

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 459

Offered by Senator Schaffer

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Grayson of Griswold Lake in McHenry County will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 1, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grayson and his lovely wife Sylvia have enjoyed 50 years of nuptial bliss and domestic tranquility which has been a delight and inspiration to their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were married on June 1, 1924 by Dr. Preston Bradley of Peoples Uptown Church in Chicago, and Dr. Bradley, who is now 80 years old, will be attending their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson are the proud parents of three fine children, Dr. Richard R. Grayson, M.D., a specialist in Internal Medicine, Mrs. Priscilla Rutter of Chicago and Mrs. Patricia Jebavy of Richardson, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson have been blessed with the joy of ten beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The family originated in England, but has been a devoted member of the American community for over 200 years; and

WHEREAS, The Graysons owned two appliance stores in Chicago and resided in Maywood before retiring to Griswold Lake; and

WHEREAS, The Graysons are now retired, but remain politically active and were organizers of the McHenry Senior Citizen's Club, which now has 600 members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we most heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Grayson on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary; that we extend our best wishes to them for continued health and happiness and many more anniversary celebrations; and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Grayson.

Adopted by the Senate, May 28, 1974.

Edward C. Ferrander
Secretary of the Senate

William C. Harris
President of the Senate

CHARLES H. PERCY
ILLINOIS

United States Senate

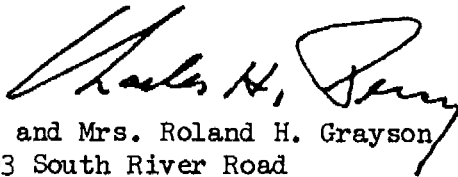
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 28, 1974

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grayson:

May I extend my congratulations on the occasion of your Golden Wedding Anniversary. I hope it will be a happy day and you have my best wishes for your continued happiness and joy.

Warm regards,



Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Grayson
2903 South River Road
Lake Griswold
McHenry, Illinois

ADLAI E. STEVENSON
ILLINOIS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 28, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Grayson
2903 South River Road
Lake Griswold
McHenry, Illinois

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grayson:

I am pleased to learn from your son that you will be celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary on June 1st and I want to be among your host of friends extending greetings on this special occasion!

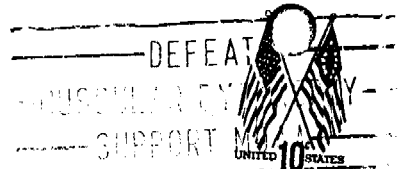
I'm sure you will be remembering many happy times as you enjoy this day.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

Adlai Stevenson

THE WHITE HOUSE



Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Grayson
2903 South River Road
Lake Griswold
McHenry, Illinois



*I want to extend my warm
congratulations and best wishes on the occasion
of your 50th wedding anniversary. May you
enjoy many more years of happiness together.*

Richard Nixon

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE FILE NUMBER

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S - CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 45.0
REGISTERED NUMBER

Type, or Print in PERMANENT INK See Coroner's or Funeral Directors Handbook for INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED

BIRTHPLACE

RESIDENCE

PARENTS

CAUSE

NATURAL ACCIDENT

H.G.

RIF

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CERTIFIER

DISPOSITION

1. DECEASED-NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST: Roland H. Grayson
SEX: 2. Male
DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 3. May 21, 1989
4. COUNTY OF DEATH: Kane
AGE-LAST BIRTHDAY (YRS): 5a. 86
UNDER 1 YEAR: 5b. MOS. DAYS
UNDER 1 DAY: 5c. HOURS MIN.
DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): 5d. May 15, 1903

6a. CITY, TOWN, TWP. OR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER: Geneva
6b. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION-NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER): Delnor Community Hospital
6c. IF HOSP. OR INST. INDICATE D.O.A. OF EMER. RM. INPATIENT (SPECIFY): 6d. Emergency Room

7. BIRTHPLACE (CITY AND STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY): Indianapolis, In
8a. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY): Widowed
8b. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE (MAIDEN NAME, IF WIFE): None
9. WAS DECEASED EVER IN ARMED FORCES? (YES/NO): No

10. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 346-09-7343
11a. USUAL OCCUPATION: Owner & Opr
11b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY: Antiques
12. EDUCATION (SPECIFY ONLY HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED): 8

13a. RESIDENCE (STREET AND NUMBER): 124 S. 13th St.
13b. CITY, TOWN, OR ROAD DISTRICT NO.: St. Charles
13c. INSIDE CITY (YES/NO): Yes
13d. COUNTY: Kane

13e. STATE: Illinois
13f. ZIP CODE: 60174
14a. RACE (WHITE, BLACK, AMERICAN INDIAN, etc.): White
14b. OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? (SPECIFY NO OR YES-IF YES, SPECIFY CUBAN, MEXICAN, PUERTO RICAN): NO

