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

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

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

**One of the “Spooner boys” of Spooner WI
Nolan, Ernest Cornelius
1892 WI – 1940 WI**



Photograph from the "Superior (W) Telegram 14 Feb 1918, describing the sinking of the Tuscania" – in the mistaken belief that Ernest was a Superior resident.



Ernest Cornelius Nolan – “Spooner (WI) Advocate” 15 Feb 1918 p 1



Ernest Cornelius Nolan – from a nephew - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517379/media/04b5b679-8cfc-47f9-bd52-2aa199f58df2>



Ernest Cornelius Nolan - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517379/media/8efaeb1f-e1dd-4f9e-a5d9-ddd61689595a>



Ernest Cornelius Nolan is seated, front row, far right, on the Minong Wi baseball team – “Spooner (WI) Advocate” 7 Apr 2016



Ernie's grave can be found by entering the Spooner Cemetery from the middle gate (with brick entry posts) on Highway 70 & going straight ahead. His grave is on the right.

Photograph by Marilyn Gahm, August 2016



Ernest Cornelius Nolan – Find A Grave 210279564



Marilyn Gahm placing flowers and pouring scotch on the grave of Spooner Tuscania survivor, Ernest Cornelius Nolan, in the Spooner Cemetery, on the 100th anniversary of the Tuscania's sinking, February 5, 2018 (photograph courtesy of the Spooner Advocate)

The Superior, WI Telegram of Saturday Feb 16 1918 Headlined: "Of hundreds aboard Tuscania, but one North Wisc. soldier is Lost." Pictured Ernest C. Nolan of Shell Lake, Wis. Story: Ernest C. Nolan of the 107th Engineer Train, Brother of William Nolan of Itasca, has been reported among the survivors from the ill-fated Tuscania. Young Nolan enlisted in the National Guard at Spooner, Wis. with Co E of the Sixth Wisconsin, going from there to camp Douglas and thence to Camp MacArthur at Waco (TX). While in the Texas camp he was transferred to the 107th Engineer Train. For a time it was thought that Nolan was a Superior man, but this is not true. The Shell Lake soldier at one time worked at Itasca and gave his brother, William Nolan, of this city as his nearest relative and from that it was supposed that he was a Superior Man. The SS Tuscania (built 1914) was a luxury liner of the Cunard Subsidiary Anchor Line, named after a town in Italy. She was Torpedoed in 1918 by the German U-Boat UB 77 while carrying U.S. Troops to Europe and sank with a loss of 210 lives. Note for all you WA state readers: Another surviving passenger was: Harry R. Truman, who was buried in his lodge at Spirit Lake when Mt St. Helens blew up in 1980

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517379/media/9c5e00c2-bff9-4360-8ee4-5341eea8cb22>

WAR DEPARTMENT O. G. M. G. FORM NO. 423 Approved Aug. 25, 1919 Revised May 18, 1921		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE (PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)				
Enlistment dates <u>July 26th, 1917</u>		Discharge dates <u>May 27th, 1919</u>				
Name <u>Nolan, Ernest O.</u>		Rank <u>Private 1st Class</u>	Company <u>107th Engineer Train</u>	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel <u>32nd Div.</u>	Date of Death <u>Oct. 24th, 1940</u>	
Name of Cemetery <u>Spooner Protestant</u>		Located in or near <u>Spooner, Wis.</u>		If World War Veteran		
		City <u>Spooner,</u>	State <u>Wis.</u>	Division <u>32nd Div.</u>	State <u>Wis.</u>	Emblem <u>Christian</u>
To be shipped to <u>Mrs. Ernest O. Nolan</u>		at <u>Spooner, Wisconsin.</u>				
Whose post-office address is <u>Spooner, Wisconsin.</u>						
DO NOT WRITE HERE To A. G. O. <u>NOV 27 1940</u> Ordered <u>2529776</u> B/L <u>12-21-40</u> Shipped <u>12-21-40</u>		This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to promptly accept the headstone at destination, remove it and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. <u>Edward L. Morey</u> , Applicant. Address <u>Spooner, Wis.</u> Date <u>October 31st, 1940</u>				

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Ernest C Nolan

in the U.S., General Land Office Records, 1776-2015

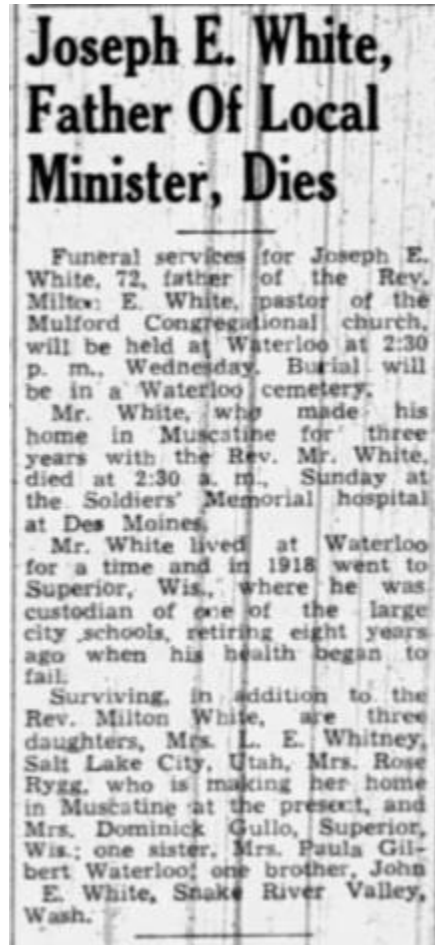
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this Ernest Cornelius Nolan in Lake of the Woods Co. MN (on the border with Canada) in 1920? -

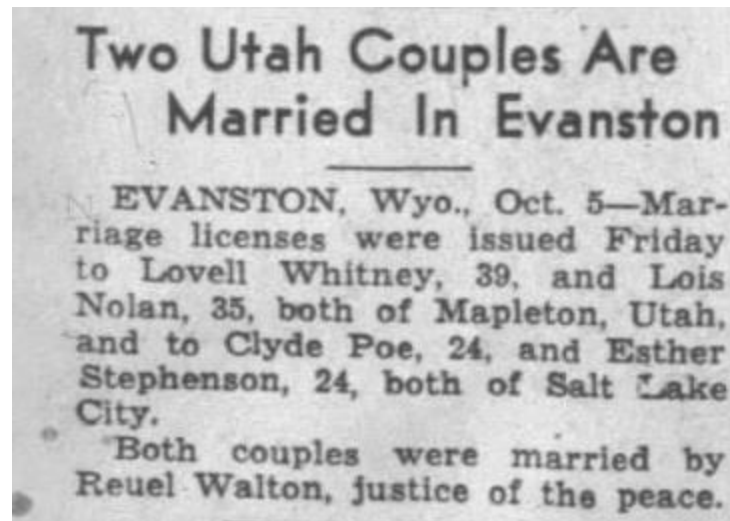
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Wife #1



Obituary of his former father-in-law Joseph E. White, died 14 Oct 1945 – “Muscatine (IA) Journal”
Tuesday 16 Oct 1945 p 3



Marriage of Lois Electa White Nolan to Lovell Whitney in Evanston, Uinta WY – "Ogden (UT) Standard-Examiner" Sunday 6 Oct 1940 p 4

Lovell Whitney

SALT LAKE CITY — Funeral services for Lovell Whitney, 73, of 535 S. 200 E., Salt Lake City, who died Monday, Aug. 18, 1975 in a Salt Lake City hospital, will be Thursday at noon at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple.

