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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Riley, Robert Francis
1898 WI – 1982 WI



Robert Francis Riley – “Kenosha (WI) Evening News” 5 Feb 1934 p 7

ROBERT FRANCIS RILEY

Birth: Mar. 10, 1898 Kenosha County Wisconsin

Death: January 18, 1982 Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin

WAUKESHA - Robert F. Riley, 83, of 123 Douglass Avenue, died Monday at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

He had lived in Waukesha since 1936. He was an accountant with many automobile agencies and was one of the last survivors of the sinking of the troop ship Tuscania off the coast of Ireland in World War I.

He is survived by his wife Florence A.; son, Robert A. of Waukesha; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A prayer service will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Randle-Dable Funeral Home followed at 10 a.m. by a mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in St. James Cemetery in Kenosha. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a Bible vigil at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to the Waukesha Paramedic Fund.

Published in the Waukesha Freeman, January 19, 1982

Family links:

Spouse:

Florence Arneson Riley (1897 - 1982)*

Burial:

Saint James Cemetery

Kenosha

Kenosha County

Wisconsin, USA

Robert F. Riley

Robert F. Riley, 83, 123 Douglas Ave., Waukesha, died Monday at Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Born in Kenosha March 10, 1897, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Mary Ellen Dorsey) Riley.

He married Florence A. Arneson in Kenosha before moving to Waukesha in 1936.

An Army veteran of World War I, he served with the 32nd Division, Transportation Corps and was one of the last survivors of the Tuscania troop ship that was sunk off the coast of Ireland.

He was an accountant for several automotive firms in Waukesha.

His memberships include St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waukesha.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Robert A., of Waukesha; a brother, Donald, of Kenosha; five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

RILEY—Funeral services for the late Robert F. Riley, a resident of Waukesha, Wisconsin, formerly of Kenosha, who passed away Monday, January 18th, will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 10:00 A.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waukesha. Interment will be in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha. Friends may call at the Randle-Dable Funeral Home, 1110 S. Grand Avenue, Waukesha, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 20th.

Obituary of Robert Francis Riley – left: “Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 19 Jan 1982 p 15 – right: same paper & date, p 29

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Riley and son, Robert, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Kenosha, arrived last Friday for an extended visit with Mrs. Riley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Arneson, Fifth avenue.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 24 May 1932 p 4

Kenosha Gets 1934 Meet of Tuscania Vets

Fred Scholey, of Kenosha, Named President of Survivors

Kenosha will be host to the 1934 convention of the survivors of one of the World War's greatest tragedies, the sinking of the steamship Tuscania.

The national association selected Kenosha as its next convention city at its annual business session in Chicago late Sunday a few minutes before electing Fred A. Scholey, of Kenosha, as its new president and Robert F. Riley, also of Kenosha, as secretary.

More than twenty-five Kenosha survivors of the Tuscania cheered the city's triple honor at the convention.

Win Over Two Bidders

The Kenosha delegation, armed with letters of invitation from officials and civic leaders of the city, won the 1934 convention after a spirited battle with two other cities, Omaha, Neb., and Buffalo, N. Y.

Other officers selected by the Tuscania survivors Sunday, and who will join with the Kenosha veterans in arranging details of the 1934 convention, were:

Grover Rademaker, Indianapolis, vice-president; Walter A. Leav, Milwaukee, treasurer; W. G. Davies, New York, Sgt.-at-Arms; Joseph Bartol, Waukegan, chaplain; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Charles Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Arnold Joerns, Chicago, president of executive committee; Hugh Stodghell, Rayville, La.; Floyd Collins, Milwaukee; Douglas Soutar, Oklahoma City; Harry Schostak, Chicago, and Leo Terza, Bastrop, La., directors.

Honor Tragedy Victims

The annual business meeting was held at the Great Northern hotel, in Chicago, following impressive ceremonies in memory of 213 American soldiers, including Arthur Junker, of Kenosha, who perished 15 years ago when a German submarine sank the Tuscania off the coast of Ireland.

