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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA

Steffenhagen, Arthur Emil
1895 WI – 1972 FL



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Shorty Welch aboard Dot Von, guided . . . Another catch, this time going to 700 pounds of amberjack (center photo) was landed at Madeira Beach by Herman Reddin, Otto Steffenhagen, Mrs. Herman Reddin, all of Nenah, Wis., L. J. Morrison, Harvey, Ill., and Arthur Steffenhagen, Nenah, Wis., shown left to right. They are holding stray grouper which got into the amberjack school. All the fish in foreground are amberjack . . . Lower left photo

Arthur Emil Steffenhagen is at the far right & his brother Otto Paul Steffenhagen is 2nd from left – they are from NEENAH WI - "Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Tuesday 29 Jan 1957 p 17

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STEFFENHAGEN — Arthur Emil, 76, of 6669 26th St. N, died Wednesday (July 5, 1972). Born in Neenah, Wis., here 10 years from Neenah, Wis. He was retired owner and operator of Highway Supply Corp. Member of Grace Lutheran Church, 50-year member American Legion Post No. 33, Neenah, Wis., and was one of the survivors of the Tuscania sunk by German U Boat 77 North of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1918. He is survived by his wife, Helen K. Steffenhagen; his brother, Otto Steffenhagen, both of St. Petersburg; 3 sisters, Mrs. Alma Dudek, St. Petersburg, Mrs. Dorie Altman, Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. Florie Zolkoske of Neenah, Wis., 3 nieces and 2 nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul W. Brauer officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 3-9 p.m. at the Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, 2201 9th St. N.

Obituary of Arthur Emil Steffenhagen – "Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Thursday 6 Jul 1972 p 33

Former Neenah Resident Dies In Florida

NEENAH — Arthur E. Steffenhagen, 76, former Neenah businessman, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he had lived for the past eight years.

Mr. Steffenhagen was born Dec. 1, 1895, in Neenah and had lived here all his life until he moved to Florida. He owned and operated the Highway Supply Corp. here for many years.

He was a 50-year member of the Hawley-Dieckhoff Post of the American Legion and had survived the sinking of a troop ship by a German U boat in 1918.

A member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Mr. Steffenhagen is survived by his widow, Helen Neiser Steffenhagen; one brother, Otto P. Steffenhagen of St. Petersburg; and three sisters, Mrs. Joe Dudek of St. Petersburg, Mrs. A. J. Altman of Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. D. J. Zolkoske of Neenah.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Anderson-McWueen Funeral Home in St. Petersburg with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery there.

A memorial fund has been established.

Obituary of Arthur Emil Steffenhagen – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Thursday 6 Jul 1972 p

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Wife Gertrude Erhart

An application for a license to marry has been filed in the county clerk's office by Arthur Steffenhagen and Gertrude Eberherdt, both of Neenah.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Saturday 11 Jan 1921 p 10

Wed at Appleton

Miss Gertrude Erhardt and Arthur Steffenhagen, two well known local young people, were married at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning by the Rev. W. J. Fitzmaurice at Appleton. The bride wore a blue taffeta dress with hat to match and carried sweet peas and snapdragons. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Steffenhagen of this city. The latter wore a dress of brown taffeta with hat to match and carried carnations.

A wedding dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krause at Appleton to immediate relatives and a few friends. After a brief auto trip they will be at home in Chicago.

Marriage on 15 Jun 1921 in Appleton, Outagamie WI – "Neenah (WI) News-Record" Friday
17 Jun 1921 p 5

Mrs. A. E. Steffenhagen

Neenah — Mrs. Arthur E. Steffenhagen, 54, 634 Chestnut street, died at 9:45 Sunday morning after a long illness. She was born Aug. 19, 1897, at Chilton and lived in Milwaukee before coming to Menasha 19 years ago.

Survivors are the widower, a brother, Alfred Erhardt, Pismo Beach, Calif.; and three sisters, Mrs. Albert Krause and Mrs. Arthur Bobber, both of Appleton, and Mrs. Albert Tremel, Marshfield.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 Thursday morning at St. Margaret Mary church with the Rev. Joseph Glueckstein in charge. The cortege will form at the Kessler Funeral home and burial will be in St. Margaret cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and the rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

Obituary of Gertrude Erhart Steffenhagen (whose name is not mentioned except as Mrs. Arthur Steffenhagen) — "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 24 Dec 1951 p 12

Neenah Woman, 54, Dies at Hospital

Neenah—Mrs. Arthur E. Steffenhagen, 54, of 634 Chestnut street, died at 9:45 a. m. Sunday at Theda Clark hospital following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 19, 1897 at Chilton and lived in Milwaukee before moving to Neenah 19 years ago. She was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic church.

Surviving are her husband; a brother, Alfred Earhard, Pisma, Calif., three sisters, Mrs. Albert Krause and Mrs. Arthur Bobber, Appleton, and Mrs. Albert Tremel, Marshfield.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 9 a. m. at the Kessler funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Margaret Mary church with the Rev. Joseph Glueckstein officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a. m. Wednesday. A rosary service will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 24 Dec 1951 p 21

JACOB ERHART, 74, DIES EARLY TODAY

Funeral for Local Man to be Held Tuesday at For- mer Home

Jacob Erhart, 74, who has been making his home here for the past 10 years with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tremmel, route 3, died of a complication of ailments early this morning at St. Joseph's hospital where he had been a patient for more than a week. He had been in ill health for the past two months.

Tentative arrangements have been made for funeral services at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church, Chilton, and burial will take place in the family lot at the Chilton cemetery. The body will lie in state at the Baer-Lange-Rembs funeral home here until Monday morning. A rosary service will be conducted at 7:45 o'clock Sunday evening at the funeral home with the Rev. H. P. Toeller in charge.

Mr. Erhart was born in Austria on Nov. 26, 1862, and came to America when he was 21 years of age. He was married to Miss Catherine Haertle at Chilton in April, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Erhart made their home at Chilton until the latter's death 10 years ago. Mr. Erhart then retired and came here to reside. He was employed as a fireman at a condensery before his retirement.

He was a member of St. Joseph's society at Chilton, and the Sacred Heart Catholic church of this city.

Surviving children are Mrs. Arthur Steffenhagen, Neenah, Alfred Erhart, Pismo Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Albert Tremmel, route 3, city. Three grandchildren also survive.

Death of Gertrude Erhart Steffenhagen's father Jacob Erhart – "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" Saturday 27 Mar 1937 p 8

Mrs. Arthur Steffenhagen, Neenah, was called here Thursday night by the illness and death of her father, Jacob Erhart. She is a guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tremmel, route 3.

“Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Saturday 27 Mar 1937 p 9

Wife Helen K. Nieser

STEFFENHAGEN, HELEN K., 96, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of St. Petersburg, died Dec. 19. Schwartz-Spence Boyer Home for Funerals, Lorain, Ohio.

“Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Tuesday 23 Dec 1997 p 74

STEFFENHAGEN, HELEN K., 96, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of St. Petersburg, died Friday (Dec. 19, 1997) at Community Health Partners Hospital, Lorain. Born in Oakdale, Pa., she lived here for several years before moving to Lorain in 1990. Locally, she retired as a secretary in the insurance industry and was a member of St. James United Methodist Church and its Mary Circle. She was also a member of the St. Petersburg Keenagers Workshop. She was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Lorain, and was a graduate of the Curry Business School, Pittsburgh. Survivors include three sisters, Margaret Hageter, North Cape May, N.J., Evelyn Duda, Carnegie, Pa., and Gertrude Eicher, Lorain. Schwartz-Spence Boyer Home for Funerals, Lorain, Ohio.

“Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Tuesday 23 Dec 1997 p 98

Life:

—Arthur Steffenhagen has returned home from Hartford where he had accepted a position.

“Neenah (WI) Daily Times” Friday 25 May 1917 p 2

Driving along at a speed of nearly forty miles an hour, the machine owned by Walter Discher of this city struck a hole in the Appleton road Saturday night with the result that the car sloughed into the ditch, righted itself, and then swung back into the road, turning turtle and throwing out the five occupants.

Discher, who was driving, was thrown out of the car with terrific force striking on the hard road with his leg doubled in under him. The limb was fractured by the force of the fall. Another member of the party, Private Edward Jape of Company I, sustained a badly sprained wrist as the result of the accident. John Kuether, who was in the machine at the time the accident occurred altho thrown along the roadbed for a distance of twenty feet escaped unscathed. Arthur Steffenhagen and Oscar Blank also were uninjured.

“Neenah (WI) Daily Times” Monday 23 Jul 1917 p 3

ENGINEERS RECEIVE CALL TO SERVICE THIS MORNING.

WILL LEAVE TOMORROW MORN-
ING FOR MILWAUKEE ON
2:10 TRAIN TO REPORT

The seven young men of this city who are members of the national guard engineering corps at Milwaukee received their call to service this morning and will leave Saturday morning at 2:10 o'clock to report for duty at Milwaukee.

