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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Rademaker, Grover Jacob T.
1888 IN – 1957 IN



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Grover J. Rademaker

Marion, Ind. (Spl.)—Funeral services for Grover J. Rademaker, 68 years old, president and general manager of the Marion Coca-Cola Bottling Company and civic leader here, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Paul's Catholic Church. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery.

Mr. Rademaker died Friday in Marion General Hospital where he had been a patient a month.

A native of Peru, he had lived in Marion 60 years and was associated with his father and two brothers, John and Edward Rademaker, in the Coca-Cola firm many years.

MR. RADEMAKER was a member of the board of directors of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Rotary Club, YMCA board of trustees and the Izaak Walton League.

He also was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, its board of trustees, Byron Thornburg Post, American Legion, and the Forty & Eight.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Clara M. Rademaker; two sons, John T. and Joseph F. Rademaker, both of Marion; two brothers, John M. Rademaker of Marshall, Ill., and Theodore C. Rademaker of Peru; three sisters, Mrs. Bernard Hipskind and Mrs. Clara Kelley, both of Marion, and Mrs. Alfred Fries of Peru, and 10 grandchildren.

Friends may call at the residence, 841 South Adams Street.

5, *Adelphi*

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. 136 State No. 11559

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Grant

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission)
a. STATE Indiana b. COUNTY Grant

3. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
Marion

4. Length of Stay in 1b
60 yrs.

5. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION
Marion General Hospital

6. STREET ADDRESS
1406 So. Adams Street

7. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS?
YES ☒ NO ☐

8. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☐

9. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☐

10. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
First Grover Middle J. Last Rademaker

11. DATE OF DEATH
Month 4 Day 4 Year 1957

12. SEX
male

13. COLOR OR RACE
white

14. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐
WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐

15. DATE OF BIRTH
10/20/1888

16. AGE (In years last birthday)
68

17. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
Peru, Indiana

18. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?
USA

19. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

20. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
Coca-Cola Btl.

21. FATHER'S NAME
John T. Rademaker

22. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Louise Andres

23. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or date of service)
WW1 yes

24. INFORMANT'S NAME
Mrs. Clara M. Rademaker

25. INFORMANT'S ADDRESS
1406 So. Adams Street, Marion, Indiana

26. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
wife

27. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Mitochondrial Ascorbic Acid Deficiency
DUE TO (b) Retinopentonal Ascorbic Acid Deficiency
DUE TO (c) 15 mda.

28. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
3 mda.

29. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED?
YES ☐ NO ☒

30. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE
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31. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)

32. TIME OF INJURY
Hour 4 Minute 00 Day 4 Month 10 Year 1957

33. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT ☐ HOME ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐

34. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)

35. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
Marion, Ind.

36. COUNTY
Grant

37. STATE
Indiana

38. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: I certify that I attended the deceased from 31 Jan. 1956 to April 4, 1957 and last saw her alive on April 4, 1957. Death occurred at 19:40 M. (C.S.T.) on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, free the causes stated.

39. HEALTH OFFICER: I certify that I investigated cause of death of deceased and find that death occurred at 19:40 M. (C.S.T.) from causes stated and on above date.

40. SIGNATURE OF Attending Physician or Health Officer.
Dr. J. H. Adelphi

41. ADDRESS
Donna C. Cline

42. DATE SIGNED
April 17

43. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)
burial

44. DATE
4/8/1957

45. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY
I.O.O.F. Cem.

46. LOCATION
Marion, Ind.

47. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER
4-9-57

48. SIGNATURE OF HEALTH OFFICER
Russell W. Sammons

49. FUNERAL DIRECTOR
Needham & Son

50. ADDRESS
Marion, Ind.

51. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S LICENSE No. 11

52. EXAMINER'S NAME
Roger B. Williams

53. LICENSE No.
4218

54. TYPE OR PRINT PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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56. 8.B.H.—5-24-3—Revised 1955 U. S. Department Health, Education and Welfare. Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 68-R375

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"Billings (MT) Gazette" Wednesday 12 Jan 1916 p 7

SECOND ANNUAL DANCE OF COOKS AND WAITERS

The second annual ball of the local cooks and waiters union will be held tonight at the Coliseum. The grand march will start promptly at 9:30 o'clock.

Members of the union have been making elaborate preparations for the event and a large number of committees have had charge of the various features. The hall will be decorated especially for the occasion. Music will be furnished by Heimberger's orchestra. The various dances on the program have been named after topics of frequent occurrence in the daily work of the cooks and waiters.

The committee in charge consists of Grover Rademaker, George Darrow, Don Spaulding, will have charge of the and Edward Drake. E. L. Wilhelm and checkroom. The floor committee will be composed of E. A. Anstedt, Harry Hegbaum and W. R. Coughlan. Every member of the union will be on the reception committee.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Saturday 16 Sep 1916 p 5

COOKS AND WAITERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The regular election of the Cooks' and Waiters' union was held yesterday afternoon. The new officers are W. R. Coughlan, president; Ed Wallin, vice president; Julia Bergman, recording secretary; Grover Rademaker, treasurer; Ed. E. Drake, financial secretary and business agent.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Tuesday 26 Jun 1917 p 6

TWO BILLINGS BOYS ABOARD THE TUSCANIA

**JAS. OLSON AND GROVER
RADEMAKER PROB-
ABLY ON SHIP**

At least two Billings boys, and probably more, are believed to have been on the transport Tuscania, sunk Tuesday night by a German submarine in the North sea. The men are Privates James Olson, son of Mrs. O. S. Olson, 307 North Twenty-second street, and Grover Rademaker, nephew of former County Commissioner F. X. N. Rademaker.

Private Rademaker, before he enlisted in the Twentieth Engineers last November, was secretary of the local Cooks and Walters' union. For a number of years he was employed in a local cafe.

Private Olson also enlisted in the Twentieth Engineers last fall and was assigned to E company, one of the units en route to France on the ill-fated Tuscania. A week ago, a postcard mailed in New York, was received by Private Olson's brothers, Joseph and Ole, announcing that he was about to embark "over there."

Both recruits made their homes here for years and are well known in Billings.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 8

RADEMAKER WAS POPULAR.

Marion Young Man Among Missing Enlisted Last Summer.

