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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Staples, Stanley Fuller (Sr.)
1899 MN – 1976 WI



Stanley Fuller Staples – left: “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – right: “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” 24 Sep 1976 p 1



STANLEY FULLER STAPLES . . . *Minneapolis*
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Stanley Fuller Staples: University of Minnesota yearbook 1922 -
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S. F. STAPLES

Tuscania Survivors' Association Elects Staples President

Stanley F. Staples, 902 Adams street, was elected president of the National Tuscania Survivors' association at the annual meeting of the organization in Chicago Saturday, it was learned here today.

Another local member of the association, T. W. Regling, 715 McIndoe street, also attended the meeting. Herb Hurd, 107 Ross avenue, a third, was unable to be present.

These three are among the more than 1,800 survivors of the troop ship, Tuscania, sunk off the north coast of Ireland by a German submarine February 5, 1918, during the World war. The ship, believed to have been bound for Liverpool, carried nearly 2,200 American troops. It was the only eastbound transport sunk during the war. The survivors meet in reunion each year on February 5, the anniversary of the disaster.

Minneapolis was selected as the 1939 meeting place at the Chicago reunion.

Stanley Fuller Staples - "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" 8 Feb 1938 p 7 - elected NTSA president

Tuscania Survivors Have Annual Reunion





FOURTEEN MINNEAPOLIS survivors of the Tuscania, and English ship carrying American troops which was torpedoed off the Irish coast, Feb. 5, 1918, conducted their annual reunion Friday night at the Nicollet hotel. The survivors, shown above, are (seated, left to right) E. N. Dahlstrom, T. O. Larson, George Samels, A. J. Schlirf, S. F. Staples and L. B. Rist. Standing (left to right) are Ed Gerber, J. B. Norman, Vic Nelson, L. M. Lundell, G. E. Robbins, H. C. Rydell, D. E. Lowe and E. C. Tupper.

“Minneapolis (MN) Journal” Sunday 7 Feb 1937 p 3 – Stanley Fuller Staples seated in front, 2nd from right -

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Pictured among Employers Mutuals officers – comptroller Stanley Fuller Staples – “Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Friday 18 Sep 1936 p 7

Stanley F. Staples, Wausau civic, business leader dies

Stanley F. Staples, long active in Wausau business and civic affairs and a former senior vice president of Employers Insurance, died Thursday afternoon at a Wausau hospital.

Mr. Staples, 502 McIndoe St., Wausau, was 77.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Wausau, with the Rev. Thomas York officiating. Helke East Chapel is in charge of arrangements. There will be no visitation.

Upon his retirement in 1967, Mr. Staples became the first executive director of Central Wausau Progress, a position he held until his death. He was instrumental in programs designed to preserve a strong downtown area.

When the United Fund of Marathon County was formed in 1957, Mr. Staples was its first president. The organization received national attention because it was the 1,000th United Fund in the country.



STANLEY F. STAPLES

Mr. Staples was a longtime member of the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce and served as its president and on the board of directors. He was also a past president of the Wausau Police and Fire Com-

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Civic leader dies at 77

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mission, the Wausau Club and Wausau Country Club.

Mr. Staples was born Jan. 10, 1899, in Stillwater, Minn., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lyle S. Staples. He attended public schools in Stillwater, Duluth and Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.

He was married to Helen Schmitt on Jan. 10, 1923, in Minnesota.

Mr. Staples was an Army veteran of World War I, serving 18 months overseas. He was on the troop ship *Tuscania* when it was torpedoed in the Irish Sea in 1918, and was among the survivors picked up by a British destroyer.

Mr. Staples started his business career while a college student when he worked as a salesman for the Long - Bell Lumber Co. He later became a salesman and supervisor for the Red Top steel post division of Inland Steel.

He joined Employers Insurance of Wausau in 1933 as a salesman in Minneapolis. He came to the home office in Wausau as assistant sales

manager in 1935 and became vice president and comptroller the following year.

In 1944, he was named vice president in charge of sales and advertising, and in 1960, he was elected to the Employers board of directors. He was appointed senior vice president - marketing in May 1960.

Mr. Staples was appointed to the investment committee of Employers in 1961 and to the firm's executive and nominating committees in 1964. He retired on March 31, 1967, after 34 years with the company.

Mr. Staples took his management and marketing expertise abroad for the International Cooperation Administration, a section of the U.S. State Department. He led management advisory teams on assignment in Columbia, South America, Spain and Japan.

He was a member of Masonic organizations, including Forest Lodge No. 130 of Wausau; Scottish Rite and Zurah Temple of Minneapolis, and Wisconsin Valley Shrine Club. He was an honorary member of the Tripoli and Zor temples.

Mr. Staples was also a member of the Wausau Rotary Club and the Wausau VFW and American Legion posts.

He was a life member of the American Management Association and held several executive positions, serving the insurance division as vice president in charge of marketing. He received the association's Distinguished Service Award, and was a member of its Presidents Council until his death.

He served as a director and secretary of the Council for International Progress in Management and was a past chairman of the American Mutual Alliance Sales and Advertising Conference and the National *Tuscania* Survivors Association.

He was a member of the Milwaukee Ad Club, Milwaukee Sales Executives Club and Association of National Advertisers.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Stanley F. Staples Jr., 818 Hamilton St., Wausau, and John H. Staples, Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Stillwater, Minn., and seven grandchildren.

Stanley F. Staples

Services for Stanley F. Staples, 77, Wausau, Wis., who died Thursday, will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church, Wausau.

