

TUSCANIA

Houkom, Omer
1895 WI – 1977 WI



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OMER HANKOM

Friends of Omer E. Dahl, Oscar Jahr and Omer Hankom, all of Blair, Wis., watched the Associated Press reports today for news of the boys, all members of the 167th Engineer train, a unit that is known to have been aboard the liner Tuscania, torpedoed

by a German submarine near the North coast of Ireland. News from the boys has been lacking recently and it is now believed that this was caused by the embarkation of the men on the ship. When the report that all but 168 American soldiers aboard the vessel

had probably been saved was received this morning, friends voiced their hope that these three young men may have been among the rescued. They all are enlisted men who were trained at Camp McArthur, Texas. Definite information concerning them had not been received late today.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" 7 Feb 1918 p 2

OMER HANKOM AT WACO, TEXAS



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The above young man lives at Blair, Wis., when at home but at the present time he is serving the government as a member of Supply Train No. 107 located at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas.

"Winona (MN) Daily News" Saturday 22 Dec 1917 p 5



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Houkom family ca. 1918 – Omer standing in back – seated (left to right): his mother Thorbor Olson Houkom, his maternal grandmother Gjertrude Anundsdatter Olson, sister-in-law Josephine Margurite (“Jo”) Johnson Houkom (married to Omer’s brother Stephen), standing child Bessie Eileen Houkom (later Mrs. Hjalmer Henry Ryerson, daughter of Stephen & Jo), sister Nettie.

Seated on grass (left to right): sisters Bernette, Louise, Tena

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Examining a display of historic currency in the glass enclosed lobby of the new Farmers & Merchants Bank are, (left): B. T. Wiechers, vice president, and Omer Houkom, executive vice president. Bank design utilizes full use of natural light. Milwaukee avenue side of the building is

plate glass. Office furnishings are completed in a variety of colors, using cocoa beige rugs, gold fiberglass drapes and reds, greens and blues for chair upholstery. Vault walls are decorated in green tile with gold fleck.

—Journal-Times Photo

The new Farmers & Merchants Bank Building – executive vice president Omer Houkom is the man at right – “Racine (WI) Journal-Times” 19 Apr 1959 p 32

Milwaukee – “Racine (WI) Journal-Times” Tuesday 10 Feb 1998 p 10



Raft Survivors Of World War I Reunite in State

LEWISTOWN—It was 39 years ago when W. E. (Dick) Kier, Lewistown, was on the U.S. troopship the "Puscania" in the Atlantic ocean, near Ireland en route to the battles in France.

With Kier was an Army buddy, Omer Houkom. On the night of Feb. 5, 1918, the troopship was torpedoed by a German submarine and 257 men on the "Puscania" lost their lives. Kier and Houkom were together on the same life raft after the explosion. They drifted for several hours that night and were picked up by a fishing boat and taken to Larne, Ireland, the next day.

A few days ago Kier and Houkom met again after 38 years. The last time that they had seen each other was in 1919, a year after the Puscania was torpedoed. Houkom was taking his family through Lewistown en route to the western part of the state when he stopped to visit Kier.

After 38 years, Omer Houkom meets life raft companion Wayland Kier in Montana – survivors not of "Puscania" but "Tuscania" – "Great Falls (MT) Tribune" Saturday 22 Jun 1957 p 4



Unique Racine husband and wife team is Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, above, of 318 South Vincennes Circle. The Houkoms, who met in a Green Bay bank, both are now bank executives; Houkom as executive vice president of Farmers and Merchants Bank, his wife Lorraine as assistant vice president of American Bank and Trust Company. The Houkoms are one of the few Mr. and Mrs. teams of bank executives in the United States.

They're 'Two of a Kind'

By Mary Spillane

Two of a kind is a winning combination for five Racine Mr. and Mrs. teams who share the same careers. Bankers, lawyers, librarians, teachers and photographers — two heads, they say, are better than one.

Common interests wrote their love stories and guarantee a sympathetic listener for tales of a "hard day at the office."

Banking brought Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom together to form one of the few husband-and-wife teams of bank executives in the country—a circumstance that makes the couple a conversational nucleus at conventions.

Shop talk is out, however, at the couple's new home at 318 South Vincennes Circle. Unethical, the Houkoms point out, since they work in different banks; Houkom as executive vice president at Farmers & Merchants Bank and his wife Lorraine as assistant vice president of American Bank & Trust Co.

Though Mrs. Houkom admits she has been known to bungle the family check book and has had to rack her brain to supply missing entries, she and her husband met when Mrs. Houkom was working in a Green Bay bank where her husband called as a state bank examiner.

After the couple married, Mrs. Houkom "retired" and Houkom accepted a position with a Waukegan bank. Then he returned to the state bank examiner's office working in southeastern Wisconsin and the couple moved to Racine.

During World War II, Mrs. Houkom was "drafted" back into banking and has been on the job ever since, completing the unusual banking team.

"Racine (WI) Journal-Times" 24 Jul 1955 p 13

OF BIRTHS.	
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1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	Omer
2. COLOR	White
3. SEX	Male
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	Lovisa Hunslette Stephen Lorette Gjeringe Alma Sophie Lorette Sander S. Houkom Farmer Torbjørn Liefson
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	Sander S. Houkom
6. OCCUPATION	Farmer
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	Torbjørn Liefson
8. DATE OF BIRTH	Feb 18/1895
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	Town of Orstein
10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	Norway
11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	Norway
12. NAME: ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	Rev. O. Waldeland
13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	Blair Wis
14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	Feb. 9, 1895
15. DATE OF REGISTRATION	Apr. 2, 1895
16. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

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HOUKOM, OMER N

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the Red Arrow Club and Waukegan Commandery No. 12 K.T. Surviving are his wife, Lorraine; three sisters, Miss Tena Houkom of Blair, Wis., Mrs. William Krause of Sidney, Montana and Mrs. John J. Powers of Minneapolis, Minn.; two nieces and one nephew; other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Strouf-Sheffield Funeral Home. The Rev. K. L. Nerenz will officiate. Entombment will be at Mound Crypts. Friends may meet with the Family this (Monday) evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the STROUF-SHEFFIELD FUNERAL HOME, 1001 High St. Please direct memorials to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or to the Heart Fund.

Obituary of Omer Houkom - "Racine (WI) Journal Times" Monday 12 Sep 1977 p 18

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Name	Omer Houkom
Social Security Number	393-32-6141
Birth Date	18 Feb 1895
Issue year	1952
Issue State	Wisconsin
Last Residence	53402, Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, USA
Last Benefit	53402, Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	Sep 1977

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THE SUNDAY STATE JOURNAL, FEBRUARY 10, 1918.

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS—MAYBE HIS NAME IS HERE!

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OMER HOUKOM, Blair, Wis.

Wisconsin State Journal
Sun, Feb 10, 1918 · Page 4

Madison WI

Initiates of Lutheran Brotherhood

The Lutheran brotherhood announces the initiation of the following councillors: Hugo W. Alberts, George W. Baum, Walter Baum, Phil G. Deicher, Harry H. Gehrke, Arthur Gulson, Myron T. Herreid, Omer Houkom, Fred W. Nimmer, Herbert V. Prochnow, and Gilman Thompson.

Honorary members are the Rev. O. J. H. Preus, the Rev. A. J. Solden, the Hon. Carl N. Hill, and the Hon. Launcelot Gordon.

The Capital Times
Mon, Nov 28, 1921 · Page 5

Madison WI

BANK REOPENS

Madison—Reopening of the Loyal State Bank of Loyal was announced today by Deputy State Commissioner W. H. Richards. A certificate for opening the institution was given on December 18.

The bank was placed in the hands of the commissioner of banking by the board of directors on November 12. Thomas Herried, chief examiner of the banking department, took charge of the bank and with the assistance of Examiner Omer Houkom, financial difficulties of the institution have been adjusted and the bank has resumed business, it is stated.

Wausau Daily Herald
Fri, Dec 21, 1923 · Page 12

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom,
510 Melvin avenue, have as their
guest Mrs. Houkom's brother, How-
ard Redline of Sioux City, Ia.

The Journal Times
Wed, Jan 02, 1935 - Page 14

Racine WI

HISTORY OF 107TH SUPPLY TRAIN GIVEN

Officer Supplies First Complete Record for Tuscania Sur- vivors

Editor's note: Through the courtesy of Captain Oakley L. Parkhill, Fargo, N. D. the News-Republic is able to present the following complete history of the 107th Supply Train, 32nd Division to which many of the Baraboo boys belonged. Captain Parkhill, who is in Baraboo today to attend the convention of the National Tuscania Survivors association, prepared the history and because of the account it contains of the Tuscania's sinking it is particularly interesting at this time.

(By Captain Oakley L. Parkhill)
Historical Synopsis of 107th Supply
Train, 32nd Div.

The 107th Supply Train was formed from companies and officers of the old 4th, 5th and 6th Regiments of Wisconsin National Guard, at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, on the 15th of October, 1917, by G. O. 4, 57th Depot Brigade. It consisted of 6 companies and a headquarters company of 1 Adjutant who also acted as Supply Officer, and 8 enlisted men. The Headquarters company was composed of the following officers and men, Major E. F. Kraning, (6th Wis.) Commanding 1st Lt. Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo, (6th Wis., Co. I), Adjutant and Supply officer, Sergt. 1st Cl. Oakley L. Parkhill, Abbotsford, (6th Wis. Co. "K"), Q. M. Sergt. QMC. George W. Hattle, Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I), Q. M. Sergt. QMC. Otis E. Hutchins, Whitehall, (6th Wis. Co. L), Corp. James F. Bray, Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I), Corp. Omer Houkom, Blair, (6th Wis. Co. L), Pvt. 1st Cl. Ervin A. Eckel, Marshfield, (6th Wis. Co. K) Pvts. Wayland E. Kier and John F. O'Brien, both of Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I).

The companies were commanded by the following officers: Co. "A" 1st. Lieut. P. J. Pangborn of Chipewewa Falls, (4th Wis. Co. "A") men
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Tue, Feb 05, 1935 - Page 1

Baraboo WI

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Redline and daughter Gloria, St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Omer D. Houkom, Racine, have returned to their homes after visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street. The Houkoms stopped here on their return from a boat trip on the Great Lakes as far as New York, from where they went into Canada.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Fri, Aug 16, 1935 · Page 8

Green Bay Wi

Release Meadowbrook June Match Pairings

Pairings for the first round of June match play at Meadowbrook Country club were released today by Burt Walker, chairman of the tournament committee. The first round of play must be completed by Sunday evening.

First round pairings follow:

CLASS A

Roy May vs. Bye; Tony Yugo vs. Joseph Patrick; Herb Jorgenson vs. Al Bowman; Herman Lynch vs. Willis Tolfson; Ed Zika vs. Bye; Jerry Nelson vs. Don Ramsey; Milo Rasmussen vs. Bye; Bush Solbraa vs. Gilbert Johnson.

CLASS B

Herbert Smith vs. Dr. Schneider; Ed Lockwood vs. Gus Peters; Al Hanson vs. Ralph Lovdal; Jack Powers vs. Harvey Broker; Marvin Lloyd vs. Harry McGaughy; Milo Cape vs. Arthur Wise; E. Vrana vs. Carl Anderson; Norman Krause vs. William Peters.

CLASS C

Al Sorenson vs. Mike Gleisner; C. Voelkers vs. Floyd Monk; Peter Kromann vs. Omer Houkom; Clyde Robinson vs. Henry Durant.

The Journal Times
Wed, Jun 02, 1937 · Page 12

Racine WI

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, will spend the holidays on a motor trip throughout the south. They plan to return soon after the first of the year.

The Journal Times
Tue, Dec 21, 1937 · Page 17

Racine WI

Mrs. B. H. Redline, of Green Bay, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Houkom, 510 Melvin avenue for a few days.

The Journal Times
Fri, Jul 29, 1938 - Page 14

Omer spelled as OMAR -

Racine WI

Wehrle Nears Course Mark With 67 Round on Sunday

Wilford Wehrle, Racine's delegate to national golfing events, played practice rounds of 36 holes each on Saturday and Sunday at Kilbourn Country club and came within a stroke of tying the course record for 18 holes on Sunday with a 67.

After carding 72 and 70 on Saturday rounds Wehrle came back Sunday to get a 73 and then turn on the heat for a sub-par 67 on the final 18.

Wehrle's foursome included John Feiner who had 72 and 74, Dr. H. L. Kieren who shot 73 and two 74s, and Le Roy May who had a 74. Vic Anderson had a 78 at Kilbourn for another low count.

The Poker tournament at Kilbourn was won by C. B. Washburn with five fours. Dick Yeo and Harry Costley had three fives each.

Golfers out at Meadowbrook tuned up the course over the weekend in preparation for the annual American Legion tournament which will be held Wednesday afternoon. Prizes will be awarded at a dinner in the evening to members and guests.

Lead with 67.

In a special best ball twosome at Meadowbrook Lloyd Weber and William Sorenson paired to score 33-34—67 and lead Class A. Milo

Rasmussen and Lawrence Meissner followed with 35-33—68 and were tied by the team of Herman Lynch and Kenneth Olson with the same score.

In Class B the teams of H. McGaughey-H. Hanson and Art Wise-Chris Bach tied at 78. Class C was lead by D. B. Reed and W. T. Raine with 36-42—78 and second place was a tie between Judge Simpson - Omar Houkom and George Toner-John Thompson at 81 each.

Low scores at Meadowbrook were made by Steve Kruty, new city champion, with 38-35—73; Milo Rasmussen, 39-34—73, and Lloyd Weber, 39-34—73.

Scores of the July match play at Meadowbrook will be announced Tuesday.