15. FATHER-NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST: Howard Grayson
16. MOTHER-NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST: Una Mae Tasker

17a. INFORMANT'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT): Dr. Richard R. Grayson
17b. RELATIONSHIP: Son
17c. MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NO OR R.F.D., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP): 1513 Avalon Ct. St. Charles, Ill

18. PART I. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.
Immediate Cause (Final disease or condition resulting in death): (a) Cardiac Arrest
CONDITIONS, IF ANY WHICH GIVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST:
(b) Acute Myocardial Infarction
(c) Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in PART I.
AUTOPSY (YES/NO): 19a. NO
WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (YES/NO): 19b. ---

20a. NATURAL ACCIDENT, HOMICIDE, SUICIDE, UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY):
20b. DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR):
20c. HOUR: M.
20d. HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY MENTIONED IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18):

20e. INJURY AT WORK (YES/NO):
20f. PLACE OF INJURY (AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BUILDING, ETC.) (SPECIFY):
20g. LOCATION (CITY, VIL. OR TOWN; OR TWP.; OR RD. DIST. NO.; COUNTY, STATE):
20h. IF FEMALE, WAS THERE A PREGNANCY IN PAST THREE MONTHS? YES/NO

21a. I CERTIFY THAT IN MY OPINION BASED UPON MY INVESTIGATION AND/OR THE INQUIRY, THIS DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE, AT THE PLACE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED, AND THAT...
21b. THE DECEDENT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON: MONTH DAY YEAR: May 21, 1989
21c. AT: 1:00 P.

22a. CORONER'S - MEDICAL EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE: Mary Lou Kearns
22b. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): May 22, 1989
23a. CORONER'S PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: Stephen C. Bui Deputy
23b. DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR):

24a. BURIAL CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY): Burial
24b. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY-NAME: Mt. Emblem
24c. LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE: Elmhurst Illinois
24d. DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): May 24, 1989

25a. FUNERAL HOME: Norris Funeral Home, 100 S. Third St. St. Charles, Ill. 60174
25b. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]
25c. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER: 7559

26a. LOCAL REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE: Lorraine P. Sava
26b. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR (MONTH, DAY, YEAR): May 22, 1989

VR202 (Rev 1 89) STATE OF ILLINOIS Department of Public Health - Office of Vital Records (BASED ON 1989 U.S. STANDARD CERTIFICATE)
COUNTY OF KANE SS DATE ISSUED 05 22 89

I, Lorraine P. Sava, Kane County Clerk, do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original record which is on file in the office of the County Clerk, Kane County, Geneva, Illinois.

Lorraine P. Sava
LORRAINE P. SAVA
COUNTY CLERK



ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF CHICAGO
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

The records of this church certify to the baptism on June 8 1913,
of Roland Grayson, born on 15th day of
April, in the year 1903, at Indianapolis,
in Indiana, the child of Howard Grayson
and Unna May Grayson.

Signed Rev. C. W. King per Rev. Alfred Beach Pastor
Of Berry Memorial M. E. Church
Location Leavitt & Biddings St.

Church
Seal
Here

Witness to Holy Matrimony

Mr. Roland H. Grayson
of Chicago Illinois
and Miss Sylvia J. Mandelbaum
of Chicago Illinois
were united by me in

HOLY MATRIMONY

according to the Ordinance of God and the Laws of the
State of Illinois
at Chicago on the First
day of June in the Year of OUR LORD
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four

Rev. Pastor Bradley, D.C.P.

Pastor The Peoples Church - Chicago -

Witnesses

Ed Melbourne Hanlon

Helen E. Schott

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

C-LINE #62027

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

I, Henrietta Gertrude Wahlgren, of 4826 No. Irving Ave., Chicago, Illinois, being duly sworn, do hereby certify that I am the grandmother of Roland H. Grayson and was present at the time of his birth, and that he was born on the fifteenth day of April, 1903 A. D. at Indianapolis, Ind.

Henrietta Gertrude Wahlgren (SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17th day of July, 1918 A.D.

Harry E. Odell
NOTARY PUBLIC.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

We, Howard Grayson and Una May Grayson, of
4824 No. Irving Ave., Chicago, Illinois, being duly sworn, do
hereby certify that we are respectively the father and mother of
Roland H. Grayson, and that the said Roland H. Grayson was born
on the fifteenth day of April, 1903, A. D. at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Howard Grayson (SEAL)

Una May Grayson (SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17th day of July 1918 AD.

Harry E. Ottlund
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Family Reunion
Priscilla's House
Family Christmas Gathering

Interview with Roland Grayson

By Richard Grayson
December 23, 1973

Uncle George Grayson and Aunt Mary and Gladys and Howard Demaree came to Chicago in 1947 and gave the Pap Grayson sign to Roland. This is the curved sign from the steam fire engine in Madison, Indiana, where John Wren Grayson was the captain of the fire company about 1850.