The memorial services were held on the banks of Lake Michigan. With a firing squad and a color guard standing nearby, Leo Zimmerman, Milwaukee, placed a wreath in the water in tribute to the victims of the naval disaster.

Kenosha Gets 1934 Meet of Tuscania Vets

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"The soldier holds the responsibility of representing the might and strength of his country," Parker told the Tuscania survivors.

Other Speakers

Other speakers included Dr. George H. Thomas, of St. Paul's church, Dr. Charles Fox, of South Shore temple and the Rev. George T. McCarthy, of St. Margaret Mary's church, all of Chicago.

Hopes of the survivors of hearing Capt. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the German U-boat that sunk the great American transport in the Irish sea, faded at the last moment after plans for his appearance had been completed. Because Capt. Meyer was afraid he would lose his job in the German government service, the annual re-union was held without him.

Members of the association formed in memory of the American soldiers who met death in the sinking of the transport expressed regret that Meyer had been unable to attend the convention as their honor guest.

Arrangements Completed

"We invited him here as our guest," said Arthur Joerns, retiring president. "The Northern German Lloyd promised him passage and the captain accepted the invitation. Then at the last moment he cabled us he would be unable to come. He was afraid if he left his government

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position at Saarbrücken he would have no job on his return."

The association still hopes to entertain Capt. Meyer at one of its annual re-unions, and efforts will probably be made to have him in Kenosha next year.

"We have nothing but the friendliest feeling toward Capt. Meyer," Joerns said. "It was war and he merely did his duty. If circumstances had been reversed we would have done the same."

Will Push Plans

Scholey, who resides at 6632 Twentieth avenue here, has long been active in the affairs of the Tuscania survivors, more than sixty of whom at one time resided in Kenosha. Riley, has also been active in ex-service men's organizations.

As a preliminary movement toward preparing for the national convention, Kenosha survivors of the Tuscania will re-organize in the near future, Scholey announced today. A meeting will probably be held within a month, when officers will be elected and a convention committee named to carry on the work during the year.

The conventions are always held on February 5th, the anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania. The Kenosha meeting will probably be held Sunday and Monday, February 4 and 5, but nothing definite has yet been decided.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 24 May 1932 p 4

**STATE OF WISCONSIN — COUNTY
COURT — KENOSHA COUNTY**
**In the Matter of the Estate of Mary
Riley, Deceased.**
**NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that at a term of said Court to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1942, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court House in the City of Kenosha, in said

County, there will be heard and considered:

The application of Robert F. Riley for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Mary Riley, deceased, late of the City of Kenosha, in said County:

Notice is further given that all claims against the said Mary Riley, deceased, late of the City of Kenosha, in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, must be presented to said County Court at the Court House, in said County, on or before the 25th day of March, 1943, or be barred; and that all such claims and demands will be examined and adjusted at a term of said Court to be held at the Court House in the City of Kenosha, in said County, on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1943, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Dated November 1st, 1942.
 By Order of the Court,
ROBERT BAKER, Judge,
JOSEPH L. GOTTSCHICH, Attorney.
 (Nov. 21-28-Dec. 5)

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 21 Nov 1942 p 8

Tuscania Survivors Mark Anniversary of Tragedy

[excerpt from article follows:]

Today, the remaining members of the Red Arrow division will meet at their headquarters in Milwaukee, 31 years to the day, marking the tragic anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania. Three former Kenosha men, also survivors of the torpedoing, now living in surrounding communities, will join the 23 Kenoshans to attend the vent.

The original list of the 31 Kenosha survivors included Henry M. Kleist, Norbert M. Tyson, Frank H. Tanking, H. Anderson, August Zura, Otto Mowry, Elmer W. Williams, Karl Hjelmar Hultenius, Rudolf A. Hultenius, Hodgeson Vale, Claude H. Forbes, Henry W. Huetten, Frank M. Lane, Edward W. Schmidt, Ernest Bolton, Harvey Earl, Lawrence Garglas, Fred Johnke, Louis E. Regnier, Robert F. Riley, Fred Mitchell, Otto Nelson, Victor J. Novak, Dominic Leonetti, Harold Bresnahan, Roy Stephenson, William Seltrecht, Henry Werner, Leo Hopper, Floyd Hill and Fred A. Scholey.



