

TUSCANIA

Edmunds, Hobert McKinley
1896 WI – 1963 FL



Hobert McKinley Edmunds – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” Monday 7 Feb 1955 p 3 – pictured among the 16 survivors who met in Medford WI on 5 Feb 1918 for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association



AT TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GATHERING—These 16 survivors of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania by a German torpedo in the Atlantic Feb. 5, 1918, gathered in Medford Saturday for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association. Seated, left to right, are Art Hansen, Withee; Martin De Boer, La Crosse; Charles Meyenberg, Stone Lake; A. R. Willey, Washburn; Oakley Parkhill, Neills-

ville, reelected president of the association Saturday; Charles M. Jonas, Washburn; Nat Carhardt, Neillsville, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Edmond Johnson, Rosholt. Standing, same order, are Fred Braem, Marshfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Rueschel, Shawano; Alvin W. Grambsch, Neenah; J. W. Kramer, Medford; Herb Hurd, Wausau; Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; and Lehlend McCue, Poy Sippi.

(Doyle Studio, Medford)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/267705968/> - Hobert is standing in the back row, 2nd from right

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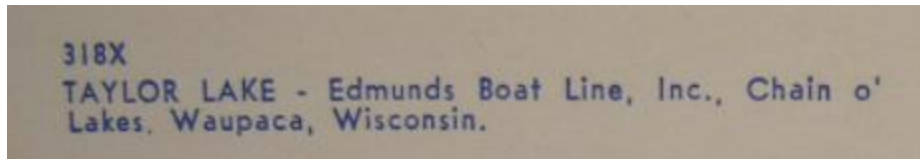
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2. SERVICE NUMBER 250937	5. PERSON OR VA CLAIM NUMBER XO 1 176 128	IMPORTANT: Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.	
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) Aug 6-5-1917	5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) 5-29-1919	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.	
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8. GRADE OR RANK Pvt. 1st Co. A, 107th Supply Tr.	9. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 3-27-1963	17. NAME OF DECEDENT (Print address, City and State) Route 1 Waupaca, Wis.	
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20. CONTACT PERSON (Name and Address) B-6293511 Cpl. 1 Sup Co 107 In Hq 4 MP / WWT	20. SIGNATURE OF COMMISSIONER <i>[Signature]</i>	20. ADDRESS OF DECEDENT (Print address, City and State) Waupaca, Wis.	
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US, Headstone Applications for Military Veterans -

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Hovert Edmunds purchased land on Taylor Lake in the 1920s and opened his boat livery, Edmunds' Dock and Boat Line (pictured above), which included a covered dock with a refreshment stand, several boathouses, and picnic grounds. As his business boomed, Edmunds commissioned five additional gasoline launches—the Mandalay II and Mandalay III, North Star, Starlight, and Viking (pictured below)—and rented out canoes, rowboats, and Crystal River boats. Edmunds also bought one of the first Chris-Craft runabouts on the Chain o' Lakes and gave passengers speedy "thrill rides." He sold the boat livery in 1955. (Above, WHS; below, Tom Charlesworth.)



From book by Zachary Bishop, "The Waupaca Chain o Lakes" – page 109 -
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Following in the footsteps of his father, John R. Edmunds, Hobert "Hobie" Edmunds gave tours of the lakes in a 25-foot gasoline launch at age 13 in 1909, then purchased his own gasoline launch, the *Anna* (pictured above), three years later. Hobert's tours were so popular that in 1915, he commissioned Joseph Terrio of Waupaca to build the *Mandalay*, a 36-foot-long motor launch that seated 40 people. The below photograph shows the *Mandalay* picking up Camp Onaway participants and counselors in 1923. Hobert served in the US Army from 1917 to 1919, during World War I, and survived the sinking of the SS *Tuscania* after a German submarine torpedoed it off the coast of Ireland in 1918. He was married to Mayme Stuehmer of Waupaca by 1920. (Above, WHS; below, BGB.)





John R. Edmunds operated his 25-foot-long steamer named the *Glide* (shown above) after moving to the Chain o' Lakes area in 1903 with his wife, Jennie, and two of his children, Benjamin and Hobert. To compete with the other steamboats on the lakes, John advertised the *Glide* as incredibly safe, even claiming that its engine would not blow up, and placed life-preserver cushions on the seats. He also installed a light on the front of the boat to give tours at night, making him the only steamer captain to do so. John Edmunds stopped running the boat when he was admitted to the Waupaca County Asylum in Royalton in the late 1910s; he died there in 1920 at age 62. (Above, Bob and Mary Ann Wells; below, WHS.)



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The most famous cottage-dweller on the Chain o' Lakes was Esther Williams, a professional swimmer who became a celebrity after starring in aqua-musical movies during the 1940s. While married to radio singer Ben Gage from 1945 to 1959, she made a few visits to Club Island to stay at the cottage (shown here) owned by Gage's family. Many longtime residents and vacationers witnessed Williams swimming in Rainbow Lake, and local newspapers reported on her visits. Because of this, locals began calling the island "Esther Williams Island," and the name has stuck until the present day. The cottage on the island burned in a fire in 1950, and Williams and Gage sold the island to Hobert Edmunds, of Edmunds' Dock and Boat Line, in 1953. After Edmunds' death in 1963, his son, Don, rented—and later sold—the island to Camp Onaway. (WHS)

Page 62 in the Zachary Bishop book – Hobert's purchase of Club Island, former residence of aquatic movie star Esther Williams

Hobert Edmunds

WAUPACA — Funeral services will be 3 p.m. at Holly Funeral Home, Waupaca, for Hobert Edmunds, 66, Waupaca who died at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., March 22 after a short illness.

He was born July 14, 1896, in Rolling Prairie, and was married Nov. 28, 1936 to Ethel Jorgensen. He was in the boat business at Waupaca and was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are a son, Donald, Waupaca; and two brothers.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. until the hour of service. The Rev. Charles Langdon, Waupaca, will officiate. Burial will be in Lake Side Cemetery.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Wed, Apr 03, 1963 · Page 2

Hobert Edmunds

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

[Request copy of original application](#)**Detail** Source

Name	Hobert Edmunds
Social Security Number	390-20-5845
Birth Date	17 Jul 1896
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Wisconsin
Death Date	Mar 1963

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/17343846>**Hobert M Edmunds**

in the Florida, U.S., Death Index, 1877-1998

**Detail** Source

Name	Hobert M Edmunds
Gender	Male
Race	White
Death Date	Mar 1963
Death Place	Broward, Florida, United States

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7338/records/915787>

Hobert Edmunds

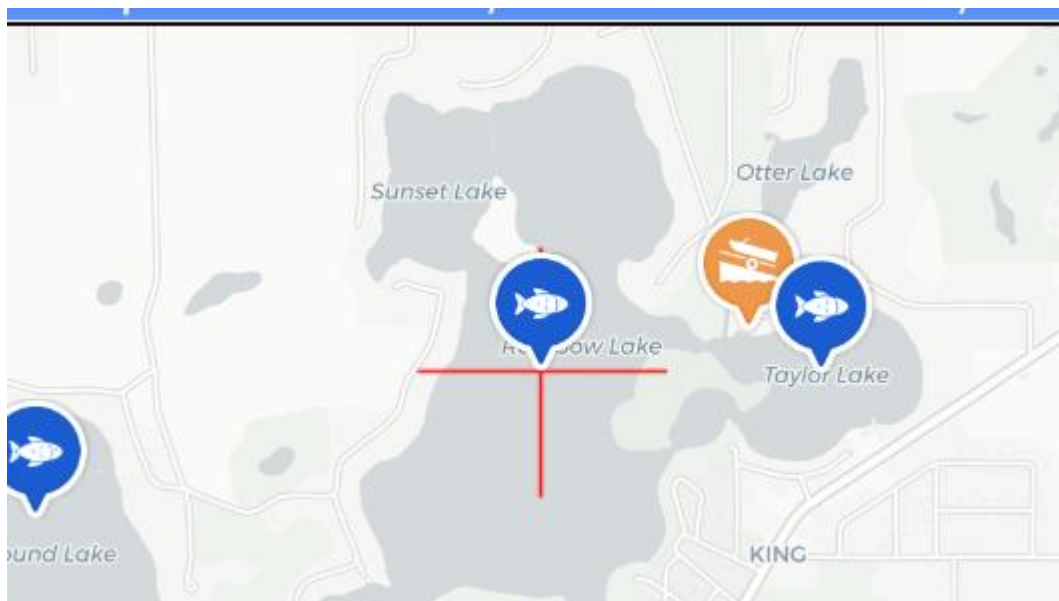
Committal services for the late Hobert Edmunds, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who passed away March 27 after a brief illness, were held at Waupaca, Wis., Thursday afternoon.

The late Mr. Edmunds formerly lived in this section of the state and is an uncle of Lyle Edmunds of this city. He is survived by a son Donald of Waupaca, a brother, Ben, of Oxford, Wis., and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two brothers.

Beaver Dam Daily Citizen
Fri, Apr 05, 1963 · Page 7

Beaver Dam WI



<https://www.lake-link.com/wisconsin-lakes/waupaca-county/rainbow-lake-chain/5801/>

the power to transform themselves into birds or life of animals. The early Indians were very superstitious.

Crescent or Club Island lies in Rainbow Lake between Onaway and Maple Islands. Although of small size this crescent shaped island is not unattractive. It is about 80 feet wide at its widest part, the low ridge forming its backbone being about 100 feet in length. A cottage is located at its eastern end. No evidence of former Indian occupation was found on this islet. The area of Onaway Island is about 5 acres, and of Crescent Island a third of an acre.

<https://www.waupacahistoricalsociety.org/The%20Waupaca%20Chain%20o-%20Lakes%20Indian%20History%20C.%20E.%20Brown%201931.pdf>



<https://www.waupacachainolakesassociation.com/lake-maps>

Robert Edmunds owned Crescent Island, also known as Club Island, which lies between Sunset Lake & Rainbow Lake, in the Chain O'Lakes in Waupaca Co. WI. The Wisconsin Veterans' Home is located on the eastern shore of the Chain O'Lakes.

Crescent Island/Club Island was formerly owned by movie star/swimmer Esther Williams and her second of four husbands, singer/actor Ben Gage. As of 1948, it had been in the ownership of the Gage family for several years.

Esther Williams	
	
Williams in 1950	
Born	Esther Jane Williams August 8, 1921 Inglewood, California, U.S.
Died	June 6, 2013 (aged 91) Beverly Hills, California, U.S.



1945 wedding photo of Williams and her second husband, [Ben Gage](#)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esther_Williams

Life:

Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Smith of the town of Beaver Dam, adjoining Oakwood on the north, entertained their relatives at dinner on Sunday, July 5th. The tables were loaded with a great variety of treats, not the least of which were new potatoes, pens and ice cream. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. J. A. Hathaway, Mrs. J. R. Edmunds, Miss Pearl M. Clifford and Hobart McKinley Edmunds.

The Reporter
Fri, Jul 10, 1903 ·Page 8

Horicon WI

Miss Carita Reiss entertained at a luncheon at the Country Club Saturday noon. The guests arrived in the morning on the John P. Reiss the members of the party being as follows: Mr. Hobert Edmunds, Mrs. Edmunds, Miss Edmunds, Miss Heineman, of Merrill, Miss Sullivan and friend of Oak Park, Illinois. The party left at 2 o'clock for Chicago.

