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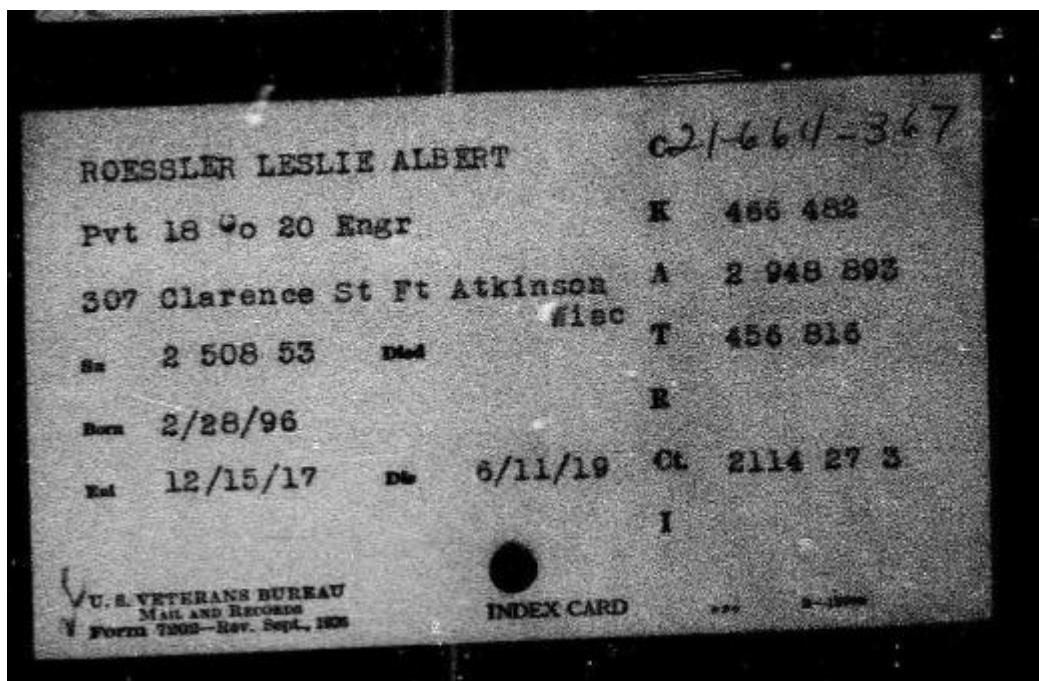
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b = born

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Roessler, Leslie Albert
1896 WI – 1972 WI**

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Leslie Roessler, Ex-Supervisor, Dies

FT. ATKINSON — Leslie A. Roessler, 76, a former Jefferson County Board member, died Sunday (Mar. 5, 1972) in a Ft. Atkinson hospital after a long illness.

He married the former Cathryn Valerius in 1920.

Mr. Roessler attended the University of Wisconsin and operated the former Barker Bakery in Ft. Atkinson for more than 30 years.

He was a veteran of World War I and was a former Ft. Atkinson Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Roessler was a member of the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, and the VFW.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Mark Kerschensteiner, Ft. Atkinson; two half-brothers, Elmer, Lake Mills; and Herbert, Hartland; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Dunlap Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Obituary of Leslie Albert Roessler – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Tuesday 7 Mar 1972 p 4

NEW CORPORATIONS	
Zarne Realty Co., Milwaukee; 500 shares without par value; David Zarne, Moritz, Zarne, Beck Zarne.	
Barker Baking, Inc., Ft. Atkinson; \$30,000—600—\$50; Leslie A. Roessler, Geo. H. Drewsen, Theo. L. Valerius.	

“Madison (WI) Capital Times” Saturday 15 May 1928 p 20

First insertion Dec. 8; last Jan. 12,
1928.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT
COURT, DANE COUNTY.

Leslie A. Roesaler, and
Wilfred J. Puerner

Plaintiffs

vs.

August Naatz and Emelia Naatz, his
wife; Ben Reamer and Marguerite
Reamer, his wife; Wilbur Lumber
Co., a corporation; Albert Kohlhoff
and Mathilde Kohlhoff, his wife;
Louis Kohlhoff and Ida Kohlhoff,
his wife; Huga Kohlhoff and Emma
Kohlhoff, his wife; Gustav Kohlhoff;
John H. Kohlhoff and Emma Kohl-
hoff, his wife; Otto Kohlhoff; Ida
Schmidt; Emma Strache and Lydia
Jaeger.

Defendants.