Uncle George was "nuts" on baseball, as were Howard Demaree and Gladys. George gave the Pap Grayson sign to Dad because Dad was the only Grayson in his generation. Uncle George was a mailman. Uncle Will worked at an icehouse in Shelbyville after he retired. Dad (Roland) was a Methodist. Dad was born in Indianapolis.

Howard had no middle name. He worked as a clerk in a grocery store. Most of the grocery business was by delivery – twice a day. He met Una Mae in Indianapolis and was married in 1902, moved brought to Chicago in 1905 – Dad was age 2. Howard and Una Mae moved to Chicago to be near the Wahlgrens (her mother and stepfather).

Howard had a job with Todd and Gerkhe grocery store on Broadway near Belmont. He moved in with Grandma Wahlgren at first, then rented 1900 block on Western Avenue, 1905 – 06. Then Grandma Grayson built a house with money she inherited from Uncle Lafe (Lafayette Heidell) next to her mother's house at 4824 Bell Avenue.

Dad lived there eleven years and got married at age 21, June 1, 1924. Born – April 15, 1903. Mother born - April 27, 1905.

Howard earned \$19.00 a week at first. Howard had two years of high school. At age 12 –13, Roland and Ward had a refreshment stand at Lawrence and Lake and sold refreshments to the bathers.

Roland "refused to be poor", so he went to work after graduating from grade school. He went to work at Sheridan Trust and Savings Bank at Lawrence and Broadway at age 15. His job was to carry a 32 and a 38 – two pistols with over \$50,000 to the Loop. His parents encouraged him to quit school so they could get room and board from him to help support the three sisters.

Dad went to the Methodist Church because it was close. Dad was a printers devil one summer, age 13-14 at a Methodist Book Concern. Howard and Una Mae went to church only when they had to.

Howard worked 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week and had so little time at home. He did not want to go to church.

Roland never heard of John Wren Grayson until recent years – only knew about Andrew Jackson Grayson.

As a youth, Dad visited Uncle Frank Grayson in Madison, Indiana who owned a corner grocery store. Frank went broke there, ended up in California. Dad saw Ellsworth Grayson – who died early.

Howard knew about cousins of his own age on several farms around Madison, but Roland remembers no more than this.

My father, Roland thinks that there must have been an Indian in the Tasker line because

- 1.) Una Mae had high cheekbones, dark skin.
- 2.) Likewise, her daughter, Virginia.
- 3.) Roland had no beard on the side of his face and never had to shave more than every two days.

Una had no sisters and brothers. Grandma Wahlgren was a Tasker first – got divorced – around Boston. Grandma Wahlgren did not have an Indian appearance. She had only one sibling – Uncle Lafe Heidell – my great great uncle.

Howard moved to Indianapolis from Madison – does not know where. Why did they go there? Note that, (I think), Aunt Lottie (Grayson) and Ward Jones lived in Indianapolis.

Uncle John Jones owned the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Company office for the district (five stores) office in Chicago. Howard belonged to a racing bicycle club in Madison when grown.

Roland got a job at the Hoover Company at age 16 in Chicago where he learned to repair and sell vacuum cleaners. When he was 22, he was service manager. The Hoover Company dissolved the District office and everybody was thrown out of work. Ward had a separate business selling bumpers for cars – bumpers were accessories at that time.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, HOWARD GRAYSON, of the city of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

FIRST: I order and direct that my executrix hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

SECOND: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife, UNA MAY GRAYSON.

THIRD: But in case of the death of my said wife prior to my death, then I give, devise and bequeath the said rest, residue and remainder of my estate unto my four children, viz., ROLAND H. GRAYSON, DOROTHY SMITH, VIRGINIA DANIELSEN and LOTTA MAY SEILER, to be equally divided among them, share and share alike; but in case of the death of any of my said children prior to that time, leaving child or children surviving, then the share of such deceased child of mine to be equally divided among such children; but in case of the death of any of my said children prior to that time, leaving no child or children surviving, then the share of such deceased child of mine to be equally divided among the survivors of my said children, share and share alike.

FOURTH: I make, constitute and appoint my said wife, UNA MAY GRAYSON, executrix of this, my last will and testament, and request that she shall not be compelled to give any bond or security as such executrix.

In case of the death, resignation, refusal or inability to act of my said executrix, then I do hereby appoint my children, ROLAND H. GRAYSON and DOROTHY SMITH to be successor-executors of this, my

Howard Grayson

employing all the capital and property which may be employed therein at my death, during the course of administration of my estate, in her or their discretion.