He was executive vice president of Employers Insurance of Wausau until his retirement, and in recent years had been a leader in the downtown development of Wausau.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; two sons, Stanley F. Jr., Wausau, and the Rev. John H., Tacoma, Wash., and a sister, Mrs. Alan M. Kennedy, Stillwater

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Friday 24 Sep 1976 p 15

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Stanley Fuller Staples

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Name	Stanley Fuller Staples
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Event Place	Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, United States
Event Place (Original)	Minneapolis, Minn
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	18th Co 20th Engr
Enlistment Date	20 Dec 1917
Military Rank	Corporal
Birth Date	10 Jan 1899
Birthplace	Stillwater, Washington, Minnesota
Father's Name	Lyle S Staples
Father's Birthplace	United States
Mother's Name	Mabel A Staples
Mother's Birthplace	United States
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Stanley Staples Tells Rotary Club Of Tuscania Sinking

Relates Experiences In Torpedoing of Ship Filled With Troops

A vivid account of his experience on the S. S. Tuscania during the World war when it was sunk by a German submarine was given members of the Rotary club at the luncheon meeting at the Hotel Wausau this noon by Stanley F. Staples, former commander of the Tuscania Survivors' association.

"We left for New York one snow-swept night in 1918 to be loaded on a ship with more than 2,000 troops from all over the United States, of which a large number were from Wisconsin," he related.

Pass Halifax

"Starting off, we went up past Halifax. It was just after that terrific explosion there that had swept everything away. That was a great thing for building up our morale," he commented.

"The convoy we picked up looked like a parade on Decoration day, with a big, old obsolete battleship up in front and some oil tankers strung along behind us. I got pleurisy and was put in sick bay, and what a hole that was," he recalled.

Boxing on Deck

"We sailed along until February 5. There was a good deal of joy because we were going to be landed soon and could get off the 'tub.' There were boxing matches up on deck and everyone was having a good time.

"I guess it was those boxing matches, with so many men on deck, that told the submarine commander that ours was the troopship. It was about quarter of six in the evening that the explosion hit. It was a soft boom like the sound of a ferry failing to make the right three-point landing when it hits the dock," Staples told the group.

"There was no question as to what had hit us. We got up as fast as we could. We had had formations to make us ready in case we were hit, but of course no one ever expected we would be hit.

Go Over Rails

"Some went over the rails. It was one of the funniest things I ever saw, and yet one of the most tragic, when those old-fashioned doughnut preservers hit the water and stayed on the surface, while their wearers went right on through and under," he said.

"We weren't very good at getting the lifeboats off. The first three squads of our company, the biggest men in the company, were lost when one end of the boat let go. Some boats were let down on top of others, killing those below. Others were overturned when they got out on the waves. Some would cling to the gunwales, a few could climb back on, but not many survived the overturnings," the speaker declared.

"My buddy, the top sergeant, and I went back to the hold again. I wanted to get my size 7½ Stetson hat and he wanted to get the picture of his wife, whom he had just married before we left. We didn't get them, but we did raid the canteen and stuffed our pockets with chocolates and nickel boxes of biscuits the British had been selling us for a quarter," Staples continued.

Drowned in Engine Room

"As soon as the torpedo hit, the bulkheads into the engine room, where the blow amidships had struck, were closed and the crew in there was drowned. It was that that kept us afloat as long as we did.

"When I got back on deck again, it was slanting on about a 45-degree angle. I didn't know whether I wanted to go down in that cold February sea or not. Then I saw a British destroyer (the Grasshopper, sunk by Germans at the evacuation of Dunkirk) heave to. A rope was tied to the rail on that side and the idea was to slide down and then let go and drop onto the destroyer's deck when it came underneath," he said.

"I went down the rope and came to the end before I knew it, dropping into the water. There was an Englishman suspended by his shoes looking around in the wreckage with a flashlight for survivors, though, and the next thing I knew I was down in the engine room of the destroyer," the survivor said.

Wallaces, Fullertons Aid

He told of being nursed back to health along with other survivors by the Wallaces and Fullertons, now of the Fullerton Lumber company, of wonderful treatment in a Scotch rest camp and of a chilly reception for the troops when they passed through Dublin.

"Then we took a ferry from Dublin to Hollyhead, England. While we were out, we saw a tiny speck on the horizon. After what we had gone through, we thought 'oh, oh, here we go again.' But when it came closer we saw it was a destroyer and on the masthead were the stars and stripes of the U.S.A. Believe me, that was one grand and glorious feeling," Staples asserted.

Preceding his description of experiences on the Tuscania, he traced the development of the use of the submarine in naval warfare and of the part played by the navy in the last war.

Factor in Victory

The scaring of the main German fleet and keeping it blocked up was a major factor in sealing the blockade and was one of the main factors in allied victory, he claimed.

Contrasting submarines of the present war with those of the last war, he said submersion time has increased from four hours to 60, an increase of range to 15,000 miles, increase in number of torpedo tubes from 4 to 10, guns of 10 inch calibre, instead of 5.9, and use of listening devices in attack.

Herbert Hurd, another member of the club, who was treasurer of the Tuscania survivors' group dur-

ing Staples' presidency, was also at the meeting, verifying the speaker's account of the event.

"Wausau (WI) Daily News" Monday 14 Oct 1940 p 4 -
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Life:

Astronaut Schmitt has ties in Wausau

America's first scientist - astronaut, due to leave on the Apollo 17 moon mission Dec. 6, has some ties with Wausau.

The astronaut, Dr. Harrison H. (Jack) Schmitt, is the nephew of Mrs. Stanley Staples Sr., 502 McIndoe St., Wausau.

Mr. and Mrs. Staples left Friday to accept an invitation

from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to watch the blast-off from Cape Kennedy.

