

CHAPTER THREE
THE MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN FAMILY



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN FAMILY PICTURE
CHILDREN L TO R: MARTINA, AGE 2; WILLIAM, AGE 4 AND JOSEPHINE, AGE 6 MONTHS.



**CRIJFOGONUS AMBROSIIUS
MARTINUS VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 6**
PICTURE TAKEN IN HOLLAND.



**CRIJFOGONUS AMBROSIIUS
MARTINUS VAN LAARHOVEN**
PICTURE TAKEN IN HOLLAND.

Martin Van Laarhoven was born Crijfogonus Ambrosius Martinus Van Laarhoven on December 7, 1895 in Oostelbeers, Nood-Brabant, Holland,¹ although his death certificate says Best, Holland.² His parents were Cornelius Van Laarhoven, a farmer, age 31, living in Oostelbeers and Jacoba Wouters, his wife, a farmer, living in Oostelbeers.³ He went by the name Martin Van Laarhoven after immigrating to the United States.

Martin's death certificate indicates his mother's name was spelled Jacoba Walters and his father's was spelled Cornelius Van Laarhoven.⁴ Cornelius Van Laarhoven prepared a remembrance card for his wife, Jacoba, when she died.⁵ Her remembrance card was written in English and Dutch.⁶ On both cards, Martin's parents' names are spelled Jacoba Wouters, wife of Cornelius Van Laarhoven.⁷ Further, there is an abundance of other evidence that indicating that Jacoba's last name was Wouters.

¹ "Martin Van Laarhoven's Obituary," *Star News*, Thursday, January 20, 1955, Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Martin Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate sworn to on December 9, 1895 in Holland; Martin Van Laarhoven's Baptismal Certificate, Church of S. Andreas, Oostelbeers, Noobrabant, Holland; Vernon Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate filed July 31, 1922, Vol. 16, p. 533, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Vernon Van Laarhoven's Death Record July 27, 1923, Vol. 9, p. 501, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Martina Stella Van Laarhoven's Birth Record dated February 9, 1924, Vol. 18, p. 7, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Martina Stella Van Laarhoven's Death Record dated December 7, 1928, Vol. 11, p. 270, Taylor County, Wisconsin; LaVerne Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Birth Record dated August 1, 1927, Vol. 20, p. 496, Taylor County, Wisconsin; LaVerne Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Death Record dated December 7, 1928, Vol. 11, p. 269, Taylor County, Wisconsin. Josephine Mary Van Laarhoven's Birth Record filed April 13, 1925, recorded May 8, 1925, Vol. 19 of Births, p. 20, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Josephine Reinhold; William Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate registered August 8, 1921, Vol. 16, p. 16, Register of Deeds, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death, No. 151, Vol. 18, p. 151, Taylor County Register of Deeds.

² Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death, No. 151, Vol. 18, p. 151, Taylor County Register of Deeds; Cornelius Van Laarhoven's Petition for Naturalization, No. 164, dated and filed May 7, 1917, 17th District Court, Phillips County, Montana.

³ Martin Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate; Martin Van Laarhoven's Baptismal Certificate; Josephine Reinhold; Cornelius Van Laarhoven, This is the Writting from the family Van Laarhoven;" Cornelius Van Laarhoven's Petition for Naturalization.

⁴ Martin Van Laarhoven's Death Certificate.

⁵ La Verne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow; Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Remembrance Card.

⁶ Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Remembrance Card.

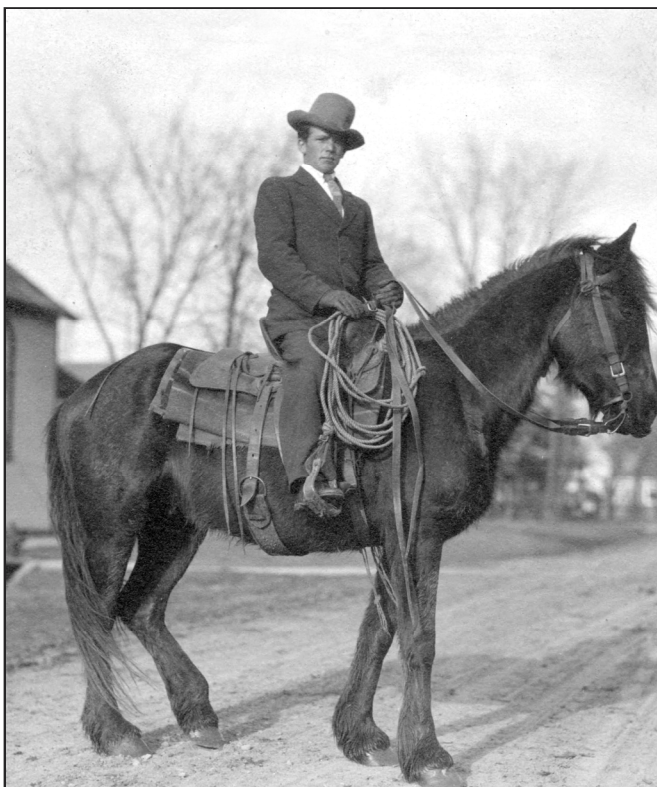
⁷ Jacoba Van Laarhoven's Remembrance Card.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN AND LUDMILLA ROTHAMER'S
WEDDING PICTURE, MARRIED OCTOBER 12, 1920.

Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothamer were married October 12, 1920⁸ at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medford, Wisconsin, although Martin's obituary says October 12, 1920 while Ludmilla's obituary says October 12, 1921⁹ Rev. G. Reuter signed their marriage certificate, and Ludmilla's brother and sister, David and Clara Rothamer were witnesses to their marriage.¹⁰ The marriage certificate indicates that Martin's occupation was farming and Ludmilla's was housewife.¹¹ When they married, Martin was 24 and Ludmilla was 21.¹² Their marriage was the first for both.¹³ After their marriage, they farmed in the Town of Little Black, Taylor County, Wisconsin.¹⁴ Later, Martin began the Van Laarhoven Implement Company and Ludmilla helped him in its operation.¹⁵

According to Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold, Martin Van Laarhoven met Ludmilla Rothamer when he rode his horse over to George and Ludmilla Rothamer's place to buy some potatoes. Cornelius Van Laarhoven's farm shared a line fence with and abutted George Rothamer's farm.¹⁶ The Van Laarhoven family and the Rothamer family were neighbors. Apparently, Rothamers were growing potatoes, and in the process of buying potatoes, Martin met George's daughter, Ludmilla, who he eventually married.¹⁷ According to Josephine Reinhold, Martin struck quite an image while riding his horse, and Ludmilla was just taken by him.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN ON HIS HORSE, FRANK

FRANK — THE HORSE

FRANK WAS MARTIN'S FAVORITE HORSE. THE HORSE LIVED A LONG LIFE DUE TO LOVING CARE, INCLUDING COOKING HIS GRAIN BEFORE HE ATE IT. APPARENTLY, THE HORSE'S TEETH WENT BAD. IN CASE, FRANK WAS FINALLY PUT DOWN DUE TO OLD AGE AND THE FACT THAT FRANK COULD NO LONGER EAT.

⁸ Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothamer's Certificate of Marriage; Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament, No. 148398, Vol AB of Misc., p. 470, Taylor County Register of Deeds, Medford, Wisconsin; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate Of Martin Van Laarhoven, County Court, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

⁹ "Martin Van Laarhoven's Obituary," January 22, 1955; "Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Obituary," Star News, Wednesday, November 17, 1982; Josephine Reinhold.

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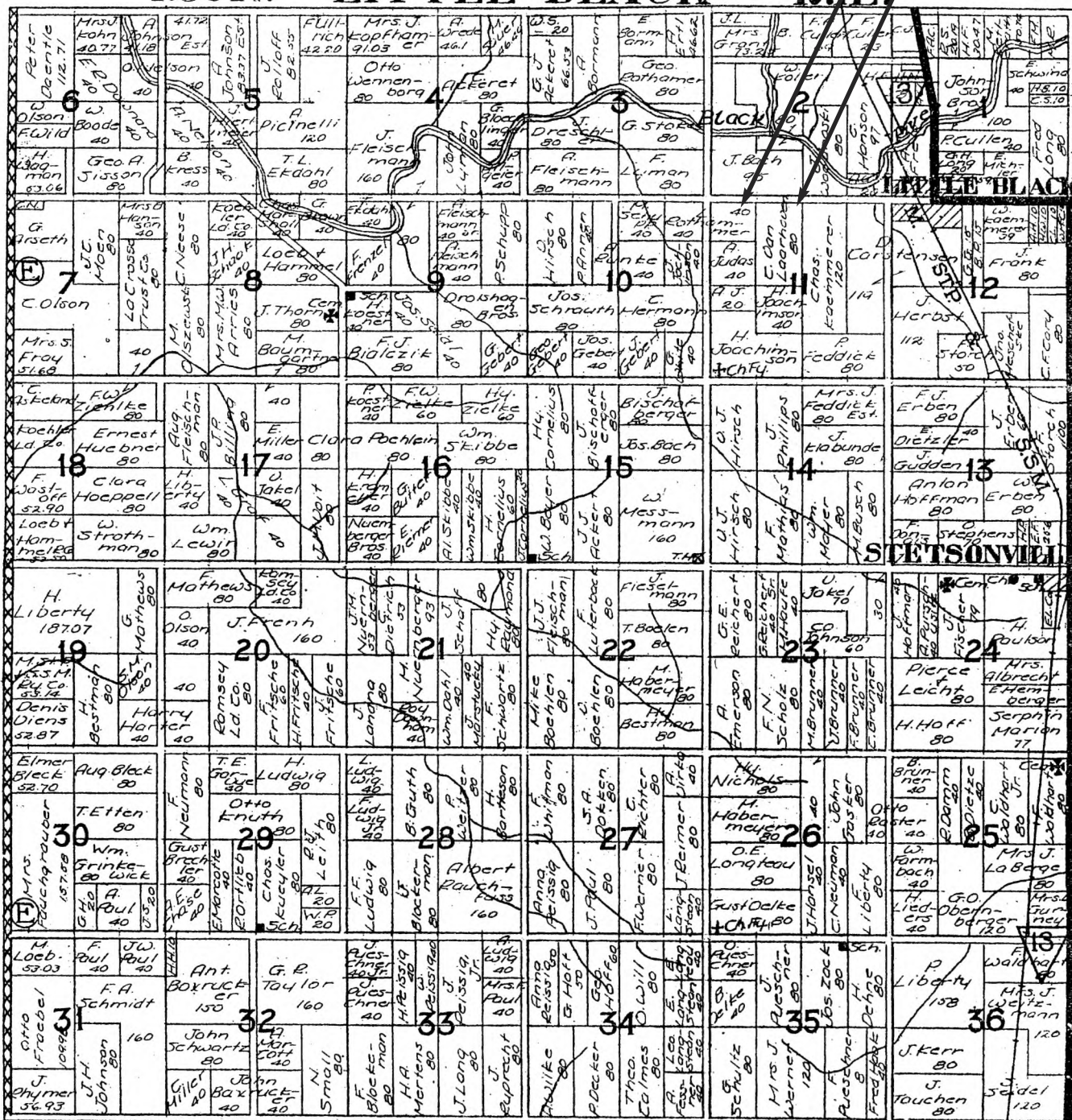
¹⁴ Deed, No. 68938, dated September 22, 1920, Vol. 73 of Deeds, p. 21, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Quit Claim Deed, No. 113630, dated January 12, 1942, Vol 102 of Deeds, p. 418, Taylor County, Wisconsin; 1950 Plat Map, Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Martin Van Laarhoven's Obituary," January 22, 1955; "Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Obituary," November 17, 1982; Josephine Reinhold; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In the Matter of the Estate of Martin Van Laarhoven.

