

TUSCANIA

DeVroy, Anthony John
1890 WI – 1972 WI



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DEVROY, ANTHONY JOHN		C- 19 236 205
SGT 2nd Co 161 Dep Brig		RS-
432 26th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin		RH-
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De Vroy	Anthony J.	7353 Harwood Ave.	18	4	5 86884

WI, Milwaukee, Holy Cross Cemetery, Interment Records - Buried in block 18, section 4, lot 5, number of interment 86884

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John Devroy

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928



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<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	John Devroy
Gender	Male
Birth Place	U.S
Spouse	Johanna M Van Dousel
Child	Anton J C Devroy
FHL Film Number	1306427

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2544/records/150626878?tid=114527287&pid=310150936135&ssrc=pt>

U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938 for Anthony Devroy

← Milwaukee > Registers > Register of Members, Entries 37000-38499

MILITARY HISTORY						
Time and Place of Enlistment	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disability when admitted to the Home	
July 23 1918 Green Bay Wis.	Pvt.	Med. Dept. 2nd Hosp. 26	June 14 1919 Camp Hancock Pvt.	Constitutional	1097 Nervous Ch.	
					Hosp.	

DOMESTIC HISTORY											
Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Build and Weight	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Name of Next of Kin or Relative
Wisconsin	33	69"	Tan	Blue	Gray	4 1/2 Cast	Catholic	Teleph. Lbr. Pwr.	Madison	Mar.	Maude Devroy. 270 1/2 Wisconsin St. Bel Air, Wis.

HOME HISTORY						
Date of Admission	Date of Admission to Admission and Transfer	Conditions of Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death
Adm. 7/17 8/12/19			Aug 14 1921	Discharge 7/14/21		

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Wisconsin Death Index, 1959-1997


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Name **Anthony J Devroy**
 Age 81
 Sex M (Male)
 Birth Date abt 1891
 Death Date 2 Jun 1972
 Location Wauw
 Certificate 016420

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/114527287/person/310150935855/facts>

Anthony Devroy

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail Source

Name	Anthony Devroy
Social Security Number	389-14-8722
Birth Date	20 Aug 1890
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53213, Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Jun 1972

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WW I		WW II		KOREA		ORIGINAL	
1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type) DeVroy Anthony J.				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Holy Cross Cemetery 7132 W. Lisbon Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.			
2. SERVICE NO./SSAN 18209		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) May 19, 1917		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) May 27, 1919		15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
6. STATE Wisconsin		7. DECORATIONS		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Mrs. Manette Christiansen		RELATIONSHIP Daughter	
8. GRADE OR RANK Sergeant		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION United States Army		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City, State and ZIP Code) Mrs. Manette Christiansen 125 So. Lancaster Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) August 20, 1890		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) June 2, 1972		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>F.J. Borgwardt</i>		DATE July 5, 1972	
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ LATIN CROSS (Christian) ☐ STAR OF DAVID (Jewish) ☐ NO EMBLEM		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☒ FLAT BRONZE MARKER		16. FREIGHT STATION William G. Borgwardt Vice Pres. Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210			
DO NOT WRITE HERE				17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER Holy Cross Cemetery			
FOR VERIFICATION 26 JUL 1972		ORDERED 25 AUG 1972		ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City, State and ZIP Code) 7132 W Lisbon Ave. Milw., Wis.			
B/L 7298		CONTRACTOR Sheldow Bronze Corp.		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE <i>L.E. Farrell</i> Per A.			
SGT U.S. ARMY WW I				2116 of 4470			

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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

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Life:

CAUTION: There are several men named Anthony DeVroy in Wisconsin. Some of these newspaper citations may NOT be the right man.

MYSTIC WORKERS INSTALL

**New Officers Seated Last Night at the
Empire Hall.**

Last evening at a regular meeting of the Mystic Workers, the newly elected officers were installed. The installing officer was Fred Hurlbut. Following the installation the members present indulged in dancing until a late hour. Music was furnished by the Cohler's orchestra. At the close of the season an oyster supper was served.

The following are the officers installed: Prefect, Mrs. George Russell; monitor, Anthony Devroy; banker, George Russell; marshal, Mrs. John Devroy; warder, Peter Moes; sentry, John Rohr; supervisors, T. J. Denessen, John Devroy, and Henry Maes; musician Florence Denessen and supreme conductor Miss Fern Russell.

Fred Hulbert, the retiring prefect, was presented a beautiful mahogany upholstered rocking chair by the members of the lodge after holding that office for the past ten years. Mrs. Hulbert was given a beautiful bunch of American beauties.

A large number from Kaukauna, De Pere were present at the installation.

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DEBATE ON COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Students of West High School Take
This for Subject of Debate This Af-
ternoon.

A most interesting question has been taken as the subject for a debate which the senior class in civics are holding this afternoon, at the West high school. Resolved "That the Commission Form of Government Should Be Adopted in Green Bay," is the subject which has been chosen.

The affirmative will be taken by the Misses Florence Hauptert, Elsie Fisk and Anthony DeVroy, and the negative will be defended by Joseph Crevcoire and the Misses Susan Shea and Florence Burke. Miss Hollman will act as critic during the debate.

MYSTIC WORKERS ELECT A. W. MART AS PREFECT

Lodge Holds Annual Meeting and
Names Anthony Devroy as the Sec-
retary for Next Year.

The Mystic Workers of the World elected officers as follows for 1913 during a meeting held last night: Prefect, A. W. Mart; monitor, Mrs. Ann Russell; secretary, Anthony Devroy; banker, George E. Russell; marshal, Mrs. Nettie Deneyes; warden, Peter C. Moes; sentinel, George P. Griffith; trustees, John Devroy, Theodore Denessen and William Krenser; physicians, Drs. W. H. Bartran and A. O. Olmsted; musical director, Miss Florence Denessen.

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FAIR AUDIENCE AT HOME TALENT PLAY

**"The National Troubadours"
Presented at Cook's Opera
House Last Night.**

**Only Fair Sized Audience Greeted the
Players, Which Was Partly Due, It
Is Thought, to the Intense Heat.**

A fair sized audience witnessed the first performance of the musical entertainment "The National Troubadours," given last evening at Cook's Opera house, under the auspices of the Woman's club. The following program consisted of the following characters and choruses: Professor Zoring, and aviator, John Haanen; Dolly Dimples, an aviatrix, Miss Camilla Marcott; George Washington, professor's colored valet, Anthony Devroy; Butterfly chorus by 50 little girls; Fairy Queen, Lucile Clark; gnomes, five juveniles; gnomes maids, three little girls; fairies, fifty little girls; Mexican Troubadours by Ora Collette and chorus; Deutschland, by Ruben Leininger and Della Haanen; Spanish Troubadours by Marcella Reinhart and chorus; Italian Troubadours, Mrs. P.P. Heyrman, chorus automobile chorus, Angeline Vinnix, chorus; "The Dude," character sketch, Stella Smits; Troubadour drill, Spanish, Mexican and Italian choruses, 20th Mexican and Italian choruses, 20th Century chorus; soloists, Miss Eleanor Halline and P. Shea; Indian

Troubadours, George Porlier and chorus; American Troubadours, Miss Camilla Marcott and John Haanen.