BY VIRTUE OF A JUDGMENT AND
DECREE of foreclosure and sale ren-
dered in the above entitled action, on
the 22nd day of November, 1926, by the
Circuit Court of Dane County, Wiscon-
sin, the undersigned Sheriff of Dane
County, Wisconsin, will on the 31st day
of January 1928, at 2:00 o'clock in the
afternoon of that day, at the Main

Street entrance of the Court House, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, expose for sale and sell at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises, situated in the Town of Deerfield, County of Dane, and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section number Twenty-three (23); Also the West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section number Twenty-six (26); Also the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section number Twenty-six (26); Also all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section number Twenty-six (26) lying on the North side of the Milwaukee and Madison Railroad Track (now C. & N. W. R. R. Co. Track); all in Town Seven (7) North, Range Twelve (12) East and containing 157 acres, be the same more or less.

Terms of Sale: Cash.

Said premises will be sold as a whole.

Dated this 7th day of December, A. D. 1927.

FRED T. FINN,

Sheriff of Dane Co., Wis.

Edward E. Schultz,

Plaintiffs' Attorney.

Post Office Address: Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin.

Dec. 8 draw 6 wks.—Thurs.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 15 Dec 1927 p 23

JUDGMENTS

First name that of debtor, second creditor.

Virgil C. Cobb, Madison Silo company, \$378.54.

Clarence C. Holm, Hills Clothes, Inc., \$73.30.

Capital City Canning company, P. W. Walsh and company, \$200.25.

August and Emelia Naatz, Leslie A. Roessler and Wilfred J. Puerner, \$3,184.43.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 24 Feb 1928 p 13

Fort Man to Attend Tuscania Reunion

FT. ATKINSON—Les Roessler, proprietor of the Barker bakery here, will spend Sunday and Monday in Kenosha attending the meeting of the Tuscania survivors. He was one of the 300 Wisconsin World war veterans who survived the torpedoing of the Tuscania off the coast of Ireland Feb. 5, 1918. There were 2,300 American soldiers aboard the ship at the time. Roessler has attended many of the annual get-togethers of the Tuscania survivors.

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Saturday 3 Feb 1940 p 3

Fort Aldermen All Re-elected

FORT ATKINSON, Wis.—Out of four candidates for the city council, the three incumbents, Orvin A. Frisch, Forrest E. Winters and A. A. Statz were re-elected here Tuesday. Leslie A. Roessler was re-elected justice of the peace, and Evan Ward, write-in candidate, was elected as the second justice of the peace.

For justice of the supreme court, Barlow received 578 votes, Zimmerman 281, and Leuch 26.

Callahan received 605 votes for re-election as state superintendent of schools to 222 for Jorgensen.

“Madison (WI) Capital Times” Wednesday 4 Apr 1945 p 11

OPA Sues 14 In Jefferson County

Fourteen Jefferson county individuals and firms were charged with accepting deliveries of sugar without surrendering ration certificates or stamps to their suppliers, in suits filed by the OPO in federal district court here today.

The OPA asks injunctions to restrain the defendants from buying or receiving sugar until they have surrendered the certificates and stamps due.

Those named in the OPA suits are:

Gerhardt P. Schultze, doing business as the Schultze grocery, Ixonia; Raymond F. Koser, Koser grocery, Johnson's Creek; Irving Radtke, the Bon Ton bakery, Jefferson; George Muth, Muth grocery, Sullivan; Roman Spies, Spies grocery, Waterloo;

Alvin W. Pinnow, Pinnow's grocery, Sullivan; Robert Whitbeck, the Quality store, Palmyra; Lillian M. Carney, Carney grocery, Ft. Atkinson; Karl E. Freitag, Service grocery, Waterloo; Adolph Eilks, Eilks' grocery, Jefferson; Hugo Frey, Oakland Center store, Ft. Atkinson; Fred G. Burge, Burge's Food market, Jefferson; A. Puerner and Son Co., Jefferson; and Leslie A. Roessler, Barker's Baking Co., Ft. Atkinson.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 25 Oct 1945 p8

Name Candidates At Ft. Atkinson

FT. ATKINSON, Wis.—One incumbent and seven others are candidates for councilmen to be elected in the Apr. 1 election. They are Anthony A. Statz, the incumbent; Robert W. Baier, Walter J. Daugs, Elwood Florine, Donald W. Frey, Robert A. Krueger, Elof Ringlund, and Paul H. Steinke.

Leslie A. Roessler, incumbent justice of the peace, is a candidate for re-election.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Tuesday 18 Feb 1947 p 11

327.
 Leslie A. Roessler, unopposed
 candidate for re-election as justice
 of peace, received 776 votes.

Fort Atkinson WI election results – “Madison (WI) Capital Times” Wednesday 2 Apr 1947 p

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Name Directors of Fort Hawks

By “CHUCK” MUELLER

Fort Atkinson—A. A. Statz, S. O. Donkle, Stanley Roglitz, Leslie Roessler and Gil Skaar were unanimously elected directors of the Fort Black Hawks baseball team, this city's entry in the northern division of the Central Wisconsin league, at the organization meeting of the recently formed non-profit corporation here Wednesday night, Business Manager Jack Heebe presiding.

