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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

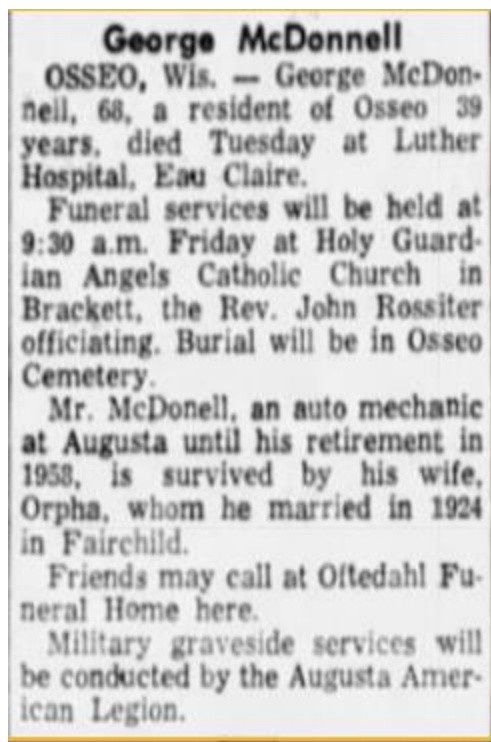
F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA

McDonell, George Alexander
1894 WI – 1960 WI



Obituary spells surname as McDonnell – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 9 Dec 1960 p 10

George McDonell of Osseo Dies

OSSEO (Special — George McDonell, 68, a resident of Osseo for the past 39 years, died Tuesday at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a. m. Friday at Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Brackett with Rev. John Rossiter officiating. Burial will be in the Osseo Cemetery.

Mr. McDonell, an auto mechanic at Augusta until his retirement in 1958, is survived by his wife, Orpha, whom he married in 1924 in Fairchild.

Friends may call at the Oftedahl Funeral Home here where the rosary will be said at 7 p. m. today.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Augusta American Legion.

16-11453-12		WW I	WW II	KOREA	ORIGINAL
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE (Print or Type) McDONELL, George A.			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit both copies)		
2. SERVICE NUMBER 250969			3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER 20 483 940		
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) 7-15-17			5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) 5-29-19		
6. STATE Wisconsin			7. MEDALS		
8. GRADE, BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT AND DIVISION PFC U.S. ARMY Co. A 4th Wis. Inf.					
9. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) April 18, 1892					
10. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) 12-6-60					
11. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) ☐ NO EMBLEM					
12. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER					
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FOR VERIFICATION JAN 31 1961			ORDERED H. E. FLETCHER CO., INC. WEST CHELMSFORD, MASS.		
B/L A 3451398			CONTRACTOR FEB 20 1961		
13. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Osseo Cemetery, Osseo, Wisconsin			14. 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 United States, soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States.		
I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Mrs. Chester Haugen, Osseo, Wis.			RELATIONSHIP Niece		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Mrs. Chester Haugen</i>			DATE 1-17-61		
15. FREIGHT STATION Eau Claire Wisconsin					
16. SHIP TO (Print or type name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Johnson Monument Eau Claire, Wisconsin					
The applicant for this stone or marker has made arrangements with me to transport same to the cemetery.					
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PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.					
IMPORTANT - Item 17 on reverse side must be completed.					

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Harvey is the only Eau Claire man unaccounted for among the soldiers on the Tuscania. The list of survivors received Saturday contained the name of Clarence J. Jaquish of the town of Brunswick. Additions to the list since then have given the names of Ernest Dearth, James Falch, and Edward Dillon of Eau Claire, and that of George McDonald, who had been in Eau Claire for two years previous to enlisting, being an employe of the Taylor Motor Car company, but who gave his residence as Augusta.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

Wife:

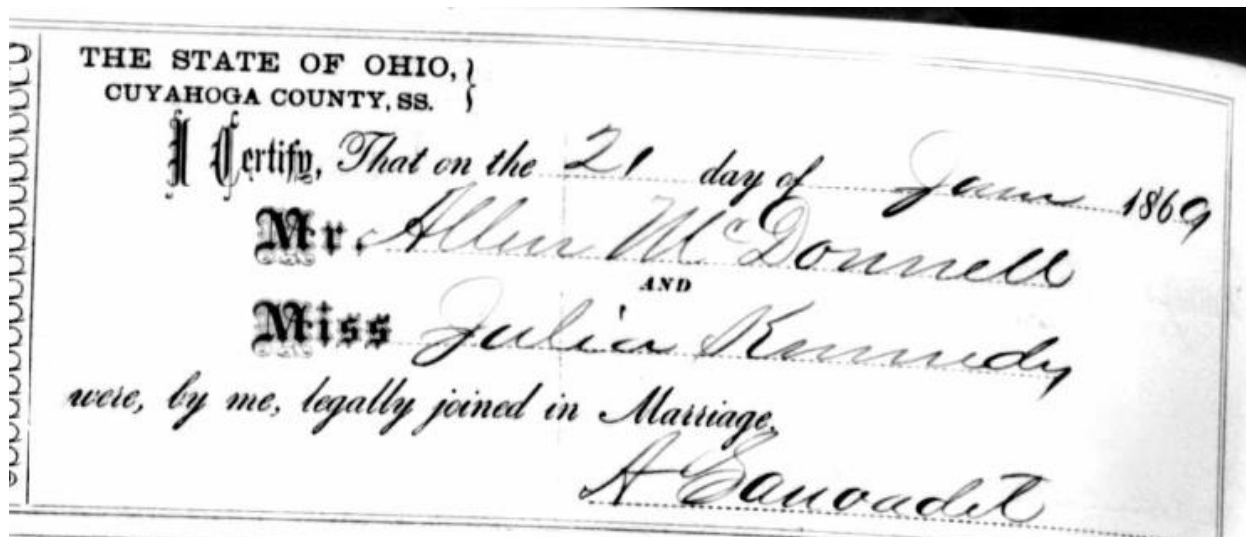
Mrs. Orpha McDonell

OSSEO^N (Special) -- Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Mrs. Orpha McDonell, 75, who died Friday at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Stillman, Osseo; one brother, Ray Thompson, Alberta, Canada; and several nieces and nephews.

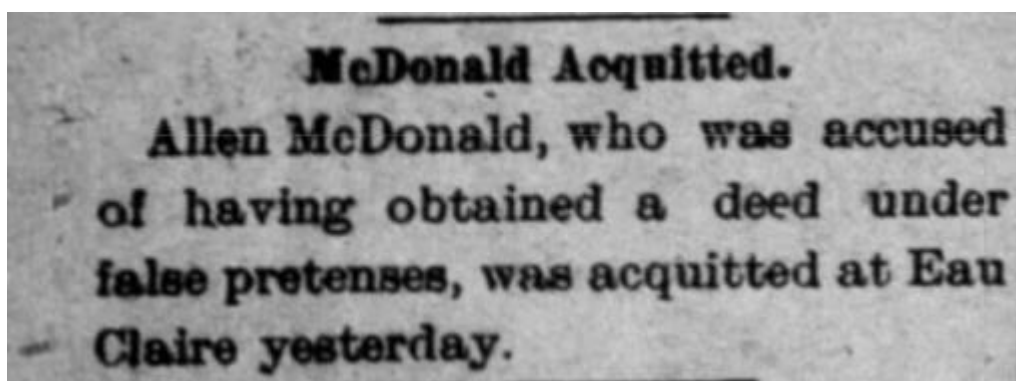
Friends may call at the Oftedahl Funeral Chapel here from Tuesday until Wednesday noon. Services will be held at 2 p.m. from the Osseo Congregational Church, Rev. Donald Kurtz officiating. Burial will be in the Osseo Cemetery.

Obituary of wife Orpha B. Thomson Olia McDonald – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram”
 Sunday 24 Feb 1963 p 2

Parents:



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Father? “Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Thursday 20 Feb 1896 p 3

The case of the state (C. S. Baker complainant) against Allan D. McDonald, charged with obtaining a deed under false pretenses, was dismissed yesterday in municipal court. Mr. McDonald returned the deed in question to the company represented by Mr. Baker. John P. Wall, of Chippewa Falls, was McDonald's attorney.

"Eau Claire (WI) Daily Telegram" Thursday 20 Feb 1896 p 1

AN OLD RESIDENTER.

Mr. D. A. Kennedy, of Ashland is in the city attending the funeral of his brother-in-law Allen McDonald of Otter Creek, an old pioneer of that town for 37 years. The funeral takes place this Sunday at St. Patrick's church. The procession is in charge of John H. Fleming will arrive over the Otter Creek road at one o'clock. Mr. Kennedy lived here twelve years. He was at one time alderman for the Sixth. In those days he manufactured sash and doors. He notices great improvements in this city.

