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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Parkhill, Oakley Legare
1890 WI – 1973 WI



Oakley Legare Parkhill – “Marshfield [WI] News” 16 January 1919 p 6



Oakley Legare Parkhill - "Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" 4 April 1918 p 6



Survivors Of The Tuscania Troop transport sinking 31 years ago off the coast of Scotland met at Galesville Saturday night and Oakley Parkhill, Galesville, seated third from the left, was re-elected president of the Trempealeau county group. Those present for the reunion were: Left to right, front row, Henry Oksnee, Winona; Nat Carhart and Parkhill, Galesville; Martin DeBoer, La Crosse; Gordon Herreid, Ettrick; and August Cierzan, Winona, Minn.; back row, Lee Mattson, Blair; Oscar Jahr, Independence; Carl Herreid, Ettrick, and John Helleckson, Blair.

From the "Eau Claire Herald-Telegram" 7 February 1949 p 2 (note: Helleckson should read Hellekson):



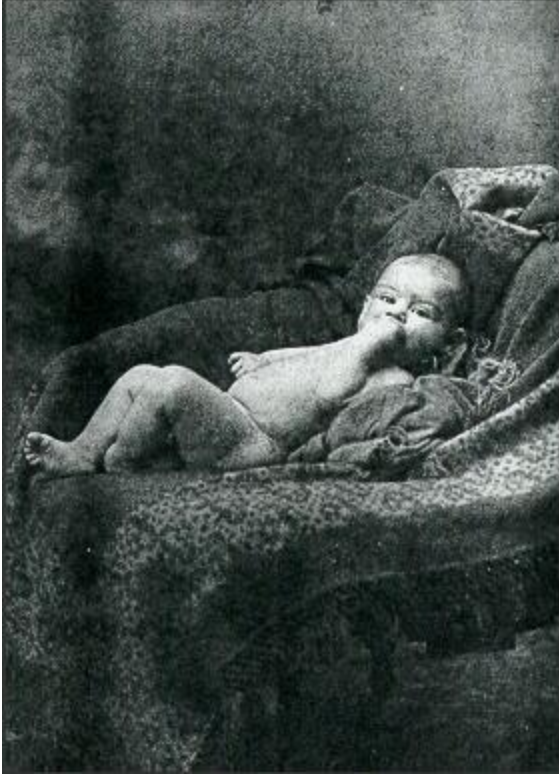
Capt. Parkhill



Left: Oakley Legare Parkhill, claiming to be captain in Army – "Sheboygan (WI) Press" 5 Feb 1936 p 23 – Right: "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 7 Feb 1949 p 2



Oakley Legare Parkhill – Left: "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 7 Feb 1955 p 3 – Right: "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 6 Feb 1956 p 1



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Wartime:

INTERESTING LETTER FROM SERGT. OAKLEY L. PARKHILL



Sgt. Oakley L. Parkhill

First-Class Sergeant Oakley L. Parkhill, of Abbotsford, Wisconsin, who is with the Headquarters Company of the 107th Supply Train, which was on the ill-fated Tuscania, has the following to say in a letter home written from somewhere in England, under date of February 19th:

Well, we had a beautiful voyage practically all the way across. While

their places in a good soldierly manner giving me no trouble whatever. It was up to us to set a good example to the other men who had been landed there, as we had been in the army longer and had more drilling. The other men were from the 6th Battalion of the 20th Engineers enlisted for the forestry branch of the service, such as operating saw mills to cut lumber, etc., and had drilled but little, having been in the service only a couple of months.

The fact of this short service may account for the losses they sustained among their companies, as our battalion lost but 14 men while their losses were somewhere around a hundred. Discipline never showed to a better advantage than it did after the first momentary excitement was over and the systematic lowering of the boats and getting the men off the ship began. (Guess, I better not go into detail about this as I don't want you to tell me to "rent a hall" for I haven't the money; but no man could have seen these boys lined up on deck in an orderly manner, and have heard the strains of "My Country 'tis of Thee" roll out in a full round volume over the darkening waters, and then sit down to write "Round Robins" from Porto Rico or anywhere else

in Halifax we sailed by the place where the terrible explosion occurred and saw the ruins left by the big fire, and it certainly was a big loss. We also saw the boats which were in the collision as they are being raised and salvaged. The trip across was uneventful until we met our convoy, which was something new to nearly all of us.

We have been treated so royally both here and in Ireland that it hardly seems possible it was two weeks ago tonight that we heard the sound of that awful torpedo, but such it is. The boat stayed above water long enough for everyone to have been taken off by the destroyers in our convoy had they remained on board; but of course it would be next to the impossible to get 2,500 boys and men together who would all keep their heads in such a case. Most of the losses were due to some of the boys jumping overboard, or doing some little foolish thing that caused trouble. As figured to date the losses are below two hundred and part of these are of the ship's crew, some of whom became more frightened than the most of our boys. The most of the ship's crew, however, stuck to their posts and did their duty nobly. As is usually the case our brave wireless operator was among the lost as he

criticizing the administration or the conduct of this war). I intend to devote an entire long letter to the torpedoing of the Tuscania when I can find time and adjust my notes of the incidents and send it to you.

Our stay in Larne was much too short to suit most of us, for the Irish people fell in love with the "Sammies" at first sight and nothing was too good for us. The American Consul at Belfast which is 28 miles from Larne, did everything in his power to make us comfortable. His wife and another lady connected with the American Red Cross branch in Belfast made several trips to Larne bringing clothing, cigarettes and other comforts to add to those the people of Larne had furnished us, and in the language of 'Tiny Tim' "May God bless every one of them." From Larne we were moved about 40 miles to a Scottish convalescent camp at Randallstown. A band of Scotch bagpipers met us at the station and led us into camp to the strains of their lively Scotch music interspersed with one or two American airs, of course. If we had been born princess our treatment could not have been better. We found here more survivors of the Tuscania being assembled for the trip to England. While in this camp I met a company first sergeant, or sergeant

stayed on the job like a hero sending out the S. O. S. calls to the last and we can thankfully testify that his heroic work was not entirely in vain, for it brought us help from our convoyers as well as from other vessels. The events were so vivid and crowding on each other so fast that I cannot detail them to you in this letter; but I have a wonderful diary of everything that transpired which you folks can see some day if I have the good fortune to get home again.

I entered the life boat about 7:20 p. m., ship's time and about an hour and a half after we were struck. Our boat did not take water as some did, so we suffered none and were picked up by an Irish trawler, acting as a coast patrol in His Majesty's service, just as dry as when we left the Tuscania, at about 11:20 p. m. After the trawler picked us up we met and took on board the boys on five more life boats. I pulled 19 on board the trawler alone and was so tired that I lay on the deck and slept several hours although the water was washing over me on the deck every now and then. We had such a crowd we could not all go down in the hold so we let only the men who were sick or poorly clothed or were wet go down by the fires where they could

major as they call them here, of the Scottish Black Watch who says he knows many of the Parkhills of Scotland. He made me promise to look him up after the war if I could not before, saying he would show me over the country to see and meet the Parkhills in Scotland.

