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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with decorative flourishes. The text is set against a solid red rectangular background.

Norman, John Burton, Jr.
1895 MN – 1956 MN



“Minneapolis (MN) Journal” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2



John Burton Norman, Jr. – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 10 Feb 1918 p 2 -
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J. B. NORMAN, 61, 5007 Bruce avenue, Edina, general manager of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company's pole and treating division, died Monday after becoming ill at his office.



Mr. Norman had been with the firm since 1923, when he was chief clerk department. Later of the purchasing Mr. Norman he became director of purchases and in 1950 was named general manager of the pole and treating division.

He was a veteran of World War I and was active in the American Wood Preservers association. He also was a member of the Highland Park Presbyterian church and at one time served as a director of the Interlachen Country club.

Surviving are his wife, a stepson in Los Angeles, Calif., and two sisters in Minneapolis.

Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Welander-Quist west chapel, with burial in Lakewood cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary after 10 a.m. Wednesday. Memorials are preferred to the Cardiac Research committee of Minneapolis.

**J. B. Norman,
Mando Official,
Dies at 61**

J. B. Norman, 61, general manager of the pole and treating division of Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co., died Monday after becoming ill in the company offices.

Mr. Norman lived at 5007 Bruce avenue, Edina.

A native of Minneapolis, he became associated with Mando in 1923 as chief clerk of the purchasing department. He was named director of purchases in 1941 and general manager of the national pole and treating division in 1950.



Mr. Norman

He was a World War I veteran. He was active in American Wood Preservers association and a member of Highland Park Presbyterian church. He also was a former director of Interlachen Country club.

Survivors are his wife, a stepson in Los Angeles, Calif., and two sisters in Minneapolis.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Obituary of John Burton Norman Jr. – Left: "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Tuesday 18 Sep 1956 p 33 –
Right: "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Tuesday 18 Sep 1956 p 11

Tuscania Survivors Have Annual Reunion



FOURTEEN MINNEAPOLIS survivors of the Tuscania, an English ship carrying American troops which was torpedoed off the Irish coast, Feb. 5, 1918, conducted their annual reunion Friday night at the Nicollet hotel. The survivors, shown above, are (seated, left to right) E. N. Dahlstrom, T. O. Larson, George Samels, A. J. Schlirf, S. F. Staples and L. B. Rist. Standing (left to right) are Ed Gerber, J. B. Norman, Vic Nelson, L. M. Lundell, G. E. Robbins, H. C. Rydell, D. E. Lowe and E. C. Tupper.

John Burton Norman Jr. is standing in the back row, 2nd from left - "Minneapolis (MN) Journal"

Sunday 7 Feb 1937 p 3 -

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John Burton Norman, Jr. – to attend NTSA reunion - “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 25 May 1989 p

Tuscania Society To Hold Reunion

Twelve Minneapolis and St. Paul survivors of the Tuscania, American transport ship torpedoed by a German submarine February 5, 1918, will attend the annual three-day reunion of the Tuscania Survivors association at Kenosha, Wis., starting Saturday. J. B. Norman of Minneapolis, past vice president of the association, will



J. B. Norman

head the Twin Cities delegation. The Minneapolis group will include Rudolph E. Anderson, Ora L. Briggs, George E. Samuels and E. C. Tupper. From St. Paul will be Edward A. Gerber, Leon N. Lundell, Victor Nelson, Frank W. Pearson, Herbert C. Rydell and

Armand J. Schlirf. There will be services honoring the memory of the 210 persons who lost their lives in the disaster.

"Minneapolis (MN) Times-Tribune" Thursday 1 Feb 1940 p 2 -

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NORMAN—John B., age 61, residence 5007 Bruce av, Edina, on Mon. Survived by wife, Harriett M.; stepson, J. L. Lehy; 2 grandchildren, all of Los Angeles; 2 sisters, Mrs. A. M. Daly and Mrs. D. C. Beardsley, both of Mpls. Services Thurs. 3 p.m. at Welander-Quist (West chapel), 2301 Dupont av S. Interment Lakewood. Friends may call after 10 a.m. Wed. Memorials may be directed to Cardiac Research Committee of Mpls.

Obituary of John Burton Norman Jr. – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Wednesday 19 Sep 1956 p 26

John Burton Norman

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

Name	John Burton Norman
Enlistment Date	13 Dec 1919
Birth Date	6 Feb 1895
Birthplace	Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota
Military Rank	Pvt
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	20th Engineers
Father's Name	John B Norman
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Sweden
Mother's Name	Carie Norman
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Sweden
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Fort Snelling, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Fort Snelling, Minn

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Wife:

Services for **MRS. HARRIETT M. NORMAN**, 67, Newport Beach, Calif., formerly of Minneapolis, will be 3 p.m. Monday at the Welander-Quist west chapel, with burial in Lakewood cemetery. Mrs. Norman died last Monday.

Surviving are her son, John Leahy, and two grandchildren, of Newport Beach. They prefer memorials to the American Cancer society.

Obituary of Harriett Mae --- Leahy Norman - "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Saturday 1 Jun 1957 p 3

MARRIAGE RECORD.

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 The State of Nebraska,
LANCASTER COUNTY.

IN COUNTY COURT.

 BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13 day of September
A. D. 1905, there was filed in this office the following:

AFFIDAVIT ON APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, LANCASTER COUNTY, ss.

I, John W. Leahy, of Lancaster County, State of Nebraska aged 23 years,
do solemnly swear that _____ and M. Fattie W. Lawrence
are parties for the marriage of whom A LICENSE is applied for; that _____ am _____ of the age
of 23 years and upwards, of sound contracting mind, and unmarried, and has not been divorced in this State within six months last past;
that said Fattie W. Lawrence is of the age of 19 years and upwards, of sound contracting mind, and
unmarried, and has not been divorced in this State within six months last past, and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth, residence,
and parents' names, is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
<u>John W. Leahy</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>Wht</u>	<u>Iowa</u>	<u>Lancaster Neb</u>	<u>J. W. Leahy</u>	<u>Ellen Tooley</u>
<u>Fattie W. Lawrence</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>Wht</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Arthur Lawrence</u>	<u>"</u>

If blood relations, in what degree?

 Subscribed and sworn to before me September 13, 1905

[SEAL-]

Frank R. Waters County Judge.
By Walter A. Reese Clerk County Court.

John W. Leahy
Applicant.

* If either party is under age, the written consent of their parents must be filed, in which case the affidavit should show the facts, as follows: "And has the written consent of his (or her) parents."

 Endorsed: Filed September 13, 1905 Frank R. Waters, County Judge.

Thereupon was issued and recorded license in the words and figures following:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The State of Nebraska, }
LANCASTER COUNTY.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE.

LICENSE is hereby granted to any person authorized to solemnize marriages according to the laws of said State, to join in marriage
Mr. John W. Leahy and Miss Hattie M. Lawrence
whose ages, residences, etc., are as follows:

NAME OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
<u>John W. Leahy</u> groom	<u>23</u> <u>years</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Penn</u>	<u>Lincoln Neb</u>	<u>Wm T Leahy</u>	<u>Ellen Torrey</u>
<u>Hattie M. Lawrence</u> bride	<u>19</u> <u>years</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>Arthur Lawrence</u>	<u>Elizabeth Rice</u>

And the person joining them in marriage is required to make due return of this license, together with the annexed Certificate to the County Judge of said County, within three months, of the names of the parties, time and place of marriage, and by whom solemnized.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Lincoln, in said County, this 13 day of September A. D. 1905

(SEAL) Frank R. Waters County Judge.

By Walter A. Lisse Clerk County Court.

AND BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED, That afterwards, and on this 15 day of September A. D. 1905 there was filed and recorded herein Certificate and return in the words and figures following:

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

TO THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 14 day of September A. D. 1905, at Lincoln Neb in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly JOINED IN MARRIAGE Mr. John W. Leahy and Miss Hattie M. Lawrence, and there were present as witnesses Joseph W. Leahy of Lancaster County, Neb, and Maria T. Leahy of Lancaster County, Neb.

GIVEN under my hand the 14 day of September A. D. 1905

FROM: Frank R. Waters County Judge.

Endorsed: Filed September 15 1905

Michael A. Shine Catholic Priest
(His Official Character.)

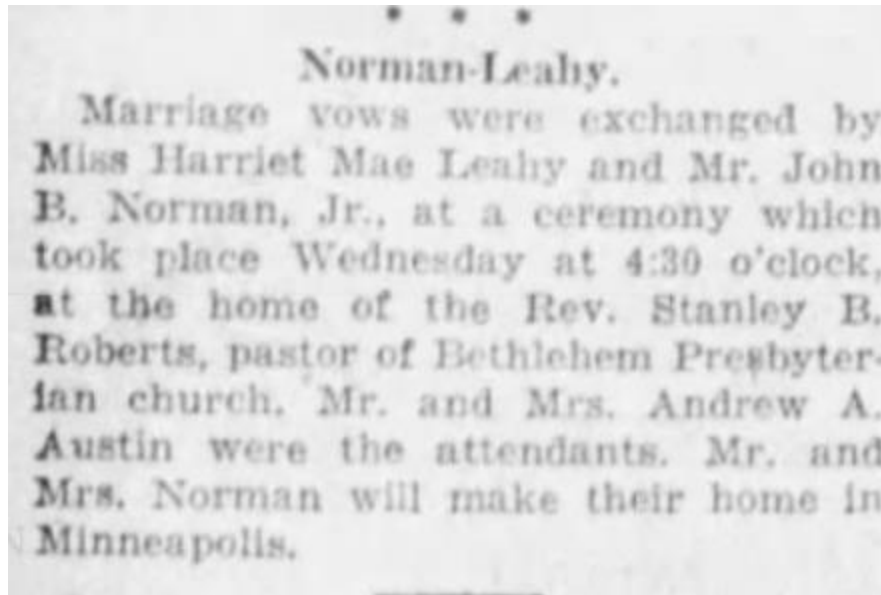
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NE marriage record of Hattie Mae Lawrence to her 1st husband, John W. Leahy -

