

Sager Murder



Clarence Sager was the son of William Henry Sager and Melvina E Evilsizor. Melvina the daughter of William Irvin Evilsizor Sr and second wife Frances Jane Allison. She was one of 20 of his children. She was the granddaughter of Henry Evilsizor an original settler of Champaign County, Clarence married first Senorita Bechtel in 1917. I do not know what happened to the first wife. He then married Blanch Hamilton, the daughter of Charles R Hamilton and Della Vane Botkin. This is the newspaper account of the events.

Lima News (Lima, Ohio), July 19, 1934

OHIO FARMER KILLED; WIFE ADMITS CRIME

Fed Chickens, Ate Breakfast, Then Called the Undertaker, Confession Says

BODY FOUND ON TRUCK

Investigation Removes First Belief of Suicide Held By Officials

Urbana, July 19 (AP) -- Officials today studied the unique confession of Mrs. Blanche Sagers, 40, in which she told how she murdered her husband, Clarance Sagers, 39, yesterday, then fed the chickens, ate breakfast and waited an hour to call the undertaker. The confession was made to two officials of the Ohio division of criminal identification, E. J. Yantis and H. G. Robinson, and signed in

their presence. Mrs. Sagers explained in the confession that her husband, a farmer and World war veteran, abused her

Sager's body was found on a truck. A string was tied to one finger and to the trigger of a gun which had been fixed on the floor of the barn. Sagers was shot thru the head. The situation first suggested suicide to authorities. Proscecutor Grace Fern Heck was suspicious and called in state officers. Later she announced the confession. In one of Sagers' pockets authorities found a clipping concerning his arrest last Saturday on charges of assault and battery brought by his wife. Another note which he was first supposed to have written described his financial worries and domestic troubles. In her statement to the proscecutor, Mrs. Sagers said she went out to the barn on their farm before 6 a.m. yesterday and saw her husband sleeping on the truck, his head on a

and that he "got what he deserved."

pile of sacks. She said she loaded the gun with one bullet, tied the string to the gun, and then killed her husband after which she ate breakfast.



NEWSPAPER: "Madison Co. (O.)
Democrat" Friday, July 20, 1934,
Madison Co., Ohio library.) "WAR
VETERAN SLAIN BY WIFE - State
Bureau Officials at Prison Farm
Secure Confession in Killing of Champaign County Farmer -

Wife Admits She Murdered Mate, Charging He Was Cruel and Then Made Crime Appear as Suicide

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- More Men in the Military
- Reprint of "Grandpa's Stories" never concluded in 2006 Edition of Newsletter.

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Murder of Clarence Sagers (Continued)

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Clarence Sagers, 39, Champaign county farmer and world war veteran, was found shot to death in a barn near his home Wednesday, with

indications pointing to suicide, but his wife, Blanche, aged 40, confessed Wednesday night she had killed him and staged the suicide surroundings. Prosecutor Grace Fern Heck, the only woman prosecuting attorney in this part of the state, announced Mrs. Sagers had signed a confession.

Lima News (Lima, Ohio), July 20, 1934

MOTHER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO SLAYING MATE Urbana, O -- July 20 (AP) -- Wearing the same blue gingham dress she had on when she was said to have confessed murdering her husband, Mrs. Blanche Sagers, 40, mother of two small sons, sat quietly in a magistrate's court here today while her attorney entered a plea of not guilty for her. Justice of the Peace T. C. Englehart held Mrs. Sagers to the Champaign Co grand jury on a charge of first degree murder. Mrs. Sagers, whom officers charge killed her husband and then at-

tempted to make his death appear a case of suicide, walked quietly back to her cell. Her two children, Wendell Gene, 12, and Thurell Roger, 11, are being kept in the Champaign-co home while a cousin of the slain man tends to the Sagers' bees on their four-and-one-



half acre farm near St. Paris, a village nine miles west of here, where Clarence Sagers, 39-year-old war veteran was slain Wednesday. Mrs. Sagers was quoted as saying her husband had abused her and "got what he deserved."