"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 5 Feb 1949 p 5

Wife:

Florence A. Riley

Mrs. Florence A. Riley, 85, 123 Douglass St., Waukesha, and formerly of Kenosha, died Monday morning at her residence.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ole (Agnes) Arneson, she was born July 19, 1897, in Racine.

She attended St. James school and was a graduate of Kenosha High School.

She married Robert F. Riley in 1923 at St. James Catholic Church.

She was a charter member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waukesha.

Surviving are a son, Robert, of

Waukesha; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, on Jan. 18, 1982; her parents; four brothers, Thomas J., Russel J., Albert E. and Eugene C. Arneson; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Lilley.

Obituary of wife Florence Arneson Riley – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 19 Jan 1982 p 15

ARNESON-RILEY.

Wedding at St. James Church This Morning With Simple Ceremony.

Miss Florence Arneson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olle Arneson of 470 Exchange street, and Robert Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Riley of 324 Strong street, were married this morning at nine o'clock at the St. James church in a simple service witnessed by only the immediate families. Rev. Father R. J. Smith performed the ceremony.

Miss Arneson was dressed in peach chiffon with large hat of the same shade and a large shower bouquet. The matron of honor, Mrs. Robert Lilley, sister of the bride, wore a gown of silver lace with an orchid hat and a large arm bouquet of roses. Leo Riley, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

Following the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served to thirty guests at the home of the bride's parents on Exchange street. The color scheme used was pink and white and was carried out with cut flowers and other decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley have left for an extensive motor trip through northern Wisconsin and will be at home after June 20th at 470 Exchange street.

Marriage of Robert Francis Riley & Florence Agnes Arneson on 2 Jun 1923 – "Kenosha (WI) News"
Saturday 2 Jun 1923 p 4

Son:

Robert A. Riley

1924 - 2006

Robert A. Riley, 82, of Waukesha, died on Friday, July 7, 2006, at LindenGrove Health Care Center. He was born in Kenosha on March 18, 1924, the only child to Robert F. and Florence (Nee: Arneson) Riley. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. from 1943-1946. He attended Marquette University for two years and also several years at Bryant and Stratton Business School. Robert was employed at Milchap Products from the 1960's until his retirement in 1984. He is a charter member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. On Aug. 21, 1948, he married the former Carol Janzer in Milwaukee.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 57 years, Carol Riley of Waukesha; and their five children, Kathleen (Donald) Ketterhagen of Lake Geneva; Mary Ellen (J. Michael) Ramstack of Lunenburg, Mass.; James (Ann) Riley of Dousman; Carolann (Jeffrey) Kneser of Wausau and Colleen (J. Matthew) Holland of Dellwood, Minn. He is further survived by 12 grandchildren, D. Robert (Mary) Ketterhagen, Paul Ketterhagen, Joseph Ketterhagen, J. Kevin, Kathryn and Jennifer Ramstack; J. Paul Riley, John Matthew Riley, Molly Riley, Jacob Kneser, Kathleen and Laura Holland; two great grandchildren, Wilhelm and Milo Ketterhagen other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his grandson Joseph Patrick Holland.

Friends may call Monday July 10, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church 225 S. Hartwell Avenue (corner of Hartwell and Newhall Avenues) Waukesha from 10 a.m. until the funeral mass at 12 Noon. Father James Volkert will be presiding. Cemetery services with full military honors will be held following the Mass, at St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorials to The LindenGrove Foundation 425 N. University Dr. Waukesha, WI 53188 or the Charity of the donors choosing. For further information or directions to the church, please call Randle-Dable Funeral Home at 262-547-4035 or visit online at www.randedable.com



TO WED AUG. 21—The Gustav Janzers, Milwaukee, are announcing the coming marriage of their daughter Carol to Robert A. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Riley, 218 Carroll st. The nuptial vows are being planned for Aug. 21 at St. John's de Nepomuc church, Milwaukee. Miss Janzer attended Mount Mary college. Mr. Riley is now a student at the Milwaukee Business institute. He formerly attended Marquette.

