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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Mayo, Ralph Albert
1887 WI – 1920 WI**

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Nephew on Ship
 W. B. Simonton of this city is much alarmed for the safety of his nephew, Paul Mayo, of New London, who was a member of the 107th supply train, one of the units on the Tuscania.

It is Ralph Mayo on board – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

LETTER RECEIVED

A letter written by Ralph Mayo, while on board the ill-fated Tuscania, was received by Mrs. Mayo this week. It was mailed before the accident, however, and carried no information except the happy and contented spirit of a true American soldier.

One of the letters written before sailing which announced the untrue news that Ralph had arrived in Europe. This story contradicts itself – written on board AND mailed before the accident – “New London (WI) Press” 21 Feb 1918 p 1 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/108340613/person/310089926023/media/40ad5013-469d-42c6-a572-2adc30a1be87?_phsrc=hFB31119&_phstart=successSource

SCOTLAND LETTER

Mrs. Mayo Receives Word From
Woman of Mercy

Ligh na Athavil, Port Ellen,
Isle of Iclay, Scotland.

Dear Mrs. Mayo:—

You will no doubt wonder whom this letter is from so I may as well explain at the very beginning. Your son, Sergt. Mayo, landed on this island when the Tuscania was torpedoed and he asked me to write you and let you know that he was safe and well.

I dare say he himself has written to you and you will probably have had his letter before you get this one. I know he wrote to you before he left here. All the Americans who landed here are away now, except two, and we all miss them very much indeed. They made themselves very much liked and I think even although they landed rather unexpectedly in Iclay, they all have quite a warm side to it. Your son was here for a week and left 10 days ago for Winchester. He spent one or two very pleasant evenings with us.

We have not yet heard how many of the troops of the Tuscania were lost but I think considering the large number on board the loss was thought to be slight. As they are all buried on this island it seems awful to us, as nothing of that kind ever happened here before and I hope nothing of the same kind will happen again.

The first two nights Sergt. Mayo spent in Iclay, he stayed next door to us, and after that he went to one of the hotels in Port Ellen. We live a little bit out of the village. This is a very quiet place to live in and especially nowadays, as we don't have so many boats calling here or get mails so often as we did in the good old days before the war.

We had three passengers and two soldiers off the Tuscania staying with us and at the same time there was a South African cousin here, so we had a pretty full house for a day or two. Our cousin was home here on leave from the hospital. He had been to France and got trench feet. He and the American boys were great friends. He was the first British soldier that they had met and they were all interested to hear all about France.

You will be pleased to know that the submarine which sank the transport was also sunk the same night. It is always some satisfaction to know that.

Sergt. Mayo said he would write to me when he got settled down. I haven't heard from him yet, but the

lady next door had a postcard from him from Winchester. I don't expect he will be sent to France just at once. I think they mostly get a few weeks training in England.

I'm afraid this is not a very interesting letter. It is so hard to know just what to say and what to miss. Sergeant Mayo showed us your photograph which he has got safely inside of his watch. We all liked it very much.

I shall be very pleased to hear from you if you care to write to me, and if there is anything I could tell you about the shipwreck which you want to know I shall be only too pleased to do so.

With very kind regards from

Yours very sincerely,

Annie S. Osborne.

"New London (WI) Press" 28 Mar 1918 p 1 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/108340613/person/310089926023/media/d232bfe0-e6bc-45cd-a79a-40bafa3c18a2?_phsrc=hFB31119&_phstart=successSource AND
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LETTERS FROM ACROSS

TWO MESSAGES WRITTEN BY OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Lieut. Pettigrew and Ralph Mayo
Send Interesting Letters to Mr.
and Mrs. M. Boland—Ask for More
Letters From Folks at Home

ALL OF OLD CO. M. BOYS ARE NOW TOGETHER

The Press has been given two most interesting letters from "our boys" who are now in France, written to Mr. and Mrs. Boland. They are both very long. The most interesting portions are here given to our readers.