¹⁵ "Martin Van Laarhoven's Obituary," January 22, 1955; "Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Obituary," November 17, 1982; Josephine Reinhold; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate Of Martin Van Laarhoven.

¹⁶ 1920 Plat Map, Little Black Township, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

¹⁷ Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothamer's Certificate of Marriage.

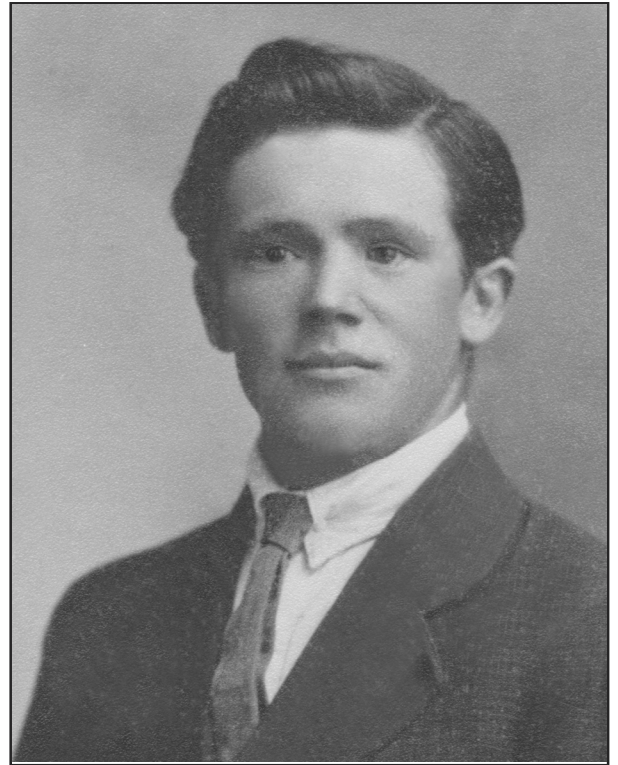
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T. 30 - A. 1 L. Taylor Co. Wis.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S LOG HOME
IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN. JOSEPHINE VAN LAARHOVEN WAS BORN IN THIS
HOUSE. PEOPLE SEATED ON CAR'S RUNNING BOARD ARE
L TO R: WILLIAM, MARTINA AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN.
THE FARM HOUSE WAS A LOG HOUSE AND THE CAR WAS A
1928 CHEVROLET TOURING WITH SIDE CURTAINS.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S LOG HOME
IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN. THE DINNING ROOM IN THEIR LOG HOME. THE
FAMILY WALKED MANY BLOCKS IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
TO FIND THE PIANO.



ENGAGEMENT PICTURE
MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN AND LUDMILLA ROTHAMER.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

COPY OF TRIPLICATE

License Number. 270 438

PLACE OF MARRIAGE

County of Taylor
 Township of Medford
 or Village of Medford
 or City of Medford

Registered No. 56

I, G. Reuter, hereby certify that on the 22 day of October, A. D. 1920, at Medford in the County of Taylor State of Wisconsin, Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Rothkamm of Little Black State of Wisconsin were by me united in marriage as authorized by a Marriage License issued for that purpose by the County Clerk of Taylor County and State of Wisconsin, numbered 270 and dated the 27 day of Sept., A. D. 1920.

Signed (Rev.) G. Reuter and Medford and Ludmilla Rothkamm as set forth in the foregoing certificate, at their request, and heard their declarations that they took each other for husband and wife.

[Two Witnesses]

David Rothkamm Signed Henry Warner Local Mag.
Clara Rothkamm

GROOM

Name Martin Van Laarhoven
 Residence Town Little Black
 Age 24 Color white { Single } No. of Marriages 1st
 { Married }
 Birthplace Holland Nationality Dutch
 Relationship None
 Occupation Farmer
 Name of Father, Guardian or Curator B. Van Laarhoven
 Maiden name of Mother Jacoba Wouters

Date of Marriage _____
 To whom Married _____
 Date of Death _____ Date of Divorce _____
 Where Divorced _____
 By what Court Divorced _____
 (To whom Divorce granted _____)

Was a special dispensation issued?

Date of Issue Sept. 27-1920

BRIDE

Name Ludmilla Rothkamm
 Residence Town Little Black
 Age 21 Color white { Single } No. of Marriages 1st
 { Married }
 Birthplace Wisconsin Nationality American
 Relationship None
 Occupation Farmer's wife
 Name of Father, Guardian or Curator Geo. Rothkamm
 Maiden name of Mother Ludmilla Kammmer

Date of Marriage _____
 To whom Married _____
 Date of Death _____ Date of Divorce _____
 Where Divorced _____
 By what Court Divorced _____
 (To whom Divorce granted _____)

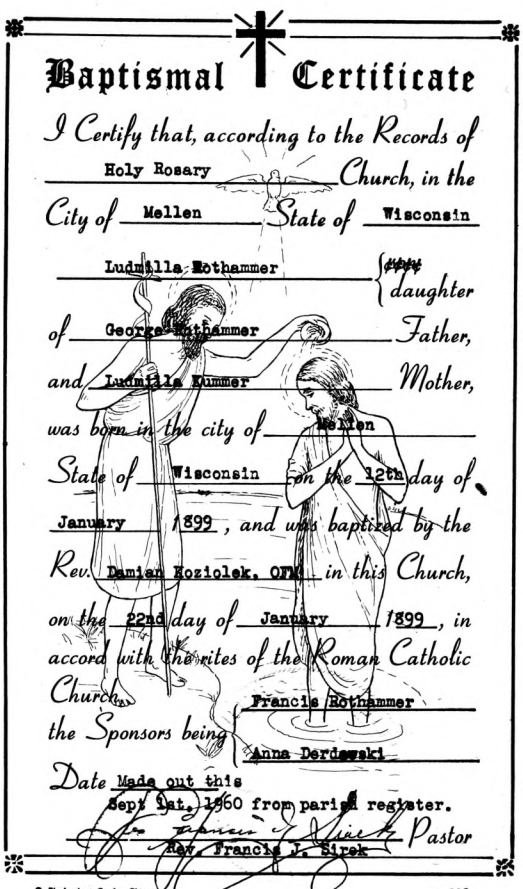
Maiden name of Bride {
if previously Married }Date of Issue Sept. 27-1920 J. Hermann Dep. County Clerk.

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1. FULL NAME OF CHILD	<i>Ludmilla Rothamer</i>
2. COLOR	<i>white</i>
3. SEX	<i>female</i>
4. NAMES OF OTHER ISSUE LIVING	
5. FULL NAME OF FATHER	<i>George Rothamer</i>
6. OCCUPATION	<i>laborer</i>
7. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	<i>Melita Lumen</i>
8. DATE OF BIRTH	<i>12th Thursday Jan</i>
9. PLACE OF BIRTH	<i>Mellen, Wis.</i>
10. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	<i>Ger. any</i>
11. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER	<i>Germany</i>
12. NAME OF ATTENDANT SIGNING CERTIFICATE	<i>T. A. Russell</i>
13. RESIDENCE OF SUCH PERSON	<i>Mellen, Wis.</i>
14. DATE OF CERTIFICATE	<i>Jan 21 - 1899</i>
15. DATE OF REGISTRATION	<i>Jan 23 - 1899</i>
16. ANY ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES	

LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN
LAARHOVEN'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE



Baptismal Certificate

I Certify that, according to the Records of
Holy Rosary Church, in the
City of Mellen State of Wisconsin
Ludmilla Rothamer {~~daughter~~
of George Rothamer Father,
and Ludmilla Lumen Mother,
was born in the city of Mellen
State of Wisconsin on the 12th day of
January 1899, and was baptized by the
Rev. Damian Roziolek, OFM in this Church,
on the 22nd day of January 1899, in
accord with the rites of the Roman Catholic
Church,
the Sponsors being Francis Rothamer
Anna Derdowski
Date Made out this
Sept 1st, 1960 from parish register.
Rev. Francis J. Sirek Pastor

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LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN
LAARHOVEN'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven was born Ludmilla Rothamer on January 12, 1899 in Mellen, Ashland County, Wisconsin and baptized on January 22, 1899 at Holy Rosary Church in Mellen.¹⁸ Her sponsors were Francis Rothammer and Anna Derdowski.¹⁹ Her parents were George Rothamer and Ludmilla (Kummer) Rothamer.²⁰

Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven had seven children. William, their first child, was born July 8, 1921 in Little Black, Wisconsin and died November 30, 1999 in City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida.²¹ Vernon, their second child, was born July 28, 1922 and died January 26, 1923 of broncho pneumonia.²² Martina Stella was born January 27, 1924 and died December 6, 1928.²³ Her cause of death was 3rd degree burns over almost her entire body.²⁴ She lived about four hours after being burned.²⁵

MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S CHILDREN						
BO	Child	DOB	Father's Age DOB Dec 7, 1895	Mother's Age DOB Jan 12, 1899	Spouse's Name	Date of Marriage
1	William (Bill)	Jul 8, 1921	25	22	Elizabeth Moskalek	Aug 11, 1943
2	Vernnon	Jul 28, 1922	26	23	Never married	N/A
3	Martina Stella	Jan 27, 1924	28	25	Never married	N/A
4	Josephine Mary ²⁶ / Marie ²⁷	Apr 9, 1925	29	26	Carl Oliver Reinhold	Jun 5, 1946
5	LaVerne Jacoba	Aug 1, 1927	31	28	Never married	N/A
6	LaVerne Mary	Oct 30, 1929	33	30	Lyle Marvin Zastrow	Jun 15, 1949
7	Vernon Karl	Jul 19, 1932	38	33	Eunice Elaine Bolstad	Nov 21, 1953

Note: The information in this Table regarding spouse's names and dates of marriage came primarily from LaVerne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow, and is based on her personal knowledge and her family research.