Engagement of Carol Barbara Janzer to Robert Arneson Riley – “Waukesha (WI) Daily Freeman”
Tuesday 27 Jul 1948 p 5

Father:

James E. Riley Taken by Death

**Long Illness Ends in Death
for Well-Known Kenosha
at Early Hour Today**

Death early this morning ended a lingering illness for James E. Riley, 836 Sixty-fifth street, a well known Kenosha resident. He had been ill for the past two years. He has a host of friends and relatives to grieve his loss.

Mr. Riley was born August 28, 1870, in Pleasant Prairie. He came to Kenosha at the age of 18 years. He married Miss Mary Ellen Dorsey, April 29, 1897, and was employed as a department head at the Frost Manufacturing company for a score of years. Later he engaged in business under the firm head of Riley Foundry company. This was in 1920 and he successfully operated his plant until October, 1928, when a break in health forced him to retire from active business.

Many Survivors Here

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He is survived by his widow, four sons and two daughters. They are: Robert, Lee, Emmett, all of Kenosha, and Donald of Milwaukee; Esther and Elsie Riley, also of Kenosha. He is also survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Riley, Pleasant Prairie, and two brothers, Thomas of Pleasant Prairie, and Frank of Kenosha, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Spencer, of Kenosha.

The body will be removed from the Crossin funeral home to the residence tonight. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St. James church. Burial will be made in the family plot in St. James cemetery.

Obituary of father James E. Riley – "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 14 Dec 1929 p 7

Mother:

Mrs. Mary Riley Claimed by Death

**Life Long Resident of
Kenosha, 69, Succumbs**

Mrs. Mary E. Riley, 69 years, the widow of the late James T. Riley, and a former well known resident of 836 Sixty-fifth street, died at the Carmelite Home, South Kenosha, Wednesday morning following a prolonged illness.

The deceased was born in Kenosha on April 29, 1873, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorsey. She was educated at old St. Mark's parochial school. A life-long resident of Kenosha she was widely known in the community.

She was a member of St. James church and a member of the Altar society of that parish.

On April 29, 1897, she united in marriage with James Riley at St. James church. He preceded her in death on December 14, 1929.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters; Robert Riley, Waukesha, Wis., Donald and Emmett Riley, both of Kenosha, Pvt. Leo Riley, Temple, Tex, Miss Esther and Miss Elsie Riley, both of Kenosha. She is also survived by one grandson and by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Meredith, San Diego, Cal.

Obituary of mother Mary Ellen Dorsey Riley – "Kenosha News" Thursday 12 Nov 1942 p 7

Siblings:

RILEY—Funeral services for the late Miss Esther M. Riley, formerly of 836 65th Street, will be held from the Crossin Funeral Home Saturday morning, October 23rd at 8:30 o'clock. Mass will be celebrated at St. James church at 9 o'clock. Interment following in St. James cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. Friday. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Obituary for [sister Esther M. Riley \(1900-1948\)](#) – “Kenosha (WI) News” Friday 22 Oct 1948 p 15

Emmett J. Riley, 55, Dies at Nursing Home

Emmett J. Riley, 55, formerly of 1607 65th St., died at Camp Lake Nursing Home, Camp Lake, this morning following a long illness.

Born in Kenosha Jan. 29, 1902, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James E. Riley. He attended St. James School and spent his entire life in this area.

Riley is survived by two brothers, Robert, Waukesha, and Donald, Kenosha; and a sister, Miss Elsie, Monroe, Wis.

Obituary of [brother Emmett J. Riley \(1902-1957\)](#) – “Kenosha News” Wednesday 12 Jun 1957 p 8

MILWAUKEE.— (AP) —The charred body of a World War II veteran was found in a brick incinerator pit on the Soldiers' Home grounds. Leo E. Riley, 47, was the victim. Authorities said he apparently fell or jumped into the pit shortly before a fire had been lit. Riley had been a resident of the home at intervals since 1946.