The singing and dancing were very pretty and the costumes were excellent. The second performance will be given this evening and a full house is expected.

Four States Send Students.

Students from four states are taking the forest rangers' course given co-operatively by the state board of forestry and the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin.

All of the men enrolled in the course expect to engage in some practical line of forestry, timber or nursery work.

A. M. Cook, for several years the supervisor of one of the western national forests, is in charge of the school.

The students enrolled are: Herman Bauman, Milwaukee; C. D. Cullen, Wauzeka; L. D. Crusoe, Ray McDermott, Rhinelander; A. J. DeVroy, Green Bay; Gerhard Kempff, Bonduel; George Kemp, Fond du Lac; F. R. Meacham, Downing; H. C. Olson, Wau-paca; H. F. Percy, Fond du Lac; J. E. Pensiton, Kansas City, Mo.; F. P. Sherburne, Fremont; A. J. Youngblutt, Middleton; Robert Forker, Vinemont, Ala.; L. P. Brown, Chicago; D. H. Chandler, Frank Hausman, Carl F. Burnham, M. L. Bourcier, W. E. Curtin, Madison; F. M. Fowler, Milwaukee; Earle Grow, Percy F. Weaver, Woodruff; Paul A. Smith, Paul Lawrence, Rhinelander, and John A. Iverson, Sturgeon Bay.

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Triangle Change of Positions.

Hillary Leroux has taken a position with the Wisconsin Telephone company. Anthony Devroy has quit at the Knoeller Electric company and assumed Mr. Leroux's place at Fleck's, while Herbert Schumerth has gone to work at the Knoeller Electric company.

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Anthony Devroy left yesterday for Fond du Lac, where he will be employed by the Wisconsin Telephone company.

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REPORTS ARE IN CONFLICT AS TO THE MILITARY UNITS CARRIED ON BLASTED SHIP

Men with Sanitary Corps May Be Lost; Batteries on Their Way East, Having Left Waco Yesterday Morning and Members of Ambulance Corps Are Supposed to Have Embarked This Morning, As They Were Not on the Transport.

So conflicting were the reports in regard to the identity of the military units aboard the *Tuscania* up to noon today that it can not be said with any degree of certainty that any of the Racine boys were on the torpedoed transport. Not until the names of the missing come in can there be any certainty as to the fate of the Racine boys. From morning dispatches, however, there seems to be no doubt but that the 107th Engineers' train regiment was aboard and that the 107th Engineers' regiment to which is attached the two signal corps battalions from Wisconsin and Michigan was not aboard that transport.

Maj. William Mitchell Lewis is in command of the First Michigan and the First Wisconsin battalions of the signal corps which are attached to the 107th Engineers' regiment. With him are

several Racine boys, including Lieut. B. F. Crandall, Sidney Coster, Maj. Lewis' orderly Bert Rammelt and Harry Stueber.

Lieut. W. P. Salbreiter, who is in charge of a sanitary corps, is believed to have been on the ocean at the time of the disaster and may have been aboard the ill-fated boat. Anthony DeVroy, another Racine young man, was attached to Lieut. Salbreiter's corps and may have been on the transport.

The Racine batteries of artillery are now on their way east, according to the latest information, having left Waco yesterday morning. The Racine Ambulance company is not to be connected with the sinking of the transport as they are still in the east, the report being to the effect that they were supposed to have embarked this morning.

Conflicting Reports.

One of the early telegraph reports from Washington this forenoon stated that the 107th Engineers' regiment was aboard the transport and that that unit was composed of the First Michigan battalion signal corps, the First Wisconsin battalion signal corps and men from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wisconsin infantry regiments. A later dispatch says that the 107th Engineers' regiment was not aboard the transport but that it was the 107th Engineers' train, a distinct separate unit.

Taking the two dispatches into account it would appear that the signal corp battalions are not included in the units aboard the transport.

What makes it possible that Lieut. Salbreiter and Anthony DeVroy are

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ed list of survivors was coming into the war department early today, but officials declined to give out the names already received. The official list was expected today as soon as it is decoded.

The troops aboard the Tuscania were mainly from Michigan and Wisconsin national guardsmen now attached to the thirty-second division trained at Camp MacArthur, Texas. Several aero squadrons and several companies of the twentieth engineers, a forestry regiment, were aboard.

At first there was some confusion at the war department as to whether the 20th engineers or the 107th engineers were aboard the Tuscania.

It finally was established that the 107th engineer regiment was not on board.

(This is a separate organization from the 107th engineer train which was on board.)

A headquarters company and companies D, E and F of the 20th engineers were on board. These units comprise the sixth battalion of the 20th which is a forestry regiment, not attached to the 32d division. It is one of the forestry regiments specially organized for work in France.

107th engineer train.

107th military police.

107th supply train.

No. 100 aero squadron.

158th aero squadron.

213th aero squadron.

Replacement detachments Nos. 1 and 2 of the 32d division.

Fifty-one casual officers.

REVISED FIGURES BOOST LONDON REPORT; GREEN BAY MEN ABOARD TORPEDOED LINER

THREE SOLDIERS FROM THIS CITY ON SUNKEN SHIP

A. J. Devroy, Frank Demaulin, and Michael McGinn
Were on Board.

STILL UNCERTAIN REGARDING OTHERS

Reports Received Thus Far
Are Conflicting; Expect
Details Soon.

List of Wisconsin soldiers
aboard submarined liner Tuscania
is printed on page 7.

Definite information that Harry O'Neil was not on the steamer Tuscania, reached here this afternoon. Mrs. M. E. O'Neil, his mother, received a reply to her telegram, sent yesterday, to the war department, Washington, and the reply was as follows:

"Mrs. M. E. O'Neil, Green Bay. Your son, Harry O'Neil, was not on steamer Tuscania."

As Paul LeClair was in the same company with Harry O'Neil, it is certain also he was not on the ill-fated ship.

Three Green Bay men were on the steamer Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine according to reports issued at Washington. They are Anthony J. Devroy, private, Sanitary Squad, 2, 32nd Division, Frank Demaulin, private 107th, engineering train, Michael McGinn, corporal, headquarters company 107th supply train. Thaddeus Black of Pulaski was also on the sunken steamer according to the report.

These names were included in the list of soldiers on board the Tuscania given out by the war department, as far as completed. Additional names may be issued later.

The cloud of uncertainty as to the identity of the men aboard the sunken Tuscania has enveloped several homes in Green Bay and will not be lifted until the complete list of survivors is announced in Washington.

