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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Phegley, John Raymond
1889 IL – 1982 IL

Ray Phegley

Funeral services for Ray Phegley, 92, of 621 Hartman Drive, Red Bud, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Catholic Church in Red Bud. Burial will be in St. Leo Cemetery in Modoc.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dashner Funeral Home in Red Bud, where the rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Phegley died Monday, May 17, 1982, in Red Bud Nursing Home.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 622 in Prairie du Rocher and was a World War I veteran.

He was born Nov. 5, 1889, in Modoc, to Amos and Margaret Lonergan Phegley.

Survivors are two nephews, Bill and Dick Pautler, both of Chester, and one brother-in-law, Ed Pautler of Red Bud.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

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----- Phegley ----- John R. ----- 250,386 ----- White -----
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race: White or colored)

Residence: ----- Vaughn ----- MONTANA -----
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted in N A at Ft Wright Wash Dec 12/17; -----
 † Born in Modoc Ill Age 23 1/12 yrs -----
 Organizations: -----
16 Co 20 Engrs to disch; -----

Grades: -----
Sup Sgt Mch 19/19p -----

< Engagements: ----- >

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None. -----
 ‡ Served overseas: No -----
 § Hon. disch. June 18/19 on demobilization -----
 Was reported 0 per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation. -----
 Remarks: -----

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. *Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. † Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment.
 March 12, 1920. ‡ Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. § Give date.
 3-7688

MI WWI military record - Since he sailed on Tuscania & returned on "Santa Paula" in May 1919 with this serial number, he certainly served overseas - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/31054:62068>

PHEGLEY JOHN RAYMOND		C
Sup Sgt 16 Co 20 Engrs		K 206 514 F
Modoc Ill		A 1 435 913
Su 250 386	Died	T 518 080
Born 11/5/89		R
Enl 12/12/17	Dis 6/18/19	Ct. 258 979
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office
at Great Falls, Montana, February 24, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that George R. Morehead, of Vaughn, Montana, who, on Oct. 11, 1913, and Oct. 27, 1915, made Original and Additional Homestead Entries Serial Nos. 032787 and 038824, for south half southwest quarter section 32, township 23 north; lots 3, 4, section 5, township 21 north; southwest quarter northwest quarter section 5, southeast quarter northeast quarter, lot 1, section 6, township 21; southeast quarter southeast quarter section 31, township 22 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Great Falls, Montana, on the 8th day of May, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: John R. Phegley, of Vaughn, Montana; John C. Morehead, of Great Falls, Montana; Earnest Meinert, of Great Falls, Montana; Fred Urick, of Vaughn, Montana.

R. N. SUTHERLIN, Register.

(First publication April 2, 1917.)

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Saturday 7 Apr 1917 p 14

Following are the names of sick or injured Americans in two hospitals at one Irish port:

[list continues]

The names of 47 sick and injured American troops in three hospitals at a port on the Irish north coast follow:

Basil G. Bailey, Bruno E. Bluhm, William C. Brady, Samuel Comb, Charles Lemuel Davis, Earl Wilder Drake, John Fuller, Myron Nelson Hayes, Elmer T. Holden, Ellerd Y. Kolb, Arthur William Liga, Joseph Emmett McDonald, Robert J. Moody, Albert I. Nuamin, John Benebeados, Henry Stanley Burkeson, Armando Bustichi, Leslie Dale, Carl Disouke, Samuel H. Eddins, Harrison Bates, Silva Hensley, Hallie M. Hoselton, Lee V. Lashua, John F. McDonnell, William Francis Mathais, Sidney Robert Hall, Clarence T. Neashim, Rex C. Orser, Lawrence Nathaniel Riley, Herbert D. Taylor, John Kumorowsky, Edward James Peterman, Roman Sandaval, Guss Johnson, Oliver Cole, Charles Hornecker, Clarence Johnson, William Douglas Pine, George A. Sturlen, Roy Huston Redding, Witham B. Curtis, John R. Phegley, George Richard Baker, James C. McAdam, Charles Smith, Roland Edward Duncan.



"St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 27

CASCADE BOYS ON TUSCANIA

**Four Boys From This County
Among Survivors of Torpedoed Transport.**

That at least four Cascade county boys were on board the transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off the north coast of Ireland last Wednesday and that probably all four are among the survivors was learned by The Tribune yesterday.