At Johnson Park the quarter finals of the July match play were played. In Class A Lawrence Hjortness beat brother, C. Hjortness, Andy Peterson beat John Glebs, Max Burkhardt beat Andy Moore and Chuck Fox beat Frank Gall. In the B flight, E. C. Parker beat Joe Venturini and Ray Venturini beat H. Osterberg, Saturday Whitey Jansen beat Ole Olson and on Sunday defeated Jack Casper, 1 up on the 20th hole.

In Class C flight R. Phelps beat G. Eisenhut, E. Mortenson beat Andy Rasmussen, Carl Weber won

on a forfeit and H. Quamme won 8 from C. Enningfeld.

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The Journal Times
Mon, Jul 10, 1939 · Page 15

Racine WI

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Houkom, 510 Melvin avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steele of Waukegan, met a party of friends in Chicago on Sunday and attended the Packer-Bear football game.

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The Journal Times
Tue, Nov 07, 1939 · Page 8

Racine WI

Meadowbrook members held a blind bogey on their first weekend play. Winners included Henry Durant, Emil Zenko, and Omar Houkom, W. B. Peters, William Schoeppe, Griffith Jones, Les Anderson, Steve Kruty and Emil Ranscht.

The Journal Times
Mon, May 13, 1940 · Page 12

Omer spelled as OMAR - Racine WI

Omer Houkom, 510 Melvin avenue, is deer hunting in Marinette county this week with friends from Green Bay.

The Journal Times
Thu, Nov 28, 1940 · Page 23

Racine WI



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510 Melvin Ave., Racine WI – a few blocks west of Lake Michigan



Built 1932 - https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/510-Melvin-Ave-Racine-WI-53402/145429529_zpid/

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, Melvin avenue, left today on a three weeks' trip to Mexico.

The Journal Times
Fri, Dec 12, 1941 · Page 21

Racine WI

Trip 5 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Redline of Green Bay will be holiday guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, 510 Melvin avenue, until after Christmas. Mrs. Redline has already been here for several days, while Mr. Redline is expected soon.

The Journal Times
Tue, Dec 22, 1942 · Page 10

Racine WI

Yellowstone National Park was included in the vacation itinerary of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, Melvin Ave.

The Journal Times
Mon, Jun 30, 1947 · Page 8

Racine WI



Old Buddies Meet

Nine survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania* by German U-boats during World War I met at the annual Trempealeau County *Tuscania* club banquet at Whitehall Sunday. They are, top row, left to right: Oscar Jahr, Lee Mathson, Martin DeBoer, Oakley Parkhill and Henry Veum. Bottom row, left to right: Lewis B. Rist, John Hellekson, Otto F. Bates and Nathan Carhart. The club is one of the few of its kind in the United States. It was started three years ago at Whitehall.

Trempealeau Tuscania Club Holds Reunion at Whitehall

WHITEHALL—(Special)— Thirty-one persons attended a banquet of the Trempealeau County Tuscania club at the Walgert hotel Sunday evening on the 32nd anniversary of the sinking of the largest of American troop ships torpedoed by German U-boats in World War I.

The group included nine Tuscania survivors, Nathan Carhart of Trempealeau, secretary-treasurer of the club; Oakley L. Parkhill of Galesville, president; Lewis B. Rist and Henry Veum, Eau Claire; Otto F. Bates, Durand; Oscar Jahr, Independence; Lee Mathson and John A. Hellekson, Blair, vice-president; and Martha J. DeBoer, LaCrosse.

Guests included Col. George Sherman from the adjutant general's office, Madison, speaker for the evening; Assemblyman G. M. Wiley, Bert A. Gipple and Clarence E. Brown of Galesville, honorary members; P. M. Paulson of Whitehall city council who welcomed the group; Mrs. Guy E. Carlson of Trempealeau, sister of Otis E. Hutchins, the only Trempealeau county boy lost in the sinking; Carlson, Lon F. Tubbs, and wives or lady friends of the men.

Reviews 32nd Division

Col. Sherman gave a history of the Wisconsin 32nd Division since World War I when it was organized. He praised the example set by this famous division, called "Les Terribles" by Clemenceau during the war, and the success of it in the Pacific theatre in World War II, the division to which the Japanese general Yamashita surrendered.

Cards received from Tuscania survivors and friends throughout the state, unable to be present, were read. Among them was a card from Governor Rennebohm.

cold and near despair before being picked up by fishing trollers off the Ireland coast.

Oakley has a diary of the events that he wrote on the stationery of the Kings Arms inn at Lorne, County Antrim, Ireland, where he rested after the disaster.

Hutchins-Stendahl American Legion post at Whitehall is named for Otis E. Hutchins, and the or-

All officers were re-elected and the group voted to hold its annual summer picnic on July 23 at Irvine Park, Chippewa Falls.

Club Three Years Old

The Trempealeau County Tuscania club, unique organization although there are reunions in Minneapolis, Green Bay and at other places, was organized three years ago by Parkhill and Ray Marsh, now of Puente, Calif. Marsh retains his membership here, while Olin Thompson of Rib Lake and Jake Cramer of Medford are also members. The club has a membership of 15 although it started with six.

The record shows that 14 of the 15 Trempealeau county boys on the Tuscania survived. They were Gordon P. Herreid, Hellekson, Henry A. Oksnee and Carl J. Herreid of Eltrick, Arthur Bidney, Joseph Marsolek and Veum of Independence, DeBoer, Jahr and Marsh of Galesville, Mathson and Omer Houkom of Blair and Henry P. Vanderburg and Carhart of Trempealeau. These were their addresses when they enlisted in the company organized by Capt. William F. Rowles at Galesville. At Waco, Tex., where they were sent for training the boys were separated.

Otis E. Hutchins, the victim from this group, was a sergeant in the 107th supply train. That he died a valiant death was later told by his commanding officer and members of his company, including Sgt. Parkhill and Cpl Houkom, who wrote to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Hutchins of Whitehall, telling that Hutchins sacrificed his place to another buddy.

The life boat assigned to his group was destroyed and the men waited on board the ship for two hours before a boat was available. Hutchins' absence was not noted until the life boat was clear of the ship.

Buried In Ireland

His body was later washed up on the Island of Islay off Lorne, Ireland, and he was buried there with the other 172 American soldiers lost. Later his remains were moved to Arlington cemetery.

The men recalled the torpedo striking at 5:35 p.m. Feb. 5, 1918, and they didn't need the whistle signal to tell them that the Germans had "packed a wallop."

DeBoer said he had been playing poker. He held a royal flush. Like the others he rushed to the top deck, and discovered that he was still holding the cards.

All remained orderly until the men reached the deck and were awaiting their turn into life boats, with the ship listing heavily.

All but 173 of the 2500 American soldiers and 54 of the crewmen survived. They were drenched,

ganization loaned its Legion and American flags to the club for the banquet. A 10-second pause before the dinner was observed while all faced the east in respect to the Tuscania passengers who did not survive.

Paulson of the city council and Mrs. William M. Rogers, present on behalf of the press, were made honorary members of the club.

Leader-Telegram
Thu, Feb 09, 1950 Page 3

Eau Claire Wi

Auto Accident Halts Marriage

The wedding of a Racine couple which was to be held at 9 a. m. today in Racine, was postponed because the prospective bridegroom suffered serious injuries in an accident near Fond du Lac Friday afternoon while he was returning to Racine for the wedding rehearsal.

Suffers Concussion

The would-be bridegroom, Bernard J. Greninger, 22, suffered a brain concussion and possible internal injuries.

Greninger, the son of Mrs. Josephine Greninger, of 1612 North Main St., and Dorothy Marie Lange, of 1114 Isabelle Ave., were to be married in St. John Nepomuk church this morning. The bride's mother, Mrs. Frank Lange, said the wedding has been postponed. Greninger has been working in Fond du Lac.

A Racine deer hunter bound for the north woods—Omer Houkom, 55, of 510 Melvin Ave.—figured in the accident.

Fond du Lac deputies said Greninger's southbound auto apparently went into a ditch and rolled over when he tried to avoid striking Houkom's northbound auto.

Condition Is Fair

Deputies said Houkom was passing a tractor-trailer on Highway 55, near Highway 45 when Greninger's station wagon came over a hill. Houkom told deputies he thought the road was clear when he started to pass the truck.

Mrs. Josephine Greninger said her son was in a coma Friday, but is reported in fair condition today in St. Joseph's Hospital in West Bend.

Omer, driving a car & trailer, heading north for deer hunting, was passing a truck when Bernard J. Greninger in the opposite lane had to go into a ditch to avoid Omer's car. Greninger was going to Racine WI for his wedding rehearsal. Since he was in a coma when this was published (on his originally scheduled wedding day), the wedding was postponed. "Racine (WI) Journal-Times" 18 Nov 1950 p 1 – but see the next clipping

Greninger, 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Greninger of 4930 Tanglewood Ave. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at a family dinner in their honor at Pieces of Eight restaurant in Milwaukee.

The couple were married Dec. 30, 1950, at St. John Nepomuk Church, where they are still members. Mrs. Greninger is the former Dorothy Lange. Their wedding was supposed to be held Nov. 18, 1950, but had to be postponed after Bernard suffered injuries from an automobile accident the day before.



Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Greninger

Greninger was a design engineer for Massey Harris, Gittings & Lewis in Fond du Lac, Walker Manufacturing Co., Gorton Manufacturing Co. and PDI.

He was active in Boy Scouting for 27 years as a troop leader and neighborhood and district commissioner. Greninger taught older scouts Indian dances and how to make their own costumes for five years. The group performed for scout and civic organizations, schools and nursing homes in three counties.

Greninger is a food bank and Skill Bank volunteer. He enjoys traveling, woodworking and gardening.

Mrs. Greninger was a secretary at SC Johnson & Son, Gittings & Lewis and J.I. Case Co., retiring in 1970.

She was a Girl Scout leader, a den mother and volunteer tutor. Mrs. Greninger is a member of the St. John Nepomuk Parish Council and a Eucharistic minister. Her hobbies include playing the organ and cards.

The Greningers are Racine natives.

They have three children: Michael (Terri) of Anchorage, Alaska; Stephen (Kim) of Sturgeon Bay; and Jeanne Greninger of Kenosha.

A happy ending – the 50th anniversary of accident victim Bernard Greninger – married 30 Dec 1950 instead of the original 18 Nov 1950 - “Racine Journal-Times” Saturday 30 Dec 2000 p 27

FARMERS and MERCHANTS BANK	
Racine, Wisconsin	
Condensed Statement of Condition, Dec. 31, 1952	
RESOURCES	
Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 789,775.27
U. S. Government Securities	2,518,669.31
Other Bonds	99,796.50
Furniture & Fixtures	1.00
Loans & Discounts	1,304,338.87
Other Assets	4,000.34
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$4,716,581.29
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	140,249.23
Reserves	33,075.76
Deposits	4,343,256.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,716,581.29
OFFICERS	
Wm. E. Fitzgerald, President	
Omer Houkom, Exec. Vice President	
Frank Olson, Cashier & Vice President	
Jerome C. Winckers, Vice President	
Ralph C. Pedersen, Asst. Cashier	
Quentin R. Brown, Asst. Cashier	
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Wm. E. Fitzgerald, President Frank Levan & Co.	
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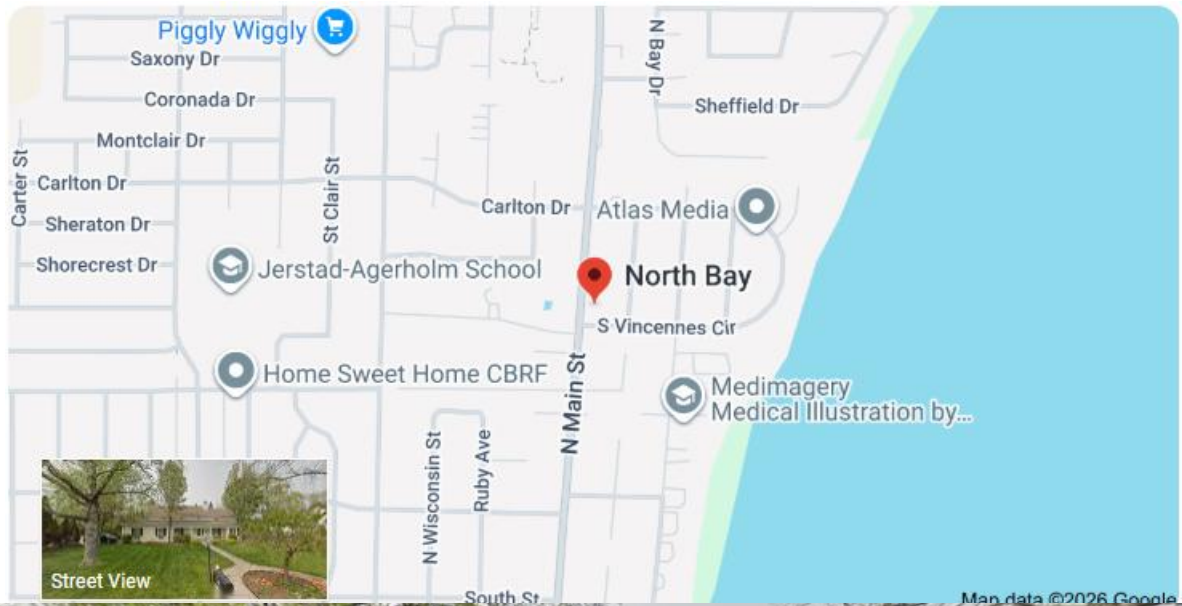
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Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom
have moved into their new home
at 318 South Vincennes Circle.