Ambrose Cody, nephew of R. D. Cody, who was formerly a Green Bay boy Paul E. Le Clair son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Le Clair and Harry E. O'Neil son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. O'Neil are members of Company B, First Battalion, 107th Engineer Regiment and may have been on board the torpedoed ship. The question of whether or not their particular detachment sailed on the Tuscania is undecided owing to conflicting reports received yesterday from London.

Sergeant Abe Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cohen, is a member of Company A, 107th Supply Train, which has been reported as one of the units that started out on the Tuscania.

article continues

Anthony Devroy is a former Green Bay boy but has made his home in Racine for some years. He has a brother, Reuben Devroy who is in one of the other army units. Both are members of the local Knights of Columbus.

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Fri, Feb 08, 1918 - Page 1 Racine WI

Racine and Kenosha Men on Board the Blasted Tuscania

Nine Racine men are listed by the war department as having been aboard the Tuscania when she was torpedoed by a German submarine. The name of one Burlington man is also given. Thirty Kenosha men were aboard the boat as well, according to the latest information today. The list of Racine and Racine county men follows:

First Sanitation Squad.

Dr. W. P. Salbreiter, first lieutenant.

James P. Hawley, M. D., sergeant, employed by the Kradwell Drug company for several years and latest home address, 1420 College avenue. Listed as coming from Neenah, Wis.

Joseph H. Rice, mechanic, listed from Downer's Grove, Ill; chauffeur for William Horlick, jr., past three years.

Hiram James, M. D., private, 1243 Grand avenue.

Second Sanitation Squad.

Anthony J. Devroy, 2203 Sixteenth street, formerly of Green Bay.

Headquarters Supply Train.

Eugene C. Hart, son of William C. Hart, 720 College avenue.

F. H. Tanking, Burlington, cook.

107th Engineers' Supply.

William F. Mickelson, 1508 Flett avenue, and son of Adam Mickelson.
Charles Illingsworth, corporal, 2228 Sixteenth street.

Charles E. Knutson, corporal, local address unknown.

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SOLDIER OF BAY IS SURVIVOR OF LINER TUSCANIA

Anthony J. Devroy Is Listed
Among Those Saved From
Wrecked Boat.

The United Press Association called the Press-Gazette at 3:15 this afternoon by long distance telephone from St. Paul with the information that Anthony J. Devroy, 415 N. Ashland Ave., Green Bay, had been officially reported as among the survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania. Almost at the same moment, Devroy's mother, Mrs. J. Devroy, received a confirmation of this news and so advised The Press-Gazette. Devroy was a private in Sanitary Squad 2, 32d Division.

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SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Following is a list of Wisconsin and Michigan survivors of the troop ship Tuscania, received by the war department and given out as soon as confirmed. All the names of those rescued have not as yet been reported. Further names will be made public as soon as they are received.

The list is as follows:

F. I. DAVIS, New London.
 G. E. DOMAN, New London.
 J. E. DEGAN, Reeseville.
 M. J. DEBOER, Galesville.
 G. D. Danley, Iola.
A. J. DEVROY, GREEN BAY.
 C. P. DIGGLES, Hancock.

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Anthony J. Devroy has been landed safely according to a dispatch from Washington received Saturday by his mother, Mrs. J. Devroy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eimer Wachtel and son Robert of Two Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben J. Devroy and children, Renee and Robert of Racine and Anthony J. Devroy of Milwaukee held a family reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Devroy, 415 North Ashland avenue, over the holidays. Miss Marie Hilgers of Mil-

waukee was also a guest. With the exception of Mrs. Rueben Devroy and children, the visitors have returned to their respective homes.

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Anthony & Marie are not yet married at Christmastime 1922 – they marry in Jun 1923

Tuscania Heroes Honor Their Dead

**Racineans Among Survivors When
Ship Was Torpedoed At-
tend Meeting.**

Poignant memories of one of the trying World war experiences through which the city passed 10 years ago, were brought to the fore yesterday when the survivors of the Tuscania disaster assembled in Milwaukee on the anniversary of the sinking to pay tribute to the memory of their comrades and to once again exchange tales of their experiences.

On Feb. 5, 1918 the big British troop transport was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland. She carried 2,939 troops and officers of the American expeditionary forces.

Excitement ran high in Racine when word came of the sinking of the ship in as much as 10 men enlisted from this city were reported as being on board. For days the tension remained unrelieved until on Feb. 11 all the local men were reported safe with the exception of Sergeant James P. Hawley, who came to this city from Neenah. Approximately 200 lives were lost in the disaster, Hawley among them.

The Racine men who were rescued include: Dr. W. P. Salbreiter, Joseph H. Rice, Hiram James, Anthony J. Devroy, William F. Mickelson, Charles Illingworth, Charles E. Knutson, Eugene C. Hart and F. H. Tanking of Burlington.

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Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wachtel were Anthony DeVroy and daughter Minette of Milwaukee and Mrs. Anna DeVroy of Green Bay.

Wife/ex-wife Marie is not in the group -

Two Rivers Reporter
Mon, Apr 27, 1936 · Page 4

Two Rivers WI

Racine Soldier Lost His Life

Many of those on board the Tuscania when it was torpedoed and sunk were from Wisconsin including 10 Racine men, one who lost his life, and 30 from Kenosha.

State and national survivors' clubs were set up, and Saturday the members will get together at two places in Wisconsin — Milwaukee and Eau Claire.

On Feb 8, 1918 the Journal-News reported the following Racine area men aboard the troop transport with the 1st and 2d sanitation squads and the 107th engineers of the 32d Division.

Dr. W. P. Salbreiter, 1st Lt. James P. Hawley, whose body was found nearly a week after the disaster.

Joseph H. Rice, F. H. Tanking of Burlington, William F. Mickelson, Hiram James, Anthony DeVroy, Eugene C. Hart, Charles Illingworth and Charles E. Knutson.

Illingworth now lives at 1132 Orchard St. He said he lost track of the others.

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Thu, Feb 06, 1958 · Page 4

Racine WI

Tuscania Survivors Re-Union Recalls Plight of Racine Men

Two of Racine's eight survivors of the Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk Feb. 5, 1918, while carrying American troops during the first World war, still are residents of Racine. They are William F. Mickelsen, 1508 Flett avenue, an architect, and Charles W. Illingworth, 724 Munroe avenue, instructor at the vocational school and past commander of Post 1391, VFW.

When first reports of the sinking of the Tuscania off the coast of Ireland were received here, it was feared the two Racine batteries, C and F, and the ambulance corps, units of the Wisconsin and Michigan Thirty-second division, were aboard.

One Racine Man Lost.

tertaind civic and other gatherings with accounts of his adventures on the Tuscania. Dr. Salbreiter died several years ago.

Other Survivors.

Other Racine men in the first sanitation squadron were Joseph H. Rice, who had been a driver for William Horlick Jr., for three years, and Hiram James, then living at 1243 Grand avenue. Men with the second sanitation squadron were Anthony J. Devroy, 2203 Sixteenth street; Eugene C. Hart, 720 College avenue, and F. H. Tanking of Burlington. Those with the 107th engineers were Messrs. Mickelsen and Illingworth and Charles F. Knutson.