18 Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate; Ludmilla (Rothammer) Van Laarhoven's Baptismal Certificate, Parish Register, Holy Rosary Church, Mellen, Wisconsin; 1900 United States Census, Township of Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin, pp. 1, 2; Josephine Mary (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Birth Record; Josephine Reinhold; "Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Obituary," Star News, Wednesday, November 17, 1982; Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death, No. 331, Vol. 27, p. 331, Taylor County Register of Deeds, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

19 Ludmilla (Rothammer) Van Laarhoven's Baptismal Certificate.

20 La Verne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow; "Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Obituary," November 17, 1982; 1900 United States Census, Township of Medford; Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

21 William Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate; William Van Laarhoven's Death Certificate, No. 9598243, Charlotte County Health Department, Port Charlotte, Florida; "William Van Laarhoven's Obituary," Star News, Wednesday, December 8, 1999; Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament, Vol AB of Misc., Page 470, Taylor County Register of Deeds, Medford, Wisconsin; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate Of Martin Van Laarhoven.

22 Vernon Van Laarhoven's Birth and Death Records; Letter from Holy Rosary Catholic Church written to La Vern Zastrow and dated March 24, 1975. The original letter is in La Verne Zastrow's possession.

23 Martina Stella Van Laarhoven's Birth and Death Records; Letter from Holy Rosary Catholic Church to La Vern Zastrow.

24 Martina Stella Van Laarhoven's Death Record, Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, State of Wisconsin, Vol. 11, p. 270; "Van Laarhoven Girl Recovers," Star News, Thursday, December 13, 1928, Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Two Children Burned to Death In Fire At Little Black: Third Child Burned Badly Will Recover," The Taylor County Leader, n.d., Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Two Children Burn to Death Near Medford: Third May Die; Clothes Ignited By Stove In Kitchen," unknown newspaper, n.d.; William (Bill) Van Laarhoven's letters to his mother, Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven-dated February 11, 1982 and n.d.

25 Martina Stella Van Laarhoven's Death Record,.

26 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Birth Certificate.

27 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Certificate of Baptism, Holy Rosary Church, Medford, Wisconsin.

Josephine Mary was born April 9, 1925 with no deformities.²⁸ She was the 4th child in order of births and was legitimate.²⁹ She was baptized Josephine Marie on April 12, 1925. When Josephine was born, her parents had three living children and one child had died.³⁰ At the time of her birth, Josephine's father, Martin, was a farmer and her mother was a housewife.³¹ La Verne Jacoba was born August 1, 1927 and died December 6, 1928.³² Her cause of death was 3rd degree burns over large areas of her head, body and extremities.³³ She lived 2-3 hours after being burned.³⁴ La Verne Mary was born October 30, 1929.³⁵ Vernon Karl was born July 19, 1932.³⁶ La Verne Mary and Vernon Karl were named after their brother and sister who died prior to La Verne Mary and Vernon Karl's birth.³⁷ All the children were born in the Town of Little Black, Taylor County Wisconsin.³⁸ Martina Stella, La Verne Jacoba, and Vernon are all buried in the Catholic Cemetery, Medford, Wisconsin next to their parents.³⁹

28 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Birth Certificate; Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Certificate of Baptism, Holy Rosary Church, Medford, Wisconsin; Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Remembrance of First Holy Communion; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate of Martin Van Laarhoven.

29 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Birth Certificate.

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31 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold's Birth Certificate.

32 La Vern Jacoba's Birth and Death Records; Letter from Holy Rosary Catholic Church written to La Verne Zastrow; "Two Children Burned to Death In Fire At Little Black: Third Child Burned Badly Will Recover," The Taylor County Leader, n.d., Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Two Children Burn to Death Near Medford: Third May Die; Clothes Ignited By Stove In Kitchen," unknown newspaper, n.d; William (Bill) Van Laarhoven's letters to his mother, Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhovendated Febuary 11, 1982 and n.d.

33 La Vern Jacoba's Death Record.

34 La Vern Jacoba's Death Record.

35 La Verne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow's Birth Record, Taylor County Register of Deeds, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate Of Martin Van Laarhoven.

36 La Verne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow; Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament, No. 148398, Vol AB of Misc., p. 470, Taylor County Register of Deeds, Medford, Wisconsin; Petition For Probate of Will And For Proof Of Heirship, Final Account and Petition, Proof of Heirs, Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate, In Re Estate Of Martin Van Laarhoven.

37 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold and Lavern (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow.

38 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold and Lavern (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow.

39 Lawrence Reinhold visited the cemetery on June 5, 2002 and took pictures of their headstones.

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Write Plainly With Unfading Ink—This is a Permanent Record

This form of certificate is to be used only by LOCAL REGISTRARS for reporting to the REGISTER OF DEEDS. SEND THIS CERTIFICATE TO THE REGISTER OF DEEDS when the monthly report is mailed to the state office.

DO NOT distribute these blanks to physicians, midwives or other persons required to report births to you.

PLACE OF BIRTH

County of TaylorTownship of Blue Black

or

Village of _____

or

City of _____

FULL NAME OF CHILD Clarence Van Gorder

(No. _____)

St. _____

Ward _____

Page No. _____

(To be filled out by the Register of Deeds)

Nature of defect: _____

Stillborn: Yes or No. no Was child deformed or physically defective? Yes or No. noSex of Child male Color or Race of Child White Twin, Triplet, or other? 1 Number in order of birth 2 Legitimate? yes Date of birth July 21 1922 (Month) (Day) (Year)FULL NAME Clarence Van Gorder FATHER Clinton Van Gorder MOTHER Edwella PotthamerRESIDENCE Little Black RESIDENCE Little BlackCOLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 23 (Years)BIRTHPLACE Holland (State or Country) BIRTHPLACE Wis. (State or Country)OCCUPATION Farmer (Nature of Industry) OCCUPATION Farmer's wife (Nature of Industry)

Number of children of this mother _____

(Taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child.)

(a) Born alive and now living 2

(b) Born alive but now dead _____

(c) Stillborn _____

What preventative for gonorrhea did you use? Mercuric iodine

If none, why? _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on July 21 1922 at Little Black(Signature) E. D. Sage

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

Given name added from a supplemental

report. (Month) _____ (Day) _____ 19 _____

Address Madison Wis.Physician E. D. SageRegistered July 31 1922Filed Clarence Van Gorder

Registrar

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics

COPY OF BIRTH RECORD

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1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Baycon STATE OF WISCONSIN 501
Township Little Black Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics
Village or St. Clair COPY OF DEATH RECORD

City St. Clair (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.)
Page No. 501
(To be filled out by the Register of Deeds.)

2 FULL NAME Demetrius Van Laarhoven St., Van Laarhoven Ward, Van Laarhoven

(a) Residence, No. Van Laarhoven St., Van Laarhoven Ward, Van Laarhoven
Length of residence in City or town where death occurred yrs. mos. da. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth yrs. mos. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX male 4 COLOR OR RACE white 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) single

5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of single

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) July 28 - 1922

7 AGE Years 0 Months 5 Days 28 If less than 1 day, hrs. 0 or min. 0

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or business, or establishment in which employed or (employer) none

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Wis.

10 NAME OF FATHER Martin Van Laarhoven

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Holland

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Edna M. Van Laarhoven

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Wis.

14 THE ABOVE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Mrs. M. Van Laarhoven

(Address) Little Black Wis.

15 Filed Jan. 30 1923 Consent John REGISTER

FILED Jan. 29 1923 My. M. M. M. REGISTER

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16 DATE OF DEATH January 24 1923 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attempted deceased rem. 191 to Jan. 22 1923 that I last saw home alive on Jan. 23 1923 and the death occurred on the date stated above, all in the cause of death was as follows: Practical pneumonia

Contributory (SECONDARY) none yrs. mos. dys.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death at place of death Date of Jan. 22 1923

Did an operation precede death no Date of Jan. 22 1923

Was there an autopsy no

What test certified diagnosis Practical pneumonia

(Signed) A. B. Van Laarhoven, M. D.

Jan. 27 1923 (Address) Medford Wis.

*State the disease causing death, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) means and nature of injury; and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Medford Cem. DATE OF BURIAL Jan. 27 1923

20 UNDERTAKER W. B. Hartwig ADDRESS Medford Wis.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics

COPY OF BIRTH RECORD

PLACE OF BIRTH

County of ChaylorTownship of Little Block

Village of _____

City of _____

Page No. _____
(To be filled out by the Registrar of Deeds)No. _____
St. _____
Ward _____FULL NAME OF CHILD Martina Stella Dan LaarhovenStillborn: Yes or No. noWas child deformed or physically defective? Yes or No. no

Nature of defect: _____

Sex of Child Female Color or Race White Twin, Triplet, or other? 1 and { Number in order of birth 3 } Legitimacy? legit Date of birth (Month) Jan (Day) 27 (Year) 1924FULL NAME Martina Dan Laarhoven FATHER Andamilla Rothhammer MOTHER Andamilla RothhammerRESIDENCE Little BlockCOLOR OR RACE White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY (Years) 27BIRTHPLACE Holland (State or Country) Ni.OCCUPATION Farmer (Nature of Industry) Farmer's wifeNumber of children of this mother (Taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child) _____ (a) Born alive and now living 2 (b) Born alive but now dead 1 (c) Stillborn 5What preventive for ophthalmia neonatorum did you use? Neotenus If none, why: _____I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on Jan. 27, 1924 at Little Block, M., on the date above stated.

When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

Given name added from a supplemental report _____ (Physician) _____

report _____ (Month) _____ (Day) _____ 19 _____ Address Madford, Ni. Filed Feb. 9, 1924 Registrar Chaylor

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics
COPY OF DEATH RECORD

270

County Taylor Township Medford Village Medford or Medford St. Medford Ward Medford

2 FULL NAME Martin Van Laackman (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number)
3 RESIDENCE NO. 21111 Black (Usual place of abode)
4 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN CITY OR TOWN WHERE DEATH OCCURRED yrs. 1 mos. 12 ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
5 SEX Female 6 COLOR OR RACE White 7 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED Single

8a If Married, Widowed or Divorced HUSBAND'S or WIFE'S NAME None

9 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Jan. 28, 1924

10 AGE Years 4 Months 10 Days 8 IF LESS THAN 1 day, hours 8 min.

11 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work None (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employee)

12 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Waconsin

13 NAME OF FATHER Martin Van Laackman

14 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Waconsin

15 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Ludmila Rotherman

16 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) W. V.

17 Informant Martin Van Laackman (Address) Rt. 2 Medford, Wis.

18 Filed 12/10 1928 Reg. Registrar.

19 Filed 12/10 1928 Reg. Sub-Registrar.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Dec. 6 1928

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec. 6 1928, to Dec. 6, 1928; that I last saw her alive on Dec. 6, 1928, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 12 P. m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

3rd degree burns over almost entire body

(Duration) about 4 hrs. yrs. 1 mos. 12 ds.

Contributory (Secondary)

(Duration) 1 yrs. 1 mos. 12 ds.

18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED, Home

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?

Did an operation precede death? No Date of

Was there an autopsy? No

What test confirmed diagnosis?