Extracts from Ralph Mayo's letter are as follows:

"It does me a lot of good to be over 'in France' and to know that the people are still thinking of us at home and in the places we used to tick around. I was very glad to hear from you and sorry to hear of the waiting and suspense you people were in for so long a period.

"I was on the life boat crew of boats 1-7a-B and A and our boats smashed, so worked on the No. 5 boats until they were launched and hence to the No. 1 boats and I went down with the last one of them. We were on the water until 2:40 a. m. and the boat was hit at 8:00 p. m. The waves killed our boat several times and it was only by hard work that we landed safely with over 40 men. Four or five boats landed in

the same place at the Os on Islay, 7 miles from Port Ellen, and in the other boats out of from 40 to 50 men in average of about 8 to 10 men were saved. After getting on shore, I was the only one of our outfit and we stood, wet to the skin and pretty near froze, till daylight, when we found way to a farmhouse, where they warmed about 85 of us up and gave us tea and a kind of griddle bread, don't know the name of it, but it seemed to have a warm spot in the Scotch Highlanders' heart. They are great people and were very good to us. The same day I had charge of a detail that picked up 21 dead and then walked 7 miles to town after dark on May 6.

"The total number buried was 171. Did not see Norris since I saw him going down in one of the No. 5 life boats and the last I saw of Spencer, he was helping me out the Seven life boats those that were in back. There were two more bodies flatted in on Feb. 12 and we left the 10th for Glasgow, thence to Manchester. Got a letter from Port Ellen and they said there were 3 more ships in lately, making 175 that were picked up.

"It's a great experience but I'll take mine among bullets from now on. The letters you sent were read to the company and believe me, they all appreciated the time and efforts you made to write them.

Regards to all. Your friend,
Ralph.

"New London (WI) Press" 9 May 1918 p 1 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/108340613/person/310089926023/media/c1b44109-13cc-41e9-b2f0-b590a999706a?_phsrc=hFB31119&_phstart=successSource

RALPH MAYO

Ralph Mayo, Manawa, died suddenly at five o'clock Sunday evening while on a visit in New London with his wife. The funeral will not be held until the last of the week, when Mr. Mayo's parents are expected to arrive from the west. Mrs. Mayo was formerly Miss Katherine Kerrigan of this city.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 13 Oct 1920 p 2

NEW LONDON REPORTS A VETERAN'S DEATH.

(Special to The Northwestern.)

New London.—Ralph Mayo, for many years a resident of this vicinity, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gertrude Spurr. Mr. Mayo had been ill for some time. His death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. He had been in charge of the Wright store at Manawa for about a year and served in the Philippines and in the world war. His wife, one child, his parents and his sister, Mrs. Spurr, survive.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Wednesday 13 Oct 1920 p 5

New London citizens were shocked Monday to learn of the sudden death of Ralph Mayo, formerly of this city, but later of Manawa, where he was head salesman in the Wright Mercantile store. Mr. Mayo's health had not been good since his return from France. His wife and baby daughter, parents, three sisters and three brothers survive him.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 14 Oct 1920 p 2

Life:

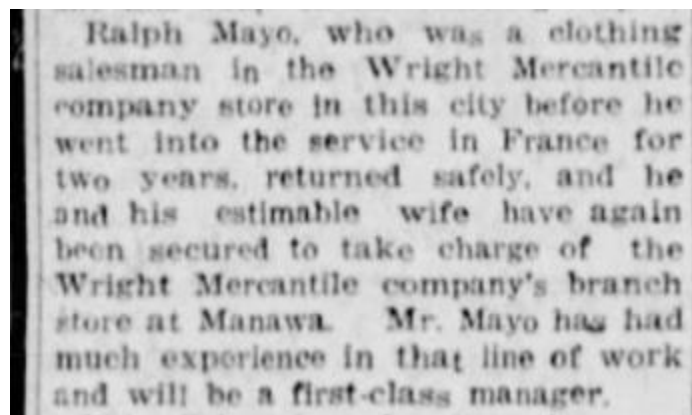
of gauze work to Chicago. Mrs. A. M. Mayo has received a letter from a Scotch lady, who helped to care for our boys who were landed on the Scottish coast at the time of the Tuscania disaster. Sergt. Ralph Mayo was one of the boys who partook of her hospitality.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 1 Apr 1918 p 8