These are John R. Phegley and H. W. Miller, both of Great Falls, Clarence W. McCollim of Cascade, and Stanford Skelton of Geyser.

John R. Phegley was included in a list published in Sunday's Tribune as being one of 47 sick and injured who were being cared for in three different hospitals at a port on the North Irish coast. Phegley enlisted in this city in December and was a member of Company D, 20th Engineers. He had resided in this city for three years prior to his enlistment and was employed in the office of the Empire Lumber company. He made his home with C. C. Morey at 811 Seventh avenue north.

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"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 10

WENT DOWN WITH TUSCANIA

John R. Phegley, a son of Raymond Phegley, of Modoc, was one of the soldiers aboard the Tuscania, the big English transport, which was torpedoed and sunk near the Irish coast last week. It is not known if he was one of the many who were rescued.

The young man who is about twenty-seven years of age, left this county about five years ago for Montana where he homesteaded a ranch. Upon the breaking out of the war he went to the state of Washington where he enlisted as a private with the 20th Engineering corps. Following six months of training on the Pacific coast, he went east with his company, and was on his way for service in France when the Tuscania was blown up. He is the only boy from Randolph county, although there are a number of them in England and France, who has been killed or who has met with narrow escapes in the service.—Chester Tribune.

"Carbondale (IL) Free Press" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

the Carlin hotel.
J. R. Phegley of Madoc, Ill., was in
Billings Monday night on his way to
the fight at Shelby. He was registered
at the Carlin hotel.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Wednesday 4 Jul 1923 p 3

atives.
Ray Phegley of East St. Louis
spent Sunday visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Edw. Pautler and family.

"Belleville (IL) Daily Advocate" Wednesday 14 Mar 1945 p 8

Father:

Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947

Name Amos Phegley
Birth Date 19 Nov 1862
Birth Place Modoc, Randolph, Ill
Death Date 5 Dec 1929
Death Place Modoc, Randolph, Illinois
Burial Date 7 Dec 1929
Burial Place Modoc, Randolph, Ill.
Cemetery Name St. Leo
Death Age 67
Occupation Farmer
Race White
Marital Status M
Gender Male
Father Name Wm. Phegley
Father Birth Place Modoc, Randolph, Ill.
Mother Name Harret Mudd
Mother Birth Place Ruma, Randolph, Ill.
Spouse Name Margaret Phegley
FHL Film Number 1643621

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/46773846/person/6979972068/facts>

Mother:

Mrs. M. E. Phegley Dies; Funeral In Modoc Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Phegley, 69-year-old widow who died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Pautler, in Red Bud, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the home of a son, Percy Phegley in Modoc, Ill., to St. Leo's Church there, where Rev. August Glesen, the pastor will chant a requiem high mass. Burial will be in St. Leo's Cemetery.

Mrs. Phegley was born in Evansville, Ill., a daughter of the late John and Emily Longerman, nee Williamson, on May 5, 1867. She was married to Amos Phegley in Ruma on August 3, 1885. He died about six years ago.

Besides her son, Percy, and Mrs. Pautler, she leaves a son, John R. Phegley of St. Louis; one daugh-

ter, Sister Mary Leola of the Notre Dame Order in Overland, Mo.; four sisters, Mrs. Lulu B. Mudd and Mrs. W. C. Bradley, both of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Jerome Mudd of Waterloo, and Mrs. Goode of Bentonville, Ark.; two half-brothers, Julian Longerman of Denver and Charles Longerman of East St. Louis; a half-sister, Mrs. H. Berry of San Francisco, Calif.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Phegley was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and the Altar Society of St. Leo's Church in Modoc.

MRS. MARG. PHEGLEY OF RED BUD DIES; FUNERAL AT MODOC

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Phegley, of Red Bud, were held at 9 o'clock this morning in St. Leo's church at Modoc, with interment in St. Leo's cemetery.

Mrs. Phegley died at her home in Red Bud at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from a stroke of apoplexy which she suffered two days before.

She was born May 5, 1867, at Evansville, Ill., a daughter of the late John and Emily Lonergan. On Aug. 3, 1885, she was married to August Phegley, who preceded her in death, at Ruma.

She is survived by three children: John R., St. Louis; Percy, Modoc, and Mrs. Edwin Pautler, Red Bud and the following sisters: Mrs. Lulu B. Mudd, Mrs. W. C. Bradley and Miss Vivian Lonergan, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Verome Mudd, Waterloo; Mrs. W. Goode, Bentenville, Ark.; one half sister, Miss H. Berry, San Francisco, and a half brother, Charles Lonergan, East St. Louis, and two grandchildren.

