

Denison Family - Compiled by Ruth Ann Montgomery

Mr. Fred Colony upon his return from Cooksville this morning reports the burning of Mr. Franklin's house, located upon his farm about half way between Union and Cooksville. The house was occupied by Mr. Leedle Dennison and family. The cause of the fire unknown. Most of the contents were saved and Mr. Colony thinks that there was some insurance upon the property. We shall look for further particulars from our Cooksville correspondent next week.

June 3, 1890, The Tribune, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hi RuthAnn,

My mother recently gave me these two photos that I have scanned.

She wasn't sure if the couple photo was Leedle and Elizabeth Denison or their son Fred and his wife Margaret Denison. Can you help me with that?

The photo is an 8x10 Combs photograph, and appears to have had hand-painted details.

The group photo is also an 8x10 Combs, but is black and white and appears to be a much older pic. Mom did not recognize anyone in the photo. On the back of the photo is handwritten Leedle Denison. By looking at faces, I wondered if the couple seated to the left in the middle row was the same couple as the first couple picture (above), taken years earlier. I know the scan quality isn't very good, I can try rescanning later. Do you think this is a family pic or an organization pic? I don't see any real age gaps. Did Combs have any style of seating people, with parents in the front, back or middle?

There's no rush on this, I know you help a lot of people. If you have any ideas, could you let me know?

Thank you. Tammy Pomplun



✓ William and Leedle Denison accompanied by their sister Mrs. Will Johnson, left for Otranto, Ia., Thursday evening, to attend the funeral of their mother, who recently died in Colorado, but was brought to that place for interment

January 17, 1907, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Harry Denison came up from Beloit, Saturday, and spent a couple of days with his parents.

September 6, 1902, The Badger, "Cooksville" news, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. Denison has moved his dental office to fine, steam-heated apartments directly over the Grange Bank.

February 16, 1911, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Early Sunday evening Leonard Stair, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stair on West Liberty Street met with a painful accident, which resulted in the amputation of the thumb and first two fingers of his left hand just below the first joint. Leonard had gone on an errand in the neighborhood of Leonard Park and it was there the accident occurred. Dr. Helgeson assisted by Dr. Dennison and Miss Needles, the nurse, amputated the fingers. The little lad was resting as comfortably as can be expected today.

June 18, 1917, p. 6, col. 1, "Evansville News", Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Arthur Denison has purchased the J. Q. Lyons property on North Fourth Street.

February 4, 1921, p. 3, "Evansville" news, Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Graves.
Harry Dennison, 16, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dennison who is employed on the farm of Fred Duerst, accidentally shot himself in the right hand last Wednesday. It happened while hauling corn and hoping he would see a rabbit took the gun along

which he placed on top of the load and as he reached to move it, it discharged. He was taken to Mercy Hospital, Janesville, and reported by Mr. Duerst who visited him Monday to be getting along nicely.

December 3, 1925, p. 4, col. 2-3, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

At a meeting of the stockholders of The State Bank of Evansville, Tuesday evening, the following directors were elected: T. C. Richardson, Mrs. Gertrude Eager, Leonard P. Eager, Dr. E. Denison, V. C. Holmes, J. C. Robinson and F. W. Rodd.

January 14, 1926, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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MARRIED 60 YEARS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Leedle Denison to
Observe Anniversary Here
With Holiday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Leedle Denison, residents of this community for the past 56 years, will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary here on Christmas day with a holiday dinner in their home at 116 Maple street.

Among the dinner guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kothman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shuler and family, Janesville; Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Libertyville, Ill.; and Dr. and Mrs. Archie E. Harte and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denison, this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison were married Dec. 25, 1878 in Leeds, England and came to this country three years later settling in Cooksville, six miles northeast of Evansville. They moved to the city 22 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison have three sons, Harry Denison, Portland, Ore.; Fred Denison, Elkhorn; and Arthur Denison, Evansville.

Mr. Denison is a member of the Masonic lodge, Eastern Star, and Odd Fellows lodge. He is a constable of the third ward in the city. Mrs. Denison is a member of the local chapter of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Janesville.

December 15, 1938, Evansville Review

WED 61 YEARS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

1939.



Courtesy Beloit Daily News

Christmas day, next Monday, will mark the sixty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leedle Denison, 221 Maple street, residents of the community for the past 57 years. They were married in Leeds, England, Dec. 25, 1878 and three years later came to America settling in Cooksville, six miles northeast of the city. The couple will celebrate the occasion Monday with a family Christmas dinner at which Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kothman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shuler and family, Janesville, will be the out-of-town guests.