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Sun, Mar 06, 1955 · Page 27

Racine WI



318 S. Vincennes Circle, Racine WI - https://www.google.com/maps/@42.7638844,-87.7820907,3a,75y,10.13h,90t/data=!3m7!1e1!3m5!1szELYT3SvaEKgGLDvNsFilw!2e0!6shhttps:%2F%2Fstreetviewpixels-pa.googleapis.com%2Fv1%2Fthumbnail%3Fcb_client%3Dmaps_sv.tactile%26w%3D900%26h%3D600%26pitch%3D0%26panoid%3DzELYT3SvaEKgGLDvNsFilw%26yaw%3D10.13!7i16384!8i8192?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDkyMC4wIKXMDSOASAFQAw%3D%3D

Featured In Article

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Houkom, who together form one of the few husband-and-wife teams of bank executives in the country, were featured in an article which appeared in the Racine Journal-Times Sunday Bulletin July 24, entitled, "They're Two of a Kind."

The couple's new home is at 318 S. Vincennes Circle in Racine, but the Houkoms work in different banks; Houkom as executive vice president at Farmers and Merchants Bank and his wife Lorraine as assistant vice president of American Bank and Trust Co.

Mrs. Houkom met her husband when she was working in a Green Bay bank where her husband called as a state bank examiner. After the couple married, Mrs. Houkom retired and Houkom accepted a position with a Waukegan bank. Then he returned to the state bank examiner's office working in southeastern Wisconsin and the couple moved to Racine.

During World War II, Mrs. Houkom went back into banking. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel Redline of Green Bay.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Thu, Sep 08, 1955 · Page 14

Green Bay WI

Great potential seen for river

— Letters to the editor —

To the editor: Ron Anton's comprehensive analyses of the water quality and environment of the Root River, in a recent Journal Times, is a highly valuable contribution. The views expressed from time to time on different aspects of the river show the widespread interest in its future possibilities.

The Root River is a highly valuable natural resource for its aesthetic qualities and as an ecosystem. It is rich in the variety of trees and plant life along its border and as a habitat for birds and wildlife. One has to be on the river to appreciate these qualities to the fullest.

Three or four years ago, Judge Allen Simpson and I, helped by Omar Houkom, explored some of the river on a rubber raft, starting at Highway 38. We became much impressed by the wilderness qualities along stretches between bridges, and the almost complete absence of man made sounds.

The great variety of trees, shrubs and other vegetation, birds and wildlife was impressive. On sand bars and along the edges were tracks of raccon, fox, opossum, skunk and turtles. In five or six places, we had to portage around obstructions or lift across fallen logs. We also discovered some sources of pollution including tiles draining sewage into the stream.

We concluded that a systematic study and organized information about the river could become highly useful in enhancing public appreciation and enjoyment of this river resource. Last year we met in a small meeting at River Bend and proposed a new organization, which might be called Friends of the Root River. This would be concerned mainly with making the many features of the river better known and would not conflict with any existing organization identified with the river, but rather it would work with them. In fact, it is hoped that the undertaking would gain support of people along the entire river.

One of its first tasks would be to prepare an overview of the entire river. This would be followed by more specific studies and listings of plants and wildlife, and simple trail guides. Some funds have been provided and I have turned over two inflatable boats as a first step toward this undertaking. Perhaps River Bend Center could become the headquarters for the project.

The public needs more information and a better picture of what the Root River has to offer. Having been on many rivers in different parts of the country, this short excursion convinced me all the more of the great potential of the Root River for recreation and as a nature area.

G. B. GUNLOGSON
3657 Hennepin Place

The Journal Times

Thu, Sep 07, 1978 Page 8

Omer spelled as OMAR -

Racine WI

Wife



MRS. O. G. HOUKOM

*Former Resident Is
Ass't Vice President
Of Racine Bank*

Mrs. Omer G. Houkom, Racine, the former Lorraine Redline, was recently elected an assistant vice-president of the American Bank and Trust company, Racine, her mother, Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street, has learned.

A graduate of East High school, Mrs. Houkom was formerly employed as a secretary in the Brown County bank and later attended a banking school. Her husband is a bank examiner.

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Sat, Jan 19, 1952 - Page 6

Green Bay WI



—Journal-Times Photo

Aiding efforts of the power shovel at ground breaking ceremonies for an addition to the Racine Curative Workshop are, left to right, Mrs. Omer Houkom, treasurer of the workshop's board of directors; John A. Kubiak, Madison, chief of the vocational rehabilitation division of the State Board of Vocational and Adult Education; Miss G. Margaret Gleave, workshop executive director; Millard W. Johnson, board president, and Mayor Jack H. Humble.

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Sat, Jan 05, 1957 · Page 1

Racine WI – Marguerite Redline Houkom at far left -

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

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Name	Omer Houkom
Marriage Date	21 Oct 1926
Marriage Place	Brown, Wisconsin, USA
Description	1926 Marriages, Adams-Dodge
Box Number	681260
Spouse	Marguerite Lorraine Redline

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following couple have applied for a marriage license at the Brown county clerk's office:

Omer Houkom, Blair, Wis., and Marguerite Lorraine Redline, 422 Cass-st., Green Bay.

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Green Bay WI

Miss Marguerite Lorraine Redline and Omer G. Hokum, Waukegan, Ill., were married in St. John's parsonage.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Mon, Oct 21, 1946 · Page 6

Green Bay WI

Miss Redline Bride of Waukegan Man

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Lorraine Redline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Redline, 422 Cass-st., to Omer G. Hokum of Waukegan, Ill., took place this morning in the parsonage of St. John's church, at a quiet but pretty ceremony performed by the Rev. Joseph A. Therien. The service was read at 9:30 o'clock. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents to immediate relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Hokum left on an extended wedding trip to New York. They will return by way of Canada and Niagara Falls, and will make their home at 315 N. Utica-st., Waukegan, Ill.

The bride is well known in this city having resided here all of her life. The groom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is now connected with the Waukegan National bank, being assistant cashier and manager of the bond and trust department. Mr. Hokum was formerly state bank examiner.

"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Thursday, 21 Oct 1926 p 8

Omer Houkom

Married at Green

Bay Oct. 21st

Announcement has been received here by friends of the marriage of Omer Houkom, son of Mrs. Gunder Houkom, to Miss Marguerite Lorraine Redline, the ceremony being performed at Green Bay, Wis. Oct. 21st.

After a short trip through the east they will be at home at Waukegan, Illinois where Omer holds a position with the Waukegan National Bank.

Omer is a graduate of our high school here and later took up work at the state university at Madison after which he was connected for some time with the state banking department. He is a fine young man in every respect and The Press takes pleasure in extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Houkom.

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Mrs. Omar Gunder Houkom, Waukegan, Ill., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass-st.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Tue, Apr 26, 1927 · Page 8

Green Bay WI – Omer spelled as OMAR

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass-st., have as their guests over the week-end their daughter, Mrs. Omar G. Houkom, and Mrs. Walter E. Morrow, both of Waukegan, Ill.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Sat, Apr 26, 1930 · Page 8

- Omer spelled as OMAR

Gives Luncheon for Mrs. B. H. Redline

Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass-st., has returned from a visit of several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Omer G. Houkom at Racine. Mrs. Redline attended the reception in Chicago for Miss Lucille Meusel. Monday Mrs. Lloyd Monk, 511 Melvin-ave., entertained at a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Redline, and Tuesday Mrs. Walter L. Haight, 1629 Wisconsin-st., gave a tea.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Fri, Feb 02, 1934 · Page 8

Green Bay WI

Woman's Club Opens Season; Calendars List Committees

Luncheon and Musical Program This Afternoon
Launch Fortieth Year for This Organization.

Good will sale, Nov. 11-12, Mrs. Harold D. Mann, chairman; Mrs. Elmer G. Voigt, co-chairman; the Mmes. Guy A. Benson, H. M. Benstead, Ernest Buecher, Charles DeWitt, M. E. Erskine, Ezra L. Evans, Roscoe Guilbert, L. V. Hinds, Omar Houkom, Myron

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Wed, Sep 30, 1936 · Page 15

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Racine WI

TWO REPORTERS WILL BE HEARD

Members of the Literature department of the Woman's club of Racine look forward to an interesting program Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, in the reception room of the club house.

Mrs. Omar Houkom will present two members of the Journal-Times editorial department in talks on "Writing from the Newspaper Angle." Miss Dorothy Lawton, society editor, and Tex Reynolds, columnist will be the speakers.

There will also be book notes by a member of the department.

Another interesting feature of the afternoon will be a talk by Mrs. C. J. Cadwell entitled "A Feast or a Sandwich." This subject has to do with adult education in leisure time, and was widely discussed following its presentation by Mrs. Cadwell at a club meeting in Union Grove.

All members of the club are invited to attend this meeting.

Omer spelled as OMAR –

The Journal Times
Mon, Jan 11, 1937 - Page 8

Racine WI

Attend Tucker Rites

Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street, and daughter, Mrs. Omer G. Houkom, Racine, returned today from Hibbing, Minn., where they attended funeral services the early part of the week for Mrs. O. J. Tucker, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Redline.

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Fri, Aug 13, 1937 - Page 10

MEET IN MIAMI

Mrs. Omar G. Houkom, Racine, the former Lorraine Redline of this city, is now vacationing in Miami, Fla., where she met Mrs. Ray Lehmann of Miami, the former Helen Manthey of Green Bay.

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Wed, Jan 19, 1938 - Page 11

Omer spelled as OMAR

B. H. Redline Dies at Home of Heart Ailment

B. H. Redline, 66, 422 Cass street, descendant of one of Green Bay's oldest families, died at home this morning after a year's period of ill health due to a heart ailment.

Joseph Redline, grandfather of the deceased, was a pioneer Green Bay contractor who helped construct the historic Cotton House. B. H. Redline was a lifelong resident of Green Bay. At one time he was employed in the office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad but had worked for the Reiss Coal company the last 33 years, retiring when he became ill.

Survivors are his wife, Mabel;

two sons, Howard, Minneapolis, and Joseph, a lieutenant in the army at Camp Barkeley, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Omer Houkom, Racine; a brother, Edward; and a sister, Mrs. A. J. Thorne, both of Green Bay.

The body is at the Ryan funeral home where it may be viewed beginning Tuesday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced Tuesday.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Mon, Feb 22, 1943 - Page 9

Mrs. B. H. Redline has returned from a three-week visit with her daughter, Mrs. Omer G. Houkom, at Racine, during which she also visited for a day with her son, Lt. Joseph Redline, who is stationed with the fifth auxiliary medical group at San Antonio, Tex., but came to Racine from Chicago where he attended a meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Lt. Redline was recently made an adjutant.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Tue, Oct 19, 1943 · Page 9

Travel Talk

Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street, has returned from Racine where she visited with Mr. and Mrs. Omer G. Houkom, also spending the holidays with them.

Green Bay Press-Gazette
Sat, Jan 14, 1950 · Page 5

Her Job Is Banking— With The Woman's Touch

"I never found my job difficult," Lorraine Houkom explained yesterday. "You see, my husband is a banker too."

Mrs. Houkom, now assistant vice president of the American Bank and Trust Company, started working in the bank about 8 years ago.

She'd worked in a bank before her marriage, then kept in touch

with the profession through her husband, Omer Houkom, who was first with the state banking department and is now executive vice president of Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Mrs. Houkom, who is in charge of the American Bank's personnel and commercial departments, is all in favor of banking as a career for women. Their mutual profession gives the two Houkom vice presidents a common interest to

As a finishing touch for the upstairs office, the girls were provided with identical green smocks to pick up the green in the walls. "And the ledgers they work with are yellow, so they match too," Mrs. Houkom pointed out.

talk over at home.

And "bankers' hours" give Mrs. Houkom time to keep house at 510 Melvin Ave. "Of course I have to stick to a routine to manage the house and work too, but I can do a lot before I leave in the morning—and I love my job," Mrs. Houkom added.

Mrs. Houkom has found time for a "hobby" during working hours too. It's actually turned out to be a part of her personnel job because it's made the bank a more pleasant place to work.

The "hobby" got its start when Mrs. Houkom was eating lunch in the lounge one day just after she'd started work on a part time basis during World War II. The lounge was a drab place with tan and brown walls like those in the rest of the bank.

Mrs. Houkom suggested—diplomatically—that the lounge needed new slip covers and curtains and a paint job. Her project was ok'd and she finished it off with fabric pictures cut from the slip cover material. Then she went to work on cheering up the atmosphere in the rest of the bank.

Soft greens with touches of yellow replaced the nondescript browns in the offices and hallways. With an eye for details, Mrs. Houkom redecorated another lounge taking advantage of beamed ceilings and lovely beveled glass windows overlooking Lake Michigan.

The Journal Times
Fri, Nov 14, 1952 · Page 12

Racine WI

Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street, will leave this week for Racine, where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Omer G. Houkom until after the Christmas holidays. Following her visit in Racine she will drive with friends from Racine to St. Petersburg, Fla., where she plans to make an extended stay.

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Wed, Dec 10, 1952 · Page 34

ALL IN FAVOR OF BANKING AS A CAREER FOR women is Mrs. Omer Houkom, the former Lorraine Redline of this city . . . Mrs. Houkom is now assistant vice president of the American Bank and Trust company at Racine . . . her husband is executive vice president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank . . . Mrs. Houkom was employed in the Brown County Bank as secretary before her marriage and resided here with her mother, Mrs. B. H. Redline, 422 Cass street . . .

Mrs. Houkom has found time for a "hobby" during working hours, as is evidenced by a recent story in a Racine paper about her work and hobby . . . the "hobby" got its start when Mrs. Houkom was eating lunch in the bank lounge one day just after she had started work on a part-time basis during World War II . . . she suggested diplomatically that certain changes could be made to brighten the drab lounge . . . her project was given the go-ahead sign, and later went to work on cheering up the atmosphere in the rest of the bank . . . soft greens with touches of yellow replaced the nondescript browns in the offices and hallways . . . Mrs. Houkom redecorated another lounge taking advantage of beamed ceilings and beveled glass windows overlooking Lake Michigan . . . as a finishing touch, the girls were provided with identical green smocks to pick up the green in the walls . . . and the ledgers they work with are yellow, "so they match too," Mrs. Houkom points out. . . .

