mathson

Blair, Wis. —(Special)— Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Basil Theodore Mathson, 43, who died Saturday at his home here. He was born February 2, 1906, and confirmed in May, 1922, at the Zion Lutheran church by the Rev. A. J. Boe.

He served with the armed forces from February, 1942, until June, 1945, and was wounded while in the Southwest Pacific. He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was employed as line-man with a power company until two years ago when he received a leg injury.

Services will be held at the First Lutheran church in Blair Wednesday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. K. M. Urberg officiating. Burial will be in Rest Haven cemetery. The Legion post will be in charge.

Survivors are his mother at home and six brothers, Lee, Alvin, Harry, Victor and Lawrence, Blair; Rudolph, Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. Ernest (Evelyn) Hulings, Chicago, and Mrs. Jacob (Lucille) Jacobs also of Chicago.

Blair Soldier in Philippines Wounded

BLAIR, Wis., (Special)—Pfc. Basil Mathson was seriously wounded somewhere in the Philippines Feb. 15, according to a War Department telegram received Sunday by Mrs. Betsy Mathson of Blair, his mother. The previous day Mrs. Mathson received a telephone call from her son, Rudolph of Chicago saying that a letter had come to him from Basil saying that he had been wounded. A letter received by the family on Tuesday and dated Feb. 25 said he was improving satisfactorily in a hospital in New Guinea.

Pfc. Mathson entered service on April 12, 1942, and received his infantry training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Within four months of induction he was sent to the Pacific area, where he has been the past 31 months. He is a veteran of the battle of Bougainville and said that it was nothing compared to the Philippines.

Brother Basil Mathson wounded in WWII – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 17 Mar 1945 p 5

Basil Mathson Rites at Blair

Blair, Wis. —(Special)— Basil Mathson, 43, lifelong resident of this area, was found dead in the basement of his home here Saturday afternoon.

Mathson had shot himself through the chest with a rifle. County Coroner Martin Weimer pronounced death a suicide.

Apparently despondent for some time, Mathson left a note to his mother, with whom he had been living here, explaining what he intended to do.

Born February 2, 1906 at Blair, Mathson served in World War II from 1942 to 1945.

Survivors besides his mother include six brothers and two sisters: Rudolph of Chicago; Lee, Alvin, Lawrence, Victor and Harry, all of Blair; Mrs. Ernest Hulings, and Mrs. Jacob Jacobs, Chicago.

Funeral services will be held here Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran church, the Rev. K. M. Urberg officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven cemetery.

Suicide of brother Basil Theodore Mathson – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Monday 17 Apr 1950 p 4

BLAIR YOUTH TURNS SOMERSAULT IN AIR IN SKI TOURNAMENT

Victor Mathson, 18, turned a somersault in the air on skis at the same time that he jumped 92 feet and stood, at the Blair ski tournament on Sunday, Feb 28. Mathson, who is a Blair youth is the only one in the world to do the somersault on skies.

Victor Edward Mathson, the somersaulter on skis – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Wednesday 25 Feb 1925 p 9

Whitehall Court Jury Cases Set For October 30

Whitehall, Wis.—(Special)—Judge Bruce P. Bellfuss, Neillsville, conducted a day of court for Trempealeau county at Whitehall Tuesday and then adjourned the session until Monday, October 30, at 10 a. m. when the jury will be called and the calendar will be completed.

Victor Mathson, 42, appearing before the judge to plead guilty to nonsupport charge, was placed on probation with the state board of public welfare for a period of 12 months. He was instructed to pay the costs of the action and resume the support of his wife Ruby and their three children, ranging in age from three months to 13 years. Mr. Mathson did not have an attorney and John C. Quinn, Trempealeau county district attorney, represented the state in this and other criminal actions.