The Neenah young men who are members of the engineers' organization are as follows: Harry Cannon, Kenneth Mace; Daniel Nielson, Edmund Aylward, Alfred Mortenson, Arthur Steffenhagen and Harry Prange. All joined at Milwaukee upwards of a month ago and received furloughs that went out of effect today at the time the call was received.

The calling out of the Milwaukee engineers portends the entraining of Company I for Camp Douglas it is thought here. It is possible that the guard here will be called out before the end of the week.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Friday 27 Jul 1917 p 1

—Harry Cannon, Harry Prange, Edmund Aylward, Henry Mortenson, Daniel Nielson and Arthur Steffenhagen left early this morning for Milwaukee where they will report at the headquarters of the engineers' corps.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Saturday 28 Jul 1917 p 2

TROOPS MOVE EAST AFTER LONG TIME SPENT IN SOUTH

That Is Indicated In Message Wired
Home By Local
Soldier.

The boys are going!

They are on the first lap of their journey over there, whirling eastwards on fast trains which will carry them to an Atlantic Port where they will embark, how soon no one but the war chiefs know, for France to make the supreme sacrifice if need be in championing Democracy's cause.

Such is the news gathered from one local soldier, a member of Company I, 228th Infantry, who with his comrades has been training in the Waco camp in Texas. Arthur Steffenhagen wired home Saturday that the boys are leaving Waco. He sent a farewell to relatives and friends left behind.

Published 3 days before sailing on Tuscania – "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Monday 21 Jan 1918 p 2

TWO NEENAH BOYS ON BOAT

Arthur Steffenhagen and James
Hawley Mentioned in List
Published Today.

The names of two Neenah young men appear among those who were aboard the Tuscania which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on Tuesday. Arthur Steffenhagen was with the engineering corps and James Hawley was a member of the sanitary detachment. No names of Menasha soldiers have as yet appeared in the list. It is certain that Company E was not on the boat but many believe that Menasha boys transferred to other units will be found to have been aboard. Edward Kfautkraemer is still at Waco, Texas, according to latest advices received here.

James Patrick Hawley does not survive Tuscania - "Menasha (WI) Record" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

STEFFENHAGEN ON BOARD—

One more name of a young man from this city has been added to the official list so far published of men on board the ill-fated transport Tuscania. The name is that of Arthur Steffenhagen. Steffenhagen was a member of the 107th Engineers' train. Whether or not he was rescued has not been ascertained. The name of James Hawley was announced yesterday.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

ONE NEENAH LAD IS SAFE SAYS WIRE

**Mayor Clark Received
Message This Morning
From Washington.**

The following message from Congressman James H. Davidson, now in Washington, was received this morning by Mayor C. B. Clark. The message concerning the two Neenah boys, James P. Hawley and Arthur Steffenhagen who were on the torpedoed transport Tuscania and is as given below: :

Hon. C. B. Clark, Mayor.

Arthur Steffenhagen reported saved. Nothing as yet concerning James P. Hawley.

Signed: J. H. Davidson.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

LETTER FROM A SURVIVOR OF THE TUSCANIA

The following letter has been received by relatives of Private Arthur Steffenhagen here. Steffenhagen was the only Neenah survivor of the Tuscania. The other Neenah man from here aboard, James Hawley, lost his life. The letter follows:

Londonderry, Ireland,

February 7, 1918.

Just a few lines to let you know that I have got this far safe. Would have been in Liverpool a couple of days ago but the Fritz put a couple of loaded cigars through our boat. Nearly all of the fellows got off though, only those who lost their heads were killed. The British soldiers here sure treat us fine; it seems as though they just can not do enough for us, everything we want is ours and the Irish soldiers as well. They say Ireland is heaven; if it ain't it is the next thing to it. It is the most beautiful place in the world. Everything green and nice. We were on the water just (censored) days when the Germans spoiled all our fun for about ten hours. I wish I could tell you just what is going on here but I hope to be home before the Fourth of July and then I will tell you all about it. Just at present I am safe and happy.

ART.

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Saturday 2 Mar 1918 p 1

LETTER FROM STEFFENHAGEN—The following interesting letter was received by Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen from her son, Private Arthur Steffenhagen, who was one of the survivors of the *Tuscania*:—Dear Mother:—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still on the map. We will be given some clothes here (the place not stated) in a few days and then we are bound for the rest of our trip. The *Menasha* company got here Sunday. Was over to see them. Some of the boys claim that they had a running fight with a submarine but I do not know how true it is. Its hell to be in this country and not hear how things are going on at home. It will be a few weeks yet before our little bands gets to France where we will get our mail. By the looks of things this war is not going to last very long. Germany is just about all in. Of course they make a raid upon London once in awhile but they generally get a very good reception. They knocked down 14 of them and they did not even drop a bomb in the city. I surely hope that they give up soon because I'd like to get back home again. Since we were in that wreck we are being treated pretty fine. We are going to a place about fourteen miles away from here tomorrow to see a show. Everybody treats us fine. We even get enough to eat. Colonel

Schneller is in this camp. Saw him yesterday. He was at our office. Pretty hard to tell exactly when we will leave here for France but I am of the opinion that we will not see very much of this war. It would surprise you and a good many other people in the United States to know just what the U. S. has accomplished since going into this war. Of course after it is over everybody will find out, but they will be surprised. Love and best regards to all my friends. Arthur."

The letter was mailed on February 20, and arrived at the Neenah post-office this morning.

Word was received here this morning from Theodore Zuehlke stating that he had arrived safely at Great Lakes naval training station and had enrolled in a coast artillery company. Zuehlke was a former drug clerk here.

"Dear Mother:—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still on the map," writes Private Arthur Steffenhagen, Tuscania survivor, who is now at a port in England. He goes on to say that the Menasha company arrived safely on the other side. The soldiers are waiting for clothes before continuing their journey to France. He said that some of the Menasha soldiers claimed their ship had had a running fight with submarines, but he did not vouch for the truth of the reports.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 19 Mar 1918 p 11

TUSCANIA BOYS ILL—All of the survivors of the Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine recently, have been quarantined with mumps, according to letters received here from Arthur Steffenhagen who was on the ill-fated boat. As a result of this their departure for France has been postponed.

All survivors were not quarantined – "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Thursday 21 Mar 1918 p 2

The Tuscania Disaster

As Told by One Who Has Lived Thru It.

The following letter has been received here from Arthur Steffenhagen, 107th Engineer Corps, who was on board the transport Tuscania which was sent to the bottom by a German U-boat. His description of the historic scenes accompanying the disaster forms one of the most interesting bits of wartime lore which has been given publicity in some time. The letter follows:

"It was on the fifth day of February. All of us had been cautioned to keep our life belts around us at all times. But we sighted land about 4 o'clock and some of the fellows thought we were safe. Rumors went around that we would be in Liverpool in the morning so I like the rest thought we were safe. But the unexpected happened. I had just started for the mess hall, had gone down one flight of stairs and had to wait there for the stewards to call us. We were discussing all sorts of things

then we started down. There was a Scotchman helping on my end. The fellows on the other end got excited when we were about half way down and left their end go. All that stayed in the life boat was the Scotchman and myself. We hung to the tackle. Finally we decided to gamble and left go of our end. The boat landed right side up. A wave had saved us like an act of providence by carrying the lowest end of the life boat just as we let her down. Then we started to load up again and pushed away. We picked up about 8 or 10 fellows in the water. Had gone no more than about 100 feet from the boat when we had only two good oars left. The rest were broken in our effort to clear from the Tuscania. Then we drifted about for about 1½ hours. The British destroyer H. M. S. Grasshopper picked us up. Had no more than stepped on the destroyer when I noticed the wake of a torpedo pass by

and submarines happend to be the topic we were just talking about, when something hit us. The big ship just quivered and out went the lights. We all kept quite cool though and managed to get out on C deck. Here we struck a snag as there were only two stairs to B deck and only one man could climb at a time. One Mexican started to knife his way through when a lieutenant spotted him and ended his misery with an automatic. Had no sooner got on B deck than the lights went on. The engineer had gotten the emergency agoing. The next bit of trouble we had no one was there to help us get the boats down. The most of the crew made their getaway in the first boat. I was picked to man No. 8 life boat along with about 10 other fellows, but only about 4 of us were there. We did not wait to untie the thing at all. I cut it with my mess kit knife. About fifteen fellows piled in when we got even with B deck and

our stern.. Then we started to move and I guess by the way the captain of the destroyer laughed the sub was caved in. They had dropped a depth bomb. The destroyer had 250 survivors on board and landed us in Ireland. You can just bet Ireland was heaven after that. We landed at about 4:30 a. m. Mrs. Hawley has my sympathy. If you see her any time you can tell her so. Poor Jim never had a chance. Well, that's about all only the Germans didn't get our smile. It won't wash off with salt water. And considering the numbers we had on board the ship very few were lost. And our company is very proud of the fact that not one was drowned and the 32nd Division, Michigan and Wisconsin, lost only 14. So it might have been worse. We mourn the loss of those 14 though. They were from Wisconsin and every one a pal. We proved Wisconsin and Michigan were disciplined."