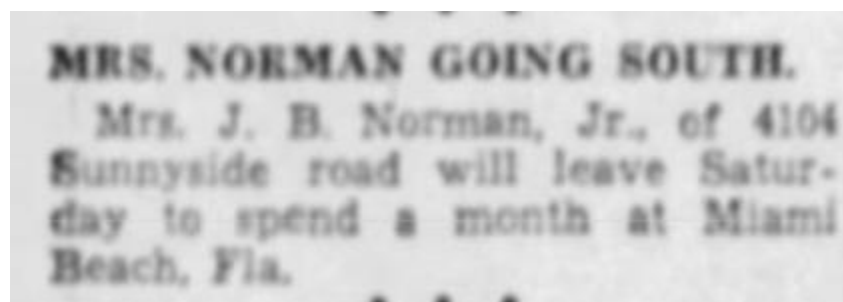
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The marriage of Miss Harriett Mae Lawrence, of Sioux City, Io., to John W. Leahy, of Lincoln, Neb., took place at St. Theresa's cathedral at Lincoln, Neb., Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was performed with a nuptial mass by the Rev. Father Shine. The young couple will go right to housekeeping at Lincoln, the groom being employed in the office of the superintendent of motor power on the Burlington railroad. They will be at home to their friends after October 1.

Marriage of Harriett Mae Lawrence to John W. Leahy - "Sioux City (IA) Journal" Sunday 24 Sep 1905



The use of "Miss" Leahy was inaccurate; her birth surname was Lawrence; she had earlier been married to John W. Leahy & had a son by him – "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Friday 19 Nov 1926 p 17



"Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Wednesday 29 Jan 1936 p 15

Father:



SERGT. JOHN NORMAN

Father John Burton Norman Sr. (1845-1928) – Find A Grave



JOHN B. NORMAN,
Lieutenant of Police, Fourth Precinct.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Sunday 20 Jan 1901 p 4

JOHN B. NORMAN

The funeral of John B. Norman, resident of Minneapolis for 68 years and one of the first policemen on the Minneapolis force, who died Monday at his home, 2401 Lyndale avenue N., will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday from Highland Park Presbyterian church, Emerson and Twenty-first avenues N. Burial with Masonic services will be in Lakewood cemetery. Mr. Norman was born in Sweden in 1845, coming to Minneapolis 14 years later. He joined the police force in 1879, serving until 1906. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carrie Norman; three daughters, Mrs. A. M. Daily and Mrs. D. C. Beardsley of Minneapolis and Mrs. R. J. Warner of Duluth; and three sons, Theodore F., William E., and John Burton Norman, Jr., all of Minneapolis.

Obituary of father John Burton Norman Sr. – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Wednesday 9 Oct 1929 p 13

John B. Norman Rites Thursday

Veteran of Minneapolis Police
Force Was 84 Years
Old.

Funeral services for John B. Norman, pioneer Minneapolis resident and former policeman, will take place Thursday at 2 p. m. at Highland Park Presbyterian church, Emerson and Twenty-first avenues north. Burial with Masonic services will be in Lakewood cemetery. Mr. Norman, who was 84 years old, died Monday at his home, 2401 Lyndale avenue north. He was the sixteenth policeman appointed by the city of Minneapolis joining the force in 1879 and serving until 1906. He was born in Sweden in 1854 and came to Minneapolis in 1868. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Carrie Norman; three daughters, Mrs. A. M. Dally and Mrs. D. C. Beardsley of Minneapolis and Mrs. R. J. Warner of Duluth; and three sons, Theodore F., William E., and John Burton Norman, Jr., all of Minneapolis.

The 16th policeman in Minneapolis - "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Wednesday 9 Oct 1929 p 2

***Pioneer Couple to
Fete 50th Wedding
Anniversary June 12***



MR. AND MRS. J. B. NORMAN



A half century of married life will be celebrated Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Norman, when their six children and three grandchildren gather at the family home, 2401 Lyndale avenue N.

Mr. Norman came to the United States from Sweden in 1868, returning to Gothenburg in 1873 to wed Miss Car-

rie Swanson, his childhood sweetheart. He was appointed a member of the police force April 11, 1879, and April 30, 1886, Mr. Norman was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to the North Side station. He resigned with the rank of lieutenant in 1906, and was one of the first five men retired on a pension. Mr. Norman was the 16th policeman on the Minneapolis force, and served for 27 years.

Mrs. Rollie J. Warner, Theodore F. Norman, William E. Norman, Mrs. Addie M. Dally, Mrs. De Witt Beardsley and John B. Norman, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman, who all live in Minneapolis, will be present at the 50th wedding anniversary. A son, Warren Seagrave Norman, who was cited for the Croix de Guerre and the distinguished service cross, died in 1921 from the effects of wounds received in the World war.

"Minneapolis (MN) Journal" Thursday 7 Jun 1923 p 22

Mother:

MRS. CARRIE NORMAN.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Norman, 79, widow of J. B. Norman, former Minneapolis policeman, who died Wednesday at her home, 2401 Lyndale avenue north, will be held Saturday at the Sundseth mortuary, Lyndale and Twenty-first avenues north. Burial will be in Crystal Lake cemetery. Mrs. Norman had resided here more than 50 years, coming directly from Sweden. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. J. Warner, Mrs. A. M. Dally and Mrs. D. C. Beardsley, and three sons, Theodore F., William E. and John B. Norman, Jr., all of Minneapolis.