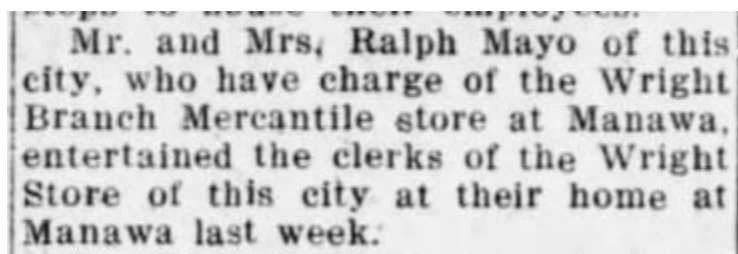


Marriage in Menominee MI – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 26 Jun 1919 p 6 – see license at:

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"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Monday 2 Feb 1920 p 8



"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Friday 11 Jun 1920 p 9

MILITARY RITES AT MAYO FUNERAL

Body of Tuscania Survivor Is
Laid to Rest in New Lon-
don Cemetery.

(Special to Post-Crescent)

New London—Ralph Mayo, whose death was mentioned in a previous issue, was a New London soldier. He died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mayo on Pearl street and the funeral was held there Friday, conducted by the Masonic order. Mr. Mayo was a member of Company M and served overseas. He was on the Tuscanina when that boat was sunk, remaining afloat for seven hours in an open boat after the wreck. He was driven ashore on an island off the Scottish coast where he helped to identify and bury the bodies washed ashore. He leaves a wife, a six weeks old son, parents, three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Spurr, Mrs. Beulah Cline and Miss Myrtle Mayo; three brothers,

Walton, Jerome and Francis. The Masonic lodge, the ex-service men and members of the American Legion acted as a military escort to Floral Hill cemetery.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 19 Oct 1920 p 6

Father:

Albert Mayo, 81, Dies at San Diego

Prominent Lumberman
Left New London 18
Years Ago

New London — Albert M. Mayo, 81, former prominent retail lumberman of this city, died Friday at his home at San Diego, Calif., according to a wire received here by his daughter, Mrs. John Spurr, route 2.

Mr. Mayo was born Dec. 26, 1857, in the state of New York and as a young man came to Lebanon where he purchased a farm. While he retained the farm, he worked in Wisconsin's north woods as a sawyer and eventually entered the lumber business.

At one time he owned or operated several mills in Wisconsin and before he left New London 18 years ago he had established the retail lumber yard now known as the Roemer Lumber company and had built and sold 16 of the city's homes. He opened another yard at San Diego when he moved there with his family.

He was a member of the New London Council of the Knights of Columbus during his residence here.

Survivors are the widow, three daughters, Mrs. John Spurr, New London; Mrs. Al Bussjaejer and Miss Myrtle Mayo, Hollywood, Calif.; three sons, Jerome and Robert, Hollywood, and Francis, Madison, Wis.; two brothers, Gilbert in the state of Washington and Frank in California; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at San Diego and the body will be brought here for burial at the parish cemetery of the Most Precious Blood Catholic church. The body will arrive at New London about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening and will be at the Cline and Learman Funeral home until the time of burial Thursday morning.

Obituary of father Albert M. Mayo – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 28 Nov 1938 p 17

Siblings:

Miss Myrtle Mayo

Los Angeles, California

Age 88, passed away in Los Angeles on Monday after a lingering illness. She was born on February 26, 1885 in Rhinelander and resided in New London until 1918; since that time she resided on the West Coast. She was a retired Music Supervisor in the Los Angeles School System for many years. Miss Mayo was a member of the California Retired Teachers Assoc. and a life member of the National Retired Teachers Assoc. She is survived by a brother, Jerome Mayo, Los Angeles; also nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday from the Cline-Hanson Funeral Home, New London with Rev. F.W. Heidemann officiating. Interment will be in Floral Hills Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. on Wednesday until the time of services on Thursday.