The sight they will see has been described by space writers as "spectacular."

It will be the first night launch of a spaceship, set for 8:53 p.m. central standard time.

The tail of fire, about half - a - mile long, is expected to be visible in a 500-mile radius if the sky is clear, and more than half a million tourists are expected in the area to watch it.

Schmitt, about 34, is the son of Mrs. Harrison A. Schmitt of Tennessee. His late father, who was Mrs. Staples' brother, was

one of the top mining geologists in the U.S.

Astronaut Schmitt is also a geologist, and that expertise will make him especially valuable as a moon explorer.

Schmitt will pilot the lunar module to the moon's surface Dec. 11 for a 75-hour stay with the flight commander, Navy Capt. Eugene A. Cernan.

They are to land in a narrow valley at a site named Taurus-Littrow in the northeast quarter of the moon on the rim of the Sea of Serenity. It is expected that the location will provide some of the oldest and youngest material on the moon.

As Schmitt explained in a recent Associated Press article, previous moon missions have provided samples of rock that "provide a position of the history of the moon, you might even say the history of the solar system, that ranges between three and four billion years.

"Two chapters are essentially missing — the first and the last. At Taurus-Littrow, Gene and I

hope to fill in those missing chapters."

During their stay on the moon, the longest yet for astronauts, Schmitt and Cernan will make three seven-hour outside expeditions.

The first will begin about four hours after touchdown, and will consist of deploying the moon car and setting up a multi-million-dollar nuclear powered science station.

When that task is done, the pair of astronauts will collect samples and take their first moon buggy ride to a crater about 1.5 miles away for more collection.

The next day, they'll head for a mountain about four miles from the landing site called South Massif. Purpose of that is photographs and samples of the avalanche area.

The third trip, set for their third day on the moon, will take them about two miles to another mountain, the North Massif, where they hope to gather more ancient samples. They'll also inspect an area

called Sculptured Hills, which scientists believe is a large region of rolling hills.

Then Schmitt and Cernan will load their findings of about 200 pounds of rock, launch the craft and fly to a rendezvous with Navy Cmdr. Ronald E. Evans, who will have been orbiting alone for more than three days.

Schmitt has been with NASA since the program was begun and is the only non-military man among the astronauts, Staples said before leaving Friday.

Staples noted that Schmitt's adventuresome nature is part of his family tradition. His great-grandfather came from New Hampshire and homesteaded near Green Lake, Wis., in the mid-1800s.

Schmitt is a native of Minnesota and now makes his home in Silver City, N.M.

The Staples hope to persuade their astronaut-nephew to come to Wausau for a visit next spring. The couple will also be returning then, after a winter stay in Arizona.



Apollo 17 astronaut has Wausau ties

A.P. Wirephoto

Pictured is Apollo 17 lunar module pilot Harrison H. (Jack) Schmitt, one of three astronauts set to blast off on the last Apollo moon mission Dec. 6. Schmitt is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Staples Sr. of

Wausau, who will journey to Cape Kennedy to watch the historic night launching of the spaceship. Schmitt is shown suited in preparation for extravehicular training at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Saturday 25 Nov 1972 p 3

Wife:



Wife Helen Katherine Schmitt Staples, at the University of Minnesota -
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*Miss Helen Schmitt
Becomes Bride of
Stanley F. Staples*

Evergreens, Palms and Cathedral Candles Form Setting for Church Wedding.

EVERGREENS, palms, ferns and tall lighted cathedral candles formed the setting last evening in the art room of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist church when marrying vows were exchanged between Miss Helen Schmitt, daughter of Mrs. Harrison Lincoln Schmitt, 2006 Dupont avenue south, and Mr. Stanley Fuller Staples, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Staples of Fremont avenue south. The service was read at 8:30 o'clock by the Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. John E. Bushnell.

A program of nuptial music was played before and during the ceremony by Miss Carol Hurlbut, pianist, and Miss Elaine Bayard, violinist. Miss Mildred Perkins was the soloist.

Miss Pauline Schmitt, sister of the bride, and Miss Mary Staples, the bridegroom's sister, were the attendants. They wore gowns fashioned similarly of taffeta in the bouffant style, Miss Schmitt wearing peach color and Miss Staples, pale blue. They carried uniform bouquets of Ophelia roses.

The bride entered with her grandfather, Mr. S. H. Grannis of Duluth, who gave her in marriage. She wore a lovely gown of oyster white crepe romaine trimmed in rhinestones and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and lilies of the valley.

Mr. Robert Barnes of this city attended Mr. Staples as best man and the ushers were Messrs. Harrison Ashley Schmitt of Denver, brother of the bride, King Staples of Duluth and Robert Sherman of this city.

Following the ceremony a reception for 150 guests was held in the blue room of the church.

On their return from their wedding trip Mr. Staples and his bride will be at home after February 1 at 3137 Aldrich avenue south.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Staples and Mr. King Staples of Duluth; Miss Edith Grannis of St. Cloud, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McMillan; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foley and the Misses Edna and Jessie Mulvey of Stillwater.

Wedding of Stanley Fuller Staples & Helen Katherine Schmitt – "Minneapolis Star Tribune"
Thursday 11 Jan 1923 p 8

Helen K. Staples

Helen K. Staples, 98, 502 McIndoe St., Wausau, died Saturday, May 11, 1996, at the Wausau Hospital Hospice Unit.

She was born Jan. 18, 1898, in Mankato, Minn., the daughter of the late Harrison A. and Esther G. (Grannis) Schmitt. She married Stanley Staples Sr. Jan. 10, 1923, in Minnesota. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1976.