Major Kraning just told about seeing a copy of a N. Y. paper of February 7th, giving a list of those aboard the Tuscania and if the Chicago and Milwaukee papers gave the names I can imagine how frightened mother and all of you would be; but presume it was not long before the list of the saved was published and your fears found groundless. At any rate I am safe and sound and have had the luck (?) to see a submarine in actual work and live to tell about it. We all saw the U-boat after it had hit us as it pulled up alongside to see what they had got. They only stayed up for a minute and then submerged again. The destroyers were helpless so far as firing on the U-boat was concerned as any shots exchanged might have killed some of our men who were in the life boats.

The Tuscania survivors were given a theatre party by the officials of Southampton the other day and we sure had a good time. The Lord

be comfortable. I saved every bit of clothing I had with me and so was warm enough, in fact when picked up I was sweating from rowing for four hours in the life boat.

We were taken to Larne, Ireland, and given the best of everything the town afforded. It's a city of 12,000 and so could easily accommodate us. We were taken to the best hotels in the city and before shown our rooms we were served with lunch and hot tea. Good; surest thing you ever said. I believe that all the women of Larne belong to some Red Cross club and were notified of our coming and had everything fixed for us when we arrived, which was about 5:45 a. m. After being shown to our rooms I slept until about 2:30 p. m., and then got up and went on the street to see how many men of our battalion or the Supply Train were there. On counting them together I found there were 45 men from the Supply Train, all told, including myself, and strange to say I was the only first-class sergeant there, none of our officers with us, and the only other non-commissioned officer being a duty sergeant from Company C. Two of our men had been taken to a hospital there which left 42 men whom I immediately set about to form into some kind of

an organization so we could keep track of them as they were from all 6 companies and only four of us from the headquarters company. I took charge of them as though I had been their captain, and appointed a first sergeant, company clerk, six duty sergeants and several corporals. The men preferred this arrangement instead of having an unattached officer, of whom there were several, put in command of them, as they said we all knew each other while these officers were entire strangers to us. The men were assigned to squads and kept

sure had a good time. The Lord Mayor in his address of welcome mentioned the fact that it was from the port of Southampton that the Pilgrim Fathers set sail for America in 1620. They are very proud of this. Oh yes, he also mentioned in particular the youngest man who sailed with the Pilgrims who was none other than John Alden whom Longfellow has immortalized in his "Courtship of Miles Standish."

Winchester is one of the most historically important places in England. It was founded by King Alfred the Great. It was here he built a castle and wrote the "Domes-day" book. It was also here that William, the Conqueror, defeated the Danes under Alfred and established his stronghold. I forgot to mention that the country hereabouts was first settled by the Romans under Caesar. They built roads and a wall about the town and started a large cathedral much of which is still standing. It is an important landmark and within its walls are buried famous men, among whom is the governor whom Caesar left in charge of the country and who lost it to Alfred. Isaac Walton is also buried in this cathedral and it was here that he did most of his fishing. The foundation of the cathedral was laid in 1093. There is a large statue of King Alfred in the main street. Must ring off for want of time. All of us boys from Abbotsford and Marshfield are O. K. and very much alive. Do not know how long we are to stay here. Have had no mail yet but expect to find lots awaiting for my arrival in France. Have all the folks address letters to Am. E. F. as we are told letters addressed just "A. E. F." are sometimes missent to the mail for the "Australian Expeditionary Force," which causes much trouble and delay."

OAKLEY.

CITATIONS

Two Wisconsin Officers Win Distinguished Service Cross For Bravery in Action

The list of citations issued today by the government contains the names of two Wisconsin men, Second Lieutenant Oakley L. Parkhill, of Abbotsford, and First Lieutenant George Thorngate of Exeland. The text of the citations follows:

The commander in chief, in the name of the President, has awarded the distinguished service cross to the following named officers for the acts of extraordinary heroism described after their names:

Second Lieutenant Oakley L. Parkhill, 61st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois des fay, France, October 13 to November 11, 1918. On October 13, Lieutenant Parkhill in company with another lieutenant, was wounded by the explosion of a shell. Regardless of his own wound, Lieutenant Parkhill administered first aid to his companion, and carried him to a first-aid station. After he was evacuated to the field hospital, Lieutenant Parkhill refused to be evacuated to the S. O. S. Hospital, and on October 18 returned to duty with his company. During the period, October 25 to November 11, while in command of Company E, 61st Infantry, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while reconnoitering and leading his company. Home address,

Mrs. Clara Parkhill, wife, Abbotsford, Wis.

First Lieutenant George Thorngate, 6th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Romagne, France, October 14-15, 1918. Being seriously wounded, Lieutenant Thorngate displayed marked devotion to duty by refusing to go to the rear and remaining in command of his company until next day. Home address, Charles W. Thorngate, father, Exeland, Wis.

Lieutenant Oakley L. Parkhill, who has been cited for extraordinary heroism in action in France, October 31, last, is a son of George B. Parkhill of Abbotsford, who is well known here

Lieutenant Parkhill attended the first officers' training camp at Camp Grant, but failed to receive a commission. He was not content to remain at home and enlisted with Co. A, W. N. G., at Marshfield, and went to Waco, receiving promotions until he became second lieutenant. Later he was transferred to Co. K, sixth regiment, W. N. G., which was sent overseas after that organization had become a part of the national army.

His regiment was one of those which took an active part in the Argonne-Meuse sector and at Dun-Meuse immediately preceding the signing of the armistice. For more than three weeks he was in full command of his company, his captain and first lieutenant having been disabled.

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Saturday 11 Jan 1919 p 3

Distinguished Service Cross

Recipient Name	Rank	Unit	Date (1918)	Place of Action
Parkhill, Oakley L.	2LT (Inf)	61st Inf.	Oct 13-Nov 11	Bois-du-Fays

On October 13, 1918 while in company with another Lieutenant, Oakley Parkhill was wounded by the explosion of an incoming artillery shell. Regardless of his own wound, he administered first aid to his companion and carried him to a first aid station.

After he was evacuated to the field hospital, Lieutenant Parkhill refused to be evacuated to the service of supply hospital, and on October 18, 1918 he returned to duty with his company. During the period of October 25th to November 11th, 1918 he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while reconnoitering and leading his company.

Residence at appointment: Abbottsford, Wisconsin.

TOWN, Ill.

Second Lieut. OAKLEY L. PARKHILL, 61st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois des Fay, France, October 13 to November 11, 1918. On October 13, Lieut. Parkhill in company with another lieutenant, was wounded by the explosion of a shell. Regardless of his own wound, Lieut. Parkhill administered first aid to his companion, and carried him to a first-aid sta-

tion. After he was evacuated to the field hospital, Lieut. Parkhill refused to be evacuated to the S. O. S. Hospital, and on October 18 returned to duty with his company. During the period, October 25 to November 11, while in command of Company E, 61st Infantry, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while reconnoitering and leading his company. Home address, Mrs. Clara Parkhill, wife, Abbotsford, Wis.