(SIGNED) J. J. Dutcher M. D.

12-7 1928 (Address) Medford, Wis.

* State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes state (1) means and nature of injury; and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Medford, Wis. DATE OF BURIAL 12/10 1928

20 UNDERTAKER J. C. Hastings ADDRESS Medford, Wis.

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Department of Health--Bureau of Vital Statistics

COPY OF BIRTH RECORD

PLACE OF BIRTH

County of Rayson

Township of Little Black

or

Village of

or

City of

FULL NAME OF CHILD Savon Parla Van Saarhooon

(No. 1 St. 1 Ward)

Stillborn: Yes or No. no Was child deformed or physically defective? Yes or No. no

Nature of defect:

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(To be filled out by the Register of Deeds)

Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Color or Race <u>White</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? <u>1</u>	Number in order of birth <u>5</u>	Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	Date of birth (Month) <u>Aug</u> (Day) <u>1st</u> (Year) <u>1927</u>
FULL NAME <u>Martin Van Saarhooon</u>	FATHER <u>Martin Van Saarhooon</u>	MOTHER <u>Admella Potlamer</u>			
RESIDENCE <u>Four Little Black</u>	RESIDENCE <u>Little Black</u>				
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>30</u> (Years)	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>27</u> (Years)		
BIRTHPLACE <u>Holland</u>	(State or Country)	BIRTHPLACE <u>Wis</u>	(State or Country)		
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>	(Nature of Industry)	OCCUPATION <u>Farmer wife</u>	(Nature of Industry)		

Number of children of this mother 4
(Taken as of time of birth of child herein certified and including this child.)

(a) Born alive and now living (b) Born alive but now dead (c) Stillborn

What preventive for cleanliness neonatorum did you use?

Presentation

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on Aug 1st, 1927
at Rayson Mo., on the date above stated.

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.

Given name added from a supplemental report

report (Month) Aug (Day) 1st, 1927

Physician

Medford W. W.
Filed Aug 9 1927 Clarence J. J. Registrar

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics
COPY OF DEATH RECORD

County Taylor Registered No. 269
Township Meaford or Meaford St. 3 Ward
City Meaford (No. Meaford Hospital)
2 FULL NAME James J. Taylor (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number)
Town 7 Little Rock (Usual place of abode)

(a) Residence No. 1 Ward. 3 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth yrs. mos. ds.
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the Word) Single

5a If Married, Widowed or Divorced
HUSBAND of
(or) WIFE of

6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year) Aug. 1, 1927

7 AGE Years 1 Months 4 Days 5 If LESS than 1 day, hours 5 or min. 10

8 OCCUPATION

(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work none
(b) General nature of industry, business, or occupation in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Wisconsin

10 NAME OF FATHER Martina Van Laanen

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (State or country) Holland

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Rozema

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (State or country) Wisconsin

14 Informant Martina Van Laanen (Address) Rt. 2 Meaford, Wis.

15 Filed 12/10/1928 Op. Blackledge Registrar.

Filed 12/10/1928 Sub-Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Dec. 6, 1928

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Dec. 6, 1928 to Dec. 6, 1928; that I last saw her alive on Dec. 6, 1928, and that death occurred on the date stated above at 9 P. m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Bad legum pneumonia
over edge areas of
head body - at birth
2-3 hrs.
(Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

Contributory (Secondary) no yrs. mos. ds.

18 WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED home (Duration) yrs. mos. ds.

IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH?

Did an operation precede death? no Date of

Was there an autopsy? no

What test confirmed diagnosis?

(SIGNED) L. S. Dietrich M. D.

(Address) Meaford, Wis.

* State the disease causing death, or in deaths from violent causes state (1) means and nature of injury; and (2) whether accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL Meaford, Pack. Cem. DATE OF BURIAL 12-10-1928

20 UNDERTAKER J. C. Hartung ADDRESS Meaford

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VERNON VAN LAARHOVEN GRAVEMARKER
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S SON.
MEDFORD EVERGREEN CEMETERY — MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.



LAVERNE JACOB VAN LAARHOVEN GRAVEMARKER
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.
MEDFORD EVERGREEN CEMETERY — MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.



MARTINA JACOB VAN LAARHOVEN GRAVEMARKER
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.
MEDFORD EVERGREEN CEMETERY — MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

Martina, La Vern Jacoba and Josephine Mary Van Laarhoven were burned in a house fire on December 6, 1928.⁴⁰ Their father's birthday was the next day, December 7.⁴¹ Josephine wrote about the incident many years later saying,⁴²

When the fire took place, Willie was seven, Martina four (about to turn five), I was three and LaVerne Jacoba was sixteen months. It was a cold night and we three girls were playing with the Christmas catalogs. Father built shelves high up in the corners of the kitchen to hold kerosene lamps so they were out of our way and to prevent us children from playing with fire. On this fateful night my parents decided to leave us girls play with the catalogs, but warned us not to tear the pages out. With all safety factors in mind, my parents and Willie went to the barn to do the chores. Soon the catalogs were torn and paper was laying all over the congooleum floor. A wood burning stove was burning brightly in the kitchen. We decided to pick up the papers and throw them in the kitchen stove through its side door. A draft blew some of the burning paper back out when the door was opened and onto the floor catching the other paper on fire. Congooleum was a floor covering very much like tar paper, but with a shiny covering to make it easy to clean. It took little time for this floor covering to melt and burst into flames, giving off fumes and smoke. Little LaVerne Jacoba caught on fire while being overcome with smoke. Martina tried to drag her little sister out of the flames, but Martina caught on fire. I had my arms burned, but thought I had better run to the barn to tell our parents. I heard Martina scream. Turning around, I saw her standing on the porch completely engulfed in flames. Father opened the barn door about this time as he had done frequently before. Seeing the flames and the children, he ran to the house and quickly put out the flames, kicking LaVerne Jacoba in the process. My parents did not own a car so my father ran up the hill to Paul Bach's home to get their car. Mother wrapped us in blankets and rushed us to the hospital. At the hospital LaVerne Jacoba was pronounced dead on arrival from smoke inhalation. Martina was taken to the emergency room. She was burned over 100 percent of her body. My arms were burned and I was put in a crib in the children's ward. Martina was asked what happened and who put the paper in the stove. She said, "Josephine did." She was extremely dehydrated and asking for water. Later she died. I was not seriously burned, but little did I know that I would pay dearly for the deaths of my sisters and many times I questioned, Lord, why was I allowed to live while my beautiful sisters were allowed to die? I stayed in the hospital until the funeral was over. Over the years I was told by many people, including my parents, that since my sisters were burned so severely, they were placed in white caskets like little angels with only cotton fluffed around them. I was told they looked like little angels and little angels they were.

40 "Van Laarhoven Girl Recovers," *Star News*, Thursday, December 13, 1928, Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Two Children Burned to Death In Fire At Little Black: Third Child Burned Badly Will Recover," *The Taylor County Leader*, n.d., Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin; "Two Children Burn to Death Near Medford: Third May Die; Clothes Ignited By Stove In Kitchen," unknown newspaper, n.d.

41 Martin Van Laarhoven's Birth Certificate; Martin Van Laarhoven's Baptismal Certificate.

42 Josephine Reinhold, *Tears & Joy* (Salisbury, NC: Reinhold Publishing House, 1998), p. 12.



LA VERNE JACOBA VAN
LAARHOVEN

Little Josephine Van Laarhoven was able to leave the Clinic Monday and return to her home. The most badly burned areas on her body were her arms and tho painful the injuries are not considered of an especially serious nature.



Children Burn

Three children of Martin Van Laarhoven, a Medford (Wis.) farmer, were severely burned late Thursday and two of them died within a few hours at the Medford hospital. The clothing of the children caught fire when they fed leaves of a catalogue into the side draft of the kitchen stove while the parents were in the barn. At the top is a picture of the Van Laarhoven farmhouse and below appears La Verne, 1, one of those who died. The other dead child is Martha, 5. Josephine, 3, may recover.

Clothing Ignites as Papers Are Fed Into Stove

Girl Loses Life Trying to Rescue Baby Brother; Their Child Expected to Live

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE JOURNAL

Medford, Wis.—Two children died at the hospital here and another is in serious condition as the result of burns suffered when their clothing caught fire from an open side draft stove in the kitchen of their farm home.

The dead children are Martina, 5, and Laverne, 1, and the one believed to have a chance to live is Josephine, 3. They are children of Martin Van Laarhoven, who has a farm two miles south of Medford.

Stuck Paper in Stove

Mr. and Mrs. Van Laarhoven and a son, William, 7, were in the barn Thursday night doing chores. The other three children were playing with a catalogue in the kitchen. It is believed that the fire started when they fed leaves from the catalogue into the side draft of the stove.

The clothing of the children and garments hanging from hooks on the wall caught fire. The screaming youngsters ran out on the back porch and attracted the attention of their parents. Mr. Van Laarhoven was burned about the arms and hands in putting out the flames.

The children were brought to the hospital here at once. Little could be done for Laverne. His body was charred in places and his face about his mouth indicated that he had breathed in the flames. He died about 9 p. m.

Tried to Save Brother

Martina lived until about 1 a. m. Friday. She gave her life in an effort to save her little brother. She was burned on the arms and face and body in her efforts to beat out Laverne's burning garments and her clothing caught fire from his, severely burning the upper part of her body.

Josephine's burns were largely on the arms and upper body.

Confusion at the Van Laarhoven home was increased when the dense smoke quenched the lights in kerosene lamps. The fire was extinguished after a clothes cabinet and part of the floor of the kitchen had burned.

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Dec. 14, 1928.

Mr. Martin Van Larhoven,
Medford, Wis.

Dear Mr. Van Larhoven and family:

The Taylor County Red Cross Chapter sympathizes with you in your recent bereavment.

I am enclosing two receipts which represent part payment of your bills incurred at the Clinic and at the undertaker's establishment.

Your account has been credited with these amounts at these places.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. Milne
Chairman.

Two Children Burned To Death In Fire At Little Black

Third Child Burned Badly Will Recover

A terrible tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Laarhoven, Little Black, Thursday evening, when the clothing of three of their children caught fire while playing around the kitchen stove, two of the children being so severely burned that they died a few hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Laarhoven and their oldest child, William, age 7, had gone to the barn to do the evening chores leaving the three younger children in the house; they amusing themselves by looking thru a catalogue picking out the things they wanted for Christmas, the baby Laverne, 16 months old, sitting on the floor in front of the stove and Josephine, age 3, and Martina, age 5, grouped around her.

The children's account of the accident is as follows: After looking thru the catalogue for some time they started tearing out the leaves, sticking them thru the draft opening in the front of the stove. One of the burning pieces of paper must have fallen near the baby setting fire to the other paper lying on the floor and the child's clothing and in an attempt to save her, the clothing of both the other children caught fire. The two older girls ran screaming from the house and were standing on the back porch, Martina one mass of flames, when their father came out of the barn. He ran to the children and tore the burning clothing from Martina's body; Josephine being successful in subduing the fire in her own clothing without assistance.