She is survived by two sons, Stanley F. Jr. (Mary) Staples, Wausau, and John H. Marilyn, Port Townsend, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, and three

sisters.

In accordance with Helen's wishes there will be a private graveside service held at Pine Grove Cemetery, Wausau. The Rev. Andrea Pfaff of the First Presbyterian Church, Wausau, will officiate.

The family requests memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., Wausau, or charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends at Helen's house, 502 McIndoe St., Wausau, Unit B, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Helke Funeral Home, Wausau, is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of wife Helen K. Schmitt Staples – "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Monday 13 May 1996 p 12

Children:

Stanley F. Staples Jr.



Stanley F. Staples Jr., 82, Wausau, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Stanley was born May 27, 1924, in Minneapolis to the late Stanley F. and Helen (Schmitt) Staples. He married Mary Danielson. She survives. Stan was a graduate of Wausau High School and the University of Minnesota Law School. He was a World War II Army veteran and member of American Legion Montgomery-Plant Post No. 10. Stanley was an FBI agent from 1951 to 1953. He was a partner at the former Ruder & Staples Law Firm and later retired as chairman of the Judd and Walter Alexander Foundations and Alexander Properties Inc.

He enjoyed curling, hunting, fishing and cross-country skiing, and was very proud to be involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

He is survived by his wife, Mary,



Stanley
Staples

Wausau; sons, Mark (Donna) Staples and Charles (Carol) Staples, all of Wausau, and John (Susan) Staples, Lawrence, Kan.; daughter, MaryAnn (Roberto) Ruiz, Tulsa, Okla.; brother, John H. (Marilyn) Staples, Port Townsend, Wash.; and five grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Thomas.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., Wausau. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Hamilton Wright will officiate. The family will receive friends in the church hall immediately following the service. The private family burial will take place at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Wausau.

Brainard Funeral Home, Wausau, is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, 500 Third St., Suite No. 310, Wausau, WI 54403.

Online condolences at www.brainardfuneral.com.

Obituary of son Stanley Fuller Staples Jr. (1924-2006) "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Wednesday 22 Nov 2006 p 4



Stanley Fuller Staples Jr., from 1941 Wausau (WI) High School yearbook -
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Community advocate Staples dies

Prominent former attorney served
on many boards, foundations

By JOCELYN BERKHAN
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A former Wausau Citizen of the Year and Distinguished Community Service Award recipient has died.

Stanley F. Staples Jr. died Saturday at Aspirus Wausau Hospital from complications of Alzheimer's disease, his son Charlie Staples said. He was 82.

Stanley "Pat" Staples was formerly the president of the Judd S. Alexander Foundation and a previous member of the First Tier of Wausau Group 1988, a private group of local businessmen that has helped direct the course of Wausau.

Stanley Staples also served as chairman of the Wausau Police and Fire Commission and the Wausau Hospital Center Board. He had served



Stanley
Staples

as vice president of the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce.

"He loved the community and felt he should do all the things that he did," said

Mary Staples, his wife of 54 years. "He was just that kind of person."

At one time, Staples was director of Central Wisconsin Bankshares, Marathon Electric Manufacturing Corp., Mosinee Paper Corp., Wausau Paper Mills Co. and Central Wausau Progress. He also served as director of the Walter Alexander Foundation, the North Central Health Foundation, the North Central Technical

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Staples: Booster

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Institute Foundation and was a member of the Downtown Development Task Force.

"His dad did many similar things in the community, and it made a big impression on him," Charlie Staples said. "He wanted to continue that."

"He thought it was so important that downtown Wausau remain viable and growing. Were he here now, he'd be very proud."

Stanley Staples was born May 27, 1924, in Minneapolis. He graduated from Wausau High School in 1942 and earned a law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1951. He served overseas in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1946 and was a special

agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1951 to 1954. After returning to the Wausau area, Stanley Staples was an attorney with the Ruder & Staples Law Firm from 1954 to 1972.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

He loved being outdoors, Charlie Staples said, and especially enjoyed cross-country skiing, hunting, fishing and curling.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., in Wausau. A private family burial will then take place in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will immediately follow the service in the church hall.

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Tuesday 21 Nov 2006 p 2

Wausau pillar more than community leader

For Joe Laffin, Stanley Staples was a friend

By KEITH UHLIG
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When Stanley Staples Jr. died in November, he was lauded for his behind-the-scenes civic work that helped the entire community grow and prosper.

But, for one man, Staples' volunteerism was much more personal. Staples helped Joe Laffin grow up. The two were linked through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin mentoring program.

The official match lasted for nearly eight years; it stopped when Laffin graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1999. The friendship, however, never ended.



"He had a huge impact on my life. He gave me something to strive for. He showed me his values. He was very family oriented, and he was always helping out everybody," said Laffin, 26, now of Pardeeville.

When mentors sign up to be "bigs" for children, the expectation is that the match will last at least a year, said Tammy Wren, director of program services for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Eight years "is a significant time to be in a relationship," Wren said. And the fact that Staples guided Laffin through the "pivotal" teen years made it special.

Laffin now is a sales rep for the Nabisco Division of Kraft Foods — he sells Oreos, among other snack items. He's married, has a 1-year-old daughter and there's another baby on the way.

"I try to be as good a man as he (Staples) was," Laffin said.

Staples, who died at 82, was a partner in the Ruder & Staples law firm. He sat on numerous boards and guided the Chamber of Commerce. He served as president of the Judd S. Alexander Foundation.