"Official Bulletin" Thursday 16 Jan 1919 p 28

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Oakley L. Parkhill

Posted 04 Mar 2022 by stephanie walker

Now I have a letter dated **February 25, 1919** from a Mr. George B. Parkhill of Abbottsford, Wisconsin to a Mr. W. T. Parkhill of Mansfield, Arkansas is listed below:

"My dear Sir: My son, Lieut. Oakley L who is now working in the Postal Express Service at Bourges, France, has sent me a list of all the boys bearing our name who are doing "overseas" duty in this war, (World War I), taking same from the "Locator Cards" in the office where he works as follows:-

Parkhill, Oakley L. 2nd Lieut. Co., E., 61st U.S. Infantry (my son)

Eli R. Wagoner, Supply Co., 127th Inf.---32nd Div. (My nephew)

Lester N. Sergeant, 107th Trench Mortar Bat' 32nd Div.

Day D. Sergeant. Battery C 319 Field Arty's (now home)

Allen, Corporal, Co. ___ ? 34th Inf. 7th Division

*John J. Private, Co. #2 Camp Pike Automatic Replacement Draft Inf. ***

Homer L Private Co. E, 47th Infantry Leonard C. Private Co. L, 319th Infantry

Lester E. Private Battery b 332nd Field Artillery, 96th Div.

Ralph M. Corp'l 325th Field Hospital, 309th Sanitary Train

Ralph L. Private, 1st Class, Radio Mech. Dept, A.P.O. 717

Roland H. Corporal, Bat. F. 142d F. Art. 39th Div.

Roy F. Private, Camp Pike Automatic Replacement Draft, Inf.

Thomas Private, Co. H 3rd Battalion, 21str Engineers

Warner F. Private, Co. F. 25th Engineers

As all the "Parkhills" in this country are supposed to be descendants of the 4 brothers, -David, Nathaniel, James and Hugh Parkhill who emigrated from Scotland here about 1745, I am interested in locating these boys and their fathers to ascertain from what branch of the family they are descended; hence this letter to you, who are the only one whose address is given on these "Locator Cards" my son says and none of the others give any "emergency addresses" at all. Wagoner, Eli R. is my brother Reuben's son who lives here; Sergt. Lester N. is my brother Jerome's son who lives at Antigo, Wis.; and Sergt. Day D., is the son of my youngest brother, Fred A. Parkhill, now living at Reno, Washington. Day was severely wounded by a shell on side of head and skull and has been invalid at home and is now visiting his parents in Washington, but he was a chauffeur at Robbinsdale, a suburb of Minneapolis when he entered the service. Outside of these four and your son Roland who gave your name and address on this card, I am unable to locate any of the other 12, and thought that you might be able to help me as to some of them other than your own son.

Major Alonzo B. "Parkell" of Carthage, Missouri, who died a few years ago was a brother of my grandfather, Ruben Parkhill and they were both the sons of "Nathaniel" whose father's name was also the original "Nathaniel" who came here in 1745. My father's name was Eli and his seven sons are all living in this State except my brother Fred who is in Washington. My brother's names in their order of age are William, Niles, Reuben, Jerome, and Geo. B. (Myself), Jesse and Fred, and were all born in Madison County New York 25 miles east of Syracuse near Canastota. I have a cousin, W. D. who is a druggist at Oneida, N.Y. and a cousin, Oscar J. at La Porte, Indiana. They both spell their names "Parkell" and by dropping the 'h' missed having a helluva name. I visited them and other cousins in N. Y. State in 1911.

When I went East, I met a James W. Parkhill at Buffalo, N.Y. who owns a laundry there. There are also Parkhills in Pittsburgh, Pa. and a Rev. Elliot D. Parkhill at Lock Haven, Pa. who is a Presbyterian Minister and another James W. Parkhill D.D. is a pastor of same church at Storm Lake, Iowa, according to the list given in recent issue of that church's pastors throughout the U.S.A. Dr. C.S. P. of Hornellsville, N.Y. was a cousin of mine and there are two doctors of our name that did live at Owosso, Michigan and are supposed to be descendants I believe of "Truman" Parkhill. There was a Dr. Clayton S. Park'l at Denver, Colo. and few years ago, I received a letter from an attorney C.B. P. of Pensacola, Florida who is now or was recently a judge of the supreme court of that state. We corresponded and exchanged pictures some fifteen years or so ago.

About 12 years ago I got a letter from a W.W. Parkhill somewhere in Illinois but when I tried to trace his ancestry he failed to answer my letter and I thought he might be a Democrat and did not want the others to know it. The Doctors at Owosso, Mich. were prominent democrats and one of them was chairman of the party for that state some years ago. The Pennsylvanians are supposed to be descendants of "David" who settled in that state and lived to be over 100 years old I am informed. Maj. A. B. P. of Carthage sent me his family history also containing some of the data regarding the origin of those of the name in this country. Have you a copy of it, or are you one of Major' Alonzo's boys.

My son Oakley is the only boy I have but have two daughters, one married lives in Chicago and as she has two daughters I am a "grandma", my other daughter is a stenographer and works at Faribault, Minnesota. My son was on the ill-fated "Tuscania" and while in a convalescent camp at Randallstown, Ireland after they were landed at Larne, he says he met a Sergeant Major of the Scottish Black Watch Regiment who asked to have my son look him up after the war and he would take him thru Scotland and introduce him to the "Parkhills" of Scotland. ...

Very truly yours,

G. B. Parkhill "

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Postwar:

LIEUT. PARKHILL

Distinguished Abbotsford Of- ficer Now On Lecture Platform.

Lieut. Oakley Parkhill of Abbotsford, a survivor of the Tuscania disaster, who has been lecturing since his return from overseas service last May, was in town Monday enroute to Thorp to lecture. His lecture is based on his experience in the world war and is entitled, "The World War—What It Has Taught Us." Press notices praise his lecture and speaking ability very highly. It is probable that an effort will be made to get him to speak in this city.

Mr. Parkhill's services in the war were of an exceptionally meritorious nature, as is attested by a distinguished service cross and a notice from the French government of having been awarded a Croix De Guerre for extraordinary bravery.

The French citation reads as follows:

"An officer of admirable courage. Out with another lieutenant he was wounded by an explosion of a shell. Without paying any attention to his own wound, he administered first aid to a companion and carried him to the nearest dressing station. Evacuated in an ambulance, he refused to be evacuated farther, and rejoined his unit voluntarily on the first line five days afterwards."

Oakley left for the front with Company K of this city.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 23 Oct 1919 p 1

A branch of the American Legion has been organized in Abbotsford with Lieut. Oakley L. Parkhill as the commander. Mr. Parkhill served through the war with the Marshfield volunteers.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 25 Dec 1919 p 7

Oakley L. Parkhill, one of the investigators for the Rev. Henry J. Soltau, Minneapolis vice crusader, burst into the jury room, conferred with prosecuting attorneys and rushed out with a warrant.