MARION, Ind., Feb. 7.—Grover J. Rademaker, 23 years old, who is reported in War Department dispatches to have been aboard the transport Tuscania, which was sunk by a submarine, is a son of John T. Rademaker, owner of the Rademaker bottling works of this city. Young Rademaker enlisted in the engineer corps last summer and for a while was stationed at American University Camp at Washington, D. C. He was one of the most popular young men of Marion. The War Department dispatches say that he was a member of the Twentieth Engineers, but it was believed here that he belonged to the One Hundred and Seventh Engineers.

"Indianapolis (IN) Star" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Looking over the list of names of Indiana boys missing from the transport Tuscania, sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, Chief of Police Stanley J. Cooper this morning found the names of two with whose fathers he has had close acquaintance. These are Grover J. Rademaker, of Marion, of Company D, twentieth engineer forestry regiment, whose father is John T. Rademaker, of Marion, and Private Russell E. Eikenberry, of Elwood, of the one hundredth aero squadron. His father is Silas E. Eikenberry, of Elwood.

"Columbus (IN) Republic" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5

LOCAL BOY MISSING, TELEGRAM INDICATES

That Grover Rademaker of Billings may be listed among the missing when the death list of the transport Tuscania, sunk off the Irish coast Tuesday, is made public is indicated in a telegram received by his uncle, F. X. N. Rademaker from the latter's brother, Edward Rademaker of Marian, Ind. "Grover is officially reported on the Tuscania, and unofficially reported among the missing," the telegram reads. It is presumed that Edward Rademaker received the information through the war department at Washington.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 5

Those Not Accounted For.

The Indiana soldiers on the transport when the Hun submarine struck its fatal blow who are yet to be accounted for, follow:

GROVER J. RADEMAKER, Company
D, Twentieth Engineer Forestry Regi-
ment; father, John T. Rademaker, 1619
South Washington street, Marion, Ind.

"Indianapolis (IN) Star" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

PRIVATE RADEMAKER IS SAFE IN IRELAND

Grover Rademaker of Billings, aboard the transport Tuscania when she was sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast Tuesday, is officially reported safe in a telegram received yesterday by Private Rademaker's father, John T. Rademaker, of Marian, Ind. The news was relayed to Billings by the father in a telegram addressed to F. X. N. Rademaker, reaching here yesterday morning.

Private Rademaker is a member of Company D, Twentieth engineers. He enlisted here several months ago.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

A peculiar coincidence is found in the photograph of the officers and men rescued from the sinking liner Tuscania, which was taken at Belfast, Ireland, soon after the landing of the different groups. Willard Hardesty of this city, and Grover J. Radamaker, of Marion, belonging to entirely different units, are shown sitting side by side, but are probably ignorant of the fact that they reside within ten miles

of each other when at home. The photograph was published in a Chicago newspaper on Saturday last. Hardesty, in writing to his mother, Mrs. Charles Hardesty, in this city, said that he had a hard struggle to get aboard a life boat.

Marion Boy on Tuscania Didn't Even Get Feet Wet

Marion, Ind., March 4.—Grover J. Rademaker, of the 20th United States Foresters, who was a Tuscania survivor, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Rademaker, of this city, that he did not so much as get his feet wet when the Tuscania was sunk. Writing from Belfast, Ireland, February, 8, Rademaker says:

"I am here, and feeling fine, and we are treated royally. I suppose you have read in the papers of our accident. I sure am a lucky boy, for I got out all right; didn't even get my feet wet. Our boat was hit in the evening, and I was on it for two hours before I got off. It held up fine.

"I enjoyed the trip until — (censored). Say, Ireland for mine. We are being treated like we were the only boys on earth. I wish I could live here. Would have sent you a cablegram but lost all my dope.

"When I get back I can tell you things that will make your hair turn gray. I did not get one bit excited, and that is why I am here."

Both articles appeared on the same page - "Muncie (IN) Star Press" Tuesday 5 Mar 1918 p 7

COOKS AND WAITERS TO GIVE DANCE FOR MEMBERS IN SERVICE

For the purpose of providing a fund for the benefit of the 12 members of the local union who are with the colors—members of the Cooks and Waiters' union are arranging for a dance to be held at the Coliseum on the night of April 17. The cards bearing the names of 11 of the 12 men. They are:

Grover Rademaker, 29th engineers; E. L. Wilhelm, aero squadron; Chet Green, navy; "Tex" Price, 163rd infantry; Harry Mounts, 163rd infantry; Richard Anderson, machine gun squad; Nick Merlet and John Lambus, infantry; Tony Aniston, ship building division; Floyd McKinney, mess instructor; Harry Morgan, 23rd engineers.

Since the advertising cards were printed one other member of the union, Ned Crowder, a second cousin of Provost Marshal General Crowder, chief of the draft machinery of the army enlisted.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Friday 22 Mar 1918 p 7

TELLS HOW 25 OF TUSCANIA'S CREW PERISHED

PRIVATE G. RADEMAKER
DESCRIBES SOME OF THE
DARK MOMENTS

The scene is on board the Tuscania and the time an hour after the ill-fated troop transport received her death blow from a German torpedo. Grover Rademaker of Billings, on board the Tuscania, is telling the story.

"A sub-chaser pulled along side and men on the Tuscania were sliding down ropes to the sub-chaser. I tried to get hold of one of the ropes, but five others rushed up, knocked me down and grabbed the ropes. All five got on the rope and were sliding down when the chaser let go all ropes and the five fell into the water and drowned. In all, about 25 men lost their lives in the same manner."

The foregoing is only one of the exciting incidents related by Private Rademaker in a letter received here. Just at the point where the writer starts to tell some of the more intimate occurrences on board the doomed ship, the censor's blue pencil enters in and autocratically slashes out two whole pages. So that part of the story will remain a secret here, for the time being.

"I was sitting in my bunk, 20 feet below the water line on the fatal lay," the letter says, "and at 5:45 started up to the mess hall, taking my life belt with me."

"The night before we had been ordered to sleep with our clothes on, but we thought this an unnecessary precaution, as we could see land on either side of us when we went below for the night."

"On reaching the mess hall door I found a crowd there, and was just entering another door when the explosion came. A ton of water was hurled on the upper deck. The explosion sounded like a giant firecracker.

"My first thought was, 'am I dreaming?' But just at that instant some one bolted out of the door I was about to enter and knocked me flat. I decided I was awake!

"I got in a corner and put on my life belt, then looked about to learn how fast the boat was sinking. She seemed to be holding up O. K., so I started for my life boat, about 100 yards away. One boat had gotten away and ours was being swung out on the davits. The ropes broke before anyone got in and the boat dropped 60 feet to the water below and floated away."