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Wed, Jul 15, 1953 · Page 12

Green Bay WI

Mrs. B. Redline Dies at Age 75; Rites Saturday

Mrs. Benjamin H. Redline, 75, former resident of Green Bay, died Wednesday evening in St. Mary's Infirmary, Manitowoc, after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Redline, the former Mabel Tucker, was born in De Pere in 1881. She moved to Green Bay as a bride and the couple made their home at 422 Cass St. The home was sold last year because of her ill health. Mr. Redline preceded her in death in 1943. A son, Howard, died in May. Mrs. Redline was a member of St. John's Church, Catholic Woman's Club, Ricklin Arts Study Club, Green Bay Historical Society and the War Mothers Club.

She is survived by a son, Joseph, Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Mrs. Omer Houkom, Racine, a former Green Bay resident, and four grandchildren.

The body will be shown at the Schauer and Schumacher Funeral Home after 2:30 Friday afternoon. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 o'clock Saturday morning in St. John's Church, with Msgr. J. J. Loerke officiating. Burial will be in Allouez Cemetery.

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Thu, Jul 12, 1956 · Page 40

Lorraine (Redline) Houkom

Lorraine (Redline) Houkom, Friday, Feb. 6, 1998. Formerly of Green Bay and Racine. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Omer Houkom; her parents, Ben and Mabel Redline; and her brothers, Howard B. Redline; Joseph O. Redline. Dear aunt to her surviving nieces, Gloria Redline Curran, Atlanta, Ga.; Joan Redline Casey, New Hope, Minn. Also survived by her special friend and devoted

companion, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell.

Memorial services 2 p.m. Wed. at St. John's Home Chapel, 1840 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 53202. Private interment Mound Cemetery, Racine, Wis.

Mrs. Houkom began her banking career at the American Bank and Trust Company in 1944. She retired from her position of Assistant Vice President at the M & I Bank of Racine in 1967.

Weiss Funeral Home, 414-276-5122.

Obituary of his wife Lorraine Redline Houkom – "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Monday 9 Feb 1998

Lorraine Redline Houkom

MILWAUKEE - Lorraine Redline Houkom, formerly of Green Bay and Racine, passed away Friday, February 6, 1998.

Mrs. Houkom began her banking career at the American Bank and Trust Company in 1944. She retired from her position of Assistant Vice President at the M & I Bank of Racine in 1967.

Dear aunt to her surviving nieces, Gloria Redline Curran of Atlanta, Ga. and Joan Redline Casey of New Hope, Minn. Also survived by her special friend and devoted companion, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Omer Houkom; her parents, Ben and Mabel Redline; and her brothers, Howard B. Redline and Joseph O. Redline.

Memorial services will be held at St. John's Home Chapel, 1840 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, at 2 p.m. Private interment in Mound Cemetery in Racine.

WEISS FUNERAL HOME
1901 North Farwell Avenue
Milwaukee 414-276-5122

She died in

Father



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Son of Svenning Halvorson Houkom (1807-1892) and Thone Johansdtr Skare Houkom (1816-1897)

The whole community was shocked in hearing of the sudden death of Gunder Houkom on the 27th of October, 1920. Mr. Houkom seemed to be in the best of health. Even on the morning before his death, he was in Blair doing his customary shopping. Upon arriving home the same day, he went into the house and sat down just as the family were sitting down to the dinner table. He was asked if he wished to eat, to which he answered: "No." In a few minutes, he fell back dead.

Mr. Houkom has always been a member of the Trempealeau Valley U.N. Lutheran congregation. He was looked upon by all as a man who stood firmly upon the true Gospel as it is revealed to us through the Bible. Rain or shine, he was always found in church whether it might be the regular services, young people's meetings or business meetings. His judgment was always relied upon as sound and reasonable. He had an implicit faith in God and in the position of the church in this world.

Gunder S Houkom was born in Kviteseid, Telemarken, Norway January 31, 1848. In 1870 he came with his parents to this country and settled in the Trempealeau Valley. December 30, 1876 he was married to Thorbior Olson.

Their lives were blessed with eight children, all of whom are living:

1. Louise (George) Duncan (1877-1954) at Spokane, Washington;
2. Stephen (1880-1968) at Blair; married Josephine M Johnson
3. Miss Thonette "Nettie" Houkom (1883-21 April 1966) at Winona, Minnesota;
4. Miss Gjertine "Tena" (1885-17 Sept 1979) at Blair;
5. Alma (William) Krause (1889-1979) at Bozeman, Montana;
6. Lawrence (1891-1974) of Blair, never married
7. Omer (1895-10 Sept 1977) (WWI veteran, survivor of Tuscania on Feb 5, 1918)
Of Racine married Lorraine Redline
8. Bernette (John J) Powers (1897-2000) at Minneapolis

He had three sisters and one brother living:

1. John Houkom of Blair, (died July 1925)
2. Bergit, Mrs. Paul Hanson (1852-Jan 1936) of Taylor; 10'children
3. Mrs. Anna (Hans) Hanson (1850-?bef 1933) of Whalen Minnesota,
4. Dora, Mrs. Tom/Tosten Thompson (1854-1933) of Elbow Lake, Minnesota.

Preceding him were siblings:

5. Bergit (1846-bef 1897)
6. Gunhild (Stener) Amundson (1839-1912), they had several children, lived all over, however, son John S Amundson (1866-1928) married Hanbah Sophia Hjerleid. Daughter Theoline (Milo) Smith lived in Taylor. Children: Theodore, Caroline and Gilbert lived in Blair.

The body was laid to rest in the Trempealeau Valley cemetery on Monday, November 1st.

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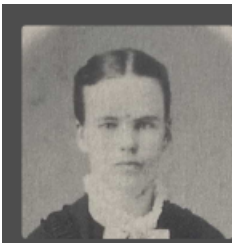
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Mother



Thorbor Leifsdatter Olson

BIRTH: 30 MAR 1853 • Lillestue, Fyresdal, Telemark, Norway

DEATH: 22 MAY 1933 • Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, United States of America

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Mrs. Thorbor Olson Houkom was born in Forsdal, Telemarken, Norway, March 39, 1853. There midst deep valleys and towering mountains, in scenes to awaken the inspiration of poets, her earliest years were spent.

Then at the age of 8, with her parents Leif and Gertrude Olson, began the long trek to America which consumed weeks of time on the slow going and cramped sailing vessels of the day. The family came to Trempealeau County in the strife and tumult of the Civil War. Life under primitive conditions and with war clouds hovering overhead was not pleasant but the pioneers were of sturdy stock and no trials could quench the fire of their unfaltering hope. Mrs. Houkom lived through three financial depressions, the trying times of 73 and 93 and the present and she saw the first two give way to prosperous times in the fortune favored America as no doubt will take place with the third.

She was confirmed in the first class to be confirmed in the Trempealeau Valley church built by the faith, love and sturdy hands of the early settlers.

On December 30th, 1876 she was united in marriage to Gunder S. Houkom who preceded her in death 13 years ago. A sister Signe/Sarah, Mrs Sebert Amundson has died. In the pleasant home on Highway 95, three miles east of Blair, eight children came to bless their union to grow up to manhood and womanhood and take their useful places in the world. In quietness and peace her last years were spent amid the tender ministrations of her children. At last the feeble tenement of clay gave way and her soul departed on its journey to a greater and fairer Land of Promise, Mrs. Houkom died at her home May 22, 1933, aged 80 years, 1 month and 22 days.

The following children are left to mourn the loss of a beloved mother:

1. Mrs. Louisa Duncan, Spokane, Washington;
2. Mrs. Alma K. Krause of Bozeman, Montana;
3. Stephen Houkom,
4. Miss Nettie Houkom and
5. Lawrence Houkom of Blair;
6. Miss Tena Houkom of Beloit;
7. Omer Houkom of Green Bay;
8. Bernette Powers of St. Paul.

Mrs. Houkom was a quiet unassuming soul whose modesty and kindness adorned her whole walk among men, a faithful worker whose toil worn hands were her badge of honor, a devoted mother whose memory will ever be cherished in the affections of her children, a humble Christian whose hope was in the merits of Jesus Christ. Funeral services were held at the home and the Trempealeau Valley church conducted by Rev. T. E. Sweger, Thursday afternoon May 25th. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. A.N Garson and Mrs. Angus Sather. Memory wreaths were given to Home Missions and Home for the Aged by the Ladies Aid and the Riverside Community club respectively. Flower girls were: Miss Tillie Sylfest, Miss Marie Nerison, Mrs. Alden Smith, and Mrs. Olaus Tappen.

THE BLAIR PRESS - JUNE 1, 1933

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Louisa Henrietta Houkom
BIRTH 26 OCT 1877 • Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, United States of America
DEATH 28 JUN 1954 • Spokane, Spokane, Washington

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Obituary EARLY NURSE'S LAST RITES SET

Mrs. Louise H. Duncan, 77, died in a Spokane hospital yesterday. She had lived in Spokane 50 years. Her home was at S315 Jefferson.

Mrs. Duncan was born in Blair, Wis., and taught school for several years. She later took up nursing at La Crosse, Wis., and was an army nurse during World war I. She was stationed at Camp Fremont and Camp North Island in California. After the war she taught nursing for several years in this area under the American Red Cross program.

Mrs. Duncan was well known in the Inland Empire because of her long nursing career. She was a member of Unity Church of Truth and Elderbloom club.

The body will be sent by Ripplinger funeral home to Blair, Wis., where funeral services and burial will be held tomorrow.

Survivors include the widower, George W., at the home; three brothers, Stephen Houkom and Lorance Houkom, Blair, and Omer Houkom, Racine, Wis.; four sisters, Tena and Nettie Houkom, Blair, Mrs. J. J. Powers, Minneapolis, and Mrs. Alma Krause, Sidney, Mont.

MRS. GEORGE DUNCAN

BLAIR, Wis. (Special)—Relatives here have learned of the death of Mrs. George Duncan at Spokane, Wash. June 28.

As Louise Houkom she was born Oct. 26, 1877, near Blair. After attending Blair High School she taught several years before entering nurses training. She was graduated from a nurses' training school at La Crosse and followed her profession at Spokane.

She entered service as an Army nurse in World War I and was stationed at an air base in San Diego, Calif. She was married to George Duncan in 1923.

She is survived by her husband, four sisters, Nettie and Tena Houkom of Blair, Mrs. Bernette Powers of Minneapolis and Mrs. Alma Krause of Sidney, Mont., and three brothers, Stephen and Lawrence Houkom of Blair and Omer of Racine.

Obituary of *sister Louise Henrietta Houkom Duncan (1877-1954)* – Left: “Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review” Tuesday 29 Jun 1954 p 31 – Right: “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Saturday 10 Jul 1954 p 2

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Name	Louise Henryette Haukom
Baptism Age	0
Record Type	Baptism
Birth Date	26 Oct 1877
Baptism Date	18 Nov 1877
Baptism Place	Blair, Wisconsin, USA
Father	Gunder S Haukom
Mother	Thorbjor L Haukom
Church Name	Trempealeau Valley Congregation
Church Location	Blair, Wisconsin

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DUNCAN, Louise H.—Entered into rest June 28 in Spokane. She was a resident of S315 Jefferson. Survived by her husband, George W. Duncan at the home; 3 brothers, Stephen Houkom and Lorance Houkom, Blair, Wis., and Omer Houkom, Racine, Wis.; 4 sisters, Tena and Nettie Houkom, Blair, Wis., Mrs. J. J. Powers, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Alma Krouse, Sidney, Mont. She was a resident of Spokane for the past 50 years and a member of the Unity Church of Truth and the Elderbloom club. Mrs. Duncan will be sent Wed., June 30, by the RIPLINGER FUNERAL HOME, N4305 Division st., to the CHARLES J. GIBSON FUNERAL HOME, Blair, Wis., where funeral services will be held and interment made.

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ELECT MISS BURNS

Nurses Make Her Head of Association — Address by Mrs. John G. Byrne.

The Spokane County Nurses' association held its annual meeting in the assembly room of the Old National Bank building Monday afternoon, electing the following officers: Miss Johanna Burns, president; Miss L. L. Lemcke, first vice president; Miss Ethel Butts, second vice president; Miss Isabel S. Heard, corresponding secretary; Miss Maud Everal, treasurer; Miss Mary Green, recording secretary.

After the election Mrs. John G. Byrne addressed the nurses on "How the Nurse Can Help the Red Cross." In her talk Mrs. Byrne told of the work done by Florence Nightingale, the idol of the English nation, and

an encouraging report of the work being done in Cheney and Medical Lake. Miss L. L. Lemcke and Miss Margaret Whalen will visit Wallace, Burke, Mace, Mullan and Gem in the interest of the work.

Miss Caroline Becker and Miss Anna McCaffery left this morning for Coeur d'Alene. Other nurses who have volunteered their services are Miss J. T. Burns, Miss Martha Willis, Miss Alice Benway, Miss Anderson, Miss Versa Jacobs, Miss Eva Coleman, Miss Edith Countryman, Miss Hildegard Friedman, Miss Gertrude Beck, Miss Wilhelmina Weaver, Miss Ada Wood, Miss Hause, Miss Elizabeth Burchiel, Miss Isabel Heard, Miss Ella Sullivan, Miss Louise Houkom, Miss Baxter, Miss Grace Bratton, Miss Ethel Hargot, Miss Doris Poole, Miss Mary Keating, Miss Margaret Wallace and Miss Minnie Daniels.

