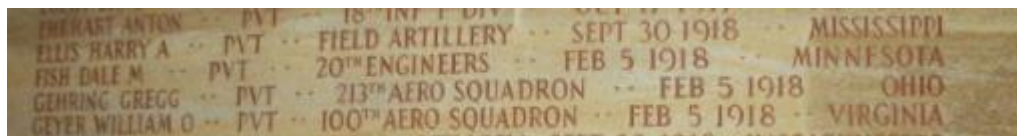


TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Geyer, William Orville

1896 IA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



William Orville Geyer – Tablets of the Missing – Find A Grave 56503369



William Orville Geyer memorial – Find A Grave 188961891

GEYER WILLIAM ORIEL		C	6 578
Pvt 100 Aero Sq		K	
Blackstone Va		A	3 668 544
Su	Died 2/6/18	T	99 657
Born 6/1/96		R	
Enl 7/30/17	Dis 2/5/18	Cl	
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

GPO 2-13862

Veterans Administration Master Index -

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Form 1		407		REGISTRATION CARD		No. 263	
1	Name in full	William Orvil Gay		(Given name)		(Family name)	
2	Home address	Blacksburg		(City)		Va	
3	Date of birth	June 1 st 1896		(Month)		(Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural born					
5	Where were you born?	Macedonia		(State)		U.S.A.	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Munition Worker					
8	By whom employed?	E. I. DUPONT-DENEMOURS & CO.					
	Where employed?	Haworth Plant					
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	None					
10	Married or single (which)?	Single		Race (specify which)?		Caucasian	
11	What military service have you had? Rank	None		; branch			
	years			; Nation or State			
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	No - Munition Worker					
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.							
If person is of African descent, attach photograph		6		William Orvil Gay		(Signature of maker)	

45-1-39 A	
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Tall</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Stout</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Blue</u> Color of hair? <u>Dark</u> Bald? <u>No</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>No</u>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

W. D. Temple, Clerk
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W. D. Temple, Clerk

Precinct Blacksburg
City or County Hotchkiss
State Virginia

5-25-17
(Date of registration)

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WWI draft registration 25 May 1917 – **Orvil?** **Oriel?**

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WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Geyer, William O.		Pvt	100 Aero Sq Sig C	Feb 5/18

US, American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919 -

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TO THE SECRETARY OF IOWA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH:

Return of Births in the County of POTTAWATTAMIE (AT AVOCA)

440	"	2	"	1	Geyer	4	W	5	Hour	M. Mo. 6	Day 2, 1896	19	yes	8	Ill
				2	M. Chester M.	4		6			Macedonia, Ia.				
				3	3										
441	"	3	"	1	Bishop, Chester	4	W	5	Hour	M. Mo. 6	Day 1, 1896	19	7	8	Ia.
				2	M.	4		6			Silver Creek		yes		
				3	3						Twp.				
9	10	Conn.		11	12 Sarah Purnter			14	S. M. Geyer				15	"	
28				28									16	"	
9	10				13 Macedonia, Ia.			15	Creamey				17	"	
													18	"	

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61441/records/452137636>

William's birth record in Pottawattamie Co. IA – box #2 is supposed to indicate sex of child, which indicates M (male) – but the Chester M. portion in that box would appear to be misplaced & meant for the Bishop birth entry below his

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Richmond VA



Location of Ivor, Virginia

Coordinates: 🌐 [36°54'24"N 76°53'52"W](#)

Country	United States
State	Virginia
County	Southampton

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivor,_Virginia

with the regulars at once.

The following applicants were enlisted at the army recruiting station on Broad Street yesterday: George A. Webster, Auburn, Me.; Harvey G. Elkins, City Point, Va.; Ollie M. McGlamley, North Wilkesboro N. C.; L. A. Youman, Cottageville, S. C.; F. W. Pangle, Dillsboro, N. C.; Glenn R. Williams, Richmond; Charles E. Beasley, Richmond; M. M. Hughey, Columbia, S. C.; William O. Geyer, Blackstone, Va.; L. C. Newbill, Scottsburg, Va.; G. S. Wills, Richmond, for the aviation corps, and William J. Pugh, Lynchburg, Va.; H. L. Floyd, Hopewell, and Yewell M. Hodges, Sutherland, Va., for the medical department.

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Richmond VA

One Hundredth Aero Squadron.
Sergt. Bert O. Weeks, Modesto, Cal.
Privates:
Joe Curland, Evansville, Md.
Stanley L. Collins, Knights Ferry, Cal.
Frank D. Reilly, Cleveland, O.
Leigh A. Wright, Hillsdale, Mich.
Alexander S. Gillespie, Los Angeles, Cal.
Carl C. Rader, Johnstown, Pa.
Wilbur W. Clark, Lansing, Mich.
Conner A. Collins, Battle Creek, Mich.
William A. Moore, San Francisco, Cal.
Harry E. Smith, Baltimore, Md.
John M. Crowley, San Francisco, Cal.
Hugh Alexander, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.
Walter Alexander, Marshall, Mo.
Harry Carpenter, Potomac, Ill.
Franklin A. Church, Providence, R. I.
Richard F. Deyer, Seacliffe, N. Y.
Clifford D. Spang, Lebanon, Pa.
William O. Deyer, Blackstone, Va.
Vincent A. German, East Weymouth, Mass.

The Des Moines Register
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 -Page 2

Here spelled DEYER as on the passenger list -

Des Moines IA & in several other newspapers

TUSCANIA DEATH LIST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The war department today received nineteen more names of dead from the Tuscania disaster who were previously reported as unidentified or missing. They include:

CLARENCE W. ALLEN, Traverse City, Mich.

GEORGE A. ALTWIEN, Temple, Tex.

ROGER BAKER, Levee, Ky.

WILLIAM BINNIE, Fallon, Mont.

VERNER C. BRAMLAND, Colton, Ore.

BENJAMIN H. BROWN, Barron, Wis.

ALCIDE CARROLLO, Lohrville, Wis.

JOE COCHRAN, Lawton, Okla.

TOMMIE W. COOK, Rayville, La.

JOHN M. CROWLEY, 119 Prague St. (may be Page St.), San Francisco.

READ C. DAVIS, Colusa, Cal.

ROSENDO DIAZ, Najarma, Tex.

ALEXANDER J. DUNN, 949 Vernon Ave., Portland, Ore.

ELTON O. EDMONSON, Stran, Tex.

FLORENCIO ERIAS, Alice, Tex.

EDWARD C. FEYRER, Weymar, Tex.

DALE M. FISH, Wheaton, Minn.

SIXTON FLORES, Alice, Tex.

QUADALOUPE GARZA, Rio Grande,

Tex.

GREGG GEHRING, Findlay, O.

WILLIAM O. GEYER, (appears as Deyer on passenger list) Blackston, Va.

EDWARD C. GRAHAMER, Scranton, Pa.

ARTHUR CHRISTIAN JUNKER, Kenosha, Wis.

FRANK KOSSAETH, San Antonio, Tex.

List continues — Lincoln NE —

Lincoln Journal Star
Tue, Feb 26, 1918 -Page 3

MANY VIRGINIANS HAVE DIED IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE

The list of Virginians who have given their "all" in the great war to make the world a "decent place to live in" is tragically long considering the comparatively short time that America has been in the war. It is as follows:

John Latham Allen, Greenwood;
George M. Anderson, Alexandria;
George Spruill Ashbee, Jr., Berkeley.

Samuel D. Baker, Winchester; William Victor Barnesby, Newport News; Julius E. Batton, Danville; Young Beagle, Stafford County; Reginald St. C. Boscher, Richmond; B. F. Brightwell, Danville; William Bryan Brooks, Roanoke; Walter L. Brown, Pera; Harry G. Bruce, Elkton; Davis F. Bryant, Hopewell.

Thomas Boscher Carter, King William County; Jacob Edel Cohen, Richmond; Carl E. Clausen, Norfolk; James M. Currie, South Richmond.