"We talked about a lot of the stuff he had done through the years," Laffin said, "especially the stuff at the Alexander Foundation." Laffin saw Staples as more than a mover and shaker. "He was a great guy, always there for me. We played a lot of cribbage and pool. We did a lot of talking. ... He always helped me to be the best person I could be in school and life," Laffin said.

The relationship worked both ways, and Staples was proud of his work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, said his wife, Mary Staples.

"I think they did have very nice conversations," Mary Staples said. "They just had a good time together."

Laffin's mother, Arlene Laffin, 55, of Wausau signed up her son for the Big Brothers program after going through a divorce and her ex-husband moved out of the state. She thought another influence on her son's life would help him get through his teen years.

Like her son, Arlene Laffin is thankful for Staples' support.

"He was such a busy person to make time for this young boy. He was such a down-to-earth person," she said. "He was a special guy."

Staples helped teach Joe Laffin a sense of responsibility. If the boy did well in school, they would take a summer fishing trip to Canada.



"Joe had to earn it," Arlene Laffin said.

Staples also instilled a love of family, and Arlene Laffin believes that's another value that also has taken hold in her son.

"Joe, he is a wonderful father. He helps with everything," Arlene Laffin said. "It makes me proud of him, and I'm sure Stan, too."

Joe Laffin is still mourning Staples' death. "It hit me pretty hard," he said. "It's a lot to take in (when) you lose a great friend."

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOE LAFFIN

Joe Laffin was 11 years old when he was paired with Stanley Staples Jr. through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin mentoring program (top photo). The match lasted nearly eight years, and it officially ended when Laffin graduated from D.C. Everest High School in 1999. Stanley and Mary Staples attended the ceremony and congratulated Laffin (bottom two photos).

John Harrison Staples

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Birth Index, 1900-1934

Detail Source

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Birth Date:	27 Nov 1927
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Father's Surname:	Staples
Mother's Maiden Name:	Schmitt
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Birth of **son John Harrison Staples (1927-2020)** https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1164001:9196?tid=&pid=&queryId=4310ae30d09b41f9c7489b11920166ef&_phsrc=hFB58870&_phstart=successSource



JOHN HARRISON STAPLES—Senior Class Play 4. Hobby: Collecting match books.
 Ambition: Ship captain.

John Harrison Staples – Wausau High School yearbook 1945 -
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Marriage of son John Harrison Staples to Marilyn Ruth Hiser on 19 Sep 1953 in Seattle, King WA –
“Wausau (WI) Daily Herald” Tuesday 22 Sep 1953 p 8

John H. Staples Church Speaker

John H. Staples, a senior student at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., will be the speaker Sunday at the 9 a.m. worship service in the First Presbyterian Church. His sermon topic is "Daring to Be Sufficient."

Mr. Staples, his wife and two children have been vacationing in Wausau with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Staples, 902 Adams St. They are at present in Hazelhurst.

He is a 1945 graduate of the Senior High School and was graduated in 1956 from the University of Washington at Seattle. Mr. Staples is the student pastor at Upper Freehold Baptist Church in Im-laystown, N.J.

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Friday 15 Aug 1958 p 4

STATE OF WASHINGTON,)
County of King) ss. **Series A** **192400**

THIS CERTIFIES, that the undersigned, a Baptist Minister
by authority of a License bearing date the 19th day of September A. D. 1953...
and issued by the County Auditor of the County of King, did on the 19th day of September
A. D. 1953, at the hour of ten in the morning
County and State aforesaid, join in LAWFUL WEDLOCK Marilyn Ruth Hiser
(Place of Birth) Greenfield, Ohio (Age last Birthday) 20
of the County of King and John Harrison Staples
(Place of Birth) Minneapolis, Minnesota (Age last Birthday) 25
of the County of King with their mutual assent, in the presence of
Marguerita Sandilands and Stanley F. Staples witnesses.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signatures of the parties to said ceremony, the witnesses and myself,
this 19th day of September A. D. 1953.

WITNESS: <u>J. F. Staples</u> <u>M. Sandilands</u>	PARTIES: <u>John H. Staples</u> MALE <u>Marilyn R. Hiser</u> FEMALE	OFFICIATING CLERGYMAN OR OFFICER: <u>Leonard Sae-Harmon</u> <u>707-N 188th St</u> <u>Seattle 33</u> P. O. ADDRESS WASHINGTON.
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This Certificate must be filled out and filed with the King County Auditor where the license was issued within 30 days after the ceremony.—See Chapter 59, Laws of Washington of 1947.
Failure to make and deliver Certificate to the King County Auditor within 30 days is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$300.00.—See Pierce's Code, Sec. 3714.

Wedding of John Harrison Staples & Marilyn Ruth Hiser - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1004714:2378>

Violet Hiser

Violet Hiser of 29 St. Helens Ave., a retired registered nurse, died Saturday.

Born in Smith Falls, Ontario, Mrs. Hiser had resided in Steilacoom and Tacoma for many years.

She had worked for the U.S. Public Health Service. She was a member of Oberlin Congregational Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Staples of Port Townsend; a son, David Hiser of Aspen, Colo.; a sister, Ruth Milne, and two brothers, Ernest and Arthur Sansome, all in Ontario.

Mountain View Funeral Home is in charge.

Obituary of John H. Staples's mother-in-law Violet Hiser – "Tacoma (WA) News Tribune" Monday 13 Apr 1981 p 10

School Of Religion Themes Told

By Terri Minteer
Sun Staff Writer

Hunger, nuclear war and the family are themes of this year's School of Religion, to be sponsored by Bremerton Ministerial Association the next three Tuesday evenings at First United Methodist Church.