Some discrepancies between the two obituaries – "Belleville (IL) Daily Advocate" Friday 16 Oct 1936 p 2

Siblings:

(OVER)

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
County of Cascade
Township.....
or.....
Village.....
or.....
City Great Falls

STATE OF MONTANA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Certificate of Death
File No. 137 1463
Registered No. 636

2. FULL NAME William D. Phegley

(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>male</u>	4 Color <u>white</u>	5 Single, Married, or divorced. <u>single</u> (Write the word.)	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Nov</u> <u>30</u> 191 <u>8</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>April</u> <u>28</u> <u>1886</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Nov 24</u> 191 <u>8</u> to <u>Nov 30</u> 191 <u>8</u> that I last saw him alive on..... 191..... and that death occurred on the date stated above, at.....M. The cause of death* was as follows: <u>Pert-influenzal pneumonia</u>	
7 AGE <u>32</u> years <u>7</u> mos. <u>2</u> ds. IF LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min.			Contributory (Secondary) (duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds. (Signed) <u>W. D. Phegley</u> M. D. Address <u>Great Falls</u>	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>laborer</u>			*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Ill.</u>			18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (for hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents.) At place of death.....yrs.....mos.....ds. State.....yrs.....mos.....ds. Where was disease contracted,..... if not at place of death?..... Former or Usual Residence.....	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Amos Phegley</u>			19 Place of Burial or Removal Date of Burial <u>Modoc Ill.</u> <u>Dec 2</u> 191 <u>8</u>	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Ill.</u>			20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS <u>T. F. O'Connor Co, Great Falls</u>	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Marguerite Lanergan</u>				
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Ill.</u>				
14 The Above Is True to the Best of My Knowledge Informant <u>Albert Phegley</u> Address <u>Modoc Ill.</u>				
15 Filed <u>12-19-18</u> <u>J. E. Meester</u> Registrar				

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. N. B.—Every item of information should be stated EXACTLY. Exact classification of cause of death is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

MT death record of brother William Daniel Phegley (1886-1918) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/787945:5437?tid=46773846&pid=6980058390&queryId=7f5b6ac1c08ede986de47732e589dfda&phsrc=hFB44925&phstart=successSource>

SMITH—The body of William E. Smith was forwarded this morning from the chapel of the T. F. O'Connor company to Choteau, for burial.

“Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Monday 2 Dec 1918 p 2

PHEGLEY—The body of William D. Phegley was forwarded this morning from the chapel of the T. F. O'Connor company to Modoc, Ill., for burial.

“Great Falls (MT) Tribune” Tuesday 3 Dec 1918 p 2

Buys Car on Time, Borrows \$10; Gets a Prison Sentence

SPARTA, ILL., Nov. 7—Percy J. Phegley, formerly of Modoc, will pay for a twelve-day vacation at the expense of other people with a term of from one to ten years in the penitentiary at Chester.

Phegley was sentenced by Judge Joyce last week on a plea of guilty to operating a confidence game.

Several weeks ago Phegley dropped in at the office of the Red Bud Motor Sales Company at Red Bud and told how he had served in the army, was retired on a pension and expected to cash his bonus bonds the next day. He bought a Chevrolet sedan and promised to pay "tomorrow".

The salesman knew of the prominence of the Phegley family at Modoc and closed the deal. Phegley gave a note due in one day or and took the car. He also bor-

rowed \$10 from the salesman.

Using the same story, he bought \$15 worth of provisions at a Red Bud store and even had the car insured at another place, also on credit.

The next day, Phegley and the car were gone and after several days went by police were notified. A few days later Phegley was found asleep in the car on a road near Taylorville. He had had the car twelve days and had driven 1200 miles. He was brought back to Chester and locked up.