LEEDLE DENISON, 80, SUCCUMBS THURSDAY

Third Ward Constable Dies in Janesville Hospital After Two Week's Illness

Leedle Denison, 80, constable of the Third ward and resident of this locality for the past 60 years, died at 9:30 p.m. last Thursday in Mercy hospital, Janesville, following a critical illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Congregational church with the Rev. Grant V. Clark, pastor, delivering the sermon and Frank Schuler, Janesville, conducting the Masonic rites. The chapel music was presented by Beauford Nance, pianist.

Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery with Jay Brink, Frank Milbrant, V. A. Axtell, Arthur Devine, Richard Deily, and Frank Lewis as pallbearers.

Mr. Denison was born April 24, 1860 in Leeds England where he grew to young manhood and was married to Miss Elizabeth Mary Richardson at a ceremony performed on Christmas day, Dec. 25, 1878.

They celebrated their Golden wedding in 1928 and continued to observe each successive anniversary with a family dinner until Mrs. Denison's death here April 15, 1940. Their last anniversary celebrated was that of 1939 which marked 61 years of married happiness.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Denison resided in England for four years. The former came to America in 1882 and a year later Mrs. Denison

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son and their two small sons joined him here. They settled at Cooksville where Mr. Denison farmed until the spring of 1920 when the couple moved to Evansville.

Upon locating in the city, Mr. Denison accepted a position in the punch room of the Baker Manufacturing company with which firm he was employed until his retirement a few months ago.

Prominent in Evansville lodge circles, Mr. Denison was a member and past officer of the Blue lodge of the Masonic order, the Eastern Star, and the Odd Fellows.

Surviving are three sons, Harry Denison, Portland, Ore.; Fred Denison, Elkhorn; and Arthur Denison, this city; 17 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. William Johnson, Evansville; Mrs. Agnes Thayer, Colorado; and Mrs. Eva Carberry, Iowa.

March 20, 1941,

BURIED SUNDAY



Funeral services were held in the Congregational church here Sunday for Leedle Denison, constable of the Third ward, who died Thursday in a Janesville hospital following a two weeks' critical illness. A native of England, Mr. Denison made his home in this locality since his arrival in America 60 years ago. He had served the city as constable for the past six years and held that office at the time of his death.

March 20, 1941, Evansville Review p. 1, col. 7, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Dr. E. E. Denison Dies; Retired Evansville Dentist

Jan 4, '58

EVANSVILLE — Dr. Ernest E. Denison, 78, a prominent dentist here for 47 years, died Saturday in Madison General Hospital, where he was admitted Wednesday and underwent surgery.

He was born in Leeds, England, May 21, 1879, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Denison. He came to the United States with his parents when a year old and always lived in this vicinity. He was graduated from Marquette University school of dentistry in 1908, and started his practice as a dentist here the following December. He retired in 1952 because of poor health.

Dr. Denison was a member of five Masonic bodies: Blue Lodge, Royal Arch, Janesville Commandery, Madison Consistory and the Eastern Star. He was a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias, and had been a member of the local Lions Club for 30 years. He was an enthusiastic golfer, and was a member of the Janesville Country Club until the Evansville Country Club was organized. He was first president of the local group and remained a member until it was discontinued.

At the time of his death he was vice president and a director of the Union Bank & Trust Co., Evansville. He was a life member of the Rock County, the State, and the American Dental societies. He was also an ardent duck hunter and fisherman.



DR. ERNEST DENISON

His first wife, the former Frances Powle, died in January 1932. He married Miss Alice Milbrandt, Oct. 28, 1932. She survives, also a sister, Miss Belle Denison, Seattle, Wash.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Baptist Church, the Rev. J. J. Renz officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery. Friends may call at the Roderick-Ward Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The Union Bank and Trust Co., of which Dr. Denison was vice president and director, will close at 12:30 p. m., Wednesday in respect to him.

January 4, 1958, Evansville,

Frances Hatlevig Scrapbooks, Eager Free Public Library, Evansville, Wisconsin; from Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Jane Johnson

Mrs. Jane Johnson, 91, died early Wednesday in Stoughton hospital following a long illness.

The former Jane Dennison was born in Leeds, England, Dec. 21, 1867, and came to the states at the age of 13 when the family settled in this area. She was married to William Johnson in 1894. He preceded her in death 11 years ago. She lived in a Stoughton nursing home the past few years.

Surviving are two step-daughters, Mrs. Mae Parks, Evansville, and Mrs. Helen Mariotte, Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Agnes Thayer, Montrose, Colo.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Roderick-Ward funeral home with the Rev. John L. Walker officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.