Leslie A. Dodge, Woodland Heights, Richmond; Samuel G. Dowdy, Norfolk; William H. Duke, Norfolk; John Dunn, Jr., Richmond; William Lee Daniell, Berkeley.

Randolph Fauntleroy, Center Cross, Essex County; William Fauntleroy, Kinsale; William Bertie Ferguson, Roanoke; Percy W. Freeman, Corthance; Francis M. French, South Richmond.

Harry V. Garman, Catawba; William S. Gray, Norfolk; Charles R. Gates, Richmond; William O. Geyer, Blackstone.

James B. Hake, Richmond; Winston A. Hartsook, Rapidan; Norman A. Hempel, South Norfolk; John Henry, Jr., Bristol; W. Roy Herbert, Berkeley; Dewey Hobson Herring, Ginter Park, Richmond; John Benjamin Howerton, Petersburg; Charles Humphrey, Afton. A. H. Innes, Hampton.

Eugene Jarvis, Norfolk; Eugene Allan Johnston, Portsmouth; George H. Jones, Newport News; Darrell Goodwinn Jordan, Danville.

William Edward Keldall, Richmond; Clarence E. Knowlton, Norfolk; S. Koustovich, Norfolk.

Aubrey L. Lamb, Portsmouth; Matthew Latham, Stafford County.

James B. Marks, Roanoke; E. W. Mears, Wash Creek; Garland E. McCoy, Portsmouth.

Thomas Owen, Appomattox.

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List continues - Richmond VA -

Father

The following named farmers inoculated the number of animals stated. None died or were sick from the inoculation, and none have had the cholera after the expiration of the thirty days from inoculation. Without exception they agree that inoculation is safe and most of them believe that it is effective. Many of them have had their herds exposed to the infection since inoculation:

Jacob Dick, Lincoln, 5; John Morgan, Lincoln, 17; Joe Autes, Syracuse, 50; Gustav Lundren, Axtell, 77; Spencer Day, North Bend, 70; W. H. Diller, Diller, 196; Dr. H. G. Leisering, Wayne, 50; F. I. Foss, Crete, 153; Mr. Abbott, Lincoln, 79; J. D. Steiner, Diller, 57; J. B. Diller, Diller, 38; Ed Slattery, Douglas, 7; Fred Braasch, Jansen, 106; Ezra Wilter, Grafton, 195; C. H. Crocker, Emerald, 9; Charles Cline, Bazile Mills, 28; S. M. Geyer, Seward, 60; Michael Quinn, Lincoln, 63; Peter Yunker, Lawrence, 40; A. B. Seymour, Unadilla, 48; Henry Dan, Boelus, 49; W. C. Dietrichs, Rockville, 44; W. Rotton, jr., Unadilla, 51; H. H. Hyde, Spring Ranch, 34; George Young & Son, North Bend, 30; S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, 16.

Lincoln Journal Star
Wed, Feb 10, 1892 -Page 4

Lincoln NE

"S. M. Geyer, Seward, Neb.—I inoculated thirty head in 1891 with virus prepared by Dr. Billings. It failed to produce any effect at all. I have not lost any since. As to my opinion of inoculation, I think it is more apt to spread the disease than to prevent it."

In this place I will not consider here the balance of the inoculations done in 1891; suffice to say that while there were some failures there were also many successes, and that the year's work answered our purposes and established many causes of failure and the real cause of success, as well as that farmers can be trusted to inoculate their own hogs. The most rigid, honest investigation cannot find evidence that one single hog or pig was actually killed or injured by inoculation. The one point it has been my purpose to show is that Mr. Rusk has either been most seriously misled, or, as this bulletin has been "published with the authority of the secretary of agriculture," that he has given his consent to withholding valuable letters which must have been received, because they were favorable to inoculation, in other words that "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" has not been given to the farmers of the country in this farmers' bulletin No 8 on inoculation. Nor can the following statement be anything but false, or at the very best misleading, for, by reading it I think anyone would be justified in assuming that the eight letters here noted, published by Secretary Rusk with reference to our inoculations in 1891, were all that

were received by the department. The large number of letters which are not noted, here published, is sufficient evidence of the willful suppression of testimony "by the authority of the secretary of agriculture."

"There are a considerable number of owners of inoculated herds in the list from whom the department has received no replies, and it is therefore probable that full returns would considerably increase the percentage of loss as given above."

F. S. BILLINGS.

Lincoln Journal Star
Mon, Jul 04, 1892 · Page 5

Lincoln NE

S. M. Geyer, who has been here with his brother, E. D., learning the art of butter making for the last two months, returned to his home at Seward Monday.

The York Republican
Wed, May 01, 1895 · Page 3

York NE

Secretary Gabrilson kindly furnishes the COURIER with the following official list of scores made by exhibitors at the meeting of the Iowa State Dairy association in this city. In the list those samples are only reported which scored 80 points and upwards as those were all that received recognition in the distribution of the prizes:

SEPARATOR CLASS.

Name,	Residence,	Score.
S S Sweetzer,	Waterloo.....	*95
Peter Harler,	Rock Dale.....	94.5
C H Cleveland,	Nordland.....	90
P J Oversen,	Fertile.....	94
A M Pierce,	Cedar Falls.....	91
Henry Plank,	Winthrop.....	97
John Smith,	Cedar Falls.....	97.5
O E Gaffin,	Canfield.....	*96.5
S B Huyek,	Clearfield.....	96
Clearfield Creamery Co.,	Clearfield.....	93
J W Alexander,	Talmadge.....	94
C R Fuller,	Jesup.....	91
N A Reeves,	Waverly.....	91
F M Zell,	Buck Creek.....	90
C A Zell,	Siegel.....	91
A S Gabrilson,	New Hampton.....	*92
H Kalonky,	Woodward.....	91
W W Wilde,	Walker.....	*90
H J Nietert,	Walker.....	*95
E S Stevens,	Reinbeck.....	*90
G R Baskins,	Janesville.....	*94
G R Baskins,	Janesville.....	*93
H Craven,	Massena.....	*96
H Craven,	Massena.....	95
E S M Geyer,	Macedonia.....	94
Ed V Campbell,	Rowan.....	95
Wm Evans,	Vista.....	91

The Courier
Tue, Nov 19, 1895 · Page 8

Living in Macedonia IA in Nov 1895 – son William is born there Jun 1896 – Waterloo IA – list continues

eration being 400.

S. M. Geyer, who has been the butter-maker for the creamery here since its institution in 1895, last week severed his connection with the firm and has gone to Newell, Ia., where he will conduct a like business at a considerably increased salary. He is succeeded here by Ed. Holbrook, recently of Council Bluffs. Mr. Geyer's family remain here until August 1, when they will join him in their new home.

The Daily Nonpareil
Wed, Jul 26, 1899 · Page 2

Council Bluffs IA

Modale.

—S. M. Geyer of Albert City with his little daughter, Nellie, were in the city last evening calling on friends. They were en route to Macedonia for a visit with old neighbors.

The Daily Nonpareil
Fri, Oct 26, 1900 · Page 4

Council Bluffs IA

An Ideal Manager.

The other buildings on the place near to the farmhouse are most conveniently arranged for the farm hands, and they are neat, well-kept and very inviting to the new kind of farm labor that Commissioner Komer is introducing in old Virginia. And right here is another lesson that new Virginia must learn, and learn well.

Mr. S. M. Geyer, an Iowa dairyman and farmer, has been secured by the company to take charge of the farm. He and his good wife have been in charge since last fall, and they have already demonstrated that the company made a ten-strike when they secured their services. The management has been exceedingly fortunate in securing very efficient and reliable farm help from among the new immigrants that come from England. In order to offer them every inducement to remain and give good service, particular attention was paid to making their quarters, above referred to, attractive and comfortable. The farm force consists of seven of these healthy, fine-looking young Englishmen. The pride they take in their work, and the vigorous manner in which they go about it and complete it, is an inspiration to one who looks on, and just right here it is worthy of remark that there is neither a negro or a mule on this farm. Verily the Norfolk and Western Experimental Farm is teach-

ing us Virginians some good things, some mighty good things. Absolute independence of the "educated nigger" and the packin' mule! Think of it. There's millions in it.