The Sheboygan Press
Mon, Jul 27, 1914 ·Page 8

Sheboygan WI

Mrs. J. Edmunds went to Waupaca this morning where she will spend the winter with her son, Mr. Hobart Edmunds.

Beaver Dam Daily Citizen

Sat, Nov 18, 1916 · Page 3

Beaver Dam WI

Keansburg was represented in the sinking of the steamship by Corporal Hobart M. Edmunds, a well known resident of the seaside resort. Young Edmunds entered the service some time ago and was in the 107 th Supply Train, which was aboard the torpedoed steamer.

"Perth Amboy (NJ) Evening News" 8 Feb 1918 p 1

BADGER SOLDIERS LISTED ON BOARD LINER TUSCANIA

kesha.
MICKE J. COSGROVE, Chippewa Falls.
FRED A. DUXBURY, corporal Hixton.
KIRKWOOD DURANT, corporal, Waupaca.
HOBART M. EDMUNDS, corporal, Waupaca.
WILLIAM R. GEREAX, corporal, Chippewa Falls.
HERBERT E. HURD, corporal, Almonda.

Green Bay Press-Gazette

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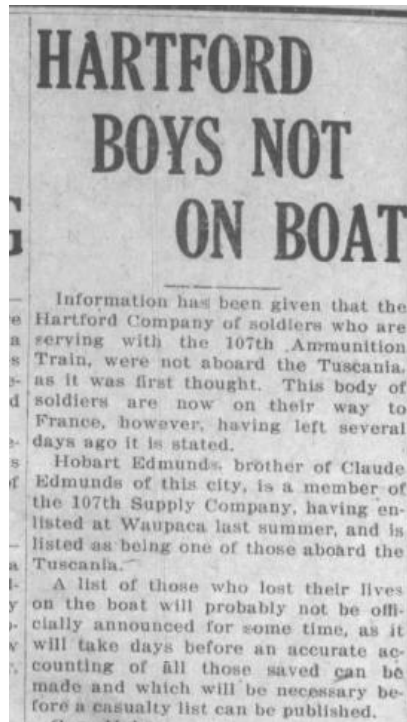
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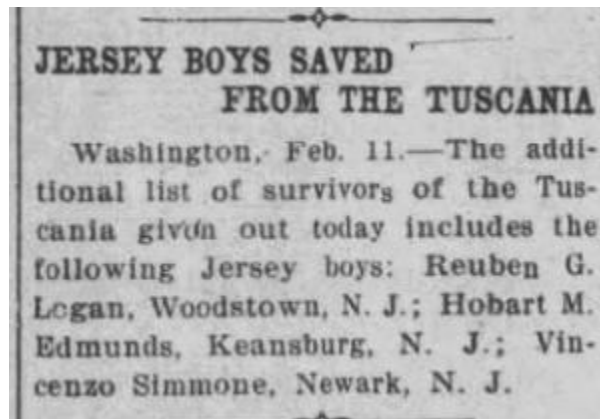
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The Evening Times and Bayonne Daily Times
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 ·Page 4

Bayonne NJ

KEANSBURG NEWS.
Thomas C. Edmunds a Survivor of
Transport Tuscania.
 Mrs. Thomas C. Edmunds of West Keansburg received a telegram Monday morning from the government informing her of her husband's safety. Mr. Edmunds was one of the Tuscania survivors.

Hobert McKinley Edmunds – misidentified as Thomas C. Edmunds – “Red Bank (NJ) Daily Register” 13 Feb 1918 p 10 (which on page 5 correctly identified him)

HOBART EDMUNDS RESCUED.
Was On the Troop Ship Tuscania,
Torpedoed Last Week.
 Sergt. Hobart C. Edmunds of Laurel Avenue, West Keansburg, was one of the survivors of the torpedoed British troop ship Tuscania. Sergt. Edmunds was the only young man from Keansburg aboard the ship at the time of the disaster. Arthur P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perrin Brown of Keyport, and Thomas G. Welsted, son of Mrs. Mary Welsted of Matawan, were also aboard the ship and were saved. Mr. Welsted was very well known in Keansburg during the summer months, and for several seasons occupied a bungalow at Sheehan's camp.
 Sergt. Edmunds is 21 years of age, and was a former resident at Waumpaca, Wis., where he plied a motor launch on Waumpaca Lake for an occupation. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edmunds, reside at the State Veterans' Home at Waumpaca.
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Matawan Journal
Thu, Feb 14, 1918 -Page 5

Matawan NJ

Three County Boys on Tuscania.

New Jersey had fifteen boys aboard the Tuscania when she was torpedoed by a German submarine last week, of which number three were from Monmouth County. They are Thomas G. Welstead of Matawan, son of Mrs. Mary Wilestead, a private in the 158th aero squadron; Corporal Hobard M. Edmunds, son of Mrs. Mamie Edmunds of Keansburg, 107th Supply train, and Arthur P. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Perrine Brown of Keyport, private in the 158th Aero-squadron. Welstead and Brown were among the rescued, while Edmunds is reported among the missing. It is possible that the latter may still be alive and the government's final report is awaited with much interest by the family of young Edmunds.

"Keyport (NJ) Weekly Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1 – Hobert's name is misspelled & he is the husband, not son, of Mamie

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"Keyport (NJ) Weekly" 15 Feb 1918 p 2

The following is a portion of a letter recently received by Claude Edmunds of this city, from his brother, Hobert Edmunds, Co. A, Supply Train, "Somewhere in France:"

High Cliffe-On-Sea, England,

May 24, 1918.

As I have nothing else to do I will try and write you a few lines. I wrote you a few weeks ago, but I suppose you have not hardly had time to receive it. But I am afraid if I waited for an answer to my letter I would not hear from you for two months yet—and you might think I had forgotten you.

I am still at the above place and am having just a fine time. I have not enjoyed myself much more in life than I am now.

This is such a fine place here, and right near the sea. The country is so nice and the people are even nicer to us Sammies. There are lots of old mansions around here. The lady that donated this convalescent home to American soldiers, died suddenly a few days ago. About 18 of us attended the funeral, and it was the greatest thing I ever saw in that line. Her husband is very rich and although an Englishman, he is in someway connected with the Marshall Field stores all over the U. S. He occupies a grand and historic old castle about a quarter of a mile from here, on the sea shore. Yesterday I had the honor of being shown through the old castle. It is absolutely indiscribable. It is filled with very old furniture. I walked on a couple of rugs Napoleon had and I also saw the furniture he had. I saw the room that some old king was murdered in and all such historic things too numerous to mention.

I went through a suite of rooms the kaiser used 9 years ago. There is about 400 acres of land in connection with the castle and it is covered with fine old trees. The grounds consist of fine gardens, all kinds of flowers, fine lawns, parks and everything imaginable. I never thought such grandeur could exist.

I have fell in love with this country and maybe I will live over here after the war. Land is very high, about 400 pounds an acre, or about \$1,900 in our money. But that is for building sites. There are very fine roads here throughout the country and so winding. I sit out in my hammock, side the road, and see all kinds of autos, carts, wagons and countless bicycles. Everyone rides through here, even old ladies 70 years old.

I wish you folks could see everything over here, you would like it I am sure.

I am getting better all the time now. I ought to because I was in the hospital from Feb. 11th to May 9th, and have been here at the convalescent home since that. I take long walks every day and have setting up exercises. My muscles are getting about as hard as ever and I weight 165 pounds now, more than I ever have before.

We have an English lady cook who cooked for the kaiser when he was in this country, and she is a good one too. We have fine white tables to eat from and plain but wholesome food. It seems very much like home. We had for dinner this noon: steak, potatoes, gravy, bread and butter, spinach, coffee, stewed peaches and rice pudding. Pretty good for the army. When I get back to my Company I will miss all such good stuff.

ED. NOTE.—Hobert Edmunds was on the ill-fated Tuscania and the sudden exposure resulted in Edmunds' being laid up with a severe attack of pneumonia, of which he is now recovering.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hathaway and son motored to the Chain O' Lakes, Waupaca county, Sunday, where they visited until over Monday with relatives, and incidentally enjoyed themselves taking in the really many beautiful sights at this celebrated body of many small connecting lakes. The writer can highly recommend the trip to this celebrated watering place as being one of the highly desirable short jaunts that can be covered nicely in about four hours of easy driving. The outbound trip was made via Waupun, Ripon, Berlin, and Weyauwega while the return trip was made via Weyauwega, Winchester, Butte Des Morts and Oshkosh. Going up 113 miles were covered while the return trip was 104 miles. Over half the distance, selecting either route, is over cement highways. And when you are at the Chain O'Lakes we recommend and urge you to take the launch ride around the lakes on the boats Mandalay I and III, owned and operated by Hobart Edmunds and his wife. There are two large excursion boats and their owners are very solicitous of the interests of their passengers and give them a full round trip of the seven or eight lakes, making up the chain for a very nominal price. The Edmunds' boat lines have their docks on Taylor lake, near the entrance to the grounds on highway 22. In addition to owning the boat lines, Mr. Edmunds owns a fine tract of land that he is having converted into tourists' camping grounds, and where you will be welcomed if you will stop.

The Hartford Times
Fri, Sep 11, 1925 ·Page 2

Hartford WI

—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hathaway and guests, the Misses Mildred and Irma Werner of Milwaukee, motored to near Oakfield, Fond du Lac county, Sunday, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds and family.

The Hartford Times
Fri, Jul 09, 1926 ·Page 2

Hartford WI

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, owners of the large launch, "Mandalay," and the pleasure park and picnic grounds on Taylor lake, first lake of the chain, are busy preparing for the vacation season, getting boats and canoes ready and making various improvements.

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Tue, Apr 12, 1927 ·Page 7

Oshkosh WI

FIVE CIVIL WAR VETERANS PARTICIPATE IN PARADE

(Special to The Northwestern.)

Wisconsin Veterans' Home, Wis.—

The fast thinning ranks of the blue-clad veterans of the civil war was more than ever in evidence Wednesday when only five of the old soldiers marched in the Memorial day parade. J. A. Collins, head of the commissary department and past the four score mark in years, carried the G. A. R. flag in the group of colors at the head of the march. Besides the five veterans in the parade three of them rode with Rev. E. B. Earle in his automobile.

The exercises were opened at 8 o'clock in the morning with services for the sailors and marines at the lake from Hobart Edmunds' large boat. The ceremony was conducted by the auxiliaries of the patriotic orders. The line of march formed at the lake front at 9 o'clock and moved to the cemetery where the graves were decorated. The people all returned to the park where the program of speaking and singing was carried out from the bandstand. Rev. Father Eislers, of Milwaukee, a former world war chaplain, gave the main address of the day.