Submarine UB-77 was not destroyed & was surrendered to the Allies postwar – "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Wednesday 27 Mar 1918 p 1

Arthur Steffenhagen, who was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania but who was landed with the rescued, has undergone an operation for appendicitis through which he passed successfully according to a letter written a month ago and received by his parents here yesterday. Steffenhagen is probably by this time in the trenches, he having been stationed near the firing line.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Friday 14 Jun 1918 p 7

Arthur Steffenhagen, son of Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen, Chestnut street, has arrived at Newport News after seeing months of service in France. Private Steffenhagen was one of the survivors of the famous Tuscania disaster. He expects to receive his discharge from the service soon. James Nelson, who has been at his home here for the past few days, has left for Fort Sheridan, Ill., where he will enter the army hospital to undergo an operation for the removal of a machine gun bullet which penetrated one of his lungs during a battle in France.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Thursday 13 Feb 1919 p 9

Arthur Steffenhagen, Neenah soldier who was aboard the ill fated Tuscania, has presented the Neenah Army and Navy club with a beautiful French flag which he brought home from France.

"Menasha (WI) Record" Monday 5 May 1919 p 4

Arthur Steffenhagen, who is attending Oshkosh Normal school spent the week-end in this city.

"Neenah (WI) News-Record" Monday 13 Mar 1922 p 5

is home for the summer.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steffenhagen of Milwaukee spent the week-end with Mr. Steffenhagen's mother in this city. Mrs. Harold Steffenhagen returned to Milwaukee with them last evening for a short visit.

"Neenah (WI) News-Record" Monday 15 Jun 1925 p 3

Arthur Steffenhagen attended a meeting of Tuscania Survivors' club at Chicago Sunday.

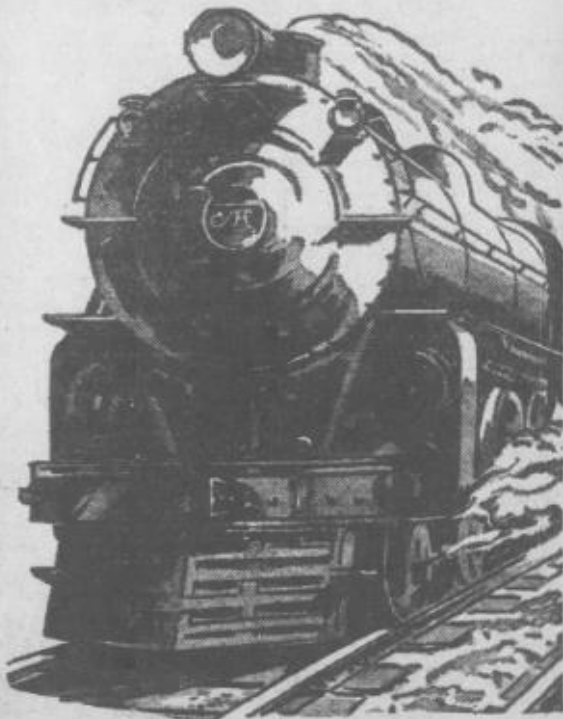
Attended the National Tuscania Survivors Association annual convention in Chicago IL –
 "Neenah (WI) News-Record" Monday 6 Feb 1933 p 3

**SURVIVORS TO
 MEET IN '36
 AT SHEBOYGAN**

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Additional Registrants
 Ray C. Anderson, Marshfield
 Fred Braem, jr., Marshfield
 M. W. Collins, Eau Claire
 Clarence W Buckholz, Milwaukee
 Dell E. Rogers, Milwaukee
 F. Francis Fimstahl, Wisconsin
 Rapids
 Fred A. Neurrurer, Milwaukee
 William H. C. Seltrecht, Milwaukee
 Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee
 Arthur E. Steffenhagen, Neenah
 William E. Jacobson, Neenah
 John M. Matrtand, Berlin
 James Wendt, Marshfield
 Fred Young, Kenosha
 Stanley F. Staples, Wausau
 H. J. Lewis, Waupaca
 Herbert E. Wendt, Wisconsin
 Rapids

NTSA meetings – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 6 Feb 1935 p 4



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"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 20 May 1935 p 17

Two Neenah Men Are Survivors of Tuscania Disaster

Neenah—Today is the eighteenth anniversary of the greatest event in the lives of two Neenah citizens. On Feb. 5, 1918, Arthur Steffenhagen, 150 E. Fourth avenue, and William Jacobson, 715½ Nicolet boulevard, were rescued from the "Tuscania," an American transport ship when torpedoed off the Irish coast.

James P. Hawley of this city for whom the local post of the American Legion is named lost his life in that disaster. He was a member of the sanitary detachment. More Neenah men had originally been scheduled to make the trip on the "Tuscania," but due to last minute orders were quarantined at Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Mr. Steffenhagen is now a salesman in this city, while Mr. Jacobson is the proprietor of the Square Deal garage.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 5 Feb 1936 p 11

Steffenhagen Is Named Chief of 40 et 8 Voiture

Organization Is Formed At Meeting at Neenah

Neenah—Arthur Steffenhagen Monday night was elected chef de gare of voiture 751 of Winnebago county of La Societe des Hommes et 8 Cheveaux at its organization meeting at Draheim's Sport shop. Twenty-three persons attended the first meeting. Dr. Victor Kulnick, Menasha, was elected chef de train.

The other officers named were Dud Wuerch, Oshkosh, commissaire intendant, Clarence Walker, Neenah, conducteur; Carl Meier, Menasha, commissaire voyageur; Ed Johns, Neenah, gradé de la forte; Art Clausen, Menasha, lampiste; Ray Vanderwalker and Tom Kurtz, Neenah, and C. B. Anderson, Menasha, cheminots; Dr. G. N. Ducklow, Neenah, aumonier; George Burnside, Neenah, correspondent.

Preparations were made at the meeting Monday night for the "wreck" which will be held Saturday night. The "wreck" will be part of the state conference which will take place in the Twin Cities Saturday and Sunday. Several hundred visiting members of the 40 et 8 are expected here for the meet.

The conference will begin at 6.30 Saturday evening with a banquet at the Valley Inn. Harry E. Ransom, national director of voiture activities, will act as toastmaster. He will be introduced by Chef de Gare Arthur Steffenhagen. Benediction will be given by Dr. S. R. Cohen, Wausau, grand aumonier. C. A. Loescher, Menasha, general chairman of the 1936 department convention will offer greetings. The response will be given by H. H. Prange, Baraboo, grand chef de gare of Wisconsin.

A report of progress will be given by Dr. A. J. Rudolph, Milwaukee national cheminot, while the address of the evening will be delivered by the Rev. Richard E. Evans, Milwaukee, national aumonier in 1934. A parade will be held at 7:30 ending at Falcons hall in Menasha. There the "wreck" will be held at 9 o'clock under the direction of the voiture 85 wrecking crew. Entertainment at 11 o'clock will follow. At 11 o'clock Sunday morning a grand cheminot meeting will be held at the Valley Inn.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 18 Feb 1936 p 11

Fred Bentzen Is Elected Head of Legion at Neenah

**Succeeds William Dra-
heim as Commander
Of Hawley Post**

Neenah—Fred Bentzen was elected post commander of the James P. Hawley post, No. 33, of the American Legion, to take office next September at a meeting in the S. A. Cook armory last evening. Bentzen will succeed William Draheim, present commander.

Arthur Steffenhagen was elected senior vice commander and Clarence Weinke was elected junior vice commander. Other officers named are as follows: Ronald Gillingham, adjutant; P. J. Reimer, finance officer; the Rev. Carl Zietlow, chaplain; Ed Moulton and Ed Johns, sergeants-at-arms. Leonard Koepke, Fred Nixon, George Rasmussen and Albert Keil were named to the executive committee.