If at any time during the course of administration of my said estate my said executrix, or her successors, may deem it for the best interest of my said estate to sell said business and the good-will thereof and the property which may be employed therein, or any part thereof, then I give my said executrix or her successors, full power and authority to sell the same or any part thereof at such price or prices and terms as she or they may deem best and execute all deeds of conveyance or other instruments necessary and proper for that purpose, and the purchaser or purchasers at any such sales shall not be compelled to see to the application of the purchase money, and I direct that my said executrix, or her successors, making any such sales shall not be compelled to give any bond or security therefor, and I hereby give my said executrix, or her successors, full power and authority to compromise and compound any and all claims, either in favor of or against my estate and to give all proper releases, discharges and acquittances therefor which shall be valid and binding upon my estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name

Howard Grayson

Howard Grayson (Seal)

This instrument, consisting of three (3) pages, was on the day of the date thereof signed, published and declared by the said testator, HOWARD GRAYSON, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in his presence and in the presence of each other, firmly believing that the said HOWARD GRAYSON was upon the day and date hereof of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he executed the within instrument as his own free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Hallie C. Curtis

Residence: 2743 Windsor Ave.

James Douglas

Residence: 2743 Windsor Ave

F I L E D

DEC 9 - 1948

JOHN W. TAUCHEN, Clerk
By [Signature]

Death Notices

Dys Murphy

E. Murphy, 88, of Batavia, died Tuesday, September 28, 1988 at 1000 Terrace. She was born in 1900 in St. Cloud, Minn.

Murphy was past president of the Anne's Society of Holy Anich, past president of the Mothers Club, and was a member of the Mercy Center Auxiliaries.

Survivors include one son, Richard Murphy of Batavia, Illinois; two grandchildren, Sara E. and Patrick K. Murphy, Michael and Susan E. Rhoads, Cynthia and Peter J. Garbe, Laura A. and Carolyn A. Feehan, Robert and Michael K. Murphy, and M. Murphy and Jane K. Murphy. She was preceded in death by her mother, Enid Jeske.

Graveside services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, September 29, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Pastor Jock Ficken will officiate with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dieterle Memorial Home.

Memorials may be made to the Gloria Dei Church or the American Cancer Society in her memory.

William R. Ruhn

William R. Ruhn, 57, of Littleton, died Monday, September 28, 1988 at his home. He was born in Chicago, Illinois and was raised and worked in Littleton, Colorado.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Vicki) Ruhn; one daughter, Lisa Ruhn; one son, Robert Ruhn; and a grandchild, Alexis.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 1988 in Littleton, Colorado.

Barbara Renee (Gibson) McGath

Barbara Renee (Gibson) McGath, 66, of Chicago, Illinois, died Saturday, September 24, 1988 at her home. She was born May 13, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McGath of Chicago; her daughter, Claudia Gibson; her step-daughter, Lisa Gibson; three nieces and three nephews.

Ellen May Morgan

Ellen May Morgan, 55 of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Monday, September 26, 1988, at her home. She was born November 8, 1932 in Aurora.

She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and the Hyperion Country Club.

Survivors include her husband, William Morgan; one son, John Morgan of St. Louis, Missouri; one daughter, Jane Morgan of West Des Moines, IA; two sisters, Marlene Price of Oswego and Norma Mueller of Champaign, IL; one brother, Daniel Jeske of North Aurora and her father, Elmer Jeske of Naperville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Enid Jeske.

Graveside services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, September 29, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Pastor Jock Ficken will officiate with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dieterle Memorial Home.

Memorials may be made to the Gloria Dei Church or the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Sylvia M. Grayson

Sylvia M. Grayson, 83, of St. Charles, Illinois, died Tuesday, September 27, 1988 at her home. She was born April 27, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Jacob D. and Estella (Hambujer) Mandelbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson operated an antique store in Maywood, Illinois from 1958 to 1966; they were active in the McHenry Senior Citizen Club. Mrs. Grayson was active in the Head Start Program of McHenry.

Survivors include her husband, Roland H. Grayson; one son, Dr. Richard R. (June) Grayson of St. Charles; two daughters, Patricia (Robert) Jebavy of Richardson, Texas and Priscilla R. Rutter of Chicago; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren and a sister, Bernice Beck of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter and two sisters, Theresa Lewis and Anna Lans.

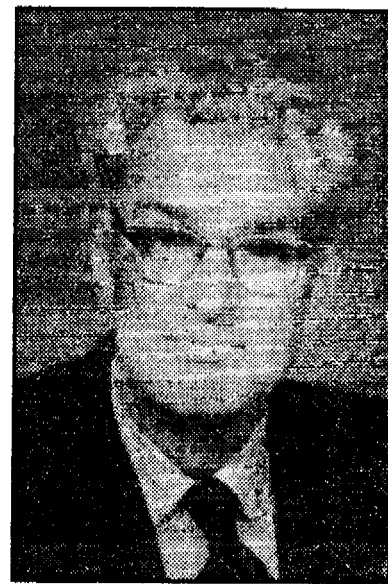
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, September 30, 1988 at the Norris Funeral Home, St. Charles. Dr. Robert Schumm and Rabbi Heiman Agress will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m.