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Fri, Jun 01, 1928 ·Page 20

Oshkosh WI

Otto Salzmann of Pleasant Hill has gone to Waukesha to receive treatment at the government hospital. Dr. A. M. Christofferson of Waupaca is acting as assistant surgeon at the Home each morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, owners of the Taylor Lake pleasure park, have returned from an extended motor trip through the eastern and southern sections of the country. Their last stop was at Oshkosh.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Tue, Mar 12, 1929 ·Page 14

(By Special Correspondent)

Wisconsin Veterans' Home, Wis.—

L. Clouner, Wright avenue, has returned after having visited a short time with relatives ... Pennsylvania. Mrs. Theresa Coleman has returned from Miami, Fla., where she visited the last three months with her sitser. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, who occupied her home on Pleasant hill, have returned to their residence on Taylor lake.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Fri, Apr 18, 1930 ·Page 21

Among the Tuscania survivors who will attend the 16th reunion at Kenosha Feb. 5, will be Dr. H. I. Lewis of Waupaca, and Mr. Loftis of the Wisconsin Veterans Home. Others from Waupaca who were aboard the Tuscania are Charles Jacobson, John Jacobson, Lyle Barnhart, Kirkwood Durrant and Hobart Edmunds, the latter of the Wisconsin Veterans' Home.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Fri, Feb 02, 1934 ·Page 21

Hobart Edmunds, owner of the Taylor lake recreation park, returned a few days ago from spending the winter in the south. He visited New Orleans and Miami.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Sat, Mar 30, 1935 ·Page 17

hours.
Hobart Edmunds has returned from Florida, where he spent the winter. Dr. E. F. Hafemeister was at Milwaukee over the weekend, because of his brother's death. F. Sandberg, Spanish war veteran,

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Wed, May 06, 1936 ·Page 7

Douglas Steuhmer who drives an excursion launch for his uncle, Hobart Edmunds, has proven that the water level in Taylor lake is only four and one half inches below normal, which he considers remarkable in the face of the prolonged drought. In his leisure moments Steuhmer trains blue gills to eat from his hand.

The Post-Crescent
Wed, Jul 22, 1936 ·Page 7

Appleton WI

was the cause of the Semin alarm.
 Mrs. Charles Larson, wife of the county highway engineer, went to Chicago Saturday to enter Passavant hospital for treatment. Hobart Edmunds of the Chain o' Lakes will leave tomorrow for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he will spend the winter. Miss Ruby Merbs, second grade teacher, is ill at her home at Allenville and Mrs. Edward Edmunds is visiting.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
 Tue, Nov 17, 1936 -Page 13

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds of Fort Lauderdale, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Neisen, and were at the club yesterday. Mrs. Edmunds was formerly Miss Ethel Jorgenson of Waupaca, Wis.

Tampa Bay Times
 Sat, Dec 19, 1936 -Page 21

Hobert & Ethel married 28 Nov 1936 -

St. Petersburg FL

proved. Hobart Edmunds has purchased another lot from Archie Craven in Glenwood park on that street and will erect another group of garages.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
 Wed, Jun 16, 1937 -Page 13

Dec. 20—Aretae H. Wallace vs. William R. Kenan, Jr., et al, \$20,000; Dec. 21—Mary Jespersen vs. Dorothy B. Robinson, \$50,000. Dec. 22—J. J. Forrester et al vs. John N. Kobler, ejectment; Morris E. Staryk et al vs Bleckner's Inc., \$2500; Forrest Sanders vs. Broward Grain & Supply Inc., \$2,000; Cecil Goff vs. Broward Grain & Supply Inc., \$2,000; Velma Demery vs. Hobert M. Edmunds, \$4,000; E. J. Boyle vs. H. A. Weigand, \$2,290.

Fort Lauderdale News
 Wed, Oct 06, 1937 -Page 6

Fort Lauderdale FL -

This is apparently part of the "breach of promise" suit

at Hancock, about 9 o'clock.

The entire crew of the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation worked until 4:30 Wednesday morning, maintaining the high tension lines within and without the city during the storm of Tuesday. The Veterans' Home Hospital was without electricity for some time late in the afternoon, the patients being served their suppers by candle light. Trees which had fallen on the line near Hobart Edmunds boat livery, were cleared away after the trouble was reported to the county highway department at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The hospital is the only building on the Home grounds to receive current from the high line, all other buildings having electricity generated at the Veterans' Home Power house.

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First Heart-Balm Case In County's History Is Ended

**Jury Denies \$30,000 Asked
As Damage Resulting From
"Broker Promise"**

Broward County's first breach of promise suit was marked off the records when a Circuit Court jury today returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The jury deliberated only 20 minutes after hearing testimony that began late yesterday.

Damages of \$30,000 for an alleged broken heart and injury to her health had been asked by Velma Demery of Lauderdale from Hobart M. Edmunds of Waupaca, Wis., because of the defendant having allegedly broken a promise to marry her and then marrying another instead.

The suit was filed Dec. 7, 1936, immediately after Edmunds, operator of a tourist resort and excursion boats in Wisconsin, returned to Lauderdale with his recent bride. The plaintiff charged that Edmunds courted her steadily the preceding winter, that they became engaged to marry and that he gave her a ring to bind the engagement. She declared that when he left in April, 1936, it was with the understanding that they were to be married in the near future but, instead, he married another on Nov. 28 of that year.

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LAUDERDALE GIRL LOSES BALM SUIT

DAILY NEWS BUREAU
Fort Lauderdale, Dec. 24.

A circuit court jury found for the defendant yesterday in Broward county's first breach of promise suit after deliberating only 20 minutes. Velma Demery, Lauderdale, was suing Hobart M. Edmunds, Waupaca, Wis., for \$30,000 damages to recompense an alleged broken heart and injury to her health caused by his breaking a promise to marry her and taking another as his wife instead.

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Miami FL

Pleads Not Guilty of Speeding in Motorboat

Waupaca—Hobart Edmunds of the Edmunds Boat Livery, Chain o'Lakes, pleaded not guilty to speeding with his high-powered motorboat, when he was arraigned before Justice S. W. Johnson Tuesday morning. Trial has been set for 2 o'clock Monday, June 20, before Justice Johnson. C. L. Brosius, provo marshal of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, issued the complaint.

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Hobart Edmunds pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice S. W. Johnson and charged with driving a motorboat at excessive speed on Rainbow lake. Hearing for trial has been set for Monday June 20 at 2 p. m. before Justice Johnson.

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icers in attendance.

It will be a "fight to the finish" according to Lieut. Col. Carl Brosius when he referred to the recklessness of drivers of speedboats on the Chain o' Lakes. Colonel Brosius' small craft was endangered when a speed boat owned by Hobart Edmunds was driven too closely. Upon complaint of Brosius, Edmunds was arraigned in court where he pleaded not guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Hearing has been set for July 8 at 10 a. m. before Justice S. W. Johnson.

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BOAT RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGE IS NOT PROVED IN TRIAL AT WAUPACA

Waupaca, Wis.—(Special)—Because of discrepancy in the testimony casting doubt upon the identity of the operator of the boat, Justice S. W. Johnson dismissed the case against Hobart Edmunds charged with "careless, reckless and negligent" driving of a speed motorboat on Chain o' Lakes, in which Lieut. Col. Carl Brosius, provost marshal of the Wisconsin Veterans Home was the complaining witness. The defendant claimed he was in other waters at the time of the alleged offense and that there was a mistake in the identity of the culprit. Several witnesses testified, some of whom were fishing and others were on shore. It was charged that the craft in question was driven at excessive speed and the 12-foot boat in which Brosius was fishing anchored near the Home dock, was swamped by the waves as the speedboat passed within 50 feet of it, and that Brosius was fearful that there would be a collision, which did not actually happen. Other witnesses who claimed to have been in the Edmunds boat and an employe of Edmunds testified that the craft in question was not in the vicinity of the Veterans Home at the time testified to by the witnesses for the complainant.

Mrs. David Kenyon and daughter

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Margaret Fouts of Milan.

Hobart Edmunds and family will leave this week for Florida, going by way of Delaware where they will leave their car and travel by houseboat the inland waterway to Fort Lauderdale, where they spend their winters.

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New River Cruise Enjoyed By Group

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Calkins, Mrs. Grace Black and Mrs. Grace Allen of Oakland Park Enjoyed a cruise Thursday afternoon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds and son, Donald, in their boat "The Hobeth."

The trip was made up New River, Dania Canal and Intercoastal Waterway to Las Olas Blvd., then back up New River to place of docking. The Edmunds operate a boat livery at Waupaca, Wis., former home of the Calkins. They made the trip down here by car to Delaware, then by boat to Ft. Lauderdale, where they will spend the winter months.

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Sat, Jan 14, 1939 -Page 3

Hobart Edmunds Entertain Group Aboard 'Hobeth'

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Calkins, Mrs. Grace Black and Mrs. Grace Allen, formerly of Waupaca, Wis., who are now residents of Oakland Park, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds of Ft. Lauderdale and Wisconsin on a cruise in their boat, the "Hobeth," down the Inland Waterway. They anchored at Hollywood, where a luncheon was served on board.

The Edmunds leave in a few days for their summer home at Waupaca, Wis., where Mr. Edmunds owns and operates a boat livery on a chain of 27 lakes. They are putting their cruiser in storage here, insuring the return of the family next winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, Wisconsin Veterans Home, have closed Edmunds' Dock for the year and have left for Florida to spend the winter months.

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Company C Reunion Scheduled May 19 At Chain o' Lakes

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who stayed with the 32nd Division fought on five different fronts, including Chateau Thierry, Soissons and the Meuse-Argonne. Those who were transferred to the First Division fought on seven different fronts and did themselves proud at Cantigny, Sedan, Belleau Wood, Soissons, and Meuse-Argonne. During these battles many of the Company C men were wounded and killed, and three American Legion posts in this community are named after them—Orville Ballard post at Waupaca, William R. Shipley post at Wisconsin Veterans' Home, and Barney Sheveland post at Iola.

Since the war, men from Company C have spread over the United States and possessions from Anchorage, Alaska, to New Orleans, La., and from Togus, Me., to San Francisco, Calif. More than 65 of the men have signified their intention of attending the reunion. Dr. C. W. Andrews, of Waupaca, who was the first captain of the company, will be in charge of the reunion. It is expected that a Last Man's club will be formed.

Surviving Members

Surviving members of Company C, their addresses at the time of enlistment and their present addresses (if different from enlistment address) follow:

Daniel R. Davis, Almond, Route 4 (Wild Rose); Rexford J. Dean, Royalton, (Scandinavia); Clifford Dev-
ereaux, Waupaca (Iola); Angelos P. Drivas, Waupaca; Luke Dunne, Waupaca (West DePere); Kirkwood Durant, Waupaca (Almond); William K. Durant, Ogdensburg (Manawa); Hobert M. Edmunds, Wisconsin Veterans Home; Martin T. Evenson, Waupaca (Milwaukee); Carl M. Egeland, Scandinavia; Alva M. Farnham, Amherst, Route 1;

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Excerpts -

Stevens Point WI

January, 1920.

Hobart Edmunds' large passenger boat "Mandalay" which has plied the Chain o' Lakes for many years, was badly damaged by fire Tuesday morning. The Home fire department was called, but was unable to prevent the almost com-

plete destruction of the top and the furnishings of the craft. Ray Shireman, an Illinois professional steeple jack, has completed the painting of the high metal flagpole in the Home grounds, for which special climbing apparatus is used.

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meeting of the heads of state institutions. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds and son arrived home Monday, after spending the winter in the south. They motored from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., leaving there on Saturday.

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months.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds and small son, who spend their summers at the chain o'lakes where they operate a boat livery, and their winters in Florida where they have a home, moved Monday to Oshkosh for the winter. Problems presented by transportation caused them to remain north this year.

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was arrested on Memorial Drive.
 A smoking fireplace at the home of Mrs. H. M. Edmunds, 215 High street, was the cause of a call for fire apparatus about 3:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Firemen were called to chimney fires last evening at the home of John Mauritz, 1108 Eleventh street, and this morning at Gladys Augustine's drycleaning establishment, Wau-goo and State streets.

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Hobart Edmunds, King, being the highest bidder for the old pumper which has not been used by the fire department for more than 30 years, became the possessor of that piece of equipment for \$100. The pumper which weighs 6,580 pounds, originally cost the city \$4,000 and was bought from the city of Stevens Point where it had been in use for several years.