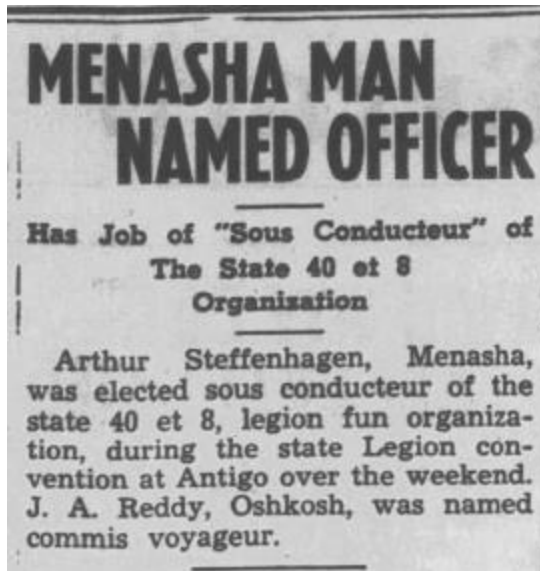
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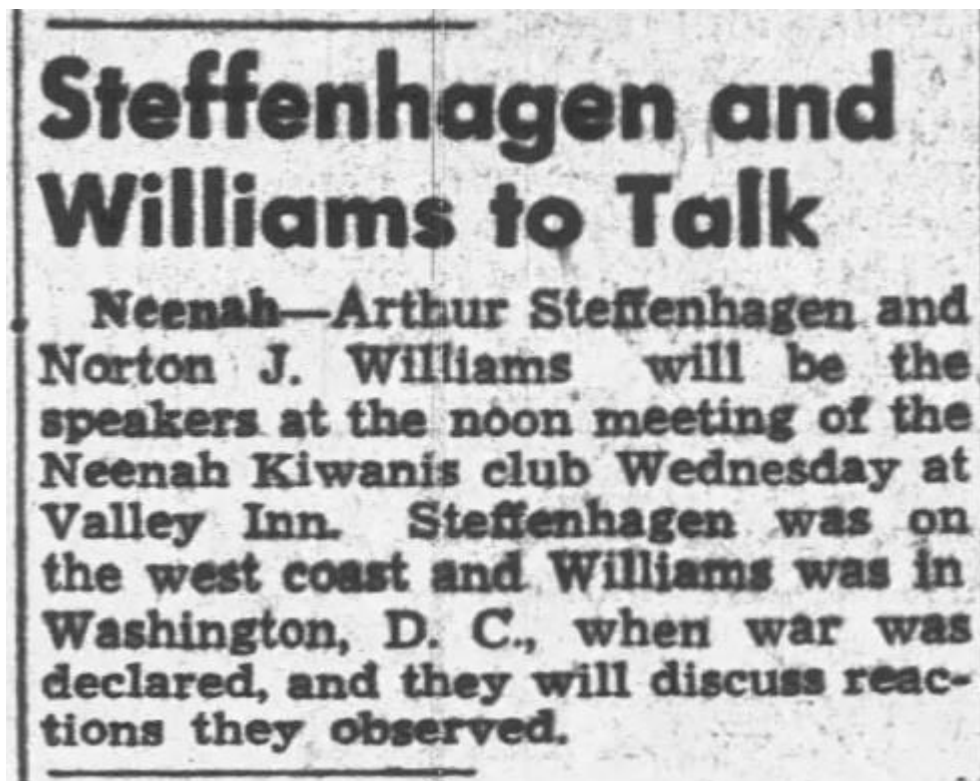
ELECTED TO OFFICE

Arthur Steffenhagen, Menasha, was elected to the grand cheminot (state executive committee) of the Forty et Eight in Wisconsin, at the state convention Monday at Oshkosh.

“Menasha (WI) Record” Tuesday 15 Aug 1939 p 1



"Menasha (WI) Record" Monday 4 Aug 1941 p 2



Arthur speaks on the opening of WWII – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 12 Jan 1942 p 8

SAW EFFECT OF JAP ATTACK

**Neenah Men Back from California
And Washington, Tell of Experi-
ences When War Began**

The effect of the news of the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor, was related by Arthur Steffenhagen and Norton J. Williams, at the meeting of the Neenah Kiwanis club at the Valley Inn Wednesday.

Steffenhagen who was at Presno Beach, Calif., at the time, told of the excitement which reigned throughout the West and especially in the coastal cities at the time a torpedo was sighted and depth-bombed.

Following the report of the attack and the order for blackouts on the West coast, Steffenhagen said that the defense industries there and the airplane factories assumed a more sincere aspect of actually working. Larger factories that cannot waste time in turning off the lights for blackouts, have the windows painted black and work under artificial light at all times. Much of the nervous tension, he said, was due to the large number of Japanese and aliens on the West coast, as well as the nearness of the war.

Williams, who was at Washington, D.C., at the time of the outbreak, said that the excitement had been preceded on several occasions by blackouts. He said he attended

several legislative sessions and that there was a sudden movement for action as soon as the reports had been presented.

Arthur was in CA when Pearl Harbor was bombed – “Menasha (WI) Record” Thursday 15 Jan 1942 p 2

Tuscania Survivors Will Hold Parley

William Jacobson, of this city, will be among more than 250 survivors of the Tuscania disaster of the first World war who will attend the annual convention of the National Tuscania Survivors' association at Wisconsin Rapids, Feb. 7 and 8. Arthur E. Steffenhagen, Menasha, also plans to attend. Mayor Carl Zeidler of Milwaukee has been invited to address the meeting.

“Neenah (WI) News-Record” Wednesday 28 Jan 1942 p 3

WINE KEGS GONE

Neenah—Police reported today that a thief who broke into the warehouse of the Ideal Liquor Company on Main street, owned by Arthur Steffenhagen, hauled off two kegs of port wine, valued at \$21.80.

Steffenhagen told police the theft occurred sometime Wednesday night.

In the 1940 census, Arthur reported he was employed at Ideal Liquor wholesaler –
“Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Friday 7 Aug 1942 p 8

NEENAH LEGION POST ELECTION

Arthur Steffenhagen Named Commander—To Dispense with Independence Day Celebration

James P. Hawley post of the American Legion, Neenah, at a meeting Monday night at S. A. Cook armory, elected officers for the ensuing year and abandoned plans for a municipal July Fourth celebration at Riverside park, sponsored jointly in recent years by the city and post.

Arthur Steffenhagen was elected commander; Peter Rasmussen and Joseph Kuehn, vice-commanders; George Rasmussen, adjutant; the Rev. William Riggs, chaplain; Clark Harris, finance officer; the Rev. William Riggs, chaplain, and Arthur Steffenhagen, George Rasmussen, Jacy Meyer and Herbert Dorow, delegates to the state convention at Rhinelander in August.

The post decided to dispense with the Independence day celebration because of the war emergency.

Following the business session,

William Rather showed a film released by the Americanism commission, entitled, "Make the Most of Play Time."

"Menasha (WI) Record" Tuesday 8 Jun 1943 p 3

A class A liquor and beer license was granted to Rollin C. Bridges of 124 W. Wisconsin ave. Class A liquor, beer and wholesale licenses were granted to Arthur E. Sawyer, 727 Union st., Arthur E. Steffenhagen, 238 Main st., and William J. Elliot, 898 S. Commercial st.

“Neenah (WI) News-Record” Thursday 17 May 1951 p 4

Father:



Father Fred Steffenhagen - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5661459/person/24886790727/media/3def3f2e-1efd-46cd-b8a4-480a03606d96>

Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1519-1969

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Name	Friedrich Johann Carl Christian Stavenhagen
Event Type	Taufe (Baptism)
Birth Date	22. Sep 1860 (22 Sep 1860)
Baptism Date	14. Okt 1860 (14 Oct 1860)
Baptism Place	Ivenack, Mecklenburg, Deutschland (Germany)
Father	Johann Friedrich Carl Ernst Stavenhagen
Mother	Hanne Maria Caroline Erdmuth Stavenhagen
Parish as it Appears	Joenack
City or District	Ivenack
Author	Evangelische Kirche Ivenack (AG. Stavenhagen)
Film Number	69222

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5661459/person/24886790727/facts>

Fred Steffenhagen Died This Morning

This morning at his home on Oak St. occurred the death of one of Neenah's old and well known citizens, Fred Steffenhagen.

He had been a sufferer for the past two years of bronchial asthma and his demise was expected for some time.

Fred Steffenhagen was born in Germany 58 years ago and came to this country when but a child with his parents. The past 35 years of his life he has lived in this city.

Besides his wife the survivors are three sons and three daughters, Otto of this city, Arthur, with the American Expeditionary Forces, now in France, Harold, who has just received his discharge from the navy and was home at the time of his father's death, the Misses Alma, Flora and Dorothy of this city. Besides the wife and children the deceased was also survived by a brother, Louis Steffenhagen of Menasha and a sister, Mrs. Louis Kreblein, of this city.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from the home and at 2:00 from the German Lutheran church, Rev. Froehlke officiating.

Obituary of father Fred Steffenhagen – "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Thursday 30 Jan 1919 p 3

Mother:



Mother Amelia (Emily) Loehning Steffenhagen - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5661459/person/24886790924/media/2c101f17-06a3-4de9-97db-8ea5bec07685>

DIES FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF ONE YEAR

Neenah—Mrs. Amelia Steffenhagen, 79, passed away shortly before 8 o'clock Friday evening at her home, 632 Chestnut street, after an illness of a year.