Court action against brother Victor Edward Mathson – “Winona (MN) Republican-Herald”
Wednesday 4 Oct 1950 p 16

Heart Attack In Jail Cell Kills Vagrant

A 51-year-old prisoner at the Eugene jail died in his cell about 11:50 a.m. Tuesday. Death was caused by a heart ailment.

Victor Edward Mathson, who told police he had no address, was arrested late Monday on a vagrancy charge.

Police Chief Art Ellsworth said that Mathson had been placed alone in a jail cell and hadn't complained of being ill. A bruise above Mathson's knee cap was observed by police while he was being booked in but police were told by Mathson the injury, suffered a week before, didn't bother him.

Ellsworth said other prisoners heard Mathson gasp. The jailer was called. No pulse was felt.

The death cause was determined in an autopsy, according to Lane County Coroner Fred Buell.

Ellsworth said a petition had been filed and that Mathson was scheduled to appear for a mental hearing Wednesday morning.

Death of brother Victor Edward Mathson in the Eugene OR jail – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Wednesday
30 Sep 1959 p 15

Evelyn Hulings

BLAIR — Evelyn M. Hulings, 75, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse.

Evelyn Mathson was born in Blair and married Ernest Hulings Sept. 26, 1938, in Boonville, Mo. She lived in Chicago from 1936 until 1978, when she moved to Blair. She lived at the Grand View Nursing Home at the time of her death.

Survivors include two brothers, Harry Mathson, Lawrence Mathson, both of Blair; and a sister, Lucile Jacobs, Berwyn, Ill.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Jack Funeral Home, with burial in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. until services Wednesday.

The family prefers memorials to the Arthritis Foundation.

Obituary of sister **Evelyn M. Mathson** Hulings — "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Monday 3 Dec 1984 p 21

Evelyn Hulings

BLAIR, Wis. — Evelyn M. Hulings, 75, died Saturday (Dec. 1, 1984) at Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wis.

She was born Sept. 14, 1909, to Martin and Bertha Hanson Mathson in Blair.

She married Ernest Hulings Sept. 26, 1938, at Boonsville, Mo.

She lived in Chicago from 1936 until 1978, when she moved to Blair. She lived at Grandview Nursing Home, Blair, until the time of her death.

Survivors include two brothers,

Harry and Lawrence Mathson, both of Blair; and one sister, Lucile Jacobs, Berwyn, Ill.

Her husband and five brothers have died.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Jack Funeral Home in Blair, the Rev. Arvid Myhrwold officiating. Burial will be at the Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Tuesday, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Obituary of sister Evelyn M. Mathson Hulings – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Monday 3 Dec 1984 p 7

JACOBS, LUCILE B.

Lucile B. Jacobs, age 90, of Naperville. Beloved wife of the late Isaac; loving mother of the late Helen Gaynor; cherished grandmother of Mary (John) Laws and John (Mary) Gaynor; dear great-grandmother of Katie and Lauren Laws; fond mother-in-law of Stanley Gaynor. A private family service will be held in Blair, WI, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Naperville Humane Society, 1620 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563, would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville, IL. Info: 630-355-0213 or www.friedrich-jones.com
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Obituary of sister **Lucile B. Mathson Jacobs** – “Chicago (IL) Tribune” Monday 29 Dec 2003 p 2-5

Lawrence J. Mathson

BLAIR, Wis. — Lawrence J. “Smear” Mathson, 79, of Blair died Monday (Oct. 25, 1993) at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Zion Lutheran Church, Blair, with burial in the Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the Jack Funeral Home, Blair, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Obituary of brother **Lawrence J. Mathson** – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Wednesday 27 Oct 1993 p 4



Marriage of brother Lawrence James Mathson to Lucille Irene Mattson – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Sunday 29 Aug 1937 p 4

Children:

Victoria Mathson Weds in Chicago

BLAIR, Wis., (Special)—Miss Victoria Mathson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mathson of Blair, was married to Ivan Mann of Chicago in a ceremony performed in that city, Dec. 20, according to announcement made by her parents. The wedding was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran church, with the Misses Marie Ekern and Annabel Scott, roommates of the bride, and Zilvein Mann, brother of the groom, and Emerald Mann, a cousin, attending the couple.

