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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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Madson, Chris Sorenson 1894 Denmark – 1965 IL

WW I		WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type)) MADSON, Chris Sorenson				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois			
2. SERVICE NUMBER 250 830		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER XC 228 727		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) 12-29-1917		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) 6-8 - 1919		15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
6. STATE Illinois		7. MEDALS		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Mrs. Anna Madson		RELATIONSHIP Widow	
8. GRADE OR RANK PVT		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION Co. F, 20 ENGRS USARMY Cas Det 671 Dem Grp		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State) 2968 Forest Woods Drive, R#1, Hinsdale, Illinois			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) 11-27-1894 21 YRS 1 MO		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) 10-18-1965		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Anna Madson</i>		DATE 11-22-65	
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) ☐ NO EMBLEM		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER		16. FREIGHT STATION Joliet, Illinois			
DO NOT WRITE HERE		FOR VERIFICATION ORDERED 17 JAN 1966		17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER Sup't. Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois			
				ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State) Washington St. Joliet, Ill			
B/L		CONTRACTOR		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER @ 1998-2021 Ancestry.com			
				SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE			

Veteran headstone application:

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10-22-65 *Law*
 XC 228 727
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Chris Sorenson Madson

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

Event Type	Military Service
Name	Chris Sorenson Madson
Event Place	Fort Snelling, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Fort Snelling, Minn
Enlistment Date	29 Dec 1917
Birth Date	27 Nov 1896
Birthplace	Koldin, Denmark
Military Rank	Private
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	18 20th Engrs H2
Father's Name	Christin Madson
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Denmark
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Denmark

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHT-1FTY>

Chris Madson

Death • Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1871-1998

Name	Chris Madson
Sex	Male
Age	70
Address	Route 1 Box 255B
Burial Date	21 Oct 1965
Burial Place	Joliet, , Illinois
Death Date	18 Oct 1965
Death Place	Proviso, Cook, Illinois, United States
Birth Date	27 Nov 1894
Birthplace	, , Denmark
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Inspector
Race	White
Father's Name	Christ Madson
Mother's Name	Christina
Informant's Name	Peter A Jennings
Entry Number	1292
Cemetery	Elmhurst
Funeral Home	Goodale Funeral Home

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2MX-HG8P>

Christ S Madson

Marriage • Illinois, Cook County Marriages, 1871-1968

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q21V-DBRY>

Name **Christ S Madson**

Sex **Male**

Age **31**

Birth Year (Estimated) **1895**

Spouse's Name **Anna M Rosenow**

Spouse's Sex **Female**

Spouse's Age **21**

Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated) **1905**

Marriage Date **08 Nov 1926**

Marriage Place **Cook, Illinois, United States**

Madson Betty L fctywkr Gerlach-Bark-
low r350 Miss av
" **Chris** S (Anna M) butter mkr
Sprague's Dairy r350 Miss av
" Helen M clk Liggett Drug r350 Miss
" Leonard R ice cream mkr Sprague
Dairy r350 Miss av

1947 Joliet IL city directory – the entire family:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4422964?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB29032&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=343205239

Wife:

Detail Source

Name:	Anna Marie Madson [Anna Madson] [Anna Marie Rosenow]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	1 Jan 1905
Birth Place:	Cashton, Wisconsin
Death Date:	3 Jan 1988
Father:	Willim Rosenow
Mother:	Elisbet M Knoll
SSN:	340427730
Death Certificate Number:	004327
Notes:	Feb 1965: Name listed as ANNA MARIE MADSON; 22 May 1998: Name listed as ANNA MADSON

Anna Marie Madson

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

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WILLIAM ROSENOW

CASHTON, Wis.—William Rosenow, 84, died Friday in a Beloit hospital.

Mr. Rosenow had lived in Beloit with his son, Fred, since the death of his wife last July 19. Prior to that he had lived in and around Cashton since coming from Germany at the age of 18. He was born Dec. 23, 1875, and married Elizabeth Knoll Jan. 24, 1903.

He is survived by two sons, Albert of Cashton and Fred of Beloit; one daughter, Mrs. Chris (Anna) Madson of Lockport, Ill.; and six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two brothers, whose names were not reported, lived in Germany.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Lutheran Church at Cashton, the Rev. Elmer Larson officiating, and burial will be in the Home Cemetery at Brush Creek. Friends may call at the Torkelson Funeral Chapel from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Obituary of Chris's father-in-law William Rosenow – "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Sunday 24 Jan 1960 p 21

MRS. WILLIAM ROSENOW

CASHTON, Wis.—Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church in Cashton for Mrs. William Rosenow, 77.

Mrs. Rosenow died Sunday at her home in Cashton after a long illness.

The Rev. Elmer Larson will officiate at the services with burial in Rumppe Cemetery at Brush Creek.