At a recent meeting the Fort Merchants' Baseball club voted to form the corporation and to change the team's name to the Black Hawks.

An early meeting of the newly

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“Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette” Thursday 24 Feb 1949 p 13

Fort Man Seeks Sheriff's Post

Leslie Roessler First in Jefferson County to Enter Race



LESLIE ROESSLER

Fort Atkinson—Leslie A. Roessler, a Fort Atkinson businessman for more than a quarter of a century, today announced that he would be a candidate for sheriff in the Jefferson county Republican primary in September.

Roessler, the first announced candidate for the office of sheriff, has long been active in county Republican circles but his bid for nomination in the September primary will be his first attempt at a county elective office. He served as a Fort Atkinson justice of the peace for seven years beginning in 1940.

The sheriff's candidate operated the Barker bakery in Fort Atkinson for 29 years until selling out last September.

He was a charter member of the American Legion at Jefferson and now holds membership in the Fort Atkinson post. He is also a member of the Fort Atkinson Veterans of Foreign Wars and Masonic lodge.

Roessler is married, owning his own home at 315 Clarence street, Fort Atkinson, and has one daughter, Mrs. Mark H. Kerschensteiner, Fort Atkinson.

Now 54, Roessler was born and educated in Jefferson. He attended the University of Wisconsin school of engineering for three years until enlisting in the army engineering corps during World War I. He was aboard the Tuscania, a troop ship, which was torpedoed and sunk off Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918, with the loss of about 300 lives. After his rescue by the British, he went on to serve in France, Belgium, Italy and Germany. Following his discharge, Roessler began the operation of his bakery in Fort Atkinson.

Roessler was a county delegate to the state Republican convention in Milwaukee this spring.

Incumbent Sheriff Roland Gibson is not eligible for re-election. He was appointed Jan. 1, 1948, to succeed the late John Perry, and was nominated on the Republican ticket in the fall of that year.

SCHOOL.

No papers have been filed by candidates for justice of peace to fill the seat being vacated by Leslie A. Roessler, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dist. Atty. Thorpe Meriman.

Appointed to Fort Atkinson WI city council – “Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette” Saturday 17 Mar 1951 p 7

Two Businesses Sold at Fort

FORT ATKINSON—Two changes in ownership of Fort Atkinson business establishments were announced here Monday.

Les Roessler, 315 Clarence St., has purchased the Washerette at 327 S. Main St., from C. P. Olson of Janesville. Roessler said he plans to take over active management. He formerly operated the Barker Bakery here, and at present is serving the 4th Ward as supervisor on the Jefferson County Board.

“Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette” Tuesday 4 May 1954 p 8

Fort Supervisor Faces Contest for Re-election

FORT ATKINSON — A contest for 4th Ward supervisor developed here Tuesday.

Leslie A. Roessler, 315 Clarence St., incumbent and chairman of the county board's sheriff and civil defense committee and the legislative committee, will be opposed by B. V. Schoenborn, 202 McMillen St., a retired optometrist.

Both men and Roy E. Smith, 813 Whitewater Ave., incumbent from the city's 3rd Ward, have taken out nomination papers. Deadline for filing papers with the city clerk for the April 3 election is 5 p.m. Jan. 30.

Other supervisors whose terms expire in April are Fred Hadinger, Robert Aspinwall, Harold Schloesser, George Whitmore, Vern Kaufman, Jerry Mason, William Barfnecht and Chester Roberts. Whitmore is chairman of the county board.

Terms of two city councilmen, Walter Smith, president, and Del Wandschneider, also expire next spring.

"Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 27 Dec 1961 p 2

Wife:

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VALERIUS-ROESSLER

Friends here will be pleased to learn of the recent marriage of Miss Cathryn Mary Valerius, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Valerius of Fort Atkinson to Leslie A. Roessler, son of Edwin Roessler of Jefferson, which occurred on Wednesday at 4:30 in the First Congregational church of Fort Atkinson, the Rev. L. G. Reser officiating. Miss Corinne Lawton sang before the ceremony and Lohengrin's Bridal chorus was played by Stewart Anhalt, violinist, and Miss Gladys Buckingham at the pipe organ.

The bride wore a gown of flesh-colored georgette crepe trimmed with Irish crochet with a white maline veil. Mildred Johnston as maid of honor was gowned in yellow organdy with hat to match and carried yellow roses. Annie Laurie Hoard and May Wirig, wearing melon-colored gowns with bouquets of contrasting colors, were bridesmaids.