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sey volunteers.
 Three Monmouth County boys were on the British transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast. They were Thomas G. Welstead, son of Mrs. Mary Welstead of Matawan; Arthur T. Brown, son of Mrs. Anna Brown of Keyport, and Hobart M. Edmunds, son of Mrs. Mamie Edmunds of Keansburg.

The Daily Register
 Thu, Feb 18, 1943 -Page 7

Red Bank NJ – Hobert (not Hobart) was the husband of Mamie, not the son

Hearings Held on Complaints About Encroachment on Lakes

With an investment of nearly \$5,000 Doerfler has built a boat-house 32 by 40 by 18 feet high of wood construction and covered with siding. It is used for housing the boats for his livery and was the first building to be constructed on that side of the lake. Since then a small cottage close to the shore has been built by the Claude Penneys of Waupaca.

Hobart Edmunds, who has operated a livery on the lakes since 1925 and who was called as a witness, asserted the construction a substantial improvement except perhaps from the view of nature lovers who liked the wild life of the spot. In no way has it been a hazard to any of his craft which never come closer than 100 feet to that part of the lake, he said.

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Esther Williams And Ben Gage Due To Visit Island

Waspsca — Esther Williams and her husband Ben Gage, scheduled to arrive Sunday from Hollywood to take care of their summer property on Rainbow lake, did not arrive nor did the Hebert Edmunds family have any word as to the reason for her change of schedule. Miss Williams, movie star and swimming exhibitionist, had telephoned Hebert Edmunds to expect them during the weekend. It is believed she may have learned something of the adverse weather for summer tourists which changed her plans.

The Gage family has owned Crescent island, located between Rainbow and Sunset lakes for several years and when the couple visited here last fall they announced their plans for remodeling their property on the island this year. A tree which had blown onto the house during a recent windstorm is one reason for their coming at this time.

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Former Brigaders Enjoy Day And Dinner on Onaway Island

The memories of happy, youthful camping days flowed from the deep recesses of their minds as the 26 men approached the island in a chugging motor launch Tuesday.

Shortly before noon, the boat touched shore and the Old Boys, including 13 charter members of the Boys Brigade, disembarked. Once again they were on the ground, which since 1908 has served Brigaders as a campsite. Many of those in the group could count the greater part of a lifetime in the span of years since their last visit to the camp at Onaway Island.

They found that the camp, now considered one of the finest in the state, had changed considerably over the years. Cabins now stood where once tents had been pitched. Many other improvements marked the site where these men had been initiated into the ways of outdoor life. The group toured the island and inspected the new equipment, all along the way recalling old landmarks and stories connected with the once-familiar surroundings.

Shortly after noon, the Old Boys ate a delicious Swiss steak dinner which was prepared by

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hayes. Following the meal, the group gathered around the fireplace in the recreation room next to the dining hall. There the men sang songs, led by Earl Williams, and told stories of their past experiences at Onaway.

After they returned to the mainland in the boat owned by Hobart Edmunds, who operates a boat livery in the Chain O' Lakes, and who refused compensation for the service, the Old Boys returned to Neenah in the late afternoon.

The men who made the trip included George Sande, Hubert Lansing, Harrison Smith, Harry Bishop, Jay Gillingham, George Handier, Thomas Clausen, Norman Hawkinson, Harry Fish, Frank Scott, Fred Wines and Ted Parmenter, all charter members. Some had come a long distance to take part in the Golden Jubilee. Handier is from Marshall, Texas; Fish from Los Angeles, Calif.; Wines from Tacoma, Wash., and Parmenter from Hollywood, Calif.

Also on the trip were Reuben Peterson, Wisconsin Rapids; John Neubauer, former Brigade captain who now lives in Sylacauga, Ala.; Ernie Draheim, Rhineclander; Edwin Hough, Los Angeles, Calif.; Niel Woodworth,

Los Angeles, Calif.; Neil Woodworth, also of Los Angeles; Paul Stack-
er, a former Brigade captain now
of Columbus, Ohio; Edgar Jones,
John Neubauer, Al Angermeyer,
Ralph Thomas, Earl Williams
and S. F. Shattuck.

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Neenah WI

4 Youths Caught on Lake

It was reported from Waupaca that trees and wires were down in scattered areas of Waupaca county. A big pine tree was blown over and clipped the side of the home of Hobart Edmunds at King. No one was injured.

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Enforcement Unit Meets

The law enforcement committee met Thursday evening at the Courthouse.

Hobart Edmunds, owner of Crescent Island in the Chain O'Lakes complained that the excessive speed of power boats was causing waves that washed away the shoreline of the island which is situated between Sunset and Rainbow Lakes.

Sunset Lake has a maximum speed of 10 mph. while Rainbow allows water skiing with its high speed boats. The committee could not take action, since it is unable to determine whether the island lies within the boundaries of Rainbow or Sunset Lake. The Public Service Commission will be contacted to see if they can ascertain the boundary line and determine in which lake the island lies.

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"The Hester B" 30 foot paddle wheeler plies full speed toward dockside on Taylor Lake, Chain-O-Lakes, Waupaca. Residents along the Chain watch for the trim craft as it moves full speed ahead at six m.p.h. Skipper Earl Brien says, "I built it for comfort, not for speed, and it was designed for a fast walk." Fishermen on the chain wish he would build more as its gentle wake does not disturb their favorite pastime. It was named for first mate Hester Brien.

On July 21 the "Hester B" was scheduled for launching. A neighbor, Hobie Edmunds, used his powerful launch to assist with the towing. Sliding on her skids down the gentle slope to Taylor Lake was the dream. As puffs of smoke churned from the dreamer's pipe, Brien watched with outward calm. Who will ever know what questions were chasing around in his mind? Would she float? Would she move? Would she list to port or starboard?

'Good, Fast Walk'

As the pontoons hit the shallows, she righted herself, the captain opened the foredeck gate, stepped into the pilot house, touched the starter button, shifted the long wooden lever to reverse position. Slowly the "Hester B" moved out into the quiet waters and made her way along Government Island on her successful shakedown cruise. Nothing will be changed. The captain likes her pace, "a good fast walk."

Some men are happy with dreams, others happiest making dreams come true. Named for Mrs. Brien, mistress of the dream, the "Hester B" may be Earl's

way of paddling into another dream. Now he is content to sit in his captain's chair and guide his paddle wheeler along the pine tree-shaded turquoise waters of the Chain.

IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S
COURT IN AND FOR BROW-
ARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
IN PROBATE NO. 18324.
IN RE: ESTATE OF
HOBART M. EDMUNDS
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND CLAIMANTS**

You and each of you are hereby notified and required to present any claim and demands which you, or either of you, may have against the estate of HOBART M. EDMUNDS, deceased, late of said County, to the County Judge of Broward County, Florida, at his office in the Court House, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, within six calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand must be in writing and must state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, and must be sworn to by the claimant, his agent, or his attorney, or the same will become void according to law. Such creditor or claimant must at the time of the filing of the same deliver a copy of such claim to the County Judge in compliance with Chapter 61-394, Laws of Florida for 1961.

This 31st day of May, 1963.

/S/ DONALD EDMUNDS,
As Executor of the Estate
of HOBART M. EDMUNDS,
deceased.

GLASEL, MEYER AND LEBEN
Attorneys for Executor
2425 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood, Florida
S-T June 6, 13, 20, 27, 1963
(A-76).

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Hollywood FL

Boat Lines Owner Leaves Estate Of \$70,333

WAUPACA—Hobart M. Edmunds, Waupaca, who died March 27, 1963, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., left an estate valued at \$70,333 which was ordered distributed to heirs Thursday in Probate Court by Judge Wendell McHenry.

Edmunds was owner of the Edmunds Boat Line on the Chain O'Lakes. The estate consisted of \$32,000 in real estate, \$23,333 in personal property and \$15,000 as a gift in contemplation of death.

Deductions of \$6,462 left a net estate of \$63,871 of which \$56,371 less \$1,858 in taxes was left to his son, Donald Edmunds, Waupaca, and \$7,500 less \$143 in taxes to his daughter-in-law, Verna Edmunds.

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Appleton WI

Canoe trips have rocky history

The Crystal River was undoubtedly a means of transportation for Indians and early pioneers, and area residents would canoe the shallow waters through rocky rapids for fun.

Gordon "Ding" Doerfler, a Waupaca man, seized upon the "entertainment" aspects of the trip and started the excursions in 1947 with wooden boats. Those boats didn't last long because of the pounding they took from the rocks in the river, said Maria Belke, who now operates Ding's Dock, home of the Crystal River canoe trips.

Another Waupaca man, Hobie Edmunds, also started offering the rides in smaller skiffs; and the popularity of the trips started to increase after 1960 when "Wormy" Nelson built the first fiberglass boat, a lightweight craft that could maneuver more easily through the rocks and withstand the beating.

The fiberglass holds up well, says Belke, explaining that battered sections of the skiffs are cut out and replaced with a new piece. The fiberglass has to be patched after almost every trip, she said, explaining that Mondays are the big day for patching after a busy weekend.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Tuesday 21 Jul 1992 p 20 – using Hobert's nickname "Hobie"

Wife Mayme Stuehmer:

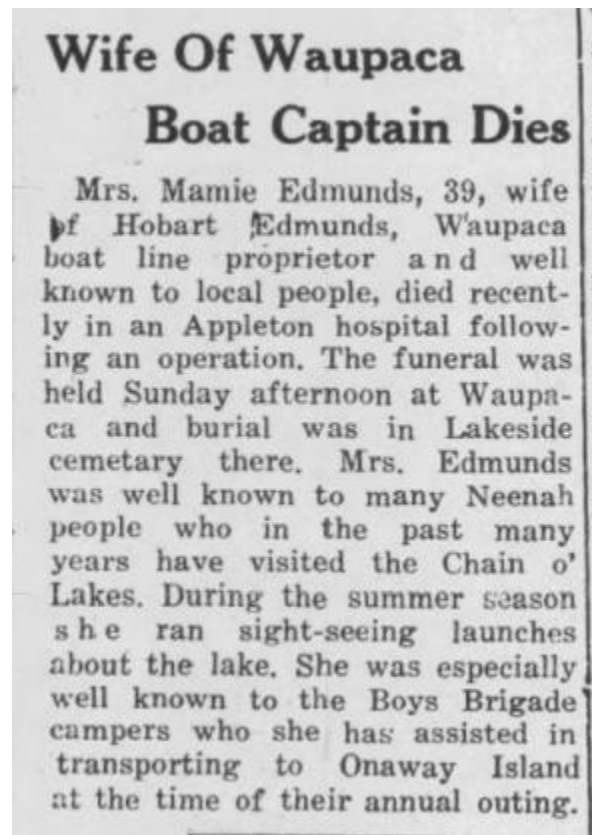
Mayme V. Stuehmer
in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Add or update information

Detail	Source
Name	Mayme V. Stuehmer
Maiden Name	Stuehmer
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	18 Sep 1917
Marriage County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Hobart M. Edmunds

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/91161881>



"Neenah (WI) News-Record" 11 Jun 1934 p 3

MRS. MAMIE EDMUNDS

Mrs. Mamie Edmunds, 39, Waupaca, died in Appleton Thursday evening. She recently submitted to an operation. Survivors are the widower, Hobart; parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Steuhmer of the Wisconsin Veterans home; three sisters, Mrs. John Hopkins of Massachusetts, Mrs. Fred Montgomery and Mrs. Fred Jenner, Waupaca; and two brothers, Albert Steuhmer of Sheridan and Douglas of the Wisconsin Veterans Home. The funeral will be held at the Holly Funeral home at Waupaca at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. E. B. Earle, chaplain of the Veterans' home, in charge. Burial will be in Lakeside cemetery at Waupaca.