Mr. Whitney was a native of Mapleton and brother of three Utah County residents.

He was born Nov. 14, 1901 to Harvey Alonzo and Claudia Johnson Whitney. He married Lois Nolan in 1940 and they were later divorced. He married Venice Eliza Child on May 9, 1950 in Elko, Nev.

A retired carpenter, Mr. Whitney worked for government industries in California and Seattle during World War II. Since his retirement, he had worked as a security guard for First Security Bank in Salt Lake City.

Survivors include his widow; five brothers and one sister, Glen Whitney, Provo; Ray Whitney, Springville; Del DelMar Whitney, Mapleton; Lavon Whitney, Salt Lake City; Lawrence Whitney, Granada Hills, Calif., and Mrs. Wayne (Mozelle) Braithwaite, Ogden.

Friends may call at the mortuary Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursday prior to services. Burial will be in Springville Evergreen Cemetery.

Obituary of Lois Electa White Nolan Whitney's husband, Lovell Whitney – "Provo (UT) Daily Herald" Tuesday 19 Aug 1975 p 4

Stanley G. McKenney, 73, of Sun City, a retired Union Pacific Railroad telegraph operator, died Dec. 5, 1996. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., and was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; son, John; and two grandchildren. Services were private. Contributions: Leukemia Society, 2990 E. Northern Ave., Suite E-100, Phoenix, AZ 85028. Menke Funeral Home.

Obituary of Lois Electa White Nolan Whitney McKenney's ex-husband Stanley Gordon McKenney –
"Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) Sunday 8 Dec 1996 p 42

Siblings:



Siblings George Nolan, Mae Nolan Whitehead, William Nolan, Nov 1958 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517359/media/a3980775-5ba8-410a-aba3-645b3b95c892>



Ernest's nephew Stanley Whitehead, his brother William Nolan, Ernest's brother-in-law Harry Whitehead (husband of his sister Mae & father of Stanley) & brother George C. Nolan – Nov 1958 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517359/media/08820786-e00d-43b3-b912-a8882e34a2ac>



Brother John Elsworth Nolan (1876-1943) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1638088699/media/2da21269-0318-4963-8b94-a4f8b16b08db>



Sharon Nolan with her great-uncle John Elsworth Nelson, ca. 1942 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1638088699/media/0cb80619-b302-4166-9664-f8a8cb916ce9>

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1960	1. NAME (Print) John Elsworth Nolen (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1913 Lack Ave. Superior Douglas Wis. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE 7279	5. AGE IN YEARS 63	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Grand Lake (Town or county)	
DATE OF BIRTH Feb 19 1897 (Month) (Day) (Yr.)		7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. John Nolen, 1913 Lack Ave. Superior, Wis. (Name) (Address) (City) (State)	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS N.W. Ry. Co.			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Superior Douglas Wis. (Number and street or R.F.D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		16-21630-2 John E. Nolen (Registrant's signature)	

WWII draft registration of brother John Elsworth NOLEN – http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?_phsrc=APr216&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&rank=1&new=1&MSAV=1&msT=1&gss=angs-g&gsfn=FrankieLee&gsln=Nolen&msbdy=1891&msbpn__ftp=&msddy=&msdpn__ftp=&cpxt=0&catBucket=p&uidh=000&cp=0&geo_a=r&o_iid=62817&o_lid=62817&o_sch=Web%20Property&gl=RO_OT_CATEGORY&gst=&ghc=50&fh=50&fsk=BEEw5qUIgAAERQUp-47-Qs-61-



Ernest's brother William Henry Nolan & Maude Nolan - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517359/media/838c670c-9f0c-4bea-831b-200c1378e13b>



Brother William Henry Nolan (1877-1963) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517359/media/86e1424f-1b9c-4b4f-b555-3c82fed5038c>



From left: Eugene Nolan (twin of Augustus), John Elsworth Nolan – Augustus Nolan (twin of Eugene)
– 1887, in WI - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1638088699/media/92b81bc4-3ee5-41b1-8c9b-40bc6988d3c6>



Brother Eugene Francis Nolan (1884/1885-1937) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517373/media/024f1802-960e-48c1-a0ef-db65131c60a8>

Eugene F. Nolan

Funeral services for Eugene F. Nolan, 51, of 832 Logan Avenue, who died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Presbyterian hospital following an emergency operation for ruptured gastric ulcer, will be conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Kearns Garden chapel by Rev. P.B. Chenault, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist church. Death was caused by general peritonitis. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Nolan was born April 27, 1885, at Turtle Lake, Wis. He married Florence Storey June 2, 1913, at Spooner, Wis. Eight years ago he came with his family to Waterloo from Breckenridge, Minn. He was employed at the John Deere Tractor plant, and was a member of Walnut Street Baptist church.

Surviving are the widow, four sons, George, Ward, Patrick and Ernest, and two daughters, Elaine and Laurene, all at home; three brothers, William Nolan, Minneapolis, Minn; John, Superior, Wis., and Ernest, Spooner, Wis., and one sister, Mrs. May Whitehead, of Brodhead, Wis.

Source: Waterloo Daily Courier, 22 Mar 1937

Note: The newspaper bio is in error regarding the daughter, Laurene. There was a son, Lawrence, but no Laurene.

From the Find A Grave of brother Eugene Francis Nolan

DEATHS

MRS. FLORENCE NOLAN.

Mrs. Florence Nolan, 59, of 42 Congress court, died at 3:30 a. m. Friday at Allen Memorial hospital of a heart ailment.

She was born Aug. 8, 1891, and was married to Eugene Nolan, June 2, 1913.

Mrs. Nolan had lived in Waterloo for 21 years, coming here from Breckinridge, Minn.

She was a member of Walnut Street Baptist church.

Survivors include five sons, George and Patrick, both of 42 Congress court, Ward, Davenport, Ia., Lawrence, Cedar Falls, and Ernest, Sherwood Park, one daughter, Mrs. Robert Hileman, Sherwood Park, four grandchildren, four brothers, Manley Storey, Breckinridge, Lewis Storey, Fergus Falls, Minn., Elmer, St. Paul, Minn., and Jack, somewhere in California, and four sisters, Mrs. Alberta Baker and Mrs. Earl Caulkins, both of Breckinridge, Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Austin, Minn., and Mrs. Frank Godfrey, Lansing, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and one grandson.

The body is at Kearns Garden chapel where final arrangements are being completed.