Born Dec. 5, 1864, in Germany, she came to Neenah at the age of 18 and had lived here since. Her maiden name was Emily Loehning. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran church and the Ladies Aid society.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Didek of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Anthony Altman of Chicago, and Mrs. Dominic Syloski of Neenah; three sons, Otto P. of Neenah, Arthur E. of Menasha, and Harold of Appleton; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2 o'clock at Trinity Lutheran church, the Rev. G. A. Schaefer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. The remains may be viewed at the home after 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Obituary of mother Amelia Loehning Steffenhagen – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern”
Saturday 1 Apr 1944 p 7

Steffenhagen Funeral

Neenah— Funeral services for Mrs. Amelia Steffenhagen, 79, 632 Chestnut street, who died Friday evening at her home, will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Trinity Lutheran church with the Rev. G. A. Schaefer in charge. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. The funeral cortege will form at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon at the residence where the body may be viewed.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Dominic Syloski, Neenah, Mrs. Joseph Didek, St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. Anthony Altman, Chicago, and three sons, Otto, Neenah, Arthur, Menasha, and Harold, Appleton, and four grandchildren.

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 3 Apr 1944 p 4

Amelia Steffenhagen, Mary Lasskron, William Loehning, children and only heirs at law of Ernst Loehning deceased to Otto Loehning and Ida, his wife, lot 19, of block K, Winnebago Rapids, Neenah. \$1 00

Albert Loehning and wife Annie, one of the heirs at law Ernst Loehning, deceased, to August Loehning, widow of said E. Loehning, deceased, lot 19 of block K, Winnebago Rapids. \$1.00.

Herman Loehning (son of Ernst Loehning) wife, Bertha, to August Loehning, lot 19 of block K, Winnebago Rapids, Neenah. \$1.

“Neenah (WI) Daily Times” Friday 27 Nov 1903 p 1

The Menasha Red Cross Chapter is in receipt of Certificates granted to those who took the examination in Elementary Hygiene and Home Nursing, after having taken the course under Miss Elizabeth Jones during the months of October and November. The certificates are issued personally by Miss Minnie Ahrens, Director of the Department of Nursing, Central Division. Those who completed the course were:

Miss Kate Hummel
 " Anna Konkol
 " Lizzie Marx
 Mrs. D. Morrissey
 " Anna Hogan
 " Louise Schreiber
 " Mary Schubert
 " Josephine Tratz
 " Catherine Wilmot
 " August Bredenick
 " Amelia Steffenhagen
 " Alice Fleweger
 " Anna Exley
 " Marie Spellman
 " Anna Hauser
 " Anna Jaspersen
 " Margaret Murtaugh
 " Anna Jourdain

"Menasha (WI) Record" Wednesday 14 Jan 1920 p 2

NEENAH WOMAN IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM DEATH OCCURS TODAY AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

Mrs. Augusta Loehning, aged 81 years, a resident of this city for the past thirty-eight years, passed away at 5:45 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Landskron, 432 East Franklin Avenue, following a week's illness from pneumonia.

Born and married in Germany, Mrs. Loehning came with her husband to this country thirty-eight years ago, settling here. Mr. Loehning passed away about twenty-six years ago. Mrs. Loehning was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church and the Ladies' Aid Society of that church.

Seven children survive. They are: Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen and Mrs. Landskron, William, Herman, Carl and Otto Loehning, all of this city, and Albert Loehning of Kansas City.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Obituary of Amelia Loehning Steffenhagen's mother Augusta Loehning -
"Neenah (WI) News-Record" Tuesday 3 Jan 1922 p 4

LOEHNING—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Augusta Loehning, who died Tuesday morning will take place at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Landskron, E. Franklin Ave., and at 2 o'clock at Trinity Lutheran church, of which she was a member. Rev. A. Froehlke will officiate. Burial will be at Oakhill cemetery.

Obituary of Arthur's maternal grandmother Augusta Loehning – "Neenah (WI) News Record" Wednesday 4 Jan 1922 p 4

Siblings:

Wisconsin, Births and Christenings Index, 1826-1908

[View record](#)

Name	Albert E Steffenhagen
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	16 Jul 1891
Birth Place	Neenah, Winnebago, Wisconsin
Father	Fritz Steffenhagen
Mother	Emilye Loehning
FHL Film Number	1305608

Birth of brother **Albert E. Steffenhagen (1891-1900)** - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5661459/person/24886791284/facts>

Albert Steffenhagen

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Index, 1808-1907

Name:	Albert Steffenhagen
Death Date:	18 Dec 1900
Death Place:	Winnebago, Wisconsin, USA
Volume:	04
Page Number:	0445
Reel:	142
Image:	2344
Index Volume:	02
Sequence Number:	371702

Death of brother Albert E. Steffenhagen 18 Dec 1900 - https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=4984&h=371704&tid=5661459&pid=24886791284&queryId=15ed2a9a5b4f02e23fca3bd88594107a&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB59162&_phstart=successSource

—An 8-year-old son of Fred Steffenhagen, Oak street, died this morning at home of his parents in first ward, from appendicitis. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the German Lutheran church, Rev. Froehlke officiating.

“Neenah (WI) Times” Saturday 22 Dec 1900 p 1

—The funeral of the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen was held this afternoon from the German Lutheran church and was largely attended, Rev. Froelhke officiating.

Funeral of Albert - “Neenah (WI) Times” Saturday 22 Dec 1900 p 1

O. P. Steffenhagen dies in Florida

NEENAH — Otto P. Steffenhagen, 79, 300 30th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Fla., former president of the Home Fuel and Supply Co. here, died Sunday at St. Petersburg.

Steffenhagen was president of the Home Fuel and Supply Co. for 44 years. He retired to St. Petersburg 15 years ago.

He was past president of the Immanuel United Church of Christ and Knights of Pythias here and was past elder and an active member of the Trinity United Church of Christ of St. Petersburg.

Survivors include the widow, Nora; one daughter, Mrs. Alan Rembd, St. Petersburg; and three sisters, Mrs. Don Zolkoske, Neenah, Mrs. Dorothy Altman, Ocala, Fla. and Mrs. Joseph Dudek, St. Petersburg.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Anderson and McQueen Funeral Home, St. Petersburg. Interment will be in Memorial Park there.

Obituary of **brother Otto Paul Steffenhagen (1893-1972)** – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent”
Tuesday 2 Jan 1972 p 22



Otto Paul Steffenhagen - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5661459/person/24886790925/media/0f85e494-0d16-4eb4-aa16-6f0212bf518e>

STEFFENHAGEN — Otto P., 79, of 300 30th Ave. N., died Sunday December 31, 1972. Born in Neenah, Wis. here 15 years and his 50th season. Mr. Steffenhagen was retired president of the Home Fuel and Supply Co. of Neenah, Wis. with 44 years service. Past President of Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed Church, past president of the Kiwanis Club and a 50 year member of the Knights of Pythias all of Neenah, Wis. He was a past elder and active member of the Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Petersburg. Survivors include his wife, Nora Steffenhagen, his daughter, Mrs. Edith L. Rembold, both of St. Petersburg, three sisters, Mrs. Donald Zolkoske, Neenah, Wis., Mrs. Dorothy Altman, Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. Joseph Dudek, St. Petersburg. Funeral service will be held Thursday at 1pm at the Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley B. Hyde officiating. Entombment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 3-8pm at the Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, 2201 9th St. N.

Obituary of Otto Paul Steffenhagen – "Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Wednesday 3 Jan 1973 p 33

Last evening at five thirty o'clock at the home of Rev. A. Froehlke on Franklin avenue occurred the marriage of Miss Nora Hass to Mr. Otto Steffenhagen, in the presence of only a few of the immediate friends and relatives. Attending were Miss Alma Steffenhagen and Mrs. Erving Hass, sister and brother of the groom and bride respectively. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Steffenhagen will go to housekeeping at once on Oak street.

Marriage of Otto Paul Steffenhagen to Nora Hass on 18 Nov 1915 in Neenah, Winnebago WI - "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" Friday 19 Nov 1915 p 4

DUDEK, ALMA M., 94, of St. Petersburg, died Thursday (Sept. 10, 1992) at St. Anthony's Hospital. She came here in 1943 from her native Neenah, Wis. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and Mirror Lake Shuffleboard Club. Survivors include several nieces and nephews, including Edith Rembold, St. Petersburg. John S. Rhodes, East Chapel, St. Petersburg.