Death of brother Lee E. Riley (1903-1950) – “Racine (WI) Journal Times” Wednesday 12 Apr 1950 p 1

Donald J. Riley

Donald J. Riley, 73, formerly of Kenosha and late of Chicago, died at his residence July 26.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James E. (Mary) Riley, he was born on March 28, 1909 in Kenosha.

He was educated at St. James Parochial School, graduated from Kenosha High School, and attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

He was employed by American Motors Corp. for several years before retiring from duties eight years ago.

Surviving is a nephew, Robert A. Riley, Waukesha.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Leo, Emmett, and Robert Riley, and two sisters, Esther Riley and Elsie Riley.

Obituary of brother Donald J. Riley (1909-1982) – “Kenosha (WI) News” Wednesday 25 Aug 1982 p

Man shot in thumb on street

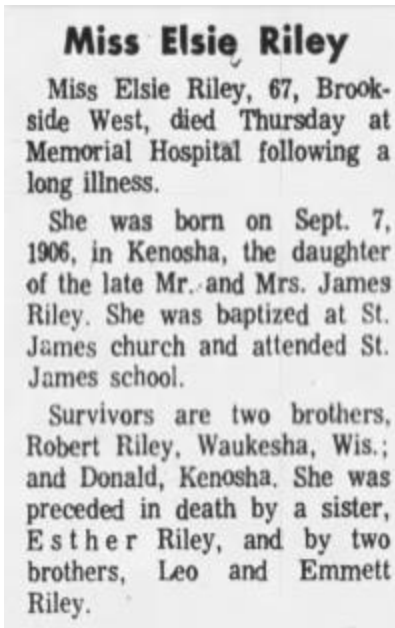
A Kenosha man was shot on a street corner last night but was not seriously injured.

Donald J. Riley, 65, 1707 65th St., was treated for a wound to his left thumb and index finger at Memorial Hospital following the shooting.

Police said Riley was approached by two men about 11:30 p.m. Friday at the corner of 65th St. and 18th Ave. One had a gun and ordered Riley to come closer.

When Riley tried to get away he was shot. The two men fled in one direction and Riley sought help in another. He went to the nearby American Brass Co. guard shack and was assisted. He was taken to Memorial Hospital by the fire department rescue squad.

Shooting of Donald J. Riley – “Kenosha (WI) News” Wednesday 24 Apr 1974 p 14



Obituary of **sister Elsie Riley (1906-1973)** – “Kenosha (WI) News” Friday 28 Dec 1973 p 14

Name: Robert Francis Riley

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. B - corporal

Serial number: 251,009

Entered service from: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Robert Francis Riley

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father James E. Riley, 324 Strong St., Kenosha WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Robert F. Riley

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father James E. Riley, 324 Strong St., Kenosha WI (cpl, Co. B, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1955 WI Survivors: 123 Douglas Ave., Waukesha WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Robert Francis Riley – b. 10 Mar 1898 Kenosha, Kenosha WI; res: 218 Carroll St., Waukesha, Waukesha WI. NOK Florence A. Riley, same address. Automobile sales employed by self, at 222 E. Broadway, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. Height: 5'8 ½" – 159 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 25 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: 679 ½ Exchange St., Kenosha WI

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. B, 107th Supply Train, QMC

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Mar 1898 Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Died: 18 Jan 1982 Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Find A Grave record: 95503620 - presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Cemetery: St. James

Tombstone:

Father: James E. Riley, 28 Aug 1870 Otsego, Columbia WI [also found as Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha WI] – 13 Dec 1929 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Son of James Riley & Mary/Marie Sarah O'Keefe. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Find A Grave: 169967299

Mother: Mary Ellen Dorsey Riley, 29 Apr 1873 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 11 Nov 1942

Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Daughter of Thomas Dorsey (F: 116974046) & Ellen Berrigen (F: 116973869). Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Find A Grave: 169968300

Parents' marriage: 29 Apr 1897 [Mary's 24th birthday]

Spouse: Florence Agnes Arneson Riley, 19 Jul 1897 Racine, Racine WI – 16 Aug 1982

Waukesha, Waukesha WI. Daughter of Ole Arndt Arneson & Agnes Olle. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 95503683