Obituary of mother Carrie Norman –“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Friday 13 Feb 1931 p 10

NORMAN—Mrs. Carrie, widow of the late J. B. Norman, 2401 Lyndale N. passed away Feb. 11, age 79. Survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. J. Warner, Mrs. A. M. Dally, Mrs. D. C. Beardsley; three sons, Theodore F., William E., John B. Jr., and three grandchildren. Services Saturday from the Sundseth Funeral home at 2:30. Interment Crystal Lake cemetery.

“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Friday 13 Feb 1931 p 22

Mrs. J. B. Norman, 2401 Lyndale avenue N. was pleasantly surprised by twenty-four of her friends Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. A handsome silver service was presented to Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Bently played several piano numbers. Late in the afternoon refreshments were served.

“Minneapolis (MN) Journal” Saturday 4 Jul 1903 p 10

Siblings:

WARNER—Mrs. Alice, 2401 Lyndale N., on Friday, age 69. Survived by husband, Rollie J., 2 sisters, Mrs. D. C. Beardsley, Mrs. A. M. Dally; 3 brothers, Theodore, William and John Norman. Services Mon. from the Sundseth Funeral Home at 2 o'clock. Interment Lakewood cemetery.

Obituary of sister Alice Lenore Norman Warner (1875-1943) – “Minneapolis (MN) Star” Friday 17 Dec 1943 p 31

NORMAN—Theodore F., Russell hotel passed away on Mon., age 70. Survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. D. C. Beardsley, Mrs. Addis M. Dally, 2 brothers, William E. John B., all Mpls. Services Fri. 1:30 p.m. Sundseth Funeral Home. Interment Crystal Lake cemetery.

Obituary of brother Theodore Frank Norman (1877-1947) – “Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune” Friday 28 Mar 1947 p 23

NORMAN — William E., age 75, formerly of 2401 Lyndale Av. N. Survived by 2 sisters Mrs. A. M. Dally & Mrs. D. C. Beardsley both of Mpls. Services Thurs. 3:15 p.m. Sundseth-Anderson Funeral Home. Interment Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Obituary of brother William Eugene Norman (1881-1958) – “Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune” Thursday 20 Mar 1958 p 21

DEATHS MRS. EDYTHE N. DAILY Services for Mrs. Edythe N. Daily, 81, 2512 Stevens Av., who died Wednesday, will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Sundseth-Anderson Mortuary, with burial in Lakewood Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor D. Strachauer, Bloomington, and a sister, Mrs. Alma Beardsley, Minneapolis. Reviewal will be from 7 p.m. today at the mortuary.	DEATHS Services for ADDIS M. DAILY, 77, 2512 Stevens Av., will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Sundseth-Anderson chapel, burial in Lakewood cemetery. He was a member of Ark Masonic lodge and a lifelong resident of Minneapolis. He had been in hardware business with Hennepin Hardware Co. for 40 years. Survivors are the wife, Edyth; one daughter, Mrs. Hermann Strachauer, and three granddaughters.
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Left: obituary of his sister Edythe A. Norman Daily (1884-1966) "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Thursday 13 Oct 1966 p 39 – Right: Obituary of Addis Merritt Daily, husband of John Jr.'s sister Edythe A. Norman Daily, "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Thursday 15 Jan 1959 p 2

Betrothal Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Norman announce the engagement of their daughter, Edythe A., to Addis Merritt Daily. Their marriage will take place June 17.

Engagement of Edythe A. Norman to Addis Merritt Daily – "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Sunday 17 May 1908 p 16

Wednesday Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Edythe R. Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Norman, and Addis M. Daily took place last Wednesday evening at the home of William Todd, 712 Twenty-fourth avenue north.

Palms, ferns and syringas formed the altar before which the nuptial vows were spoken. Rev. Alexander Patterson, of Hope chapel, performed the ceremony, and Miss Genevieve Noodler played the bridal music.

The bride was attended by Miss Irene Daily, who wore white French batiste and carried pink roses. William E. Norman was best man.

The bride wore a white satin gown, trimmed with panne velvet, and her veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of white roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 2401 Lyndale avenue north. The rooms were decorated with peonies and ferns.

Mr. and Mrs. Daily will be at home at 2562 Second avenue south after July 15.

Wedding of Edythe R. Norman to Addis Merritt Daily – "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Tuesday 23 Jun 1908 p 5

DEATHS

MRS. ELMA A. BEARDSLEY, 84, 1001 Thomas Av. N., died Saturday. Services at Calvary Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Burial in Crystal Lake Cemetery. Survivors: husband, DeWitt C.; one daughter, Mrs. Norma Halloran, Edina; one son, John A., Anoka; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Obituary of sister Alma Augusta Norman Beardsley (1885-1970) – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Monday 23 Mar 1970 p 16

MR. AND MRS. J. B. NORMAN announce the engagement of their daughter, Alma, A., to DeWitt Clinton Beardsley. The marriage will take place in October.

Engagement of Alma Augusta Norman to DeWitt Clinton Beardsley – “Minneapolis (MN) Journal”
Sunday 15 Sep 1907 p 53

October Weddings.

Rev. Alexander Patterson read the service at the marriage of Miss Alma Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Norman, and De Witt Clinton Beardsley, which took place Tuesday evening at the residence of William Todd, 712 Twenty-fourth avenue north. It was an autumn wedding and woodland foliage in all its rich tints decked the rooms. Palms and ferns with the bright-hued leaves formed an altar for the wedding party and red-shaded lights harmonized with the appointments in the rooms. Miss Irene Dally presided at the piano and played the Lohengrin wedding march, and during the reading of the service “Oh Promise Me.” The Mendelssohn announced the recessional.