Obituary of sister Myrtle Lucia Mayo (1885-1973) – Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 4 Dec 1973 p 27

Mrs. John Spurr

NEW LONDON — Active in the Republican Party for 31 years and vice chairman of the National Federation of Republican Women, Mrs. John L. Spurr, 73, of Rt. 2, New London, died at her home Saturday at 10 a.m.

She was born Feb. 12, 1892 in Wittenberg and was married to John Spurr in New London Feb. 2, 1911. Organizations she belonged to include the Fountain City Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of the First Congregation Church.

Jerome Mayo of Los Angeles; two sisters, Miss Myrtle Mayo, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Beulah Bussjaeger, Venice, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Survivors are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Christian Magelessem, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Elmer Helgeson, New London; a son, George, Citrus Heights, Calif.; two brothers, Francis Mayo of Madison, and

Friends may call at the Kline Hanson Funeral Home after 2 p.m. today. The funeral will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. Alfred Davis officiating. Burial will be in the Old Maple Creek Cemetery.

Obituary of sister Gertrude Mayo Spurr (1892-1965) – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern"
Monday 10 May 1965 p 2

Francis Mayo Dies; Attorney, Accountant



Francis Mayo

Attorney Francis Mayo, 78, of 1109 Waban Hill, died Friday at the Veterans Administration Hospital after an illness.

He was born in Antigo and had been a Madison resident for more than 50 years. In 1922, he married Sarah Keyes.

Mr. Mayo was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and was a Certified Public Accountant.

A veteran of World War I, he was a member and past commander of the American Legion, the CPA Society, the Dane County, Wisconsin, and American Bar Assns., the Madison Club, the Elks Lodge, the West Side Club, and the Masons.

Surviving are his wife; a brother, Jerome, North Hollywood, Calif.; and a sister, M. Lucia Mayo, Los Angeles, Calif.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Frautschi Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Rd. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

The family suggested that memorials may be made to the University Hospitals William S. Middleton Library Fund.

Obituary of brother Francis Peltier Mayo (1894-1972) – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Saturday 26 Aug 1972 p 7

MAYO, Jerome St. John beloved father of Mrs. Marilyn Cady; grandfather of Kathy and Kenneth Cady. No funeral services were held. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills. Forest Lawn Mortuary

Obituary of brother Jerome St. John Mayo (1900-1986) – "Los Angeles (CA) Times" Saturday 23 Aug 1986 p 76

New London-Born Walton 'Bob' Mayo Dies in Hollywood

NEW LONDON — A former New Londoner who was a casting director for Paramount Studios in Hollywood for 25 years died of a stroke at his Hollywood Hills home Friday. He was Walton "Bob" Mayo, 53, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mayo, former owners of the Mayo Lumber Company here.

Mr. Mayo was born Feb. 1905, in New London, and attended local schools until he moved to Spokane, Wash., with his parents at the age of 15. After a year in Spokane he moved to Hollywood, which was his home for the remainder of his life. He visited his New London relatives every summer.

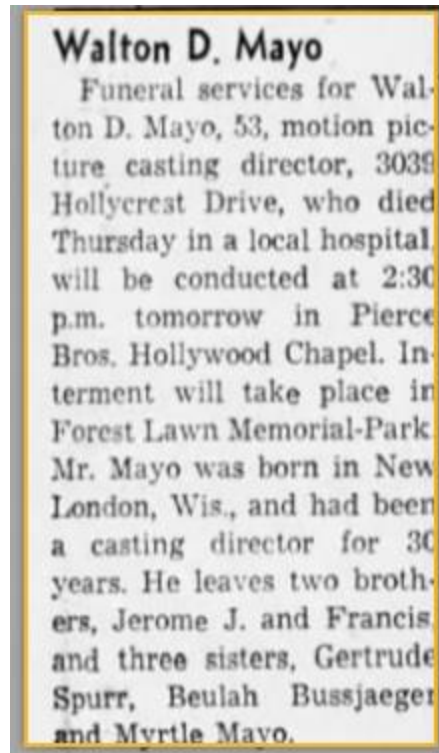
He married former movie actress Patricia Farr who preceded him in death 10 years ago. He served as casting director at Paramount until his retirement 10 years ago and was a charter member of ASCAP.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today in Los Angeles, Calif., with burial in that city.