Obituary of Eugene Francis Nolan's wife Florence Storey Nolan – obituary from “Waterloo (IA) Daily Courier” – either published 22 Sep 1950 or she died 22 Sep 1950 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517373/media/ddaf2a3d-5224-4d6f-94cd-cc07f6808900>

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Daughter Laurene was actually son Lawrence – obituary of brother Eugene Francis Nolan (1885-1937) – “Waterloo (IA) Daily Courier” Monday 22 Mar 1937 p 2 (also copied on his Find A Grave 21687811)



Ernest's brother Augustus Albert Nolan (1884/1885-1926) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/b6b8cd1d-e4be-405f-969c-6ec1d8ce0404>



Brother Augustus Albert Nolan & his 2nd wife, Harriet Olive Clark - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/c2624268-f24f-4ee5-abb8-4a61c5335635>



Augustus Albert Nolan - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/34e4fabf-0c69-4f87-8d0e-b7b89ab0ac8b>



Augustus Albert Nolan taking a tuberculosis cure in WA - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/d0ee05ec-bc98-4b94-b25b-aab041502a80>



Wedding of Augustus Albert Nolan & his 2nd wife, Harriet Olive Clark -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/9576123c-4778-4cf7-b345-326e32cbb80d>



Augustus Albert Nolan with his children: MayBell Ferrel Nolan, Gladys Irene Nolan & Ernest Rockford Nolan (named for his brother?) – <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1474977685/media/2af24135-2d75-451e-94a6-8f76d943777b>



Brother George Coleman Nolan - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/24118005/person/1624517377/media/7c6d5418-3089-4300-9a13-156903b39454>



Sister Mae Marie Nolan Whitehead (1896-1967) – Find A Grave 158916798

Name: Ernest Cornelius Nolan

Name variations: Ernie Nolan – surname also found as Nolen; some of his siblings used that spelling

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,713

Entered service from: Itasca, Superior WI (where his brother lived)

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ernest C. Nolan

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: brother W.M. Nolan, 714 E. 2nd St., Itasca WI

Returned from war on: "Haverford" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ernest C. Nolan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother William Nolan, Itasca WI (PFC, 107th Engineer Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ernest Nolan - b. 14 Sep 1892 Turtle Lake WI; res:

Spooner, Washburn WI. Single. Railroad brakeman, CSPM & Omaha Railway, Northern District.

Medium height & build, [Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 26 Jul 1917

Discharged: 27 May 1919

Address: Spooner WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 107 Eng Tn

Birth & death:

Born: 14 Sep 1892 Turtle Lake, Barron WI

Died: 24 Oct 1940 Rice Lake, Barron WI [taken ill on 2 Oct 1940 & taken to the hospital in Rice Lake, Barron WI the following day where he died]

Find A Grave record: 210279564 - also found at: spoonercemetery.com & on a personal visit

Burial location: Spooner, Washburn WI

Cemetery: Spooner

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Wisconsin Pvt 1CL 107 Engr Tn 32 Div

Father: Edward John/James Nolan, Jun 1851 IN – 17 Jun 1909 at his home, 4 miles from Minong, Washburn WI, of pneumonia. Son of John Nolan & Isabelle/Isabella Nolan, both born in Ireland. In 1870, Edward lived with his parents & sister in Richmond, St. Croix WI, where the family farmed. In 1880 John & wife “Elisabet” & 2 sons lived in Turtle Lake, Barron WI, where he farmed. His obituary said he was survived by 7 sons & 2 daughters [but Anna had died in 1902] & called him “one of Washburn County’s oldest citizens.” Buried in Minong, Washburn WI.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Mary Elizabeth Hoyt Nolan, May 1855 NY – 11 May 1911 Minong, Washburn WI. Buried in Minong Cemetery, Minong, Washburn WI alongside her husband & daughter.

Died at age 55 years, 11 months, 18 days.

Find A Grave:

Parents’ marriage: 22 Apr 1876 in Clayton, Polk WI.

Spouse: Lois Electa White Nolan Whitney McKenney, 5 Aug 1905 IA – 5 Jul 1994 (last residence Newark, Alameda CA). SSN 397-10-2305. Daughter of Joseph E. White (1874-1945, F: 80667603) & Anna Evelyne Garland White Ackerman (F: 31054662). Lois E. White (age 4) lives in East Waterloo township, Black Hawk IA in 1910, with father Joseph E. (age 36 IA) & Anna E. (36 IA) & younger brother Milton E. (1 IA). Lois E. White (14) is living in Superior Ward 9, Douglas Co. WI with parents Joseph E. (45), Anna E. (43) & siblings Milton E. (10), Rose E. (6) & Ruth E. (2), all born in Iowa. She was the niece of Milton LeRoy Garland (b. 30 Apr 1883) & Grace Luaia (b. ca. 1894 WI) Garland; Milton was an Omaha Railway employee in Spooner WI & lived there as a single man in the 1910 census, but was married by the time of the WWI draft registration on 12 Sep 1918.

The Garlands are also listed in the 1920 and 1930 censuses as living in Spooner, Washburn WI. The Garlands resided at 613 Franklin Street, Spooner. Lois had lived with her uncle & aunt in Spooner for the previous 4 years before her 1923 marriage, graduating from Spooner High School in 1922. Ernest had been a brakeman for the Omaha Railway Co. for several years, but “owing to slack business,” he had gone to Morrison, Ontario, Canada, where he operated a fruit farm. Ernest and Lois headed for their home in Canada by car after the wedding. The *Spooner Advocate* of 14 Mar 1924 reported that E.C. & Lois (White) Nolan of Morrison, Ontario, Canada, had arrived in Spooner Sunday to spend a month’s visit with her aunt and uncle, Milton & Grace Garland. Milton’s obituary appears in the *Spooner Advocate* of 16 Dec 1937.

Lois E. Nolan married Lovell Whitney (1901-1975, F: 83618) on 4 Oct 1940 in Evanston, Uinta WY. Lois Electa Whitney married on 11 Apr 1947 in Boise, Ada ID to Stanley Gordon McKenney. Stanley was born 25 Aug 1923 WA & died 5 Dec 1996 AZ. The son of Clifford A. McKenney & Nina E. Halverson. Stanley is buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Maricopa AZ, F: 979297.

Lois died with the surname McKenney.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 15 Jul 1923 in Spooner, Washburn WI. Divorced by Mar 1938.

Spouse: Jeannette Rose Leach Cuddigan Nolan Costello Busch, 19 Jun 1913 Draper, Sawyer WI – 9 Sep 1978 Broward Co. FL. Her 1st name is also found spelled Jeanette and Janet. Daughter of Leo Francis Leach & Mary Sophia Hyland.

On 8 Sep 1931 in Anoka Co. MN, Jeannette Leach married Gerald Alfred (“Jerry”) [sometimes found as Andrew] Cuddigan, born 18 Aug 1910 Wadena Co. MN, died 29 Aug 1946 Superior, Douglas WI (a resident of Moose Lake MN). He was the son of Bartholomew Oliver Cuddigan (1867-1953) & Mary Ann Welsh (1874-1942). Gerald’s 1st wife was Esterre [Josephine Esther] Lonestar (1908-1930 WI), the daughter of John H. Lonestar & Rebecca M. Hart, both Ojibwa Native Americans. Esther, a Spooner High School graduate of 1926, married Gerald on 24 Aug 1929. Gerald & Esterre’s son Thomas Gerald Cuddigan (1930-1991, F: 210468764) was born 24 Apr 1930 & Esterre died 5 May 1930, eleven days after Thomas’s birth. Janet Leach & her parents remained friends with the Lonestar family after Janet divorced Gerald Cuddigan. The “Spooner (WI) Advocate” of 21 May 1936 reported that Washburn County WI Sheriff O’Connor had traveled to Glasgow MT to take Gerald Cuddigan into custody as a parole violator. The “Advocate” of 18 Jun 1936 reported that upon being returned to Washburn Co. WI, Cuddigan was sentenced to 1 year to 18 months in the WI state reformatory for failure to support his wife & 2 children.