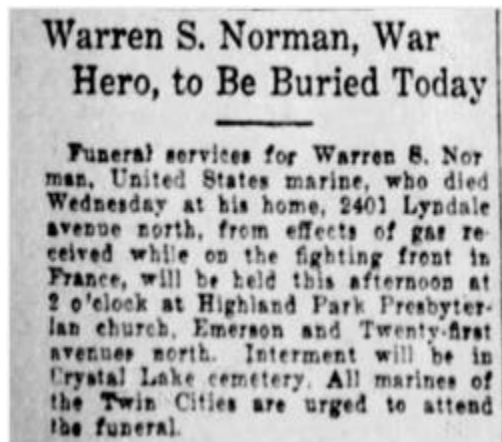
The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edythe Norman, who wore a gown of white satin trimmed with lace and carried white chrysanthemums. Adam Dally was best man.

The bride wore a pretty frock of French lawn inset with trimmings of lace and her veil was held in place by a wreath of rosebuds. White roses formed her bouquet.

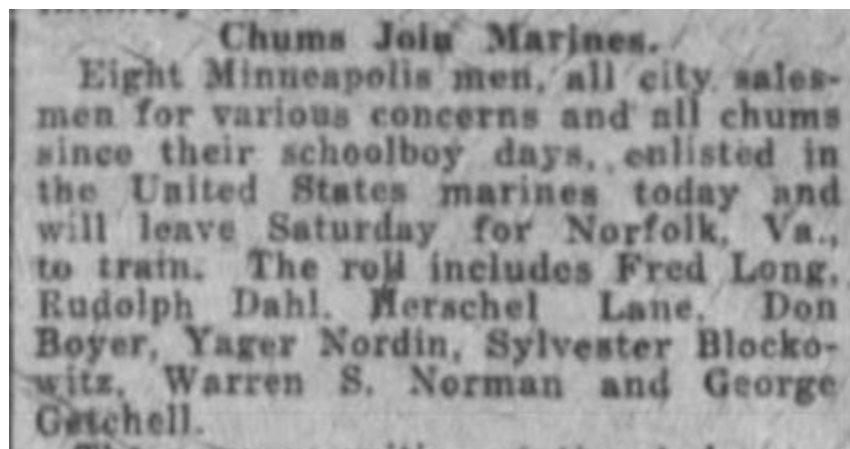
Following the service the guests went to the home of the bride's parents, 2401 Lyndale avenue north, where refreshments were served. The dining table showed a decoration of white ribbons stretched from chandeliers to the corners, where the ends were held by lighted pink and white tapers. Autumn foliage decorated the surrounding rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley went at once to their new home, 718 Eighteenth avenue north, where they will be at home the first of next month.

Wedding of Alma Augusta Norman & DeWitt Clinton Beardsley – “Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune”
Thursday 24 Oct 1907 p 10



Death of John Jr.'s twin, Warren Seagrave Norman, "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Saturday 17 Jan 1920 p 22, copied on Find A Grave 228485831



"Minneapolis (MN) Journal" Monday 28 May 1917 p 18

Minneapolis Boy
Writes to Mother
as Shells Shriek



WARREN S. NORMAN

Warren S. Norman, in Front Line Trenches, Praises American Morale.

A letter from Warren S. Norman, machine gun pointer in the Seventy-seventh company, Sixth regiment, U. S. marine corps, written April 9 to his mother, Mrs. J. B. Norman, 2401 Lyndale avenue north, says his regiment had at that date seen 10 days of service in the trenches. While the men were at that moment under heavy artillery fire, no casualties had been suffered.

Speaking of trench life, Mr. Norman described it as "full of thrills and adventures." Even as he wrote the letter, in the shelter of the company's dugout, shells and bullets were bursting over his head.

"However," he wrote, "the trench is a good high one, and the fellows will give them plenty of returns of the same sort. The main thing to do is to keep your head down. They cannot harm us until they locate our position, which is a good one. We sure do give them many little 'gifts' to watch out for."

The letter continues:

"Last night they kept us busy with our gas masks, but, thanks to the masks, there is no danger of being gassed. We can almost tell when their gas shells are coming over, as they make so much noise.

"The trenches and dugouts are damp and chilly and the rats are numerous. I haven't had my clothes off nor taken a bath for three weeks."

Mrs. Norman's son closes with an injunction "not to forget the sweets."

"Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune" Sunday 26 May 1918 p 23

Marine, Faithful "Buddy" Gassed, Succumbs After Long Illness

Warren S. Norman Struck
When Bringing Water to
Comrades in France.

Because he stayed with his "buddies" and "saw it through," rather than report that he had been severely gassed while on a trip through a heavily shelled wheat field at Soissons to bring water to his wounded comrades, Warren S. Norman, 23 years old, former member of the Sixth machine gun battalion, Fifth Marines, died last night at the family residence, 2401 Lyndale avenue north, as the result of illness caused by German gas.