Fred T. Dean

Mr. Fred T. Dean, 90, of Aurora, died Tuesday, September 27, 1988 at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born December 10, 1897 in Chicago, the son of the late William and Amelia (Dawson) Dean.

Mr. Dean was a member of the Red Cross for more than fifty years and Past Chairman of the Aurora Chapter of Red Cross in 1963. He was a Master Mason; Past Master of Aurora Lodge #254, A.F. & A.M.-1965; Past High Priest of Aurora Chapter #22 Royal Arch Masons; and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Aurora Council #45 Royal and Select Masons. He was Past Commander of the Aurora Commandery #22 Knights Templar; member of the Knights York Cross of Honor; Associate Member of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests; member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago; and member of the Medina Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and Member of the Aurora area Shrine Club. He served with the U.S. Army during World War I; and was a member of Base Hospital 12. He was past member of Wesley United Methodist Church of Aurora, Board of Trustees, emeritus. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose; and member of the Fraternal Order of the Elks. He was Past Assistant Trust Officer of Merchants National Bank of Aurora and Justice of the Peace of Sugar Grove. He was past president of Sugar Grove Farmers Club; and associated 50 years with Salvation Army in Aurora, Chairman Advisory Board during World War II. He was a member of the Rising Sun Chapter #51 of Aurora, Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star; and a long time member of the Big Rock Post #529 American Legion. He was a graduate from Lake High School in Chicago; attended DePaul University School of Law; L.L.B. Degree, Chicago Kent School of Law, now Illinois Institute of Technology. He was a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, also Kane County Bar Association--50 years. He was a former partner of Matthews, Jordan & Dean law firm for 30 years.



Survivors include his wife, Irene (Lynn) Dean of Aurora; four daughters, Mrs. Jackie (John) Randall of Aurora, Marilyn Berger of Aurora, Mrs. Virginia (Robert) Babcock of Peoria, and Marjorie Layden of Springfield; a stepson, Robert Albright of Aurora; 21 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Agnes Dean; his second wife, Irene Albright Dean.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Healy Chapel with The Rev. Philip A. Hultsford officiating. Burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may call at The Healy Chapel on Wednesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Masonic services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Contributions may be given to the Red Cross or to the Salvation Army.

Agnes (Wyman) White

Agnes (Wyman) White, 74 of Aurora died Monday, September 26, 1988 at her home. She was born July 4, 1914 in Morrison, Illinois.

Mrs. White was a graduate of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and was employed by Dr. William Weigel, M.D. for 25 years as a Registered Nurse. She was Past President of St. Marys Alter and Rosary Society, and was a

Frederick E. Sigurdson

Frederick E. Sigurdson, 52, of Montgomery, died Sunday, September 25, 1988 at Central DuPage Hospital. He was born December 5, 1935 at Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Sigurdson was employed at AT&T as a Computer Engineer. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the PADS Board of Hesus House and the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council. He served on many Aurora Interfaith

CHRISTMAS, 1941 ---

Well here we are--- all of us
--- gathered in the living room of Dad
and Mother Grayson's--- a warm glow
in each of our hearts that on this day
--- in this momentous year in history
--- one whole family--- every one
of us--- can sit around a sparkling
tree heaped high with gifts and say
"Merry Christmas" to one another.

There are so many of us: Mother
and Dad--- 58 and 64 years young re-
spectively--- married 40 years come
next April 15--- living at 4824 North
Bell avenue about 28 years--- at home
today with their four offspring---
Roland, 38 ---Dorothy, 34--- Virginia, 30

and Lotta May, 20--- (also their two dogs, Peggy and Penny) --- Dad has a vacuum cleaner and washer repair shop on Lincoln avenue where Mother helps him every morning.

Roland their only son and only Grayson of his generation, is 38 years--- his family consists of: Sylvia, his wife. age 36--- Richard --- still the only Grayson of his generation who was 16 October 21--- Patricia, 14 August 21--- and Priscilla, last year's Christmas present, December 24, 1940--- they live at 1922 South Third avenue, Maywood--- in their bungalow and have a store at 1319 South Fifth avenue--- vac-

uum cleaners--- washers--- refrig-
erators--- stoves--- and bicycles.

• Dick is in his junior year at Pro-
viso High School---Pat is a Fresh-
man---and ~~Pris~~ Pris--- is walking.