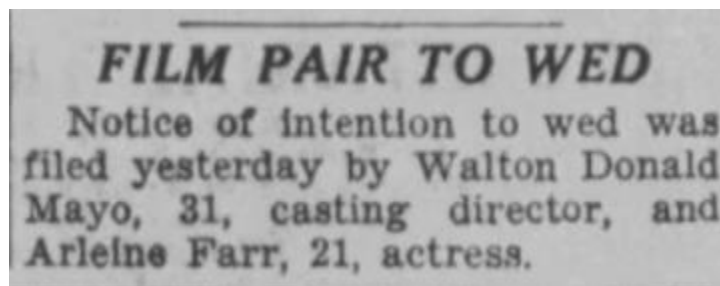
Survivors are two brothers, Jerome Mayo, Los Angeles, and Francis, Madison, and three sisters, Miss Myrtle Mayo, Los Angeles, Mrs. A. W. Busskaeger, Venice, Calif., and Mrs. John L. Spurr, New London.



Obituary of brother Walton ("Bob") Mayo (1905-1958) – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 31 Mar 1958 p 12 – his wife, actress Arleine Rutledge ("Patricia") Farr (1913-1948, F: 85462056)



Obituary of brother Walton Donald Mayo – “Los Angeles Times” Sunday 30 Mar 1958 p 34



Marriage license between Walton Donald Mayo & Arleine (Patricia) Farr – “Illustrated Daily News” (Hollywood CA) Wednesday 20 May 1936 p 22

Filmography [\[edit \]](#)

- *The Secret Call* (1931) as Ellen
- *Silence* (1931) (uncredited)
- *What Price Hollywood?* (1932) (uncredited)
- *I Loved You Wednesday* (1933) (uncredited)
- *My Weakness* (1933) (uncredited)
- *Footlight Parade* (1933) as Chorus Girl (uncredited)
- *I Am Suzanne!* (1933) as Chorine (uncredited)
- *Stand Up and Cheer!* (1934) (uncredited)
- *Tailspin Tommy* (1934) as Betty Lou Barnes^[11]
- *Helldorado* (1935) as Flo (uncredited)
- *Orchids to You* (1935) as Polly
- *Metropolitan* (1935) as Chorus Girl (uncredited)
- *The Lady in Scarlet* (1935) as Ella Carey
- *Everybody's Old Man* (1936) as Telephone Girl (uncredited)
- *Three of a Kind* (1936) as Prudence Cornelius
- *Lady Luck* (1936) as Mamie Murphy
- *Criminals of the Air* (1937) as Maimie
- *Speed to Spare* (1937) as Peaches O'Brien
- *Girls Can Play* (1937) as Peanuts O'Malley
- *All American Sweetheart* (1937) as Connie Adams
- *Lady Behave!* (1937) as Clarice Kendall Andrews Cormack
- *Trade Winds* (1938) as Peggy (uncredited)
- *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* (1941) as Gloria
- *West Point Widow* (1941) as Miss Hinkle
- *New Wine* (1941) as Miss LaRue - gigolo's companion (framing sequences)
- *Three Girls About Town* (1941) as Telephone Operator (uncredited)
- *Skylark* (1941) as Lil - Waitress at Hamburger Stand (uncredited)
- *To the Shores of Tripoli* (1942) as Girl (uncredited)
- *This Gun for Hire* (1942) as Ruby
- *Highways by Night* (1942) as Phyllis (uncredited)
- *National Barn Dance* (1942) as Secretary (uncredited)
- *Incendiary Blonde* (1945) as Bill's Receptionist (uncredited)

Movies of Patricia Farr - <https://en.>



Patricia Farr

Trivia (3)

Her husband, Walton Robert Mayo, was a casting director for Columbia Pictures who died in 1958.