Entering the smoke filled kitchen, he found the baby, terribly burned, lying on the floor and some garments which were hanging near the stove on fire. Quickly extinguishing the flames, he ran to the home of a neighbor, Paul Bach, who with his automobile brot Mr. and Mrs. Van Laarhoven

and the three children to the Medford Clinic. The baby passed away about 10 o'clock the same evening and two hours later little Martina also passed away.

Tho Josephine was badly burned about the body, her injuries are not so serious but that she will recover. Mr. Van Laarhoven was also badly burned in extinguishing the fire, particularly on the right hand.

The double funeral for the two little children was held at the Catholic

church, this city, Monday morning, Rev. Fr. Reuter officiating, with interment in the Catholic cemetery. The eight little girls who acted as pall bearers were Dorothy, Marcella and Harriet Rothammer, Margaret, Geraldine and Kathryn Fernsteiner, Marie Brehm and Eleanor Long.

The sympathy of this entire community goes out to the bereaved parents. They are a hard working young couple who were striving, diligently, to make a happy home for their four children. They bought their 80 acre farm eight years ago from Mr. Van Laarhoven's father, Cornelius Van Laarhoven, who now lives in Kaukauna. Since the accident, neighbors have been assisting Mr. Van Laarhoven with the farm work and Anna Poehnelt has been helping around the house.

Out of town relatives here for the funeral were:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Laarhoven and family, Kimberly; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Van Laarhoven, Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Van Laarhoven, Iron Mountain, Mich.

Mr. Van Laarhoven's parents from Kaukauna, were unable to be here because of the critical illness of his mother.

THE TAYLOR COUNTY LEADER, N.D.
MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

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Van Laarhoven Girl Recovers

Josephine Van Laarhoven, three years old, who was the least burned of the three children in the terrible burning accident at Little Black Thursday night, is recovering satisfactorily. She was able to leave the hospital for her home Monday.

When the clothing of the three children started to burn Josephine rushed screaming to the back porch. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Laarhoven, who were in the barn doing their chores, heard her and came running to meet her. The flames had only started to burn her arms, so Mr. Van Laarhoven was able to extinguish them before they made much further progress.

The other two girls were beyond help, but the parents made strenuous efforts to save them. Putting out the flames on their clothing, they got the children to the hospital at Medford as quickly as possible, with the help of their neighbor, Paul Bach.

Laverne, the sixteen-months-old baby girl, died at the hospital at about nine that night, a little over two hours after the accident. Martina, the five-year-old daughter, lived until about 12:30.

Martina, Josephine, and Laverne had been left in the house at the Van Laarhoven home, a mile west of Little Black, while the parents, accompanied by the seven-year-old son William, went to the barn to do the evening chores. Mr. Van Laarhoven had made a trip to the house just a few minutes before the accident.

The children were playing on the kitchen floor in front of the range, which had a sliding draft and also an end opening for fuel. They had been playing with catalogs and newspapers. It is supposed that either they put pieces of paper into the stove and pulled them out when burning or a spark from the wood fire flew out and set fire to the papers. Their clothing was soon in flames.

Martina, with her clothes flaming, rushed out of the house to the back porch, where her father ran to her help. He was able to put out the flames on her clothing but they had already done the damage. Martina was very badly burned, there being scarcely any skin left except on her face.

Mr. Van Laarhoven then rushed into the house, looking for the baby, Laverne, and attempting to prevent the house from burning. The dense smoke from burning clothing and paper had put out the kerosene lamp, so it was impossible to see anything in the kitchen. The floor was starting to burn and clothing hanging on the wall was burning. Mr. Van Laarhoven, while pulling the clothing down from the wall, struck his foot against the baby and, reaching down in the blinding smoke, found her on the floor in a bunch of burning paper and burning clothing. The baby was badly burned and from the appearance of its face and mouth it had breathed in flames.

The double funeral of the Laarhoven girls took place Monday morning, with services at the Holy Rosary church in Medford, conducted by Rev. Fr. Reuter. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery. The pall bearers were eight girls of the Van Laarhoven neighborhood: Dorothy, Marcella and Harriett Rothamer, Margaret, Geraldine, and Katherine Pernsteiner, Marie Brehm, and Eleanor Long.

Both children were born on the farm where they lost their lives. Laverne was 16 months old, having been born August 1, 1927, and Martina was almost five, having been born January 27, 1924. The surviving children are William, aged seven, and Josephine, who was three last April.

Among the out-of-town people at the funeral were three of Mr. Van Laarhoven's brothers and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Van Laarhoven, Iron Mountain, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Van Laarhoven, Madison; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Laarhoven, Kimberly. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Van Laarhoven of Kaukauna, were unable to attend the funeral, as the mother is not expected to live; the other brothers, Johaun of Kaukauna, Jack of West DePere, and Pete of Clintonville, also were unable to be present.

The neighbors and other friends of the Van Laarhovens and other people of the community have been very kind to them and the Red Cross and other organizations have been able to be of assistance. Miss Annie Poehnelt has been assisting Mrs. Van Laarhoven at their home since the accident.

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Two Children Burn to Death Near Medford

Third May Die; Clothes Ignited By Stove In Kitchen

[By The Associated Press]
MEDFORD, Wis.—Their clothing ignited by a stove in the kitchen of their farm home, two children of Martin van Laarhoven, were burned fatally, and a third may die.

Martina, 5, and Laverne, 1, died in a hospital here after being brought from their farm home two miles south of Medford Thursday night.

Josephine, 3, is badly burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Laarhoven and a son, William, 7 were in the barn last night doing chores. The three children were playing in the kitchen and it is believed the fire started when they fed leaves from a catalogue into the side draft of the stove.

The clothing of the children and garments hanging from hooks on the wall caught fire. The children ran out on the back porch and screamed for help. Mr. Van Laarhoven was burned about the arm and face in putting out the flames.

Brought to the hospital here, Laverne died about 9:00 p. m. He had breathed in the flames. Martina lived until about 1:00 a. m. today. She gave her life in an attempt to save her little brother, her clothing catching fire when she seized him.

UNKNOWN NEWSPAPER

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for the sympathy and help extended to us during our bereavement. We especially thank Paul Bach, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Zirngibl and Mrs. Julius Poehnelt for their kind assistance, Father Reuter for his comforting words, and those who sent flowers and placed cars at our disposal, also those who took such a kindly interest in our little girl while she was at the Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Van Laarhoven

STAR NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1928
MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

HOLY ROSARY RECTORY
424 W. CEDAR STREET
MEDFORD, WISCONSIN 54451

March 24, 1975

Mrs. LaVerne Zastrow
622 W. Elm St.
River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

Dear Mrs. Zastrow:

Listed below are the birthdates, baptismal dates and etc. that you asked for.

Vernon Van Laarhoven:

Born - 7-28-1922
Baptized - 7-31-1922
Date of Death - 1-26-1923
Date of Burial - 1-27-1923
G. Reuter - Officiated

Martina S. Van Laarhoven

Born - 1-27-1924
Baptized - 1-29-1924
Date of Death - 12-6-28
Date of Burial - 12-10-1928
G. Reuter - Officiated

Lavern Jacoba Van Laarhoven

Born: August 1, 1927
Baptized: August 10, 1927
Date of death: 12-6-28
Date of burial: 12/10/28
Age: 1 year and 4 months
G. Reuter - Officiated-Sponsors: Grandparents



LA VERNE MARY VAN LAARHOVEN
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S CHILDREN
L TO R: JOSEPHINE MARY, WILLIAM (BILL) AND LA VERNE MARY.
WILLIAM'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY ROSARY PARISH.
MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.



THOUGHT TO BE MARTINA VAN LAARHOVEN
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S CHILDREN
L TO R: WILLIAM (BILL), LA VERNE MARY AND JOSEPHINE MARY.



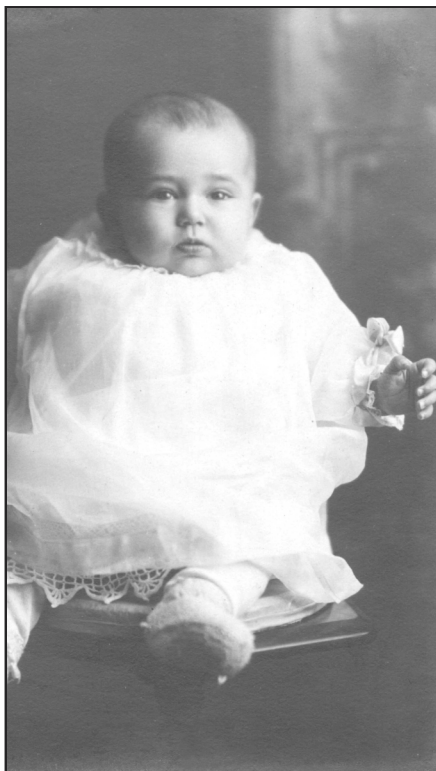
LA VERNE JACOBA VAN LAARHOVEN
BORN: AUGUST 1, 1927; DIED: DECEMBER 6, 1928.
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



ANNIE POEHNELT WITH LA VERNE VAN MARY LAARHOVEN
AND UNKOWN CHILD WITH HER. LA VERNE IS WEARING A WHITE DRESS.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S CHILDREN
WILLIAM VAN LAARHOVEN STANDING.
MARTINA VAN LAARHOVEN SITTING.



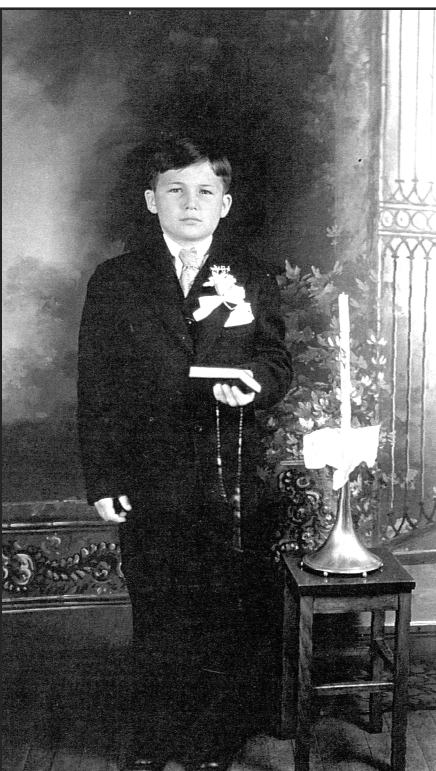
LA VERNE JACOBA VAN LAARHOVEN
BORN: AUGUST 1, 1927.
DIED: DECEMBER 6, 1928.
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
JOSEPHINE VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 10.
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



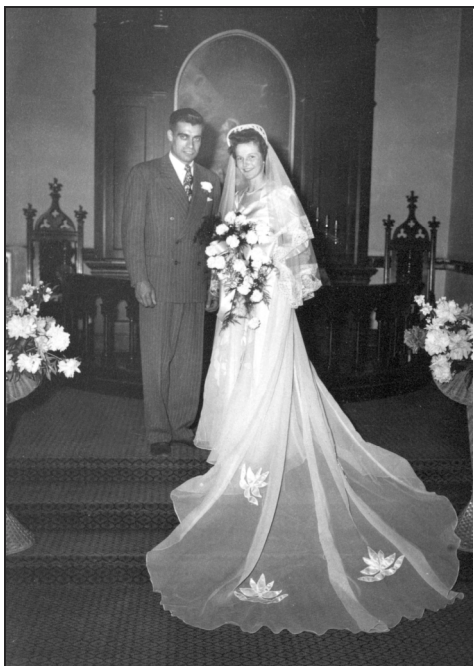
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LA VERNE MARY VAN LAARHOVEN
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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
WILLIAM VAN LAARHOVEN
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S SON.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
VERNON KARL VAN LAARHOVEN
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S SON.