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Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Holly funeral home for Mrs. Mamie Edmunds, 39, who passed away Thursday at Appleton following an operation. She leaves her husband, Hobart Edmunds, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Steuhmer, two brothers, Albert Steuhmer, Sheridan, and Douglas Steuhmer, Veterans' Home, and three sisters, Mrs. John Hopkins, of Massachusetts, Mrs. Fred Montgomery and Mrs. Fred Jenner, both of Waupaca. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. E. B. Earle, chaplain at The Home and interment will be in Lakeside cemetery.

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Wife Eloise S. Jorgensen

WAUPACA MAN AND POY SIPPI GIRL WED

Poy Sippi, Wis.—(Special)—The marriage of Hobart Edmonds of Waupaca and Miss Ethel Jorgensen, daughter of Mrs. Sena Jorgensen of this village, was solemnized at Lazarus Lutheran church Saturday evening, the Rev. R. E. Morton officiating. They were attended by Henry Christensen and Ruth Jorgensen, sister of the bride. The young couple have gone to Florida to spend the winter, after which they will live at Waupaca.

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Oshkosh WI

Mrs. Hobart Edmunds

Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, 44, King, died at 2 o'clock Friday morning in Berlin after a long illness. Her husband operates a boat livery on the Chain O'-Lakes.

She was born Sept. 14, 1912, in Poy Sippi. Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Sena Jorgensen, Poy Sippi; one son, Donald, at home; three brothers, Ralph and Harvey Jorgensen, Berlin, and Palmer Jorgensen, Poy Sippi; and three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Pagel, Mrs. Ray Hempel and Mrs. Vernon Olson, all of Poy Sippi.

Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the chapel at the Grand Army Home at King, with the Rev. N. B. Hansen, pastor of the Poy Sippi Lutheran church, in charge. Burial will be in Lakeside cemetery, Waupaca. Friends may call at the Hempel Funeral home, Poy Sippi, after 10 o'clock Sunday morning until Monday morning and then at King.

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Onaway Friend of Brigaders is Dead

Mrs. Hobert (Ethel) Edmunds, who with her husband operated for many years the boat livery at Waupaca which transported Boys Brigade members back and forth to Camp Onaway, has passed away, word was received here this morning. Their boats and their residence are on Lake Taylor.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. on Monday at King, Wis.

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Neenah WI

Son

brothers, Robert and Jimmie.
Three polio cases have been reported from this vicinity. Duncan Campbell, Jr., has returned from Madison where he was rushed when the disease became apparent and has almost recovered from its effects. Donald Edmunds, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Edmunds, and the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bodenheimer, are patients at Wisconsin General hospital, Madison.

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Appleton WI

Son H. Donald Edmunds (1937-2012) –

Announce Betrothal

WAUPACA — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pryse, Rt. 1, Waupaca, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Verna, to Don Edmunds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Edmunds, also of Rt. 1, Waupaca. No wedding plans have been made.

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Marriage Licenses

Waupaca — Three marriage license applications issued this week by A. L. Anderson, county clerk, were to Thomas A. Olson, Milwaukee, and Joyce A. Tessen, town of Little Wolf; Keneth G. Stowell, town of Fremont, and Pauline V. Koestler, Appleton; Don H. Edmunds, town of Farmington, and Verna E. Pryse, town of Farmington.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Krobert of Beaver Dam and Mr. and Mrs. William Edmunds of Waupun attended the Pryal-Edmunds wedding at Waupaca on Saturday. Donald Edmunds is the son of Mr. Hobert Edmunds of Waupaca.

Beaver Dam Daily Citizen
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Beaver Dam WI

Her name was Verna Pryse, not Pryal

WAUKESHA (AP) — Don Edmunds of Waupaca, a polio victim when he was nine, won the championship Sunday in the 1961 Wisconsin Trapshooting Tournament, the biggest in state history, by outlasting two rivals in a double shootoff.

It was the first major title for the 24-year-old Edmunds who has been shooting for only two years. He grabbed the crown from a veteran sprinkled field of 550 shooting at the Waukesha Gun Club. The new champion is a reporter and accountant for the Waupaca County Post.

Edmunds broke 197 of 200 targets in the regulation shoot. He was matched by Lt. William Bauer Jr. of Fond du Lac and Russ Simons of the Milwaukee area community of St. Francis. They shot from 16 yards.

Edmunds shot through the two shootoff rounds of 25 targets each without a miss. Bauer missed his 50th shot and was second. Simon hit all 25 targets in the first round but dropped out after missing four in the second. He was third.

The sub-junior title in the 62nd annual state event was won by Nancy Krebs, 12, of Ripon. She broke 45 out of 50 targets while using her grandfather's duck hunting shotgun.

Dean Grether of Delavan won the handicap championship Saturday by hitting 96 of 100 targets from 19 yards.

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Doctors Said It Couldn't be Done

Waupaca Polio Victim Can Walk, Wins State Trap Shooting Event



Don Edmunds, Waupaca, a polio victim doctors said would never walk again, has learned to walk. He holds the state trap shooting title he won in competition last week.

Post-Crescent Photo

BY DICK MCDANIEL
Post-Crescent Staff Writer

WAUPACA — Doctors told him he would never walk again, but Don Edmunds, 23, route 1, Waupaca, mustered enough determination to prove they were wrong.

This happened late in July, 1946, after he contracted polio and lost the use of his legs.

What happened late in July, 1961, is another story. Edmunds with a short history of two years of shooting behind him became the Wisconsin 1961 trap shooting champion Sunday in Waukesha.

This was no ordinary accomplishment for the muscular Waupaca man. He not only had to beat the top shooters in Wisconsin, but he had to do it on his one good leg.

Trap shooters need good balance and Edmunds developed this balance when he made his life's goal the determination to prove the doctors were wrong. He was paralyzed from the waist down.

sity of Miami and Carrol College.

He is now employed as a bookkeeper at the Waupaca County Post newspaper office.

His parents formerly operated Edmunds Boat Dock. This offered him a chance to do a lot of swimming. It also got him started in shooting. Frank "Skipper" Cary, who is now a desk sergeant at the police station, was working for Edmunds' father.

Cary was interested in shooting and a similar interest was soon developing in young Edmunds. He and Cary made it a practice to shoot about 10 rounds of .22 rifle bullets a day. This was when Edmunds was 12 or 13 years old.

First Improvement

It took about one year before he had recovered enough to take his first steps. His right leg started to function and he was encouraged. He went to an orthopedic school in Appleton where he took his fourth grade studies. He finished his fifth, sixth and seventh grades in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where his parents were wintering.

He finished his eighth grade studies at Gard's Corners School and attended Waupaca High School like any other student. After high school, he spent two years in college, attending the Univer-

Target Shooting

He then started to shoot every Thursday night with the Waupaca Gun Club. This target shooting, however, was not too impressive to the young marksman, who started deer hunting when he was 13 years old.

He dropped out of the club, admitting that he never did too well with a rifle. He then spent much of his spare time hunting small game in this area.

His interest in trap shooting was kindled by Ray Jenner, who had started trap shooting in 1959. Edmunds and Jenner went into trap shooting on a big scale in 1960 when they shot every Wednesday night at Iola, every Thursday night at Ray Rhode's at Sheridan Chain O'Lakes grounds.

This excluded the regular Sunday shooting events of the Tri-County Trap League.

Impressive Wins

The soft-spoken Edmunds admits that the fire has died down

this year and he has limited his shooting to one night a week at Sheridan and the Sunday competitions.

Results, however, have been impressive. He opened by winning the handicap event in April at Plover and came back to win the 16-yard, handicap and overall trophies in the eastern zone event here in July, with a score of 223 out of 250.

He also won the handicap event at Plover in July with 92 out of 100. He followed with an impressive win in the Class B out-of-state event in the Minnesota championship shoot with 198 out of 200.

His top performance, however, was Sunday at Waukesha where he won the state title. He chalked up 197 out of 200 and sailed through the extra 50 rounds to break a tie and win the title. The runner-up missed the 50th target to take second place.

Edmunds has no control over his left leg. It remains limp. But he has a lot of stout heart and courage.

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Charles Rahr Named to State Gunners Squad

Charles Rahr, of Oshkosh, and Don Edmunds of Waupaca were among ten shooters named to the 1962 Milwaukee Journal's All-Star State Trap Shooting team.

Both Rahr and Edmunds are repeaters on the '62 squad. They join eight other state gunners named to the annual honor team.

Heading the squad as team captain is Vic Reinders of Waukesha who has become a shooting tradition in Wisconsin, as well as the United States.

The remainder of the team includes a husband and wife team, Bob and Julie Deckert, Milwaukee; Dr. R. H. Kalsched, Marshfield; John Kurth, Columbus; Duane Buchholz, Milwaukee; Robert Brickl, Dickeyville and Buzz Hogue, Pepin.

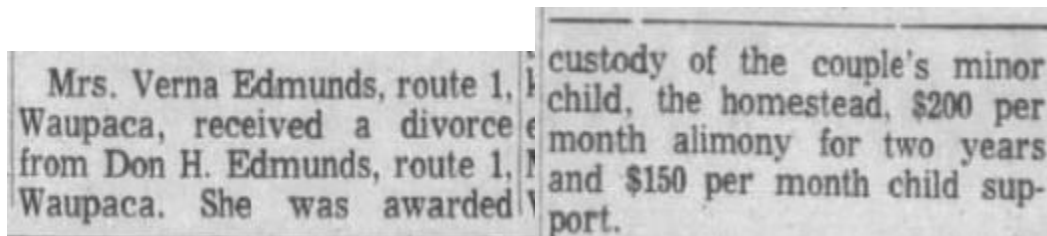
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Don is kneeling in the front row, far left



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Verna Edmunds

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Divorce Records, 1907-2015



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Detail Source

Name	Verna Edmunds
Gender	Female
Divorce Date	23 Nov 1970
Divorce Place	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Don H Edmunds
Certificate Number	5001-7500

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61485/records/140211341>

Cynthia Mae Howard

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



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Detail Source

Name	Cynthia Mae Howard
Maiden Name	Howard
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	25 Feb 1972
Marriage County	Portage, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Hobart Donald Edmunds

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Cynthia M Edmunds

in the U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1



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Detail	Source
Name	Cynthia M Edmunds [Cynthia Edmunds]
Birth Date	17 Jul 1949
Residence Date	1990
Address	PO Box 653
Residence	Weyauwega, WI
Postal Code	54983-0653
Second Residence Date	1979
Second Address	POB
Second Residence	Waupaca, WI
Second Postal Code	54981

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1788/records/216756195>

Hobert Donald Edmunds

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



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Detail	Source
Name	Hobert Donald Edmunds
Gender	Male
Death Date	30 May 2012
Death County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA
Father	Edmunds
Mother	[No Name]

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/205343502>

H. Don Edmunds

August 7, 1937 - May 30, 2012

H. Don Edmunds

Weyauwega, Wisconsin

H. Don Edmunds, age 74, of Weyauwega, passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at Riverside Medical Center in Waupaca. He was born in New London, Wisconsin, August 7, 1937, the son of the late Hobert and Ethel (Jorgensen) Edmunds. On February 25, 1972, Don married Cynthia Howard in Stevens Point. Don spent his entire working career, 49 years, at Waupaca Publishing Co., and was very devoted to the Turner family. In his free time, Don enjoyed spending time with his family, boating and snowmobiling the Wolf and Fox Rivers and Lake Winnebago area. He also loved the family cats and was a supporter of the Humane Society of Waupaca County. Don is survived by his wife, Cindy, and son Don, Weyauwega. He is further survived by his mother-in-law, Geraldine Falk, King; three brothers-in-law, Charles Falk, Catawba; Dennis Falk, Waupaca; Verne (Julie) Howard, Missouri; a sister-in-law, Dianna (Paul) Schelich, Missouri; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.. Cremation has taken place and, in accordance with Don's wishes, no funeral service will be held.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of H. Don Edmunds, please click here to visit our Sympathy Store.