"Things looked pretty blue, and I commenced to think of the folks at home, but I didn't get excited. A few minutes later a sub-chaser pulled alongside and about 400 got off on it."

At this point Private Rademaker tells of the 25 men drowning.

"I saw then that it wasn't my time to die, and I was confident that I would be saved. I walked twice around the boat looking for a chance to get away and things commenced to look mighty blue again.

"One hour later, another sub-chaser came alongside and I helped throw some ropes and let two other fellows go down before me."

Here the censor takes a hand in proceedings and two pages of descriptive matter are lost to history. Continuing, Private Rademaker tells of enclosing some black shamrocks and praises the treatment received by the rescued soldiers in Ireland and England.

"I would like to tell you more things I saw on the Tuscania, but I know they would be blue penciled, so won't attempt it," the letter concludes.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Sunday 17 Mar 1918 p 6



"Billings (MT) Gazette" Wednesday 27 Mar 1918 p 5



"Munster (IN) Times" Monday 15 Dec 1919 p 5

**Tuscania's Sinking Described by Indiana War Veteran,
Who Was Eyewitness to World War Catastrophe at Sea**



Grover Jacob T. Rademaker 3rd from left





Grover J.T. Rademaker – expanded versions

BY FRANK A. WHITE.



HE dull detonation of a torpedo . . . soon inky blackness . . . the beam of electric torches sweeping here and there over the waves . . . soldiers rushing to their posts . . . screams of men, women and children, crushed, struggling in icy waters with only a lifebelt between them and death . . . a mighty ship listing so sharply that many lifeboats could not be dropped.

Such was the experience of Grover J. Rademaker, 1810 South Boots street, Marion, Ind., a former member of the 16th company, 20th engineers who survived the sinking of the mighty ocean liner, the Tuscania, in world war days.

Every one who has ventured out of sight of friendly shores has no doubt pondered what it would be like to be in a shipwreck. Rademaker dramatically relates his experience in one of the greatest maritime disasters.

"The sinking of the Tuscania, a prize British ship carrying American troops, was the first great disaster of the world war, as far as the United States was concerned. The great liner, with a Scotch crew, had braved the greatest part of its long sea journey. Although still in the submarine zone we were looking forward to landing in England, which was not many hours distant. We had passed Ireland and was headed well out in the choppy Irish sea when the tragedy took place.

Getting Ready for Chow.

"I had developed a fine appetite on Feb. 5, 1918, while aboard the Tuscania, bound for France. I pulled out my watch and noticed that it was just fifteen minutes until four bells (6 o'clock). I remarked to my comrade that it was about mess time. My bunk was on lower six, twenty feet below the water line. We had to go up two decks to get to the mess hall. In the rush for chow I became separated from my buddy and knowing a short cut up-deck I took it. Little did I guess that it was to be the last time I was to see that buddy again.

"I came on deck fifty feet from the stern. I hesitated just for a moment to glance at the sky and sea. The early stars of evening were just beginning to pop out. The sea was not very rough, with the exception of patches of choppy water here and there. I could see, far off to the north, the dim blinking light in a farmhouse. Suddenly as lightning comes from a clear sky, there was a deafening explosion that sounded like a cannon. It was followed by a big spray of water that almost drowned me. The Tuscania just seemed to halt in her tracks, like your car does when you slap on the emergency brakes. I knew, and I believe every one on board realized, just what had happened. A torpedo had struck us amidship.

General Alarm.

"In about two or three seconds the general alarm was sounded. This was followed by a grand rush of men to get on deck and into their places. False alarms had been

sounded time and time again on the way across for boat drill. We knew this was genuine for we could feel the boat beginning to list to starboard. I was standing in the doorway and the rush was so great that I was thrust aside. In my excitement, trying to get my lifebelt untied, I got mixed up. Some of the blocks, of which it was made, got tangled. I knew that the best thing for me to do was to step aside out of the jam and untangle.

"In a moment I had the lifebelt on and proceeded to my post about fifty yards from where I had been standing when the torpedo struck. We had been drilled well on the way across. It was gratifying to see how well the men did in getting to their posts. The listing of the boat was getting so great by this time that it was hard to stand on your feet. Having heard how fast some boats go down, I thought this one was surely headed for Davey Jones's locker.

"My post was located under the hurricane deck, at the extreme end of the port side. I found that lifeboats

could not be used effectively there due to the angle at which the ship was settling in the water. The first boat, however, lowered in fine shape. But the boat I got into was disabled by broken ropes, happily at the instant the last man had climbed out. It looked like the chance for me getting away had vanished. Twenty-five hundred men were a great many for the lifeboats at best. Now many of the boats were practically useless, since they could not be lowered.

Men Are Calm.

"Gruesomeness was commonplace. Many of the fellows stood calmly waiting a chance. Only a few lost their heads and proceeded to jump overboard to try and make it to the lighthouse, about twenty miles away. This was a desperate chance with nothing but a lifebelt between one and eternity. The water was icy cold. Some of the poor fellows who swam away were picked up by lifeboats. Most of them became exhausted or were dashed to pieces on the rocky shore.

"In lowering one of the lifeboats,

the ropes in the tackle blocks apparently jammed. Thinking that the boat might be of use to some of the men floating below, the order rang

out to cut the ropes and let it drop. Unfortunately, just at this moment a boat loaded with men floated directly under. The empty boat, weighing

there were twenty who fell in the sea in this manner.

Heard No Singing.

"Accounts said that the men sang songs and the like. Well, maybe they did, but I didn't hear any one singing. About all that I could hear was swearing and the usual things you hear when men's nerves reach the breaking point. I heard one cry 'Gimmie a cigarette.' I do recall, also, seeing one fellow who had grabbed an American flag and fastened it to a staff and was carrying it around. But the lurking U-boat had inflicted a mortal wound and the showing of any flag then would not have mattered.

"I recall that shortly after the general alarm was given several shots were fired. Not knowing at the time just what it was, almost every man said: 'Haven't those Heinies got enough? They've sunk the ship. Probably all of us will go down. Now they want to shell us.' We later learned that the signal mortars on deck had been fired to attract the attention of our convoys.

"The sight in the water was terrible. Inky black night had swallowed us. Here and there the darkness was stabbed by beams from an electric torch. The poor fellows were calling for help. We were within hearing distance but couldn't save them. One fellow was crushed as the British boat pulled away. His cries were certainly pitiful.

almost half a ton, dropped on their heads. I don't know how many were killed in this accident. I heard their screams. One can picture the terror of such things, especially since it was getting dark.