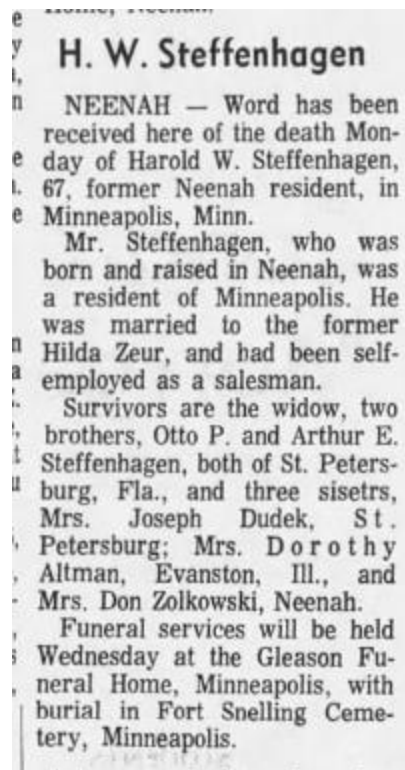
Obituary of sister Alma Mary Steffenhagen Dudek (1898-1992) – "Tampa Bay Times" (St. Petersburg FL) Saturday 12 Sep 1992 p 136



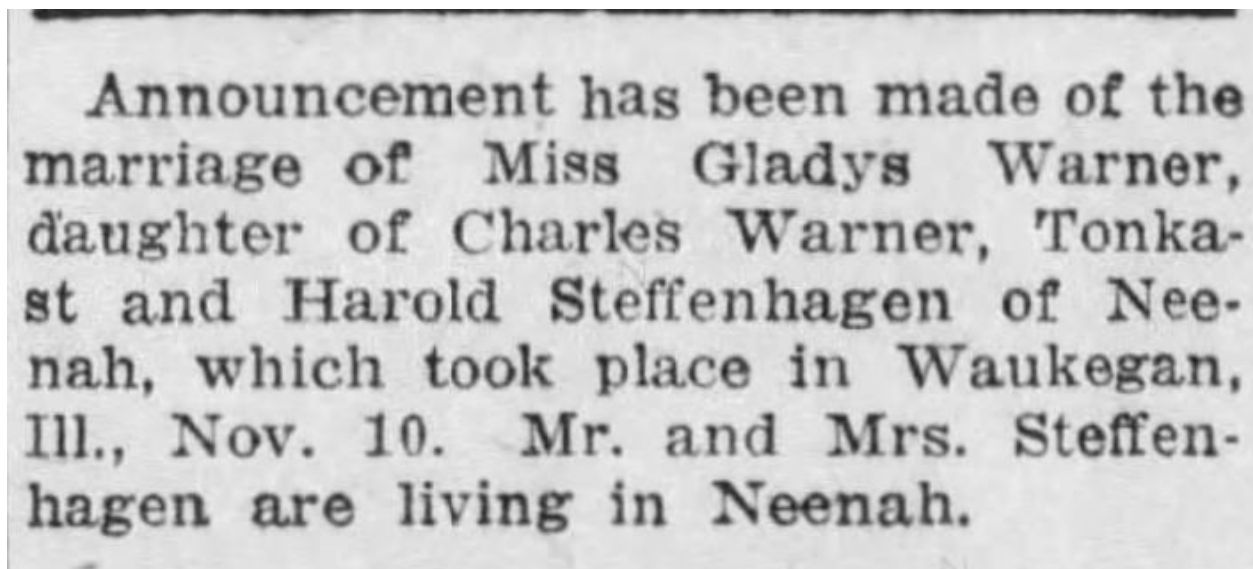
Alma Mary Steffenhagen Dudek - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5661459/person/24886790927/media/7affd175-2dbc-4d4e-af60-ae717b34dbb8>

DUDEK — Alma M., passed away September 10, 1992. Visitation is 12-2 PM Sunday at John S. Rhodes, East Chapel, 635-4 Street No., where Funeral Services will be 10 AM Monday conducted by Rev. Richard C. Noack. Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery.

Alma Mary Steffenhagen Dudek – “Tampa Bay Times” (St. Petersburg FL) Saturday 12 Sep 1992 p 70



Obituary of **brother Harold William Steffenhagen (1900-1968)** – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern” Tuesday 28 May 1968 p 24



Marriage on 10 Nov 1923 in Waukegan, Lake IL of Harold William Steffenhagen & Gladys Warner – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 18 Dec 1923 p 5

Who's Who On The Appleton-Post-Crescent

Number 56

(This is the fifty-sixth of a series of articles about members of the staff of the Appleton Post-Crescent. The articles will seek to acquaint readers of this newspaper with those persons as individuals and also will discuss the nature of their work. Members of the staff are presented in the order of their length of service. The fifty-seventh article will appear tomorrow.)

Common words that most people misspell, such as rhythm, chaperon, cemetery, separate, parallel and miscellaneous, are just more words to Gladys Steffenhagen, proof reader on the Post-Crescent. She can spot a misplaced letter, misspelled words and punctuation mistakes with a rapidity that is astonishing.

A proof reader is trained to see mistakes as fast as her pencil can travel down the line, correcting the errors in the white margin on the proof sheet. Watching a proofreader gives one the idea that the job is simple because they work so thoroughly and swiftly, reading every word of copy before it goes into the daily paper. Work of this sort calls for an active mind and a concentration that dispels all the numerous noises of the composing room. The clacking of linotypes, the shifting of heavy forms, the noise of metals rubbing together all recede into a general background of conglomerate noise for the proof reader whose mind is entirely on the proof sheet before her.

Mrs. Steffenhagen is called "Steffy" by her fellow workers. She was born in Appleton and attended First Ward and St. Paul's schools and Bowlby Business college. Before coming to the Post-Crescent as proofreader in 1928, Steffy worked at Pettibone's for a year and a half. Her



—Harwood Photo.

Gladys Steffenhagen

very first job was being a nursemaid to neighborhood children.

Steffy is interested in all kinds of women's sports and her Boston bulldog, Pat. She proclaims Pat to be an unusually intelligent animal who learns tricks very easily. Pat stands on her hind legs, turns somersaults in the air, begs prettily, jumps over sticks and catches balls. Steffy plays golf, swims, walks and enjoys fishing in her leisure time. She is an enthusiastic movie fan and her favorite actors are Richard Dix and Conrad Nagel. Greta Garbo is her feminine favorite.

Sketch about Harold Steffenhagen's 1st wife, Gladys Warner Steffenhagen, proofreader on the "Appleton Post-Crescent" – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 12 May 1931 p 7

Reveal Marriage Of Paul Neumann, Mrs. Steffenhagen

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Mrs. Gladys Steffenhagen to Paul Neumann. The Appleton couple was wed Friday, Sept. 28, at Dubuque, Iowa.

Mr. Neumann is chief of the Appleton Fire department and his wife is a proof reader at the Appleton Post-Crescent.

After Oct. 15, the couple will be at home at 1328 W. Commercial street.

Marriage of Harold's ex-wife Gladys Warner Steffenhagen to the Appleton WI chief of the Fire Department on 28 Sep 1956 in Dubuque IA – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 1 Oct 1956 p 16

Appleton

Mrs. Paul Neumann

APPLETON — Mrs. Paul (Gladys S. Warner) Neumann, 72, of 1328 W. Commercial St., died at 7 a.m. Monday at her home.

Born July 30, 1901, in Appleton, Mrs. Neumann had been a life resident of the city. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Paffenroth of Oshkosh, Mrs. Alice VanDomlen of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. James Schell of Plymouth, Mich., and Mrs. Clete Bartelt of Appleton.

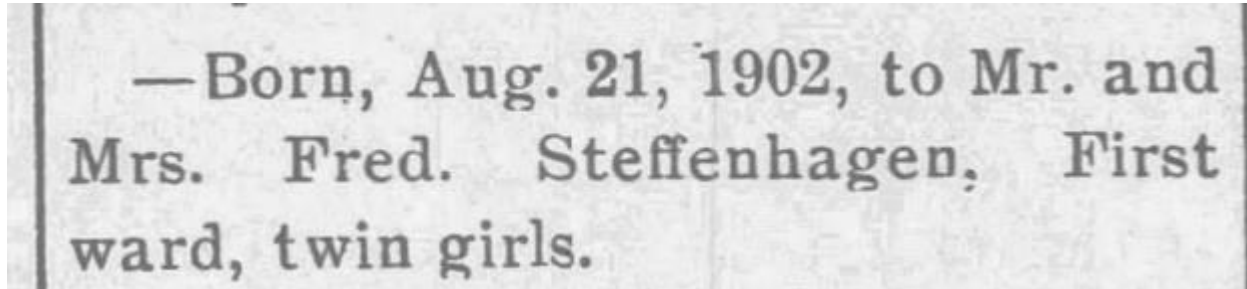
Complete funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Wichmann Funeral Home with the Rev. Wilbur A. Troge officiating. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 9 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Wednesday until the hour of the service.

A memorial fund has been established

Obituary of Gladys Warner Steffenhagen Neumann – “Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern”
Tuesday 13 Nov 1973 p 34 and on her Find A Grave 183609054

Birth of the twins, Florence (Flora) & Dorothy (Dora) Steffenhagen –



—Born, Aug. 21, 1902, to Mr. and
Mrs. Fred. Steffenhagen, First
ward, twin girls.