They had 2 sons, Gerald Walter Cuddigan & Patrick Leo Cuddigan. When she is married to Ernest Nolan, their names appear as Nolan on the census. They are buried with the surname Costello. (See below) Gerald went on to marry on 29 Nov 1942 in AR to Edith Alvina Ward (1910-1972, F: 98463091) & in 1946 to Rachael Maynard (1924-1956, F: 64647829).

His ex-wife Janet Costello & son Jerry attended Gerald Cuddigan's funeral.

Seven months after Ernest Nolan's death a widowed Jeannette Nolan married Dr. Augustus Edmund Costello (2 Jun 1877 Albany NY – 26 Mar 1961 Spooner, Washburn WI) on 12 Jun 1941 in Pine City, Pine MN. Dr. Costello had begun practicing medicine in Spooner WI on 2 Mar 1901 & had married Maud Ellen Park on 2 Jun 1902 in Spooner, Washburn WI. By 1935, he was living as a boarder at the George W. Harmon home while Maud lived in the couple's former home on River Street in Spooner. Augustus & Maud had 2 sons, Maurice Edmund Costello (b. 5 Jul 1905) & Joseph Earl (b. 11 or 13 Jul 1907), both in Spooner WI. Dr. Costello adopted Jeannette's 2 Cuddigan sons & their surnames became Costello. Dr. Costello is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI. F: 172223020. He married his 3rd wife, Olive I. Truman of St. Paul, Ramsey MN in Pine Co. MN on 13 Feb 1951.

Janet was active in groups like the American Legion & often hosted parties in Spooner WI. On 14 Feb 1948 she purchased the Spooner Café from James Kalles at 137 Walnut Street, Spooner's main business street & renamed it Janet's Café, and had renamed it Janet's Topper Café by 22 Apr 1948. In Aug 1948, Augustus & Janet Costello purchased the former H.S. Macho resident at 4th & Oak in Spooner & occupied it with her sons Jerry & Pat Costello & her parents Mr. & Mrs. Leach. In spring or summer 1950, Janet divorced Dr. Costello. The local paper last refers to her as Mrs. A.E. Costello in Apr 1950 when she returns from a trip to the West with her husband.

On 24 Aug 1950, Janet Costello Harold M. ("Ike") Busch in Pine Co. MN. Harold (1914-1978, F: 168735241) was the son of William F. Busch & had previously married Lorraine Hanson (daughter of Casper Hanson) in Hayward, Sawyer WI on 19 Oct 1940. Harold, who had served in WWI & was in the Army Reserve, was called into service in the Korean War as a sergeant, leaving Spooner on 1 Oct 1950. In the 1950s Janet & Harold operated the Topper Café in Spooner WI & the Northwoods Bar in downtown Spooner & in the early 1960s, they operated the Shamrock Supper Club.

Jeannette is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI, with her 4th husband, Harold Busch.

Spouse Find A Grave: 168735331

Marriage: 14 Jan 1939 Pine City, Pine MN.

Stepsons:

- Gerald Walter ("Jerry") Cuddigan Nolan Costello, 22 Jul 1932 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 29 Aug 1981 Hudson, St. Croix WI. Married in 1956 to Rita Beverly O'Brien (1928-2014, F: 130702732), who in 1988 married James Henry Burtis (1932-2003). Gerald is buried with the surname Costello in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Hudson, St. Croix WI. F: 116345494
- Patrick Leo Cuddigan Nolan Costello, 23 Nov 1933 New Richmond, St. Croix WI – 4 Aug 1974 Hayward, Sawyer WI. – Married in 1957 to Kathleen Elias (1935-2006, F: 17743349)

who later married Duane F. Borelli (1932-2004) & is buried with him. – Married in 1965 to Rose Marie Haracz (1919-1994, who had served as a yeoman in the US Navy, F: 146387399). Patrick is buried with the surname Costello in Spooner City Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI. F: 146387367

Siblings: The obituary of Ernest's mother indicated she had given birth to ten children, nine of whom survived her – eight sons, one daughter. Ernest was born after George.

- John Elsworth Nolan/Nolen, 19 Feb 1876 [or 1877] Turtle Lake, Barron WI – 24 Mar 1943 Superior, Douglas WI. The 1877 birthdate is given in John's obituary and on his World War II draft registration card, but that would imply the birth of his next sibling – William – was less than nine months after John's birth. In 1896, according to his obituary, he moved with his parents to Minong, Washburn WI where he then lived for the next 3 years. He married Lulu Maude / Maud Lulu Scovill/Scoville (born Jan 1883 East Lincoln, Polk WI) in Barronett (or perhaps Cumberland), Barron WI on 16 July 16, 1899 [see *Spooner (WI) Register* of 22 Jul 1899]. John builds a new house in Oct 1899. That winter, the couple moves to the logging camp of C. Weare on the St. Croix River to work. Lulu was the daughter of Chester A. and Clarinda Belle (Miller) Scoville. She was the sister of Clara Scoville Jarvis, the legendary female barber of Spooner. In the 1900 census, John E. (age 23) and Maud (age 17) reside in Minong township, Washburn WI, where he is section foreman on the railroad & was elected justice of the peace in the spring election. The *Spooner Register* of 14 Apr 1900 reported John had taken employment with the Omaha Railway. Then John and Maude moved to Spooner WI, reported the 30 Jun 1900 *Register*, where he was a switchman for the Omaha Railway. Two tragedies befall the family in quick succession. Maude had gone to the neighbor's on 17 Dec 1903, leaving her two children with John, who worked nights, asleep in an adjacent room. The two children began playing with the stove fire. According to the *Spooner Register* of 19 Dec 1903, the older child had put the broom the children were playing with into the stove draft, where it caught on fire. Awakened by their cries, John hunted through dense smoke to locate them. Fifteen-month-old Earl Blair Nolen (b. 30 Aug 1902 Minong, Washburn WI) was severely burned & died the next day. On 5 Mar 1904, while switching in the Spooner railyards, the rail cars moved in a direction opposite to what they should have. John slipped or was thrown off. In falling, John threw his left arm across the train track. When the train backed up, his left hand was cut off by a wheel. He received an insurance settlement of \$1,300 from the Trainmen union; \$3,000 from the railroad, which paid physician and hospital bills; and a lifetime job with the railroad doing work that could be done with one hand. In Jul 1904, John sold the "Goheen residence" in Liberty Heights of Spooner to James Killoran. He was working for the railroad in 1906 when he leased his house on Front Street in Spooner to Edward Brand, who had come to town to start the Spooner Pride flour mill. But it appears that John dabbled with the career of storekeeper, renting the Weldon store at Weblake [now called Webb Lake], in Burnett Co. WI, which stocked general merchandise. The *Spooner Register* of 15 Dec 1900 reported that John was thinking of taking a homestead in the McKenzie settlement (by the McKenzie lakes) in Burnett/Washburn counties. With a \$10 purchase by customers in Mar 1907, John provides free delivery within a four-mile distance. This likely prompts the purchase of his new \$65 wagon in Apr 1907. The couple is grateful in Nov 1907 when the community forms a search party when their two-year-old son wanders off & is lost in the woods. John was phoned in Spooner and rushed home. The little fellow eventually wandered out to the main road. In Nov 1907, the distance for free delivery is decreased to three miles. A farewell party is held