Richmond Times-Dispatch
Sun, May 12, 1907 · Page 12

Richmond VA – manager of the Norfolk & Western Railway farm

INTERESTING BOOK ON N. & W. FARM

(Continued from First Page.)

dwelling was commenced, and other gangs were put to work simultaneously, building fences, grading roads, laying tile drainage pipes, digging ditch drains, leveling off the surface, and in general putting the land, as fast as cleared, into condition for future cultivation. The house was scarcely under way before the foundations were laid for a large modern horse and cattle barn, and a well outfit was put to work with instructions to go down until they struck a good stream of artesian water, which was reached at a depth of two hundred and twenty-nine feet. A little later, poultry houses, piggeries, a combined ice-house and dairy, a carriage house, a one-hundred-ton silo, and a separate house for the farm hands were constructed. A complete pneumatic water system was installed and the finishing touches were added in a coat of paint that brought out the attractive feature of every building. Today, within a period of only two years from the time the first ax was struck in the process of clearing, there has been developed a property that will compare favorably with the handsomest farms found in Illinois, Iowa, or any of the other Central States.

A little over a year ago, a considerable orchard, consisting of twenty-five or thirty varieties of deciduous fruits adapted to this locality, was planted. It comprises an area of eight or ten acres, and is in a thrifty, healthy condition today.

In the spring of 1907, one year ago, two acres and a half of strawberries were planted, comprising about ten different varieties. This season over two thousand quarts of berries have been marketed from this patch, which brought a total gross return of nearly \$200.

Some live stock has been put on recently, comprising a small drove of thoroughbred Hampshire hogs, a flock of thoroughbred White Plymouth Rock chickens and a flock of White Pekin ducks. There are also a couple of Durham cows to furnish milk for the manager and his family, and two good teams of farm horses in addition to a carriage horse for light driving.

The main object has been to first put the farm in a state of high productivity, and for this reason we have delayed putting on any large amount of live stock, until the products had been raised with which to feed them. This season our hopes are being more than realized. Fifty tons of excellent timothy and oat hay have already been put into the barn with twenty-five or thirty more to be harvested later. Some twenty-five or thirty acres of corn insure a yield next month of at least one thousand bushels, besides furnishing more than enough silage to fill the hundred-ton silo.

Numerous other crops, including Kaffir corn, broom corn, Alsike clover, red clover and other grasses, cow peas, sugar beets, rye, oats, mangel wurzels, potatoes and turnips are all contributing their quota to a harvest which will take care of a number of cattle, hogs and sheep that will be put on this fall.

The farm manager, Mr. S. M. Geyer, has had a wide experience in the West and is a practical farmer and creamery man. He has great faith in this section, and has taken up the work with unusual energy, ability and perseverance, which are very largely, if not almost entirely responsible for the excellent results we have obtained.

The World-News
Wed, Sep 23, 1908 · Page 7

Roanoke VA

THE N. & W. RAILWAY FARM.

One of the most interesting agricultural experiments that has been conducted in this section in a long while is the farm established near Ivor by the Norfolk and Western Railway.

A most attractively illustrated booklet has recently been issued by the road, demonstrating the success that has attended this experiment. The booklet says:

"One of the prime objects of the Norfolk and Western Railway farm is to use it as a demonstration in showing the adaptability of our Virginia soils for all the general farm crops, fruits and vegetables, when the proper method of fertilization and cultivation are intelligently applied. Adequate returns can not be obtained on the farm, unless a complete system of management and order prevails from the smallest detail to the most important work that confronts the farmer. In the establishment of this property a thorough system has been worked out. We have definite results that we hope to ac-

complish and work along systematic lines to that end."

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Another object which has been accomplished by the farm is embraced in the object lesson it offers the northern and western homeseeker and settler who comes into this territory looking for a permanent home. It is easy enough to say to a newcomer, who has been accustomed to the highly productive lands and many rural conveniences of the North and West, that Virginia can supply all these things, if he will go about it in the right way. It is a more convincing argument, however, for us to say, he not only can do so, but that a number of his predecessors have already done so, and that we have demonstrated it to be a fact ourselves, and

can offer proof of our statements in the railway farm in Eastern Virginia.

Western homeseekers are all made welcome at the farm at any time. Virginia farmers are also given carte-blanche to inspect the property whenever convenient.

The Portsmouth Star
Tue, Oct 06, 1908 -Page 4

News Items of Ivor.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
IVOR, VA., November 2.—President
L. E. Johnson, of the Norfolk and
Western Railroad, spent several hours
here to-day looking over the com-
pany's experimental farm, which is
being looked after by Mr. S. M. Geyer.

Richmond VA

Richmond Times-Dispatch
Tue, Nov 03, 1908 ·Page 4

DYNAMITE USED TO BLAST STUMPS

Demonstration on the Norfolk & Western Farm Yesterday a Great Success—Explosive Does the Work in Two Minutes at a Small Cost—Farmers Delighted With the Results, Place Orders for a Supply of Material.

At the joint invitation of F. H. LaBaume, agricultural and industrial agent of the Norfolk & Western, and S. M. Geyer, manager of the Norfolk & Western farm near Waverly, co-operating with the DuPont Powder Company, an interested group of two hundred or more farmers assembled at the farm Thursday morning to witness one of the most effective and interesting demonstrations of land clearing ever seen in southern territory.

H. E. Frist, manager of the Philadelphia plant of the powder company, with S. R. Russell, the expert demonstrator, and C. E. Conley, laboratory and engineering expert, were in charge of the work. They came thoroughly equipped with electric batteries and a liberal supply of giant powder. They arrived on the scene two or three days ago. This gave them opportunity to place the holes under the stumps effectively and get everything in shape so that at the demonstration they could keep stumps flying from morning until night with little delay in preparing the places.

little delay in preparing the places.

They began with modern sized pine stumps, blowing them out singly and in groups of half a dozen or more with the use of battery ignition. One or two cartridges at a cost of six cents each and one cent for the cap would successfully dispose of stumps up to twelve and fourteen inches in diameter, and stumps of larger size than this required about two additional cartridges for every six inches in diameter, though other conditions than size of stump are to be taken into consideration, when the charge is placed.

A loblolly pine stump is perhaps as difficult to dispose of as any because of the large and persistent tap-root, and the blue and black gum perhaps come next. The oaks and other varieties are more easily disposed of as they have little or no tap-root. Stumps of all sizes and degrees were thrown from twenty-five to one hundred feet in the air, with apparently as little disturbance as the smallest stumps that required a single cartridge.

The farmers, who were all from eastern Virginia, good naturedly picked out the toughest and most per-

sistent stumps they could find for the operator to try his skill on, and one old veteran of the forest, a large original pine, three and one-half feet in diameter at the top, three feet from the ground, was selected as a supreme test. Mr. Russell went to work with his men and batteries, putting four or five charges clear in under the stump, where the cartridges could get most effective resistance. It took him just twenty-five minutes to complete the work of placing the charge, and the total cost, including powder and cap, was exactly 92 cents. The crowd drew back and at a given signal, Mr. Russell pressed the battery button and the stump was suddenly thrown into the air in four sections, dropping at points one hundred feet or more apart. They came down, as did all others, in a perfectly clean condition with all the dirt shaken off. The holes left in the ground were less than half of those which would have resulted had the stumps been grubbed and the cost in this instance, was probably less than one tenth of what it would have cost to have grubbed the stump and put it in shape for working into fire wood, as was done by the powder.