Mansfield News (Mansfield, Ohio), August 17, 1934 FOUND INSANE

Physicians Report, After Examining Woman, Accused Killer\

Urbana, O -- A report of three physicians today found Mrs. Blanche Sagers, of near St. Paris, accused of killing her sleeping husband a month ago, insane. Mrs. Sagers shot her husband, Clarence, through the head with a .22 calibre rifle. They had been married 17 years. She was said to have had "no understanding of the nature of her act."

The Times Recorder (Zanesville, Ohio), August 18, 1934 SLAYER ADJUDGED INSANE

Urbana, O -- Aug 17 (AP) -- Three physicians, in a report made to common pleas court today, adjudged insane Mrs. Blanche Sagers of near St. Paris, who, police say, confessed she slew her husband Clarence a month ago. The woman, officials said, killed her husband as he slept in a truck at his small farm and attempted to make the death appear as a suicide.

SEEKING CONNECTIONS (Continured from Decemebr Issue)

Eduard Herbert Evilsizer was born @1956. He married Debbie Lucas 3/18/1974 in San Antonio, TX and they divorced and he married Margarita Leonor Barrera May 19, 1984. They have two children I can find, Jessica Lynn born May 24, 1985 and David Charles born 12/20/1988 both in San Antonio, TX

ELIZABETH R EVILSIZOR born 4/2/1981 OHIO died 9/14/2003. (SSDI)

ELLIS Evilsizer from Champaign Co, OH was married to Robin Kay Hillliard. She died 8/18/2003 and was born 6/7/1959. Ellis is named in her obit as her husband. Read Obit He remarried in 2004 Angel Marie Shower age 31, Ellis Eugene age 37, gave their address as 1630 Baker Rd #20, Springfield, 45504

Emma Evilsizer is found in the 1920 Census of Tillman Co, Frederick, OK Ed167 Roll T625-1488 108/108 Mary B Stalford, head of house, 40, divorced, KS US US, owns milinery shop Paul McKester, roomer, 22, single, works in shop Emma EVILSIZER, mother, 50, widow, CA CAN CAN

Emma EVILSIZER, mother, 50, widow, CA CAN CAN (One of these ages must be incorrect because of only 10 years gap)

Esther Frances Evilsizer md Robert Harold Mehrley 1/1/1972 in the Norwood Methodist Church in Marietta, OH. She is a sister of Mrs Wiley Duval. They resided at 598 S 12th St in Coshocton, OH. Marriage appeared in the Coshocton Trubune Wed, Jan 5, 1972. Complete article in Dec 03 issue of Evilsizer Exchange

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Men in the Military

Charles Bartling EVILSIZER

Brother to Carl Eugene Evilsizer These two brothers were among the first navy men to enter Tokyo Bay after the surrender of the Japanese. C Eugene Evilsizer, storekeeper, Second Class was aboard the USS Highlands, the first troop transport to anchor near the enemy capital on V-J Day, Charles B Evilsizer, Fireman First Class was aboard the Aircraft Carrier Cabot also in the Navy occupying force. Both brothers saw action at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and several other engagements of the Pacific War-They are sons of Mr and Mrs H B Evilsizer, 1235 Otto Blvd.

Charles Zachariah Evilsizer

WWI Draft Registration Card 6/5/1917
Washington Co, Nashville, IL
Charles Zachariah Evilsizer
age 26 Born 9/28/1890 in Nashville, IL
living in Nashville, IL
Coal Miner for Nashville Coal Co
Single, tall and slender, Blue eyes, black hair no defects
(This is my great Uncle "Chick")

Clarence Elmer Evilsizer

WWI Draft Registration Card 6/15/1917
Washington Co, Nashville, IL
Clarence Elmer Evilsizerk born 7/7/1888 Nashville, IL
living in Nashville, IL Coal Miner for Nashville Coal Co
Married, wife and child
Tall, Slender, Blue eyes, Dark Hair no defects
(This is my grandpa)

Clarence James Evilsizer

NASHVILLE NEWS-Sept 5, 1968
Clarence J Evilsizer, son of John C Evilsizer Jr of Nashville is appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer while

ville is appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer while serving with 2nd Staff and Faculty Company, Fort Eustas, VA. His wife Paula lives at 408 Lucas Creek Rd., NewPort News, VA