The annual series of discussions are open to the public at a registration fee of \$5 for the three evenings or \$2 for each individual evening. Each session will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at

the church, 1150 Marine Drive.

Each evening, participants will choose among three discussion groups: biblical and theological backgrounds, drawing on inner spiritual resources, and faith in action. After individual discussions, the groups will then meet to share what they have discussed.

Mrs. Dale Kelley, Western Washington representative for Church World Service/CROP, is resource person for the session on hunger this Tuesday.

The wife of an Olympia physician, she has worked extensively in that area.

The Feb. 9 session on nuclear war will be led by Helen Hamilton, chairman of the Peace Making Task Force of the United Presbyterian Church Synod of Alaska-Northwest. Her concern in peace-keeping began when she was invited by then-Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to participate in the SALT II Discussions in 1978. She is active as

an elder in the United Presbyterian Little Church on the Prairie in Lakewood, Snohomish County.

Resource person for the Feb. 16 discussion on the family will be the Rev. John Staples, a marriage and family counselor in Tacoma, Bremerton and Port Townsend. A former U.S. Army chaplain and a United Presbyterian minister, he has worked with a special ministry to military service families in Tacoma.

"Kitsap (WA) Sun" Saturday 30 Jan 1982 p 7

Father:

Rites are being arranged for **LYLE S. STAPLES**, 65, of Wildhurst, Lake Minnetonka, and 4636 Colfax avenue S.

Born in Hudson, Wis., he had lived in Minneapolis 29 years and had been associated with S. R. Sikes Co., leather belting manufacturers, 20 years. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian church and the Masonic lodge.

Surviving are the wife; a son, Stanley F. of Wausau, Wis.; a daughter, Mrs. Alan Kennedy of Minneapolis; and two brothers, Dr. Clive of Stepler, Alberta, Canada, and Isaac of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Obituary of father Lyle Stanley Staples – “Minneapolis Star” Friday 4 Nov 1938 p 27

Mother:

Mrs. Mabel A. Staples

PEPIN, Wis. (Special) — A former Pepin resident, Mrs. Mabel A. Staples, 77, Pleasant Lake Road, North Oaks, Minn., died Jan. 10 in Minneapolis of a heart attack after a short illness.

Mrs. Staples was born in Pepin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fuller. She was the national president of the American War Mothers from 1947 to 1949 and before that was president of the Minnesota chapter of the organization.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alan M. Kennedy, North Oaks, a son, Stanley, Wausau, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, parents, two sisters and a brother are dead.

MRS. MABEL A. STAPLES, 77, former national president of the American War Mothers, died Thursday at a luncheon in a Minneapolis restaurant after suffering a heart attack.

A Twin Cities resident since 1910, Mrs. Staples lived at 4 Pleasant Lake road, North Oaks, Ramsey county. She was born in Pepin, Wis.

Mrs. Staples was national president of the American War Mothers from 1947 to 1949. Previously she headed the state chapter of that organization.

She was a former member of the Woman's club and a member of Alpha Advance Study club and Westminster Presbyterian church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, North Oaks; a son, Stanley, Wausau, Wis.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Westminster Presbyterian church, with burial in Lakewood cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Westminster Presbyterian church.

"Minneapolis Star" Friday 11 Jan 1957 p 37

Siblings:

Mary Staples Kennedy

Kennedy Mary Staples, 96, of Friendship Village, Bloomington, died February 16, 2002. Preceded in death by husband, Alan; son, Alan, Jr.; daughter, Susan Smebakken; grandson, Peter Smebakken. Survived by daughter, Ann Kennedy of Elizabethtown, NY; daughter-in-law Jean Kennedy; son-in-law Ted Smebakken; grandchildren Daniel Kennedy (DeAnna), Katherine Kennedy, James Kennedy (Valerie), Bryan Smebakken (Juliet), Nansi Reer, Andrew Smebakken, Charles Derr (Michelle), Daniel Derr; 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Mary was a lifelong member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She graduated from the U of M in 1926 where she was active in student government, publications, Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Chosen to lead the Junior Ball, voted Best All-Around Girl based on scholarship and activities, among other awards. A wife, mother and grandmother first and foremost, also a role model par excellence as a contributing community member: officer and/or board member of AAUW, Mabeth Paige, American Field Service, and scouting. She enjoyed reading, painting, knitting, sewing, gardening. Mary and Alan were married 63 years, living in Excelsior, South Minneapolis, North Oaks and Stillwater and wintering for 20 years in Mexico before moving to Friendship Village in 1988. There she was elected to the Residents Council and served a term as Vice President. She and the staff of FV had a mutual love affair and her family is grateful to them and Allina Hospice for the wonderful care she received during her illnesses. Memorial service Wednesday, February 20, FV Friendship Hall, 10 a.m. 952-831-7500. Family requests memorials go to the FV Employee Appreciation Fund, Allina Hospice or donor's choice.

Published on February 18, 2002

Obituary from "Minneapolis Star Tribune" 18 Feb 2002 of [sister Mary Staples Kennedy \(d. 2002\)](https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/2H3L004002002/) - <https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/2H3L004002002/>

KENNEDY STAPLES OBITUARY

Correction: - Kennedy Mary Staples. Memorial Service
Wednesday, 9:30am February 20 FRIENDSHIP
VILLAGE, 952-831-7500.