in Apr 1908 when the Nolens leave the Webb Lake area to live in Minong on John's farm. John works for the railroad & resides in summer 1909 in Minong, then by Horseshoe Lake later in 1909. In Dec 1909 of that year, John moves his family to the Gull Lake area onto the former property of C. Poths, which he has purchased. In Jan 1910, John is stationed at Itasca WI, where he manages the railroad switching crew & is paid \$5 per day. In 1910, the census records the couple as residing in Gull Lake township, Washburn Co. WI. The *Spooner Advocate* of 7 Oct 1910 prints the summons by plaintiff John E. Nolen, who has brought suit against defendants John J. Elefson, his wife Mrs. John J. Elefson, Francis E. Past, C.F. Coffin & his own two brothers – Edd Nolen and Eugene Nolen. The *Spooner Advocate* of 10 May 1912 in the Stunce Brook neighborhood column notes that Ed Nolen gave a dance in honor of the birthday of his twin brothers, Gus and Gene – after having sued Gene two years earlier! In May 1915, their son Norman's tenth birthday is celebrated at the Nolen home on Vine Street in Spooner. In Nov 1916, the family leaves the Vine Street home to live on their farm west of the powerhouse. At the home on Bashaw Road, John and Maud's three-year-old Charlotte Nolan died 1 June 1917; she was buried in the Spooner Cemetery. In 1920, 1930 and 1940, the censuses list them as living in Superior. October 1912 sees Lulu and their children move to Spokane WA to ease her rheumatism. The family returns from Washington state in Oct 1913. Their daughter is born in Spooner on 19 May 1914. In June 1922, the Spooner newspaper reports that John transferred to Superior WI as a watchman, although the census indicates he moved there earlier. The 25 Oct 1928 *Advocate* notes Mrs. John & Mrs. Norman Nolan of Superior visit the Spooner homes of Myron West and Clara Jarvis. In 1942, John registered for the World War II draft at age 65, living at 1913 Lack Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin, with his wife & is employed by the N.W. Ry. Co. On 3 Mar 1948, John's wife Maud and 2-year-old daughter died in a traffic crossing accident in Superior, Wisconsin. John lived in Superior at the time of his death. His daughter Ruth (Mrs. Myron) West of Antigo WI & son Norman E. of Superior survived him. Norman died suddenly at work at the Walter Butler Shipyards in Superior on 19 Oct 1943 at age 38, having lived the past 21 years at Superior. He was buried in Spooner Cemetery. Son Earl & daughter Inez predeceased John; these two children are buried in Spooner Cemetery along with their parents John and Maude, in block 20, lot 6, just east of the grave of John's brother Ernest Nolan.

- William Henry ("Will"/"Bill") Nolan, 27 Nov 1877 Turtle Lake, Barron WI [Nov 1877 in 1900 census, but 1880 census reports he is 1 year old, therefore indicating a birthdate of ca.1879] – 17 Jan 1963 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. The 1877 date makes his birth barely 9 months after the birth of his next older sibling, John. Will is reported working in the woods & the harvest fields - and in 1899 hauls & buys blueberries for Thomas Pratt. In Sep 1901, Will buys the Crawford property in Minong WI & his father Edward moves into this house. William goes to Blackduck MN (then called "Black Duck") in Dec 1904 to work for the winter. In May 1903, William married Edna Marian ("Mary") Chamberlain, born in Boyceville, Dunn WI in Sep 1887, the daughter of Joseph H. and Claire L. ("Clarey") Chamberlain. Joseph Chamberlain, born 11 Nov 1835 in Maine, served in the Civil War from 1864-1865 as part of Co. C, 10th Minnesota Infantry. Joseph had four wives, and died 21 Jan 1916 in Shell Lake, Washburn WI; he is buried in the Shell Lake Cemetery. In 1900, Joseph, then a Civil War pensioner, was living with 13-year-old Edna in Minong/Veazie, Washburn WI, almost next door to the Nolan family – and William. Will moves his house in Minong in May 1902, so he can put a stone foundation under it. A son is born to Mr. & Mrs. William Nolen of Minong on 19 Mar 1906. In Sep 1909, Will & his family are living in Lampson, Washburn WI. In Mar 1910, Will is transferred to a Shell Lake WI rail-switching job from Lampson. The 1910

census lists William Nolan, 32 WI, living in Shell Lake, Washburn WI with wife Edna (23 WI) & sons Lelan (4 WI)& Irvine (age zero, b. WI). William is employed as a section foreman on the railroad. "W.H." is married at the time of his mother's death on 11 May 1911. In Jun 1911, he uses the services of the L.M. Company to sell his property in 31-41-11 in Lampson. The 1940 census locates William H. Nolan in Ward 9, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, age 62, living with his wife Edna M. (age 52) and children Ray. A. (age 21, born Wisconsin), and Kenneth W. (age 18, born Minnesota). At the time of his brother John's death in March 1943, Will was living in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Edna died 22 May 1942 in Hennepin County MN & is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, F: 173116621. William is buried in the same Hillside Cemetery, F: 173116628.

- James Edward Nolan, 9 Feb 1882 [alternatively: 1883] WI – 30 Jul 1914 Spooner, Washburn WI. Also known as J. Edwin, Edward, Ed, Edd or Edd Jr. – and therefore confused with his father Edward or his brother John Elsworth, who has the same initials. *The Spooner Register* 5 Aug 1899 & 28 Jun 1902 report that Ed Nolen Jr. is working on the railroad. In May 1907, "Edd Nolan Jr." is reported in the Spooner newspaper as visiting from Blackduck MN. The *Spooner Advocate* 7 Oct 1910 publishes the summons to Washburn County WI circuit court by plaintiff John E. Nolen, who has brought suit against six defendants, two of whom are his brothers: Edd Nolen and Eugene Nolen. On 5 Oct 1912, James, identified as "Edwin" in the Spooner newspaper, married Ella Mae Whitehead, daughter of Tunis Whitehead (12 Feb 1831-14 Jan 1914) and Alice Irene Whitehead, at the Methodist parsonage in Spooner, Washburn WI; both were listed as residents of Lampson in Washburn County. Ella was born 16 Mar 1887 Lincoln, Lancaster NE & died 16 Feb 1953 in Brodhead, Green WI. Ella's brother Harry Whitehead marries her husband's sister, Mae Nolan. A son is born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nolen on 4 Nov 1909. When Ella's father Tunis Whitehead dies in Jan 1914, "Edward" and Ella are listed as living about five miles west of Lampson. The "*Spooner Advocate* of 20 Feb 1914 reports that "Ed," who has been seriously ill, goes to Spooner to see a doctor; his brother "G.C." (Gus) comes to the Chicog, Washburn WI area to tend his sick brother. The 27 Feb 1914 newspaper reports that Edward is "now unable to be about." He seeks medical treatment in Spooner in Mar 1914; he died 30 Jul 1914 in Spooner, Washburn WI. The *Advocate* of 5 May 1916 reported: "Mrs. Ellen [sic/Ella] Nolen has sold her farm to Jerry Castler and will give possession this week. Mrs. Nolen and her brother expect to return to their old home at Brodhead." Widowed Ella Mae Whitehead Nolan/Nolen married Benjamin Franklin ("Frank") Stoneback on 19 Jul 1917 in Rockford, Illinois. The wedding was attended by Frank's mother, Mrs. S.E. Stoenback of Stunce Brook, Washburn County WI. The couple returned from Illinois to live in Albany WI where Frank was employed. Ella is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead (Green County), Wisconsin, F: 143393270.
- Eugene Francis Nolan, 27 Apr 1885 [also found as Apr 1884] Turtle Lake, Barron WI – 21 Mar 1937 Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. Twin of Augustus. His name is sometimes spelled "Gean" or "Gene." The *Spooner Register* 26 May 1900 reports that Eugene & his twin brother Gust have gone to Hawthorne WI to work; the twins are 16 years old. He was married at the time of his mother's death on 11 May 1911. The *Spooner Advocate* of 7 Oct 1910 prints the summons to Washburn County WI circuit court by plaintiff John E. Nolen, who has brought suit against six defendants, two of them his brothers: Edd Nolen and Eugene Nolen. Eugene was deceased by the time of his brother John E.'s death in Apr 1943. In Washburn County WI Circuit Court, a judgment of foreclosure was entered 11 March 1911 by W.H. Webb, plaintiff vs. Walter Wall, Minnie Wall & Gean Nolan, defendants. Washburn County Sheriff Sam A. Larson will sell on the steps of the courthouse in Shell Lake WI 160 acres, more or