The bride was educated at Ward-Belmont college of girls at Nashville, Tenn. The groom attended the University of Wisconsin.

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Marriage of Leslie Albert Roessler & Cathryn Mary Valerius on 21 Jul 1920 in First Congregational Church, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 25 Jul 1920 p 9

Child:

Valerie R. Kerschensteiner

December 12, 1922 - September 18, 2010

Valerie R. Kerschensteiner, 87, of Fort Atkinson, died on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, at home.

Valerie was born on Dec. 12, 1922, in Fort Atkinson, the daughter of the late Leslie and Cathryn (Valerius) Roessler. Valerie married Mark H. Kerschensteiner on Nov. 27, 1943, in Fort Atkinson. He died on July 15, 2010.

She was a graduate of the Fort Atkinson High School, class of 1949, and later attended Beloit College. Valerie was an active member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ. She also was a member of the Tuesday Club and Bridge Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristin Kerschensteiner of Fort Atkinson; grandchildren, Catherine (Matt) Cherwin of Madison, Andrew Martin of Waukesha, Christopher Martin of Fort Atkinson, Jill Kerschensteiner of New York, N.Y.; and other relatives and friends.



Memorial services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Fort Atkinson with the Rev. Dr. Chris Buckingham-Taylor officiating. Family burial will take place at a later time at the Evergreen Cemetery.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, Hoard Historical Museum or the Humane Society of Jefferson County.



The Dunlap Memorial Home is assisting the family.

<https://www.dunlapmemorialhome.com/obituary/742774>

Valerie Roessler Is Engaged to Mark H. Kerschensteiner, Senior Student at University

Of state-wide interest is the announcement made today by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Roessler, Ft. Atkinson, of the engagement of their daughter, Valerie, to Mark Hord Kerschensteiner, son of the Mark J. Kerschensteiners, also of Ft. Atkinson.

Miss Roessler attended Beloit college and the National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., and is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Her fiance is a senior at the University of Wisconsin and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He belongs to the marine reserve and will leave for active duty late in May. He is a great-grandson of the late William Dempster Hord, former governor of Wisconsin.

Engagement of daughter Valerie Roessler to Mark Hord Kerschensteiner, great-grandson of WI Gov. William Dempster Hord – “Wisconsin State Journal” Wednesday 28 Apr 1943 p

Tuesday, November 30, 1943

Wisconsin State Journal—9

Lieut. M. H. Kerschensteiner Marries Miss Valerie Roessler

Miss Valerie Roessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Roessler, Ft. Atkinson, became the bride of Lieut. Mark H. Kerschensteiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kerschensteiner, Ft. Atkinson, in a ceremony Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Charles W. Boardman read the service.

Mrs. Walter Bendfeldt, Jr., Milwaukee, a cousin of the bride, attended her as matron of honor. Joseph Lawrence of Racine was the bridegroom's best man.

After an informal reception, Lieut. and Mrs. Kerschensteiner left on a short honeymoon.

Lieut. Kerschensteiner, a 1943 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is a member of the marine corps reserve and is stationed at New River, N. C.

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"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 30 Nov 1943 p 9

Roessler-Jerschensteiner

The nuptials of Miss Valerie Roessler, daughter of the Leslie Roesslers of Fort Atkinson, and Lieut. Mark H. Terschensteiner of the marine corps reserve, son of Mark J. Terschensteiner, Fort Atkinson, took place in Fort Atkinson Nov. 27.

After a brief honeymoon the bride has returned to be with her parents but will join Lieut. Terschensteiner in New River, N. C., later. He has been transferred there from the Quantico (Va.) marine barracks. Before entering the service he was graduated from the University of Wisconsin where he was a Sigma Chi. His wife attended Beloit college, where she was a Delta Gamma, and took kindergarten training at National College of Education, Evanston, Ill.

Mark's surname becomes Jerschensteiner & Terschensteiner instead of the correct Kerschensteiner – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 3 Dec 1943 p 11

Hoard, William Dempster, 1836-1918

Father of the Wisconsin Dairy Industry, Wisconsin Governor

Widely considered the father of the Wisconsin dairy industry, William Dempster Hoard (1836-1918) played a prominent role in the development of the School of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin and began the first national dairy magazine in the country, *Hoard's Dairyman*, still published to this day. Hoard's advocacy of high standards for the dairy industry and promotion of scientific dairying and farmer education were vital to the growth and development of the dairy industry in Wisconsin.