Messrs. Mickelsen and Illingworth were out of town today, and it was not possible to learn if they

It was not until Feb. 11 that word was received from Capt. William Mitchell Lewis that the Racine units were not aboard and a list of those on the vessel was published. One Racine man, Sergt. James P. Hawley, 1420 College avenue, a druggist employed for several years by the Kradwell-Thiesen Drug company, lost his life. He was buried in Scotland.

Other Racine men on the craft were members of the first sanitation squadron, second sanitation squadron, and 107th engineers supply battalion. Dr. W. P. Salbreiter was a first lieutenant with the first sanitation squadron and on completion of his service and his return to practice here, he often en-

are attending the twenty-fourth annual reunion of the Tuscania Survivors association being held today and Sunday at Wisconsin Rapids. Mrs. Mickelsen said it is possible that her husband, who was in Milwaukee on business, may go there Sunday, as he has attended many of the reunions.

30 Kenosha Men Aboard.

The Tuscania was smashed by a torpedo within sight of the Irish coast, with a loss of 269 men. A 14,000-ton British vessel under British convoy, the Tuscania was the first transport lost in the movement of nearly 2,000,000 American soldiers, sailors and marines to Europe. Thirty Kenosha men survived the sinking.

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Wife Marie Pauline Hilger



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Births, 1839-1911



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Name	Maria Paulina Hilger
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	3 Aug 1904
Birth Place	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Father	William F. Hilger
Mother	Katie Lauer
Certificate Number	6344

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CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

No. 6344

1. Full name of child Maria Catharina Hilger

2. Color (a) white

3. Sex female

4. Name of other issue living (born of same parents) —

5. Full name of father Wilhelm F. Hilger

6. Occupation of father Ch. G. M. Co.

7. Full name of mother previous to marriage Katia Lauer

8. Hour, day of week, of month and year of birth 6:30 A.M. Wednesday Aug 3rd 1904

9. The place (city, town or township and county) in which born 1st Wilt St. MILWAUKEE, Wis.

10. Birthplace of father Menomonee Falls

11. Birthplace of mother Wis.

12. Any other important information

W. F. Hilger Ch. G. M. Co.
of Father, Mother of child, same residence.

Residence 1st Wilt St.

State of Wisconsin, }
County of Milwaukee, } ss.

I, Mayor, County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the said birth and of the other facts there recorded.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County, this F. M. SCHULZ,
Day of SEP 13 1904 1904 at MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin.

Residence MILWAUKEE

Notes.—(a) State the color so distinctly that the race also may be understood, as White, Black, Mulatto, Indian, Mixed White and Indian, etc. (b) If city, insert street and number. (c) Strike out the words not representing the sex signifying the return. Make any important facts in making the return—an illegitimate birth, or still birth should be so specified.

SEP 13 1904

Recorded O. H. Plow Registrar

birthdate of 3 Aug 1904 –

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/103586892/person/202192953552/facts>

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

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Name	Marie Tillman
Social Security Number	387-07-4259
Birth Date	3 Aug 1904
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	60056, Mount Prospect, Cook, Illinois, USA
Last Benefit	60056, Mount Prospect, Cook, Illinois, USA
Death Date	Mar 1979

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/103586892/person/202192953552/facts>

Mary Tillman

in the Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988



Detail

Source

Name	Mary Tillman
Death Date	15 Jul 1978
Death Place	Cook, Illinois, USA
File Number	615852

Death date does not agree with record above -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1501/records/3050573?tid=103586892&pid=202192953552&queryId=35bec91f-c7fa-4a40-b393-8d64dcef8b1a&phsrc=cPx41803&phstart=successSource>

Anthony J Devroy

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Anthony J Devroy
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	19 Jun 1923
Marriage County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Marie P Hilger

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/1067769?tid=114527287&pid=310150935855&queryId=e48b644e-eb4f-4cf5-b5c4-57f83bf2431c&_phsrc=cPx41765&_phstart=successSource

Engaged



MISS MARIE HILGER.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hilger of Milwaukee announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to Anthony J. DeVroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy, 415 North Ashland avenue, Green Bay.

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Frank J Tillman

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Frank J Tillman
Death Date	7 Jun 1947
Death County	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/3562111?tid=103586892&pid=20219295553&queryId=8fc71b37-64f8-49d0-94db-ba745080a02f&_phsrc=cPx41794&_phstart=successSource

Frank J Tillman

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



Detail Source

Name	Frank J Tillman
Birth Date	24 May 1882
Birth Place	Kaukauna, Wisconsin
Death Date	7 Jun 1947
Claim Date	13 Jun 1947
SSN	388019287
Notes	02 Sep 1977: Name Listed As Frank J Tillman

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<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60901/records/5330327>

F. J. Tillman and family of Milwaukee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tillman, R. R. 1, Appleton.

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Daughter



Daughter Manette DeVroy Christiansen(1925-2013) – Find A Grave 84203340



**Manette Marie (DeVroy)
Christiansen**

1924 - 2020

Manette Marie Christiansen

November 21, 1924-August 30, 2020

Manette Marie Christiansen, 95, passed away at home in [Liberty, Utah](#), August 30, 2020. She was born in [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#) to Anthony DeVroy and Marie Hilger November 21, 1924. She married William R Christiansen November 27, 1943 in St. Bernard's Church in [Wauwatosa, Wisconsin](#). They were married for 67 years.

Manette and William made their first home in [Fort Worth, Texas](#) while William was serving in the US Navy. He was then transferred to [Jacksonville, FL](#) where William Jr. was born. They moved back to [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#) where daughter Ann and son John were born. They also resided in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and then Mt. Prospect, Illinois, where she was a housewife and part time realtor. After retirement, they moved to [Pleasant View, Utah](#) to be near family.

She was a member of St. James Catholic Church. Her interests were family, reading, book club, Mahjong ladies group, writing letters, especially to her pen pal Catherine Christiansen, volunteering at St. James Parish, Our Lady of the Mountain Retreat House, St. Benedict's (Ogden Regional) and the YCC.

She is survived by her dog Abby, sons, William (Jayne) of [Liberty, Utah](#) and John (Mary) of Elko-New Market, Minnesota. Seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband William and daughter Ann.

A mass will be said in her memory at St James Catholic Church.

No funeral service is scheduled at this time. Inurnment will be at Evergreen Memorial Park in [Ogden, Utah](#) under the direction of Myers Ogden Mortuary.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/manette-christiansen-obituary?id=1605614>

The former Miss Manette De Vroy, daughter of Mrs. F. J. Tillman of Milwaukee, recently became the bride of Mr. William R. Christiansen of Fort Worth in Milwaukee.