WEDDING PICTURE

LYLE ZASTROW AND LA VERNE VAN
LAARHOVEN.
MARRIED JUNE 15, 1949.



WEDDING PICTURE

VERNON VAN LAARHOVEN AND EUNICE BOLSTAD.
MARRIED NOVEMBER 21, 1953.



WEDDING PICTURE

CARL OLIVER REINHOLD AND JOSEPHINE MARY
VAN LAARHOVEN
MARRIED JUNE 5, 1946, CARL, AGE 28 AND
JOSEPHINE, AGE 21



WEDDING PICTURE

WILLIAM (BILL) VAN LAARHOVEN AND ELIZABETH (LIBBY) MOSKALEK's
MARRIED AUGUST 11, 1943

NUMBER

68938

This Indenture, Made by George Rothhammer and Rudmilla Rothhammer each in his own right and as husband and wife grantor of Taylor County, Wisconsin, hereby conveys and warrants to Martin Van Laashoven and Rudmilla Rothhammer, for life and the remainder to the survivors of them grantee of Taylor County, Wisconsin, for the sum of One dollar and other good and valuable considerations the following tract of land in Taylor County, State of Wisconsin;

The East half of the Northwest quarter of Section Eleven (11) Township Thirty (30) North, of Range One (1) East, containing 80 acres, more or less, according to government survey thereof.

Subject to one mortgage of \$2500.00 given to Max Loet on Jan. 16, 1917, which grantees assume and agree to pay.

RECORDED

 SEP 15
 1920
 J. H. BENN
 REGISTER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said grantor has hereunto set their hand and seal this 22nd day of

September, A. D., 1920.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

H. H. Koehler

Geo. F. Meyer

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Taylor County.

George Rothhammer (SEAL)

Rudmilla Rothhammer (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

Personally came before me, this 22nd day of September, A. D., 1920, the above named George Rothhammer and Rudmilla Rothhammer

his wife

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 24 day of

Sept A. D. 1920, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

J. H. Benn
Register of Deeds.

Notary
Seal

H. H. Koehler
Notary Public Taylor County, Wis.

My commission expires Apr. 27 A. D., 1924

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

STATE OF WISCONSIN FORM No. 11

Vol. 102

NUMBER

113630

This Indenture, Made this 12th day of January 1942 A. D. 19 between

The Little Black Mutual Insurance Co. By Carl M. Nelson, Prest, Vincent Jakel Sec.

part Y of the first part

and M. Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, his wife

part 1es of the second part

Witnesseth, That the said part Y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of

Six Hundred Fifty - - - - - Dollars

to in hand paid by the said part 1es of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, ha. Vg. given.

granted, bargained, sold, remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents do. give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release and quit-claim unto the said part 1es

of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Taylor, State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

All that part of the East-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the South east Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) lying south of the Black River, in Section Four (4) in Township Thirty (30) North of Range One (1) East.

RECEIVED
TAXES
\$.55
PROPERTY
TAXES
1.10

To Have and to Hold the same, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging or in anywise thereunto appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatsoever of the said part Y of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said part 1es of the second part their heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said part Y of the first part ha. E. hereunto set its hand and seal this 12th day of Jan. A. D. 19 42.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

Frank Storch

Josephine Jakel

Little Black Mutual Insurance Co. (SEAL)

Carl M. Nelson (SEAL)

Vincent L. Jakel Sec. (SEAL)

State of Wisconsin,

Taylor County ss.

Personally came before me, this 16 day of Jan. A. D. 19 42, the above named

Carl M. Nelson as President Vincent Jakel Secretary of The Little Black Mutual Insurance Company

to me known to be the person E. who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 17 day of Jan.

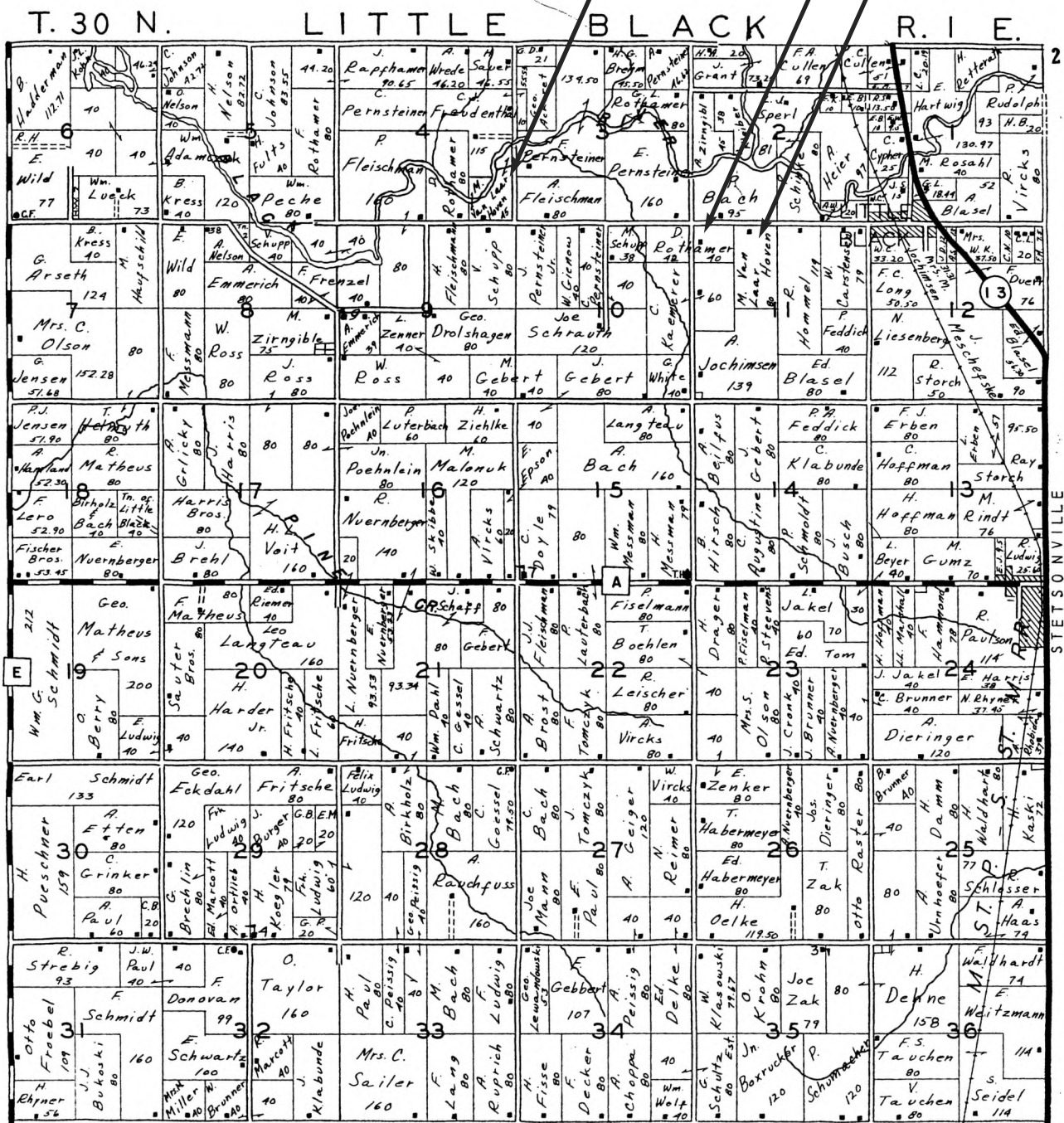
A. D. 19 42 at 11:35 o'clock A. M.

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NOTARY
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John Kraemer

Notary Public Taylor County, Wis.





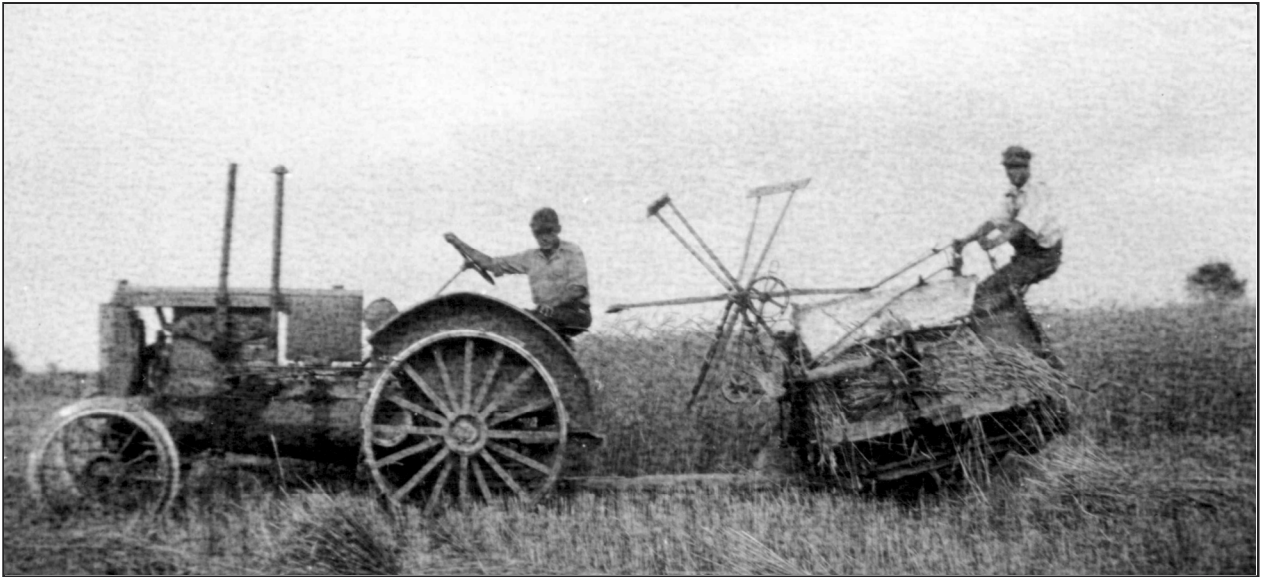
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN FAMILY FARM IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN
 MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN BUILT ALL THE BUILDINGS IN THIS PICTURE.
 THE ORIGINAL HOUSE, BARN AND MACHINE SHED WERE BUILT FROM LOGS.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S LOG HOME
 IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN. THIS LOG HOUSE IS WHERE MARTIN AND
 LUDMILLA BEGAN THEIR MARRIED LIFE AND RAISED FOUR
 OF THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN HOME IN 1945
 IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN. THIS NEW FARMHOUSE
 WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THE OLD LOG HOUSE.



