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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Sorensen, Nels Gravgaard

1886 Denmark – 1957 WI

 Denmark, Church Records, 1812-1918
 Birth, baptism & christening
 View

Name **Niels Gravgaard Sørensen**
 Birth 30 Juli 1886 Voldby Sogn Gjern
 Herred gl Skanderborg Amt

 Denmark, Church Records, 1812-1918
 Birth, baptism & christening
 View

Name **Niels Grovgaard Sørensen**
 Birth 30 Juli 1886
 Baptism 31 okt 1886 (31 Oct 1886)
 Skanderborg, Danmark
 (Denmark)
 Residence Skanderborg

[https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/34/?name=Nels+Gravgaard_Sorensen&birt h=1886_denmark_5071&death=1957&child=Philip+Gravgaard_Sorensen&child2=Myron+\(Mike\)+Thomas_Sorensen&gender=m&residence=_breed-oonto-wisconsin-usa_54057&residence2=_cumberland-barron-wisconsin-usa_53078&residence3=_lyle-mower-minnesota-usa_46840&residence4=_cumberland-barron-wisconsin-usa_53078&searchType=t&spouse=Eva+M_Keyes&treePerson=159139990_42225889261](https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/34/?name=Nels+Gravgaard_Sorensen&birt h=1886_denmark_5071&death=1957&child=Philip+Gravgaard_Sorensen&child2=Myron+(Mike)+Thomas_Sorensen&gender=m&residence=_breed-oonto-wisconsin-usa_54057&residence2=_cumberland-barron-wisconsin-usa_53078&residence3=_lyle-mower-minnesota-usa_46840&residence4=_cumberland-barron-wisconsin-usa_53078&searchType=t&spouse=Eva+M_Keyes&treePerson=159139990_42225889261)

Massachusetts, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963 for Niels Graugaard Sorensen

Roll > T843, Arriving At Boston, Ma, 1891-1943 > ALL > 081

58 ✓ Sorensen Niels Graugaard 18 ✓ 5 m. tailor
 Anders St Paul 1840 myself \$5.00
 friend Axel Jensen

Name Niels Graugaard Sorensen
 Gender Male
 Nationality Norwegian
 Arrival Age 18
 Birth Date 1887
 Departure Place Liverpool, England
 Residence Place Denmark
 Arrival Date 10 Mar 1905
 Arrival Place Boston, Massachusetts, USA
 Ship Saxonia
 Friend Axel Jensen

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/159139990/person/422258892616/facts>

Nels Gravgaard Sorensen

Legal • Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992

Family name SORENSEN	Given name or names NELS GRAVGAARD
Address	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) 486	Title and location of court Barron of Circuit Court of Barron County, Wis.
Country of birth or allegiance	When born (or age)
Date and port of arrival in U. S. Dec. Date	Date of naturalization May 7, 1917
Names and addresses of witnesses	
DEC OF INTENT V. 3, page 186	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Form N-35 (Old 1-IP)	

Declaration of intent 7 May 1917 Barron Co. WI -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6XFX-81MG>

SCHENSEN NELS CRANCOARD		<i>12-6-37</i> <i>Xc 17-961-814</i>	
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Cumberland Wis		A	1 176 429
Sa 2 512 33	Dis <i>11-16-57</i>	T	198 743 F
Born 7/30/86		R	
Enl 7/25/17	Dis 4/26/19	CL	674 428
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202 - Rev. Sept., 1906

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ORGANIZE CLUB
 An organization meeting of the New Northern Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Club was held Sunday at the American Legion hall in this city. Those attending includ-

ed: Oscar Bjork, George Borgenheimer, Louis Hartman, William Gereaux, Edward Paul, and H. A. Doege of Chippewa Falls; W. C. Brown, Roy Connor, I. F. Talbot and Nels G Sorenson of Cumberland; Guy Wiseman of Menomone and Robert McCarty of New Auburn. Officers were elected as follows: Guy Wiseman, president; W. C. Brown, vice president; Robert McCarty, secretary and treasurer. The Tuscania was a troop ship that was sunk off the coast of Ireland on February 5, 1918 during the World war, with a loss of nearly 300 lives.