William Dempster Hoard was born in Stockbridge, New York, on October 10, 1836, the son of a Methodist minister and farmer. As a young man, Hoard became known for his musical talent and taught singing during the winters when he was not laboring on the farm. Hoard moved to Oak Grove, Wisconsin, in 1857, joining the 4th Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War.

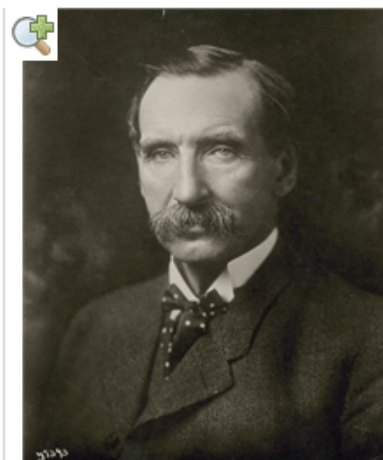
In 1870 Hoard launched a weekly newspaper, the Jefferson County Union, in Lake Mills, but moved the operation to Fort Atkinson (where it remains to this day) three years later. At the same time, Hoard began a vigorous campaign to improve and grow dairy farming, asserting that Wisconsin was particularly well suited to the industry. He crusaded to get farmers who were losing money due to poor soil and crop yields to switch to dairying. In 1872 Hoard organized a dairying convention in Watertown, Wisconsin, where he founded the State Dairyman's Association, the first of its kind in the nation. Hoard became president of the Northwestern Dairyman's Association in 1876. His crusade for a prosperous dairy industry prompted the founding of *Hoard's Dairyman*, the national dairy farm magazine, in 1885.

His recognized leadership in agriculture, Wisconsin's dominant industry, contributed to his election as governor in 1888. As governor, Hoard rallied against food adulteration, instituted a cow census, and established the nation's first Dairy and Food Commission to defend consumers against dangerous food contamination. Hoard's support of the [Bennett Law](#) though, led to his undoing, and he was voted out in 1892.

Out of office, Hoard continued to promote dairy farmers and the social benefits of dairy science, including the eradication of tuberculosis to free herds from heavy health losses and to protect humans from milk-borne illnesses. In 1915 Hoard was honored as "Wisconsin's most distinguished citizen" at the San Francisco World's Fair. After his death in 1918, a marble and bronze statue was erected on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in recognition of his contributions to Wisconsin's dairy industry.

Great-grandfather of Valerie Roessler's husband Mark Kerschensteiner was William Dempster Hoard, the governor of Wisconsin 1889-1891 -

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS518>



**William Dempster
Hoard, 1912**

A head and shoulders portrait of William Dempster Hoard (1836-1918). View the original source document: [WHI 26649](#)

Kerschensteiner, Mark H.

■ FORT ATKINSON - Mark H. Kerschensteiner, age 89, Fort Atkinson, died on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at home.

He was born on March 2, 1921, in Fort Atkinson, the son of the late Mark J. and Shirley (Hoard) Kerschensteiner. Mark married the former Valerie Roessler of Fort Atkinson on November 27, 1943, in Fort Atkinson. He was a graduate of the Fort Atkinson High School. Mark later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1943. He was a member and past president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He always remained a loyal alumnus. Following graduation from college he served in the U.S. Marines Corps in the South Pacific Theatre receiving the rank of captain. He was employed by W.D. Hoard and Sons, Co. for 40 years, beginning as an advertising manager in 1945, and at the time of his retirement in April 1986, was senior vice president. Mark had a great dedication to his community and was an active member of many organizations, including Rotary, Board of Directors of the Hoard Museum, Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, and Fort Atkinson Hospital Board of Trustees. He was a lifelong member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, having served on the board of trustees and as moderator.

Survivors include his wife, Valerie; a daughter, Kristin Kerschensteiner of Fort Atkinson; grandchildren, Catherine (Matt) Cherwin of Madison, Andrew Martin of Waukesha, Christopher Martin of Fort Atkinson, Jill Kerschensteiner of New York, N.Y.; other relatives and many friends. Also preceding in death was a son, Mark.