Published by Pioneer Press on Feb. 20, 2002.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/twincities/name/kennedy-staples-obituary?pid=231628>

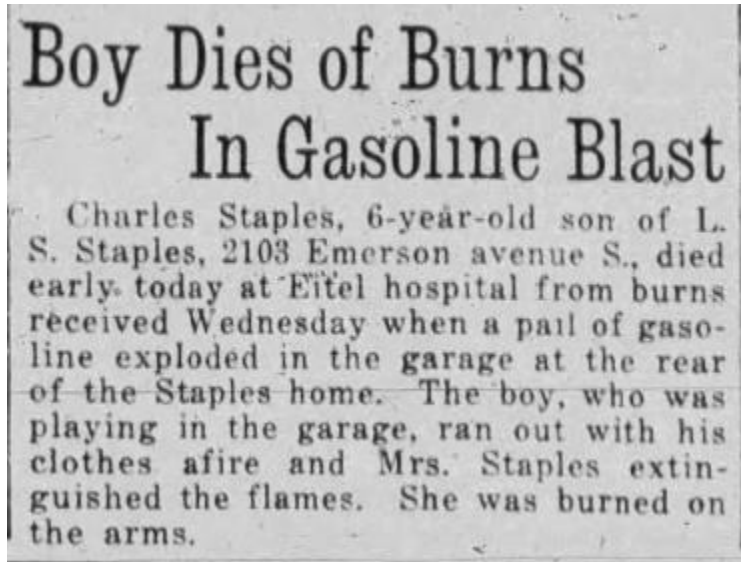


Charles Staples, the 6-year-old boy who was burned by a gasoline fire in his father's garage, Wednesday, died at 3 a. m. yesterday at Eitel hospital.

The boy had been playing in the garage and is thought to have thrown a match into a vessel of gasoline. He ran from the garage with his clothing in flames. A passing painter saw him and rolled him in the grass, extinguishing the flames, but too late to save his life.

L. S. Staples, father of the boy, lives at 2103 Emerson avenue south.

Obituary of brother Charles Wade Staples (1907-1915), died at age 6 of burns – “Minneapolis Star Tribune” Saturday 8 May 1915 p 20



“Minneapolis Journal” Friday 7 May 1915 p 17

Boy Burned in Explosion

Lads Playing With Matches Set
Pail of Gasoline Afire.

Boys played with matches in L. S. Staple's garage at 2103 Emerson avenue south, yesterday, and Charles Staples, aged 8, was probably fatally burned. Milton Bloomquist, a playmate, escaped with slight burns. The garage was destroyed.

Mrs. Staples heard a muffled explosion. She ran toward the garage to find the clothing of her son on fire. She beat out the flames and took the boy to the Eitel hospital. Dr. S. Marks White, attending physician, said last night there was little chance for his recovery. Mrs. Staples was painfully burned about the face and arms.

An open pail of gasoline was in the garage and is supposed to have become ignited in some way. The Bloomquist boy was unable to tell a coherent story of the explosion. He said he was near the door and fled.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Thursday 6 May 1915 p 1



902 Adams, Wausau WI - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/156769462/person/282120526976/media/514729f8-6b7d-4109-b6bc-799e6a5398c6?_phsrc=hFB58861&_phstart=successSource

Name: Stanley Fuller Staples (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,059 (incoming passenger list: 250,718)

Entered service from: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stanley F. Staples

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. L.S. Staples, 2103 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Stanley F. Staples

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Mable Staples, 2103 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis MN (cpl, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1939 NTSA: 902 Adams St., Wausau WI - 1955 WI Survivors: Box 150, Wausau WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Stanley Fuller Staples – b. 10 Jan 1899 Still Water [sic/Stillwater] MN; res: 902 Adams St., Wausau WI. NOK Mrs. S.F. Staples, same. Employed by Employer's Mutuals [sic] Ins. Co., 407 Grant St., Wausau, Marathon WI. Card signed S.F. Staples. "wear glasses" – Height: 6- - 200 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: date not reported

Discharged: date not reported

Born: 10 Jan 1899

Address: 4729 Colfax Ave., Minneapolis MN

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

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Jan 1899 Stillwater, Washington MN

Died: 23 Sep 1976 Wausau, Marathon WI (Wausau hospital)

Find A Grave record: 150273611 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Wausau, Marathon WI

Cemetery: Pine Grove

Tombstone:

Father: Lyle Stanley Staples, 1873 Hudson, St. Croix WI – 4 Nov 1938. Son of Charles Augustus Staples & Frances Emeline Wilcox. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Find A Grave: 61165746

Mother: Mabel Anna Fuller Staples, 1879 Pepin, Pepin Co. WI – 10 Jan 1957 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN (heart attack while at luncheon in a Minneapolis restaurant). Daughter of Solomon & Mary A. Fuller. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Find A Grave: 61165786

Parents' marriage: 6 Mar 1898 Hudson, St. Croix WI

Spouse: Helen Katherine Schmitt Staples, 18 Jan 1898 Mankato, Blue Earth MN – 11 May 1996 Wausau, Marathon WI. Daughter of Harrison A. Schmitt/Schmidt & Esther G. Grannis. Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Wausau, Marathon WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 150273628

Marriage: 10 Jan 1923 Minneapolis, Hennepin Co. MN in Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church.