Conrad William Evilsizer

WWI Draft Registration Card 9/12/1918
signed in Mesa Co, Grand Junction, CO
Conrad William Evilsizer age 38 -415 Belfast, Grand
Junction, CO
Born 12/5/1878
RR Brakeman for Denver Rio Grande RR
Kin Glyda May Evilsizer
Med height, large build, Blue eyes, Brown hair no de-

Daniel Millard Evilsizor

Born 9-10-1902; Died 3-29-1921. Tombstone in Nettle Creek Cemetery, Champaign Co, Ohio reads - "AS US

ARMY WWI".

"The Springfield (O.) Daily News" Thursday, March 31, 1921: FORMER MARINE DIES AT HOME URBANA, March 31. --Millard Evilsizor, an ex-marine and son of Mrs. Mary Evilsizor, died at noon Tuesday at their home six miles south of Urbana from pneumonia and complications. Mr. Evilsizor was 18 years of age and a son of Irvin Evilsizor who died two years ago. Young Evilsizor joined the marines last December, but was recently discharged because of ill health. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clo ck at the First M. E. church, here, in charge of Rev. O. P. Hoffman. The body will be buried in Nettle Creek cemetery."

David Nathaniel Evilsizer

1946-1967 Viet Nam USMC, Buried Richfield ILL

Name: DAVID NATHANIEL Evilsizer

Birth Date: 14 Nov 1946
Death Date: 15 Apr 1966
Home City: Richview
Home State: Illinois
SSN/Service #: 2131241
Death Date: 15 Apr 1966

Casualty Country: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
Service Branch: United States Marine Corps
Component: Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC,

USCG)

Rank: Private First Class

Military Grade: Private First Class

Pay Grade: Private (U.S. Army) or Airman (U.S. Air Force) or Private First Class (U.S. Marine Corps) or Grade/Rate Abbreviations With First Column: A,C,D,F,H,S,Or T; Third And Fourth Columns: Blank (U.S. Navy,

U.S. Coast Guard) Province: 03

Decoration: Not Available

CN: Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
Service Occupation: Machine Gunner (USMC)

Data Source: Coffelt Database Casualty Type: Hostile - Killed

Casualty Reason: Gunshot or Small Arms Fire

Casualty Air: Ground Casualty Body Status: Body Recovered

Service Branch: United States Marine Corps

Don L Evilsizer

Logansport, Cass Co, Indiana after 1860).

LaPorte Indiana Newspaper, 1987 Obituary reads: "He was an Army Veteran of WWII" He married Ethel Sterns 2/20/1943 in Fort Lewis, Iowa. (His adopted child, **Garry Lee b 1949 spent 20 years in prison paroled in 2000)



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Charles Hennings Evilsizer

The Emporia Daily Gazette Emporia Kansas September 22, 1898 Col F

Herndon Case Called

Slayer of Charles H Evilsizer to be Placed on Trial for His Life

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The case against George W Herndon, indicted for murder in the Barton county circuit court, in session in this city, yesterday afternoon. On Saturday evening, May 28th last, Herndon shot and killed Charles H Evilsizer, a farmer, in this city. There had been emnity between the two men for some years. The case promises to be an interesting one, as Evilsizer was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the third member of that order in this state to meet death at the hands of his fellow men. In the other two cases the guilty parties were never apprehended. The organization has employed leading criminal lawyers to assist Prosecuting Attorney Moore

Funeral Notice

Died at Lamaraon Saturday, May 28, 1898 at 7"15 p.m. Charles H Evilsizer, aged 31 years and 9 months. Funeral Services will be held Monday May 30, at the M E Church, at 3 p.m. Burial at Lake Cemetery under the auspices of the M W A. Friends invited to attend

(Charles was the son of Levi Hennings Evilsizer and Frances Burton, the grandson of Joshua. He married Jeanette Graham 11/28/1888 in Barton Co, Lamar, MO. Jeanette was the daughter of Andrew Graham and Mary Wilson.)

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