Next is Dorothy---34 years
Old--- married to Fred Smith---
• Fred is 35--- at the present mo-
ment Dorothy is the most inter-
esting member of the clan--- ex-
pecting her second child on New
Year's day--- Diane was two years old
September 27 and at this stage is al-
most continually in the doghouse---
they live on the second floor of their
two-flat at 1815 Farwell avenue--- Fred
works for a real estate firm--- Sheff,
Wool and Rosenfeld.

VIRGINIA is outstanding; she has twins--- Jean and Joan, born February 7, 1940--- Nancy, age 6 and Marilyn, 9 years--- their birthdays being March 21 and May 12, respectively--- the twins are in their mother's training school---

Nancy is in first grade and Marilyn in is in ^{Fourth} ~~11th~~ grade--- Virginia's husband is Hakon Danielsen--- age 38 who works for Hartman Trunk Co.---- as a sideline he repairs vacuum cleaners --- they live at 1910 School Street in Racine, Wisconsin--- In Their own bungalow.

Lotta May is just 20--- she married James Seiler on her 19th birthday and--- on Nov. 23rd, 1941---

--- just a few days after their first anniversary--- presented the family with Suzanne Carol---Jim works for GEORGE F. SCHIMDT'S TOOL AND DIE COMPANY--- they live in their own apartment at 5018 Lincoln avenue--- they have a dog--- Fudgy.

Then we have Aunt Magda--- Hakon's mother--- who lives in her beautiful home at 623 William's Street, Racine, Wisconsin--- Christmas won't be quite the same this year because Uncle Hans isn't with us--- But the memory of a grand person lingers on--- Aunt Magda knits and crochets gifts for us all in her spare time. Her birthday is Jan. 3rd.

THIS ACCOUNTS FOR all of us---
our ages--- names and addresses---
in this, our first volume of the
Grayson's family history.

THESE ARE THE EVENTS of im-
portance in the last year as accur-
rately as can be remembered:

Sylvia and Priscilla came home
from the Westlake hospital January
3rd--- Pris had a serious operation
in April--- Patsy graduated from gram-
mar school in June--- Roland bought
a car in May and the bicycle business
in July--- Dick got his first full-
sized job in July and saved \$100.

Dorothy announced her expectancy
--- Diane developed boils and was very
ill--- and Fred bought a new car.

Virginia and Hakon built a new
room for Marilyn and Nancy--- the
twins were in a baby contest and received
honorable mention--- they planted a
new lawn and had decorating done.

Jim and Lottie bought a car, a dog,
---- and had a baby.

Mother and Dad paid off the mort-
gage--- bought a car--- and painted
the house.

Aunt Magda went to Florida and
is thinking of moving to California.

America entered the war after Japan
had attacked Pearl Harbor and the
Phillipines--- A new slogan is,

"Remember Pearl Harbor!"--- Hitler is taking his first beating--- in Russia and Libya--- Mussolini is almost washed up---we are all buying defense stamps--- digging in for a long, hard war--- and all our men are of age for selective service.

This is the Christmas we are truly grateful to be here--- warm--- well-fed--- content. This is the first of volumes to come--- Christmas, 1941--- the succeeding ones will be the compiled incidents of our family lives from year to year--- to be presented to each unit by Sylvia and Roland.

HOPED YOU LIKED IT---

AND THANKS FOR LISTENING

-Amen-

Merry Xmas, everybody-here we are again-
all set to read Volume 2 of the Grayson fam-
ily history. WE'll begin with Christmas, 1941-

All of us were at Mother Grayson's by noon-
such a commotion-gifts for all from all- tissue
paper and boxes all over-toys, underwear, hassacks
and lamps-pictures of children, etc. Fred had
a surprise-Diane's recording victrola-everybody
spoke in the first record-took part in a play in
the second-sang songs, etc. in the third. Sylvia
and Roland had a surprise volume I of the family
history-tears were shed by all. All the family
scenes little children fought over Diane's doll-
a few family scenes-dinner served about 4-turkey,
trimmings, much wine, etc.-children to bed about
8-Suzy in Dad's room-Jean, Joan, and Diane in Ro-
land's room-relaxation and fun for the rest of us
downstairs-wonderful Christmas.

PRISILLA SLEPT IN THE PLAYPEN IN MOTHER'S ROOM

New Years Eve found us all apart. Mother
and Dad stayed home, listened to the radio and
went to bed.

Dot, who was expecting her baby any day, and
Fred, decided to stay at home-changed their minds
and went downstairs to Harold and Betty's, and
from there, visiting until 5 o'clock in the morn-
ing.

Gin and Hakon went to a big party someone at
Hartman's gave, and got plenty potched.

Lotta May was very sick, high fever and caked
breast, had Dr. Rose in and then just because it was
New Years Eve-got out of bed and went to Lor-
raine's house to celebrate.