A detachment of less than 200 marines, of which Norman was a member, had forged ahead and became trapped without water, near Vierzy, July 19, 1918. He volunteered to go after water for his comrades, and in so doing he was severely gassed. It was only after he was unable to go on in the Argonne, November 6, that he told officers of the regiment that he was suffering from gas.

He was returned to the United States in January, 1919, and sent to a hospital in Colorado. He returned to Minneapolis last September on a medical furlough, and has been confined to his bed since then.

Norman was cited for the D.S.C. and Croix de Guerre, although he never received either medal. When Major General Barnett was in Minneapolis last fall, he visited the sickbed of the former marine.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Norman, three brothers and three sisters, all of Minneapolis. His twin brother, John B. Norman, Jr., was a survivor of the sinking of the Tuscania.



"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Thursday 15 Jan 1920 p 14

Marine Club Members Attend Norman Funeral

Members of the Marine club of Minneapolis in a body attended funeral services for Warren S. Norman, who served overseas with the marine corps, at the Hyland Avenue Presbyterian church at 2:30 p. m. yesterday. The body will be kept in a vault until spring, where it will be buried with full military honors, it was announced last night.

Norman, who was 23 years of age, died at his home, 2401 Lyndale avenue north, Wednesday.

He was gassed near Sedan while carrying water to wounded comrades shortly before the armistice. From January to September of last year he was treated at a hospital in Denver, but he never fully recovered from the effects of being gassed.

He had been awarded a Distinguished Service Cross and a Croix de Guerre.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 18 Jan 1920 p 12

Life:

Burglars Loot Home Of J. B. Norman, Jr.

Burglars broke into the home of John B. Norman, Jr., 4605 Arden avenue; last night and after ransacking the place escaped with silver, clothing and linens valued at between \$800 and \$1,000. The thieves entered by breaking a dining room window while the Norman family was out at dinner with friends. When they returned they found the house in wild disorder and many of their valuables gone.

"Minneapolis (MN) Journal" Friday 6 Oct 1933 p 28

SURVIVORS TO MEET

J. B. Norman is in charge of arrangements for the annual reunion of the 15 Minneapolis survivors of the Tuscania which will be held at the Nicollet hotel at 6 p.m. today. The Tuscania, an English ship carrying American troops, was torpedoed off the Irish coast Feb. 5, 1918.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Friday 6 Feb 1937 p 2

The H. R. Burton home, 5007 Bruce avenue, sold to J. B. Norman, Jr.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 14 Jul 1940 p 52

MORE HOMES IN COUNTRY CLUB SOLD

Here are three more attractive homes in the Country club district, in the list of more than a dozen residential properties, sold recently by Thorpe Bros., Inc., Minneapolis real estate and mortgage company, and reported by Harold Schuyler, sales manager. Above, left, 4305 West Fortyninth street, sold to Charles Purdy for Louis Hanson; and, right, 5007 Brice avenue, sold to J. B. Norman, Jr., for H. R. Burton; below, 4609 Casco avenue, sold for A. E. Wilson.



The address of John's house is 5007 BRUCE Avenue, not Brice – "Minneapolis (MN) Star-Tribune"
Sunday 21 Jul 1940 p 34



5007 Bruce Avenue, Edina MN (2022), valued at \$1.825 million -
https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/5007-Bruce-Ave_Edina_MN_55424_M88552-71349



Almost 5,000 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 6 baths in 2022 -
https://www.coldwellbankerhomes.com/mn/edina/5007-bruce-avenue/pid_2348863/



The family home at 2401 Lyndale Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN -
https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/2401-Lyndale-Ave-N-Minneapolis-MN-55411/1838557_zpid/

Name: John Burton Norman, Jr.

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. HQ - private

Serial number: 250,240

Entered service from: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John B. Norman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John B. Norman, 2401 Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John B. Norman

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John B. Norman, Sr., 2401 Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis MN (supply sgt, HQ Det., 6th Bn., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Burton Norman Jr. - b. 6 Feb 1895 Minneapolis MN; res: 2401 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis MN. Single. Clerk for Northern Pacific Railroad, 7th Ave. N. & 1st St., Minneapolis MN. Tall, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1100 Builders Exchange Bldg., Minneapolis MN

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Burton Norman Jr. - b. 5 Feb 1895 Minneapolis MN; res: 5007 Bruce, Edina, Hennepin MN. NOK R.D. Main, 500 Baker Arcade, Minneapolis MN.

Employed by Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co., 500 Baker Arcade, Minneapolis MN. “mole on rt temple in hair line” – Height: 6’ ½” – 195 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: 3407 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis MN

Rank/unit: battalion supply sergeant, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Feb 1895 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Died: 17 Sep 1956 Hennepin Co. MN

Find A Grave record: 122268373 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Lakewood

Tombstone:

Father: John Burton Norman, Sr., 27 Nov 1845 Västra Götalands län, Sweden- 2 Feb 1928 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN (at his home, 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.). Son of Magnus & Martha Johnson. Left his Swedish home in 1868, arriving in Minneapolis MN in May 1868. In 1872, he returned home for a visit & returned to Minneapolis with is fiancée, Carrie Swenson, whom he married in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. The couple lived at 619 N. 2nd Street & he worked as a brickmaker. On 11 Apr 1879 John was hired by the Minneapolis Police Department, becoming its 16th policeman. In 1886 he was promoted to sergeant. In 1900 they moved to a bigger home at 2401 Lyndale Ave. N. John was promoted to a police lieutenant in 1901, a position he retained until his retirement in 1906, after 27 years in the police department. Buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.
Find A Grave: 210486026