The farmers' estimates on grubbing this stump ran from \$5 to \$15, and \$10 would have been perhaps a reasonable estimate.

The operations ceased promptly at noon and the party adjourned to the lawn at the house for refreshments, which were topped off with some fine Albemarle pippins and York Imperial apples, which Mr. LaBaume had sent down for the occasion. After an hour's rest and recreation, the operations were resumed again and during the entire afternoon the air reverberated with concussion after concussion. When the work was completed in the evening, clean and easily disposed of stumps covered the ground here and there on several acres.

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As a final demonstration, Mr. Russell selected some large black and sweet gum trees not of any special use, and brought them bodily from the ground, throwing them up ten or fifteen feet before they fell.

That it was an entirely successful and highly interesting and instructive piece of work was attested by the fact that probably half a dozen groups of farmers from different sections placed orders then and there for powder and batteries, to continue the work on their own farms.

It is unfortunate that all farmers in the State having land to clear could not have been present at the demonstration, but Mr. LaBaume has secured an excellent assortment of instructive, illustrated books relative to use of powder on the farm, and any of the following will be sent upon receipt of stamps to cover postage:

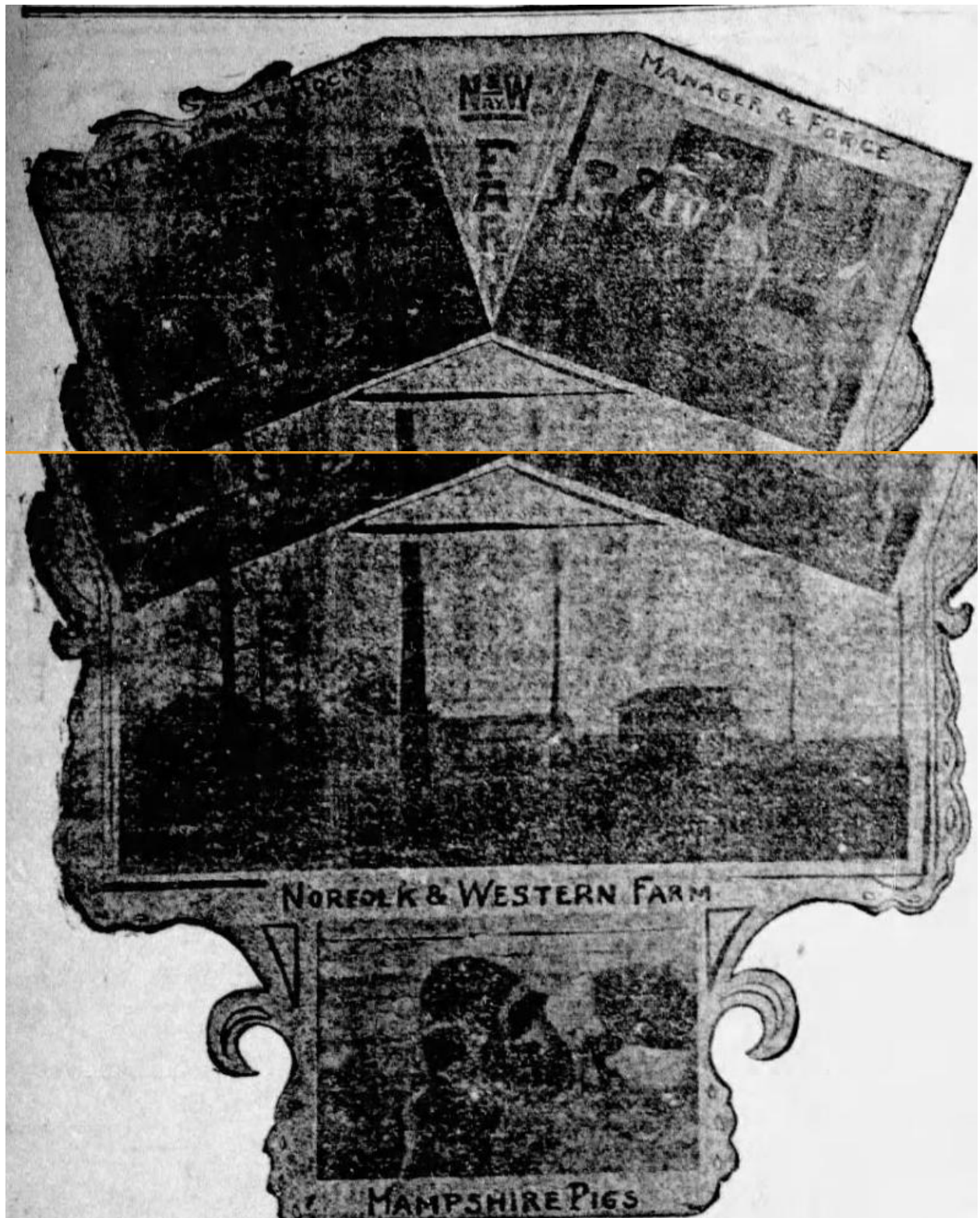
"How to Remove Stumps With High Explosives," 5 cents.

What a Massachusetts Farmer Did to Boulders," and "A Minnesota Farmer Stumps With Dynamite," 3 cents.

"Farming With Explosives, a New Idea," and "Breaking Up Hard-Pan, Tree Planting," 3 cents.

"The Achievement," cents.

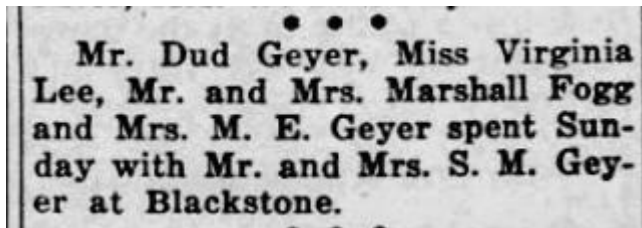
"Dynamite in the Orchard," 2 cents.





The World-News
Fri, Aug 12, 1910 ·Page 2

Roanoke VA – Sidney May Geyer likely pictured as “manager” in top right photo



The Tidewater Review
Thu, May 30, 1940 ·Page 5

West Point VA



<https://www.ebay.com/itm/297736126182> – card dating from 1910 – former manager Sidney M. Geyer died 1946

HNWR177

FILES



DUBLIN CORE

Title

HNWR177

Description

A stock train rolls through the Virginia countryside. As a way to encourage agribusiness, N&W operated a working farm at Ivor, Virginia for some years around 1910-1915.

As can be seen from newspaper articles, the Norfolk & Western Railway experimental farm was in operation by 1907 - <https://www.virginiaroom.org/digital/document/HNWR177> - from the collections of the Roanoke VA Public Library



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Rare antique Post Card. The Norfolk and Western Railway Farm, Ivor, VA. Very good condition.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State File No. **7008**
Registered No. **15**

Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

1. PLACE OF DEATH
(A) County Nottoway Registration district No. 6700
(B) Magisterial district Bellefonte
(C) City or town Blackstone, R.F.D.
(D) Name of hospital or institution None
(E) Length of stay in home, or hotel, or in this community 40 Years
(Specify whether years, months, or days)
(F) Is place of death within corporate limits? No

2. (A) FULL NAME SIDNEY MAY Geyer

3. (B) If veteran, name and rank

4. Sex Male 5. Color or race White 6. (C) Single, married, widowed, divorced, Married

7. Date of birth of deceased Jan. 10, 1868
(Month by name) (Day) (Year)

8. Age: Years 78 Months 1 Days 29
(If less than one day, hours, min.)

9. Birthplace Pulston County, Ill.
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Retired Plumber

11. Industry or business

12. (A) Name Sidley Geyer
(B) Birthplace Pulston County, Ill.
(C) Date of death Mar. 9, 1946
(D) Usual occupation Plumber
(E) Signature W. J. Geyer
(F) Address Blackstone, Va.