Children:

- Stanley Fuller Staples Jr., 27 May 1924 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 18 Nov 2006 Wausau, Marathon WI. SSN 395-14-3309. Married Mary Margaret Danielson in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN in 1921. Buried in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau, Marathon WI. F: 175875036
- John Harrison Staples, 27 Nov 1927 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 3 Sep 2020. Lieutenant colonel, US Army, Korea & Vietnam. Minister – referred to as Dr. Staples. When John registered for the WWII draft on 26 Nov 1945, he lived at 213 Chamberlin Hall, U of WI, Madison, where he was a student. -Husband of Marilyn Ruth Hiser. Marilyn was b. Dec 1932 in Greenfield OH, the daughter of C.F. & Violet Hiser. John & Marilyn married in Seattle, King WA on 19 Sep 1953. Resident of Tacoma WA in Sep 1976 & of Port Townsend WA in Nov 2006. Buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 216550181

Siblings:

- Mary Frances Staples Kennedy, 3 Jul 1905 Stillwater, Washington MN – 16 Feb 2002 Bloomington, Hennepin MN. Wife of Alan McOuat Kennedy (1907-1993, F: 61165590). Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater, Washington MN. F: 61165498
- Charles Wade Staples, 26 Mar 1907 Duluth, St. Louis MN – 7 May 1915 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Died of burns at Eitel Hospital following the lighting of a pail of gasoline in the garage of his home. Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 61165854

Notes:

The brother of Helen Schmitt Staples was the father of Harrison Hagan Schmitt, b. 3 Jul 1935, who is the most recent living person (as of Jan 2023) to have walked on the moon. He was the first scientist-astronaut who went to the moon on the Apollo 17 mission. His uncle & aunt, Stanley & Helen Staples, watched the launch in Dec 1972. Harrison Schmitt then served in the US Senate from New Mexico from 1976-1982. He claims he took the famous “Blue Marble” photograph of Earth from space. He was the 12th person to walk on the moon.

There are hundreds of articles on Newspapers.com found by searching “Stanley F. Staples” or “S.F. Staples.”

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - photo, of 2103 Emerson Ave. S.

Post-war:

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" 8 Feb 1938 p 7 – photo - 902 Adams St., Wausau, elected NTSA president at annual meeting in Chicago

Long & valuable speech reported in "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Monday 14 Oct 1940 p 4 - copied above - sick bay a hole, took chocolates, etc.

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" 3 Feb 1968 p 2 - in Milwaukee WI to meet 7 Feb 1968 with ship buddies at Legion-sponsored dinner. Vividly recalls the day of the sinking. Remembers casualty Charles E. Swanson, his company clerk & secretary to D.C. Everest. Was in chow line when ship jostled & listed. Was bumped & bruised on deck due to the list. Left Tuscania at 8 p.m. sliding down rope to "corvette class boat," landed in Larne & in sick bay a few days. Found out when he came to Wausau WI that the Fullerton family (lumber company operators) were from Larne, Ireland.

Listed in "Who Was Who in America" – volume 7, 1977-1981

Obituary:

"Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" 3 Jan 1972 p 4 - executive director Central Wausau Progress Inc. Missed the deck of the destroyer when he slid down rope, was fished from debris by Englishman. Born 10 Jan 1889 Stillwater, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lyle S. Staples. Attended public schools in Stillwater MN, Minneapolis MN, Duluth MN & attended the U of MN. Married Helen Schmitt 10 Jan 1923 in Minneapolis MN. Spent 18 months overseas, Tuscania survivor. Was salesman while in college for Long-Bell Lumber Co., then salesman & supervisor for Inland Steel. In 1933 became an Employers Insurance salesman in Minneapolis & moved to the Wausau WI home office in 1935. Retired 31 Mar 1967 after 34 years. After retirement he taught management for International Cooperation Administration of the US Department of State. Held executive positions in American Management Association. Past president National Tuscania Survivors Association. Survived by wife & 2 sons.

Social Security number: 392-07-8662

Censuses:

1900 Stillwater, Washington MN – 1114 Third Ave. So.

Lisle Staples, 27 WI, May 1873, father b. ME, mother b. NY, married 2 years, manager, tin shop
Mable, 21 WI, May 1879, parents b. PA, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living
& servant Anna Manthay, 16 Germany, May 1884, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1886

1910 Stanley is double-counted in the 1910 census

1910 Duluth, St. Louis MN – 55th Ave. – conducted 15 Apr 1910

Lyle S. Stanley, 36 WI, father b. ME, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, married 12 years, lumber estimator, lumber

Mable Anna, 31 WI, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Stanley F., 11 MN

Mary F., 5 MN

Chas. W., 3 MN

1910 Stillwater, Washington MN – So. 2nd – conducted 19 May 1910

Lyle Staples, 37 MN, parents b. ME, married 12 years, commercial traveler, machinery house (?)

Mrs. Mabel, 32 MN, parents b. IL, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Stanley, 10 MN

Mary, 6 MN

George, 1 MN

1920 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – 2103 Emerson Ave. S.

Lyle S. Staples, 46 WI, father b. ME, mother b. NY, salesman, leather beltery

Mabel O., 40 WI, parents b. PA

Stanly F., 20 MN

Mary F., 14 MN

Solomon Fuller, 77 PA, parents b. PA [father-in-law]

Mary A. Fuller, 69 PA, father b. Ireland, mother b. PA [mother-in-law]

1930 Cedar Rapids, Linn IA – conducted 11 Apr 1930

Stanley F. Staples, 31 MN, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage, commercial salesman, steel parts, WWI veteran

Helen, 32 MN, father b. IA, mother b. MN, age 25 at 1st marriage

Stanley, 5 MN

John, 2 years 4 months MN

& mother-in-law Esther M. Schmitt, 57 MN, widow, father b. NH, mother b. VT

& sister-in-law Wilhelmina Schmitt, 15 MN, father b. IA, mother b. MN

1940 Wausau, Marathon WI – 902 Fulton St. – same place in 1935

Stanley Staples, 41 MN, vice president, Employers Mutual

Helen, 42 MN

Stanley Jr., 15 MN

John, 12 MN

& maid Frances Krause, 27 WI, single