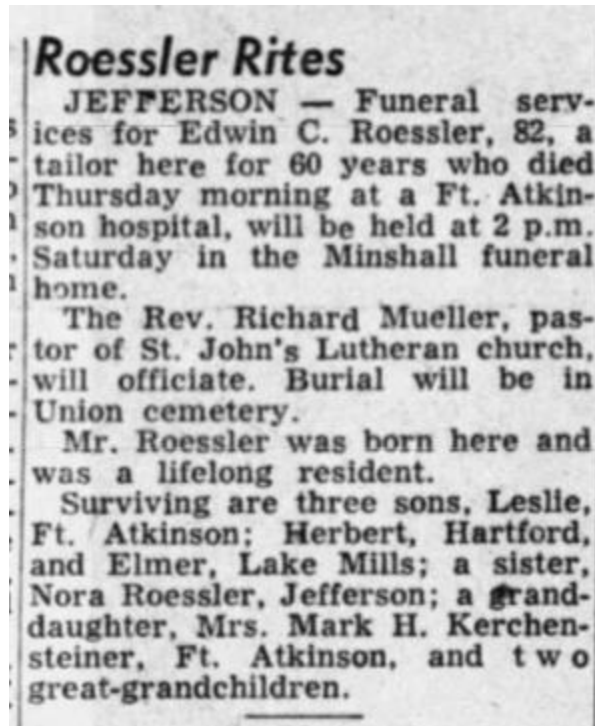
Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST with the Rev. Dr. Chris Buckingham-Taylor officiating. Family burial services will take place at a later date. Friends may call from 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the church until the time of service.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation Inc., or to the Hoard Museum.

The Dunlap Memorial Home is assisting the family.

Obituary of son-in-law Mark Kerschensteiner (1921-2019) – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Saturday 17 Jul 2010 p 6

Father:

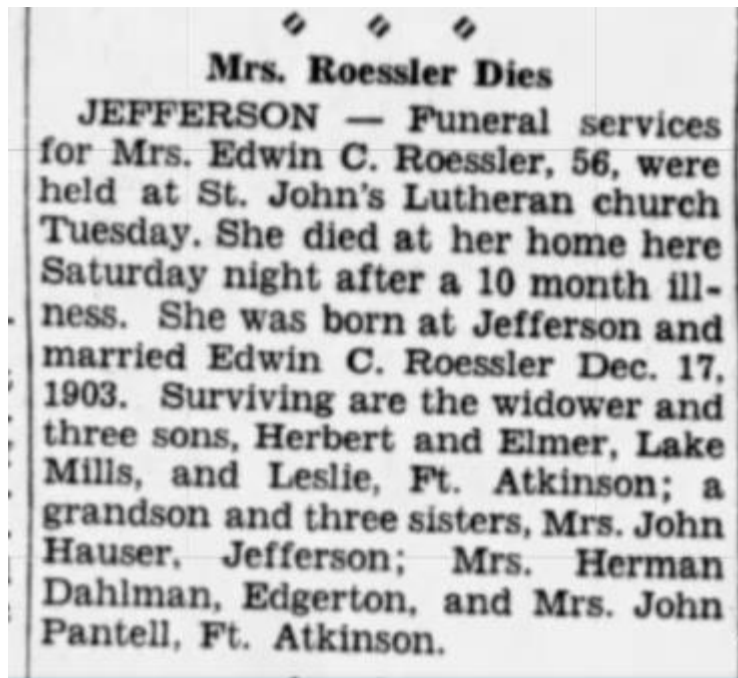


Obituary of father Edwin C. Roessler – “Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) Friday 10 Oct 1952 p 4

Edwin C Roessler	
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928	
Name:	Edwin C Roessler
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	3 Jun 1870
Birth Place:	Jefferson, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Father:	Simon Roessler
Mother:	Friedricka Adler
FHL Film Number:	1302879

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/800761:2544>

Stepmother:



Obituary of Hulda Clemens Roessler - "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 20 Oct 1936 p 5

Half-siblings:

LAKE MILLS - Herbert J. Roessler, 98, of Lake Mills, died on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at Willowbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Herbert was born on May 1, 1910, in Jefferson, son of the late Edwin C. and Hulda (Clemens) Roessler. He married Caroline Virginia Bare of Lake Mills in 1952. She preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 1993.

He was a graduate of Jefferson High School and Lawrence University in Appleton, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Graduating from Lawrence, he entered the retail/wholesale business with his brother, Elmer "Chick" Roessler.

After the advent of World War II, he was called into action where he served four years in the European theater of operations as a naval officer.

Returning to Wisconsin a naval veteran, he went to work for Libby, McNeil and Libby where he was trained as an industrial engineer. He worked for Libby's for over 30 years at plants in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Indiana. Retiring early, he was appointed to the board of trustees of the Washington County Home in West Bend. He also did part-time consulting work as an industrial engineer for various local businesses.

Herbert had been a Lake Mills resident since 1993, moving here from Hartford. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Mills and also the Clarence Bean-Warren George Lake Mills American Legion Post No. 67.

Herbert was an avid golfer his entire life and an enthusiastic fan and participant of all sports.

Survivors include his two sons, Edwin of China and David (Lisa) of Waunakee; four grandchildren; nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Elmer "Chick" and his half brother, Leslie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Rock Lake Cemetery.

Friends may call after 10 a.m. Friday at the church until the time of service.