BINDING GRAIN ON FARM IN LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN

MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN DRIVING FORDSON TRACTOR. HIS WIFE, LUDMILLA, OPERATING GRAIN BINDER. THE BINDER CUT THE GRAIN, BUNDLED IT AND TIED THE BUNDLES. THE BUNDLES OF GRAIN WERE LEFT ON THE GROUND TO BE SHOCKED AND THRASHED WHEN CURED.



L TO R: LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN AND MARY POEHNELT

MARY IS HIRED HELP. NOTICE THE "COUP" ON SLED / CUTTER. THE CUTTER WAS PULLED WITH A ONE HORSE SHAY. IT HAD A STOVE INSIDE TO KEEP OCCUPANTS WARM. MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN WOULD TAKE HIS FAMILY FOR RIDES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE COUP. ALSO USED THE COUP TO GO TO CHURCH AND STORES.



L TO R: MARY POEHNELT AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN

LUDMILLA IS SMOKING HER PIPE. MARY IS HIRED HELP.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN

HAULING LOGS FOR HOLY ROSARY CHURCH MEDFORD, WISCONSIN. MARTIN CUT FIREWOOD FOR THE CHURCH TO EARN EXTRA MONEY SO HE WOULD NOT LOOSE HIS FARM DURING THE DEPRESSION.



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN SAWING WOOD WITH DRAG SAW AND TRACK



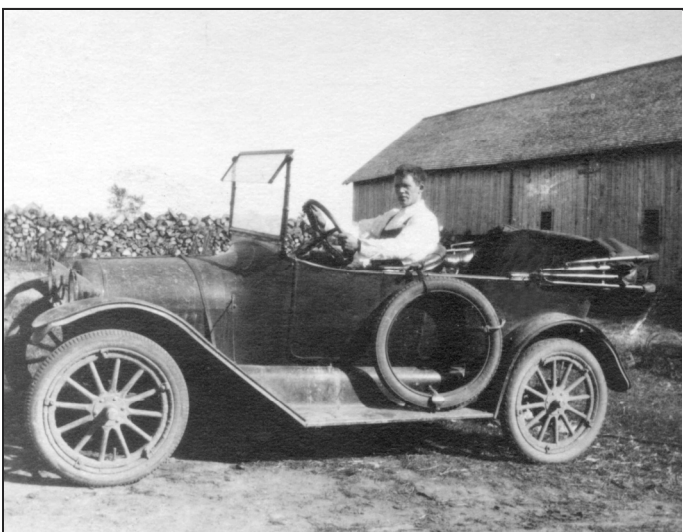
LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN, MARTIN'S WIFE



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN, MARTIN'S WIFE



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN, MARTIN'S WIFE



**MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN
WITH HIS SON, WILLIAM (BILL), IN THE FAMILY CAR**



**MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN LOG HOME
LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN. L TO R: LA VERNE, AGE 5; MARTIN,
LUDMILLA, JOSEPHINE, AGE 10; VERNON, AGE 3 STANDING IN
FRONT OF JOSEPHINE. THE CAR WAS A BUICK WITH THREE SEATS.**



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN CHILDREN
L TO R: LA VERNE, AGE 7; JOSEPHINE, AGE 12; VERNON, AGE 5.



JOSEPHINE VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 20

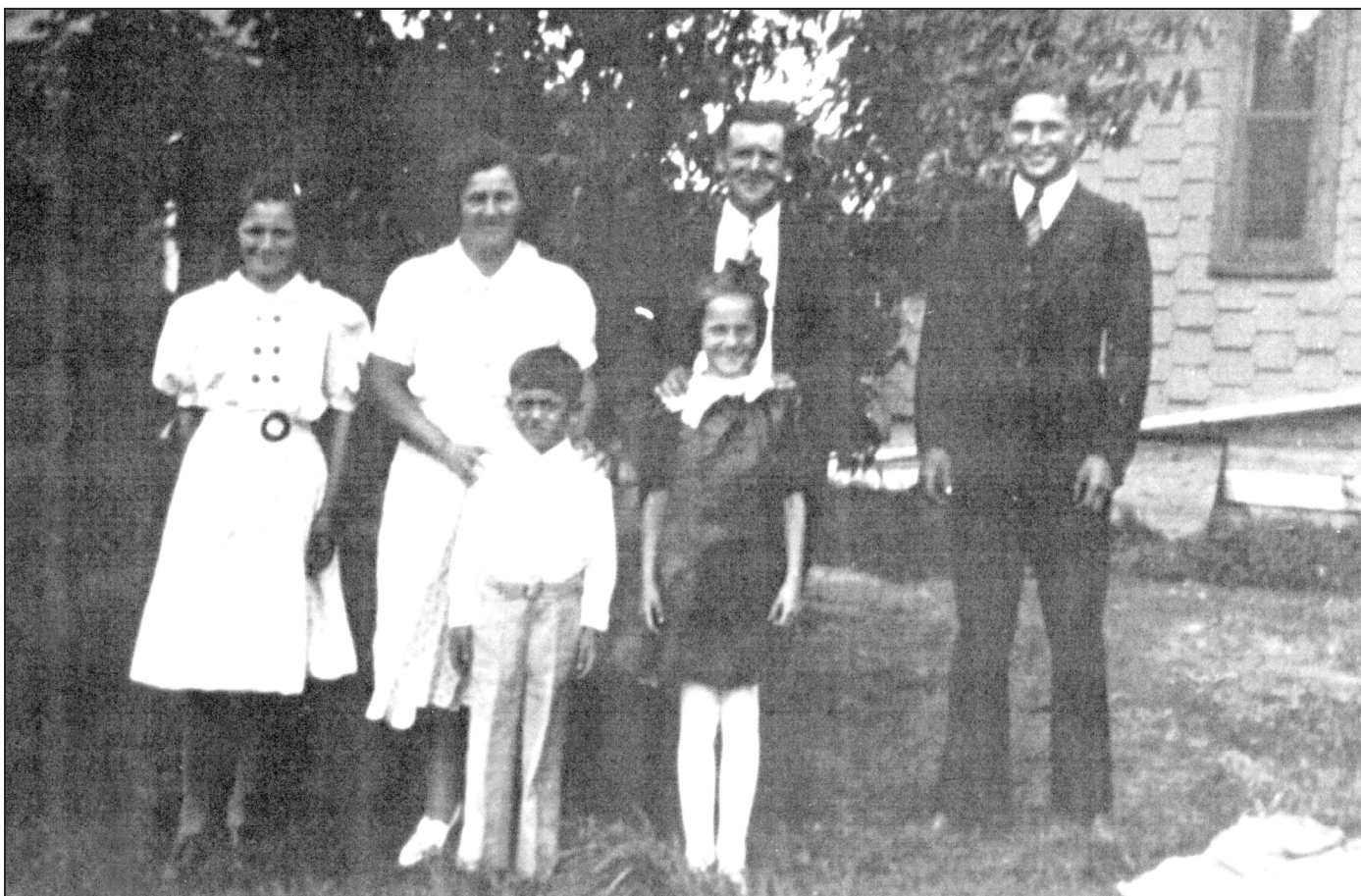
THE PICTURE OF JOSEPHINE VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 20, WAS TAKEN PRIOR TO HER MARRIAGE TO CARL OLIVER REINHOLD. THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN IN A PHOTO BOOTH IN 1945 WHEN CARL AND JOSEPHINE WERE AT THE FAIR GROUNDS. JOSEPHINE'S BLOUSE IS THE FIRST ARTICLE OF CLOTHING SHE EVER MADE. JOSEPHINE HAD A DIFFICULT TIME MATCHING STRIPES.



JOSEPHINE VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 15



THE WIVES ARE SEATED IN FRONT OF THEIR HUSBANDS, EXCEPT FOR RACHEL. THE CHILDREN ARE MARTIN'S. BROW L TO R: PETER, JOHNNY, CORNELIUS, THEODORE AND MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN. MROW L TO R: KATE, ANNIE, RACHEL, JULIA AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN (WIVES). FROW L TO R: VERNON, JOSEPHINE AND LA VERNE MARY VAN LAARHOVEN.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN WITH THEIR FOUR CHILDREN
CHILDREN L TO R: JOSEPHINE, AGE 13; VERNON, AGE 7; LA VERNE, AGE 8 AND WILLIAM, AGE 17.



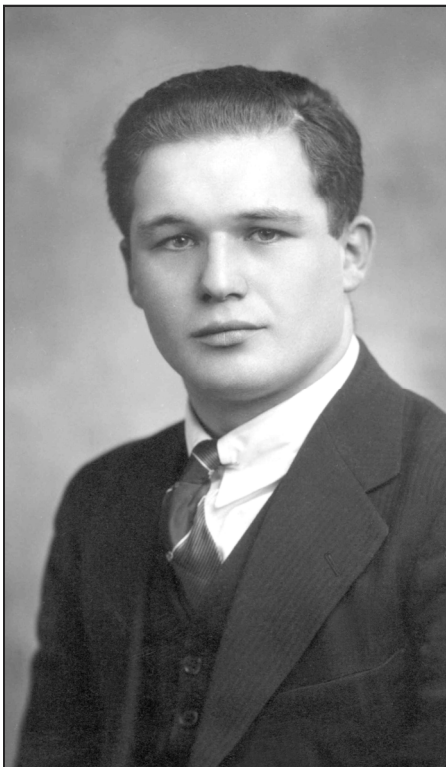
VERNON VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 22
SERVED IN UNITED STATES ARMY
KOREAN WAR, 1954.
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
VAN LAARHOVEN'S SON.