"Having no immediate choice, I decided to stick with the ship, not knowing how long it would stay afloat. About 7 o'clock a British torpedo boat destroyer came up out of the darkness. Nothing ever looked so good. The destroyer pulled up to one end of the sinking ship. We let out yells of joy at its approach. Just as they made contact the destroyer decided to pull away and approach at another spot. And, of course, all of us at that end did not know that the commander intended changing its position. We began to grab the ropes that had been thrown across. I was just about to slide down one of these ropes when five big huskies pushed me away, in order to get down themselves. Unfortunately for them, and luckily for me, the boat had pulled away and the five, one after another, dropped into the water. I believe

"I didn't know just how I was going to come out of this mess. But I felt helpless with the waves lapping at the ship, now rapidly sinking. I determined not to lose my head. I prayed more fervently than in all the rest of the years of my life put together.

To Safety.

"In about half an hour another boat pulled alongside of us. I was lucky enough to get one of the first ropes thrown aboard. It was tied fast. The signal was given to leave. I grabbed hold of the rope and started to slide down. The rope began to burn my hand from friction. I had to slow up and wrapped both legs around the rope tightly, so as to slow me up. I was then hanging almost head down. My last lunge landed me aboard. When I got to the deck I was afraid to let loose. Some of the crew pulled me loose from the rope to which I clung.

"When I got to my feet again, I walked to the rail and looked down. Searchlights were playing over the water. You could see some unlucky fellows in a bad predicament. In their excitement they had not fixed their lifebelts securely. When they jumped overboard these belts had slipped. They landed in the water head down. Now partly submerged they were unable to loosen their belts or to get upright. They drowned after considerable bobbing about. It seemed so unusual it really is hard to describe.

"There were about four hundred of us rescued by the last boat. Just as the last man was taken aboard, a lifeboat with about a dozen men in it came between us and the Tuscania. The destroyer was ready to pull away, expecting momentarily to be struck by another torpedo from the submarine. The command of the rescue boat called to those in the lifeboat and asked if they had oars and rations. They said yes, so our boat pulled away. Just at this moment the lifeboat that we hailed was caught in a maelstrom of sea that

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VETERAN DESCRIBES TUSCANIA'S SINKING

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was rushing into the rapidly vanishing hull of the *Tuscania*. The boat was upset and it became apparent that most of those in it were lost.

Expected Another Blast.

They put most of the men down below and closed the hatches. I expected the submarine to come back and sink this boat. At first I was indignant and remained on deck, preferring to stay above, ready for another emergency. But I was wet and cold. The wind was coming up strong and we were under full speed. I could not stand it any longer aboveboard. I decided that if I was to be sunk I would stand a better chance warm than chilled through and through. I, too, went down. The crew helped me into the engine room. I soon went to sleep, forgetting submarines, the horror of the scene, and the hunger that I had felt five hours before.

"These facts stand out vividly in

my mind. From here on I must depend on the stories told me by others in the marine guard. It was thought that the *Tuscania* finally went below water somewhere between 10 and midnight. A white-bearded member of the *Tuscania* crew, and the last to leave the ship, said that a single cry of anguish came from the hold of the big boat as she sank. A tiny trailer that remained to the last noticed a small fire break out amidship as the vessel's hulk appeared to break and she plunged to the bottom. There was a great hissing sound as she disappeared beneath the waves. I think those lost were held to a minimum, considering the magnitude of the disaster. I think that had it not been for the rigid training and drill that the number would have been far greater.

"There has been much speculation concerning the U-boat that attacked the *Tuscania*. The book, 'Event A Volume of the Great War,' says that the sub was sunk.

Guarded by Destroyers.

"We were surrounded on the trip by a guard of well-manned destroyers. Our ship was thought to be absolutely safe, but the Kaiser had some tricks up his sleeve. His submarine succeeded in escaping the

notice of any of the destroyers of the fifteen lockouts. Only a few report having seen the periscope and the conning tower of the submarine after the attack. It was a great day for the enemy. The big ship bore up well under the attack. This is shown by the time she remained afloat after the big rift was made in the side by the torpedo.

"We remained on the destroyer from 8 o'clock p. m. until 2 a. m. next morning. We were then landed at Bruncanna, Ireland. I can never forget the feeling when ground was felt under my feet again. I was somewhat in a daze from the terrible experience of the past eight hours. It seemed just like a bad nightmare. Eleven years have rolled by since this event happened. It still remains in my memory just as vividly as the day I looked down from the deck of the rescue boat. In the first few hours after it happened, events seemed like evil phantoms of a dream. Now they are clothed in the spirit of reality. They will live in my memory forever."

"Indianapolis (IN) Star" Sunday 31 Mar 1929 p 57 (page 1) -

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Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Marion, Inc.; capital stock of 600 shares no par value; objects, to manufacture beverages. Incorporators, John T. Rademaker, Edward F. Rademaker and Grover J. Rademaker.

"Indianapolis (IN) Star" Saturday 9 Jan 1932 p 19

Former Local Man Stops in City on Way to Convention

En route to Portland, Ore., to attend the American Legion convention, September 12 to 15, Grover J. Rademaker, former resident of Billings, is spending several days here visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Frank Rademaker, 316 North Thirty-third street. He is a delegate from the Marion, Ind., post of the legion.

Mr. Rademaker operated a motion picture show at Laurel in 1912 and later moved to Billings. He enlisted here in 1917 and was a member of the Twentieth engineers.

While at Portland Mr. Rademaker will attend a meeting of the Tuscania Survivors' association to be held in connection with the convention.

He is continuing on his journey to the coast Saturday.

"Billings (MT) Gazette" Thursday 8 Sep 1932 p 3

Kenosha Host to Tuscania Reunion on 15th Anniversary

Kenosha will be host to the sixteenth annual reunion of the National Tuscania Survivors association at a single day's celebration Feb. 5, 1934.

Fred A. Scholey of Kenosha, national president, is leading the activities for the reunion and convention with a host of Kenosha committeemen co-operating.

With the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce letters have gone out to every eligible member of the association inviting him to Kenosha, and urging him to make plans for the reunion.

February 5th is the anniversary

of the sinking of the Tuscania troop ship in 1918 with a heavy loss of life of troops which were for the most part from the 32nd Division comprising units in Wisconsin and Michigan.