Funeral of father Allen McDonell/McDonald, attended by his wife's brother – "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Sunday 12 Apr 1896 p 5

Siblings:



Obituary of sister Mary McDonell Cook – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Friday 11 Jan 1946 p 2

Catharinam Johannam McDonald

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

Name:	Catharinam Johannam McDonald
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	7 Sep 1873
Baptism Place:	Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Father:	Allen McDonald
Mother:	Julia Kennedy
FHL Film Number:	1316599

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Detail Source

Name:	Alex Patricum McDonald
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	17 Mar 1875
Baptism Date:	18 Apr 1875
Baptism Place:	Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Father:	Allen McDonald
Mother:	Julia Kennedy
FHL Film Number:	1316599

Alex Patricum McDonald

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1161073:2544>

George Alexander McDonell

United States World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

Name:	George Alexander McDonell
Event Type:	Draft Registration
Event Date:	1942
Event Place:	Augusta, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, United States
Residence Place:	Augusta, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Sex:	Male
Employer:	George Alexander/McDonell
Birth Date:	18 Apr 1894

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/M48F-14M>

Detail Source

Name:	Ellen Marjore McDonnell
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	2 Mar 1877
Birth Place:	Ottercreek, Wisconsin
Father:	Allen D McDonnell
Mother:	Julia Kennedy
SSN:	472101448
Notes:	Dec 1936: Name listed as ELLEN MARJORE MCDONNELL

Ellen Marjore McDonnell

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

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Name: George Alexander McDonell

Name variations: McDonnell – often McDonald

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - private

Serial number: 250,969

Entered service from: Augusta, Eau Claire WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: George A. McDonell

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother Alleck McDonell, Augusta WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: George A. McDonell

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Alexander McDonell, Augusta WI (PFC, Co. A, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as George Alexander McDonell - b. 18 Apr 1893 Ashland WI; res: 416 N. Barstow, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Single. Automobile mechanic, Taylor Motor Car Co., Eau Claire WI. Medium height, stout build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Augusta WI (listed as McDonnell) (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as George Alexander McDonell - b. 18 Apr 1894 Ashland WI; res: Augusta, Eau Claire WI – Unable to locate actual record, only the summary.

Veterans Administration Military Index: born 18 Apr 1893

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: Augusta WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Co. A, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 18 Apr 1894 Ashland (Ashland or Bayfield counties) WI (WWII draft) - 18 Apr 1893 (WWI draft) - 18 Apr 1892 (tombstone)

Died: 6 Dec 1960 Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co. WI

Find A Grave record: 15410393 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Osseo, Trempealeau WI

Cemetery: Osseo

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin PFC US Army WWI

Father: Allen (Allan) McDonnell, ca. 1828 Glengarry, Ontario Canada - Apr 1896 WI. Died at age 69 years, 7 months, 6 days. Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI.

Find A Grave: 134701326

Mother: Julia M. Kennedy McDonell/McDonald, 3 Oct 1837 Scotland – 3 Jul 1924 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Daughter of Alexander Kennedy & Christina McDonald. Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI.

Find A Grave: 134701730

Parents' marriage: 21 Jun 1869 Cuyahoga Co. OH

Spouse: Orpha Belle Thomson Olia McDonnell, 4 Jan 1888 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI – 22 Feb 1963 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Daughter of Alonzo Delos Thomson & Cora Adell Burgess.

First married to Peter Elmer Olia (6 Apr 1884 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI – 20 Apr 1912 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI, the son of Thomas P. & Betsy Olia. The "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Saturday 1 Feb 1913 p 8 discusses the County Court hearing on claims on the estate of Peter Olia, deceased.

Peter is buried in Osseo Cemetery, Osseo, Trempealeau WI. His F: 203365097

Spouse Find A Grave: 15577289

Marriage: 1924 Fairchild, Eau Claire WI

Children:

Siblings:

- Mary Ann McDonnell Cook, 7 Jul 1871 WI – 9 Jan 1946. Wife of Thomas J. Cook (1872-1957, F: 134701245). Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 134701195
- Catharine Jennette (Johannam in Latin version) McDonnell, 13 Aug 1873 WI – 9 Jun 1927 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Baptized 7 Sep 1873 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI.
- Alexander Patrick McDonell, 17 Mar 1875 WI – 1934. "Alex Patricum" (names were commonly Latinized in this period for Catholic baptisms) was baptized 18 Apr 1875 in St.