“Neenah (WI) Daily Times” Thursday 21 Aug 1902 p 1

Florence S. Zolkoske

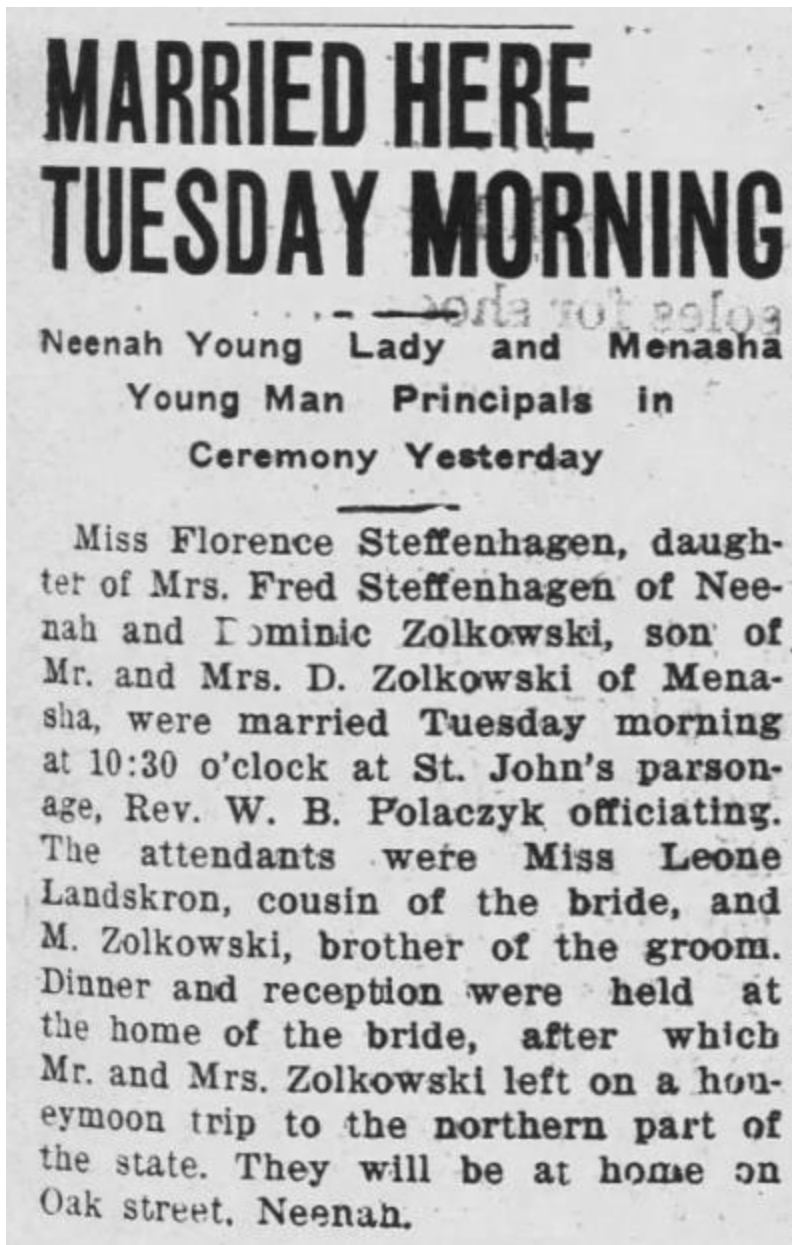
Fenton, Michigan

Age 86, died Monday, May 8, 1989, in Michigan. She was born August, 1902, in Neenah, and was a Neenah resident for 75 years prior to moving to Michigan with her husband, Dominic J. Zolkoske; he preceded her in death on October 2, 1982. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law: Joan (Kenneth) Leslie, Fenton, Michigan; a sister, Alma Dudek, St. Petersburg, Florida; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 1989, at the Westgor Funeral Home with the Rev. Gregg Otterstatter officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Frankenmuth Lutheran Home, Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Obituary of [sister Florence Steffenhagen Zolkoske \(1902-1989\)](#) – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 8 May 1989 p 27



Florence Steffenhagen Zolkoske - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5661459/person/24886790929/media/6025d099-36e2-4991-b946-71f59f8dcb8f>



Marriage of Florence Steffenhagen to Dominic Zolkoske on 24 Jul 1928 in Menasha WI –
"Menasha (WI) Record" Wednesday 25 Jul 1928 p 1

Dominic J. Zolkoske

NEENAH — Dominic J. Zolkoske, 82, a former Neenah resident, died Saturday in the Hurley Medical Center at Flint, Mich.

He was born Dec. 31, 1899, and was a Neenah resident for most of his life. He moved to Fenton, Mich., in April 1982 to reside with his daughter.

Mr. Zolkoske was a former member of the Germania Society, Menasha, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Neenah. He was a retired chauffeur.

Surviving are his widow, Florence; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Joan) Leslie, Fenton, Mich.; one brother, Peter Ziolkowske, Neenah; one sister, Emily Moore, Racine; and three grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Westgor Funeral Home, Neenah, with the Rev. Douglas Ingelbrecht officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 p.m. today.

Obituary of sister Florence's husband, Dominic J. Zolkoske – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern"
Monday 4 Oct 1982 p 25

Mrs. Dorothy Altman

NEENAH — Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Steffenhagen Altman, 72, in Chicago on Monday following a lingering illness.

A former Neenah resident, she was born in the city Aug. 20, 1903, and moved to Chicago at the time of her marriage many years ago.

Survivors are one daughter, Carol, Ocala, Fla.; two sons, James and Thomas, both of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Dudek of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Dominic Zolkoske of Neenah, and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held in Chicago on Friday, with interment in that city.

Obituary of [sister Dorothy Steffenhagen Altman \(1902-1976\)](#) – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Wednesday 7 Apr 1976 p 31

Thursday, May 31, at 8 p. m. a very pretty wedding ceremony was performed at St. Mary's parsonage at Evanston, Ill., by the Rev. E. V. Turner uniting in marriage Miss Dorothy Steffenhagen, daughter of Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen, 574 Oak street, Neenah, and Anthony Althman of Evanston, Ill. The bride was attired in a gray ensemble suit with hat to match and wore a corsage bouquet of lillies of the valley and roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Florence Steffenhagen, sister of the bride, was attired in tan georgette with hat to match and wore a corsage of sweet peas and roses. The best man was Don Zolkoski of Menasha. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. Althman, mother of the groom, at Evanston. Immediately following the wedding the couple left on a honeymoon by auto to the Dells of Wisconsin and Port Washington and will reside at 1826 Wesley avenue at Evanston. The bride has been employed in Evanston, Ill.

Marriage of sister Dorothy Steffenhagen on 31 May 1928 in Evanston IL to Anthony Altman –
 “Neenah (WI) News-Record” Saturday 2 Jun 1928 p 3

ALTMAN—Anthony J. Altman of 2005 Noyes street, Evanston, beloved husband of Dorothy S.; fond father of Mrs. Carol Burkhardt, James A., and Thomas F. Altman; brother of Isabel M., Mrs. Catherine Salyards, and Henry F. Altman. Funeral Thursday, 1:30 p. m., at funeral home, 1571 Maple avenue, Evanston. Interment Memorial Park cemetery. UNiversity 4-0251.

Obituary of Dorothy Steffenhagen's husband Anthony Joseph Altman – “Chicago Tribune”
 Wednesday 26 Aug 1959 p 38

Name: Arthur Emil Steffenhagen

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,727

Entered service from: Neenah, Winnebago WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Arthur E. Steffenhagen

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen, 574 Oak St., Neenah WI

Returned from war on: "Princess Matoika" Jan 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Arthur Steffenhagen

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Emily Steffenhagen, 574 Oak St., Kenah [Neenah] WI (pvt, 116 Engr)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Arthur Emil Steffenhagen - b. 1 Dec 1895 Neenah WI; res: 574 Oak St., Neenah, Winnebago WI. Single. Auto mechanic, Erdman Bros., Neenah WI. Dependent father & mother. Claimed exemption from draft: Master Engineers Corps, WNG [WI National Guard]. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 361 Elm St., Menasha WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Arthur Emil Steffenhagen - b. 1 Dec 1895 Neenah WI; res: 361 Elm St., Menasha, Winnebago WI. NOK Gertrude Steffenhagen, same address. Self-employed at 619 Main St., Neenah, Winnebago WI. Height: 5'11" – 190 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: birth date of 1 Dec 1897 – indexed on Family Search as Steefenhagen but correct version of Steffenhagen on card

Enlisted: 13 May 1917

Discharged: 7 Mar 1919

Address: 732 – 14th St., Oshkosh WIRank/unit: private, Co. I, 107th EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 1 Dec 1895 Neenah, Winnebago WI (Veterans Administration Military Index: 1 Dec 1897)

Died: 5 Jul 1972 St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL

Find A Grave record: 158381458 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Neenah, Winnebago WI

Cemetery: St. Margaret's

Tombstone:

Father: Fred [Friedrich Johann Carl Christian, also known as Fritz] Steffenhagen [Stavenhagen], 22 Sep 1860 Germany [claimed as Pommern/Pomerania and as Mecklenburg] – 30 Jan 1919 Neenah, Winnebago WI. [Not 31 Jan as claimed on Find A Grave]. Son of Johann Friedrich Carl Christian Stavenhagen & Hanne Maria Caroline Erdmuthe Müller. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI.
Find A Grave: 51609098

Mother: Amelia ("Emily") Loehning [Lohning] Steffenhagen, 5 Dec 1864 Germany – 31 Mar 1944 Neenah, Winnebago WI. Daughter of Ernst Loehning (1837-1895, F: 202289262) & Augusta Loehning (1840-1922, F: 202289405). Not listed with Fred & her children in the 1920 census, in which Fred says he is a widower. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI.