With Sheriff A. F. Mesenbrink and Deputy Sheriff George Allen, he sped to St. Benedict, small settlement near Jordan, and halted with screaming brakes at the filling station of William Kunz.

Just as the raiders pulled up, another automobile left at high speed. The trio ran inside. There was no slot machine.

Kunz said a machine had been placed there Wednesday by a Jordan resident, owner of the car which had just speeded away, but had been removed.

Failure of the raid brought "another tip-off" accusation from Mr. Soltau, who demanded an investigation.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star" Friday 1 Nov 1940 p 12

LaFarge Bride At Gale

GALESVILLE, Wis. (Special)—A marriage ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Oakley L. Parkhill Friday, April 18, was the first such ceremony he has performed in his several years in that office. It might well be his last also, since he will give up his office May 1 in favor of Raymond Quall, elected this month.

Michael J. Brown, Menomonie, and Jeane Ann Smith, LaFarge, exchanged their marriage vows in a civil ceremony before the Galesville man at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18. Both are students at Stout Institute, Menomonie, where they resumed their studies Monday after a weekend honeymoon.

Witnesses to the service were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rall.

"La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Tuesday 22 Apr 1958 p 6

Wife Clara Olson Parkhill Dosch:

Clara Olson

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Detail Source

Name:	Clara Olson
Marriage Date:	4 Nov 1916
Marriage County:	Polk, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse:	Oakley Legare Parkhill

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Clara Parkhill Dosch

in the Minnesota Cemetery Inscription Index, Select Counties

Detail Source

Township:	Mendota Heights
County:	Dakota
Name:	Clara Parkhill Dosch
Death Date:	15/Apr/1970
Cemetery:	Acacia Park
Section:	WILLOW 20 2 2

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County	Certificate Number	Marriage Date	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	
HENNEPIN	06360298	10/27/1954	DOSCH, JACOB THOMAS	PARKHILL, CLARA OLSON	Request Copy

From moms.mn.gov

|----- Olson, Clara (4 NOV 1916)

Miss Clara Olson of Centuria, Wis., and Mr. Oakley L. Parkhill of Abbotsford, Wis., were married at the home of the bride's parents in Centuria, on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1916.

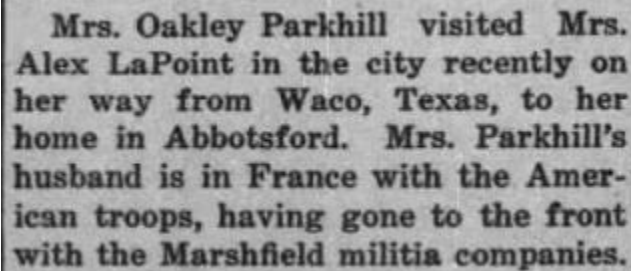
The couple arrived at Abbotsford Sunday afternoon, and on Monday evening a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. George B. Parkhill, being attended by relatives only.

The bride was dressed in satin charmeuse and georgette crepe, and the groom wore a happy smile and a black suit.

At 10:30 the guests partook of a wedding dinner. The dining room was trimmed with smilax and red roses.

A very pleasant evening was spent and many useful presents were received by the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill will be at home to their many friends after Dec. 1st, at Abbotsford, Wis.

Unsourced citation – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



Mrs. Oakley Parkhill visited Mrs. Alex LaPoint in the city recently on her way from Waco, Texas, to her home in Abbotsford. Mrs. Parkhill's husband is in France with the American troops, having gone to the front with the Marshfield militia companies.

"Marshfield (WI) News & Wisconsin Hub" Thursday 4 Jul 1918 p 7

Wife Anna Severson Barger

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The penalty for neglect to make return to the Clerk of District Court, within 15 days by the person solemnizing marriage is \$50.
Code Section 3146

IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH **31 1936**

Return of Marriage to Clerk of District Court
DUBUQUE COUNTY

- Full name of GROOM *Oakley L. Parkhill*
- Place of Residence *Minneapolis Minn*
- Occupation *Investigator*
- Age next birthday *51* years, Color *White* Race *American*
- Place of Birth *Shore Wis*
- Father's name *George D*
- Mother's maiden name *Dee*
- Number of Groom's marriage *2nd*
- Full name of BRIDE *Anna Barger*
- Maiden name if a widow
- Place of residence *Brookston Minn*
- Age next birthday *48* years, Color *White* Race *American*
- Place of birth *Superior Wis*
- Father's name *Sam Severson*
- Mother's maiden name *Dee*
- Number of bride's marriage *2nd*
- Witnesses to marriage *Conrad Bergman John Axel*

N.B.—At No. 8 and 13 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 16 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

April 22nd 1941

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Oakley L. Parkhill Groom
Anna Barger Bride

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

Arthur H. Hogan M. P. Hogan
this *2* day of *April* 1941 *Justice of the Peace*

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Wife Tillie C. --- Hughes

Elderly Minneapolis Woman Killed by Car

MINNEAPOLIS (P)—Mrs. Tillie Hughes, 74, Minneapolis, died in a hospital Wednesday night of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car Tuesday.

Her death raised Minnesota's 1957 traffic toll to 633, up 32 from this time a year ago.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Thursday 12 Dec 1957 p 9



STRUCK by a car at 6:45 a.m. today, Marie Gross (above), 55, 2802 N. Second street, suffered fractures of both ankles and internal injuries. She was taken to General hospital in poor condition. Driver of the car, Leniol F. Vaillancourt, 59, 409 Lakeview avenue, Tanners lake, was tagged for failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in the crosswalk. Police

said 36 feet of skid marks indicated he was going too fast. Another woman, Tillie C. Hughes, 74, 329 Nineteenth avenue S., was taken to General in poor condition after she was struck at 6:10 a.m. at E. Franklin and Twenty-seventh avenues. Police said she ran against a red light in her haste to reach a bus. Driver of the car, Ronald Melchert, 20, 1969 E. River terrace, was not tagged.

His ex-wife is not the traffic victim pictured - "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Tuesday 10 Dec 1957 p 1

Woman Hit by Car, Dies of Injuries

Mrs. Tillie C. Hughes, 74, 329 Nineteenth avenue S., died in General hospital Wednesday night of injuries suffered in a traffic mishap Tuesday morning.

Her death was the 44th caused by traffic in Minneapolis this year. Over the same period last year there were 41 deaths.

“Minneapolis (MN) Star” Thursday 12 Dec 1957 p 8

Father:



George Bristol Parkhill – Find A Grave 86625744

Parkhill Marks 83rd Birthday

George B. Parkhill, 302 N. Murray st., Madison attorney who retired eight years ago, observed his 83rd birthday Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Irene Lawson, 14 S. Broom st.

A son, O. L. Parkhill, Fargo, N. D., came to Madison for the observance. Another daughter, Mrs. E. F. Sinclair, was unable to attend.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin law school 59 years ago, a year before the graduation of the elder Robert M. La Follette, Parkhill lived for a number of years in Neillsville where he served as district attorney at one time. He was postmaster at Thorp for 12 years.