Friends may call Tuesday after 8 p.m. at Torkelson's Funeral Home in Cashton, and after 11 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Mrs. Rosenow was born in Germany Aug. 9, 1881, and came to the United States when just 1½ years old.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Christ Madson of Rockport, Ill.; two sons, Albert of Cashton and Fred of Beloit; three brothers, Paul of Sparta, Fred of Beloit and William of Cooperstown, N. D.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Schultz of Milwaukee; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Chris's mother-in-law Elizabeth Knoll Rosenow – "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Tuesday 21 Jul 1959 p 5

Children:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orson of Lockport, former Wenona residents, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann to Leonard Madson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Madson, also of Lockport.

Engagement of son Leonard Madson to Mary Ann Orson – “Streator (IL) Times” Thursday 30 Dec 1948 p 5

Madson, Leonard R.
 FORT ATKINSON — Leonard R. Madson, age 65, of 612 Roosevelt Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, died on Monday, April 5, 1993, at his home. He was born March 11, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois, to Chris Madson and Anna Rosenow. He married Mary Ann Orsen on October 22, 1949. Mr. Madson was a Plant Manager AMPi, in Kansasville, Wisconsin, for 23 years, 18 years with Hawthorn Melody Dairy in Whitewater, and three years as field representative of Zander Butter Company in Cross Plains. He moved to Fort Atkinson from Burlington in 1971. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the Navy CB's. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Mary Madson of Fort Atkinson; two sons, Timothy (Janice) Madson of Fort Atkinson, and Gregory (Debra) Madson of Verona; a daughter, Susan (Donald) Moe of Burlington, Wisconsin; two sisters, Betty McCarthy of Joliet, Illinois, and Helen (Joe) Mandekich of Lockport, Illinois; and seven grandsons, Chad Moe, Adam Moe, Scot Moe, Craig Madson, Kurt Madson, Nicholas Madson, and Brian Madson. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 8, 1993, at ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, with Liturgy of the Word at 2:30 p.m. Father Duane Moellenberndt officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Fort Atkinson. Visitation will be from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, at the NITARDY FUNERAL HOME, Fort Atkinson, with scripture prayer service at 6:45 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Obituary of son Leonard R. Madson (1928-1993) – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Wednesday 7 Apr 1993 p 28

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h Plainfield rd**

Daughter Elizabeth (Betty) & husband Robert McCarthy - 1960 Joliet IL city directory
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4629177?usePUB=true
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Betty L. McCarthy Betty L. McCarthy (nee Madson), of Joliet; cherished mother of Michael (Lora), Judy McCarthy and Nancy (Craig) Sever; proud grandmother of Eric and Robert McCarthy and Ellen Sever; fond great-grandmother of four; loving sister of the late Leonard (Mary Ann) Madson and the late Helen (Joe) Mandekich; dear aunt of many. Visitation Tuesday 9:00 am until time of service 11:00 am at Woodlawn Funeral Home, 3201 W. Jefferson, Joliet. Burial Elmhurst Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to JOHA 2614 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435 would be appreciated. For info: 815-725-0100

Published by The Herald-News on Apr. 5, 2010.

Obituary of daughter Elizabeth (Betty) L. Madson McCarthy, also buried in Elmhurst Cemetery - <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/theherald-news/name/betty-mccarthy-obituary?pid=141504776>



Helen Madson – Lockport (IL) Township High School yearbook –
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1265/images/43134_b186466-00036?usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB29041&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=325865123

Name: Chris Sorenson Madson

Name variations: Christ Madson

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,830

Entered service from: Audubon, Becker MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Chris S. Madson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": cousin George Lund, Audubon MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Chris S. Madson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: cousin George Lund, Audubon MN (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Christ Sorenson Madson, b. 27 Nov 1893 Denmark; res: 1412 Colorado [sic] Ave., Joliet, Will IL. NOK Bill Rosnow, Caston WI [presumably his father-in-law William Rosenow of Cashton WI]. Employed at Weber Dairy Co., Joliet IL. Card is signed Christ. Height: 5'6 ½" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: birth date of 27 Nov 1896

Enlistment date not listed

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Floodwater MN

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers, Casual Detachment 671

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Nov 1894 (Cook Co. IL death record & veteran headstone application) or 27 Nov 1896 (Veterans Administration Master Index, MN WWI military records)) or 27 Nov 1893 (WWII draft) Koldin (Kolding?), Denmark

Died: 18 Oct 1965 Cook Co. IL (Veterans Administration Military Index, veteran headstone application, Cook Co. IL death record)

Find A Grave record: burial info from Cook County IL Deaths & veteran headstone application

Burial location: Joliet, Will IL

Cemetery: Elmhurst

Tombstone:

Father: Christ or Christin Madson

Find A Grave:

Mother: Christina --- Madson

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Anna Marie Rosenow Madson, 1 Jun 1905 Cashton, Monroe WI – 3 Jan 1988. SSN 340-42-7730. Daughter of William Rosenow (1875 Germany – 1960 WI, F: 93732454) & Elizabeth Knoll (1881 Germany – 1959 WI, F: 93732449). In the 1910 & 1920 censuses, Anna lives with her parents in Jefferson, Monroe WI. She was a resident of Rockford IL in Jan 1960 when her father died.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 8 Nov 1926 Cook Co. IL. Christ S. Madson was age 31, Anna M. Rosenow was age 21.