A wedding dinner and reception was held after the ceremony at White Manor Inn for members of the immediate family and close friends.

The bride is a graduate of Holy Angel's Academy and Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Christiansen of Milwaukee. The couple are living at 4124 Lovell.

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Manette's marriage notice does not mention her father

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Father

JOHN DEVROY DIES AT HOME ON THURSDAY

John Devroy, 69, lifelong resident of Green Bay, died last evening at his home, 413 N. Ashland-ave. He had been an invalid for nine years, and prior to that time had been employed for many years at the Larsen Canning company.

Survivors are his widow, three children, A. J., Milwaukee, R. J., Racine, and Mrs. Elmer Wachtel, Two Rivers, also one brother, Peter, Suamico, and three sisters, Mrs. Jerry Tahlier, Green Bay, Mrs. George Harris, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Victor Jenquine, New Franken. There are 10 grandchildren. Mr. Devroy was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 a. m. at St. Patrick's church. Burial will be in Fort Howard cemetery. The body will remain at the Schauer and Schumacher chapel.

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DIED AT A RIPE OLD AGE.

Anton Devroy Expired at the Home of His Son.

Anton Devroy, aged 81 years, died at the home of son, John Devroy, on North Ashland avenue at 7:30 p. m. yesterday. Mr. Devroy was a well known resident of the city, having resided here for a long time.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. A. Saddler, Mrs. M. R. Munhurd and Mrs. George Harris of Marquette, Mich., Mrs. D. Tallier, Mrs. V. Jenquine and August, Peter and John Devroy all of Green Bay.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

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Mother

De Vroy

Mrs. Anna De Vroy, 84, a prominent resident of Green Bay prior to her coming to Two Rivers in 1940, died Monday afternoon at the Fair Hill Nursing Home at Maribel where she had been a patient for more than two years.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Willobrod Catholic Church in Green Bay. The Schauer and Schumacher Funeral Home at Green Bay is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. De Vroy, nee Anna Van Donsel, was born in Green Bay in 1871, a daughter of the late John and Mary Kuypers Van Donsel. She was married to John De Vroy at Green Bay in 1889. He preceded her in death there nearly 12 years ago.

For many years Mrs. De Vroy was active in affairs of the Fidelity Life Insurance Association, the Royal Neighbors of America and St. Ann Altar Society of St. Patrick Catholic Church at Green Bay.

Mrs. De Vroy leaves a daughter, Mrs. Elmer Wachtel of Two Rivers and two sons; Anthony J. De Vroy of Wauwatosa and Reuben J. De Vroy of Kenosha. There are 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Two Rivers WI

JOHN M. VAN DONSEL, BAY SETTLEMENT, DIES

John M. Van Donsel, 64, well-known Bay Settlement farmer, died last evening at the home of his son Henry, 717 N. Van Buren-st., after a lingering illness. He was born in Green Bay in 1867 and farmed in Bay Settlement until four years ago when he retired and moved to Green Bay.

Ten children survive Mr. Van Donsel, and all live in Green Bay. They are: Martin, Henry, Albert, Mrs. G. J. De Bauche, Lawrence, Mrs. T. Bracker, Clara, Joseph, Arthur and Frank. He also leaves two brothers, Martin, of Gladstone, Mich., and Joseph, of Green Bay, and two sisters, Mrs. John Devroy and Mrs. F. Janquart, both of Green Bay. There are 11 grandchildren.

The body is at the residence of Henry Van Donsel. Funeral services will be held Friday at 9 a. m. at SS. Peter and Paul's church and burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery, Bay Settlement.

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Death of Anna's brother John M. Van Donsel on 10 May 1932 – Anna's husband John DeVroy died two days later (12 May 1932) – Green Bay WI

DIED IN THE TOWN OF PREBLE.

John Van Donsil Expired at the Age of 76 Years—Funeral Monday.

John Van Donsil, an old resident of the town of Preble, died from cancer at his home at that place Thursday evening. Mr. Van Donsil, who was 76 years of age, leaves a family of six children, Mrs. Gertrude Van Derkin, Mrs. John Devroy, Mrs. Bertie Janquart and John, Joseph and Martin Van Donsil, all of whom reside in Green Bay.

The funeral will be held at Bay Settlement at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

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ASSU 0229	
1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	<i>Emma M. H. Drusel</i>
2. COLOR	
3. SEX	
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	<i>John Van Drusel</i>
6. OCCUPATION OF FATHER	
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<i>Maria Kuepers</i>
8. DATE OF BIRTH	<i>Feb 9th 1869</i>
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	
10. NAME OF ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	<i>H. H. H. H.</i>
11. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	
12. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	
13. DATE OF REGISTRATION	<i>July 7th 1874</i>
14. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

Born 9 Feb 1869

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Siblings:

Reuben DeVroy

Reuben J. DeVroy, 79, 713 57th St., died at his home this morning following a long illness.

He was born in Green Bay, Wis., on Dec. 18, 1894, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy, and attended school there. He was a graduate of Green Bay West High School, and moved to Racine in 1917 and to Kenosha to make his home in 1942.

Mr. DeVroy enlisted in the army in Racine on April 19, 1917, and served in the Alsace sector and Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne and Meuse-Argonne campaigns. He received his discharge on May 27, 1919, at Camp Custer, Mich.

On May 12, 1920, at St. Patrick church, Racine he married Ethel Devine. Mr. DeVroy was a traveling inspector for the U.S. Post Office for 30 years prior to his retirement on Jan. 1, 1965. He was a member of St. James Church, American Legion Post 21, 40 et 8 Volture 410, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the 32nd Division club of Racine.

VISION CLUB OF RACINE.

Survivors besides his wife are two sons, Robert J., Dover, Del., and John T., Racine; three daughters, Mrs. Charles C. (Renee) Kreuser and Mrs. John N. (Kathleen) Houtsinger, both of Kenosha, and Mrs. Harry N. (Rosemary) Farnsworth, Pearl City, Hawaii; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandson, and a sister, Mrs. Viola Wachtel, Two Rivers, Wis. He was preceded in death by a brother, Anthony.

Brother Reuben Joseph DeVroy (1894-1973)

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Joseph R Devroy

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



Detail	Source
Name	Joseph R Devroy
Birth Date	18 Dec 1894
Birth Place	Brown, Wisconsin, USA
Reel	0015
Record Number	002956

Born Joseph R. Devroy -

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4750/records/179983?tid=114527287&pid=310150936306&queryId=93a802a6-a09a-4c6f-8e64-8952d2ae63cf&_phsrc=cPx41759&_phstart=successSource

The marriage of Miss Ethel Devine of Racine, Wis., to Reuben DeVroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy of this city, took place yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's church at Racine in the presence of a small gathering of relatives and friends. The church choir sang the nuptial mass and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. William F. McCarthy. The attendants were Miss Lillian Devine, sister of the bride, and Miss Mayme Kemen, John Fredericks and Anthony J. DeVroy, brother of the groom. The bride wore a gown of white georgette over white satin, a long tulle veil fashioned with cap and caught with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of roses, sweetpeas and forget-me-nots. Miss Devine wore pink organdie with hat to match and Miss Kemen pale blue organdie and hat to match. Both carried Ophelia roses and sweetpeas. Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's mother. After a trip through the northern part of the state, Mr. and Mrs. DeVroy will make their home in Racine where Mr. DeVroy is employed by the Webster Electric company. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy of this city, Mrs. Elmer Eachtel of Two Rivers, Miss Mayme Devine of Fredona, the Rev. Father Salbreiter of Mukwanago, the Rev. David Regan of Cascade.