Worked as an usherette at a Los Angeles movie theatre prior to being signed by Paramount. Was under contract to Columbia from 1937.

Father: Lawrence E. Farr; Mother: Grace M. Rutledge.

<https://m.imdb.com/name/nm0268052/trivia>

PATRICIA
FARR



(Patricia Farr)

5 January 13	is born in Kansas City, Missouri, of Irish descent to Lawrence and Grace Farr, nee Rutledge
?	resides in Ogden, Utah. Her great-great-grandfather was Ogden's first mayor, Lorin Farr.
?	her father dies
?	works as an usherette at a Los Angeles movie theater when signed by Paramount
November 34	columnist Robin Coons reports: "Pretty Patricia Farr found a 'comic strip face' no drawback but a help. When they wanted to film a serial based on a comic strip, a casting director thought of Pat, who resembles the strip's pretty heroine. Playing the part put her in line for a role that may take her out of the 'just a stock girl' ranks."
August 35	a Hollywood column knows that "Henry Fonda, lunching with Spanish Bianca Visheer, got a note from blonde Patricia Farr, in the same dining room..."
February 37	signs a contract with Columbia and plans a vacation trip to Tahiti after she finishes her current picture, <i>Racing Luck</i>
April 37	she and fellow starlet Rita Hayworth are pictured promoting the opening of the California swimming season with a cigarette-smoking penguin at Hermosa Beach, California
?	marries Walton Robert Mayo, casting director of Columbia Pictures
June 37	she and her husband are reported vacationing for a few days at Fay Warner's Miner Lake cottage in Waupaca Wisconsin
January 38	the press calls her a "Kansas City girl"
23 February 48	as Patricia Farr, she dies at age 35 in Los Angeles of pancreatic cancer. Mayo will die at age 53 in 1958 at his Hollywood Hills home.

Sources:

The Ogden Standard-Examiner, The Evening Tribune, The Charleston Gazette, The Kansas City Star, Oshkosh Northwestern, www.Ancestry.com, pro.Corbis.com

Recommended Books:

Links:

Filmography

<http://www.glamourgirlsofthesilverscreen.com/show/498/Patricia+Farr/index.html>

Movie Casting Director, Formerly of New London, To Vacation at Waupaca

Post Crescent Madison Bureau

Madison — To Madison this week came a native of New London who has made good in Hollywood, with a message of cheer for those young boys and girls who dream of a career in the movies.

He is Robert Mayo, who left New London 20 years ago, and who for the last 10 years has served as casting director for Columbia Pictures company and has watched hundreds of "extras" become stars.

Mr. Mayo was accompanied by his actress wife, Patricia Farr, Columbia contract player, and planned Friday to leave for Waupaca county where he will vacation at Chain of Lakes.

Mr. Mayo visited Madison to visit a brother, an auditor in the tax commission. Head of one of the largest studios in the movie city, he had this to say of opportunity in the movies: "Young people who want to go into the movies should think twice about it before they decide to go to Hollywood. The field is so crowded now that there is only room for the exceptional at the top. However, if a young actor or actress really has something to offer, he will be given a good chance to show it."

Mrs. Mayo, or Miss Farr, has just finished work in a new Columbia picture, and upon her return to Hollywood will begin another.



MR. AND MRS. MAYO

Born in San Francisco, she is of Irish and Canadian descent, and got her first job in Hollywood as a model in a women's shop. Determined on a theatre career, she applied for an usherette position and got it.

Neatly attired, and standing in the lobby one night, she caught the attention of Mr. Mayo, who asked her if she wouldn't like to go on the screen. Of course she did, and a test followed. Her first picture was "The Secret Call."

Walton Donald – here called "Robert" met Patricia Farr in the lobby of the theater where she was working as an usher, offered her a chance in the movies – and then married her. They had returned to WI to visit his brother, Francis Mayo – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 14 Jun 1937 p 8



<https://www.famousfix.com/topic/patricia-farr-and-robert-mayo>

MRS. ARLEINE R. MAYO

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 26, at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn, for Mrs. Arleine R. Mayo, 35, of 2603 Clark street, Burbank, a screen actress and former resident of Highland Park.

A niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rutledge of 2126 Addison way, Eagle Rock, Mrs. Mayo died in her home on February 23 after a long illness. She was known as Patricia Farr during her screen career and was the wife of Bob Mayo, Hollywood casting director.

A native of San Francisco and a former student of Luther Burbank junior and Franklin high schools, she lived at 719 North Avenue 53 before leaving here about 12 years ago. Surviving, besides her husband, are her mother, Mrs. Grace Brown, and a sister,

Mrs. Melva Borkman, both of Burbank.

Obituary of Walton Mayo's wife Patricia Farr – "Highland Park (CA) News-Herald" Friday 5 Mar 1948

p 2

Name: Ralph Albert Mayo (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - sergeant

Serial number: 251,137

Entered service from: New London, Waupaca WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Ralph A. Mayo

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Albert M. Mayo, 316 S. Pearl St., New London WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ralph A. Mayo

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Albert M. Mayo, South Pearl St., New London WI (sgt, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ralph Albert Mayo - b. 27 Jan 1887 La Crosse WI; res: S. Pearl, New London, Waupaca WI. Single. Clerk in store, Wright Merc. Co., New London WI. Private in Infantry for 3 years in US Regular Army. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 25 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: 185 Pleasant St., Milwaukee WI

Rank/unit: sergeant, QMC, Co. D, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Jan 1887 La Crosse Co WI.

Died: 10 Oct 1920 New London, Waupaca WI (at the home of his parents on Pearl Street, New London – also listed as the home of his sister Gertrude Mayo Spurr)

Find A Grave record: 178932189 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: New London, Waupaca WI

Cemetery: Floral Hill

Tombstone:

Father: Albert M. Mayo, 1857 or 1859 NY – 25 Nov 1938 San Diego Co. CA. Son of Matthew Mayo & Delphine M. Peleitier. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 103729221

Mother: Katherine Blumer Mayo, 22 Mar 1862 La Crosse Co. WI – 24 May 1943 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Daughter of Mathias Blumer & Anna Weiker. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 103730160

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Catherine (Katherine) Kerrigan Mayo Schultz, 8 May 1908 Appleton, Outagamie WI – 29 Apr 1985 Madison, Dane WI.

Widow Catherine married William Christian Schultz (1890-1971, F: 190120936).

Buried in Pinelawn Memorial Park, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 190616574

Marriage: 21 Jun 1919 in Menomonee, Menomonee MI, by justice of the peace John E. Jones. Ralph A. Mayo, age 32, b. La Crosse WI, son of Albert Mayo & Katherine Blumer, resident of New London WI, buyer in store. Catherine Kerrigan, age 19, b. Appleton WI, daughter of Michael Kerrigan & Mary Loessel, resident of Appleton WI, stenographer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mayo of Manitowoc Monday. Mrs. Mayo was formerly Miss Katherine Kerrigan of Appleton.

Birth of son Donald Ralph Mayo – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 31 Aug 1920 p 2

Child:

- Donald Ralph Mayo, 30 Aug 1920 Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI – 6 Oct 1992 Madison, Dane WI. Was an infant when his father died. In the 1930 census, Donald (age 9, WI) lived with his grandparents Michael & Mary Kerrigan, also great-grandmother Eliza Kerrigan & his mother's siblings. Husband of Charlotte M. Mayer (1920-2000, F: 72098853) on 15 Feb 1946 in Onslow Co. NC. Sergeant in US Marine Corps, WWII. Buried in Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. F: 2917533

Siblings: Ralph was the 2nd child.