<https://www.lewinfuneralhome.com/obituaries/H-Don-Edmunds?obId=19940973>

Father



Father John Reuben Edmunds (seated), wife Jennie Hathaway Edmunds (standing, center), boy not identified - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/158928002/person/102077993994/media/1e093cc9-f861-4fcd-856a-fa4cf6beb5df?queryId=9a01fb60-3df2-4f85-a3d5-bdb6ac1707cf&searchContextTreeId=120527633&searchContextPersonId=232086834466&_phsrc=cPx46551&_phstart=successSource

John Edmonds

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



Detail Source

Name	John Edmonds
Death Date	23 Jun 1920
Death County	Waupaca, Wisconsin, USA

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EDMUNDS—At Waupacca, Wednesday June 23, 1920, Mr. J. R. Edmonds in the 63rd year of his age.

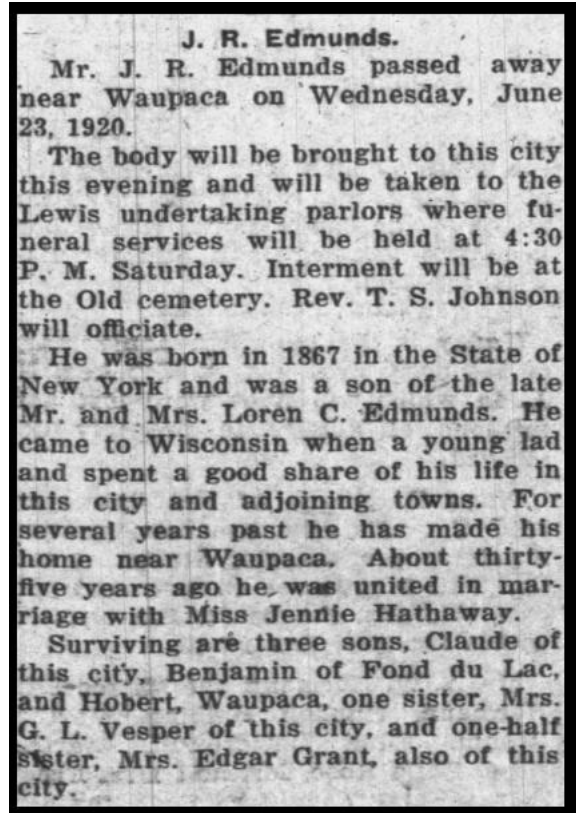
Mr. Edmonds was born in the state of New York in 1857, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Loveu C. Edmonds. When a young boy he came to Wisconsin and spent a good share of his life in this city and adjoining towns. About thirty-five years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Hathaway. For several years past he has lived at Waupaca.

He is survived by three sons, Claud of this city, Benjamine of Fond-du Lac and Hobert of Waupaca, one sister Mrs. G. L. Vesper of this city.

The remains were brought to this city Friday evening and the funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of F. R. Lewis. Interment in Beaver Dam Cemetery, Rev. T. S. Johnson officiated.

BEAVER DAM ARGUS, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Thursday, July 1, 1920

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DODGE COUNTY CITIZEN, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Wednesday, June 30, 1920

Find A Grave 60637095

Mother:

Jennie Edmunds

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Divorce Records, 1907-2015



Detail	Source
Name	Jennie Edmunds
Divorce Place	Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	John R Edmunds

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Jennie Edmunds

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



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Detail	Source
Name	Jennie Edmunds
Maiden Name	Hathaway
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	21 May 1921
Marriage County	Winnebago, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Frank X Higel

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WOMAN DIES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS

Mrs. Jennie Higel, wife of Frank Higel, 105 Grand avenue, died this morning at 5:35 o'clock at Mercy hospital as the result of a lingering illness.

Mrs. Higel was born May 3, 1860, at Rolling Prairie, Wis. Sixteen years ago she was married to Frank Higel and had since resided in Oshkosh.

Survivors are her husband; three sons, Claude Edmonds, Rolling Prairie; Benjamin Edmonds, Oakfield, Wis.; and Hobart Edmonds, Wisconsin Veterans Home; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Konrad funeral home. The Rev. E. B. Earle of the Wisconsin Veterans Home will be the officiating clergyman. Interment will be at Riverside cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday afternoon and until the time of the services.

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Oshkosh WI

Obituary

HIGEL — Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie Higel, wife of Frank Higel, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Konrad funeral home. The Rev. E. B. Earle of the Wisconsin Veterans Home was the officiating clergyman. Burial was at Riverside cemetery. Grandsons of the deceased served as pallbearers.

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Fri, Aug 27, 1937 · Page 4

Oshkosh WI

Mrs. Frank Heidel
Dead At Oshkosh

Former Resident of This City Will be
Buried in That City On
Friday.

Mrs. Frank Heidel, a former resident of this city, passed away at her home at Oshkosh at six o'clock Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock at Oshkosh where interment will also take place.

The deceased was a daughter of the late Charles and Julia Hathaway, Sr., and was born May 3, 1860, in the Town of Beaver Dam. She was united in marriage with John R. Edmunds, about 1888, who preceded his wife in death in 1918. To this union were born five children, one daughter preceding in death in infancy and a son, Charles, passed away at the age of eighteen years. Surviving children are Claude Edmunds of Rolling Prairie; B. F. Edmunds of Oakfield, and Hobart Edmunds of Waupaca, Wis. Six grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren also remain.

In the year 1924 Mrs. Edmunds was united in marriage with Frank Heidel and since that time Mr. and Mrs. Heidel have resided in the city of Oshkosh.

Mrs. Heidel resided in Beaver Dam for a number of years, and later at Waupaca. She is the last of her family, and was a sister of Chas. W. Hathaway, Jr., Juneau, who passed away last January.

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Her name was HIGEL, not Heidel -

Beaver Dam WI

Mrs. Julia Ann Hathaway.

Mrs. Julia Ann Hathaway, the wife of Charles W. Hathaway, deceased, and the mother of the present sheriff of Dodge county, passed away to her eternal rest on April the 25th, 1917, in the 90th year of her age.

Mrs. Hathaway was born in Lewis county, New York, on June 4, 1827. She was the daughter of Turnble and Betsy Smith who dated their ancestry back to before the Revolutionary war. Her grandfather served in Washington's army. Her father was one of a set or triplets born during that war who had the distinction of having General Washington as their god father. Gen. Washington named the boys Turnble, George and Greene, one after himself, one after Gen. Greene of the Continental army, and her father after Governor Turnble of Connecticut.

Four children were born to Charles W. and Julia Ann Hathaway—Adelade Nelson, Jennie and Charles. Charles, the present sheriff of Dodge county, and Jennie, remain to mourn the loss of a loving mother. Adelade and Nelson passed away many years ago. Seven grandchildren also survive to mourn her loss, Nelson Hathaway and Claude Edmunds, Beaver Dam; Clarence Hathaway, Hartford; Benjamin and Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; Miss Martha Hathaway, Juneau, and Charles Hathaway Jr., who resides on the old homestead in the Town of Beaver Dam. Mrs. Hathaway was the last but one of twelve children, one sister still residing in New York state. Those of her brothers and sisters who resided in this vicinity were the late Eldridge Smith and Caroline Fairchild of Rolling Prairie.

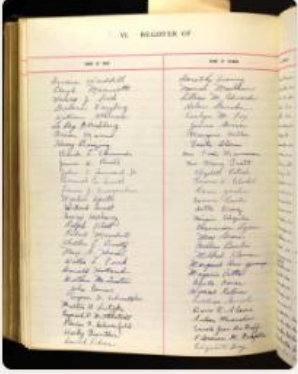
Thus as time flies, we pass away, one by one, to be mourned for a short time but never forgotten. Thus has another old settler, with a continuous residence at the old home of some sixty-five years, gone to her final reward.

The funeral services will be held at the Assembly Presbyterian church in this city on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. S. Johnson.

From the Find A Grave record 9777924 for Jennie Hathaway Edmunds's mother, Julia Ann Smith Hathaway – Jennie listed as a survivor in Apr 1917 along with her brother Charles, the sheriff of Dodge Co. WI. Among Julia's 7 grandchildren are the 3 surviving Edmunds children: Claude Edmunds (Beaver Day WI), Benjamin Edmunds (Waupaca WI) & Hobart [sic] Edmunds (Waupaca WI)

Siblings:

Claude L. Edmunds
in the U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970



Detail	Source
Name	Claude L. Edmunds
Gender	Male
Record Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	18 Apr 1940
Marriage Place	Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, USA
Church	Grace Presbyterian Church
Spouse	Freda Mamman

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Brother Claude Loren Edmunds (1882-1961) -

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1. Full name of husband, Claude L. Edmunds

2. Name of the father of husband, John B. Edmunds

3. Name of mother of husband before marriage, Jennie Edmunds

4. Occupation of husband, Engineer

5. Residence of husband, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

6. Birthplace of husband, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

7. Full name of wife previous to marriage, Inez A. Thiel

8. Name of the father of wife, Edward Thiel

9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage, Maggie Thiel

10. Birthplace of wife, Beaver Dam, Wis.

11. The color of the parties, White

12. No. and date of license, License 1105-12-1906

13. Time when marriage was celebrated, June 30, 1906

14. The place, town or locality, and county where marriage was celebrated, Beaver Dam, Dodge Co., Wis.

15. By what ceremony celebrated, Presbyterian

16. Names of officiating witnesses, Edwin Leary, Edward Thiel, Jos. M. Sanderson minister, Freda Mamman

17. Name of person procuring marriage, Claude L. Edmunds

18. Residence of person last named, Beaver Dam, Dodge Co., Wis.

19. Date of certificate or attestation of marriage, June Twentieth 1906

20. Date of registration, June 30 1906

21. Any additional circumstances, -

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Four Seek Postmaster Job at Rolling Prairie

(Journal Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON — Four applications from candidates for the postmastership at Rolling Prairie, Dodge county, Wis., were received by the civil service commission by Aug. 22, the closing date for the receipt of such applications.

The applicants for the \$709 job are: C. Paul Behle, Irene A. Rhode, Mrs. Estelle H. Beck and Claude L. Edmunds.

The vacancy at Rolling Prairie was caused by the resignation of Postmaster Felix H. Quandt, Feb. 24. Quandt is still in office and will continue to act as postmaster until his successor is appointed.

The examination will be held at Horicon, Wis., in about 15 days.

Wisconsin State Journal
Mon, Aug 25, 1930 · Page 16

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Claude Edmunds

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



Detail Source

Name	Claude Edmunds
Death Date	8 Feb 1961
Death County	Dodge, Wisconsin, USA

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Wisconsin Death Index, 1959-1997



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Name	Benjamin H Edmunds
Age	75
Sex	M (Male)
Birth Date	abt 1890
Death Date	18 Feb 1965
Location	Beda
Certificate	003785

Brother Benjamin Harrison Edmunds (1889-1955) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/63026871/person/32192117851/facts>

DIED.