In addition to Scholey the other officers of the national association are Grover J. Rademaker, Marion, Ind., vice-president; Robert F. Riley, Kenosha, secretary; Walter Arthur Laev, Milwaukee, treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, historian, Milwaukee; Washington G. Davies, New York, sergeant-at-arms, and Joseph Bartol, Waukegan, Ill., chaplain.

"Kenosha (WI) Evening News" Wednesday 13 Dec 1933 p 3

FATAL ANNIVERSARY

KENOSHA, Wis. — (UP) — Sixteen years ago next month the troopship Tuscania sank off the coast of Ireland with a heavy loss of life. The National Tuscania Survivors association will have a reunion here Feb. 5, the anniversary of the sinking of the ship. Most of the troops on the ship were from the 32nd division, comprising units in Wisconsin and Michigan. Grover J. Rademaker, Marion, Ind., is president of the association.

"Richmond (IN) Palladium-Item" Tuesday 23 Jan 1934 p 3

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Marion, Ind., Inc., Marion, change of resident agent to Grover J. Rademaker, 1810 South Boots street, Marion.

"Indianapolis (IN) Star" Sunday 17 Jan 1937 p 39

Wife:

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. 733 State No. 61-008090

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Grant
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Marion
c. Length of Stay in b. 42 yrs

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission)
a. STATE Indiana
b. COUNTY Grant
c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Marion
d. STREET ADDRESS 1406 South Adams

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
First Clara Middle M Last Rademaker

4. DATE OF DEATH
Month 3 Day 21 Year 1961

5. SEX Fe 6. COLOR OR RACE Wh 7. MARRIED ☐ NEVER MARRIED ☐
WIDOWED ☒ DIVORCED ☐

8. DATE OF BIRTH May 6, 1889 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 71 10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Ohio 11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? US

12. FATHER'S NAME Isaac Delph 13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Rose Davis

14. INFORMANT'S NAME J. T. Rademaker 15. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Son

16. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral Hemorrhage
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease
DUE TO (b) Stroke
DUE TO (c) Stroke

17. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 36 hrs

18. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

19. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE ☐ ☐ ☐

20. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)

21. TIME OF INJURY
Hour 9 Month 3 Day 21 Year 1961

22. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐

23. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) Home

24. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Marion COUNTY Indiana STATE Indiana

25. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN: I certify that I attended the deceased from 1954 to 21 March 61 and last saw her alive on 21 March 61. Death occurred at 9 P M (C.S.T.) on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.

26. HEALTH OFFICER: I certify that I investigated cause of death of deceased and find that death occurred at 9 P M (C.S.T.) from causes stated and on above date.

27. SIGNATURE OF ATTENDING Physician or Health Officer Dr. H. H. [Signature] 28. ADDRESS Dr. H. H. [Signature] 29. DATE SIGNED 3/22/61

30. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial 31. DATE 3/24/61 32. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY IOOF 33. LOCATION Marion, Indiana

34. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER 3/23/61 35. SIGNATURE OF HEALTH OFFICER Russell [Signature] 36. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Needham & Son, Marion, Indiana 37. ADDRESS Needham & Son, Marion, Indiana

8.11.H.-4543-Revised 1955 U. S. Department Health, Education and Welfare. Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 65-R375

IN death record of Clara Delph Rademaker -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_350890-02598?pid=1801569

Children:



Grover's older son John Theodore Rademaker with younger son Joseph – Find A Grave 11861295

PLACE OF BIRTH		INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
County of <u>Grant</u>		DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS	
Township of <u>Centre</u>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH 36771	
Town of <u>Marion</u>	No. <u>Grant Co. Hospital</u>	State File No.	Registered No. <u>298</u>
City of <u>Marion</u>	44 birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)	St. <u>1</u>	Ward)
FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>John Theodore Rademaker</u>			
If child is not named, make supplemental report.			
Sex of Child <u>M</u>	To be answered ONLY in event of plural births	Twin, triplet or other	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>
	Number in order of birth		Date of Birth <u>July 8</u> 19 <u>21</u>
Full Name <u>FATHER</u> <u>John J. Rademaker</u>		Full Name <u>MOTHER</u> <u>Clara D. Delp</u>	
Post office Address <u>Marion Ind</u>		Post office Address <u>Marion Ind</u>	
Color or Race <u>W</u>	Age at last Birthday <u>32</u> (Years)	Color or Race <u>W</u>	Age at last Birthday <u>31</u> (Years)
Birthplace (city or place) <u>Marion Ind</u>		Birthplace (city or place) <u>Marion Ind</u>	
(State or country)		(State or country)	
Occupation <u>Boatbuilding works</u>	Nature of Industry <u>Boatbuilding works</u>	Occupation <u>H.W.</u>	Nature of Industry
Number of children of this mother (taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child)		(a) Born alive and now living <u>1</u> (b) Born alive but now dead <u>0</u> (c) Stillborn <u>0</u>	
Number of children of this mother (taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child)		(a) Born alive and now living <u>1</u> (b) Born alive but now dead <u>0</u> (c) Stillborn <u>0</u>	
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE			
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was <u>Born alive</u> at <u>12:22 P</u> M.			
on the date above stated.			
* When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.		Signature <u>W. A. Parkhouse</u>	
Given name added from a supplemental report		Address <u>Marion Ind</u>	
, 19		Filed <u>July 9 - 1921</u> <u>G. R. Daniels M.D.</u>	
HEALTH OFFICER		HEALTH OFFICER	

IN birth record of John Theodore Rademaker, 8 Jul 1921 Marion, Grant IN -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60871/images/40474_356384-00281?pid=301041956

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Local No. 99039 pp. 14 **INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH State No. 601143

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TYPE/PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK

DECEDENT

1. DECEASED—NAME (First, Middle, Last) John T. Rademaker 2. SEX Male 3a. TIME OF DEATH 5:21 a.m. 3b. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) January 22, 1999

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 777 5a. AGE—Last Birthday (Year) 77 5b. UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 5c. UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes 6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) July 8, 1921 7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Marion Indiana

8a. WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN? No 8b. YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL ☒ Resident ☐ Other ☐ Residence Marion General Hospital 9a. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions) ☐ Other (Specify)

9b. FACILITY NAME (If not institution give street and number) Marion General Hospital 9c. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH Marion 9d. COUNTY OF DEATH Grant

10. MARITAL STATUS (Specify) Married 11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) Geisert 12a. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) Co-Owner 12b. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY Soft Drink

13a. RESIDENCE—STATE Indiana 13b. COUNTY Grant 13c. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION Marion 13d. STREET AND NUMBER 5420 S. Baldwin Avenue