He came to Madison in 1927, retiring from active practice of law in 1935.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 27 Feb 1944 p 25

George Parkhill Dies at Age 85

George B. Parkhill, 85, a former Madison attorney, died today at the home of his son, Oakley Parkhill, at Galesville.

Mr. Parkhill graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1884. He was a classmate of Belle Case, who later became Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, Sr. He was a former district attorney of Clark county and postmaster at Thorp. In Madison he had law offices on S. Carroll st.

Survivors are his son, Oakley; two daughter, Mrs. Hazel Sinkler, Crystal Lake, Ill., and Mrs. Irlene Lawson, Madison; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Parkhill was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

The body will be brought to the Fitch - Lawrence funeral home.

Obituary of father George Bristol Parkhill – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Saturday 1 Feb 1947 p 1

Mother:

Isabelle Parkhill

Succumbs at 63

Prominent W.C.T.U. Member Dies Sunday in Hospital

Mrs. Isabelle M^{rs} Parkhill, 63, 952 Jenifer street, president of the Monona chapter of the W. C. T. U., and state superintendent of International Relations of Peace and Freedom, died Sunday in a Madison hospital after a short illness.

She is survived by her husband, Atty. George Parkhill; two daughters, Mrs. A. T. Lawson, Madison, and Mrs. E. F. Sinkler, Minneapolis; one son, Oakley L. Parkhill, Madison; two sisters, Mrs. Zina Summers, Wascott, Wis., and Mrs. Laura Sawyer, Cass Lake, Minn.; two brothers, Clyde and Sam Salisbury, Michigan, Wis., and two granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3:15 from the home and at 3:30 from the First Methodist church, Dr. Harlan C. Logan officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill cemetery.

Obituary of mother Isabelle Salisbury Parkhill – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Monday 21 Oct 1929 p 17

Siblings:

HAZEL L. SINKLER

Hazel L. Sinkler of 3732 Maxine Street died yesterday in Lee Memorial Hospital. She was 72 and has been a resident here since 1952.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sibyl Patton, Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Yvonne Salvesen, Fort Myers; a sister, Mrs. Irlene Lamkins, Manawa, Wis., a brother, Oakley L. Parkhill, King, Wis., two grandchildren, Selmer M. Selvesen III, and Isla Wynn Farquer, and one great grandchild, Dana Scott Farquer, all of Fort Myers.

Mrs. Sinkler and her husband, El F. Sinkler, who died in 1958, were pioneers in cage-laid eggs and poultry raising in Crystal Lake, Ill. where Mr. Sinkler was widely known for his caponizing method and battery - raised broilers. He retired when the couple came to live in Fort Myers.

Christian Science service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Leo W. Engelhardt's Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Black River Falls, Wis.

Obituary of [sister Hazel Lanore Parkhill Sinkler \(1891-1964\)](#) – “Fort Myers (FL) News-Press”
Wednesday 12 Feb 1964 p 2

Campbell, Irlene L.

MADISON — Irlene L. Campbell, age 93, died on Wednesday, April 1, 1992, following a brief illness. She lived in Madison with her daughter for the past nine years. She was born on October 18, 1898, in Thorpe, Wisconsin, Clark County, to George B. and Isabelle M. (Salisbury) Parkhill. She graduated from Abbotsford High School and attended the University of Minnesota. She retired from the Mendota Mental Health Institute in 1962. She married Herbert E. Lawson in 1928, who preceded her in death in 1962. She later married Leslie M. Lamkins, who preceded her in death; and Arthur J. Campbell, who preceded her in death. She was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, the Order of Eastern Star, Clintonville Chapter 27, and VFW Ladies Auxiliary #1318. She is survived by a daughter, Loa M. (Vernon) Barnica of Madison; a granddaughter, Kea M. Barnica of Madison; a grandson, David R. (Ramona) Barnica of Madison; and seven great-grandchildren, Katherine, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Johnathon, Josephine, Nathaniel, and Christian. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Ephraim (Hazel) Sinkler; and a brother, Oakley L. Parkhill. Graveside

services will be held at FOREST HILL CEMETERY, 1 Speedway Road, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 1992. The Reverend John J. Fetterman, from Grace Episcopal Church, will officiate. Memorials are suggested to Grace Episcopal Church.

GUNDERSON FUNERAL HOME
Madison

Obituary of [sister Irlene Lelah Parkhill Lawson Lamkins Campbell \(1898-1992\)](#) – “Madison (WI) Capital Times” Friday 3 Apr 1992 p 23 & on Find A Grave 86380467

Irlene Lawson Is Given a Divorce

**Decree Is Granted on Grounds of
Cruel, Inhuman Treatment**

Irlene Parkhill Lawson, Madison, secured a divorce Saturday in Judge A. G. Zimmerman's branch of Dane county circuit court from her husband, Herbert E. Lawson, 56.

The divorce was granted on charges of cruel and inhuman treatment and nonsupport. Lawson is employed as a gravel digger by the county, he said.

The couple was married Sept. 15, 1928, and there is one child, Lea Mae, 3. Divorce proceedings had been started once before by Mrs. Lawson.

Divorce of Irlene Lelah Parkhill Lawson from her 1st husband, Herbert Edward Lawson, on 28 Oct 1933 – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Sunday 29 Oct 1933 p 1

Marriage Licenses

Outagamie County — Clerk Mollie E. Pfeffer issued a license to Leighton A. Hardy, 210 N. Summit St., and June A. Feldten, 102 E. Franklin St., both of Appleton.

Waupaca County — Clerk Robert Backer has issued licenses to:

Craig R. Tanner, 151 N. Clinton Ave., Clintonville, and Judith M. Lutz, Oconto Falls.

Arthur J. Campbell, 20 15th St., Clintonville, and Irlene L. Lampins, 799 Depot St., Manawa.

George A. Beyer, 135 Fourth St., Manawa, and Helen M. Piscitello, 115 W. Fourth St., Manawa.

Marriage license of Irlene Lelah Parkhill Lawson Lamkins [misspelled Lampins] & Arthur J. Campbell — "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 5 Sep 1968 p 14

Campbell, Arthur J.

MADISON — Arthur J. Campbell, age 91, of 4110 Drexel Avenue, died Wednesday, August 31, 1983, at home after a short illness. He was born December 30, 1891, in the township of Hortonville, and came to Madison in 1980. He was the former owner and operator of the Clintonville Sales Corporation, and a former mayor of Clintonville, Wisconsin. Mr. Campbell was a member of The First Methodist Church of Clintonville; and a 45 year member of the Clintonville Masonic Lodge # 197. Survivors include his wife, Irlene; one daughter, Mrs. Carmen Sigvardt, of Escondido, California; three grandchildren, Karen, Susan, and Marsha; and two great-grandchildren, Jay and Abigail. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alpha Witt Campbell; and three brothers, and two sisters. Graveside memorial services with Masonic rites will be held at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville, Wisconsin, at a later date. Memorials may be made to The First Methodist Church in Clintonville. GUNDERSON FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Irlene's 3rd husband, Arthur J. Campbell – "Wisconsin State Journal" Friday 2 Sep 1983
p 31

Arthur Jolin Campbell, 91, dies at Madison

MADISON — Arthur Jolin Campbell, 91, former mayor of Clintonville, and alderman on the Common Council there, died Aug. 31.