NOT Percy Lawrence Phegley – according to the Initial – there are a lot of people named Phegley in the area - "Murphysboro (IL) Daily Independent" Saturday 7 Nov 1936 p 5

Pautler

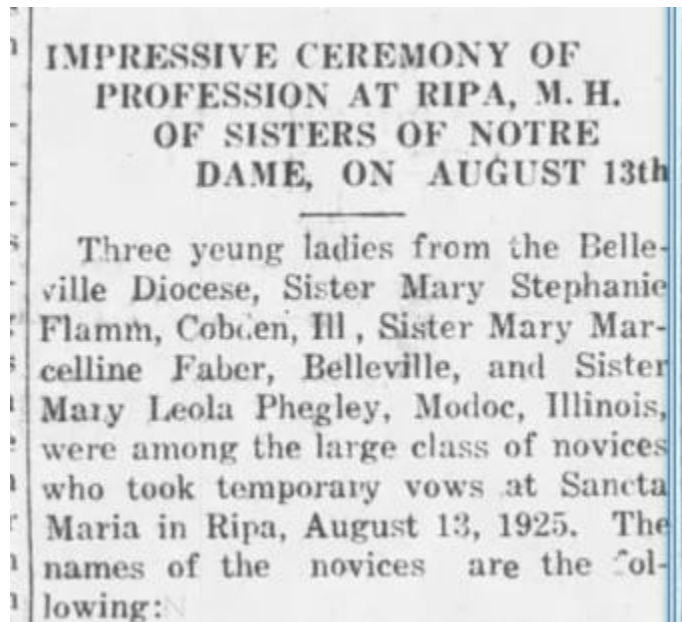
PAUTLER, ANNE (nee Phegley), Red Bud, Ill., April 18, 1977, dear wife of Edwin W. Pautler, dear mother of Edwin W. (Bill) and Richard A. Pautler, dear sister of Ray and Percy Phegley, dear mother-in-law, grandmother, aunt and cousin.

Funeral Wed., April 20, from the DASHNER Funeral Home, Red Bud, Ill., to St. Johns Catholic Church, 11 a.m. Mass. Interment St. Patricks Cemetery, Ruma, Ill. Member of St. Ann Altar Society and member ASCAP.

Obituary of **sister Anne Phegley Pautler** – “St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch” Tuesday 19 Apr 1977 p 41



“Belleville (IL) Daily Advocate” Thursday 18 Jun 1925 p 2



His **sister Mary Leola Phegley** begins the process of becoming a Catholic religious sister -
 “Belleville (IL) Messenger” Friday 21 Aug 1925 p 6

Name: John Raymond Phegley

Name variations: Ray Phegley, John Ray Phegley

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,386

Entered service from: Modoc, Randolph IL

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: John R. Phegley

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother (?) Amos. Phegley, Modoc IL

Returned from war on: “Santa Paula” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John R. Phegley

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Margaret Phegley, Modoc IL (supply sgt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Raymond Phegley - b. 5 Nov 1889 Modoc IL; res; Vaughn, Cascade MT. Single, Farmer on own account. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Raymond Phegley - b. 5 Nov 1889 Modoc IL; res: 400 Pittsburg Dr., Centreville, St. Clair IL. Mailing address: PO Box 44, East St. Louis IL. NOK Percy L. Phegley, Modoc IL. Employed at Logan-Long Co., 300 S. 10th St. E, East St. Louis, St. Clair IL. Height: 5'5" – 130 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 18 Jun 1919

Address: Modoc IL

Rank/unit: supply sergeant, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Nov 1889 Modoc, Randolph IL

Died: 17 May 1982 Red Bud, Randolph IL (in the Red Bud Nursing Home)

Find A Grave record: 107857726 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Modoc, Randolph IL

Cemetery: St. Leo

Tombstone: as John Ray Phegley - veteran flat: Sup Sgt US Army WWI

Father: Amos Phegley, 9 Nov 1862 Modoc, Randolph IL – 5 Dec 1929 Modoc, Randolph IL. Son of William Phegley & Harriett Ann Mudd. Buried in Saint Leo Cemetery, Modoc, Randolph IL.

Find A Grave: 107858229

Mother: Margaret E. Lonergan Phegley, 5 May 1867 Evansville, Randolph IL – 14 Oct 1936 Red Bud, Randolph IL. Daughter of John Lonergan & Emily Elisabeth Williamson. Buried in Saint Leo Cemetery, Modoc, Randolph IL.