13. (A) Name Mary Kay Geyer
(B) Birthplace Madison County, Va.
(C) Date of death Mar. 9, 1946
(D) Usual occupation Plumber
(E) Signature W. J. Geyer
(F) Address Blackstone, Va.

14. (A) Informant's own signature Mrs. R. M. Geyer
(B) Address Blackstone, Va. R.F.D.

15. (A) Burial, cremation, or removal? Burial
(B) Place Blackstone Date Mar. 11, 1946
(Month by name) (Day) (Year)

16. (A) Funeral director Hammer-Revell Funeral Home
(B) Address Blackstone, Va.

17. (A) Final Mar. 12, 1946 W. J. Geyer
(Date received by me) (Local, deputy, or sub-registrar's own signature)

18. (A) Date of death MARCH 9, 1946
(Month by name) (Day) (Year)

19. (B) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from JAN 21, 1946 to MAR 9, 1946; that I last saw him alive on MAR 9, 1946 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death CORONARY OCCLUSION
Due to CORONARY SCLEROSIS
Other conditions 094A
(List all pregnancy within 3 months of death)

20. (A) Name of operation None
(B) Date of operation None
(C) Major findings: (a) of operation None
(b) of autopsy None

21. (A) Signature William P. Jorg M. D., Clerk
(B) Address Blackstone, Va. Date signed 3-11-46

22. If death was due to external cause fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
(b) Date of occurrence
(c) Where did injury occur? (If at or near home) (If away) (If abroad)
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial plant, in public place? While at work?
(Specify type of place)

23. (A) Signature William P. Jorg M. D., Clerk
(B) Address Blackstone, Va. Date signed 3-11-46

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Form V. 5. 12

PLEASE WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. The correct age is especially important. Physicians: please write the cause of death clearly and legibly.

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Mother

GEYER—PURINTON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in B township, on Sunday, September 13, 1891, by Rev. Geo. L. Ray, Mr. Sidney M. Geyer and Miss Sara L. Purinton, all of Seward county.

About thirty of the friends of the bride and groom assembled to witness the ceremony that made them one, and partake of the elegant dinner prepared for the occasion. Miss Purinton was a graduate of the Seward High School, and has a host of friends in Seward county. The groom is a young farmer of B township who is worthy of the bride he has won. The BLADE extends to the young people its best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous career along life's journey.

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Seward NE

Macedonia Affairs.

Special to The Daily Nonpareil.

Macedonia, Ia., Dec. 4.—A lodge of Daughters of Rebekah was established here last night by Mrs. F. G. Hetzel of Avoca, assisted by her husband and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hazen, also of Avoca. The lodge was given the name of Macedonia lodge No. 422 and starts out with a membership of twenty-one. The officers elected were: Mrs. S. M. Geyer, N. G.; Mrs. U. K. Lail, V. G.; Mrs. J. H. Lowry secretary, and Mrs. J. M. Kelley treasurer.

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Council Bluffs IA

Among those here for the funeral services of E. W. Geyer were: Mrs. Sidney Geyer, of Blackstone; Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Rhodes, of Norfolk; Mrs. Annie Grigsby, Mrs. Murray, Miss May Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Lem. Windsor and son, of Washington, D. C.

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Richmond VA

Mrs. Sidney M. Geyer, 88, of Blackstone, yesterday in Richmond. Funeral tomorrow in Blackstone.

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Richmond VA

BLACKSTONE—Mrs. S. L. Geyer, 88, died Wednesday. Funeral 2 p.m. Friday St. Luke's Episcopal Church, burial Lakeview Cemetery.

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Richmond VA

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Siblings

Tales About Birds.

The meadowlark is the most typical bird of Nebraska and the west. We see them in earliest spring. This morning, the 18th of September, I heard his cheerful "put on the teakettle." He flies from post to post along the fence and sings with all his might. The meadowlark is a brownish gray, with shades of yellow on its breast and is larger than robin red breast. It easily hides in the dead grass when near its nest, which it builds in the prairie among the last year's grasses. 'Tis carefully roofed over and is entered at the side. It takes sharp eyes to find Mrs. Meadowlark's babies. Wherever there is a grove the brown thrasher is found. It is a beautiful singer. They build in the groves and hedges. They seem to like to build around barns and houses. They are a cinnamon brown and very slim, with quite a long tail. They sometimes call them mocking birds. The real mocking bird is in some parts of Nebraska. It is a gray bird and almost as large as a meadowlark. We saw a real southern mocking bird out at Wilcox, Neb., last summer. Wherever there is trees or houses you will find robin red breast. He builds his nest around the houses. He builds it of bits of string, feathers and straw and pastes it together with mud. The robin's egg is about the shape of a meadowlark egg only rounder. It is a pretty blue egg. The robins lay four eggs in the nest at a time. Once there was a robin built his nest over our window. He has his nest there every year, but this year the rain drove them away. Last year when the little robins were hatched the old birds brought bugs and worms to them. One day we put some crumbs on a fence post and the robins came and got them, and one day papa put some crumbs in the nest and the old birds thought he was going to rob the nest, so they made a big fuss over it, but we would not rob it for it would be cruel. It is cruel for any boy or girl to rob a bird's nest, for you break the mother bird's heart. The turtle dove is the size of the robin. It has a slate colored plumage and red legs. We all have heard the turtle doves. It makes people feel sad to hear them.

NELL GEYER,
Age 10, Albert City, Ia.

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Sister Nell May Geyer Reeson (1894-1928) – Omaha NE

Prizes Awarded.

Prizes have been awarded for the best story about Nebraska birds as follows: First prize, Nell Geyer, Albert City, Ia., age 10; second prize, Louise Gaudreault, Campbell, Neb. Each will receive a copy of "Fairy Tales of the Western Range," by Eugene O. Mayfield, (Rex M.)

Honorable mention, Irene Paulsen, Mason school, Omaha; Ollie Paulsen, Mason school, Omaha; Margaret Morrissey, Mead, Neb.; Alma Sullivan, Broken Bow, Neb.; Mary Ellen Curtiss, Plattsmouth, Neb.; Elsie Reinbold, Mason school, Omaha; Roy Rhodes, Ansley, Neb.; Dorothy Phelps, Omaha; Albert Taylor, Bradshaw, Neb.; Mable Sloan, Tekamah, Neb.; Maud Williams, South Omaha.

Prize on story about Nebraska wild animals, Charley Phelps, Omaha; copy "Fairy Tales of the Western Range."

Prize on Nebraska fish, Carl Foster, Greenwood, Neb.; copy "Rips from the Buzz Saw," by A. U. Mayfield, Denver.

Prizes will be sent by mail to the addresses given in the letters.

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Omaha NE

Acknowledges the Prize.

Albert City, Ia.—Dear Rex M.: Thank you for the book. Mamma has just finished reading about Old Monarch. I like it very much. I have one sister and one brother. They are both younger than I. My sister's name is Gwine and my brother's name is Mahlon. He has a dog named Nipper. Have you any little girls or boys? If you have, why don't they write? My grandma is here visiting. My teacher stays here, too. Our school house is just across the road. We live one mile west of Albert City. I was very much surprised to get the prize and very much delighted over it. Your little reader,
NELL GEYER.

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Omaha NE

Her younger sister is Gwendolyn (here named "Gwine") and her younger brother is William (here named "Mahlon")

FUTURE OF GRADUATES

What the Members of the East Side
Class of 1905 Intend
to do.

The following information secured through the courtesy of Miss Gladys Elghmey, 108 Independence avenue, will prove of interest, we hope, to the many friends of the graduates of the 1905 class of the east side high school, who are following their future with anxious eye.

Those of the class who have chosen teaching for a career are: The Misses Pearl Norman, Edna Sanford, Velma Marten, Mabel McDonald, Lulu Pfeffer and Ada Totten.

Two will work in the Daily Reporter offices, Robert Parrot and Eldridge Heiple.