All of the veterans have been requested to wear their uniforms at the Red Cross ball Friday evening at the armory, no matter how old or worn they may be. Those who do not care to dance may make reservation for tables for bridge or whist with Mrs. J. G. Byrne. The prizes for the card players have been donated.

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Others Assigned to Camps.

The following nurses have been assigned during the month of February for duty at the various cantonments throughout the country, wherever most needed:

From Portland, Mrs. Katherine Kelly, Miss Maud Scott, Miss Ledford, Miss Salena R. Osborne, Miss Ruth Shields and Irene O. Shelley; from Spokane, and Miss Irene O. Shelley; from Spokane, Miss Carrie B. White, Miss Lucy E. Hart and Louise H. Houkom; from Silcott, Miss Lillian M. Davis, and from Seattle, Mrs. Evelyn Murgatroyd and Miss Frederikke Rustad.

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Seattle WA

THE Spokane chapter of the American Red Cross is making progress with its departments of public nursing and home hygiene and care of the sick. It has opened a health center at headquarters in the Mohawk building with Miss Johanna S. Burns as supervisor. Miss Gertrude Lea Huntington is at the head of all Red Cross work here.

The health center is now being devoted to informational and educational work where parents are invited to call for advice and assistance. Scales for weighing children have been installed. Information as to malnutrition is being emphasized. It is the plan to have a nurse on duty each day.

The nurses now permanently placed and engaged in public nursing are:

Miss Louise Houkom, classes at Oakesdale, Latah, Rosalia, Pullman, high school, Washington State college, Tekoa, and other places in the Palouse country.

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Spokane WA

Red Cross Making Progress With Public Health Nursing

PUBLIC health nurses employed by the Spokane chapter of the American Red Cross are now covering most of the territory in the seven counties embraced by the chapter. They conduct classes in home hygiene and care of the sick, carry on and assist with inspection of school children, distribute pamphlets describing disease and give methods of combating it, do follow-up work after school inspections go into the homes and instruct in bedside care of sick persons.

The public health nurse was endorsed by the United States government and now finds a ready welcome in every community. She is also encouraged by the school authorities and in a number of instances her aid has been sought by principals and superintendents. She is empowered to inspect public buildings and to make investigation regarding water supply for municipalities.

She goes into a community and establishes a health center. This office becomes her headquarters and she is on call at all times for coun-

sel and advice, as well as for actual work in case of emergency. The work is directed from the Spokane headquarters under the supervision of Miss Johanna S. Burns. The chapter is headed by Miss Gertrude Lea Huntington.

In Pend Oreille county Miss Mary Whitney is stationed at Newport. Stevens county has two nurses, Miss Lillian Gray at Colville and Miss Helen McRea at Chewelah. Miss Dorothy Rowe is at Republic in Ferry county, and until her arrival there the county was without a doctor. As there is an Indian reservation bordering the county the settlers depended on the government physician.

In Spokane county Miss Burns conducts classes in the Hillyard high school. Mrs. Ann Woodbury has classes and carries on the work at Reardan, Medical Lake, Vera, Deer Park and Fairfield. Miss W. A. Robinson is in the field at Wilbur, Creston and Davenport. Miss Louise Houkom is instructor at Rosalia, La-tah and Pullman.

At Cheney high school and at the normal classes are given by Miss

Jaunita Harden. The normal school was included at the request of the principal, Dr. N. D. Showalter. In Spokane there are 11 classes in home nursing and care of the sick at the Lewis and Clark high school, under the supervision of Miss Bessie Smith. Miss Harden conducts 11 classes in similar work at the North Central. At the Red Cross headquarters is maintained a demonstration room where weights and measurements of children are taken.

In the rural districts the nurses travel long distances to make school inspections, visiting the class rooms. Miss McRea, for instance, last week completed a trip of two weeks along the Columbia river to district schools. Miss Gray spent two weeks at Northport in school inspection.

The public nursing personnel was increased by three last fall when the Spokane chapter obtained the services of Miss McRea, Miss Gray and Miss Rowe. They spent several months at special training schools. Miss McRea was at Chicago, Miss Gray at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Miss Rowe at Boston, Mass.

ORIGINAL

Bn Wis. (over) *BW*

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) DUNCAN, Louisa H. (Served as: Louisa H. Houkom)		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) 2-1-18	3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) 10-5-20 <i>HOW</i>	12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE	13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
4. SERVICE NO. 7872	5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. C-16 308 279	14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Mr. Lawrence Houkom	
6. STATE Wash.	7. GRADE RESERVE Nurse	8. MEDALS none	15. FREIGHT STATION Blair, Wis
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP ANC ARMY NURSE CORPS		16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Blair, Wis	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 10-26-77	11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 6-28-54	17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE Lawrence Houkom DATE 8-2-54	
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED AUG 4 1954 VERIFIED R/L WY 3898213 SEP 3 1954 ORDERED H. E. FLETCHER CO., INC. WEST CHELMSFORD, MASS.		18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Miss Rena Houkom BLAIR, WIS. 19. I certify 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 United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Rena Houkom DATE 8-2-54	

QMG FORM 646 REPLACES QMG FORM 623, 8 FEB 49 13 OCT 52 **IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed** 16-11453-9 GPO

His sister Louise was also a veteran - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/156711723/person/212244121878/media/40050_2421402106_0411-02943

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Arling J. Wasley and Hazel M. Prestigrade
 Patrick Murphy and Anna H. Beskon.
 John L. Petscher and Florence Meyer.
 Oscar Sundstrum and Ella Swanson.
 George W. Duncan and Louise H. Hou-
 kum.
 Otis C. Dahl and Glenna Haftle.
 George A. Henschell and Mildred N. Don-
 aldson.
 William Lawrence and Ida Kniss.
 Edward N. Sinn and Cecelia E. Guidinger.
 Leonard Molton McMillan and Lena Fran-
 ces Stechler.
 Louis Willis Birkren and Mabel Helen
 Olsen.
 Aloysius Julkowski and Martha Harring-
 ton.
 Albert J. Faust and Alice E. Dailey.
 Ivy W. Parks and Helen Lucille Dittes.
 Herman Kahl, Jr., and Florence Krause.
 William Gardner and Emogene T. Faulk-
 ner.
 Gustav H. Gjertsen and Georgiana Ayns-
 ley.
 Charles G. Franz and Erna H. Schmuck.
 Laisne L. Bougie and Gertrude B. Muldoon.
 J. Charles Bowe and Frances M. Lynch.
 Mike Olson and Esther Rundquist.
 Homer J. Ford and Mabel R. Ingalls.
 Mauritz Bergquist and Ethel V. Stoddart.

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No. 4189

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

To the Honorable the United States District Court of Eastern District of Washington at Spokane

The petition of Louise Henrietta Duncan hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is 1507 W. 4th Ave. Spokane, Washington
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)

Second. My occupation is Housewife

Third. I was born on the 26 day of October, anno Domini 1877, at Blain, Wisconsin

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from _____ on or about the _____ day of _____, and arrived in the United States, at the port of _____, on the _____ day of _____.

(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

Fifth. I declare my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the _____ day of _____, anno Domini 1924.

Sixth. I am married. My wife's name is George Wesley Duncan, she was born on the 13 day of July, anno Domini 1876, at Hageria, Canada, and now resides at 1507 W. 4th Ave. Spokane, Washington
(Give number, street, city or town, and State.)

I have no children, and the names, date, and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows:

Husband Naturalized at Spokane, Washington
December 29, 1924. Married at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 1, 1922.
December 29, 1924. Married at St. Paul, Minnesota, January 1, 1922.

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V. King of Great Britain + Ireland of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.

Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the 26 day of October, anno Domini 1877, and in the State of Washington continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 1 day of October, anno Domini 1904, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (If made petition for citizenship to the _____ Court of _____, on the _____ day of _____, anno Domini _____, and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: _____, and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Louise Henrietta Duncan
(Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

omitted under the provisions of Act of Sept 22, 1922.

Declaration of Intention For _____ and Certificate of Arrival from Department of Labor filed this _____ day of _____.

Notes to Clerk or Court.—If petitioner arrived in the United States on or after June 16, 1908, strike out the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival from Department of Labor."

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

United States of America
Eastern District of Washington

The aforesaid petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Louisa Henrietta Duncan
 (Complete and true signature of petitioner.)

Harrie Pearson occupation Hotel Proprietress residing at 1220 1/2 W. 1st Ave. Spokane, W.
Viola Estelle Williams occupation Redneck Nurse residing at 1220 1/2 W. 1st Ave. Spokane, W.

each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known Louisa Henrietta Duncan, the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the 1st day of December, anno Domini 1918, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the 1st day of December, anno Domini 1918; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

Harrie Pearson
 (Signature of witness.)
Viola Estelle Williams
 (Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of this Clerk of said Court this 19 day of February, anno Domini 1925

Alan G. Paine
 (Signature of Clerk.)
E. L. Dalby
 (Signature of Clerk.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V the King of Great Britain & Ireland of whom I have heretofore been a subject; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

Louisa Henrietta Duncan

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in open Court, this 1st day of June, A. D. 1925

Alan G. Paine Clerk.
E. L. Dalby Deputy Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

Upon consideration of the petition of Louisa Henrietta Duncan, and affidavits in support thereof, and further testimony taken in open Court, it is ordered that the said petitioner, who has taken the oath required by law, be, and hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America, this 1st day of June, A. D. 1925

Alan G. Paine, Clerk.
By Alan G. Paine, Clerk.

ORDER OF COURT ADMITTING PETITIONER

Upon consideration of the petition of Larissa Henrietta Kleiman, and affidavits in support thereof, and further testimony taken in open Court, it is ordered that the said petitioner, who has taken the oath required by law, be, and hereby is, admitted to become a citizen of the United States of America, this 1st day of June, A. D. 1925.

(It is further ordered, upon consideration of the petition of the said Larissa Henrietta Kleiman, that his name be, and hereby is, changed to Alan G. Paine, under authority of the provisions of section 8 of the act approved June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. L., pt. 1, p. 696), as amended by the act approved March 4, 1915, entitled "An act to amend a Department of Labor.")

By the Court: Stanley M. Borker, Judge.

NAMES OF SUBSTITUTED WITNESSES

NAME	RESIDING AT	OCCUPATION
<u>Stanley M. Borker</u>	<u>1000 1st St. N. W.</u>	<u>Judge</u>
<u>John J. Borker</u>	<u>1000 1st St. N. W.</u>	<u>Judge</u>

Certificate of Naturalization, No. 2174799, issued on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1925.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Court at Washington, D. C., this 1st day of June, A. D. 1925.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS SECTION
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

REG. DIST. NO. 1150
REGISTRAR'S NO. 11441

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Spokane
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) Spokane
c. LENGTH OF STAY (in one place) 50 years
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION VA Hospital, Spokane, Wn.

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, indicate before admission)
a. STATE Washington
b. COUNTY Spokane
c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) Spokane
d. STREET (If rural, give location) 315 S. Jefferson
e. ADDRESS

3. NAME OF a. (First) LOUISA b. (Middle) HENRIETTA c. (Last) DUNCAN
4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) June 28, 1954
5. SEX Female 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED Married 8. DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 26, 1877
9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife 10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Own Home 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Blair, Wisconsin 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA
13. FATHER'S NAME Gundor G. Houkom 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Therby Olson 17. INFORMANT Info. taken from VA Hospital records
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (In U.S. or unknown) (If yes, give year or date of service) 555-01-5863
16. CAUSE OF DEATH (Give only one cause per line for 1a, 1b, and 1c)
1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Bilateral acute & chronic pyelo-nephritis
ANTECEDENT CAUSES (b) Transverse Myelitis
(c) Carcinoma of right breast with metastasis to 5th thoracic vertebrae
2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions pertaining to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.
19. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION
20. DATE OF OPERATION
21. ACCIDENT (Specify) SUICIDE HOMICIDE
22. TIME (Hours) (Days) (Years) (Hours) 23. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)
24. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?
25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from April 27, 1953, to June 28, 1954, and that death occurred at 12:50 p.m., from the causes and on the date stated above.
26. SIGNATURE (Signature) 27. ADDRESS VA Hospital, Spokane, Wn.
28. DATE SIGNED June 30, 1954
29. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Blair, Wisconsin
30. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Blair, Wisconsin
31. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Riplinger-Spokane, Wash.
32. ADDRESS Elton B. Frost #325

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STEPHEN HOUKOM

BLAIR, Wis. — Stephen Houkom, 87, of Blair died at a Whitehall hospital Friday, Jan. 26.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Trempealeau Valley Lutheran Church. Rev. L. H. Jacobson will officiate, and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at the Frederixson - Jack Funeral Home in Blair after 2 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Houkom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder H. Houkom, was born in Blair April 4, 1880. He was married Dec. 24, 1915, to Josephine Johnson, who died in 1934.

After retiring from farming in the Blair area he lived with a daughter, Mrs. Hjalmer Ryerson, at Blair. Other survivors are two brothers, Lawrence of Blair and Omer of Racine; and three sisters, Tena Houkom of Blair, Mrs. Alma Krause of Sidney, Mont., and Mrs. Bernette Powers of Minneapolis.

Obituary of *brother Stephen Houkom (1880-1968)* — "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" Saturday 27 Jan 1968

State of Colorado.
Division of Vital Statistics

No. 63242

MARRIAGE RECORD REPORT

County..... DENVER

Husband's Name..... HONKOM, STEPHEN..... Age -..... Race..... W

MARGURITE

Wife's Name..... JOHNSON, JOSEPHINE..... Age -..... Race..... W

Place of Marriage..... DENVER COLO..... Date 12/24/15

Name of Official who Performed Ceremony..... G R ESTREM

Title..... MIN..... Address..... DENVER COLO

Reported by.....