Roland, who had chills and stomach ache, and
Sylvia went to Lucille and Henry's party. Roly
was sick New Years Day, too.

New Years day was spent apart and quietly by all.

January-the big news is the birth of Gene Fred Howard (they got five dollars extra for tacking the last one on) Smith, who punched the clock at 8:37 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1942. Hurrah! a boy- the second out of ten grand-children. Dorothy and the baby came through fine, only for Gene almost being born in the hall because "fat Nurse Murphy couldn't squeeze through the door with the cart.

Jan. 11---Mother, Dad, Fred, and Diane came to Roland and Sylvia's for five o'clock dinner. Dot was in the Martha Washington Hospital. Hakon and Gin drove in to see Dot and Gend-had supper at Lotta and Jim's and in the evening all drove out to Sylvia and Roland's.

We are all stunned by the treachery of Pearl Harbor. Last month, Dec. 7. Everybody is patriotic and offering to do their share.

February, this month is full of bad news. Singapore is on fire-Japs are in the city-Mac Arthur the valiant and courageous general of the Phillipines-still holding out but at such a cost. The German fleet sailed sublimely past the British in their own front yard-the English channel and escaped the German resistance in Russia is getting stronger.

Roland and Hakon have to register-all men from 18 to 45 this time.

Sylvia's mother has a close call-heart attack-Priscilla has bronchitis-Roly sick in bed for 2 days, too. Dick came home from school to take care of store.

Feb. 8. Jean and Joan had their second birthday party-all were invited and went to Racine, but Roland's

family who were sick at the time. Gin had baked ham and birthday cake, etc.

Feb. 15--Suzy was christened Suzanne Carol Seiler, today--at the Episcopal church. Roland, Dorothy, Lois, Jim's sister, and Junior, Jim's brother, were sponsors. Because Junior is at camp he served by proxy. Lotty had a christening party for the Seilers. Gin and Hak and Aunt Magda didn't come in--Dot and Fred went home and Syl and Roly had supper at Mother and Dad's.

This month nobody reported much else but Roland bought a new mattress and decorated their bedroom.

March--Not much to write about this month. Mother Grayson had a birthday Mar. 7, and celebrated with a party. All the third generation was left at home excepting Gin's. Her children were asleep upstairs. We had a hilarious party--Aunt Magda, Mother and Dad, too--records were made--good lunch served--beer--wine, and just plain craziness and how we liked it.

April--lots of things this month. Gin and Hakon order new carpeting. Lotty and Jim rent a new apartment at Foster and Learrett--on the 3rd floor--they sublease their other--also they buy lots of new furniture and a new Maytag Washer. Dot and Fred get new tenants--have the apartment downstairs all redecorated and floors sanded--do lots of spring gardening.

Roland and Sylvia get a new 9 cubic foot Norge refrigerator and have their driveway repaired. Mother and Dad have decorating and cleaning.

On April 15, Roly had a birthday party. All Graysons, Seilers, and Smiths present--not any Danielsens, though. Backrat was played--beer pop corn and birthday cake and coffee to say.

April 21 is Mother and Dad's anniversary the 40th. All the kids chip in and buy tickets for Elithe Spirit. They didn't like it and Dad had a good sleep—all through it.

April 25th—Rol, Syl, Dot, Fred, Lotta, and Jim, Gin, and Hak, celebrate Syl's birthday at the Casa Nova. Have lots of fun. Go to Cleons and the Sky Club and then home. Gin and Hak, Marilyn, and Nancy come in Saturday afternoon, had chop suey supper at Syl's, went to the party at night and slept in Pat's room—went to the Haywood Nursery Sunday morning—bought bushes, had roast lamb dinner—went to Brookfield Zoo in the afternoon and after an early supper went home. The twins couldn't come in, due to temperatures from their vaccinations.

May. Lotta moves to new apartment and stay with Mother and Dad while the paint dries. Nellie Hilliard dies in horrible fire—Marilyn has a birthday. Aunt Magda has Roland's family, Gin's family and Mother and Dad for Sunday—Mothers Day. Wonderful dinner. Plans are discussed for Decoration Day family picnic.

Everybody drops in by accident at Mother's and we have hilarious supper party. More plans are made for Dec. Day.

Decoration Day arrives—blistering hot. Gin and Hak have car trouble and are quite late. Hakon spends greater part of day repairing car. Everybody brings their own lunch. Lotta and Jim, Suzy, and Aunt Magda don't come at all. We have picnic at Fullersburg. In the evening Dot, Fred, Gin, and Hak, Lotta and Jim go to So Ju Club.

June. Diane gets a new bed—Gene has Diane's now—Pat and Dick get new dressers—Pris gets

their old ones. Ginny spends a week at Moth and Dad's.