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DeVine—DeVroy.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Florence DeVine and Reuben J. DeVroy was performed in St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock this morning by the Rev. William F. McCarthy. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary DeVine, 1608 North St. Clair street, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy, of Green Bay, Wis.

The bride's gown was of beaded Georgette draped over white satin and she carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. Her tulle veil was shirred into soft folds beneath an orange blossom crown. Her two bridesmaids, Lillian DeVine, her sister, and Marjorie Kemen, were similarly gowned and hatted in organdie frocks, picture hats and carried bouquets of Ophelia roses and sweet peas. Miss DeVine's gown was pale pink and Miss Kemen's was of baby blue. John L. Frederick was the best man, and the groom's brother, Anthony J. DeVroy was the other attendant.

A reception followed the performing of the marriage ceremony at the home of the bride's mother and a wedding dinner was served to 25 guests at noon. After a northern trip, Mr. and Mrs. DeVroy will be at home in Racine. Mr. DeVroy is a machinist in the employ of the Webster Electric company.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy, Green Bay; Mrs. Elmer Wachtel, Two Rivers, Wis.; Miss Mayme DeVine, Fredonia, Wis.; Miss Martha DeVine, Sheboygan Falls; the Rev. B. Salbreiter, Mukwonago, and the Rev. David H. Regan, Cascade, Wis.

Mrs. Viola Wachtel

Mrs. Viola Wachtel, 91, resident of St. Mary's Home, Manitowoc, died early Saturday morning at Holy Family Medical Center, Manitowoc. She was the daughter of the late John and Johanna Vandonsel DeVroy of Preble.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law; two daughters and sons-in-law; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, in 1952; a son Robert and two grandsons.

Friends may call at St. Luke Church, Two Rivers after 4 p.m. Tuesday until time of services. Funeral service will be 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the church with the Rev. Greg Smith officiating. Burial Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers. Deja & Martin Funeral Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

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Sister Viola Henrietta DeVroy Wachtel (1897-1988) – Green Bay WI

0141

1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	Viola Devroy
2. COLOR	white
3. SEX	female
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	J. Devroy
6. OCCUPATION	
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	A. Vandemiel
8. DATE OF BIRTH	Oct 26, 1897
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	
10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	
11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	
12. NAME OF ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	P.A. Vandemiel
13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	ES 13.
14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	
15. DATE OF REGISTRATION	Dec 27, 1899
16. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

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this WI birth record lists birth on 26 Oct 1897 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61482/records/155051182>

Viola H Devroy

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



Detail

Source

Name	Viola H Devroy
Birth Date	24 Oct 1897
Birth Place	Brown, Wisconsin, USA
Reel	0017
Record Number	001301

This WI birth record list birth on 24 Oct 1897 -

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4750/records/179988?tid=114527287&pid=310150936478&queryId=b6e7f2f1-b925-4717-9ebc-4bc7f050848d&_phsrc=cPx41762&_phstart=successSource

Viola Wachtel

Mrs. Viola Wachtel, 91, a resident of St. Mary's Home, Manitowoc, died early Saturday morning, November 19, 1988, at Holy Family Medical Center, Manitowoc.

Funeral services will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke Catholic Church, Two Rivers. Rev. Greg Smith will officiate and burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers.

Mrs. Wachtel was born October 24, 1897, at Preble, Wisconsin, daughter of the late John and Johanna VanDonsel DeVroy. She attended parochial school in Green Bay and Green Bay West High School. For a number of years Mrs. Wachtel was employed at Hamilton Industries as a Clerical Clerk. She married Elmer Wachtel and he preceded her in death in 1952. She was a member of Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, Business and Professional Women and the Catholic Womens Study Club.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Bernadine of Two Rivers and John and Joyce of Milton, Florida; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Leo Vieau of Two Rivers and Mary and George Zebrauskas of Glen Burine, Maryland; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert and two grandsons.

Friends may call at St. Luke Catholic Church, Two Rivers, after 4 p.m. Tuesday and until the hour of service at 6:30 p.m. There will be no visitation at DeJa and Martin Funeral Home, Two Rivers.

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Manitowoc WI

Announcement Made—Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroey announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Viola Henrietta, to Elmer M. Wachtel of Two Rivers, Wis.

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Wachtel-DeVroy Wedding — The marriage of Miss Viola DeVroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeVroy, to Elmer Wachtel of Two Rivers, Wis., will take place tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in St. Patrick's church.

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Green Bay WI

A PRETTY wedding took place this morning at 8 o'clock in the St. Patrick's church when Miss Viola DeVroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. DeVroy, became the bride of Elmer Wachtel of Two Rivers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. T. O'Leary. The bride was attended by Miss Mildred Pech as maid of honor and Miss Cecelia Wachtel as bridesmaid. Reuben DeVroy and Anthony DeVroy attended the groom. The bride wore a gown of white georgette crepe and a veil. She carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and sweetpeas. The maid of honor wore a gown of pale lavender organdie and hat to match and carried an arm bouquet of tea roses. The bridesmaid wore yellow organdie and hat to match and carried pink roses. Mrs. John Whitney played the wedding march. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, 415 North Ashland avenue. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wachtel of Two Rivers, father and mother of the groom, Joseph Cabot of Manitowoc, the groom's grandfather, C. E. Groves of Madison and Miss Cecelia Wachtel of Two Rivers. After a wedding trip to Chicago, Racine and Milwaukee Mr. and Mrs. Wachtel will be at home at 1616 Twenty-Second street, Two Rivers.

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Green Bay WI

WED AT GREEN BAY
 The wedding of Miss Viola De Vroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. De Vroy of Green Bay to Elmer Wachtel of Two Rivers, took place Thursday morning in St. Patrick's church, Green Bay.
 C. E. Groves, 219 East Mifflin street, grandfather of the bride, was present. The bride has visited here several times with her grandfather and various other relatives and friends. The Rev. J. T. O'Leary performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Mildred Pech as maid of honor and Miss Cecelia Wachtel as bridesmaid. Reuben De Vroy and Anthony De Vroy, brothers of the bride, attended the groom. The bride wore a gown of white georgette crepe and a veil, and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and sweet peas. The maid of honor wore pale lavender organdie and carried an arm bouquet of tea roses, while the bridesmaid wore yellow organdie and hat to match and carried pink roses. Mrs. John Whitney played the wedding march. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left on a wedding trip to Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago and Two Rivers. They will reside in the latter place.