The bride wore a blue suit with black accessories and an orchid corsage, while Miss Ekern was in beige and carried red roses and Miss Scott wore a blue suit with yellow roses.

The bride is a 1940 graduate of Blair high school and has been employed in Chicago. The groom has received his honorable discharge from the army and is also employed in Chicago, where the couple are making their home.

Marriage of daughter Victoria Mathson to Ivan Mann 20 Dec 1944 Chicago, Cook, IL – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" 20 Jan 1945 p 4

Blair Bride

BLAIR, Wis. — (Special) — Alice Mae Van Gordon and Art Mathson were married Feb. 10 in the Little Brown church in the Vale at Nashua, Ia., by the Rev. F. L. Hanscom. The bride, daughter of Mrs. Bela Van Gordon, La Crosse, wore a gray suit and navy accessories. Mr. Mathson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mathson, Blair. He was in the army in World war two and now is employed at the Van Gordon Hatchery and Poultry farm. The couple is residing in an apartment in the Bennie Risberg home.

Marriage of son Arthur Mathson in Nashua IA on 10 Feb 1949 to Alice (Alyce) Mae Van Gordon – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Friday 18 Feb 1949 p 8

Washington Pair's Vows At Area Church

BLAIR, Wis.—(Special)—Ruth La Mae Mathson and Thomas Richardson Williams, Washington, D. C., were married at Zion Lutheran church by the Rev. L. W. Halverson Feb. 3, the double-ring ceremony at 3:30 p. m. They are daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mattson, Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Williams, Washington.

Chrysanthemums on the altar were in the white and yellow of gowns of the bride and her attendants. Mrs. Ivan Mann, Chicago, was her sister's matron of honor and Eleveda Lien, Milwaukee, was bridesmaid. Arthur Mathson presented his sister. LeRoy Helgeson, Milwaukee, was best man and David Mann, Chicago, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer. Ushering were James Frederixon and Leland Mathson, the latter a brother.

Miss Lois Granlund, Eau Claire, was vocal soloist, and Mrs. Lawrence Holven organist.

The bride's eggshell velvet gown was long-trained and her silk fingertip veiling was gathered to an orangeblossom tiara. Her white flowers were snapdragons and carnations. Mrs. Mann was in toast-color and Eleveda in green, their lace gowns of balcrina length. Both carried yellow carnations.

Following a church reception for 80 the couple left on a motor trip to Washington, D. C., with stops at Chicago and Buffalo, N. Y. At the last-named place they will visit the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Crimo, Long Island, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Otterson, Sharon and Ellen, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otterson, Greg and Sheryl, River Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tulford, Rock Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Olson, Eau Claire; Miss Leona Kenemoe, La Crosse; Miss Arlene Hanson, Winona; Miss Elaine Berg, Orfordville; Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Otterson, Strum; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Anderson, Minneapolis.

Reception hostesses were Mmes. Lloyd Skogstad, Amos Kolve, Harris Hanson and Selmer Halvorson, with Arlene Hanson and Elaine Berg serving.

The bride, who is employed at the Pentagon, Washington, was given a shower there by fellow employes and also one Jan. 31 at the Zion church parlors, where hostesses were Mmes. Milton Frederixon, B. M. Smith, Lloyd Skogstad, Carl Soxe, Connie Ystenes, Lawrence Mathson, Harry Mathson and Melvin Gunderson, Eltrick, Mmes. Ed Otterson and Archie Nelson and Miss Bertilda Otterson.

The bridegroom will be graduated Feb. 22 from George Washington university. He is assistant property manager for the Fred A. Smith realty company, Washington, where the couple will reside.