- Myrtle Lucia Mayo, 26 Feb 1885 Rhinelander, Oneida WI - 2 Dec 1973 Los Angeles Co. CA. Resided in New London WI until 1918 when she moved to the West Coast. Was music supervisor in the Los Angeles School System. Buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 195471298
- Beulah A. Mayo Cline Bussjaeger, 12 Oct 1889 Wood Co. WI – 25 Jun 1965 (on Find A Grave as 1 Jul 1965) Los Angeles Co. CA. SSN 564-14-1286. Married in 1917 to Willard Edwin Cline (1882-1955, F: 103730800), the son of George W. Cline & Josephine Hickey. Married to Albert Walrich Bussjaeger (1890-1952 F: 3694171, buried in Los Angeles National Cemetery). Beulah is buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 195053127
- Gertrude Delphin Mayo Spurr, 12 Feb 1892 Wittenberg, Shawano WI – 8 May 1965 New London, Waupaca WI. Wife of John Lawrence Spurr (1888-1975, F: 203426828), whom she married 2 Feb 1911 in New London, Waupaca WI. Active in the local & national Republican Party. Buried in Maple Creek Cemetery No. 1, New London, Outagamie WI. F: 203426911
- Francis Peltier (“Pike”) Mayo, 22 Aug 1894 Antigo, Langdale WI – 25 Aug 1972 Madison, Dane WI. Husband of Sarah Keyes (1892-1996, F: 86285414) whom he married in 5 Sep 1922 Kansas City, Wyandotte KS. WWI veteran. Graduate of University of Wisconsin. Attorney. Accountant. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, Dane WI. F: 86285413
- Jerome St. John Mayo, 23 Nov 1900 Wausau, Marathon WI – 21 Aug 1986 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Husband of Hester Ann Whiting (1901-1984, F: 85912554). Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. F: 85912555
- Walton Donald (“Bob”) Mayo, 3 Aug 1904 [obituary claims Feb 1905] Waupaca, Waupaca WI – 28 Mar 1958 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Casting director for Paramount Studios (also Columbia Studios) in Hollywood CA for 25 years, retiring 10 years before his death. Moved to Spokane WA with his parents at age 15 & a year later moved to Hollywood CA, where he resided until his death. Husband of actress Patricia Farr (Arleine Rutledge “Patricia” Farr), 1913-1948, F: 85462056. Bob visited his New London WI relatives every summer. Charter member of ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers). Walton is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Los Angeles CA. F: 85462074

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Ralph's lifeboat arrived on the isle of Islay, Scotland, where he was housed with Annie S. Osborne.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those on board Tuscania, from New London WI: Ralph A. Mayo.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 8 – among the saved: Ralph Mayo of New London WI, the brother of Mrs. John Spurr, who formerly lived here when her husband was employed on the Soo Line.

Post-war:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 18 Oct 1919 p 8 – Miss Vivian Palmer hosted a miscellaneous shower at her home last night for Mrs. Ralph Mayo of Manitowoc WI, the former Katherine Kerrigan of Appleton. Mrs. Mayo returned to Manitowoc today.

Obituary:

"Appleton [WI] Post-Crescent" 19 Oct 1920 p 6 - Ralph died at the home of his parents Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Mayo on Pearl St., New London WI. Member of Co. M, Was afloat for 7 hours in a lifeboat which landed on Islay, where he helped to identify & bury the dead. Survived by wife, 6-week-old son, parents, 3 sisters, 3 brothers. Masonic funeral, with Masons, veterans, military escort accompanying body to Floral Hill Cemetery.

Censuses:

1905 WI state census – New London, Waupaca WI - as of 1 Jun 1905
 Katherine Mayo, 43 WI, married, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany
 Myrtle, 20 WI, school teacher
 Ralph, 18 WI, clerk
 Beulah, 15 WI
 Gertrude, 13 WI
 Francis, 11 WI
 Jerome, 4 WI
 Walton, 1 WI
 [for the children: father – who is not listed – b. NY, father b. WI]

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1910 Cuartel de España, Manila, Philippines – conducted 7 Jul 1910
 Ralph Mayo, private, 23 WI, single, father b. NY, mother b. WI, soldier in 20th Infantry

1920 Manitowoc, Manitowoc WI – conducted 2 Jan 1920 – Ralph's son born 30 Aug 1920 – Ralph died 10 Oct 1920

Ralph A. Mayo, 32 WI, father b. NY, mother b. WI, manager, store

Catherine, 19 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. US