less, located in section 20, Township 41N, Range 12W. Owing is \$544.12 plus interest. The *Spooner Advocate* of 10 May 1912 in the Stunce Brook neighborhood news column notes that Ed Nolen gave a dance in honor of the birthday of his twin brothers, Gus and Gene. – Married Florence Ruth Storey (1891 SD-1950 IA, F: 34910465), the daughter of Lewis Jay Storey & Fluta Abbno Smith, on 2 Jun 1913 at Spooner, Washburn WI. He moved his family to Waterloo IA from Breckenridge MN about 8 years before his death. He was employed at the John Deere Tractor plant. Eugene died at Presbyterian Hospital following an emergency operation for a ruptured gastric ulcer. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Waterloo, Black Hawk IA. F: 21687811

- Augustus Albert (“Gus”/”Gust”) Nolan, 27 Apr 1885 [also found as 1884] Turtle Lake, Barron WI – 21 Mar 1926 WA. Twin of Eugene. Augustus reports a birthdate on 27 Apr 1885 on his WWI (1917) draft card; he is married to Harriet & living in Seattle WA. The *Spooner Register* of 26 May 1900 reports that Gust & his twin brother Eugene have gone to Hawthorne WI to work; the twins are 16 years old. Gust comes home for a visit from “Black Duck” (Blackduck) MN in Feb 1904; he had been working there for Joe Irvin. “Gust” Nolan married Bessie Maude Clune on 4 Apr 1910 in Hibbing, St. Louis Co. MN. Bessie, daughter of Cornelius & Annar Jeanette (or Annie or Anna J. Fry or Fay) Clune, was born in 1893 in Barron, Barron Co. WI. The couple had 1 child, Gladys Mildred Nolan, born 15 Nov 1912 in Spooner, Washburn WI, died 1988. Gus is married at the time of his mother’s death on 11 May 1911. He and his wife visit Lampson WI in Oct 1911 from their home in Hibbing MN. The *Spooner Advocate* of 10 May 1912 in the Stunce Brook neighborhood news column notes that Ed Nolen gave a dance in honor of the birthday of his twin brothers, Gus & Gene. Gus (“G.C.”) is called “home” (Chicog, Washburn WI) in Feb 1914 to tend to his ill brother, Edward, who becomes incapacitated & who will die that July. The couple is living on their farm near Gull Lake, Washburn Co. WI in May 1912, and in Aug 1912 they visit Bessie’s parents in Hibbing. The family goes to Hibbing to spend the winter of 1912-1913. Mr. & Mrs. Nolan are living in Brooklyn township, Washburn WI in Nov 1913, when they visit Mrs. Nolan’s mother, Mrs. J. Storey, at Tadpole Corners in Washburn County. He was deceased by the time of his brother John E.’s death in Apr 1943. – Augustus married Harriet Olive Clark (23 May 1899 Emerald, St. Croix WI-8 Oct 1991 Bremerton, Kitsap WA) ca. 1915 in MN. Harriet is the daughter of George Rockford & Addie May Clark; they have 5 children between 1916 & 1925. A photograph on Ancestry.com shows him as a tuberculosis patient. – Following Gus’s death, his widow Harriet married Albert Asbury Stephens (1891 WA-1959 WA, F: 195537521) on 22 Nov 1928 in Port Angeles, Clallam WA. Harriet is buried with the surname Herb in Mount Angeles Memorial Park, Port Angeles, Clallam WA, F: 15084915. He is buried (with no marker) as August Nolan in Sharon Cemetery, Porter, Grays Harbor WA. F: 219173810
- George Coleman Nolan/Nolen, 2 Jan 1891 Turtle Lake, Barron WI – 16 Aug 1962 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. George was not married at the time of his mother’s death on 11 May 1911. The *Spooner Advocate* of 30 Jul 1915 noted that “George Nolen left Tuesday evening for Montana.” On 15 Feb 1917 George C. Nolen, age 24, single, indicating a birthdate circa 1893, married Elspeth (Elsie) Evelyn McLagan (1897-1946), age 17, born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to Alexander and Jesse (Handcock) McLagan. The marriage occurred in Big Sandy, Chouteau MT. George registered for the World War I draft (1917) in Chouteau, Teton MT. He was living in Big Sandy MT with his wife, working as a laborer at McNamara-Marlow in Big Sandy. He asked to be deferred to take care of his wife. The *Spooner Advocate* notes George’s visit from Minong on 14 Mar 1912. – George married Charlotte S./Carpender (1906-1986) whose mother’s maiden surname was Mattson. - At

the time of his brother John's death in Mar 1943, George was living in Los Angeles CA. George is buried with the surname "Nolan" at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Plot H482. F: 3482390

- Mae (May) M. Nolan Whitehead, Nov 1895 (1900 census) or 6 Oct 1896 (Find A Grave) Washburn Co. WI – 1 Apr 1967 Monroe, Green WI. She was not married at the time of her mother's death on 11 May 1911 & used the name "May." She married Harry Elsworth Whitehead (F: 158916146) on 3 Jul 1914 at the Spooner, Washburn WI residence of Judge George B. Sage, who officiated at the ceremony. At the time, Mae was a resident of Brooklyn Township, Washburn WI. Harry was born 5 Dec 1883 Boone Co. NE & died 12 May 1963 in Monroe, Green WI. Mae's brother James Edward had married Harry's sister Ella Whitehead. On his World War I draft registration card (12 Sep 1918) Harry lists himself as married, performing farm labor for Robert Douglas, with his next-of-kin as his wife, Mrs. Harry Whithead. References in the *Spooner Advocate* note the couple living in Brodhead, Green WI. In the 1940 census, the couple lived in Spring Grove Township, Green WI. On his 1942 World War II draft registration card, he is a renter in Brodhead MN & his contact person is given as his landlady. Mae & Harry Whitehead are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, Rock County, Wisconsin. Harry's F: 158916146. Mae's Find A Grave: 158916798
- Anna (Annie) Jane Nolan, 6 Jul 1899 Minong, Washburn WI – 10 Dec 1902 Minong, Washburn WI. The *Spooner Register* of 13 Dec 1902 notes that her father came to Spooner WI the day after her death to acquire a coffin for his three-year-old daughter, described as "the only daughter in a large family." This article overlooked the presence of Anna's sister Mae.