Mother: Carrie Swenson Norman, Jul 1851 Gothenburg, Sweden – 13 Feb 1933 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Daughter of Swan Swenson. According to Find A Grave, she may have known John Norman before he left Sweden in 1868, but upon his return to Gothenburg, she accepted his offer to move to MN & marry him. Buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Find A Grave: 210486504

Parents’ marriage: 12 Jun 1873 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Spouse: Harriett Mae (“Hattie”) Lawrence Leahy Norman, 2 Mar 1890 Wentworth, Ontario, Canada – 27 May 1957 Orange Co. CA. Daughter of John Alexander Ray Lawrence & Elizabeth Reid.

Harriett married John W. Leahy on 14 Sep 1905 in Lincoln, Lancaster NE. John W. Leahy, age 23, was the son of William T. & Ellen Leahy & Hattie Lawrence, age 19, was the daughter of Arthur Lawrence & Elizabeth Reid. They obtained a marriage license on 13 Sep 1905 in Lancaster Co. NE & married the next day.

John W. Leahy was born 7 Sep 1882 & died April 1965, SSN 274-07-0431. His father William T. Leahy (1862-1911, F: 66392178); his mother Ellen M. Leahy (1862-1917, F: 86186096). His father William's obituary following his death in a railroad accident was published in the "Nebraska State Journal" Tuesday 30 May 1911 p 2.

In the 1910 census, John W. Leahy (27 PA, parents b. PA, clerk, Post Office) & wife Hattie (24 Canada, parents b. Canada, emigrated 1896) lived with son John L. Leahy (age 1, NE) in Lincoln, Lancaster NE. It was the 1st marriage for both & they had been married 5 years. – In the 1912 Lincoln NE city directory, John W. (wife Harriette) was a clerk at the Post Office & lived at 733 S. 10th.

Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 122268402

Marriage: 17 Nov 1926 in Bethlehem-Stewart Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – John B. Norman Jr. & Harriet Mae Leahy. Marriage license noted I "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Thursday 18 Nov 1926 p 9 – John Norman, legal age & Harriette Leahy, legal age

Stepchild: by his wife Harriett's 1st marriage, to John W. Leahy

- John Lawrence Leahy, 21 Oct 1908 (WWII draft & NE birth records) or 1909 [Social Security records] Lincoln, Lancaster NE – 28 Jan 1973 Orange Co. CA. SSN 468-03-2338. On his WWII draft registration (16 Oct 1940), John lived at 5625 – 10th Ave. S., Minneapolis MN with wife Ellehnor Catherine Leahy & worked at the Great Lakes Coal Co., 2102 University Ave., St. Paul, Ramsey MN. His residence at 5040 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis MN had been crossed off.

Siblings:

- Alice Lenore Norman Warner, 28 Jan 1874 MN (Jan 1875 in 1900 census) – 17 Dec 1943 Hennepin Co. MN. Wife of Rollie Justice Warner (1877-1958, F: 92812432) whom she married 17 Dec 1943 in Hennepin Co. MN. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 92812601
- Theodore Frank Norman, 14 Jan 1877 MN – 24 Mar 1947 Hennepin Co. MN. SSN 494-14-5952. Married on 30 Dec 1920 in Hennepin Co. MN to Rose Moody Valentine. Theo F. Norman divorced Rose Norman in Dade Co. FL in 1944. According to his obituary, buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN but not on Find A Grave as of 8 Apr 2022.
- William Eugene Norman, 28 Jul 1881 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 17 Mar 1958 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. SSN 475-12-0322. Baptized 30 Sep 1881 in Augustana Lutheran Church, Minneapolis MN as William Jugen Norman. On his WWII draft registration, he lived at 2401 N. Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis MN & listed his NOK as J.B. Norman, 5007 Bruce Ave., Edina MN. According to his obituary, buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN but not on Find A Grave as of 8 Apr 2022.
- Edythe Norman Daily, 28 Dec 1884 MN (1883 in the 1900 census) – 12 Oct 1966 Hennepin Co. MN. Her 1st name is found spelled Edith; her married surname is found as Daly & Dailey. – Wife of Addis Merritt Daily, 1 Nov 1881 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 15 Jan 1959 Hennepin Co. MN, F: 121147487). Edythe A. Norman married Addis M. Daily on 17 Jun 1908 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. - In the 1930 census for Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Addis M. Daily (48 MN, father b. NY, mother b. MN) lived with wife Edith A. (46 MN, parents b.