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Madison WI

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Anthony John DeVroy

Name variations: Anthony John De Vroy, Anton J. DeVroy

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Sanitary #2 - private

Serial number: 18,209

Entered service from: Green Bay, Brown WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Anthony J. De Vroy

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father John De Vroy, 415 N. Ashland Ave., Green Bay WI

Returned from war on: "Louisiana" May 1919 [Fold3.com misspells "Louisiana" as "Lousiana" so it is necessary to spell it incorrectly when searching online in order to find the ship]

Sailed on return ship as: Anthony J. Devroy

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Jane Devroy, 415 N. Ashland Ave., Green Bay WI (sgt, San. Sq. 8) [note: Fold3 misspells Louisiana as Lousiana]

World War I draft registration (1917): as Anthony John De Vroy - b. 20 Aug 1890 Green Bay WI; res: 1520 (?) Owen Ave., Racine WI. Single. Inspector, Webster Electric Co., Racine WI. Medium height, slender build. Military experience: private, ambulance, National Guard. WWI draft found at: <https://www.fold3.com/file/564365091>

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1939 NTSA: 2527 W. Veliet [Vliet] St., Milwaukee WI - 1955 WI Survivors: 7353 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Anthony John De Vroy - b. 20 Aug 1890 Green Bay, Brown WI; res: 7353 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, Milwaukee WI. NOK Dr. W.F. Hilger of the same address. Employed by Gilbert Haasch, 2523 W. Vleit St., Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Signed as DeVroy; entered as De Vroy. Height: 5'7 ½" – weight: 170 lbs. "question about mold [sic/mole?] on back of neck." Registered 27 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Anthony John Devroy

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 27 May 1919

Address: 432 – 26th St., Milwaukee WI

Rank/unit: sergeant, 2nd Co., 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Aug 1890 Green Bay, Brown WI (or 1891) (WI Births: Anton J. Devroy)

Died: 2 Jun 1972 Wauwatosa, Milwaukee WI

Find A Grave record: 236955323

Burial location: Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI

Cemetery: Holy Cross Cemetery [according to its records, he was a resident of 7353 Harwood Ave., which matches his WWII draft card]

Tombstone:

Father: Augustine John DeVroy, 23 Jun 1863 WI – 12 May 1932 Green Bay, Brown WI.

The man born in DePere, Brown WI on 28 Aug 1866 had different parents.

Son of Anton Devroye & Jeanne Bruyninga.

Buried as John DeVroy in Fort Howard Memorial Park, Green Bay, Brown WI.

Find A Grave: 84203334

Mother: Anna Maria Josephine ("Jane"/"Johanna") Van Donsel/VanDonzel DeVroy, 9 Feb 1869 Green Bay, Brown WI [1871 in obituary]– 25 Jan 1954 in Fair Hill Nursing Home, Maribel WI.

Daughter of Johannes (John) Martin Van Donsel Sr. (1823-1899, F: 84577637) & Anna Maria (Mary) Kuippers/Cooper/Kuypers/Cuipers (1832-1888, F: 210639559).

She is not the Anna Van Donsel born 19 Mar 1869.

Her brother John M. Von Donsel died 10 May 1932, two days before her husband.

Buried in Fort Howard Memorial Park, Green Bay, Brown WI.

Find A Grave: 84203328

Parents' marriage: ca. 1888 – in 1889 in Green Bay, Brown WI according to Anna's obituary

Spouse: Marie Pauline Hilger DeVroy Tillman, 2 Aug 1904 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 15 Mar 1978 [not 21 Mar 1979] Mount Prospect, Cook IL.

Birthname was Maria Paulina Hilger, born 3 Aug 1904 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. [note one-day variation of date of birth compared to later records]

Daughter of William (Wilhelm) Fredrick/Fredrich Hilger (1873-1943, F: 84797535 & Katherine Lauer (1885-1979, F: 84797766), who are buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.

Katherine Lauer Hilger was the half-sister of Edward Theodore Lauer Sr., who sailed on "Tuscania" with Anthony DeVroy and became the ship's historian and archivist. Katherine and Edward's father was Peter Lauer. Katherine's mother was Peter's wife Maria Anna Wolff, while Edward Lauer's mother was Peter's wife Paulina Lutzenberger.

Her later husband is listed as Frank J. Tillman.

Was he the Frank J. Tillman who died 7 Jun 1947 in Milwaukee Co. WI? There are numerous Frank J./Frank James/Frank Joseph Tillmans to choose from.

Died with surname Tillman & buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 163286375

Marriage: 19 Jun 1923 at St. Michael's Church, Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. A

lthough Anthony lists himself as widowed & lives with Marie Pauline's parents in the 1940 census, it appears Marie was still alive. de

Child:

- **Manette Marie DeVroy Christiansen**, 21 Nov 1924 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 30 Aug 2020 Liberty, Weber UT. – Married William Robert Christiansen (Sr.) (1920-2011, F: 185801419) on 27 Nov 1943 in St. Bernard's Church in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee WI; they were married 67 years. – Lived in Fort Worth, Tarrant TX while William served in the US Navy. He was transferred to Jacksonville FL where their son William Jr. was born. – They moved back to Milwaukee WI where children Ann & Jon were born. They also resided in Cedar Rapids IA & Mount Prospect IL. Moved to Pleasant View UT after retirement. – Buried in Evergreen Memorial Park, Ogden, Weber UT. F: 218080334

Siblings: Anthony was the oldest surviving child – an additional child had died by the 1910 census

- **Reuben Joseph DeVroy**, 18 Dec 1894 Green Bay, Brown WI – 26 Dec 1973 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. – Birthname listed as Joseph R. DeVroy. – WWI veteran. Husband of Ethel Florence DeVine (1897-1974. F: 176484619), the daughter of Thomas Michael Devine & Mary Gorman, whom he married 12 May 1920 in Racine, Racine WI. - WWI veteran. - Obituary: “Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” 27 Dec 1973 p 36 – age 79, of 713 – 57th St., Kenosha, died at his home on 26 Dec. Born 18 Dec 1894 in Green Bay, where he attended school. Married Ethel DeVine on 12 May 1920. Had moved to Racine in 1917 & to Kenosha in 1942. Traveling inspector for the US Post Office until he retired in 1965. Survived by his wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters & sister Mrs. Viola Wachtel of Two Rivers. - His obituary in the “Racine Journal Times” 27 Dec 1973 p 25 – adds that Reuben was preceded in death by his brother Anthony. Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 176484646
- **Viola Henrietta DeVroy Wachtel**, 24 Oct 1897 or 26 Oct 1897 [her 2 WI birth records differ as to date in Oct] Green Bay, Brown WI – 19 Nov 1988 Two Rivers, Manitowoc WI. - Wife of Elmer M. Wachtel (1896-1952, F: 132879508) whom she married 17 Sep 1919 in St. Patrick’s Church, Green Bay, Brown WI. - Obituary: “Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” 20 Nov 1988 p 57 – Mrs. Viola Wachtel, 91, resident of St. Mary’s Home in Manitowoc, d. 19 Nov 1988 at Holy Family Medical Center, Manitowoc. Daughter of the late John & Johanna (VanDonsel) DeVroy of Preble. Survived by 2 sons & 2 daughters. Husband Elmer d. 1953, son Robert also predeceased her. - Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers, Manitowoc WI. F: 132879513

Note: There are other men named Anthony DeVroy & Tony DeVroy in Wisconsin who also resided in DePere WI and Green Bay WI and who served in WWI.