Patrick's Catholic Church, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. Married in 1920 to Lillian S. Shiel (1884-1967). On his WWI draft registration (12 Sep 1918) he was self-employed at a garage & farming, with NOK Julia McDonnel [his mother]. Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 134701782

- Ella/Ellen Mary/Marjore McDonnel, 2 Mar 1877 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI – 1951. Buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI. F: 134700664

Notes: Ancestry.com family trees have incorrect parents & also have George's mother simultaneously married to – and having children with – Patrick McGrath while married to & having children with Allen McDonnel, whose name appears on the census & on her children's birth records.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" Tuesday 1 Jan 1918 p 5 – George Alexander McDonell of 416 N. Barstow St. is one of the men whose draft questionnaire will be mailed tomorrow. [Lack of communication as he had joined the Army on 15 Jul 1917]

this may be George McDonell or could be misidentified: "Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" 12 Feb 1918 p 1 - no news yet about George McDonald, who lived in Eau Claire 2 years prior to enlisting. Employed at Taylor Motor Co., but gave his residence as Augusta WI

Post-war:

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Thursday 28 Feb 1935 p 10 [begins on p 1] – a Last Man's Club is being established by Chippewa Falls WI veterans of war units. One of the veterans from the area is George A. McDonell.

Obituary:

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" 8 Dec 1960 p 3 - age 68, Osseo WI resident for past 39 years/ Funeral 9 Dec 1960 at Brackett WI, with burial in Osseo. Auto mechanic at Augusta WI until he retired in 1958. Survived by wife Orpha, whom he married 1924 in Fairchild WI. Military rites at grave by Augusta American Legion.

Social Security number: 393-07-2238

Censuses:

1880 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI

Allan McDonald [sic], 52 Canada, parents b. Canada, farmer

Julia McDonald, 42 Scotland, parents b. Scotland, keeping house

Mary McDonald, 8 WI

Catherine J., 7 WI

Alexander P., 5 WI

Ellen M., 3 WI

& aunt Mary Kennedy, 72 Scotland, parents b. Scotland

& mother-in-law Christie Kennedy, 66 Scotland, parents b. Scotland

& servant John Beem, 24 WI, father b. England, mother b. Russia

1900 Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI

Alexander McDonell, 25 WI, Mar 1875, single, father b. Canada, mother b. Scotland, farmer

Mary A. McDonell, 27 WI, Jul 1872, widowed, father b. Canada, mother b. Scotland, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living [sister]

Mary Kennedy, 96 Scotland, Apr 1804, single [great-aunt]

George McDonell, 8 WI, Apr 1892, father b. Canada, mother b. unknown, at school [boarder – Alexander's brother]

& 2 servants:

Robert B. Ellis, 22 WI, father b. NY, mother b. unknown, farm laborer

Archie R. Cook, 17 WI, father b. NY, mother b. Canada, farm laborer

1905 WI state census – Otter Creek, Eau Claire WI - conducted 1 Jun 1905

A.P. McDonell, 29 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. Scotland, farmer

Julia McDonell, 69 Scotland, parents b. Scotland [lodger – i.e. his mother]

Mary, 30 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. Scotland, housekeeper [sister]

George, 19 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. Scotland [brother]

& farm laborer Ivrus Stubbe, 20 WI

1920 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – S. Farwell St.

George McDonell, 27 WI, parents b. WI, single, mechanic, garage, roomer with:

Mrs. E.M. Snead, 56 WI, widow, father b. IN, mother b. WI [head of household]

Mrs. Bertha Morgan, 37 WI, widow, father b. WI, mother b. OH, teacher [daughter]

Frank Lundburg, 27 Sweden, motion picture operator, theatre [roomer]

William Toy, 40 US, mechanic, garage [roomer]

1930 Augusta, Eau Claire WI – Perkins St.

Laura A. Kimball, 57 WI, parents b. NY, widow, telephone operator, telephone office

Charlotte L. Hudson, 77 NY, parents b. NY, widow [mother]

George A. McDonell, 36 WI, parents b. WI, single, mechanic, auto garage, WWI veteran [boarder]

1940 Osseo, Trempealeau WI – same house in 1935

George McDonell, 49 WI, mechanic, garage

Orpha, 53 WI [wife]