Marriage of daughter Ruth La Mae Mathson to Thomas Richardson Williams 3 Feb 1951
Blair, Trempealeau WI – "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Monday 12 Feb 1951 p 6



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Ruth Mathson Williams

Passed away November 20, 2010 at the age of 82 with her loving children at her side. She was born on April 13, 1928 in Whitehall, Wisconsin and grew up in the town of Blair. After graduating high school, she came to Washington DC with several friends to work at the Pentagon. She intended to return to her hometown after a period of time, but when she met Tom Williams, a Navy officer and DC native, those plans changed. They were married February 3, 1951. A Navy assignment took them to Key West, Florida for several years, after which time they returned to Northern Virginia where she worked with her husband to found and operate the Thomas R. Williams Construction Company. She was a key component to the success of the business with bookkeeping, communications and logistics skills along with her warm personality. The loss of her husband in a plane crash left her a widow in 1975. She served in many volunteer positions through the years, helping with the PTA, Scouts, church and more recently she was active with the Fairfax County Republican Committee. She enjoyed traveling with family and friends and especially loved time spent with her extended family still living in Wisconsin. All who knew her will remember her dedication to helping those in need, her compassion for children, her patriotism, and her endless love for her family. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life. Her sweet, gentle nature, her laughter, her hugs and her big heart will be greatly missed. She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Paula Williams of Fairfax Station; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Joe Lang of Centreville; and son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Julie Williams of Burke, as well as grandchildren, Richard and Stephanie Williams, Joanna, Joey and Brian Lang, and Zachary and Mackenzie Williams. She was also mother to the late Amy Williams. Viewing will be held Monday, November 29, 6-8pm at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, Va. A memorial service will be held on November 30 at 11am at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, Va. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St Jude's Hospital, The Susan Komen Foundation, American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/2412434/Ruth-Mathson-Williams>

Name: Lee Melvin Mathson

Name variations: Mattson / Matson

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. F - private

Serial number: 251,342

Entered service from: Blair, Trempealeau WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lee M. Mathson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Martin B. Mathson, Blair WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lee M. Mathson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Martin B. Mathson, Blair WI (cpl, Co. F, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Blair WI (spelled Mattson) (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lee Melvin Mathson – b. 18 Feb 1898 Jackson WI; res: Blair, Trempealeau WI. NOK Mrs. Alma Mathson, same address. Employed by Hardy Blair Co., Blair, Trempealeau WI. Height: 6' – 210 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: Blair WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. F, 107th Supply TrainBirth & death:

Born: 18 Feb 1898 Black River Falls, Jackson WI

Died: 18 Dec 1976 Blair, Trempealeau WI (at his home in Blair, heart attack)

Find A Grave record: 145538760 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Taylor, Jackson WI

Cemetery: Trempealeau Valley

Tombstone: veteran flat: CPL US Army WWI

Father: Martin B. Mathson, 24 Jan 1871 Vaaler, Norway – 23 Jan 1937 Blair, Trempealeau WI. Son of Matias Olsen Braenden & Marte Olsdatter Braenden. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Find A Grave: 97780391

Mother: Bertha (Betsy) Hanson Mathson, 20 Jul 1870 Norway – 25 Sep 1950 Blair, Trempealeau WI. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Find A Grave: 97780434

Parents' marriage: 7 Apr 1897 Jackson Co. WI

Spouse: Alma Oteila Otterson Mathson, 11 Nov 1902 Franklin, Jackson WI – 14 Mar 1982 Blair, Trempealeau WI. Daughter of Oluf Olson Otterson & Bertha Berntson. Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 152886251

Marriage: 2 Dec 1922 Winona Co. MN

Children:

- Victoria Bernice Mathson Mann, 6 Apr 1923 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 30 Dec 1970 Skokie, Cook IL. Wife of Ivan Jack Mann (1907-1990). Buried in Irving Park Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL. F: 202351047
- Arthur Ray Mathson, 1 Sep 1926 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 20 May 1991 Blair, Trempealeau WI. Private 1st class in US Army in WWII. Resident of Blair WI in Dec 1976. Dead by Feb 2021. Tombstone has blank half reading "Alyce May, 1931 – ". Arthur married Alice Mae Van Gordon on 10 Feb 1949 in Nashua IA. Buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 147556515
- Ruth Mathson Williams, 13 Apr 1928 Whitehall, Trempealeau WI – 20 Nov 2010 Fairfax Co. VA. Grew up in Blair WI where she graduated from high school, then went with some friends to work at the Pentagon in Washington DC. Met US Navy officer & D.C. native Thomas Richardson Williams. They married 3 Feb 1951 in Blair, Trempealeau WI. Spent time in Key West FL, then came back to northern VA & founded Thomas R. Williams Construction Co. Tom was killed in a plane crash in 1975. - Resident of Burke VA in Dec 1976. - Buried in Fairfax Memorial Park, Fairfax Co. VA. F: 62995735
- Leland James (Lee) Mathson, 18 Feb 1937 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 8 Feb 2021 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Graduate of Blair (WI) High School in 1955. Enlisted in the US Navy; was

stationed at Coronado CA. Married Barbara Ann Tidquist on 12 Jan 1957; married 64 years at the time of his death. After Navy service, moved to Eau Claire WI & worked at Northern States Power Co. as a draftsman/surveyor until retiring in 1992. Resident of Eau Claire WI in Dec 1976. Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 222529912

- Jerry Mathson. Graduate of Blair (WI) High School (1959). Resident of Verona, Dane WI in Dec 1976. Resident of 6677 Sunset Dr., Verona WI.

Siblings:

- Alvin Alfred ("Paavy") Mathson, 28 Jan 1900 Black River Falls, Jackson WI – 11 Sep 1952 Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. In the US Army from 12 Sep 1942 to 13 Oct 1942; honorable discharge due to chronic disability. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97812120
- Rudolph Magness Mathson, 3 Sep 1901 Black River Falls, Jackson WI – 31 Jan 1954 (1953 is inscribed on tombstone) Chicago, Cook IL. Birth date of 3 Sep 1901 on WWII draft card. Never married. Buried Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97812160
- Harry Merlin Mathson, 6 Jan 1904 Black River Falls, Jackson WI – 24 Feb 1990 La Crosse, La Crosse WI. Husband of Mildred Viola Thompson (1913-1989). Resident of Blair WI in Dec 1976. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97780069
- Basil Theodore Mathson, 2 Feb 1906 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 14 Apr 1950 Blair, Trempealeau WI. Served in WWII (1942-1945). Death by suicide. Shot himself in the chest with a rifle. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97780354
- Victor Edward ("Happy") Mathson, 6 Nov 1907 on his WWII (1942) draft card & 1908 on one Find A Grave & 1909 on the other Blair, Trempealeau WI – 29 Sep 1959 Eugene, Lane OR. Arrested in Blair WI in Jul 1950 on charges of non-support of his wife & 3 children. He was placed on probation for 12 months, but returned to jail after breaking his parole. Had been a prisoner in the Trempealeau County (WI) jail since the start of 1951 & had been working at painting & being a janitor, until he disappeared after working at the courthouse adjacent to the jail on 10 Feb 1951. – Then arrested in Eugene, Lane Co. OR, he died of a heart attack in a jail cell there. – Victor's wife was Ruby Eldora Holstad (1916-1991, F: 53574108). They married when he was age 34 & she age 25 on 7 Dec 1940 in Winneshiek Co. IA. First marriage for both. He was a lineman. - Victor has two Find A Grave numbers, one (F: 191377116) saying his burial place is unknown & the other (80217205) stating he is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Springfield, Lane OR.
- Evelyn Margaret Mathson Hulings, 14 Sep 1909 WI – 1 Dec 1984 Trempealeau Co. WI. SSN 343-09-6069. Resident of Chicago IL in Dec 1976. Married 26 Sep 1938 in Boonsville MO to Ernest James Hulings (b. 26 Jun 1911 Aurora MO, a Chicago IL resident in 1942, NOK Mrs. Evelyn Hulings, employed Commercial Auto, 2147 N. Clark St., Chicago IL (according to Ernest's WWII draft card). Ernest had previously married on 27 Jun 1931 in Jackson Co. MO to Mary K. Fredrick. Ernest is buried in Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, FL 2911671. Evelyn is buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97812193
- Lucile Mathson Jacobs, 11 Jan 1913 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 28 Dec 2003. SSN 347-01-6594 Graduate of Blair (WI) High School (1931). Wife of Isaac Jacobs. As Mrs. J. Jacobs, resident of Chicago IL in Dec 1976. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F: 97814032
- Lawrence James Mathson, 28 Sep 1914 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 25 Oct 1993. Husband of Lucille Irene Mattson (1916-1995) who is confused with his sister Lucile Mathson Jacobs.