Find A Grave: 107858066

Parents' marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- William Daniel Phegley, 28 Apr 1886 Randolph Co. IL – 30 Nov 1918 Great Falls, Cascade MT. Died at age 32 years, 7 months, 2 days of "post-influenzal pneumonia" (presumably a victim of the "Spanish flu" pandemic). Buried in Saint Leo Cemetery, Modoc, Randolph IL. F: 107858604
- Thomas Albert Phegley, 15 Jul 1887 Modoc, Randolph IL (WWI draft card 1917) or 1888 IL (1900 census) – 13 Dec 1918. Also found as Albert T. Died at age 31 years, 4 months,

20?/28? days (from tombstone photo). He resided in Modoc IL on 5 Jun 1917 when he registered for the draft. Was farming for himself & was single. He claimed exemption from the draft because of "being district road clerk." Has erroneous family trees on Ancestry.com. Buried in Saint Leo Cemetery, Modoc, Randolph IL. F; 107858859

- Percy Lawrence Phegley, 24 Jan 1893 Randolph Co. IL – Mar 1980 Red Bud, Randolph IL. SSN 321-32-1848. Husband of Augusta (1893-1979).
- Mary Leola Phegley, 26 Aug 1894 Randolph Co. IL – 18 May 1975 St. Louis Co. MO. Becomes a Roman Catholic religious sister in the order of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. In 1930 lived in Overland, St. Louis MO as Mary L. Phegley, 35 IL, parents b. IL, was a lodger with several other women (apparently sisters in a convent) with head sister Mary Mechtledles. Was originally buried in Villa Gesu Cemetery, St. Ferdinand MO; the cemetery closed in 1998. In 2002, the remains of the 752 religious sisters who were buried there were moved to Resurrection Cemetery, Affton, St. Louis MO. F: 47895005
- Anne (originally Ida Anne) Phegley Pautler, Dec 1899 IL (1900 census) – 18 Apr 1977. Wife of Edwin W. Pautler. Buried in St. Patrick's Parish Cemetery, Ruma, Randolph IL.

Notes:

Pre-war:

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Saturday 27 Jun 1914 p 4 – one of those contributing toward the goal of \$150,000 for the YMCA was J.R. Phegley, in the amount of \$5.

Wartime:

"Carbondale (IL) Daily Free Press" 14 Feb 1918 p 1 - son of Raymond Phegley of Modoc IL, not sure if alive, about 27 years old. Left Randolph County IL about 5 years ago to homestead a ranch in MT. Enlisted in WA; had 6 months training on West Coast. Only boy from county either killed or in a narrow escape

Post-war:

Obituary:

Obituary published with name Ray Phegley (no mention of "John") - "Southern Illinoisan" (Carbondale IL) 18 May 1982 p 21 - age 92, resident of 621 Hartman Dr., Red Bud IL. Born 5 May 1889 Modoc IL. WWI veteran, member of American Legion. Son of Amos & Margaret (Loneragan) Phegley. Survived by 2 nephews & 1 brother-in-law; predeceased by 3 brothers & 2 sisters

Social Security number: 493-03-1266

Censuses:

1900 Brewerville, Randolph IL – conducted 5 Jun 1900

Amos Phegley, 32 IL, Nov 1863, father b. KY, mother b. MD, married 15 years, farmer
 Maggie, 33 IL, May 1867, father b. TN, mother b. MO, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living
 Daniel, 14 IL, Apr 1886
 Albert T., 13 IL, Jul 1888
 John R., 9 IL, Nov 1890
 Laurence P., 7 IL, Jan 1893
 Lena, 4 IL, Aug 1895
 Ida A., 5 months IL, Dec 1899
 & aunt Annie Blais, 81 KY, Nov 1818, parents b. MD

1910 Brewerville, Randolph IL

Amos Phegley, 46 IL, father b. KY, mother b. IL, in 1st marriage, married 24 years, farmer, general farm
 Margaret, 43 IL, father b. LA, mother b. MO, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living
 William D., 24 IL, carpenter, home builder
 Thomas A., 22 IL, farm laborer, home farm
 John R., 20 IL, clerk, general office
 Lawrence P., 17 IL, farm laborer, home farm
 Mary L., 15 IL
 Ida A., 10 IL

1920 cannot locate

1930 East St. Louis, St. Clair IL – 1308 Park Dr.

John R. Phegley, 40 IL, parents b. IL, single, lumberman, retail lumber yard, WWI veteran
 Boarding with Robert L. & Mabel Christie & their 2 children

1940 cannot locate – do not confuse (as Ancestry.com does) the John E. Phegley living Lakewood, Shelby IL

1950 East St. Louis, St. Clair IL

John R. Phegley, 60 IL, warehouse manager, wholesale building material
 Lodger with head of household Herbert W. Hacker, 42 KY, separated, boilermaker, boiler erection