"Chippewa Herald-Telegram" Monday 5 Feb 1940 p 2

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ORIGINAL

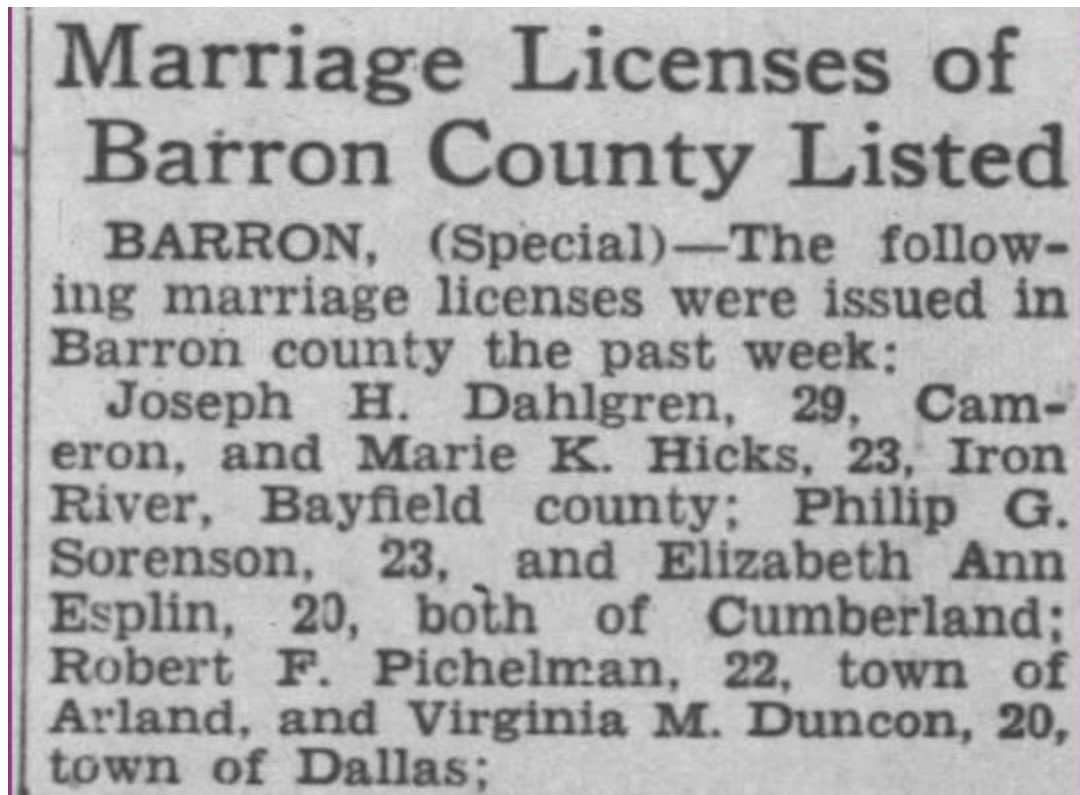
age at enl: 30-11 (over) 33

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type)			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
Sorensen, Nels. G.			12. EMBLEM (Check one)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) July 25, 1917			☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE	
3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) April 26, 1919			13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED	
4. SERVICE NO. 251233			☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. 17,961,814			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Eva K. Sorensen Cumberland, Wisconsin	
6. STATE Wisconsin	7. GRADE Cpl.	8. MEDALS none	15. FREIGHT STATION Cumberland, Wisconsin	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP Army Co. F. 101st. Supply Train 26 Div			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Lakeside Cemetery Cumberland, Wisconsin	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 7/30/1886		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 11/16/57		17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY.
DO NOT WRITE HERE			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Eva K. Sorensen Cumberland, Wisconsin	
RECEIVED DEC 16 1957			19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War.	
VERIFIED BY \$89690			I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.	
COLUMBUS MARSH COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI			20. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Eva K. Sorensen	
ORDERED JAN 16 1958			DATE 12-4-57	

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Children:



Marriage license of son Philip Gravgaard Sorensen (1923-2006) to Elizabeth Ann Esplin – “Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram” Wednesday 4 Dec 1946 p 3

Phillip Sorensen	
in the U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current	
Detail	Source
Name:	Phillip Sorensen
Gender:	Male
Death Age:	82
Birth Date:	17 Jun 1923
Birth Place:	Cumberland
Marriage Date:	3 Dec 1946
Marriage Place:	Cumberland
Residence Place:	Cumberland
Death Date:	28 Feb 2006
Burial Date:	3 Mar 2006
Burial Place:	Spooner
Obituary Date:	9 Mar 2006
Obituary Place:	Covington, Alleghany, Virginia, USA
Father:	Nels Sorensen
Mother:	Eva Sorensen
Spouse:	Ann Esplin
Child:	Kathy Beran John Sorensen
Siblings:	Mike Sorensen