Address.....

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Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

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Name Stephan Houkom
Death Date 26 Jan 1968
Death County Trempealeau, Wisconsin, USA

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WINNERS OF FORT PECK RESERVATION LANDS Continued from page 2.	3392 Robert Hood, Great Falls. 3393 John Skogerson, Sioux City, Ia. 3394 Nellie B. Dodge, Great Falls. 3395 Anna Peterson, Donnelly, Minn. 3396 Stephen Houkom, Great Falls. 3397 J. H. Funk, Jr., Des Moines, Ia. 3398 Sam H. Smith, St. Paul.
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house with the nu.
The Dorcas society of the Trempealeau valley church had its annual meeting Friday and elected the following officers: President, Miss Nora Tenneson; vice president, Mrs. Stephen Houkom; secretary, Bernice Bjelland; treasurer, Mayme Coxlein. They contributed \$165 to the various activities of the church.

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Wed, Dec 19, 1928 -Page 6

La Crosse WI

The funeral for Mrs. Stephen Houkom, who died recently after long ill health, was held Tuesday at the Trempealeau Valley Lutheran church, with burial being made in the Trempealeau Valley cemetery.

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Fri, Dec 14, 1934 -Page 14

Winona MN

AUCTION

On Stephen Houkom farm on river road 3 miles East of Blair and 3 miles West of Taylor, Wis.

Thursday, Oct. 3

12:30 p. m.

Good black team, 10 and 11, mare and gelding, 3,000.
8 good Guernsey cows, Bangs tested; 1 fresh, balance due soon; heifer calf; Guernsey bull, coming 2.
325 yearling White Leghorn hens.
7½ acres shocked corn.
All farm machinery including a new set of harness; an end gate lime spreader; 6-ft. binder; 2 wheel trailer.
Household furniture including piano; dining room table and chairs; dressers and kitchen table.

Terms: — Cash or bankable notes.

STEPHEN HOUKOM, Owner.
Union Bank of Blair, Clerk.
"Red" English, Auctioneer.

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Mon, Sep 30, 1940 -Page 11

Winona MN

BLAIR MAN ILL
 Stephen Houkom is at Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Whitehall, after suffering a stroke Saturday.

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Thonette "Nettie" Houkom

BIRTH: 12 MAR 1883 • Blair, Trempealeau, Wisconsin, USA

DEATH: 21 APR 1966 • Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, United States of America

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MISS NETTIE HOUKOM
BLAIR, Wis. — Miss Nettie Houkom, 83, died Thursday night, April 21, in a Whitehall hospital.
 Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Trempealeau Valley Lutheran Church. Rev. W. H. Winkler will officiate, and burial will be in the church cemetery.
 Friends may call Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at the Frederixon Funeral Home.
 Miss Houkom was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Houkom March 12, 1883, on a farm near Blair. She taught for a time, attended La Crosse Business College and then did secretarial work in Winona and St. Paul.
 Surviving are three brothers, Stephen and Lawrence of Blair and Omer of Racine; three sisters, Tena of Blair, Mrs. William Krause of Sidney, Mont., and Mrs. J. J. Powers of Minneapolis.

Obituary of *sister Thonette (Nettie) Houkom (1883-1966)* – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Thursday 21 Apr 1966 p 26

Miss Nettie Houkom

BLAIR, Wis. (Special) — Miss Nettie Houkom, 83, died of pneumonia this morning at Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Whitehall. She had lived at the hospital nursing home a little over a year since suffering a stroke.

She was born March 12, 1883, on a farm east of Blair to Gun-der and Thorbjor Houkom. She was graduated from Blair High School and taught school a short period. She completed a course at the La Crosse Business Col-lege and did secretarial work in Winona and St. Paul.

Survivors are: Three broth-ers, Stephen and Lawrence, Blair, and Omer, Racine; three sisters, Tena, Blair; Mrs. Wil-liam (Alma) Krause, Sidney, Mont., and Mrs. J. J. (Bernette) Powers, Minneapolis; t w o nieces, and one nephew.

Funeral services will be Sat-urday at 2 p.m. at Trempealeau Valley Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. The Rev. W. H. Winkler will offici-ate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may call at Frederix-on Funeral Home Friday after-noon and Saturday morning, and at the church after noon.

Toland's Business School

Toland's Business School prepares young men and women for first-class positions and then secures positions for them. This is an absolute fact, and our school is the only one that really proves such statements. Claims and assertions are easy to make, but the intelligent man or woman DEMANDS PROOF. What do you, if you are a thinker, care for a school's attendance when considering what school can really prepare you to succeed in the business world. Don't be deceived by such empty statements. You will find, if you investigate, that we always have a healthy attendance, but we don't expect you to attend our school on that account. We had to secure more room last year. Enough of that kind of argument. Write us fully. If we cannot prove to you that we have located more students, yes, five to one, during the past two weeks, the past two months, the past two years, or the past ten years than any other business school in Winona or within five hundred miles of Winona, we don't expect you to attend our school. On the other hand, if we can, can you afford to attend any other school.

Students Located the Past Two Weeks

Alice Maychoff, Duluth, Minn., Remington Typewriter Co.
 Olive Loos, State School, Faribault, Minn.
 Frances Fullmer, Groff & Dorr, La Crosse, Wis.
 Lottie P. Kill, Duxbury & Duxbury, Caledonia, Minn.
 Edna Lienloeken, R. C. Dunn, St. Paul, Minn.
 B. Smith, Chicago, Ill., Remington Typewriter Co.
 Winnifred Harr, Martin Bros. Co., La Crosse, Wis.
 Cora Fahlstrom, H. W. Klugston & Co., St. Paul, Minn.
 Nettie Houkom, J. Rothschild & Co., St. Paul, Minn.
 Alva Landphair, Strong & Warner Co., St. Paul, Minn.

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"Located" in 2026 verbiage would mean "placed" in a job -

Winona MN

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Name **Nettie Houkom**
 Age **83**
 Sex **F (Female)**
 Birth Date **abt 1883**
 Death Date **21 Apr 1966**
 Certificate **012671**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156711723/person/212244121877/facts>



Gjertine "Tena" Houkom

BIRTH: 31 DEC 1885 • Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, United States of America

DEATH: 17 SEP 1979 • Blair, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, United States of America

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156711723/person/212244121875/facts>

The value of a normal school training for prospective teachers is always emphasized when the class statistics are compiled showing the salaries "before and after" taking the course laid out by the state superintendent of public instruction. The combined salaries which the graduates of this year will receive amounts to practically fifty thousand dollars distributed among about sixty people. The list, which Prof. W. H. Sanders of the training school has given out for publication, is not the final one as seniors are daily being considered for positions.

It is worthy of notice that the possession of the normal certificate has raised the earning power of the men and women as high as seventy and eighty per cent. Where the person had previously taught in a rural school at a salary of thirty to forty-five dollars next year he will draw a monthly check of sixty to one hundred dollars for a month's service. The list which follows includes only those who will complete the two year and four year teacher's courses.

Carson Hatfield, Ontario, high school, \$60; Josephine Hintgen, Bangor, grades, 55; Tena Houkom, Pepin, grades, \$50; Frances Halford, West Salem, high school, \$60; Lilah

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La Crosse WI

Sister Gjertine (Tena) Houkom (1885-1979)



**Thorbor Liefsdatter Olson
Houkum with Tena, Dora, Aunt
Betsie and Neenah**

 Portrait / Family Photo

 I to r: Back: Tena, Theodora "Dora"
Front: Thorbor, Aunt Betsy (Birgit
Svenungsdatter), Neenah

 **Robert Erickson** originally shared
this on 1 Jan 2021

Linked to

-  Birgit Sveinungsdatter Houkom ▾
-  Thorbor Leifsdatter Olson ▾
-  Gjertine "Tena" Houkom ▾
-  Neenah Hanson ▾
-  Theodora "Dora" Hanson ▾

Tena at far left, back row – her mother seated in front of her

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Those enrolled from Minidoka county are—Ola McDermott, Jessie M. Dentler, William P. Weist, Lida Pfeiffer, Mrs. Ella Goodman, Doris Allen, Florence Condy, Iva Roberts, Oakley M. Cochran, Doris Nickerson, Mildred Hartley, R. R. Benedict, M. V. Hallam, Tena Houkom, Chloe Zimmerman, Gwendolyn Morse, Mabel Eleanor Gates, Blanche Robertson, Lela Hamilton, Hugh Francisco, Esther Rogers, Blanche Ford, Esther Johanneson, Mrs. A. L. Montgomery, E. G. Isenberg, Carl Reiterman, Edith M. Treiber, Joie Sullivan, Mary A. Rice, Hazel Kirkpatrick, Anna Ernest, Josephine Power, Ruth Chandler, T. E. Madding, James T. Vaught, Mary Olive Francisci, Lucius K. Fuller, Cecile G. Metcalf, Laura Carbaugh, Myrtle Phelps, Robert O. Burns, L. D. Wilson, R. J. Logan, Bess L. Gordon, Louise Lind, Marie Oliver, Charles A. Chandler, Maude Conover, Helen Becker, Edna Newton, John Labin, Ann Steward, Hanah Meyer, Addie Meal, Florence Clark, Mrs. Guy Dixon, Sadie Condit, Bessie Carroll, Elizabeth Colbert, J. B. Fridley, Bessie Carroll, Elizabeth Colbert, Laura Trenowith, James H. Westfall, Clare Colurell, Mrs. H. A. Bellows, Alice H. Hunter, Clide Budd, Lottie Ray, M. W. Thompson, J. H. Wilson, Mrs. M. Shelton Wilson, Harry Redifer, Esther Johannens.

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Enrolled in a teachers' institute -

Twin Falls ID

NEW FEATURE IS INTRODUCED INTO SCHOOLS

**SPECIAL TEACHER EMPLOYED
TO ASSIST BACKWARD AND
DELINQUENT PUPILS — WORK
OPENS IN BURLEY SCHOOLS
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9**

The Burley Public Schools will open on Monday, September 9. The office will be open for the registration of high school students on the Friday and Saturday preceding this date. Pupils for the primary department, six years of age will be accepted during the first two weeks of school only.

The Miller building has been renovated and the interior decorated. A competent corps of teachers has been secured. A new feature in the system will be Opportunity teaching. One teacher in the Miller building will devote half her time to special work for backward and delinquent children. A teacher for the same purpose will be employed in the high school building. A list of teachers follows:

High School

J. J. Rae, Supt.; H. M. Broadbent, Prin.; Mamie A. Higgs, English; Katherine Voris, history; Marion R. Furber, modern languages; A. H. McConaughty, science; Edith A. Wimmer, manual training; R. B. Haskell, Commercial; Irene Gould, home economics; Winifred Ambler, geography; Catherine Geenty, language and grammar; Anne Geenty, U. S. history; Berthy Bancroft, mathematics; Claire Ramsay, reading and literature.

Miller Building

Agnes Starkey, Prin. and Sixth grade; Coral Bucklin, Sixth Grade, and Opportunity teacher; Sixth grade teachers: Maude Spencer, Grace Bancroft; Fifth grade teachers: Florence Costello, Lotta Miller, and Agnes Lily Brown; Fourth grade teachers: Muriel Beamer, Tena Houkom, Myrtle Henrie; Third grade teachers: Helen Melendy, Lucy Harmon, and Josephine Larson.

Primary Department

Lovisa Roper, Supervisor and First grade; Lena Gate, first grade and supervisor of primary music; Pearl McShea, First grade; Betty Broadbent, First grade; Caroline Horton, First grade; Clara Maxfield, Second grade; Catherine Hansmann, Second grade; Louise Ziebarth, Second grade; Lora Goodman, Second grade.

COMPLETE LIST OF TEACHERS ARE HIRED FOR BELOIT SCHOOLS

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE IN-
STRUCTORS HIRED FOR WORK
DURING COMING YEAR

Practically the complete list of teachers who will have charge of the instruction of Beloit youth in the 12 public schools of the city has been announced by Superintendent F. E. Converse. The list including 151 names follows, the numerals following the names in the grade school lists representing the grade or grades taught.

Waterman School

Mary Watts, principal; Tena Houkom, 6; Lila Blackinton, 5; Bonnie Hoskins, 3 and 4; Mrs. Amy C. Gardner, 2 and 3; Minnie Lattin, 1; Dorothy Fleek, kindergarten.

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Beloit WI

Tena Houkom, of Beloit, Wis., is making an extended visit with her cousins and families. Mrs. George Vinton and LeRoy Aumundsen. Miss Houkom was making a northern tour of the United States with a group of Business and Professional women from Wisconsin. She left the party at Seattle, Wash., and came on to Forsyth, while the other ladies attended the National Convention held at Los Angeles, Calif.

The Forsyth Independent
Thu, Jul 24, 1941 · Page 8

Forsyth MT

2 Veteran Beloit Teachers Resign

Beloit, Wis. — Two Lincoln junior high school teachers with a combined total of 83 years of teaching experience, retired Tuesday as schools closed here for the summer.

Tena Houkom, mathematics teacher, will return to her native town, Blair, Wis.

Hazel Croft, English and music teacher, is a native of Beloit and a 1910 graduate of Beloit college. She also attended Pomona college, Northwestern university, and Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She will continue to make her home here.

The Morning Star
Wed, May 30, 1951 · Page 11

Rockford IL

Blair Confirmation Class Includes 12

Blair, Wis. —(Special)— At 11 a.m. Sunday a class of 12 young people will be confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church.

They are Karen Beaty, Elaine Gunderson, Irene Halvorson, Audrey Johnson, James Johnson, Iceland Mathson, Marlene Nestingen, Virginia Olson, Eldon Quarne, Sonja Sexe, Betty Strand and Gale Toraason. Their first communion

will be Sunday at 8 p.m. The Rev. J. W. Halvorson is pastor.