Notes:

The Calvary Cemetery in Spooner, Washburn WI, is the western part of the Spooner Cemetery, along Highway 70, west of the city of Spooner itself. The Calvary section has Catholic burials & lies between two sections of the Spooner Cemetery itself. This part of the cemetery is not signed as Calvary.

To the west of Calvary are buried veterans (without upright headstones); this is part of the Spooner Cemetery. There are five Tuscania survivors in this cemetery. Guy William Paulson Sr. & Oscar Ludwig Peterson are buried in the far-west veterans' section with flat stones, Frank Marino (in the Catholic Calvary section) to their east, and Ernest Cornelius Nolan & Harry Albert McCarthy are in the far-eastern Spooner section. Ernest's stepson Patrick Cuddigan Nolan Costello is buried in the Spooner City Veterans Memorial Cemetery, which lies just west of the section where Guy Paulson & Oscar Peterson are buried in the Spooner Cemetery.

Ancestry.com family trees mix Ernest up with his brother George Coleman Nolen/Nolan.

Pre-war:

Ernest moved to Minong, Washburn WI when he was 4 years old (1896) from his birthplace in Turtle Lake, Barron WI. The "Spooner (WI) Advocate" 1 Apr 1943 notes that his brother John E. Nolen [who used the alternative spelling] had moved to Minong in 1896.

The Nolan family often supported itself by working with wood. In January 1897 Edward and sons had finished making wooden ties and were now logging. In May 1897, Edward gets a contract with the Omaha Railway to provide softwood ties for one cent apiece, while his teenage sons John and Willie hire themselves out to work on the railroad. The two sons bicycle home from the harvest fields in October 1898. In July 1898, Edward cuts hay on the Blackburn farm, making \$2.50 per ton. In Aug 1899, Edward's mother, Isabella, moves in with the family, relocating from Turtle Lake WI and by Oct 1899, Edward is building an addition to his home.

In January 1900, Edward Nolan swapped a cornet for a cow with B.F. Grimes. That same month, Ed helped out the constable with arresting "three desperadoes." He serves as a marshal for the Fourth of July in 1901 & is the quarantine enforcer in Minong in Aug 1901. In Nov 1901, Ed was paid \$30 for taking care of smallpox patients. The *Spooner Register* of 2 Nov 1901 notes that other helpers did not get paid

Ed had a logging crew in Jan 1900, while Ernest's brothers William and James Edward were employed in logging camps. The Nolan father and sons were frequently noted as working in the woods. "The four Nolen boys" are noted as going out to and coming back from logging camps. In Nov 1901, Ed builds logging camps. March 1902 finds Ed loading logs from his wood operations onto railroad cars for William Shane.

Will and "Ed" (Ernest's father? or brother?) each bought forty acres of land from the railroad in Section 29, Township 40 North, Range 12 West in April 1900, while their brother John went to work for the Omaha Railway.

Edward rents the Josiah Bond barn in Minong in Apr 1900 & with his “nice driving team” intends to keep sufficient horses to “accommodate the sports this season” – likely driving visitors to recreational spots. His son Will took “the first load” to a new summer resort on Gilmore Lake in Jul 1901. That November, Ed transports four deer from Cranberry Lake for a hunting party from Osceola. Ed took a party of fishermen to Lake Nancy in June 1902, “a fine lake for bass.”

The newspaper often reported Ed's horse trades. The *Spooner Register* of April 27, 1901, remarked: "Ed. Nolen, the hustler of Minong was here over Sunday. Ed. Can show you all the good points in a horse and can tell you all the bad ones in yours." Ouch!

The *Spooner Register* of 26 Apr 1902 acknowledged Ed's diverse talents. "Ed Nolen is an all around trader. If you are on the trade he will most generally accomodate [sic] you."

He moves around the Minong area frequently, renting and relocating, and then hires James Dunlop in May 1900 to build a frame house. In June 1901, "Ed. Nolen has got the stone wall for his house built and will rush the work on it," reported the *Spooner Register* of 29 Jun 1900. The house is still under construction that September. In April 1902 he purchases windows and doors in Shell Lake WI for this new house, which is completed in August 1902.

In April 1902, Ed is elected justice of the peace for Minong township. His clever marketing ploy is to offer a free wedding to the first couple to avail themselves of his matrimonial duties.

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It may have been Ernest who was the “little brother” described in the *Spooner Register* of 14 Jun 1922; Ernest would have been 9 years old at the time & the youngest of the Nolan brothers. “Ed. Nolen jr. had a mishap while hauling a load of lumber down hill where the grade was narrow. At the foot the wagon got to one side and turned bottom side over breaking a plow which was on top of his load and catching his little brother under. By a miracle the little fellow escaped without injury to Ed’s great joy.”

On 9 Aug 1908, while playing for the “Juniors” baseball team of Minong WI, Ernest breaks his collar bone while playing against the Gordon WI team; the bone is set by Dr. Zwickey. The Minong team triumphed, 13-8. In 1911, Ernest was still playing baseball with the Minong team; a team photograph appeared in the 7 Apr 1916, *Spooner Advocate*, which is copied on page 591 of the *Historical Collections of Washburn County*, volume II. In the photograph below, Ernie is seated in the front row at the far right.

In Jan 1913, “Ernest Nolen of Lampson” is cutting bolts for Hohl & Adams. The Nolen Brothers are frequently mentioned working with wood. Ernest and brother George, the Chicog neighborhood news column reports in the *Advocate* of 25 Apr 1913, attended the dance at Minong the past Saturday night.

In the 1940 census, Ernest indicates he has an eighth-grade graduation. The *Spooner Advocate* of 22 Oct 1909, however, says 17-year-old Ernest Nolen, “who has been attending the Spooner High School, is on the sick list this week. We hope he will soon be able to resume his school work” but Ernest does not graduate from high school.

Wartime:

Draft registration (FLM 1674998): Ernest Nolan, age 24, residing in Spooner and employed as a railroad brakeman for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company (the “Omaha”), in the northern district. He has blue eyes and dark hair.

On 26 Jul 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Ernest held Washburn County conscription number 831. In the draft number lottery held on 20 Jul 1917, this number ranked #8344.

His obituary said he served in the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany for over fifteen months. Ernie was 25 years old the day the *Tuscania* sank.