He is not the father of Eugene DeVroy or Earl DeVroy;

he did not marry Mae O’Neil;

he did not die on 23 Jan 1948 in Green Bay WI.

The newspaper references included appear to be those for the Tuscania survivor – but may not be his.

Pre-war – may not be the right Anthony DeVroy:

1909 Green Bay WI city directory

Anthony J.V. Devroy, student, 415 N. Ashland Ave.

John Devroy, laborer, 415 N. Ashland Ave.

? “Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” 9 Mar 1910 p 9 – One of the 3 taking the affirmative in the debate question “Should Green Bay adopt the commission form of government?” was Anthony DeVroy.

? -“Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette” 5 Mar 1914 p 4 – Anthony DeVroy took a job at the Thomas Overall factory in Green Bay.

? - "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 3 Jul 1916 p 11 – Clarence Paterson & Anthony DeVroy have taken positions at the De Pere Delivery Co. filling two vacancies for employees who left for employment in car factories.

Wartime:

1918 Green Bay WI city directory

De Vroy, Anthony J., USA [US Army], h 415 N. Ashland av

De Vroy, John, laborer, h 415 N. Ashland av

De Vroy, Reuben, USA, h 415 N. Ashland av

Post-war: may refer to another Tony/Anthony DeVroy:

? - "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 15 Feb 1927 p 25 – real minstrel songs were presented by 5 singers, including Anthony DeVroy, along with other minstrel entertainment (in black-face) by the DePere Legionnaires at Nicolet High School on 14 Feb.

? - "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 5 Sep 1928 p 17 – The 1928-1929 elections at Heesacker Post 230 American Legion – Anthony Devroy elected 1st vice president.

? - "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" 18 Jun 1928 p 16 – At a boating jaunt on 17 Jun, Tony DeVroy spoke to the crowd about the upcoming 4th of July celebration of the DePere Legionnaires at the Northwestern Wisconsin Fairgrounds.

1933 Milwaukee WI city directory

DeVroy, Anthony J. (Marie) hdw 2525-27 W. Vliet, h 1344 N. 26th

Occurring in 1926 – "Manitowoc (WI) Herald Times" 27 Apr 1961 p 22 – 25 years ago in Two Rivers: Guests of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Wachtel were Anthony DeVroy & daughter Minette DeVroy of Milwaukee & Mrs. Anna DeVroy of Green Bay WI.

1942 Milwaukee WI city directory – listed separately

DeVroy, Anthony J., salesman, Gilbert S. Haasch, resident Wauwatosa

Devroy, Marie, nurse, Rectal Center

"Sheboygan (WI) Press" 31 May 1957 p 11 – Tony DeVroy & Mrs. Katie Hilger of Wauwatosa called at the Leo Hiltgen & John N. Paulus homes on Sunday. [Katie Hilger was his mother-in-law]

Obituary:

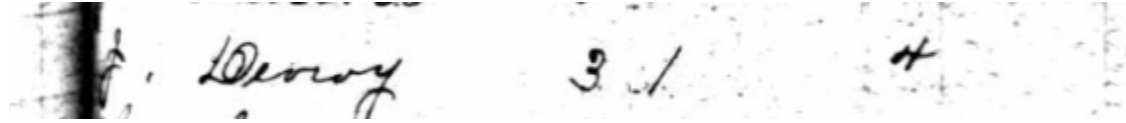
Social Security Number: 389-14-8722

Censuses:

1895 WI state census – Green Bay, Brown WI – conducted 20 Jun 1895

Found at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1055/records/20583?tid=114527287&pid=310150936137&queryId=608fb374-c9d8-4130-bd35-9c8f0b049bb9&phsrc=cPx41749&phstart=successSource>



In the household of J. Devroy, 4 people – 3 males & 1 female (which would be John & Anna & sons Anthony & Reuben)

1900 Green Bay, Brown WI – 415 N. Ashland Ave. – conducted 5/6 Jun 1900

Except for the names, the rest of the records are blank with note “not at house”

John DeVroy

Anna [wife]

Anton [son]

Ruben [son]

Viola – notation as to son or daughter was left blank

1905 WI state census – Green Bay, Brown WI

Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6WJ3-5BQ?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMMS6-2SS&action=view&cc=1443899&lang=en>

Devroy John	Head	1	M	42	Ir.
Anna	Wife	2	F	36	Ir.
Antonetta	Daughter	3	F	15	Ir.
Reuben	Son	4	M	10	Ir.
Devroy Viola	Daughter	5	F	7	Ir.

John Devroy, 42 WI, parents b. Belgium, commissioner

Anna, 36 WI, parents b. Holland

Antonetta, 15 WI, daughter [i.e. Anthony/Anton, their son]

Reuben, 10 WI

Viola, 7 WI

1910 Green Bay, Brown WI – N. Ashland – conducted 26 Apr 1910

John DeVroy, 41 WI, parents b. Belgium (Flemish), in 1st marriage, married 21 years, foreman, Larsen Co.

Anna, 41 WI, parents b. Holland (Dutch), in 1st marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Antony B., 20 WI, single

Ruben J., 15 WI

Viola A.E. or H.E., 12 WI

1920 cannot locate him

1930 cannot locate him

1940 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 2610 W. Vleit St. - same house in 1935 – Anthony's wife/William & Catherine's daughter Marie Paulilne Hilger Devroy dies in 1978

William Hilger, 66 WI, doctor, private office

Catherine Hilger, 54 WI [his wife]

Marjorie Hilger, 24 WI, single, operator, utilities, telephone [his daughter]

Anthony Devroy, 49 WI, widowed, salesman, hardware [his son-in-law]

Manette Devroy, 15 WI [William's granddaughter]

1950 Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Co. WI – conducted 1 Apr 1950 – now Anthony resides with his ex-wife Marie Hilger DeVroy Tillman & her mother

Marie P. Tillman, 45 WI, widow, child care attendant, county home for dependent children [head of household]

Catherine Hilger, 64 WI, widow [mother]

Anthony J. DeVroy, 58 WI, divorced, salesman, retail hardware store [lodger but actually Marie's ex-husband]