Sunday school teachers at Zion church include: Superintendent, Tillie Sylfest, secretary-treasurer, Ethel Loveberg; kindergarten, Arlene Dahl and Mildred Dahl; first grade, Mrs. Maurice Wangen; second grade, Mrs. Gilbert Von Haden; third grade, Mrs. Basil Arneson; fourth, Mrs. R. E. Anderson; fifth, Mrs. Elmer Everson; sixth, Amelia Sylfest; seventh, Tillie Sylfest; Eight, Tena Houkom; Bible classes, freshman, Mrs. L. W. Halvorson; sophomores, Roger Halvorson, Jr., and Seniors, Carl Penno.

When men of the Brotherhood meet at 8 p.m. Monday a film strip, "Had I Known," will be presented by Alvin Olson, LaCrosse, placement director for the circuit. Hosts will be Jigar Nestingen and Lawrence Holven.

The Winona Republican-Herald
Sat, Oct 06, 1951 · Page 5

Winona MN

GOING ABROAD

BLAIR, Wis. (Special)— Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Melby and Miss Tena Houkom, Blair, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Larson, Taylor, left Monday for Chicago from where they left by plane for a conducted tour of Puerto Rico.

The Winona Daily News
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Winona MN

BLAIR, Wis. (Special)— Luther Leaguers at First Lutheran Church here will hear Miss Tena Houkom speak on a recent trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands at the group's meeting Sunday evening. Also on the program will be a vocal solo, Mary Lou Amundson; reading, M's. Ray Solberg; piano solos, Charles Knutson and Jerry Amundson, and a vocal solo, Howard Tjoflat.

The Winona Daily News
Fri, Nov 05, 1954 · Page 5

Winona MN

FROM EUROPE

BLAIR, Wis. (Special) — The Misses Tena Houkom and Lillian H. Thompson returned recently from a seven-week trip in Europe where they visited Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland.

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IN HAWAII

BLAIR, Wis. (Special) — Miss Tena Houkom is on a guided tour of the Hawaiian Islands.

The Winona Daily News
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CANADIAN TRIP

BLAIR, Wis. (Special) — Miss Tena Houkom is on a guided tour of the Canadian Rockies and the Seattle World's Fair.

The Winona Daily News
Sun, Jul 15, 1962 · Page 18

Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

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Name Tena Houkom
Death Date 17 Sep 1979
Death County Trempealeau, Wisconsin, USA

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Alma S. Krause

SIDNEY — Alma S. Krause, 90, who died Sunday, came to Sidney in 1935 and entered Richland Home 10 years ago.

Born in Blair, Wis., a daughter of Gunder and Thorbor Houkom, she graduated at the teachers college in Whitehall, Wis., and came to New Salem, N.D., to teach. In 1912 she married William Krause in Blair. They lived in Hazen, N.D.; Bozeman and Sidney. Her husband died in 1944.

Survivors include a son, Earl Krause of Sidney; a daughter, Carol Lee of Roseburg, Ore.; two sisters, Tena Houkom of Blair and Bernette Powers of Edina, Minn.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Lonsdale United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Sidney Cemetery, with Fulkerson Funeral Home in charge.

Obituary of *sister Alma S. Houkom Krause (1889-1979)* — "Billings (MT) Gazette" Tuesday 17 Apr 1979 p 10



Alma – Find A Grave 130644890



Alma Houkom & husband William Krause – both photos from Find A Grave 130644623

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

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Name	Alma Haukom
Maiden Name	Haukom
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	1 Oct 1913
Marriage Place	Trumpauan, Wisconsin, USA
Description	1913 Marriages, Winnebago-Wood
Box Number	681258
Spouse	William Krause

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156711723/person/212244121868/facts>

William Krause of Youngtown, and Miss Alma Houkom of Blair, Wis., will be married at the home of the bride's parents October 1st in the presence of about twenty-five invited guests. The newly married people will return to New Salem about October 15th and make their home near Youngtown. The bridegroom's many friends here wish them a long happy married life.

Morton County News Journal
Fri, Sep 26, 1913 · Page 3

New Salem ND

Houkom-Krause.

William Krause of Youngtown, and Miss Alma Houkom of Blair, Wis., were married at the home of the bride's parents October 1, in the presence of about 25 invited guests. The newly married people will return to New Salem about October 15, and make their home near Youngtown. The bridegroom's many friends in the county wish them a long happy married life.

The Bismarck Tribune
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Bismarck ND

Obituary

William F. Krause

William F. Krause was born July 5, 1889, a son of Elizabeth and Charles Krause. He was married to Alma Houkom, Oct. 1, 1913 in Blair, Wis., to whom were born a daughter, Carol and a son, Earl. They came to Sidney in '35, when he took a position as engineer for the Holly Sugar Co., where he was employed until his death. He passed away at the Deaconess hospital Dec. 21.

He is survived by his wife, Alma; son, Earl, now serving in our armed forces in England; daughter, Carol, Mrs. Einar Lee; sister, Mayme of Sweet Home, Ore.; brother, John and wife of Laramie, Wyo., and sister-in-law, Tena Houkom, from Beloit, Wis.

Services were held at the Methodist church in Sidney, on Friday at 2 o'clock with Rev. W. C. Thurow officiating. Pallbearers were Wm. Searles, O. T. Barnes, Al Johnson, Len Wallis, Glen Rood and Clarence Wolff.

Sidney Herald

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Sidney MT

Lawrence Houkom

BLAIR, Wis. (Special)—Lawrence Houkom, 82, Blair, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, La Crosse, Wis., following a short illness.

A retired farmer, he was born Nov. 12, 1891, at Blair to Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Houkom. He never married.

Survivors include: one brother, Omer, Racine, Wis.; three sisters, Miss Tina Houkom, Blair; Mrs. Alma Krause, Sidney, Mont., and Mrs. Bernette Powers, Minneapolis, Minn., nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trempealeau Valley Lutheran Church, the Rev. Vern Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery.

Friends may call at Jack Funeral Home, Blair, after 3 p.m. today and at the church Tuesday after 12:30 p.m.

Obituary of *brother Lawrence Houkom (1891-1974)* – “Winona (MN) Daily News” Monday 23 Sep 1974 p 2

At the annual meeting of Preston Co-operative Creamery association Lawrence Houkom and E. E. Hanson were elected directors.

The La Crosse Tribune
Sun, Feb 12, 1933 · Page 2

La Crosse WI

Blair Cream Co-Op Exceeds Million Mark

Blair, Wis. — (Special) — At a meeting of the Preston Co-operative Creamery association of Blair, Monday, Lawrence Houkom was re-elected vice-president for a two-year term and Ernest Hanson director. The other officers, Miss Amelia Sylfest, president, Harry Skorstad, director, and John G. Ness, director, were holdovers from last year.

During the past year a total of \$307,807.31 was paid to patrons for cream purchased. The 1938 season marked the 13th year that the creamery has produced more than a million pounds of butter; only the years 1932 and 1933 exceeded the 1938 output, with the total produced last year being 1,263,119 pounds.

At the present time there are 578 patrons supplying the creamery with cream and some of these are from a distance of 25 miles. There were 4,091,770 pounds of cream received which amounted to 1,024,-

584.7 pounds of butterfat for an average test of 25. The percentage of overrun was 23.2 for an average in pounds of 238,534. There were 204,595 pounds of dried buttermilk made.

Oil Co-Operative Pays Big Dividend

Whitehall, Wis. — (Special) — Realizing a net profit of \$4,537.72 and increasing its total sales \$3,000 during the past year, the Farmers Equity Union Co-operative Oil company completed a successful year, according to the annual report given by O. H. Settingsgaard, secretary-treasurer, at the annual meeting. The total business amounted to \$53,758.01, representing the sale of 246,592 gallons of gasoline, 37,754 gallons of kerosene and other products. The company paid a seven per cent interest on its stock and declared a 10 per cent dividend to its stockholders, of which there are 412.

Lawrence Houkom of Blair was elected to the board of directors for two years, to fill the unexpired term of the late Lewis Rasmussen. E. H. Schroeder and O. H. Settingsgaard, directors, were re-elected for three-year terms. Holdover directors are Melvin Ackley and Tom Trog.

The La Crosse Tribune
Fri, Feb 14, 1941 · Page 5

Egg Festival Closes Today

Blair, Wis.—(Special)—The annual horse-colt show and egg festival closes here today, features being a 10 a. m. parade, a noon concert by the Blair high school band, a 1:30 p. m. talk by John B. Hayes of the University of Wisconsin and several contests. Free attractions also are on the day's bill.

The contests include egg eating, chicken picking and pop drinking. Ingabor Garter will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and presents will be given to Queen Irene Stenberg and her attendants, Eleanor Strand and Helen Thompson.

The coronation of the queen was held last night before a dance in the village hall.

In the judging yesterday, a horse entered by Lawrence Houkom of Blair was given the championship honors. First places in other divisions included: Pleasure horse class, Elmer Peterson, Ettrick; ponies, James Hovre, Ettrick. Donald Thurston, Blair, won the potato race and Bryan Klimek, Ettrick, won the musical chair event.

In the judging contest there were three men tied for first. They were Robert Nehring, Whitehall, and D. J. and Ray Emmons, Galesville.

The La Crosse Tribune
Sun, Sep 20, 1942 · Page 15

Whitehall Farmer Attacked By Bull

WHITEHALL, Wis.—(Special)—Lawrence Houkom, middle-aged farmer residing near Blair, was injured Tuesday when he was gored by the three-year-old bull he was attempting to sell.

Houkom went into the bull pen where the bull turned on him, goring and butting the farmer. Houkom was thrown out of the pen when he became hooked on one of the bull's horns.

He was brought to the Whitehall hospital for treatment.

He has a fractured collar bone and six fractured ribs.

The La Crosse Tribune
Wed, Jan 22, 1947 · Page 10

Bull Injures Blair Farmer

WHITEHALL. (Special)—Lawrence Houkom, 55, who lives three miles east of Blair on Hy. 95, is a patient at Community hospital with extensive injuries received when attacked by a bull Tuesday morning. According to Dr. R. L. MacCornack, who treated him, he has a broken right collar bone, seven broken ribs, a severe puncture of the right thigh, and other injuries. Houkom's condition was described as "fair."

Houkom was attacked and tossed from the bull pen by the bull at about 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Leader-Telegram
Fri, Jan 24, 1947 · Page 3

Eau Claire WI

Whitehall Co-op Elects Officers

WHITEHALL — (Special)—Lawrence Houkom of Blair was elected president of the Co-operative Oil and Produce company board of directors at the organizational meeting held here Wednesday evening.

Emil Skroch of Independence, elected to the board at the annual meeting Saturday, was put in as vice president. Arne Torud and Melvin Ackley were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Torud serves as manager and is in charge of the office and bulk station at Whitehall. O. H. Settingsgaard, Whitehall, is the fifth director.

Lloyd Truog of Independence and Walter Schroeder, Whitehall, drive the two co-op gas trucks and Ed Woychik of Independence is employed as bookkeeper.

Leader-Telegram
Sat, Mar 05, 1949 · Page 3

Eau Claire WI

Farm Census Takers for Trempealeau Named

Leader & Telegram News

WHITEHALL — Lyle Pavék of Strum is crew leader for the southern part of Trempealeau county and Buffalo county and John Holdorf of 912 Third Ave., Eau Claire, is crew leader for the northern part of the county, for the taking of the 1954 census of Agriculture which began Monday morning.

Pavék's census takers in the southern part of the county are Lawrence Houkom of Blair, Town of Preston; Clarence Smieja of Independence, the northern part of the Town of Arcadia; Mrs. Fred Thelsen of Arcadia, the southern part of the Town of Arcadia; Mrs. Arthur Runnestrand of Ettrick, the western part of the Town of Ettrick; Harvey Twesme the east part of the Town of Ettrick; Herbert Lyon, the Towns of Cal- edonia and Gale; and Mrs. Robert Bell, the Towns of Dodge and Trempealeau.

Working in the northern part of the county are Reuben Olson, Chimney Rock; Reuben Gunderson, Town of Hale; Peter Maule, Town of Lincoln; Walter Becker, Town of Albion; Wendell Hagen, Town of Pigeon; Eddie G. Brixen of Osseo, that area; and Gerald G. Sylla, Town of Burnside.

The workers spent three days in the field last week getting their instructions.

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Eau Claire WI



'EXPECTING'

The deer population was recently decreased in Riverside Memorial Park in Blair by the sale of two animals to another park, but caretaker Dick Benson reports he expects an increase again as Judy and Karen are "expecting." Lawrence Houkom is shown here with Judy, Karen and Spike III. Houkom daily feeds the animals grass and leaves.

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Name	Lawrence Houkom
Age	82
Sex	M (Male)
Birth Date	abt 1892
Death Date	21 Sep 1974
Location	Lacr
Certificate	031551

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Bernette Houkom

BIRTH: 25 OCT 1897 • Preston, Trempealeau, Wisconsin

DEATH: 22 APR 2000 • Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156711723/person/212244121862/facts>

Powers

Bernette Houkom Powers was born October 25, 1897 in Blair, Wisconsin. She died April 22, 2000 at Health East Care Facility in St. Paul. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack and her seven siblings. She is survived by nieces & nephews, Bessie Ryerson, Blair, WI, Earl Krause (Jean), Sidney, MT and Helen Nothom, Marian Reagan, Elizabeth Powers and Gregory Powers (Lorraine), all of St. Paul. After graduating from high school in Blair, Bernette taught in a one-room schoolhouse in North Dakota, then attended business college in La-Crosse, WI, and then came to work as a bookkeeper at Booth Fisheries. There will be no visitation, but a gathering of family and friends will be held on April 30 at the home of grandniece Tricia Rettler in Inver Grove Heights. Memorials preferred to Our Lady of Good Counsel Home, 2076 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.