A memorial service was held last Saturday in Clintonville at the United Methodist Church. A memorial fund in Campbell's name has been established at the church.

Campbell, who was born in Clintonville Dec. 30, 1891, returned there in 1919 where he was a cattle and horse dealer. He later became a realtor and in 1941 organized the Clintonville Sales Co. where he worked until he retired.

The present post office was dedicated while Campbell was mayor in Clintonville. In addition to his work with the council, Campbell was a member of the Lions Club and served as president. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the United Methodist Church.

Campbell was preceded in death by his first wife, Alpha, in 1964. He married Irlene Lamkins of Manawa, Sept. 14, 1968.

He and Irlene moved to Madison three years ago.

Campbell is survived by his wife, daughter and son-in-law, three granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

Name: Oakley Parkhill Legare

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. HQ – sergeant 1st class

Serial number: Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in Wwi

Entered service from: Abbotsford, Clark WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Oakley L. Parkhill

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: wife Mrs. Clara Parkhill, Lock Box 1, Abbotsford WI

Returned from war on: "North Carolina" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: OAKLY L. Parkhill

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Clara Parkhill, Abbotsford WI (2nd Lt, Co. E, 81st Inf)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Oakley Legare Parkhill - b. 22 Jul 1890 Thorp WI; res:

Abbotsford, Clark WI. Married, with “wife partly dependent.” Partner in a collection agency, Geo.

Parkhill & Son, Abbotsford WI. Race: Scotch-American [usually Caucasian was written]. Medium

height, stout (220 lbs.) Registered in Lake Co. IL “Attending R.O.T.C. at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.” 3 months of military experience, Wisconsin.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): president, 1955 WI Survivors - Box 403, Galesville WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Oakley Legare Parkhill - b. 22 Jul 1890 Thorp; res: Pontiac, Cass ND. NOK S.C. Schulz, Box 273, Valley City ND. Employed by Vernon Wendlandt of Enderlin ND at Cass ND. Height: 5’ 10 ½” – 245 lbs.

World War II draft registration (registered 27 April 1942 Fargo, Cass Co. ND):

Born 22 July 1890 Thorp WI

Residence: Pontiac, Cass Co. ND

Mailing address: Rte. 2, Enderlin ND

Contact person: S.C. Schulz, Box 273, Valley City ND

Employed by Vernon Wendlandt, Enderlin ND (no indication of type of job)

Height: 5 feet, 10.5 inches

Weight: 245 pounds

White race, brown eyes, brown hair, light brown complexion

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 24 Jun 1919

Address: Ayr, Cass Co. ND

Rank/unit: 2nd lieutenant, Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 22 Jul 1890 Thorp, Clark WI

Died: 31 Jan 1973 King, Waupaca WI (Grand Army Hospital for Veterans at King, of chronic pyelocystitis)

Find A Grave record: 209168783

Burial location: body donated to U of WI Medical School Dept. of Anatomy (WI Death Certificate) – burial details unknown

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: George Bristol Parkhill, 26 Feb 1861 Lennox, Madison NY – 1 Feb 1947 Galesville, Trempealeau WI. Son of Eli Timothy Parkhill & Susan Ann Niles. Lawyer. Had first taught school, then graduated from the U of WI law school in 1884. Practiced law for 30 years at Thorp, Clark WI, then moved to Abbotsford WI where he practiced law for 24 years, until retiring in 1936. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, Dane WI.

Find A Grave: 86625744

Mother: Isabelle M. ("Belle") Salisbury Parkhill, 17 Mar 1866 Eau Claire, Eau Claire WI – 20 Oct 1929 Madison, Dane WI. Daughter of Willis Louis Salisbury & Emmaline Mary Cole. Buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison, Dane WI.

Find A Grave: 86625746

Parents' marriage: 15 Nov 1887 Eau Claire Co. WI

Spouse: Clara Olson Parkhill Dosch, 2 Mar 1890 Grantsburg, Burnett WI – 15 Apr 1970 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

SSN 469-14-2671.

Daughter of Peter M. Olson [Mjølstad] (1837-1911) & Gustava Carlsdatter Mansdotter Borup (1867-1926, F: 83575603). On Clara's Social Security record, her mother's maiden name is listed as Borup. On the 1920 & 1930 censuses, Clara reports her father was born in Norway & her mother in Sweden.

Peder Olson had married Gustava Borup 5 Jun 1889 in Burnett Co. WI in a Lutheran church. He was the son of Ole Olson & Oline Olson (Olson was also her unmarried name according to this record). Peder was a farmer.

Clara "Olsen" – born 2 Mar 1890 – was baptized 22 Feb 1891 in Bethany Lutheran Church, Grantsburg, Burnett WI. She was the daughter of Peter & Gustava Olsen.

In the 1900 census of Grantsburg, Burnett WI, Clara (age 10, WI, b. Mar 1890) lived with her parents, Peter M. Olson (63 Norway) & Gustava Olson, 33 Sweden) & her 9 siblings.

In 1910, Clara (20 WI) & her 4 siblings lived with their parents, Peter Olson (73 Norway) & Stella (42 Sweden) in Centuria, Polk WI. She was a domestic servant.

In the 1940 census of Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Clara Parkhill lists herself as divorced. She is a dishwasher at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. I

In the 1944 Minneapolis MN city directory, Clara Parkhill, a clerk at Woolworth's, lives at 919 Chicago Ave.

In the 1950 census of Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Clara O. Parkhill, 60 WI, status: never married, lived at 919 Chicago Ave. & was a baker's helper at the Five & Ten Store.

Clara Olson Parkhill married Jacob Thomas Dosch on 27 Oct 1954 in Hennepin Co. MN. Jacob Thomas Dosch (F: 103237271) was born 29 Jul 1893 in Chicago, Cook IL & died 12 Oct 1980 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Thursday 23 Apr 1970 – deaths: Clara O. Dosch, 80, 923 Chicago Ave. S.

Both Clara & Jacob are buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Mendota Heights, Dakota MN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 103237270

Marriage:

Spouse: Anna J. Severson Barger Parkhill. ca. 1893 Superior, Douglas WI –

Daughter of Sam Severson and Maria Johnson. Her father appears to be Sam Severson, 1868 Norway – 1963, buried in Summit Cemetery, Foxboro, Douglas WI (F: 11204745) with his 2nd wife Sena Severson (1890-1964, F: 11204746).

Anna's mother may be Maria Severson, 1873 Sweden – 1950, buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Duluth, St. Louis MN. F: 119236910.

In the 1900 census of Twin Lakes, Carlton MN, Anna J. SIVERSON was age 7, b. Sep 1892 WI, living with parents Samuel Siverson (29 Norway, Sep 1870) & Mary Siverson (28 Sweden, Mar ? 1872). Her siblings were Harris G. (5 WI), Minnie A. (3 WI) & Emma (9 months WI). Census conducted 9 Jun 1900.