If desired, memorials may be made to the church.

The Claussen Funeral Home is assisting the family.

"Special thanks to all the caring staff of Willowbrook and Brook Gardens for the wonderful care extended to Herbert."

Claussen Funeral Home 416 W. Lake St. Lake Mills

Obituary of **half-brother Herbert John Roessler (1910-2008)** -
https://www.wdtimes.com/obituaries/article_71f4ccaa-e425-546d-98ba-bbbe1adc43fe.html

Roessler, Elmer W.



LAKE MILLS — Elmer W. "Chic" Roessler, age 81, of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, died on Sunday,

June 5, 1994, at his home. He was born on July 11, 1912, in Jefferson, Wisconsin, the son of Edwin and Huldah (Clemens) Roessler. He married Lucille Hafenstein of Lake Mills on June 10, 1955, in Lake Mills. He was a graduate of the Jefferson High School, class of 1930, and later attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He had been employed by the Bank of Lake Mills from 1952 - 1994, most recently serving as a vice-president and was a member of its Board of Directors. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 - 1946; he served in northern France as a military policeman. He was a member of the Lake Mills Moravian Church, the Clarence Bean-Warren George Post #67 of the Lake Mills American Legion, was a life member of the Tyrannena Golf Club, and was an avid hunter. Survivors include his wife, Lucille; two sons, Richard of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, Ronald (Denise) of Lake Mills; a daughter, Cynthia (Ronald) Dunham of Paddock Lake, Wisconsin; a granddaughter, Courtney Dunham; and a

brother, Herbert Roessler of Lake Mills. Preceding him in death were his parents; and a brother, Leslie. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 1994, at 11:00 a.m. in the LAKE MILLS MORAVIAN CHURCH with The Reverend Wolfram Fliegel officiating. Burial will be in the Rock Lake Cemetery with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the CLAUSSEN-BOUSLOUGH FUNERAL HOME, and after 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. If desired memorials may be made to the church or the Rainbow Hospice.

Obituary of half-brother Elmer W. Roessler (1912-1994) – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 7 Jun 1994 p 6

Name: Leslie Albert Roessler

Name variations: Lea

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,853

Entered service from: Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leslie A. Roessler

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father E.C. Roessler, Jefferson WI

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leslie L. Roessler

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Edwin C. Roessler, Jefferson WI (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry) - <https://www.fold3.com/image/604461107>

World War I draft registration (1917): as Leslie Albert Roessler - b. 28 Feb 1896 Jefferson WI; res: Jefferson, Jefferson WI. Single. Student, U of WI. A private in U of WI Corps of Cadets Infantry. Claimed exemption from draft: "two years in chemistry course." Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 315 Clarence, Fort Atkinson WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Leslie Albert Roessler, b. 28 Feb 1896 Jefferson WI; res: Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. Mailing address: 315 Clarence St., Fort Atkinson WI. NOK Mrs. Cathryn Roessler at the 315 Clarence address. Employed by self at 113 W. Sherman Ave., Fort Atkinson WI. "scar on 1st toe on left foot" – Height: 5'11" – 182 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 307 Clarence St., Fort Atkinson WI

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Feb 1896 Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Died: 5 Mar 1972 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI (in a local hospital)

Find A Grave record: 97086659 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI

Cemetery: Evergreen

Tombstone:

Father: Edwin Carl Roessler, 3 Jun 1870 Jefferson Co. WI – 9 Oct 1952 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. Son of Johan Simson Roessler (F: 9359712) & Fredericka Adler (F: 9359713). Buried in Union Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI.

Find A Grave: 9390977

Mother: Ottilie Katharina ("Tillie") Puerner Roessler, 25 Aug 1870 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – 25 Jul 1897 Jefferson, Jefferson WI. Daughter of Johann Andreas Puerner & Anna Barbara Riess. Buried in Union Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI.

Find A Grave: 9390985

Parents' marriage: 7 Jan 1895 Jefferson Co. WI

Stepmother: Hulda A. Clemens Roessler, 25 Apr 1880 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – 17 Oct 1936 Jefferson, Jefferson WI. Daughter of Wilhelm & Louisa Clemens. She & Edwin had sons Herbert & Elmer Roessler. Buried in Union Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI.