13e. ZIP CODE 46953 13f. INSIDE CITY LIMITS ☒ Yes ☐ No 14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA 15. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? ☒ No ☐ Yes (If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) 16. RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) White 17. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary/Secondary 10-12: 12 College (1-4 or 5+): 4

PARENTS

18. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) Grover J. Rademaker 19. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Maiden Surname) Clara Delph

INFORMANT

20a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/Print) Betty Rademaker 20b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) 5420 S. Baldwin Avenue Marion, Indiana 46953 20c. Relationship Wife

DISPOSITION

21a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION ☒ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal from State ☐ Other (Specify) Burial 21b. DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) January 25, 1999 Estates of Serenity 21c. LOCATION—City or Town, State Marion, Indiana

22a. EMBALMER'S NAME Robert C. Lincoln 22b. EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. PD01009330 23. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? ☒ Yes ☐ No

24a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Robert C. Lincoln 24b. LICENSE NUMBER (of Licensee) PD01009330 25. NAME, ADDRESS AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME Raven Funeral Home P.O. Box 6 Marion, Indiana 46952 FN58500101

CAUSE OF DEATH

26. PART I: Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) Bronchitis, acute & chronic for many years
 DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) Bronchiectasis for many years
 CONDITIONS (If any, which gave rise to the immediate cause) Diabetes Mellitus II, Paralysis Agitans, Corticoadrenal insufficiency, Pulmonary Fibrosis, Asthma

27. WAS DECEDENT PREGNANT OR 90 DAYS POSTPARTUM? ☒ Yes ☐ No 28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? ☒ Yes ☐ No 28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFIER

29a. CERTIFIER (Check only one) ☐ CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN (To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated) ☐ HEALTH OFFICER (On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) as stated) ☐ CORONER (On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated)

29b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER Robert C. Cunningham M.D. 29c. MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 01015223 29d. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 1/28/99

30. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (ITEM 26) (Type/Print) Robert C. Cunningham 1614 N. Baldwin Avenue Marion, Ind

31. HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE Robert C. Cunningham 32. DATE FILED (Month, Day, Year) 1-28-99

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33. MANNER OF DEATH ☐ Natural ☐ Pending Investigation ☐ Accident ☐ Suicide ☐ Could not be Determined ☐ Homicide

34a. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year) 34b. TIME OF INJURY 34c. INJURY AT WORK? ☐ Yes ☐ No 34d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED

34e. PLACE OF INJURY (In home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc.) (Specify) 34f. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)

34g. DATE PROHOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year) 34h. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.

SDH06-004 State Form 10110 (R4/3-93) Death Cer PD 1

IN death record of son John Theodore Rademaker -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_352206-01185?pid=604415564



Joseph Francis Rademaker (Sr.) (1923-2003) – Find A Grave 111700716

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Local No. **000837** INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH State No. **100837**

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1. DECEASED—NAME (First Middle Last) **JOSEPH FRANCIS RADEMAKER** 2. SEX **MALE** 3a. TIME OF DEATH **9:00 P. M.** 3b. DATE OF DEATH (Month Day Yr) **JANUARY 25, 2003**

4. AGE—Last Birthday (Years) **79** 5a. UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days 5b. UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes 6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month Day Yr) **OCT. 2, 1923** 7. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) **MARION, INDIANA**

8a. WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN? **YES** 8b. YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? **UNKNOWN** 9. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions.) ☒ HOSPITAL ☐ HOME ☐ OTHER ☐ NURSING HOME ☐ OTHER (Specify) ☐ RESIDENCE ☐ ETC.

10. FACILITY NAME (If not residence, give street and number) **ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL** 11. CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH **INDIANAPOLIS** 12. COUNTY OF DEATH **MARION**

13. MARITAL STATUS (Specify) **MARRIED** 14. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) **HELEN HENNIGIN** 15. DECEDENT'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) **OWNER/OPERATOR** 16. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY **COCA COLA BOTTLING**

17a. RESIDENCE—STATE **INDIANA** 17b. COUNTY **GRANT** 17c. CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION **MARION** 17d. STREET AND NUMBER **1603 W. 38TH STREET**

18a. ZIP CODE **46853** 18b. INSIDE CITY LIMITS ☐ No ☒ Yes 18c. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? **USA** 18d. WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? ☒ No ☐ Yes (If yes specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) 18e. RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) **WHITE** 18f. DECEDENT'S EDUCATION (Specify into highest grade completed) Elementary (Grades 1-8) ☐ College (11-12 or S + 1) ☐ 1

19. FATHER'S NAME (First Middle Last) **GROVER RADEMAKER** 20. MOTHER'S NAME (First Middle Maiden Surname) **CLARA DELPH**

21a. INFORMANT'S NAME (Type/print) **HELEN RADEMAKER** 21b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) **1603 W. 38TH ST., MARION, IN 46853** 21c. Relationship **WIFE**

22a. METHOD OF DISPOSITION ☒ Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal from State ☐ Donation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Entombment 22b. DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) **JANUARY 29, 2003** 22c. LOCATION—City or Town, State **MARION, INDIANA**

23a. EMBALMER'S NAME **DAN M. MEAGHER** 23b. EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. **FDO1001675** 23c. WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER? ☒ Yes ☐ No

24a. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR *[Signature]* 24b. LICENSE NUMBER (if Licensed) **FDO1008758** 24c. NAME, ADDRESS AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME **NEEDHAM-STONEY-WAMPNER FH88900012 NORTH CHAPEL, MARION, IN 46852**

25. PART I Enter the diseases, injuries, or conditions that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (The disease or condition resulting in death) **4x Acute Myo-Ischemic Cardiac**

1. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF 1

2. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF 1

3. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF 1

4. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF 1

5. DUE TO OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF 1

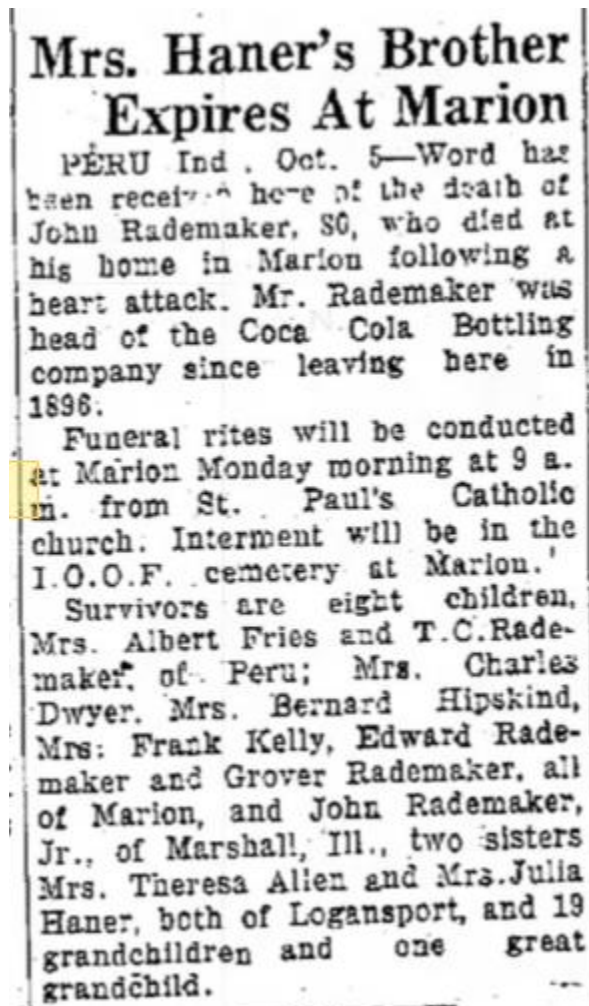
6.

26. PART II Other significant conditions. Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I

27. WAS DECEDENT INEBRIANT OR DRUGS (Specify) **NO** 28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or No) **NO** 28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or No) **NA**

IN death record of son Joseph Francis Rademaker -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_352151-00345?pld=751998987

Father:



Obituary of father John Theodore Rademaker – “Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune” Saturday 5 Oct 1935 p 5

Siblings:

MARSHALL COUPLE MARKS ANNIVERSARY

MARSHALL, Ill., Nov. 21.— (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. John Rademaker celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday with special mass by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donahau at the St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Following the services a dinner was served at the parish hall to the immediate families by the ladies of the Altar Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Rademaker were married in Marshall on Nov. 29, 1911, at St. Mary's Rectory. Mrs. Rademaker was the former Miss Margaret Craig. They have two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ferris and Mrs. Martha Haugh, both of Marshall. They have seven grandchildren.

In 1908 Mr. Rademaker came to Marshall from Marion, Ind., and formed the Rademaker and Son Bottling Company. He was in the business for 50 years until his retirement in 1958.

Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Libengood, Mrs. Bernard Hipskind, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rademaker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley, and Mrs. Clara Kelley, all of Marion, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rademaker and Mrs. Al Freis of Peru, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hipskind of Champaign, Ill.; Mrs. Ed Craig of Greenup, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pulver, Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ferris and Mr. and Mrs. Emar Haugh, all of Marshall.

50th wedding anniversary of **brother John H. Rademaker (1882-1962)** & Margaret B. Craig Rademaker – “Terre Haute (IN) Tribune” Sunday 26 Nov 1961 p 42



Brother Edward F. Rademaker (1884-1939) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/12003898/person/1360934628/media/8ef634c7-c403-4a14-9884-7747c69cb40c>

Miss Clara Rademaker, who will become the bride of Frank Kelly on Thanksgiving day, was a guest at a party given Friday evening by Miss Mary Gormley.

Marriage of sister Clara Rademaker (1887-1964) to Francis Thomas Kelly in Nov 1909 – Thanksgiving Day was 25 Nov 1909 - “Indianapolis (IN) Star” Sunday 21 Nov 1909 p 43

Hilda Fries Dies At 78

PERU—Mrs. Hilda Fries, 78, of 169 W. 6th St., died at 6 a.m. Monday at St. Ann's Hospital, Michigan City.

She had been ill two weeks.

Born in Peru Aug. 9, 1894, she was the daughter of John and Louisa Andrews Rademaker. Her marriage May 7, 1918, was to Alfred F. Fries, who died July 22, 1971.

She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. A. White of Michigan City and Mrs. William L. Redmon of Rt. 2, Peru; one brother, T. C. Rademaker of Peru; one sister, Mrs. Bernard Hipskind of Marion; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Grady officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with the Rev. William Grady officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the building fund of St. Charles Catholic Church.



Sister Hilda Matilda Rademaker Fries – Find A Grave 8340244

Name: Grover Jacob T. Rademaker

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,390

Entered service from: Marion, Grant IN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Grover J. Rademaker

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John T. Rademaker, 1619 S. Washington St., Marion IN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Grover J. Rademaker

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John T. Rademaker, 1619 S. Washington St., Marion IN
(cook, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Jacob J.T. Rademaker - b. 20 Oct 1883 Peru IN; res:
217 ½ No. 33, Billings, Yellowstone MT. Single. Waiter, Colonial Café, Billings MT. Medium height &
build, with auburn hair.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1810 S. Boots St., Marion IN

World War II draft registration (1942): as Grover J. Rademaker - b. 20 Oct 1888 Peru IN; res:
1406 S. Adams, Marion, Grant IN. NOK Clara Mae Rademaker, same address. Employed at Coca
Cola Bottling Co., 1621 S. Washington, Marion, Grant IN. Height: 5'4" – 153 lbs. – red hair

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 15 Jun 1919

Address: 1910 S. Boots St., Marion IN
 Rank/unit: cook, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Oct 1888 Peru, Miami IN

Died: 4 Apr 1957 (5 Apr 1957 obit) Marion, Grant IN (Marion General Hospital, where he had a patient 1 month)

Find A Grave record: 111700491 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Marion, Grant IN

Cemetery: Estates of Serenity

Tombstone:

Father: John Theodore Rademaker, 7 Apr 1855 Cincinnati, Hamilton OH – 3 Oct 1935 Marion, Grant IN. Son of Theodore Rademaker & Mary Anna Seller. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN.

Find A Grave: 111700743

Mother: Louise Margaret Andres Rademaker, 13 Dec 1857 Tiffin, Seneca OH – 3 Dec 1928 Indianapolis, Marion IN. Daughter of Edward F. Andres & Catherine Louise Hoover. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN.