Her brother Harry Gilbert Severson, born 1 Oct 1895 Superior, Douglas WI, was killed in action in WWI on 23 Feb 1919 & is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, F: 57195767.

Her sister Minnie Avilda Barger married Hjalmer Anderson 1880-1959, F: 199883137). on 26 Mar 1921 in MN. She was born 7 Jan 1898 Superior, Douglas WI & baptized in Superior WI in Concordia Lutheran Church, the daughter of Sam & Marie Siverson. Minnie died with the surname Esson (recorded by Social Security as of 17 Mar 1975). She is buried in Culver Cemetery, Culver, St. Louis Co. MN, F: 199984409

Might she be the Anna J. Barger, b. 2 Sep 1893, SSN 390-16-9401?

Was she the wife of John Harrison Barger (1888-1963), buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI, F: 106135410

When Anna marries Oakley in 1941, she resides in St. Louis Co. MN, which is adjacent to Douglas Co. WI.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 2 Apr 1941 Dubuque IA. Anna Barger, age 48, daughter of Sam Severson, mother deceased, her 2nd marriage, b. Superior WI, resident Brookstone [St. Louis Co.] MN - Oakley L. Parkhill, age 51, son of George B. Parkhill, mother deceased, his 2nd marriage, b. Thorpe WI, resident of Minneapolis MN, investigator.

Spouse: Tillie C. --- Hughes Parkhill, reverted to Hughes, 13 Nov 1883 Sweden – 11 Dec 1957 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. In the 1940 census, Tillie C. Hughes, 56 Sweden, divorced, naturalized, having lived in the same house in 1935, had no occupation. She resided at 329 – 19th Ave. S & had lived fin the same house in 1935 – In the 1950 census of Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Tilly C. Hughes, 65 Sweden, widow, was a press operator at a hotel laundry.

She died after being hit by a car while a pedestrian, crossing against the lights to reach at bus. She was struck at 6:10 a.m. on 10 Dec 1957 at the intersection of E. Franklin & 27th Ave. in Minneapolis & was taken to Minneapolis General Hospital, where she later died.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 23 May 1952 Carver Co. MN

Children:

Siblings: records that list an addition sister "Helen" have confused this "sister" with Irlene. Oakley's mother reports giving birth to only 3 children, with Oakley the oldest.

- Hazel Lanore Parkhill Sinkler, 27 Nov 1891 Thorp, Clark WI – 11 Feb 1964 Lee Co. FL. Married in 1913 to Ephraim Freeman Sinkler Jr. (1884 SD – 1958 FL, F: 85201590). Ephraim's 1st wife was Ada Sophronia Wheeler (1890-1912) whom he had married in 1907. A resident of Minneapolis MN in Oct 1929. Hazel & Ephraim are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Black River Falls, Jackson WI. F: 85201619

- Irlene Lelah Parkhill Lawson Lamkins Campbell, 18 Oct 1898 Thorp, Clark WI – 1 Apr 1992 Madison, Dane WI. – Irlene married Herbert Edward Lawson on 15 Sep 1928. They had 1 daughter, Loa Mae Lawson (1930-2015, later Mrs. Vernon Ray Barnica). Irlene sued for divorce, claiming cruel & inhuman treatment & nonsupport. The divorce was granted 28 Oct 1933 in Dane Co. WI. Herbert Edward Larson (1877 England – 1962 WI, F: 86627270). In the 1930 census for Madison, Dane WI, Irlene lived with husband Herbert Lawson; her father George Parkhill lived with them. – On 25 Jul 1962 in Rockford IL, Irlene married Leslie Miles Lamkins (1892 WI – 1967 WI, F: 131365184). - Irene Lamkins obtained a marriage license with Arthur Jolin Campbell in Sep 1968 in Waupaca Co. WI. Arthur Jolin Campbell (1891-1983, F: 98631572). Irlene & Arthur married in Manawa WI on 14 Sep 1968. – Buried with Herbert Lawson in Forest Hill

Notes:

Biography at: <http://www.wiclarkcountyhistory.org/2data/56/56020.htm>

Pre-war:

“La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Tuesday 21 Apr 1914 p 1 – Oakley L. Parkhill of Blair WI was 1 of 7 men to apply to Co. M.

Wartime:

Recipient of Distinguished Service Cross. “Official Bulletin” Thursday 16 Jan 1919 p 28 – “Soldiers Honored by Pershing for Heroism”

Post-war:

During war and before, was war correspondent for the “Marshfield [WI] News and Wisconsin Hub.” He parlayed his war experiences into an occupation as “lecturer, war topics” as reported in the 1920 census and in Wisconsin newspaper articles.

Before going overseas: he reports in the Marshfield paper his unit’s experiences at Waco TX (18 October 1917 p. 1 - 29 November 1917 p. 1 – 6 December 1917 p 1 – 3 January 1918 p. 1), the break-up of Co. K at Waco (1 November 1917 p. 1) and their move to Pennsylvania (24 January 1918) as they readied to sail for France.

He is reported as a “Tuscania” survivor in the Marshfield paper of 14 February 1918 p. 1,

The “Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub” of 4 April 1918 p. 6 includes his photo. Lengthy description of the “Tuscania” from his letter written 19 Feb 1918. Accurate and full of interesting details, except for statement that everyone saw the submarine surface nearby to see what it had done, and then dove. This does not tally with the report of the sub’s captain, Wilhelm Meyer, and only one other account mentions bumping into the sub (which is also dubious). The 16 January 1919, p. 6, issue of the Marshfield newspaper, states that he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in September 1918, saw action in several major battles, was nicknamed “the sharpshooter, became ill and then recuperated from an operation in Bourges. In lieu of his absent captain and 1st

lieutenant, he had taken command of Company E. Born in Thorp WI, he had moved with his parents to Abbotsford the year Germany invaded Belgium [i.e. 1914].

His photo appears in the Marshfield newspaper of 6 March 1919 p. 10 in an article titled "Sharpshooter."

Returned from war as a 2nd lieutenant, Co. E, 81st Infantry, aboard the ship "North Carolina" which sailed from Brest (France) on 16 May 1919 and arrived in Boston MA 27 May 1919.

Next-of-kin: wife Mrs. Clara Parkhill, Abbotsford WI. He did not have a military serial number, as he was an officer. Serial numbers were introduced after the "Tuscania" when the confusion over men's names (misspelled, or unclear where a man with a common name hailed from) and who was on board, who had lived and who had died, endured for months. During WWI, serial numbers were only assigned to Army enlisted men. Army officers and those in other branches of the services (Navy, Marines, Coast Guard) were not assigned serial numbers.

He begins to speak on his war experiences as soon as he returned in May 1919, according to the Marshfield newspaper of 23 October 1919 p. 1. He is called a "distinguished Abbotsford lecturer" who speaks on "The World War – What It Has Taught Us." The article notes: "Press notices praise his lecture and speaking abilities very highly."