Resident of Blair WI in Dec 1976. Buried in Rest Haven Cemetery, Blair, Trempealeau WI. F; 97814007

Notes:

Pre-war:

Baptized 27 Mar 1898 in Black River Falls Evangelical Lutheran Church, Black River Falls, Jackson WI.

Wartime:

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the rescued from Tuscania: Lee M. Mathson of Blair WI.

Post-war:

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 7 Feb 1949 p 2 - photo at Tuscania reunion, from Blair WI, listed as Lee Mattson

Obituary:

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 19 Dec 1976 p 10 (& several other papers in Eau Claire WI & Winona MN) - funeral 20 Dec 1976 in Blair WI. Died at age 78, b. Black River Falls WI. WWI veteran. Married Alma Otterson 2 Dec 1922 in Winona MN. Survived by wife, 2 sons, daughter, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. The son of Martin & Betsy Mathson. Burial in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery.

Social Security number: 395-05-6532

Censuses:

1900 Black River Falls, Jackson WI – First St. – conducted 18 Jun 1900

Martin MATSON, 28 Norway, Jun 1872, parents b. Norway, no emigration information, married 3 years, blacksmith

Betsy, 27 Norway, Jul 1872, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1881, in US for 19 years, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Lee M., 2 WI, Feb 1898

Alvin, 4 months WI, Jan 1900

1910 Blair, Trempealeau WI

Martin Mathson, 39 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 13 years, emigrated 1888, papers filed, blacksmith, own shop

Bertha, 39 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Lee, 12 WI

Alvin, 10 WI

Rudolph, 8 WI

Harry, 6 WI

Bazel, 4 WI

Victor, 2 WI
 Eveline, zero WI
 & servant Emma Hanson, 22

1920 Preston township, Blair, Trempealeau WI

Martin B. MATSON, 49 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1889, naturalized 1900, blacksmith, general shop

Betsy, 49 Norway, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1886

Lee, 21 WI, mechanic auto, garage

Alvin, 19 WI, laborer, odd job

Rudolph, 17 WI

Harry, 15 WI

Basil, 13 WI

Victor, 11 WI

Evelyn, 9 WI

Lucile, 7 WI

Lawrence, 5 WI

1930 Blair, Trempealeau WI

Lee M. Mathson, 31 WI, parents b. Norway, age 24 at 1st marriage, auto mechanic, garage, WWI veteran

Alma O., 27 WI, parents b. Norway, age 20 at 1st marriage

Victoria B., 7 WI

Arthur R., 3 WI

Ruth L., 1 Wi

1940 Blair, Trempealeau WI – Immel St. – same house in 1935

Lee MATTSON, 42 WI, mechanic, garage

Alma, 36 WI

Victoria, 17 WI

Arthur James, 13 WI

Ruth, 12 WI

Leland, 3 WI