Children:

- Leonard Russell Madson, 11 Mar 1928 Chicago, Cook IL – 5 Apr 1993 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. SSN 353-20-7143. Baptized 15 Apr 1928 & confirmed 13 Jun 1943 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Cashton WI but his funeral service was Catholic. Served in US Navy in WWII. Married 22 Oct 1949 to Mary Ann Orsen/Orson (b. 1929; their shared tombstone shows no death date for her & not on Find A Grave as of 29 Sep 2021). Buried in Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. F: 111201902.
- Elizabeth (Betty) C. Madson McCarthy, 23 Sep 1929 Cook Co. IL – 2 Apr 2010 Joliet, Will IL. Wife of Robert McCarthy. Survived by 3 children. Obituary reports she is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery, Joliet, Will IL but not on Find A Grave as of 29 Sep 2021.
- Helen Mae/May Madson Mandekich, 13 May 1931 Joliet, Will IL – 20 May 1996. SSN 355-22-2376. Wife of Joseph R. Mandekich (b. 1932, tombstone death date not inscribed, perhaps alive? F: 17959972). Both are buried in Barnet Cemetery, Homer township, Will Co. IL. F: 6409827

Siblings:

Notes:

His wartime next-of-kin, identified as a cousin – George Lund, 1890 MN – 1950 MN, son of Osmund Lund & Caroline Knudson. Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Detroit Lakes, Becker MN. F: 191513902. When George registered in 1917 for the WWI draft, he was a hotel keeper in Audubon, Becker MN & was married.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – among the Tuscania survivors from Minnesota: Chris. S. Madson, Audubon MN

Post-war:

1937 Joliet IL city directory:

Madson, Carl (Mary), carpenter, resident of 314 Garnsly

Madson, Christ S. (Anna; 3) plant manager, Weber Dairy Co., resident of 407 John

1945 Joliet IL city directory:

Madson, Chris S. (Anna R.), plant manager, Weber Dairy Co., resident of 5 N. Raynor Ave.

Madson, Leonard, dairy worker, Weber Dairy Co., resident of 5 N. Raynor Ave.

“Chicago (IL) Tribune” Sunday 7 Apr 1946 p 49 – the Cantigny Veterans of Foreign Wars post elected new officers, among them Chris Madson as trustee

1950 Joliet IL city directory:

Madson, Betty, packer, Gerlach-Barklow, resident of Lockport IL

Madson, Helen, employee of Southern Fried Do-Nut Shop, resident of Lockport IL

Frequently mentioned in 1950s newspapers for his role as a milk tester:

“Chicago Heights (IL) Star” Tuesday 15 Apr 1952 p 6 – Chris Madson, DHIA tester of milk production & butterfat

“Tinley Park (IL) Star” Thursday 25 Sep 1952 p 2 – tester Chris Madson cited several DHIA cooperating dairymen for their herd performance

“The Lemonter” (Lemont IL) Thursday 22 Jan 1953 p 2 – monthly report of tester Chris Madson of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association

“Chicago Heights (IL) Star” Tuesday 11 Aug 1953 p 27 – the July report of Chris Madson of Lockport IL, tester for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Obituary:

Cook Co. IL Deaths: occupation: inspector. Resident of Morris, Grundy IL. Son of Christ & Christina Madson

Social Security number: 327-09-5091

Censuses:

1920 St. Paul, Ramsey MN – 2196 Charles St. – IS THIS HIM?

Chris Madson, 23 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, naturalized, emigrated 1908, route foreman, coal & ice

Boarder with:

Mattie Hutson, her 3 children & 4 other lodgers.

1920 Audubon, Becker MN – Chris's cousin George Lund, his WWI next-of-kin

George Lund, 30 MN, parents b. Norway, laborer, livery barn

Dina Lund, 36 Norway, parents b. Norway [wife]

1940 Joliet, Will IL – 959 John St. – in same house in 1935

Christ Madson, 45 Denmark, naturalized, manager, dairy

Anna Marie, 38 WI

Leonard, 12 IL

Elizabeth, 10 IL

Helen, 8 IL