January 1920: offers to debate socialist Marathon County WI district attorney George W. Lippert, who has challenged anyone to a debate on socialism. Lippert declines, saying the county residents would wonder why he was wasting time playing around with mere schoolboys. The "Wausau Daily Herald" 12 January 1920 p. 5 thinks no one should call former soldiers "schoolboys."

The Marshfield paper of March 1920 p. 9 reports that Oakley's 30-day lecture tour will begin April 1st. It is titled "The World War and the Sinking of the Tuscania."

In July 1920, he is elected sergeant at arms of the Wisconsin State American Legion.

In October 1920, is one of the Wisconsin delegates to the American Legion national convention in Cleveland OH. He is commander of the Abbotsford American Legion and of the National Guard truck company there.

In 1923, Lt. Parkhill "is due much credit, with others, for the new armory" built in Abbotsford. ("Wausau Daily Herald" 5 June 1923 p. 1)

1928 Fargo ND city directory: Parkhill, Oakley L., collector, 1019 – 2nd Ave. S.

When his mother Isabelle dies 20 October 1929, Oakley is listed as an Anoka MN resident. His sister is listed as Mrs. E.F. "Sinker" of Minneapolis. Isabelle was the president of the Monona chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

From the "Sheboygan [WI] Press" 5 February 1936, p. 23, includes his photo. Parkhill's claim that he was "stationed" at Fort Lincoln, Bismarck ND, and his rank as captain would indicate he was still in the U.S. Army. This claim has not been documented. He is listed as receiving four honors: the Distinguished Service Cross, the Croix de Guerre (from France), the Purple Heart and the Victory Medal. This same newspaper in its 4 February 1936 p. 1 issue says he came to the reunion

from Arkansas. The wording of the citation for his Croix de Guerre appears in the "Marshfield News" 16 January 1919 p. 6. Parkhill is a North Dakota resident when he registers during World War II in 1942.

Was not on the 1939 roster of the National Tuscania Survivors Association. He is listed as founding the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors; it seems he did not belong to the national association (also founded in Wisconsin). The 1955 roster of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors lists Parkhill as president. (These are the only two association rosters located as of now.)

1940 – "Minneapolis (MN) Star" Friday 1 Nov 1940 p 12 – involved as an investigator in the efforts of Rev. Henry J. Soltau of Minneapolis MN, "vice crusader," against gambling.

1945: The birthday celebration for his father George B. Parkhill in 1945, who turned 84 on 26 February 1945, noted that George lived during the winter with son Oakley. Besides Oakley, his children are Mrs. Irlene Lawson (Madison WI) and Mrs. E.F Sinclair [sic/Sinkler] (Crystal Lake IL). ("Madison [WI] Capital Times" 27 Feb 1945 p 14)

In October 1945, he is the first secretary of the newly formed social group, the Cotillion Club, in Galesville.

1947: His father George dies at the home of his son Oakley in Galesville on 1 February 1947, age 85. In this article his one daughter's name is listed as Mrs. Hazel Sinkler of Crystal Lake IL.

In 1948, forms the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association, and is repeatedly elected president through the 1950s, including in February 1958.

In 1949 and 1950, active in bowling in Galesville.

During the 1950s, a resident of Galesville WI. Is mentioned in 1949 and 1951 as a tester (of milk production) for the Galesville Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

1950 – "Winona (MN) Republican" Wednesday 12 Jul 1950 p 3 – the 3rd annual summer reunion of the WI Tuscania Survivors will be held on 23 Jul 1950 at Irvine Park, Chippewa Falls WI. The president is O.L. Parkhill of Galesville WI.

He ran for the office of justice of the peace in Galesville in 1953 and defeated the incumbent. He continued in this post until he announced he would not run in January 1959 due to ill health.

In 1954, he was post commander of the Galesville American Legion. He was also chaplain of the 9th District VFW. At the spring meeting in spring 1954 at Eau Claire, he is listed as a debater on the subjects of veteran bonuses and housing. On Memorial Day 1945, Judge Parkhill is the speaker at Evergreen Cemetery, near Centerville.

In 1955, "Winona (MN) Daily News" Thursday 26 May 1955 p 4 – Clayton E. Farley succeeds Oakley L. Parkhill as president of the Towner-Little Bear VFW Post No. 1915.

He also presided over the justice court at La Crosse WI – "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Tuesday 22 Apr 1958 p 6

In 1958, he was the quartermaster of the 9th District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

1973: From the State of Wisconsin Original Certificate of Death 73 003482: born 22 July 1890, age 82 at death, widowed (although actually divorced), police justice, resident Galesville, Trempealeau Co. WI. Died 31 January 1973, 8:45 a.m., at the Grand Army Home for Veterans, King, Waupaca Co. WI, of chronic pyelocystitis. Son of George B. Parkhill and Isabelle M. Salisbury. Dr. J.P. Skibba had attended him since 17 October 1960. His body was donated to the Department of Anatomy, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison WI on the day of his death.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 504-10-1843

Censuses:

1900 Thorp, Clark WI

Geo. B. Parkhill, 39 NY, Feb 1861, parents b. NY, married 12 years, lawyer

Isabel M., 34 WI, Mar 1866, father b. MI, mother b. NY, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Oakley S., 9 WI, Jul 1890

Hazel S., 8 WI, Nov 1891

Selah I., 1 WI, Oct 1898

1905 WI state census – Thorp, Clark WI

George B. Parkhill, 44 NY, parents b. NY, lawyer

Belle M., 39 WI, parents b. NY

Oakley, 14 WI

Hazel, 13 WI

Helen, 6 WI [Helene? – this is Irlene]

Martha Michalski, 29 WI, clerk

1910 Thorp, Clark WI

George Parkhill, 49 NY, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, married 23 years, attorney, office

Belle, 44 WI, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Oakley, 19 WI, carrier, mail route

Hazel, 18 WI

Irene, 11 WI

& servant Mary Pagel, 26 WI, for a private family

& boarder Joseph Pistrowki (Pietrowski?), 23 Russian/Poland, emigrated 1893, clerk, post office

1920 Mayville, Clark WI – Butternut St.

Oakley Parkhill, 29 WI, father b. NY, mother b. WI, lecturer on war topics

Clara, 29 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. Sweden

1930 Ham Lake, Anoka MN

As lodgers:

Oaklie Parkhill, 39 WI, parents b. NY, truck driver, dairy farm, WWI veteran

Clara, 40 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. Sweden, cook, dairy farm [she is listed as “cook” not as “lodger” like Oakley is]

1940 Lincoln, Burnett WI - Oakley

Oakley Parkhill [also indexed as Rokley], 47 WI, widowed, hired hand, Route 1, Webster WI, in 1935 in Thorp, Clark WI, farm laborer

Head of household: William Jameson, 68 IL, widowed, in 1935 in Chicago, Cook IL, farmer, own farm

1940 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children - line 33 – in 1935 in rural Beltrami Co. MN

Mrs. Clara Parkhill, 50 WI, divorced, dishwasher, hospital