Find A Grave: 51609017

Parents' marriage: 1887

Spouse: Gertrude Erhart Steffenhagen, 19 Aug 1897 Chilton, Calumet WI – 23 Dec 1951 Neenah, Winnebago WI. Daughter of Jacob & Margaret Erhart [referenced as Catherine Haertle in Jacob's obituary above]. Buried in Saint Margaret's Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 158381497

Marriage: 15 Jun 1921 in Appleton, Outagamie WI

Spouse: Helen K. Nieser Steffenhagen, b. Oakdale PA – d. 19 Dec 1997 Lorain, Lorain OH at age 96. Lived in FL with Arthur.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: In the 1900 census, his mother says she has given birth to 4 children, 4 of whom are living. Named are Albert (who dies later that year), Otto, Arthur & Alma. In the 1910 census, Amelia/Emily says she has given birth to 9 children, 6 of whom are living. Named are Otto, Arthur, Alma, Harold, Florence (Flora) & Dorothy. Apparently 2 other children besides Albert died between 1900 & 1910.

- Albert E. Steffenhagen, 16 Jul 1891 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 18 Dec 1900 Winnebago Co. WI. Enumerated in the 1900 census, conducted 6 Jun 1900. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI. F: 51608869
- Otto Paul Steffenhagen, 23 Sep 1893 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 31 Dec 1972 St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL. Husband of Nora E. Hass (1885-1979, F: 51612251), whom he married 18 Nov 1915 in Neenah, Winnebago WI. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI. F: 51612467
- Alma Mary Steffenhagen Dudek, Aug 1898 WI – 10 Sep 1992 St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL. SSN 315-10-7799. Wife of Joseph Valentine Dudek (1897-1978, F: 240857559). Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL. F: 240857558
- Harold William Steffenhagen, 19 Jun 1900 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 27 May 1968 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. – Married Gladys M. Warner (1901-1973, F: 183609054) on 10 Nov 1923 in Waukegan, Lake IL. She was the daughter of Charles E. Warner (F: 171471607) & Lena J. Tschantz. In the 1930 census Harold (29 WI), an insurance salesman, lives in Appleton, Outagamie WI, with Gladys (28 WI), a proofreader on a daily newspaper. In 1940, Harold & Gladys are still living in Appleton WI. – In the 1950 census, Gladys Steffenhagen is living in Appleton, Outagamie WI, still a newspaper proofreader, but now divorced. On 28

Sep 1956 in Dubuque IA, Gladys Steffenhagen married Paul August Neumann (1895-1960, F: 183609064), the Appleton Fire Department chief. She is buried in Highland Memorial Park, Appleton, Outagamie WI. - Husband of Hilda J. Josefa Larson [also listed as Zeur – an earlier marriage?] (14 Apr 1910 Brown Co. SD – 17 Jun 1995 Prior Lake, Scott MN, F: 1219149), the daughter of Ole Larson & Ella Hanson. - Served in the US Navy in WWI. Had just been discharged & was home when his father Fred died in Jan 1919. - Buried with Hilda in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 73375112

- Florence (Flora/Florie) Steffenhagen Zolkoske, 20 Aug 1902 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 8 May 1989 MI. SSN 391-18-5308. Twin sister of Dorothy (whose birth year is often incorrectly stated as 1903]. Florence's WI birth record lists her birthdate as 20 Aug 1902. Wife of Dominic Joseph Zolkoske (1899 – 1982 MI, buried in Oak Hill Cemetery but not on Find A Grave as of 21 Jan 2023). Florence & Dominic married 24 Jul 1928 in Menasha, Winnebago WI. Florence is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, Winnebago WI. F: 142534179
- Dorothy (Dorie) Steffenhagen Altman, 20 Aug 1902 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 5 Apr 1976 Chicago, Cook IL. Twin sister of Florence. Wife of Anthony Joseph Altman (21 Mar 1903 Skokie IL – Aug 1959 Cook Co. IL, whom she married 31 May 1928 in Evanston, Cook IL. Date also found as 7 Jun 1928. Anthony was the son of Paul Altman (F: 56907922) & Gertrude Anna Ketter (F: 56907986). - In the 1950 census, Anthony & Dorothy lived in Chicago, Cook IL. Also lived in Ocala FL. Anthony is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, but there are a few to choose from in the Chicago IL area.

Notes:

There are almost 600 citations in Newspapers.com for articles mentioning “Arthur Steffenhagen” as of 21 Jan 2023. Another option would be to search “Art Steffenhagen.” Only a small number are copied above.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Rescued from Tuscania by the British Navy destroyer, “Grasshopper.”

"Neenah (WI) Daily Times" 19 Mar 1918 p 3 – in a letter to his mother Mrs. Fred Steffenhagen, Arthur reports he is "still on the map" & is getting clothes in a few days. Will not get mail until in France, "Since we were in that wreck we are being treated fine." Going to a show tomorrow 14 miles away. Letter was mailed 20 Feb 1918 & arrived in Neenah WI on 19 Mar 1918.

long letter home in "Neenah (WI) Daily Times" 27 Mar 1918 p 1 - mess hall, No. 8 lifeboat launch, etc.

"Neenah (WI) Times" 28 Mar 1918 p 1 - letters home say ALL survivors have been quarantined with mumps & their departure to France postponed.

Post-war:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 5 Feb 1936 p 11 - 18th anniversary of the greatest event in the lives of Arthur Steffenhagen & William Jacobson – the sinking of Tuscania. Steffenhagen is a resident of 150 E. 4th Ave., a salesman.

Obituary:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 6 Jul 1972 p 28 - age 76, former owner/operator of Highway Supply Co. (Neenah WI). Born 1 Dec 1895 in Neenah WI & lived in Neenah until he moved to St. Petersburg FL 8 years ago. Fifty-year American Legion member. Survived sinking of a troopship (unnamed) by a German submarine. Survived by wife Helen (Neiser), brother, 3 sisters. Obituary says he was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Petersburg FL.

"Neenah (WI) News-Record" 6 Jul 1972 p 3 says he is the ONLY survivor of the Tuscania. Resident of 6669 - 26th St. NW, St. Petersburg FL at time of death.

Social Security number: 391-05-8603

Censuses:

1900 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 574 Oak – conducted 6 Jun 1900

Fred STEPHENHAGEN, 39 Germany, Sep 1860, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1887, in US for 19 years, papers filed, married 13 years, day laborer

Amelia, 36 Germany, Dec 1863, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1883, in US for 17 years, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Albert, 8 WI, Jul 1891 [he dies 18 Dec 1900]

Otto, 6 WI, Sep 1893

Arhur [Arthur], 4 WI, Dec 1895

Alma, 1 WI, Aug 1898

1905 WI state census – Neenah, Winnebago WI

Fred Steffenhagen, 44 Germany, paper mill worker

Amelia, 40 Germany

Otto, 11 WI

Artie, 9 WI

Alma, 7 WI

Harold, 4 WI

Flora, 2 WI

Dora, 2 WI

1910 Neenah, Winnebago WI – 574 Oak

Fred Steffenhagen, 49 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 22 years, emigrated 1883, papers filed, paper maker, paper mill

Emily, 45 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 6 are living Ato [Oto?], 16 WI, apprentice, paper mill

Arthur, 14 WI

Alma, 11 WI

Harold, 9 WI

Flora, 7 WI

Dorothy, 7 WI

1920 Neenah, Winnebago WI – Oak St. – his mother Amelia is not listed & although Fred sawys he's widowed, she lives until 1944

Fred Steffenhagen, 55 Pommern, Germany; parents b. Pommern; emigrated 1883, papers filed, occupation: none

Arthur, 24 WI, father b. Mecklenburg, Germany & mother b. Pommern, Germany, single, laborer, paper mills

Elma, 21 WI, bookkeeper, [illegible] company [i.e. Alma]

Harold, 19 WI, cabinet maker [parts illegible]

Florence, 17 WI, laborer, papermill

Dorothy, 17 WI, laborer, papermill

1930 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 1375 – 23rd St.

Arthur Steffenhagen, 33 WI, parents b. Germany, age 25 at 1st marriage, salesman, manufacturing, WWI veteran

Gertrude Steffenhagen, 31 WI, parents b. Germany, age 23 at 1st marriage & niece Margaret Fraley, 23 WI, single, clerk

1940 Menasha, Winnebago WI – 361 Elm St. – same place in 1935

Arthur Steffenhagen, 44 WI, wholesale liquor, Ideal Liquor, wholesale

Gertrude, 42 WI

1950 Menasha, Winnebago WI – 361 Elm

Arthur Steffenhagen, 54 WI, proprietor, retail liquor store

Gertrude, 52 WI