Stepmother Find A Grave: 9390980

Stepmother's marriage: 17 Dec 1903

Spouse: Cathryn Mary Valerius Roessler, 8 Jul 1897 WI – 16 Jun 1978 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. Daughter of Theodore Valerius & May E. Vandenburg. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 97086674

Marriage: 21 Jul 1920 Jefferson, Jefferson Co. WI – in the First Congregational Church

Child:

- Valerie Roessler Kerschensteiner, 2 Dec 1922 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI (according to Find A Grave & her obituary but in Chicago, Cook IL according to IL birth record) – 18 Sep 2010 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. Married 27 Nov 1943 in Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI to Mark Hoard Kerschensteiner (1921-2010, F: 95894404), son of Mark J. Kerschensteiner & Shirley Hoard. Mark's great-grandfather was the 16th governor of WI, William Dempster Hoard, who also founded the magazine "Hoard's Dairyman." Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI. F: 95894424

Sibling:

- Raymond O. Roessler, 21 Feb 1895 Jefferson Co. WI – 3 May 1913 Jefferson, Jefferson WI. Buried in Union Cemetery, Jefferson, Jefferson WI. F: 9390992

Half-siblings: by his father's 2nd marriage, to Hulda Clemens. A sibling had died before the 1910 census as Hulda reports giving birth to 1 child but none are living/

- Herbert John Roessler, 1 May 1910 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – 11 Dec 2008 Lake Mills, Jefferson WI. Married Caroline Virginia Bare (1921-1993, F: 11651038), the daughter of Reuben Bare & Louise Ida Emilie Babst, in 1952. Buried in Rock Lake Cemetery, Lake Mills, Jefferson WI. F: 11651039
- Elmer William ("Chic"/"Chick") Roessler, 11 Jul 1912 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – 5 Jun 1994 Lake Mills, Jefferson WI (at his home). Married 10 Jun 1955 in Lake Mills, Jefferson WI to Lucille M. Hafenstein, b. 1 Feb 1931, F: 11651114. Her side of their tombstone is blank (as of 21 Sep 2022). Buried in Rock Lake Cemetery, Lake Mills, Jefferson WI. F: 11651115

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Watertown (WI) News" Monday 20 Aug 1917 p 3 – "Men Called in Third Draft Jefferson Co." reports that Leslie A. Roessler of Jefferson WI is to report for his physical examination on 23 Aug 1917

Post-war:

"Janesville (WI) Daily Gazette" WI 28 Jun 1950 p1 - candidate for Jefferson Co. WI sheriff, owner of Ft. Atkinson WI bakery, resident of 315 Clarence St., Ft. Atkinson WI. Tuscania survivor.

Obituary:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 7 Mar 1972 p 4 – died at age 76. Former Jefferson County WI board member. Married Cathryn Valerius in 1920, Attended U of WI. Operated former Barker Bakery (Ft. Atkinson WI) over 30 years. WWI veteran. Ft. Atkinson justice of the peace, member of American Legion & VFW. Survived by wife Cathryn, daughter, 2 half-brothers. Funeral 8 Mar 1972

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Simpson Roessler, 66 Germany, Aug 1833, parents b. Germany, married 43 years, emigrated 1863, in US for 37 years, merchant

Fredericka, 64 Germany, Oct 1835, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 8 children, 6 are living [this is written on the line for Edwin] [wife]

Nora, 23 WI, Mar 1877, single, housekeeper [daughter]

Edwin, 29 WI, Jun 1870, parents b. Germany, widowed, tailor [son]

Raymond, 5 WI, Feb 1895, at school [son, but son of Edwin, not Simson's]

Leslie, 4 WI, Feb 1896 [son, but son of Edwin, not Simson's]

1905 WI state census – Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Edwin Roessler, 35 WI, tailor

Hulda, 25 WI

Raymond, 10 WI

Leslie, 9 WI

1910 Jefferson, Jefferson WI

Edwin Roessler, 39 WI, parents b. Germany, in 2nd marriage, tailor, own shop

Hulda, 39 WI, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 7 years [no entry on line for Edwin], given birth to 1 child, none are living

Raymond, 15 WI

Leslie, 14 WI

1920 Jefferson, Jefferson WI – much of the page is too faint to read, especially occupations

Edwin C. KOESSLER, 49 WI, parents b. Germany

Hulda, 38? 48? WI, parents b. Germany

Lesley, 23 WI

Herberd, 9 WI

Almar/Almas, 7 WI

1930 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI – 315 Clarence St.

Leslie A. Roessler, 34 WI, parents b. WI, age 23 at 1st marriage, proprietor, bakery, WWI veteran

Cathryn, 32 WI, parents b. WI, age 22 at 1st marriage

Valerie, 7 WI

1940 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI – 315 Clarence St.- same house in 1935

Leslie A. Roessler, 44 WI, proprietor, retail wholesale bakery

Cathryn, 44 WI

Valerie, 17 WI

& mother-in-law Mary Valerius [indexed as ueekrins], 67 WI, widow

1950 Fort Atkinson, Jefferson WI

Leslie A. Roessler, 54 WI

Cathryn M., 52 WI

[no occupations are listed]