Those who will continue to enjoy the home life, that is the home life furnished by the courtesy of their parents, are Winifred Gregory, Blanche Cordon, Howard Dunkleberg, Eva Garrett, Mabel Guenther, Nellie Law, Evelyn McQuilken, Hazel Vale, Glenn Corson, George Dauchy, Melvina Hellen and Gertrude Ray.

The following members of the class will go to the normal school: Vera DuBois, Grace DuBois.

Those going to Iowa City are: Messrs. Arthur Brown, Leo Kelly, and Walter Haaskarl.

Frances Parrott will attend Cornell college. Wayne Gilmore expects to attend college at Ames. Julia Jacobs will recreate in California. Miss Gladys Elghmey will continue her schooling at St. Mary's, Knoxville, Illinois. Margaret Winniger and Beulah Wiley will attend Stanford University, California.

Members of the class who are undecided as to future intentions, are: Neil Geyer, Melvina Hellen, Louis Schwab expects to travel during the next year.

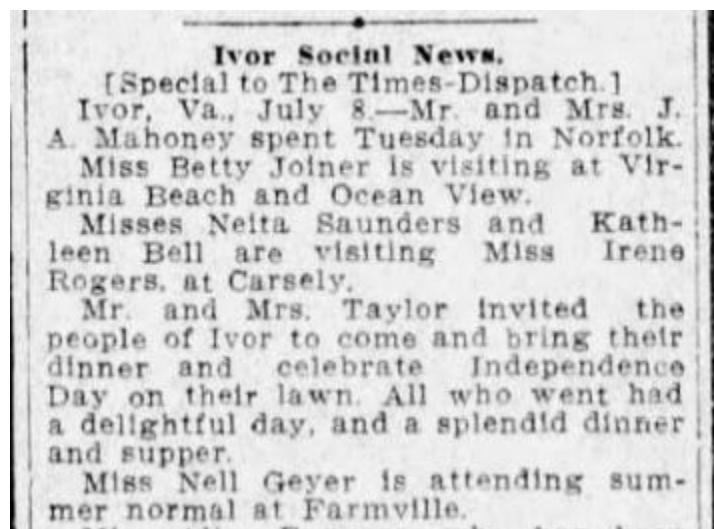
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Waterloo IA

Ivor, Va., January 3.—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Taylor, of "Fairview," entertained at a watch party Saturday night in honor of their son, Richard W. Taylor. Guessing contests, music and free-hand drawing by Mr. Fred Lobdell, were the chief amusements. Just before the midnight hour refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Esther Branch, Amie Lee Holmes, Anna Frost Taylor, Mary Reams, Belle Carter, Nell Geyer, Fannie Rawls, Sallie Harte, Edna Faircloth, Evelyn Cobb, Lottie Pulley, Gladys Herrin, Lizzie Pulley, May Rogers, Mrs. C. W. Willcox, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Varner; Messrs. John Pulley, Junius Pulley, J. T. Arthur, Hugh Rawls, Henning Sykes, Walter Saunders, Cofer Saunders, Laurie Nance, McGuire Doles, Herbert Branch, Leander Saunders, C. C. Briggs, Fred Lobdell, John Miller and Dr. J. S. Gale, Jr.

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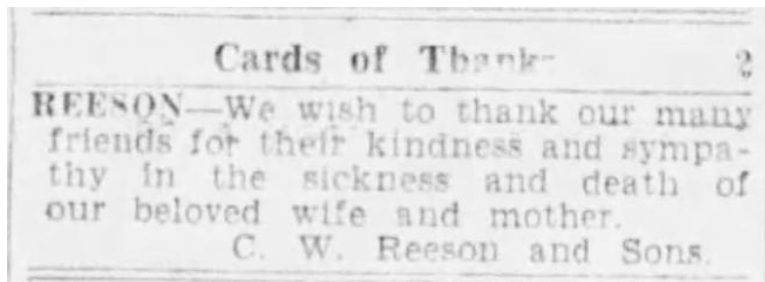
Richmond VA

Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785-1940

View record

Name	Nell May Geyer
Gender	Female
Marital Status	Single
Race	White
Age	20
Birth Date	1892
Birth Place	Nebraska
Marriage Date	05 Nov 1912
Marriage Place	Waverly, Virginia
Father	T. M. Geyer
Mother	Sarah Geyer
Spouse	Claude W Rison
FHL Film Number	2048470
Reference ID	Pr. Geo 1912

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FORM NO. 12

MARGIN RESERVE
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N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK (WRITE IN ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLEMENTED FLUID)—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD, EVERY SHOULD STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN LINED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED, EXACT

1 PLACE OF DEATH
COUNTY OF Surry
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF Swiford
OR
INC. TOWN OF Spring Grove, Va.
OR
CITY OF _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 902B REGISTERED NO. 2
(TO BE INSERTED BY REGISTRAR) (FOR USE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR)
(No. _____ ST. _____ WARD _____)

2 FULL NAME Willie Mae Reeson
(A) RESIDENCE, No. _____ ST. _____ WARD _____
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married
5A IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF C. W. Reeson (OR) WIFE OF _____
6 DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) Sept. 13, 1893
7 AGE YEARS 35 MONTHS 5 DAYS 15 IF LESS THAN 1 DAY, _____ HRS. OR _____ MIN.
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (A) TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK Housewife (B) GENERAL NATURE OF INDUSTRY, BUSINESS, OR ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH EMPLOYED (OR EMPLOYER) _____
(C) NAME OF EMPLOYER _____
9 BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Seward (STATE OR COUNTRY) Nebraska
10 NAME OF FATHER Edney M. Reyer (CITY OR TOWN) Nebraska (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Nebraska (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Purinton (CITY OR TOWN) Newington (STATE OR COUNTRY) Nebraska
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) _____ (STATE OR COUNTRY) _____
14 INFORMANT C. W. Reeson (Address) Spring Grove, Va.
15 FILED Mar 28 1928 Wm J. Rogers REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
16 DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR, WRITE NAME OF MONTH) Feb 28 1928
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM Jan. 13, 1928, TO Feb. 28, 1928.
THAT I LAST SAW HER ALIVE ON Feb. 27, 1928.
AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED, ON DATE STATED ABOVE, AT _____ M.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
Pulmonary Tuberculosis
in 1927 (DURATION) 2 YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DS.
CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) _____ (DURATION) _____ YRS. _____ MOS. _____ DS.
18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED _____ IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH: _____
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? Yes DATE OF _____
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? Yes
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? Smear
(SIGNED) Willie Seward M. D.
Feb. 28, 1928 (Address) Spring Va.
*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in death from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR RE-MOVAL Claremont Va DATE OF BURIAL Mar 1, 1928
20 UNDERTAKER Spangiers ADDRESS Claremont, Va.

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TRUEHEART

Mrs. Gwendolyn Trueheart, age 92, died Friday, October 10, 1986, in a Farmville nursing home. She was the widow of Harry P. Trueheart. Survived by three sons, Lewis S. Trueheart of Richmond, Harry P. Trueheart of Stewart, FL, and William G. Trueheart of Ellicott City, MD; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Livingston of Oceanside, CA, and Mrs. Gwendolyn T. Cox of Altavista. Graveside funeral services Monday at 11 a.m. in Westhampton Memorial Park in Richmond. The remains rest at the Shorter Funeral Home in Farmville.