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10483175:7545>

Name: Nels Gravgaard Sorensen

Name variations: Nels Graugaard Sorenson - Nelson

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E - corporal

Serial number: 251,233

Entered service from: Cumberland, Barron WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Nels Graugaard Sorenson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": friend Mr. W.M. Fuller, Cumberland WI

Returned from war on: "Winifredian" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Nels G. Sorensen

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend William H. Fuller, Cumberland WI (cpl, Co. F, 101st Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Nels Gravgaard Sorensen - b. 30 Jul 1886 Voldby, Jylland [Jutland], Denmark; res: Cumberland, Barron WI . Single. Tailor for my self,

Cumberland WI. Medium height, slender build. Registered on 4 Jun 1917, one day ahead of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Cumberland WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors) (1955: spelled Sorenson)
 World War II draft registration (1942): b. 30 Jul 1886 Jylland [Jutland], Denmark; res: Cumberland, Barron WI. NOK Eva K. Sorensen, same address. Self employ, tailor, Cumberland, Barron WI. "scar on right thumb" – Height: 5'7" – 132 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Nels Grangoard Sorensen
 Enlisted: 25 Jul 1917
 Discharged: 26 Apr 1919
 Address: Cumberland WI
 Rank/unit: corporal, Co. F, 101st Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 30 Jul 1886 Voldby, Jylland [Jutland], Denmark
 Died: 16 Nov 1957 Barron Co. WI
 Find A Grave record: 194373540 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower
 Burial location: Cumberland, Barron WI
 Cemetery: Lakeside
 Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Cpl Co F 101 Supply Train WWI

Father:
 Find A Grave:

Mother:
 Find A Grave:
 Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Eva M. Keyes Sorensen, 4 Dec 1889 Cumberland, Barron WI – 9 Dec 1980
 Cumberland, Barron WI, Daughter of David Henry Keyes & Mary Elsie Thomas. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland, Barron WI.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 194373541
 Marriage: ca. 1920

Children:

- Infant son Sorensen, b. & d. 3 Apr 1922 Cumberland, Barron WI. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland, Barron WI. F: 194373542
- Philip Gravgaard Sorensen, 17 Jun 1923 Cumberland, Barron WI – 28 Feb 2006 Spooner, Washburn WI. On his WWII draft registration, his middle name is spelled Graugaord. Served in WWII in the US Army Air Corps. Married Elizabeth Ann Esplin in 1946. Buried in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Washburn WI. F: 72814649
- Myron T. ("Mike") Sorensen, 12 Mar 1926 Cumberland, Barron WI – 21 Oct 2014 Amery, Polk WI. Married 30 Apr 1949 to Lois Becker (1928 -). Graduate of Cumberland (WI) High School 1944. Immediately joined the US Army in WWII & served in the Philippines. Then worked

with his father Nels & brother Philip at Sorensen Tailors & Cleaners, then for 31 years with the US Postal Service. Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland, Barron WI. F:137696358

Siblings:

Notes:

Pre-war:

Nels Gravgaard Sorensen immigrated aboard "Saxonia" which sailed from Liverpool, England, arriving in Boston MA on 10 Mar 1905. He was age 18, a tailor.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 393-30-6773

Censuses:

1905 WI state census – Breed, Oconto WI [linked to him online but questionable] – 1 Jun 1905

Nels SORENSON, 19 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, lumberman

1910 Cumberland, Barron WI

Nels SORENSON, 24 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, single, emigrated 1905, papers filed, tailor

Boarder with Sarah E. Thomas, operator of the Hotel Cumberland

1920 St. Paul, Ramsey MN – 359 Robie St.

Nels SORENSON, 33 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, single, papers filed, tailor, tailor shop
Boarder with Arthur H. & Helen Bosshardt

1930 Cumberland, Barron WI – conducted 7 Apr 1930

Nels G. SORENSON, 43 Denmark, parents b. Denmark, age 33 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1905, naturalized, proprietor, tailor shop, WWI veteran

Eva M., 40 WI, parents b. WI, age 30 at 1st marriage

Philip G., 6 WI

Myron T., 4 years 0 months WI

& mother-in-law Mary Keyes, 59 WI, widow, father b. Wales, mother b. WI

1940 Cumberland, Barron WI – Foster St. – same house in 1935

Nels G. SORENSON (indexed as Swinson), 53 WI [then adds, naturalized], manager, tailor shop

Eva K., 50 WI

Philip G., 16 WI

Myron P., 14 WI

1950 Cumberland, Barron WI

Nelson G. SORENSON, 63 Denmark, operator, tailor & dry cleaning

Eva M., 59 ME [she was born in WI, not Maine], spotting clothes, tailor & dry cleaning