EDMUNDS—At his home near the old Depot in this city on Friday, July 1, 1904, Charles Francis Edmunds, aged 20 years, 1 month, and 19 days.

This sudden death of a dear son and brother was a great sorrow to his parents and brothers and they have the sympathy of many friends. Charles had been working in the Cotton Mill and when it shut down he went to work for Mr. Ernest Schultz on the Waupun road where he was taken seriously ill on June 22, and was brought home to be cared for by his good mother. He did not improve but gradually became weaker and died early on Friday morning.

He was the second son of John and Jennie Edmunds and was born in Arlington, South Dakota, May 12, 1884. In the spring of 1895, his parents returned to Wisconsin, and Charles came with them to Rolling Prairie, and afterward to Beaver Dam. Here he attended school and when old enough he went out to work with the farmers, and afterward in the mills of Beaver Dam. He was industrious, careful and made many friends. He was a good son and kind to his brother and reliable in his work. The funeral was largely attended in the Assembly Presbyterian church on Sunday at 2 p. m. and his burial in the Old Cemetery.

*Brother Charles Francis Edmunds (1894-1904) – Find A
Grave 60637096*

1. Full name of deceased.	Charles F. Edmunds
2. Maiden name (if wife or widow).	
3. Color and sex.	White male
4. Race.	Caucasian
5. Occupation of deceased.	Factory Employee
6. Age (years, months and days).	20 yrs. 7 mo. 19 days
7. Name of father.	J. R. Edmunds
8. Birthplace of father.	New York
9. Name of mother.	Jennie Edmunds
10. Birthplace of mother.	New York
11. Birthplace of deceased.	So. Dak.
12. Date of birth of deceased.	May 12 th 1884
13. Condition (single, married, widowed, or divorced).	Single
14. Name of wife or husband of deceased.	-
15. Date of death.	July 1 st 1904
16. Cause of death. (Primary cause only).	Cholera
17. Duration of illness.	-
18. Place of death.	Residence
19. Residence at time of death.	Beaver Dam, Wis.
20. Was deceased ever a U. S. soldier or sailor?	-
21. Name of physician, nurse or janitor.	J. F. Mearns, M.D.
22. Residence of such person.	Beaver Dam, Wis.
23. Name of undertaker or other person conducting burial.	J. McConrad & Son
24. No. and date of burial permit.	16-July 2-1904
25. Place of burial.	Beaver Dam Cemetery
26. Date of certificate.	July 1-1904
27. Date of registration.	July 30 th 1904
28. Other important facts not related.	

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Hobert McKinley Edmunds

Name variations: appears in error in some 1918 newspapers as M.M. Edmunds – also found often as Hobart McKinley Edmunds – Hobie Edmunds

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. E (1938 NTSA, Co. A) - corporal

Serial number: 250,937

Entered service from: Waupaca, Waupaca WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Hobert M. Edmunds

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mayme Edmunds, Keansburg NJ (other record: Mrs. Hobert Edmunds, 9th St. & Laurel Ave., Keansburg NJ)

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Hobert M. Edmunds

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Mayme V. Edmunds, Keansburg NJ (PFC, Co. A, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1939 NTSA: Wisconsin Veterans Home, Waupaca WI - 1955 WI Survivors: Waupaca WI
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Hobert McKinley Edmunds - b. 17 Jul 1896 Rolling Prairie WI; res: King, Lincoln WI. NOK Mrs. Ethel Edmunds, same address. Boat operator at same address. Height: 5'8 ¾" – 160 lbs. Registered 25 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted 15 Jul 1917
 Discharged 29 May 1919
 Address: Wisconsin Veterans Home, Waupaca WI
 Rank/unit: private 1st class, Cas Det, 161 DB

Birth & death:

Born: 17 Jul 1896 Rolling Prairie, Dodge WI
 Died: 27 Mar 1963 Fort Lauderdale, Broward FL (resident King, Waupaca WI)
 Find A Grave record: 102999200, presence on Tuscania noted in flower
 Burial location: Waupaca, Waupaca WI
 Cemetery: Lakeside Memorial Park
 Tombstone: Wisconsin / Cpl 1 Sup Co 107 TN HQ & MP / WWI

Father: John Reuben Edmunds, Jul 1857 NY – 23 Jun 1920 Royalton, Waupaca WI.

Son of Lorin C. & Julia E. Edmunds.

He moved to the Chain o' Lakes area of WI in 1903 with his family & there began to operate the boat business that son Hobert and both Hobert's wives would operate.

He died at the Waupaca County Asylum.

Buried in Beaver Dam City Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Dodge WI.

Find A Grave: 60637095

Mother: Jennie E. Hathaway Edmunds Higel, May 1860 Beaver Dam, Dodge WI - 24 Aug 1937 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI.

Some online records report she died around 1940.

Daughter of Charles Westley Hathaway (F: 9777921) & Julia Ann Smith (9777924), both buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Beaver Dam WI.

In the 1920 census, Jennie Edmunds, widowed, is living in Farmington township, Waupaca Co. WI. Her ex-husband John Edmunds had died but she had also divorced him in 1916.

On 21 May 1921, in Winnebago Co. WI, Jennie Edmunds married Frank Xavier Higel (21 Jul 1862 Germany – 16 Feb 1947 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI, F: 226362003).

When her brother Charles W. Hathaway dies in Jan 1937, she is not mentioned in his many obituaries (as he was the former sheriff of Dodge Co. WI); she had been his only remaining sibling in 1917 when their mother died.

Some of her obituaries mistakenly spell her surname at the time of her death as Heidel.

Buried with Frank Higel in Riverside Cemetery, Oshkosh, Winnebago WI.

Find A Grave: 226362051

Parents' marriage: ca. 1878 (married 22 years in 1900 census). They divorce in Jul 1916. "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" 31 Jul 1916 p 1 – Divorce granted to plaintiff 28 Jul 1916 to John R. Edmunds v. Jennie Edmunds, a Waupaca County special.

Spouse: Mayme (Mamie/Maime) V. Stuehmer Edmunds, 31 Jan 1894 Hammo, Atlantic NJ – 7 Jun 1934 Appleton, Outagamie WI.

Daughter of Fredrick William Stuehmer (F: 103003746) & Caroline Bolst (Bolt/Boldt) (F: 103003743).

Died at age 39 after an operation.

Tombstone reads: "wife of H.M. Edmunds." Buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Waupaca, Waupaca WI. Obituaries appear in many newspapers.

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 9 Jun 1934 p 17 – Funeral to be 10 Jun 1934 for Mrs. Mamie Edmunds, 39, who died Thursday, 7 Jun 1934, at Appleton WI following an operation. She is survived by her husband Hobart Edmunds, her parents Mr. & Mrs. John Steuhmer [sic], 2 brothers & 3 sisters. Interment in Lakeside.

Buried in Lakeside Memorial Park, Waupaca, Waupaca WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 102999201

Marriage: as Mayme V. Stuehmer, married 18 Sep 1917 in Waupaca Co. WI.

In the 1930 census, both Hobert & Mayme are age 33 & say they were married at age 21, which computes to 12 years earlier, ca. 1918, but he was overseas in 1918.

"Keyport (NJ) Weekly News" 15 Feb 1918 p 2 reports the couple had been married a little over a year.

? Fiancee: **Velma Demery**

On 7 Dec 1937 in Broward Co. FL, Velma Demery filed the county's first "heart balm" lawsuit (breach of promise) asking for \$30,000 in damages from Hobert Edmunds. The suit was filed after Hobert returned to Fort Lauderdale FL with his recent bride [Ethel Jorgensen].

Velma had also filed a suit against Hobert Edmunds on 6 Oct 1937 in Broward Co. FL asking for \$4,000.

Velma claimed Hobert [who usually spent his winters in Florida since childhood] had courted her steadily, had gotten engaged and given her money to buy herself an engagement ring. He left Florida for Wisconsin in Apr 1936 and then returned to Florida later that year with another wife, whom he had married 28 Nov 1936.

Hobert's defense was that he had told Velma there would be no marriage unless she came to Wisconsin in summer 1936 and married him. Velma claimed that she was unable to travel there due to illness, as she had malaria.

The jury deliberated 20 minutes and the verdict of the trial, reported 23 Dec 1937, was in favor of the defendant, Hobert Edmunds.

Spouse: Ethel S. Jorgensen Edmunds, 14 Sep 1912 WI – 21 Dec 1956 Berlin, Green Lake WI.

Parents: Fred C. Jorgensen (F: 100997208) & Sena M. Nelson (F: 100997220).

Obituary: "Oshkosh Northwestern" 21 Dec 1956 p 12 – Mrs. Hobert Edmunds, 44, resident of King WI, d. at the Berlin Memorial Hospital on 21 Dec 1956 after an illness of several months. Born 14 Sep 1912 to Fred & Sena [Nelson] Jorgensen. Married Hobert Edmunds 28 Nov 1936 at Poy Sippi. She & her husband operated the Edmunds' Boat Line at Chain o' Lakes, Waupaca. Survived by her husband, son Don Edmunds, 3 brothers & 3 sisters.

Preceded in death by her father, brother & sister. Obituary: "Neenah (WI) News-Record" 22 Dec 1956 p 1 – Died: Mrs. Hobert (Ethel) Edmunds who with her husband operated for many years the boat livery at Waupaca, transported Boys Brigade members back & forth to Camp Onaway. Their boats & residence were on Lake Taylor. Funeral 24 Dec 1956.

Buried in Lakeside Memorial Park, Waupaca, Waupaca WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 102999199

Marriage: 28 Nov 1936 Poy Sippi, Waushara WI, in Lazarus Lutheran Church.

Children: by 2nd wife Ethel Jorgensen:

- **Hobert Donald Edmunds**, 7 Aug 1937 New London [Outagamie or Waupaca County] WI – 30 May 2012 Waupaca, Waupaca WI. – Known as H. Donald Edmunds or H. Don Edmunds. – H. Don contracted polio as a child and was left with a problem left leg. He was able to become a champion marksman in spite of his disability, winning several shooting awards. - Married Verna Pryse, daughter of James Robert Pryse (1896-1968, F: 103002881) & Myra Dopp (F: 103002878) on 7 Nov 1959 in Waupaca WI. (Her parents are buried in Lakeside Cemetery as are H. Donald's parents.) - "Oshkosh Northwestern" 4 Oct 1956 p 29 – Don Edmunds, son of Mr. & Mrs. Hobert Edmunds, Route 1, Waupaca, engaged to Verna Pryse, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pryse, Route 1, Waupaca. "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 31 Oct 1959 p 19 – marriage license for Don H. Edmunds, town of Farmington & Verna Pryse, town of Farmington. - Divorced 23 Nov 1970 Waupaca Co. WI. - Married 25 Feb 1972 in Stevens Point, Portage WI to Cynthia Mae Howard (b. 17 Jul 1949). Obituary: "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 7 Jun 2012 p C9 – H. Don Edmunds of Weyauwega d. 30 May 2012 at Riverside Medical Center, Waupaca WI. Born in New London WI to the late Hobert & Ethel (Jorgensen) Edmunds. Married 25 Feb 1972 to Cynthia Howard in Stevens Point WI. Spent most of his career (49 years) at Waupaca Publishing Co. Survived by wife Cindy & son Don. Cremated; no funeral services. SSN 398-38-9290.