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Richmond VA

Sister Gwendolyn Purinton Geyer Trueheart (1894-1986) –

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA—CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS—RICHMOND									
COPY A FOR DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS		REGISTRATION AREA NUMBER 173	CERTIFICATE NUMBER 184	STATE FILE NUMBER 86-035759					
DECEDENT 1	1. FULL NAME OF DECEASED (first) (middle) (last) Gwendolyn Geyer Trueheart			2. SEX male ☐ female ☒	3. RACE White				
PLACE OF DEATH 50	4. DATE OF DEATH (mo.) (day) (year) Oct. 10, 1986	5. AGE (year) (month) (day) 92	6. DATE OF BIRTH (mo.) (day) (year) IF UNDER 1 YEAR months days hours minutes IF UNDER 1 DAY hours minutes		7. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? ☐ yes ☒ no				
USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEDENT 120	8. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION OF DEATH (if none, so state) Holly Manor Nursing Home			9. COUNTY OF DEATH (If independent city, leave blank) Prince Edward		10. CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH Farmville			
PERSONAL DATA OF DECEDENT 528 3	11. STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NO. OF PLACE OF DEATH Cobb Street			12. STATE (OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE Virginia					
13. COUNTY OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE (If independent city, leave blank) Chesterfield			14. CITY OR TOWN OF RESIDENCE Richmond Midlothian			15. STREET ADDRESS OR RT. NO. OF RESIDENCE 1620 Danhurst Drive			
16. NAME OF FATHER OF DECEASED Sidney May Geyer			17. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEASED Sara Elizabeth Purinton						
18. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA			19. BIRTHPLACE (state or country) Nebraska			20. NEVER MARRIED ☐ DIVORCED ☐ MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☒		21. IF MARRIED OR WIDOWED, NAME OF SPOUSE (If divorced leave blank) Harry P. Trueheart	
22. USUAL OR LAST OCCUPATION Retired			23. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY			24. INFORMANT—OR SOURCE OF INFORMATION Lewis S. Trueheart (SON)			

MARCUIN RESERV
IMPORTANT: Use black ribbon in typewriter or pen ink. This is a permanent record and subject to review.

TO PHYSICIAN:
 Complete and sign medical certification (part II) and return both copies to funeral director as soon as possible after determination of cause.

NOTE: If "Pending" must be indicated, so name in part I and notify registrar of final disposition as soon as possible.

25. CAUSE OF DEATH Term only one cause per line for (A), (B), and (C).
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
 IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) Respiratory Arrest
 DUE TO (B) _____
 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (A), stating the underlying cause (B):
 DUE TO (C) _____

INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH: 10 min.

26a. AUTOPSY AUTHORIZED BY: YES ☐ NO ☐

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (A)

26b. IF FEMALE, WAS THERE A PREGNANCY IN PAST 3 MONTHS?
 YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN ☐

26c. IF EXTERNAL CAUSE, IT WAS
 HEADST ☐ OR CONTRIBUTING ☐
 TO CAUSE OF DEATH
 NOTE: IF EXTERNAL CAUSE, NOTIFY MED. EXAMINER

26d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY RELATING TO DEATH OCCURRED

26e. TIME OF INJURY (mo.) (day) (year)
 _____ A.M. _____ P.M.

26f. INJURY OCCURRED
 while at work ☐ not while at work ☐

26g. PLACE OF INJURY (home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) _____

26h. (city or town) (county) (state)

26i. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at 3:05 P.M. (a.m.) (p.m.) on the date and place and from the cause(s) stated.

ACTUAL SIGNATURE Thomas Davies M. D. **DATE SIGNED:** 10 14 86

NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (Print or Print) **ADDRESS OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN**
Thomas Davies M. D. Farmville, Virginia 23901

27. BURIAL REMOVAL CREMATION
☒ ☐ ☐

28. PLACE OF BURIAL, REMOVAL, ETC. (name of cemetery or crematory) (city or county) (state)
Westhampton, Memorial Park Henrico County, Va.

29. Signature of funeral director or person legally responsible for this certificate
Charles R. Shorter Jr. **NAME OF FUNERAL HOME AND ADDRESS**
Shorter Funeral Home
Farmville, Virginia 23901

30. Signature of registrar **DATE RECORD FILED:**
Leard Y. Russell, Deputy 10-17-86

FUNERAL DIRECTOR
REGISTRAR

V-8 2-11-74

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BLACKSTONE — Joseph R. Geyer, 55, died Sunday. Funeral 2 p.m. Monday Lakeview Cemetery. Surviving is his sister, Mrs. H. P. Trueheart of Richmond.

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Brother Joseph Riley Geyer (1907/1908-1963) – Richmond VA

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA — CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS AND HEALTH STATISTICS									
COPY A FOR BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		REGISTRATION AREA NUMBER 104		DECEASED NUMBER 183		DEATH NUMBER 34707			
1. FIRST NAME OF DECEASED		2. LAST NAME OF DECEASED		3. SEX		4. AGE		5. RACE	
Joseph		Riley		Geyer		M		white	
6. DATE OF DEATH		7. TIME OF DEATH		8. PLACE OF DEATH		9. COUNTY OF DEATH		10. COLOR OF HAIR	
12 29 63		56		Lynchburg Training School & Hosp.		Amherst			
11. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION OF DEATH		12. COUNTY OF DEATH		13. STATE OF DEATH		14. CITY OF DEATH		15. ZIP CODE	
Lynchburg Training School & Hosp.		Amherst		Virginia		Blackstone		22060	
16. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		17. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		18. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		19. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		20. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
Sidney M. Geyer		Sara R. Purinton							
21. DATE OF DEATH		22. TIME OF DEATH		23. PLACE OF DEATH		24. COUNTY OF DEATH		25. COLOR OF HAIR	
12-29-63		56		Lynchburg Training School & Hosp.		Amherst		white	
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U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.	
31. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		32. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		33. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		34. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		35. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
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36. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		37. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		38. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		39. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		40. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.	
41. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		42. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		43. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		44. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		45. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.	
46. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		47. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		48. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		49. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		50. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.		U.S.A.	
51. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		52. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		53. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		54. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED		55. NAME OF DECEASED OF DECEASED	
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Virginia State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-minded

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The **Virginia State Colony for the Epileptics and Feeble Minded** was a state run institution for those considered to be "**Feeble minded**" or those with severe mental impairment. The colony opened in 1910 near **Lynchburg, Virginia**, in **Madison Heights** with the goal of isolating those with mental disabilities and other qualities deemed unfit for reproduction away from society.^[1] The colony was the home of **Carrie Buck**, the subject of the landmark Supreme Court case *Buck v. Bell*.^[2]

History of the Colony [edit]

The colony was authorized by a 1906 bill written by [eugenicist](#) and social welfare advocate [Aubrey Strode](#), in collaboration with eugenicists [Albert Priddy](#) and [Joseph DeJarnette](#).^[4] The colony received its first patients in 1911 and by the end of the calendar year had more than 150 men who suffered from epilepsy, a condition of social abhorrence.^[4] Colonies like the Virginia State Colony had been established in order to separate the disabled from criminal populations, for example, many of the first inhabitants of the Virginia State Colony had previously been housed in prisons and state hospitals.^[4] Originally, only men could be patients of the colony, but after roughly one year of operation, superintendent Priddy allowed women into the colony who were diagnosed as feeble-minded.^{[4][2]} In accordance with the change in potential patients, the colony changed from its original name, the Virginia Colony for Epileptics to the Virginia Colony for Epileptics and Feeble-minded in 1914.^[5]



Segregation [edit]

The Virginia State colony was a center for feeble minded whites only. Blacks were not admitted to the colony throughout its early years. However, the state of Virginia in 1939 created the Petersburg Colony for the care of blacks who were deemed either "insane" or "feebleminded."^[11] The poorly-funded colony was a work camp for its 182 patients who were deemed as having "borderline intelligence."^{[12][13]}

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: William Orville Geyer

Name variations: William Orvil Geyer – William Oriel Geyer (Veterans Administration Military Index) – William O. Deyer – William O. Beyer – William Oriel Geyer

His sister Nell refers to him as Mahlon in a 1903 newspaper article – an Ancestry.com record lists him as Mahlon William Orville Geyer. The 1900 census records him as Mahlon Geyer.