We have now lost the Phillipines, the most heroic battle of all times has been fought--the Epic of Bataan in which 110 Maywood boys have played a gallant part--Correigdor has fallen--Singapore--Hong Kong, Kowloon, Java--All gone to the yellow devils. Doo Little has bombed Tokio, the Russians are on the offensive and are mopping up Hitler's army. Mac Arthur is in Australia, taking the offensive--we have sunk 250 Jap ships and have lost over 150 of our own.

July.

Tabrus has fallen to the Axis--Aleutian Islands have been invaded by the Japs--Russia is again seriously threatened. Over 400 of our ships have now been sunk, some so close to shore that people on the beaches could watch them sink. Churchill has been here for a third visit with the President. The big scrap rubber drive is in progress--all gas stations are depots--tin cans and tubes are being collected--4,500,000 men now in the armed forces, bicycles unfrozen but rationed

Moth and Dad went to Aunt Betty and Uncle Will's for the 4th of July at Danville. They have a picnic and all Aunt Betty's children come. Aunt Magda took Marilyn and Nancy to Lake Geneva for a vacation. Diane has the big adventure this month. Runs away to buy her Mother a loaf of bread. Is gone from about 3 to 6:40--police and neighbors and relatives all searching--finally found at Hillman's--past Devon and Western--identified by Dad Grayson.

Pris falls down front steps on her nose--Roy has tooth pulled--Gin still waiting for carpeting. Roy and family visit Pell Lake and Eleanor and Melbourne.

August. Pat has her 15th birthday. Ginny gets her carpeting. Pris has kidney infection.

Lotty announces her pregnancy and buys a new cocker spaniel. Gene now crawls--so does Suzy. Penny has 10 pups.

Sept. Dpt and Fred spend their birthdays at Virginias from Sat to Mon night. Over the Labor Day Holiday. Syl and Roly have a new fence put up. Maywood has Bataan Day--the biggest event this little town has ever stayed. Kiane has her 3 yr. old birthday party. Mother and Dad go to Madison, Indiana to visit Aunt Mame and Uncle George and bring them back here. All of us entertained them.

October--The big event this month was Dad's birthday party and Gene's christening party held at Moth and Dad's house. Gene was christened at Berry church. No children were invited. Aunt Magda was sick with a cold and laryngetis and ~~sk~~ didn't come. Ginny had severe burns from some X Ray treatments for warts--infection had set in. The folks were worried and called in Dr. Rose.

The war news--the big Soloman Islands a battle Aleutian Island battle--victories for us--hurrah! Meat and coffee is scarce, tires are being bought by the government, gas rationing scheduled--18 to 19 yr. old draft law goes thru--also big income tax law. The great siege of Stadingrad is on. 60 days so far and the Russians still hold.

November. Lotty and Jim spend weekend in Racine. All together at Moth and Dad's for Sunday afternoon--again an unplanned but pleasant visit. Jim and Lottie go the Seilers for supper--Dot and Fred ~~etc~~ go home--Roland's and Gin's family stay. Gin's hands are better. Next Sunday Roland's family and Moth and Dad spend at Gin's house in Racine and following Sunday are at Roly's house in Maywood. Dot and Fred come out in evening.

Suzy has her first birthday party--walks and runs all over. Mother has Thanksgiving dinner.

Dot's, Lotta's, and Roly's family there-Gin's family with Aunt Magda in Racine. Dot still waiting--all Oct. and Nov. for decorators. They have nice tenants. Big decision made--no Christmas gifts at all except to folks.

Great victories to be thankful for--Solomons, New Guinea--inspiring invasion of North Africa. Alaskan news scarce--Japs are back at Attu but nothing else. Ruccian's strength increases, 100,000 Nazis killed, captured or wounded--in Stalingrad siege according to Thanksgiving paper.

December 8, 1942

And now as this history is being written and finished early so Fat can type it at school before it is closed for the holidays, let me summarize as well as I can what this month will bring.

Coffee was rationed Nov. 29, Gas and fuel oil the same week--sugar last May, bicycles in July--butter and meat are due next month and better so. People buy large quantities the minute the meat is displayed and in our town, Maywood, two stores had "no meat left for Monday's customers--no butter left at any stores Saturday afternoon. With rationing we all share alike. All of us are buying what stamps and bonds we can.

Christmas is this month--not as cheery as last--no gift wrappings to be strewn about, no whold family clan. Gas rationing will keep the Racine family there, Lotta, Jim, and Suzy are spending their day at the Seilers. The Smiths and Mother and Dad are having Turkey at Roland and Sylvia's.

Dot and Fred finally have the decorators, Roland and Sylvia have carpeting ordered and

ho hope the carpet man can find enough to do
the job. Ginny is better and Lotty is "waiting".
Next year at this time we'll have the eleventh
child to talk about. Enough for this year--
all is well.