Sweden) & son Clarence E. (15 MN) on Stevens Ave. – Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F; 121147494

- Alma Augusta Norman Beardsley, 19 Sep 1885 MN – 21 Mar 1970 Ramsey Co. MN. Baptized 8 Nov 1885 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Alma A. Norman married on 22 Oct 1907 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to DeWitt Clinton Beardsley (b. 28 Jul 1884 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to John Allen Beardsley & Mary L. Grove, SSN 701-07-0825). Alma & DeWitt are buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN but are not on Find A Grave as of 8 Apr 2022.
- Warren Seagrave Norman, 6 Feb 1895 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 14 Jan 1920 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. The twin brother of John Jr., who was born 5 Feb 1895. Served in the US Marine Corps in WWI. Died from the results of being gassed on 19 Jul 1918 at Vierzy, France, during WWI while fetching water for wounded comrades. Unable to fight, he was returned to the US in Jan 1919 & went to a hospital in Colorado. He returned to the family home at 2401 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis, in Sep 1919 on medical furlough & was bedridden until his death. Warren was nominated for the Distinguished Service Cross & the Croix de Guerre. His funeral was conducted from Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 228485831

Notes:

Although John Burton Norman Jr. had a twin brother – Warren Seagrave Norman – the two had different birthdays. John Jr. was born 5 Feb 1895 & Warren was born 6 Feb 1895 so presumably John Jr. was the older, born before midnight, and Warren was born after midnight.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

The Tuscania was torpedoed & sank on John's 23rd birthday.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the Minneapolis MN men on board Tuscania: John B. Norman Jr., 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.

Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1 – among those saved from Minneapolis MN: John B. Norman Jr., 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - photo, resident of 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.

Post-war:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Thursday 6 Feb 1936 p 12 – a reunion at the Hotel Lowry in St. Paul will commemorate the 18th anniversary of the sinking of Tuscania. Among the Minneapolis attendees: John B. Norman

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 5 Feb 1937 p 10 - 15 Minneapolis Tuscania survivors are holding annual reunion at Nicollet Hotel, with arrangements by J.B. Norman

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Wednesday 1 Feb 1939 p 5 – there were 85 survivors of Tuscania at the Nicollet Hotel on Saturday. J.B. Norman, head of the local chapter, is in charge of the meeting arrangements.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Thursday 2 Feb 1939 p 12 – 100 men are attending the National Tuscania Survivors Association reunion at the Nicollet Hotel, among them John B. Norman, Jr., the vice president.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 4 Feb 1940 p 12 - photo - purchasing agent for MN & Ontario Paper Co., to attend NTSA reunion in Kenosha WI

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Friday 6 Feb 1942 p 14 – the annual meeting of the NTSA at Wisconsin Rapids WI is being attended by 3 Minneapolis men, among them John B. Norman Jr. of 5007 Bruce Ave.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Wednesday 11 Oct 1944 p 14 – John B. Norman was elected to the board of governors of Interlachen Country Club.

Obituary:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Saturday 22 Sep 1956 p 8 - deaths in Minneapolis: John B. Norman, age 61, 5007 Bruce Ave., Edina MN

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 19 Sep 1956 p 26 - age 61, 5007 Bruce Ave., Edina, survived by wife Harriett M., stepson J.H. Lehy, 2 sisters, funeral 20 Sep, burial Lakewood

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1880 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 619 N. 2nd St.

John Norman, 33 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, policeman

Carrie, 28 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, keeps house

Allice, 5 MN

Frank T., 3 MN

1895 MN state census – Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 619 – 2nd St. N.

John Norman, 49 Sweden, sergeant, police

Carrie, 44 Sweden

Alice, 20 MN

Theodore, 18 MN

William, 14 MN

Edith, 11 MN

Alma, 9 MN

Warren, 4 months MN

Burton, 4 months MN

1900 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.

John Norman, 54 Sweden, Nov 1845, parents b. Sweden, married 27 years, emigrated 1868, in US for 32 years, naturalized, policeman

Carrie, 58 Sweden, Jul 1851, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1872, in US for 28 years, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Alice, 25 MN, Jun 1875

Theodore, 23 MN, Jan 1877, clerk, clothing

William W., 18 MN, Jul 1881, laborer, picture frame

Edith, 16 MN, Dec 1883, kitchen mechanic

Alma, 14 MN, Sep 1885, at school

Warren, 5 MN, Feb 1895 [twin]

John 5 MN, Feb 1895 [twin]

1910 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 2401 Lyndale Ave. N.

John Norman, 64 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, in 1st marriage, married 36 years, emigrated 1869, naturalized, occupation: none

Carrie, 58 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1872, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Frank T., 33 MN, clerk, clothing

William E., 28 MN, clerk, cigar store

Warren S., 15 MN

John B., 15 MN

& servant Josie May Berg, 24 MN

1920 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 2401 Lyndale Ave. N. – conducted 8 Jan 1920, John Jr.'s twin Warren dies 6 days later

John Norman, 74 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1869, naturalized in 1875

Carrie, 68 Sweden, parents b. Sweden, emigrated 1872, naturalized in 1875

Frank T., 42 MN, salesman, merchandise

William C., 38 MN, salesman, cigar store

Warren S., 24 MN, occupation: none [Warren died 14 Jan 1920]

John B., 24 MN, clerk, railroad company

1930 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 4629 Bryant Ave. S.

John B. Norman, 37 MN, parents b. Sweden, age 34 at 1st marriage, Twin Cities representative, wholesale hardware, WWI veteran

Harriet M., 38 Canada, parents b. England, age 16 at 1st marriage

John L. Leahy, 19 NE, father b. PA, mother b. Canada, salesman, bond & insurance company [stepson]

1940 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 3435 Holmes Ave. – same house in 1935
John B. Norman Jr., 46 MN, executive, wholesale paper mill
Harriet M., 47 Canada