Marriage:

Child:

- Robert Arneson Riley, 18 Mar 1924 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 7 Jul 2006 Waukesha, Waukesha WI (in LindenGrove Health Care Center). Sometimes found as Robert Jr. although he & his father have different middle names. Served in the US Marine Corps 1943-1946. Married in Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI to Carol Barbara Janzer (1928-2009, F: 83556411), the daughter of Gustave F. Ganzer (1895-1968) & Esther Ida Klatt (1908-1984). Buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, Waukesha, Waukesha WI. F: 101734945

Siblings:

- Esther M. Riley, 21 Jan 1900 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 21 Oct 1948. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 169966902
- Emmett J. Riley, 29 Jan 1902 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 12 Jun 1957 Camp Lake, Kenosha WI (at the Camp Lake Nursing Home). Resident of Kenosha WI in Dec 1929 & Nov 1942 [based on family obituaries]. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 169966832
- Les E. Riley, 23 Feb 1903 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 12 Apr 1950 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. He was a resident of Kenosha WI in Dec 1929 & in the US Army in Temple TX in Nov 1942 [based

on family obituaries]. His body was found in the brick incinerator pit at the Soldiers' Home; he either fell in or jumped in. He had been a resident at the home at intervals from 1946 to 1950. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 169967859

- Elsie T. Riley, 7 Sep 1906 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 27 Dec 1973 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Resident of Kenosha WI in Dec 1929 & Nov 1942 & of Monroe WI in Jun 1957 [based on family obituaries]. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 169966773
- Donald J. Riley, 28 Mar 1909 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 26 Jul 1982 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. He was a resident of Milwaukee WI in Dec 1929 & in Kenosha WI in Nov 1942, Jun 1957 & Jan 1982 [based on family obituaries]. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 169966469

Notes:

Ancestry.com family trees have several errors, linking Robert's father to a wife that is not his, and then his father having children "simultaneously" by two different wives in two different geographic locations. The extensive coverage of the Kenosha WI newspapers links these family members through obituaries & news stories.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – "Tuscania Survivors – Maybe His Name Is Here!" includes name of Robert Francis Riley of Kenosha WI

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 31 May 1919 p 8 – "Welcome Home the Tuscanians" includes name of Robert F. Riley, serial number 251009.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 398-03-4082

Censuses:

1900 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – conducted 13 Jun 1900

James E. Riley, 29 WI, father b. NY, mother b. WI, married 3 years, caster (brass mill)

Mary E., 27 WI, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Robt. F., 2 WI, Mar 1898

Esther M., 4 months WI, Jan 1900

1910 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – Strong St. - conducted 18 Apr 1910

James E. Riley, 39 IL, father b. NY, mother b. WI, in 1st marriage, married 13 years, molder, iron work

Mary E., 37 WI, parents b. Ireland, in 1st marriage

Robert F., 12 WI

Esther M., 10 WI

Emmett J., 8 WI

Les E., 7 WI

Elsie T., 3 WI

Donald J., 1 year & ? months WI

1920 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 224 Strong St.

James E. Riley, 49 WI, father b. NY, mother b. WI, molder, lamp factory

Mary E., 47 WI, parents b. Ireland

Robert F., 21 WI, teller, bank

Esther, 18 WI

Emmett J., 17 WI, clerk, plumbing

Leo E., 16 WI

Elsie, 13 WI

Donald, 10 WI

1930 Phoenix, Maricopa AZ – 109 W. Palm Lane

Robert F. Riley, 32 WI, parents b. WI, age 25 at 1st marriage, accountant, accounting, WWI veteran

Florence A., 32 WI, father b. Norway, mother b. WI, age 25 at 1st marriage

Robert F., 6 WI, parents b. WI

1940 Waukesha, Waukesha WI – 218 Carroll St. – in 1935 in Kenosha WI

Robert Riley, 42 WI, manager, automobile agency

Florence, 42 WI

Robert Jr., 16 WI

1950 Waukesha, Waukesha WI

Robert F. Riley, 52 WI, accountant, retail automobile

Florence A., 52 WI