Bradshaw
488 Humboldt Avenue
651-222-8597

obituary of *sister Bernette Houkom Powers (1897-2000)* (last of the siblings to die) – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Saturday 29 Apr 20 p 35

FAIRVIEW SOCIAL

Under the supervision of the Misses Catherine and Lottie Conley and Miss Bernette Houkom, teachers of Fairview district, a social is being prepared the proceeds of which are to be put in the Oliver county bank for the benefit of the Oliver County Red Cross chapter.

The social is to be preceded by a short program, given by pupils of the three schools.

Knowing that winter is nearing us each day, and that “cold-feet” are much to be avoided as one of our worst enemies, (in both senses of the term), we have decided to give a “Sock Social.”

Now is your chance to invest in some of the latest ideas in these necessities. There will be red socks, green socks and socks of various colors and materials. Each lady is requested to bring a box lunch and a pair of gentlemen's socks.

Two other features of the evenings entertainment will be the “home-made” candy booth, and the popularity contest.

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Fri, Nov 02, 1917 - Page 3

New Salem ND

Miss Bernette Houkom arrived Saturday from Blair, Wis., to take charge of School No. 3, at Rosebud.

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Fri, Apr 12, 1918 - Page 3

New Salem ND

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Postnuptials

MISS LYDIA BURDICK entertained at her home, 1016 Rose street, Wednesday evening at a postnuptial parcel shower for Mrs. L. H. Eckhart, before recent marriage Miss Cora Thompson. Favors at cards went to Mrs. Maurice Allen and Miss Thora Stuve. Colors in the rooms were orange and white and a bouquet of narcissus and calendula centered the dining table. Others entertained were Mrs. Julius Clemmons, Misses Julia Burdick, Agnes Lindvik and Bernette Houkom.

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Powers

Bernette Houkom Powers was born October 25, 1897 in Blair, Wisconsin. She died April 22, 2000 at Health East Care Facility in St. Paul. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack and her seven siblings. She is survived by nieces & nephews, Bessie Ryerson, Blair, WI, Earl Krause (Jean), Sidney, MT and Helen Nothom, Marian Reagan, Elizabeth Powers and Gregory Powers (Lorraine), all of St. Paul. After graduating from high school in Blair, Bernette taught in a one-room schoolhouse in North Dakota, then attended business college in La Crosse, WI, and then came to work as a bookkeeper at Booth Fisheries. There will be no visitation, but a gathering of family and friends will be held on April 30 at the home of grandniece Tricia Rettler in Inver Grove Heights. Memorials preferred to Our Lady of Good Counsel Home, 2076 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104.

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Jack Powers

BLAIR, Wis. (Special)—The husband of a former Blair woman became ill suddenly and died at a La Crosse hospital Wednesday.

The former Bernette Houkom, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Houkom, Blair, and her husband, Jack Powers, Minneapolis, came here last week to visit her relatives and her sister, who is a patient at Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Whitehall.

Wednesday they went to La Crosse to see friends. Powers became ill and was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where he died a short time later. Funeral services will be held in Minneapolis Monday at 9 a.m.

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Name	Bernette Powers
Death Age	102
Record Type	Death
Birth Date	25 Oct 1897
Birth Place	Blair, Wisconsin, USA
Death Date	22 Apr 2000
Death Place	Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	2000
Mother's Maiden Name	Olson
Certificate Number	2000-Mn-011184

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/156711723/person/212244121862/facts>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Omer Houkom

Name variations: Omer Gunder Houkom – Omer G. Houkom

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. HQ - corporal

Serial number: 250,919

Entered service from: Blair, Trempealeau WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Omer Houkom

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Gunder Houkom, Blair WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Omer Houkom

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father George Houkom, Blair WI (sgt, HQ Co., 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Omer Houkom - b. 18 Feb 1895 Preston WI; res: Blair, Trempealeau WI. Single. Assistant cashier, First National Bank of Blair. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1939 NTSA: 510 Melvin Ave., Racine WI - 1955 WI Survivors: 318 S. Vincennes Circles, Racine WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Omer Houkom - b. 18 Feb 1895 Blair WI; res: 510 Melvin Ave., Racine, Racine WI. NOK Lorraine Houkom, same address. Employed at State Banking Department, Madison WI. Height: 6' – weight: 175 lbs. Registered 25 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 27 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: Blair WI

Rank/unit: sergeant, Cas Det 2 Tr Bn, 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 18 Feb 1895 Blair, Trempealeau WI (WWI draft & WI Birth Index – born Preston, Trempealeau WI)

Died: 10 Sep 1977 Racine, Racine Co. WI (St. Mary's Medical Center)

Find A Grave record: 177850527, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Mound, Racine WI

Cemetery: Mound

Tombstone:

Father: Gunder Svenung Houkom, 21 Jan 1848 Kviteseid, Telemark, Norway – 27 Oct 1920 Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Son of Svenning [Sveinung] Halvorson Houkom & Thone Johansdatter Skare.

Middle name also found as Sveinungsen.

Came to the US with his parents in 1870 & settled in the Trempealeau Valley.

After shopping in Blair WI on the morning of his death, he came home as the family was sitting down to dinner. He sat down, was asked if he wanted to eat, said “no” & died a few minutes later.

Buried on 1 Nov 1984 in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI.

Find A Grave: 145574220

Mother: Thorbor Leifsdatter Olson Houkom, 29 Mar 1853 Forsdal, Telemark, Norway – 25 May 1933 Blair, Trempealeau WI.

Daughter of Leif Olson & Gjertrud Anundsdatter.

First name recorded as Tobjör Leifson on Omer's WI birth certificate.

She came to the US at age 8 with her parents, during the Civil War.

The Houkom family home was on Highway 95, 3 miles east of Blair. She died at her home at age 80.

Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI.

Find A Grave: 145575304

Parents' marriage: 30 Dec 1876

Spouse: Marguerite Lorraine Redline Houkom, 18 May 1902 Brown Co. WI – 6 Feb 1998 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. SSN 398-20-9071.

Used the name Lorraine.

Daughter of Benjamin Hugh Redline (F: 1962456716) & Mabel Tucker (F: 196245619).

Also a bank executive, as was Omer.

Buried in Mound Cemetery, Racine, Racine WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 177850506

Marriage: 21 Oct 1926 Green Bay, Brown WI

Children:

Siblings: Omer was the 7th of 8 children.

- **Louise Henrietta Houkom Duncan**, 26 Oct 1877 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 28 Jun 1954 Spokane Co. WA. – First name also found as Louisa & Lovisa. - Wife of **George Wesley Duncan** (1886-1958, buried in Spokane WA, F: 214432235). He had served in the Canadian Army 1918-1919. – They married 23 Jun 1922 in St. Paul, Ramsey MN. - Even though she was born in the US, she applies on 19 Feb 1926 for naturalization in Spokane WA. During this time period, a US citizen lost his/her citizenship if the citizen married a non-citizen. - Louise Henrietta Duncan, resident of 1507 W. 4th Ave., Spokane WA, b. 26 Oct 1877 Blair WI, wife of George Wesley Duncan, b. 13 Jul 1886 in Ugenia, Canada. They have no children; they live together. George was naturalized in Spokane on 20 Dec 1924. The couple married in St. Paul MN on 23 Jun 1922. She lived in the US since birth & in WA from Oct 1904 on. Louise is buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI. F: 167846505
- **Stephen Houkom**, 4 Apr 1880 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 26 Jan 1968 Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. - Husband of **Josephine Margurite ("Jo") Johnson** (1882-1934, F: 32985079) whom he married 24 Dec 1915 in Denver CO. - His obituary in the "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 27 Jan 1968 p 3 is copied above. - Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI. F: 32985087
- **Thonette ("Nettie") Houkom**, 12 Mar 1883 Trempealeau Co. WI – 21 Apr 1966 Whitehall, Trempealeau WI. - Died of pneumonia at TriCounty Memorial Hospital, Whitehall WI. Her obituary in the "La Crosse (WI) Tribune" 21 Apr 1966 p 26 copied above. - Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI. F: 167832157
- **Gjertine ("Tena") Houkom**, 31 Dec 1885 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 17 Sep 1979 Blair, Trempealeau WI. - A schoolteacher. Taught in Idaho as well as Beloit WI. Retired in 1951 & then taught Sunday School & Confirmation classes for Zion Lutheran Church; was a Brownie (Girl Scouts) leader & traveled. - Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI. F: 167831293
- **Alma Sophia Houkom Krause**, 8 Mar 1889 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 15 Apr 1979 Sidney, Richland MT. - Wife of **William Frank Krause** (1889-1944, F: 130644623) whom she married 1 Oct 1913 in Blair, Trempealeau WI. – His name is also found online as Francis William B. (Frank) Krause. Her obituary in the "Billings (MT) Gazette" 17 Apr 1979 p 10 copied above. - Buried in Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, Richland MT. F: 130644890
- **Lawrence Houkom**, 12 Nov 1891 Blair, Trempealeau WI – 21 Sep 1974 La Crosse, La Crosse WI. – Name listed as older brother Lorents on Omer's WI birth certificate. Never married. - His obituary in the "Winona (MN) Daily News" 23 Sep 1974 p 2 copied above. - Buried in Trempealeau Valley Cemetery, Taylor, Jackson WI. F: 145577445

- **Bernette Houkom Powers**, 25 Oct 1897 Preston, Trempealeau WI – 22 Apr 2000 St. Paul, Ramsey MN. - Wife of **John Joseph Powers** (1887-1965, F: 1091144). - Her obituary in the "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 29 Apr 2000 p 35 copied above. - Buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Hennepin Co. MN. F: 27721501

Notes:

On Omer's WI birth certificate, his older siblings are listed as Lovia Henriette – Stephen – Trinette – Gjertine – Alma Sophia – Lorents.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – "Tuscania Survivors – Maybe His Name is Here" – lists Omer Houkom of Blair WI

Post-war:

"Waukegan (IL) News" Sunday 1 Jul 1930 p 9 – Yesterday's report that R.K. M'Dougal had defeated Omer Houkom in the Vanderkloet Cup of Class C final match [in golf] was incorrect. It was the opposite; Houkom beat M'Dougal.

"Eau Claire (WI) Leader-Telegram" 9 Feb 1950 p 3 – there were 14 survivors among the 16 Trempealeau Co. boys who were on the Tuscania. One was Omer Houkom of Blair WI. Corporal Houkom wrote Dr. & Mrs. S.E. Hutchins of Whitehall WI, the parents of Tuscania casualty Sgt. Otis E. Hutchins, that he had sacrificed his place on a lifeboat to someone else. It was discovered once the lifeboat left Tuscania that Otis was not on board.

Obituary:

"Racine (WI) Journal Times" 12 Sep 1977 p3 & p 18 - age 82, funeral on 13 Sep 1977 in Racine. Resident of 318 S. Vincennes Circle, Racine WI. A Racine resident since 1933, joined Farmers & Merchants Bank, 1001 Milwaukee Ave., Racine, as executive vice president & director in 1952 after 18 years with the state of WI's banking dept as senior examiner, doing trust work in southeastern WI. He resigned from Farmers & Merchants in early 1962. Was trust officer for 6 years with Waukegan National Bank (Waukegan IL) before working for the state of WI. Also worked 1 year with Continental National Bank & Trust Co. (Chicago). Born in Blair WI 18 Feb 1895. Married Lorraine Redline in 1926 at Green Bay WI. Served in US Army 32nd Div. Jul 1917-May 1919, Tuscania survivor. Member of American Legion & Red Arrow Club. Survived by wife & 3 sisters. Interment Mound Crypts

Social Security number: 393-32-6141

Censuses:

1880 Preston, Trempealeau WI – conducted 4/5 Jun 1880

Gunder HOCUM, 32 Norway, parents b. Norway, farmer

Thirby, 27 Norway, parents b. Norway, keeping house

Louisa, 2 WI

Stephen, 2 months WI, born Apr 1880

& mother-in-law Gertrude Olson, 54 Norway, parents b. Norway

& Lena Olson, 13 WI, parents b. Norway

1900 cannot locate family

1905 Preston, Trempealeau WI – conducted 1 Jun 1905

G.S. HOUKON, 56 Norway, parents b. Norway, farmer

Thorbjorg, 52 Norway, parents b. Norway

Tena, 18 WI, student

Alma, 16 WI, housework

Lawrence, 13 WI

Omer, 9 WI

Bernette, 7 WI

& mother-in-law Gjertrud Olson, 75 Norway, parents b. Norway

1910 Preston, Trempealeau WI – conducted 2 Apr 1910

Gunder Houkom, 61 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, married 32 years, emigrated 1870, farmer, general farm

Torbjorn, 57 Norway, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1862, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living

Tena, 24 WI, single, school teacher, common school

Alma, 21 WI, single, school teacher, common school

Lawrence, 18 WI

Omer, 15 WI

Bernetta, 12 WI

Bertha Olson, 84 Norway, widow, parents b. Norway, emigrated 1862 [mother-in-law]

1920 cannot locate Omer

1930 Waukegon, Lake IL – 302 Ridgeland Ave. – conducted 2 Apr 1930

Omer Houkon, 34 WI, parents b. Norway, age 31 at 1st marriage, cashier, bank, WWI veteran

Lorriane, 27 WI, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage

1940 Racine, Racine WI – 510 Melvin Ave. – in same house in 1935 – conducted 5 Apr 1940

Omar Houkon, 43 WI, accountant, state bank department

Lorraine, 37 WI

1950 Racine, Racine WI – 510 Melvin Ave. – conducted 17 Apr 1950

Omer Houkom, 53 WI, bank examiner, State Banking Department

Lorraine R., 47 WI, manager, commercial department in bank