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 15th Squad - private

Serial number: serial numbers were not assigned to Army enlisted men until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so William did not have one

Entered service from: Blackstone VA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William O. DEYER

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Sidney O. Deyer (sic/Geyer), Blackstine VA

Missing in action – body not recovered

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Orvil Geyer - b. 1 Jun 1896 Macedonia IA; res: Blackstone, Nodaway VA. Munition worker, E.I. DuPont-DeNemours & Co, Hopewell Plant.

Single. Claim exemption from draft?: “no – munition worker.” Tall & stout. Registered early [25 May 1917] before the national registration day of 5 Jun 1917.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as William Oriel Geyer

Born 1 Jun 1896

Enlisted 30 Jul 1917

Discharged 5 Feb 1918

Died 6 Feb 1918

Address: Blackstone VA

Rank/unit: private, 100th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Jun 1896 Macedonia, Pottawattamie IA

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania - missing in action - name on plaque - from VA

William has 2 Find A Grave records:

Find A Grave record: 56503369, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

As of 4 Jan 2026, this record claimed William was born in Macedonia, Accomack VA.

Newspaper articles show his parents resided in Macedonia, Pottawattamie IA in the months preceding & following William's birth. They moved to Ivor, Southampton VA by 1907.

Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: missing in action: plaque: Pvt 100th Aero Squadron Virginia

Find A Grave record: 188961891, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Blackstone, Nottoway VA

Cemetery: Lakeview

Tombstone: memorial stone in family plot: Pvt, US Army, WWI

Father: Sidney May Geyer, 10 Jan 1868 Lewistown, Fulton IL – 9 Mar 1946 Blackstone, Nottoway Co. VA.

Son of Dudley R. Geyer & Mary Susan May.

Was a farmer in Nebraska, then a creamery employee/buttermaker, then manager of the Norfolk & Western Railway experimental farm (by 1907) near Ivor, Southampton VA.

Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Blackstone, Nottoway VA.

Find A Grave: 188961767

Mother: Sara Elizabeth Purinton Geyer, 26 Dec 1867 Hartford, Hartford CT – 12 Dec 1956 Bon Air, Chesterfield VA.

In the 1870 & 1870 censuses: daughter of Joseph T. & Jennie E. Purinton.

Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Blackstone, Nottoway VA.

Find A Grave: 73226383

Parents' marriage: 13 Sep 1891 Seward, Seward NE

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: William was the 3rd of 4 children.

- **Nell May Geyer Reeson (Reason/Reasser/Reassen)**, 13 Sep 1894 (also found as Sep 1892 in 1900 census & 13 Sep 1893 on her VA death record] Seward, Seward NE – 28 Feb 1928 Spring Grove, Surry VA. - Wife of Claude Willis Reeson (1881-1938, F: 157188718) whom she married (with name Rison) on 5 Nov 1912 in Waverly, Sussex VA. - Her VA death certificate lists her name as Nell May Reasser (or Reassen?), d. 28 Feb 1928 in Spring Grove, Surry VA of pulmonary tuberculosis at age 35 years, 5 months, 15 days. Was in the Catawba Sanatorium in 1927; had disease for 2 years. Born Seward NE 13 Sep 1893. Husband C.W. Reason. Daughter of Sidney M. Geyer (b. Cuba IL) & Sarah Purinton (b. Newinton CT).- Buried in Claremont Cemetery, Claremont, Surry VA. F: 38026966
- **Gwendolyn Purinton Geyer Trueheart**, 8 Apr 1894 NE – 10 Oct 1986 Farmville, Prince Edward Co. VA. – First name sometimes found as Gwendoline. - Wife of Harry Parker Trueheart (1884-1940, F: 107236423) whom she married 5 Jan 1916 in Nottoway Co. VA. - She was appointed postmaster of Brandon, Prince George Co. VA on 21 Sep 1940. - Buried in Westhampton Memorial Park & Cremation Park, Tuckahoe, Henrico VA. F: 107236388
- **Joseph Riley (Joe) Geyer**, 1908 [on tombstone] but 26 Nov 1907 VA on VA death certificate– 29 Dec 1963 Colony, Amherst VA. – Joseph lived with his parents in 1910 through 1950 censuses & did not have an occupation listed in any of them. In the 1950 census, he was listed as “unable to work.” – He died of pneumonia in the Lynchburg Training School & Hospital, which had various names over the years, but was a home for the “feeble-minded” and epileptics. - Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Blackstone, Nottoway VA. F: 73226384

Notes:

His namesake:

“Richmond (VA) Times Dispatch” 19 Aug 1946 p 13 – Barbara Jean Adams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Berkley Serene Adams of “Red Oak,” is engaged to William Geyer Trueheart, son of Mrs. Harry Parker Trueheart [William Orville Geyer’s sister Gwendolyn] & the late Mr. Trueheart. [William Geyer Trueheart, 1926-2002]

Pre-war:

“Richmond (VA) Times Dispatch” 8 Jan 1911 p 9 – Miss Gwen Geyer & William Geyer have returned from Roanoke where they spent the holidays.

Wartime:

“Richmond (VA) Times Dispatch” 29 Jul 1917 p 7 – Among those who enlisted at the Army recruiting station on Broad Street yesterday was William O. Geyer of Blackstone VA.

“Daily Gate City & Constitution-Democrat” (Keokuk IA) 26 Feb 1918 p 1 – the War Department announced 61 more casualties of the Tuscania, previously reported as unidentified or missing in action. The list includes William O. Geyer, whose name appears as Deyer on the passenger list.

“Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch” 30 May 1918 p 1 – “Many Virginians Have Died in Country’s Service” – a tragically long list considering the short time the US has been in the war. Includes the name of William O. Geyer of Blackstone VA.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Fairfield, Buena Vista IA - conducted

Sidney Gyer, 32 IL, Jan 1868, married 8 years [can also be read as Geyer] [no occupation]

Sarah T., 32 CT, Dec 1867, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Nell M., NE, 7 Sep 1892, at school

Gwendoline P., 6 NE, Apr 1894, at school

Mahlon O., 4 IA, Jun 1896 [this is William Orville – can also be interpreted as something like “Wallow” or “Mahlow”]

1910 Ivor, Southampton VA - conducted

Sydney M. Geyer, 42 IL, parents b. IL, married 18 years, in 1st marriage, [occupation either erased or illegible]

Sarah E., 42 CT, parents b. CT

Nell M., 17 NE

Winburn R. Geyer, 16 NE [Gwendolyn]

William M., 13 IA [William Orville]

Joseph B., 2 VA

& 3 male boarders

1920 William has died in WWI aboard Tuscania in 1918

1920 Bellefonte, Nottaway VA – Pilnersley Rd. - conducted 13 Jan 1920 – the 3 Geyer entries are on line 18-20. The handwriting is very sloppy on this form.

Sidney W. Geyer, 52 IL, parents b. IL, carpenter, general work

Sora, 52 CT, father b. CT, mother b. MA

Joseph N., 16 VA

1930 Bellefonte, Nottoway VA – conducted 28 Apr 1930

Sydney Geyer, 62 IL, parents b. NC, orchardist, fruit farm

Sarah, 62 CT, father b. CT, mother b. MA

Joe, 21 VA, single

& cousin Mary G. Bolton, 61 IL, single, father b. England, mother b. IL

& boarder Grace Jennigan, 24 NC, single, father b. NC, mother b. SC, nurse, private practice

1940 Bellefonte, Nottoway VA – same house in 1935 - conducted 18/19 Apr 1940

Sidney Geyer, 72 IL, plumber

Sarah, 72 CT

Joe, 27 VA, single

[in error, Joe's occupation is indexed as "mail carrier, RFD" but on the original form, this is crossed through & re-entered as the occupation of the man (Mr. Branch Powell) on the line following Joe's.]

1950 Bellefonte, Nottoway VA – conducted 8 May 1950

Sarah L. HEYER [but can be read GEYER], 82 CT, widow

Joseph R. Geyer, 42 VA, never married, unable to work [son]

Gwendolyn Trueheart, 56 NE, widow [daughter]