Siblings: Hobert was the youngest child.

- **Claude Loren Edmunds**, 19 Aug 1882 Arlington, Kingsbury SD – 8 Feb 1961 WI. - Husband of Inez B. Thiel (1888-1933, F: 9715493) whom he married 20 Jun 1906 in Dodge Co. WI. – On 18 Apr 1940 in Beaver Dam, Dodge WI, Claude married Freda Mamman. - Death notice "Madison (WI) Capital Times" 9 Feb 1961 p 18 – Claude L. Edmunds, 78, of Beaver Dam WI, funeral Wed., 7 Feb 1961. - Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Dodge WI. F: 9715492

- **Benjamin Harrison ("Ben") Edmunds**, 4 Mar 1889 Kingsbury Co. SD – 18 Feb 1955 Dodge Co. WI. - Husband of Nellie Viola Christensen (1892-1975, F: 18882216) buried with him as "Viola." They married 16 Dec 1908 in Waupaca Co. WI. - By the time he registered for the WWI draft (1917), he listed his wife & 3 children. - Buried in Forest Mound Cemetery, Waupun, Fond du Lac WI. F: 18882204
- **Charles Francis Edmunds**, May 1894 Kingsbury Co. SD – 1 Jul 1904 Beaver Dam, Dodge Co. WI. – Died at age 20 years, 1 month, 19 days. He was a factory employee & died of pneumonia/exhaustion. - Buried in Beaver Dam City Cemetery, Beaver Dam, Dodge WI, where his father is buried. F: 60637096

Notes:

Wisconsin Veterans Home

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Wisconsin Veterans' Home**, in **King Wisconsin**, is an **old soldiers' home** in **Waupaca County, Wisconsin** on the scenic **Chain O' Lakes, Wisconsin**.

The **American Civil War** saw significant advances in **battlefield medicine**. The lower mortality rate of injured soldiers led to the sentiment that the United States should provide care for its surviving injured **veterans**. The city of **Waupaca** purchased the land and buildings of the defunct Greenwood Park Hotel and donated the grounds to the **Grand Army of the Republic** (GAR) for the site of a veterans' home.^[1]

Civil War physician and GAR member Dr. Frederick Marden was chosen to head a five-member committee to organize a Wisconsin veterans' home. Among Dr. Marden's innovative ideas put into action was the practice of allowing wives and widows of veterans to live at the home, as well as the idea of allowing members to live semi-independently in cottages. Marden died on September 24, 1887, a year before the site began operation on August 18, 1888.^[2]

It is one of the largest veterans home facilities in the country with a staff of nearly 1,000 workers and includes many self-contained community services, including its own fire department.^[3]

Cited as the Edmunds family home - From Wikipedia -
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisconsin_Veterans_Home

Wartime:

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader" 9 Feb 1918 p 2 – reported on board the Tuscania: Hobart Edmunds (s) Waupaca

"Stevens Point (WI) Gazette" 13 Feb 1918 p 8 – reported saved: Herbert M. Edmunds

"Red Bank (NJ) Daily Register" 13 Feb 1918 p 5 – Hobart M. Edmunds, a Monmouth County boy, son of [sic/wife of] Mrs. Mamie Edmunds of Keansburg NJ, cabled on Monday, 11 Feb 1918, that he was safe

"Keyport [NJ] News" 15 Feb 1918 p 2 - Sgt. Hobart C. Edmunds, Laurel Ave., Keansburg NJ, is safe. Age 21, former resident Waumpaca [sic/Waupaca/repeated through story] WI where his job was to ply a motor launch on Waupaca Lake. His parents Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Edmunds live at the State Veterans Home (Waupaca). Married a little over a year. Enlisted Waupaca 5 Jun 1917. Over 3 weeks ago Hobart visited wife at Keansburg NJ. She received no further word until a "Beacon" representative phoned her to say Hobart was aboard

Post-war:

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 1 Jun 1928 p 20 – There were only 5 Civil War veterans in the Memorial Day parade. The day's exercises began at 8 a.m. with services for sailors & marines at the lake from Hobart Edmunds's large boat.

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 10 Feb 1931 p 10 – Among those present at the banquet & program marking the 13th anniversary of the Tuscania was survivor H.M. Edmunds.

"Fort Lauderdale (FL) News" 29 Dec 1934 p 3 – H.M. Edmunds of Waupaca WI is a winter visitor.

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 6 May 1936 p 7 – Hobart Edmunds returned from Florida where he spent the winter. [There are numerous newspaper references at Newspapers.com to his wintering in FL, where he eventually died.]

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 16 Jun 1938 p 23 – Hobart Edmunds pled not guilty when arraigned on charges of driving a motorboat at excessive speed on Rainbow Lake. His trial is set for 20 Jun. The complaint was made by Lt. Col. C.L. Brosius, provost marshal, WI Veterans Home.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 9 Jul 1938 p 5 – the charge of careless, reckless & negligent driving on Chain o' Lakes brought against Hobart Edmunds of WI Veterans Home by Lt. Col. Carl Brosius, provost marshal of the home, was dismissed in just under 4 hours on Friday, 8 Jul, by the judge. Brosius alleged that the 12-foot fishing boat he was fishing from on 12 Jun was swamped while at anchor 100 yards from the Veterans' Home docks when Hobart sped by within 50 feet. Witnesses on the boat & on shore testified it was Hobart; the defense witnesses said they were not in that area. Since it could not be conclusively proved where Hobart was, the charges were dropped.

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 19 Apr 1939 p 15 – The Hobart Edmunds family returned from FL where they spent the winter, to get ready for the summer resort & recreation business.

"Stevens Point (WI) Journal" 30 Apr 1940 p 1 & p5 – Co. K reunion to be held 19 May 1940 at Chain o' Lakes. One of the survivors include Hobart M. Edmunds of the WI Veterans Home.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 31 Jul 1940 p 16 – "Mandalay," the large passenger boat of Hobart Edmunds which plied the waters of the Chain o' Lakes for many years, was badly damaged by fire on 30 Jul 1940.

1942 Fort Lauderdale FL city directory
Edmunds, Hobert M. (Ethel G.) h 721 SE 6th

"Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 7 Feb 1955 p 3 – 16 Tuscania survivors met in Medford 5 Feb 1955 for the annual meeting of the WI Tuscania Survivors Association, among them Hobert Edmunds.

"Oshkosh Northwestern" 8 Sep 1962 p 13 – The Law Enforcement Committee met 6 Sep at the Court House. Hobart Edmunds, owner of Crescent Island in the Chain o' Lakes, complained about the excessive speed of power boats, whose waves are washing away his shoreline. Crescent Island is situated between Sunset Lake (which has a 10-mph speed limit) and Rainbow Lake, open to water-skiing, and it cannot be determined exactly where the island lies.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 9 Sep 1962 p 68 & 69 – launching of Earl Brien's dream boat, the 30-foot paddle wheeler "Hester B." – assisted by the "powerful launch" of his neighbor, Hobie Edmunds

Obituary:

"Oshkosh [WI] Northwestern" 29 Mar 1963 p2 - funeral services pending at Poy Sippi WI. Hobert Edmunds age 67, resident King WI, d. Wed., 27 Mar 1963 in Ft. Lauderdale FL. Married Ethel Jorgensen 28 Nov 1936 in Poy Sippi, she died 1956. Former operator of Edmunds Boat Line, King WI. Survived by son Donald Edmunds of Waupaca WI.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 3 Apr 1963 p 2 – Funeral on 3 Apr 1963 of Hobert Edmunds, 66, of Waupaca. Died Fort Lauderdale FL on 22 Mar 1963 after a short illness. Born 14 Jul 1896 in Rolling Prairie WI. Married 28 Nov 1936 to Ethel Jorgensen. Was in the boat business in Waupaca. WWI veteran. Survived by son Donald & 2 brothers [other obituaries do not mention brothers – Charles d. 1904, Benjamin d. 1955 & Claude d. 1961]

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" 4 May 1964 p 2 – the estate of Hobart M. Edmunds of Waupaca, who died 27 Mar 1963 in Fort Lauderdale FL, is estimated at \$70,333. On 28 Feb, it was ordered distributed to his heirs. He was the owner of the Edmunds Boat Line on the Chain o' Lakes. His estate had real estate valued at \$32,000 – personal property of \$23,333 - \$15,000 a gift in contemplation of death. After deductions, \$63,871 remained – of which \$56,371 (less \$1,585 in taxes) was given to his son Donald Edmunds of Waupaca – and \$7,500 (minus \$143 in taxes) to his daughter-in-law, Verna Edmunds.

Social Security Number: 390-20-5845

Censuses:

1900 Beaver Dam, Dodge WI – Parallel St. - conducted 5 Jun 1900

John R. Edmunds, 43 NY, Jul 1857, parents b. NY, married 22 years, day laborer

Jennie E., 40 WI, May 1860, parents b. NY, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Claude L., 18 Dakota, Aug 1891, farm hand

Charles, 16 Dakota, May 1894, day laborer

Benjamin H., 11 Dakota, Mar 1889, day laborer

Hoburt M., 3 Dakota, Jul 1897 [all other sources indicate born in WI]

1905 WI state census – Dayton, Waupaca WI – as of 1 Jun 1905

John R. Edmunds, 48 NY, parents b. NY, boat livery

Jennie E., 45 WI, parents b. NY, house keeper

Benjamin H., 16 SD, father b. NY, mother b. WI

Hobart M., 9 WI, father b. NY, mother b. WI

1910 – Dayton, Waupaca WI – his parents – conducted 29 Apr 1910

John R. Edmunds, 53 NY, parents b. NY, married 32 years, engineer, passenger boat

Jennie E., 49 WI, parents b. NY, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living [Charles died 1904]

1910 Dayton, Waupaca WI – brother Benjamin

Benjamin Edmunds, 21 SD, married 1 year, with wife

Viola, 17 WI

& son William, 1 WI

They live with Viola's parents, Charles & Nellie Christensen.

1920 Farmington, Waupaca WI – WI Veterans Home – much of record illegible/faint –
Found at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/53789357>

Hobert Edmunds, 23 WI, married, can't read rest of line [line 16]

Mayme Edmunds, 23 NJ, married, father b. IA, mother b. Germany [on line 31]

1920 Farmington, Waupaca WI – his mother – conducted 20 Jan 1920 – line 57

Jennie Edmunds, 60 WI, parents b. NY, widow [no occupation]

1920 Royalton, Waupaca WI – County Asylum - apparently his father – line 4 – conducted
22/24 Jan 1920

John EDMONDS, 63 US, parents b. US, widowed, inmate

1930 Farmington, Waupaca WI – conducted 8/9 Apr 1930

Hobart Edmunds, 33 Wi, father b. NY, mother b. WI, age 21 at 1st marriage, operator, boat,
WWI veteran

Mayme, 33 NJ, father b. NY, mother b. Germany, age 21 at 1st marriage, operator, boat

1940 Farmington township, Waupaca WI – Highway 22 – same place in 1935 – conducted
16 Apr 1940

Hobart Edmunds, 43 WI, proprietor, boat livery

Ethel, 27 WI, in rural Waupaca Co. 1935

H. Donald, 2 WI

1950 Waupaca, Waupaca WI – 1027 Royalton – conducted 10 Apr 1950

Hobert M. Edmunds, 53 WI, boat livery

Ethel S., 37 WI

H. Donald, 12 WI