Listed as Ernest C. Nolan, he had sailed as a private in the 107th Engineer Train, indicating his brother W.M. Nolan, 714 E. 2nd Street, Itasca WI as his next-of-kin. Listed as Ernest C. Nolan, he returned home aboard *Haverford*, which sailed from Brest, France, 4 May 1919 & arrived in

Philadelphia PA on 18 May 1919, listing brother William Nolan of Itasca as his next-of-kin. He returned as a private 1st class in the 107th Engineer Train. Ernest was discharged 27 May 1919; his serial number was 251,713.

Frank Marino of Spooner WI wrote to his sister Josie in May 1918 that although he & Ernie Nolan had a good time on their leave in London May 14-20, 1918, they returned to find their unit had left for France. The two spent some time trying to find their unit, being temporarily reassigned to a different outfit.

“Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2 – among those on board Tuscania: Ernest C. Nolan, Itasca WI

Post-war:

Ernest returned to the U.S. on 18 May 1919 & was honorably discharged 27 May 1919. “He entered the railroad service upon his return and resided in this city since, being employed by the Omaha railway,” said his obituary. The obituary omitted his sojourn in Canada, as noted below.

On 4 Jul 1919, when the American Legion is organized in Spooner – Engwald R. Moe Post No. 12 – Ernest “Nolen” is one of the charter members.

In 1938, he attended the state Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

He married Lois Electa White on 15 Jul 1923. They moved to Canada. Ernest & Lois were back in the Spooner, Washburn WI area in 1924. Lois travels to the Twin Ports [Duluth MN/Superior WI] in Sep 1924 and Feb 1925 & plays cards in Apr 1925. That month, Mrs. E. Nolan is noted as attending a party given by Mrs. Zino Tully in honor of Mrs. H. McCarty; Mrs. McCarty’s husband Harry is a fellow *Tuscania* survivor. The 8 May 1925 *Advocate* reports that Ernest & Lois have moved to Drummond WI where Ernest will now be employed. But by Oct 1925, the couple appears to be back in Spooner. Both seem to love playing cards – and are good at them – because there are occasional references to their prizes won in the *Advocate* in autumn 1925. In the 19 Mar 1926 *Advocate*, both Ernest & Lois win prizes playing the card game “500” at George Berggren’s birthday party in Spooner. Ernest wins a prize for 500 in Jan 1927 at Joseph Cuskey’s surprise birthday party & takes a prize in 500 at the E.L. Lomeland home in Feb 1927. In Apr 1927, the couple moved into the Harry Ramsdell residence in the First Ward of Spooner, which they had recently purchased. Ernest & Lois are noted as living in Spooner in the federal census taken Apr 1930.

The *Spooner Advocate* of 3 Mar 1938, reports that Mrs. Lois Nolan is living in Waterloo, Iowa, so it is likely that Lois & Ernest have divorced by then. Both Ernest & Lois attend the Eva Garland/Arnold Jorgenson wedding in Spooner on 19 Jun 1938 but are listed separately: “Mrs. Lois Nolan and Ernest Nolan of this city.” The bride’s parents, Lois’s uncle & aunt Milton and Grace Garland, had housed Lois before her marriage to Ernie.

A bridal shower was given for his 2nd wife, Janet (Jeanette) by her mother Mrs. Leo Leach on 2 Feb 1939. While the wedding notice in the *Washburn County Leader* listed Janet’s surname as Cuddigan, the front-page story announcing the wedding in the *Spooner Advocate* of 2 Feb 1939 gives her surname as “Leach.” The 9 Mar 1939, *Leader* indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Nolan went to St. Paul MN so that Ernest could have surgery there on March 9.

Obituary:

“Spooner (WI) Advocate” 31 Oct 1941 p 6 – [his obituary in error says he was born in 1863] Ernest was survived by his widow Jeanette, his 2 stepsons Gerald & Patrick Cuddigan/Nolan, 3 brothers (John, George, William Nolan) & 1 sister (Mrs. Harry E. Whitehead). His funeral was held Saturday, 26 Oct 1940, at 2 p.m. at the Roberts Mortuary in Spooner, Washburn WI, with Rev. Fr. Rivers, a Catholic priest, as officiant. The Engwald R. Moe Post of the American Legion in Spooner WI conducted military rites at the Spooner Cemetery, where he was interred in block 20, lot 6. Among his 6 pallbearers was his fellow “Tuscania” comrade/survivor, Frank Marino. “He held the position of freight conductor at time of death.”

On p 1 of the “Advocate” of 31 Oct 1941 is a list of the relatives & friends who attended the funeral.

Also an obituary in “Washburn County Leader” 31 Oct 1940, section 1, page 8 – “Ernie” Nolan Called Suddenly by Death

Social Security number: 701-09-8154

Censuses:

1900 Minong, Washburn WI – conducted 8 Jun 1900

Edward Nolan, 48 IN, Jun 1851, parents b. Ireland, married 25 years, teamster

Mary, 45 NY, May 1855, parents b. NY, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living

William H., 23 WI, Nov 1877, teamster

J. Edwin, 17 WI, Feb 1883, day labor, railroad [i.e. John Edward]

Eugene, 16 WI, Apr 1884, day labor, logging [twin]

Augustus, 16 WI, Apr 1884, day labor, logging [twin]

George C., 9 WI, Jan 1891, at school

Ernest, 8 WI, Sep 1892, at school

May I., 5 WI, Nov 1895

Anna, 10 months WI, Jul 1899

Isabelle Nolan, 80 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, b. 1820 [no month provided], widow [mother]

1905 Wisconsin state census – Minong, Washburn WI

Edward Nolan, 52 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, farmer

Mary, 49 NY, parents b. NY

Edward, 23 WI, farm labor [i.e. John Edward], farm labor

Gus, 21 WI, farm labor

Ernest, 13 WI

May, 10 WI

George, 16 WI, farm labor

[for the children: father b. Ireland, mother b. NY]

1910 Brooklyn township, Washburn WI

Mary Nolan, 54 NY, widow, father b. NY, mother b. CA, house keeping, general farm

Edward, 27 WI, farmer, general farm

Jean, 24 WI [i.e. Eugene/Gean/Gene], farmer, home farm

George, 19 WI, farmer, home farm

Ernest, 17 WI, farmer, home farm

May, 14 WI

[for the children: father b. Ireland, mother b. NY]

1920 **cannot locate**

1930 Spooner, Washburn WI – 10th St. (1st Ward)

Ernest C. Nolan, 37 WI, father b. Irish Free State, mother b. NY, age 30 at 1st marriage, brakeman, steam railroad

Lois E., 24 IA, parents b. IA, age 17 at 1st marriage

1940 Spooner, Washburn WI – Vine Street – same place in 1935

Earnist C. Nolan, 46 WI, truck operator, rode [sic/road] construction

Janet R., 26 WI

Jerry W., 7 MN [stepson – surname listed as Nolan but is Cuddigan]

Patrick L., 6 WI [stepson – surname listed is Nolan but is Cuddigan]

[they live next to Leo F. Leach (52 WI) & Mary D. Leach (47 Canada), who reside at 117 Vine. These are the parents of 2nd wife, Janet/Jeanette Leach Cuddigan Nolan Costello Busch.]

1940 Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. UT – his ex-wife Lois White Nolan – at 5th St. South – in 1935 was traveling in ID, OR & WA

Lois E. Nolan, 34 IA, dry cleaner & chauffeur –