Find A Grave: 111700829

Parents' marriage: 28 May 1878 Miami Co. IN

Spouse: Clara May Delph Rademaker, 6 May 1889 Massillon, Stark OH – 21 Mar 1961 Marion, Grant IN. Daughter of Isaac M. Delph & Rose Ann Davis. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 1117000444

Marriage: 24 Nov 1919 St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Fairmount, Grant IN

Children:

- John Theodore Rademaker, 8 Jul 1921 Marion, Grant IN – 22 Jan 1999 Marion, Grant IN. Married on 19 Feb 1949 in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Middleton, Butler OH to Elaine Thomas (1923 OH – 1999 FL). Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 11861295
- Joseph Francis Rademaker (Sr.), 2 Oct 1923 Marion, Grant IN – 25 Jan 2003 Indianapolis, Marion IN. Married in Grant Co. IN on 22 Oct 1949 to Helen Marie Hennigin (1927-2019, F: 201083026); they had 7 children. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 111700716

Siblings: Grover was the 6th child.

- Edward Rademaker, 6 May 1879 IN – 9 May 1879 Peru, Miami IN.
- Catherine Louise Rademaker Dwyer, 19 May 1880 Peru, Miami IN – 14 Jul 1955 Marion, Grant IN. Married 30 Nov 1898 Marion Co. IN to Charles Francis Dwyer (1877-1951, F: 107817444). Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 107817325

- John M. Rademaker, 26 Sep 1882 Peru, Miami IN – 20 Oct 1962 Marshall, Clark IL. Husband of Margaret B. Craig (1890-1974, F: 63568505). Buried in Marshall Cemetery, Marshall, Clark IL. F: 63568507
- Edward F. Rademaker, 21 Sep 1884 IN – 28 May 1939 Marion, Grant IN. Married 25 Sep 1907 in Gas City, Grant IN to Bernice M. Maggert (1888-1975, F: 111700628). Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 111700670
- Clara Marie Rademaker Kelley, 12 Jan 1887 Peru, Marion IN – 16 Oct 1964 Marion, Grant IN. Married on 25 Nov 1909 to Francis Thomas ("Frank") Kelley (1877-1947, F: 8859759). Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 88597500
- Leo Rademaker, 12 Jan 1890 [1891 on tombstone] Peru, Miami IN – 17 Nov 1896 Marion, Grant. According to Billion Graves (<https://billiongraves.com/grave/Leo-Rademaker/2447915>) buried in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru, Miami IN.
- Lawrence A. Rademaker, 3 Nov 1892 Peru, Miami IN – 11 Nov 1899 Marion Co. IN. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 111700785
- Hilda Matilda Rademaker Fries, 9 Aug 1894 Peru, Miami IN – 18 Dec 1972 Michigan City, LaPorte IN. Married 7 May 1918 to Alfred Francis Fries (1892-1971, F: 8340262). Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Marion IN. F: 8340244
- Theodore Charles ("Ted") Rademaker, 10 Nov 1896 Marion, Grant IN – 21 Jun 1978 Marion, Grant IN. Graduate of the University of Notre Dame in 1919, where he was captain of the track team. Served in the US Army in WWI. Married 3 Jun 1923 to Dorothy Gertrude Lucas (1897-1969, F: 18550052). Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Marion IN. F: 18550083
- Cecilia Rademaker, 6 Jun 1899 Marion, Grant IN – 10 Jun 1899 Marion, Grant IN.
- Lucille Pauline Rademaker Hipskind, 30 Jun 1902 Grant Co. IN – 18 Aug 1994 Hillsdale, Hillsdale MI. Wife of Philip Bernard Hipskind (1892-1961, F: 88469430) whom she married 1 May 1923 in Marion, Grant IN. Buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Grant IN. F: 88469233

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Billings (MT) Weekly Gazette" 8 Feb 1918 p 7 - nephew of former County Commissioner F.X.N. Rademaker. Enlisted fall 1917. Was secretary of local Cooks & Waiters' union, worked at a local café a number of years.

Post-war:

on 15 Dec 1919, married only a few days, woken by alarm clock to find fumes from baseburner had filled their house in Marion IN -

lengthy article in "Indianapolis (IN) Star" 31 Mar 1929 p 1 & 13 - 4 photos, "Tuscania's Sinking Described by Indiana War Veteran, Eyewitness to World War Catastrophe at Sea" - he resident 1810 S. Boots St., Indianapolis - see Appendix E - new details
NTSA vice president 1933 - president 1934

Obituary:

"Indianapolis Star" 7 Apr 1957 p 58 - age 68, president & general mgr Marion Coca-Cola Bottling Co. & Marion IN civic leader, d. 5 Apr 1957 Marion General Hospital, b. Peru IN, lived in Marion 60 yrs, associated with father & 2 brothers John & Edward in the Coca-Cola plant, in Red Cross, Rotary, Legion, 40 & 8, survived by wife Clara M., 2 sons, 2 brothers, 3 sisters

Social Security number: 309-05-1074

Censuses:

1900 Center, Grant IN – 1811 S. Washington St.

John M. Rademaker, 45 OH, Apr 1855, parents b. Germany, married 22 years, manufacturer of mineral water

Louisa, 42 OH, Dec 1859, father b. PA, mother b. OH, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living

John M., 17 IN, Sep 1882, at school

Edward F., 15 IN, Sep 1884, at school

Clara M., 13 IN, Jan 1887, at school

Grover T., 11 IN, Oct 1888, at school

Hilda M., 5 IN, Aug 1894

Charles T., 3 IN, Nov 1896

Catharine Dwyer, 20 IN, May 1880, married [daughter]

Charles J. Dwyer, 21 IN, Jun 1878, married [son-in-law]

1910 Billings, Yellowstone MT – N. 33rd St.

F.N. Rademaker, 43 IN, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 15 years [no occupation listed]

Anna, 42 MI, parents b. Ireland, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living [wife]

Dorothy, 7 MT [daughter]

Theodore, 5 MT [son]

Frank, 4 MT [son]

Grover, 21 IN, single, parents b. IN, manager, saloon [nephew]

1920 Marion, Grant OH – 1717 Branson

Grover Rademaker, 30 IN, parents b. OH, bottler, soft drink

Clara, 29 OH, parents b. KY

1930 Marion, Grant OH – 1810 S. Boots St.

Grover J. Rademaker, 40 IN, father b. OH, mother b. US, age 30 at 1st marriage, bottler, bottling works, WWI veteran

Clara W., 37 OH, parents b. KY, age 27 at 1st marriage

John T., 8 IN

Joseph F., 6 IN

& lodger Susan A. Morris, 76 IA, widow

1940 Marion, Grant IN – 1406 S. Adams St. – same place in 1935

Grover J. Rademaker, 51 IN, manager, soft drink factory

Clara Mae, 50 OH

John T., 18 IN

Joseph F., 16 IN

1950 cannot locate