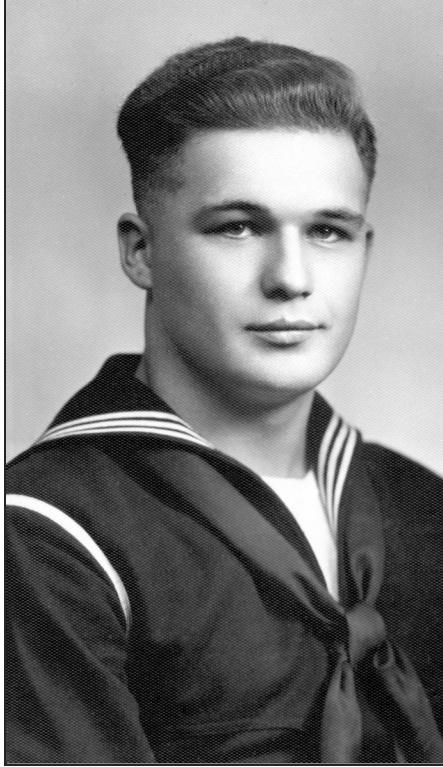
JOSEPHINE MARY VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 19
HIGH SCHOOL PROM - MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.
MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER)
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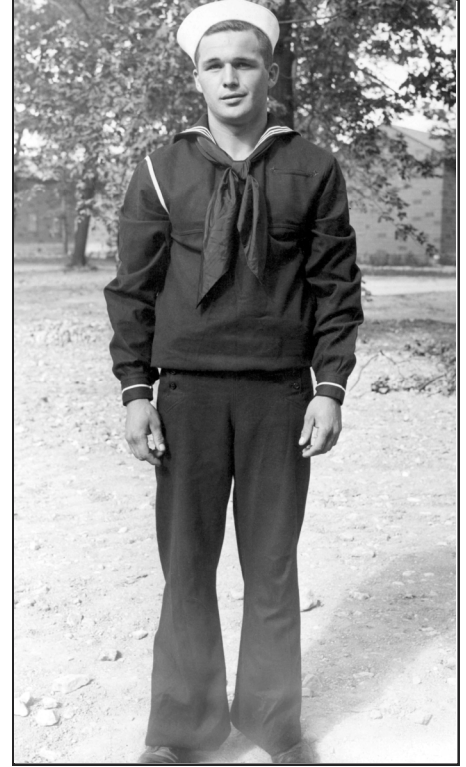
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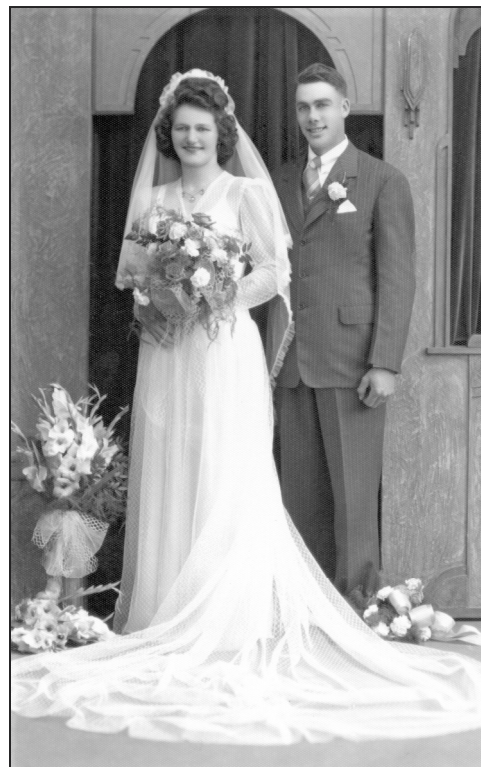
WILLIAM (BILL) VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 20
SERVED IN UNITED STATES NAVY.
WORLD WAR II. ENLISTMENT PICTURE.



WILLIAM (BILL) VAN LAARHOVEN, AGE 21
SERVED IN UNITED STATES NAVY.
WORLD WAR II. PICTURE TAKEN 1942.



WEDDING PICTURE
 WILLIAM (BILL) VAN LAARHOVEN AND ELIZABETH (LIBBY) MOSKALEK
 MARRIED AUGUST 11, 1943.



WEDDING PICTURE
 CARL OLIVER REINHOLD AND
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 LAARHOVEN.
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WEDDING PICTURE
 VERNON VAN LAARHOVEN AND EUNICE BOLSTAD.
 MARRIED NOVEMBER 21, 1953.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN FAMILY PICTURE - JANUARY 12, 1974
 MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN DECEASED - 1955.
 BROW L TO R: BILL, AGE 52 AND VERNON, AGE 41.
 FROW L TO R: LUDMILLA, AGE 75; LA VERNE, AGE 44; AND JOSEPHINE, AGE 48.



**WILLIAM (BILL) AND ELIZABETH (LIBBY)
 VAN LAARHOVEN**



LYLE AND LA VERNE ZASTROW



VERNON AND EUNICE VAN LAARHOVEN



CARL AND JOSEPHINE REINHOLD

William Van Laarhoven

(1921-1999)

Former Medford Mayor, William "Bill" Van Laarhoven, 78, Punta Gorda, Fla., died Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Bon Secours-St. Joseph's Hospital in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 4 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Burial took place at Gulf Pines Memorial Park.

Lemon Bay Funeral Home in Englewood, Fla. assisted the family with arrangements.

William Van Laarhoven was born July 8, 1921 at Little Black. He was a self employed owner of Van's Equipment, Industrial and Agricultural Machinery sales and service. He moved from Medford to Englewood, Fla. in 1975, and to Punta Gorda in 1997.

He was a Navy Veteran of WWII; 22nd mayor of Medford, serving two terms from April 1968 to April 1972; Medford's Man of the Year in 1979; a member of the Knights of Columbus Father Cattrell Council No. 7672; former District Deputy of Knights of Columbus, both in Wisconsin and Florida; and a 4th Degree Knight of the American Legion Post No. 113 of Rotonda West.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth "Libby" of Punta Gorda; four daughters, Vivian Fenner, Mondovi, Jeanne Bergelin, Menomonie, Mary Katz of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Ruth Rieman, Akron, Ohio; five sons, William, Woodland Hills, Calif., Thomas, Atlantic Highlands, N.J., Robert, Sarasota, Fla.,



William Van Laarhoven

James, Punta Gorda, and Christopher Chambers, Marathon, Fla.; two sisters, Josephine Reinhold, Sarasota, and LaVerne Zastrow, River Falls; one brother, Vernon, Blue Grass, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Leukemia Society of America.

Carl Reinhold

(1917-2002)

Carl Oliver Reinhold, 84, Salisbury, N.C., died Saturday, Jan. 5, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury, with Rev. Joseph Dinh officiating.

Summersett Funeral Home of Salisbury assisted the family with arrangements.

Carl Reinhold was born August 13, 1917 at Fairbank, Iowa, to the late Carl and Nora (Decker) Reinhold. He attended Medford area schools. He was a dairy farmer and during retirement was employed in the security field in Iowa and Florida.

He was a former member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medford, and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine (Van Laarhoven); four sons, Richard, Arville, N.D., Cary, Palmer, Alaska, David, St. Paul, Minn., and Lawrence, Walnut, Calif.; eight daughters, Judith Reinhold, Green Bay, Barbara Reinhold, Miami, Fla., Lois Hoppe, Rhinelander, Marlene Grandinetti, Arlington Heights, Ill., Carol Landry, Seattle, Wash., Carolyn Reinhold, Collins, Iowa, Kathleen Tonn,



Carl Reinhold

Anchorage, Alaska, and Valerie Reinhold, Salisbury; two sisters, Carrie Kerns, Oelwein, Iowa, and Hazel Moore, Medford; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Carl in infancy.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

Carl O. Reinhold

The funeral will be Thursday for Carl Oliver Reinhold, 84, Salisbury, who died Saturday (Jan. 5, 2002) at his home.

Born Aug. 13, 1917, in Fairbank, Iowa, Mr. Reinhold, a son of the late Carl Oscar and Nora Decker Reinhold, was educated in the Medford, Wisc., schools.

Since retiring as a dairy farmer, he has worked in the security field in Iowa and Florida. A former member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medford, Wisc., he was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury and Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include wife Josephine Van Laarhoven Reinhold; sons Richard Reinhold, Arvilla, N. Dak., Cary Reinhold, Palmer, Alaska, David Reinhold, St. Paul, Minn., and Lawrence Reinhold, Walnut, Calif.; daughters Judith Reinhold, Green Bay, Wisc., Barbara Reinhold, Miami, Fla., Lois Hoppe, Rhinelander, Wisc., Marlene Grandinetti, Arlington Heights, Ill., Carol Landry, Seattle, Wash., Carolyn Reinhold, Collins, Iowa, Kathleen Tonn, Anchorage, Alaska, and Valerie Reinhold, Salisbury; sisters Carrie Lucille Reinhold Kerns, Oelwein, Iowa, and Hazel Reinhold Moore, Medford, Wisc.; 22 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services: Mass of Christian burial, 10 a.m. Thursday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, conducted by the Rev. Joseph Dinh. The body will be cremated.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge.

Memorials: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 128 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144; or Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 424 Cedar St., Medford, WI 54451.

SALISBURY POST — JANUARY 9, 2002, SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINE



CARL OLIVER REINHOLD'S HEADSTONE — MEDFORD, WISCONSIN

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES.

BORN AUGUST 13, 1917 — DIED JANUARY 5, 2002.

STAR NEWS — JANUARY 10, 2002, MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

Josephine Reinhold

1925-2013



Josephine Mary Reinhold (nee Van Laarhoven), 88, formerly of Medford, passed away on April 23, 2013 in Hollywood, Florida.

Josephine was born on April 9, 1925 in Little Black, Wisconsin, to Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven. She was united in marriage to Carl Reinhold on June 5, 1946 in Medford, and together they raised 12 children on their family farm. Later they moved to Blue Grass, Iowa, Sarasota, Florida, Salisbury, North Carolina, and Hollywood, Florida. Josephine was a nurse for many years, a lifelong Catholic and devoted mother.

She is survived by her children, Judith Reinhold (Brian Hornewer) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Richard

(Alvern) Reinhold of Arvilla, North Dakota, Barbara Reinhold of Miami, Florida, Cary Reinhold of Palmer, Alaska, David Reinhold (Mary Hammond) of Prior Lake, Minnesota, Lois (David) Hoppe of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, Lawrence Reinhold (Tanya Tan) of Walnut, California, Marlene (Alfred) Grandinetti of Plymouth, Wisconsin, Carol (Kenneth) Landry of Seattle, Washington, Carolyn Reinhold of Collins, Iowa, Kathleen Tonn of Anchorage, Alaska, and Valerie Reinhold (David Joyce) of Missouri; 23 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, LaVerne M. (Lyle) Zastrow of River Falls, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, William Van Laarhoven, Vernon C. Van Laarhoven and Vernon K. Van Laarhoven (in infancy); and two sisters, Martina Van Laarhoven and LaVerne J. Van Laarhoven.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Medford on June 22, at 11 a.m., followed by interment of her cremated remains at Evergreen Cemetery.

Paid Obituary 25-129903

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MEDFORD, WISCONSIN



JOSEPHINE MARY REINHOLD'S HEADSTONE

MEDFORD, WISCONSIN

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES.

BORN APRIL 9, 1925 — DIED APRIL 23, 2013.

Josephine Reinhold

1925-2013



Former Medford resident Josephine Mary Reinhold, 88, Hollywood, Fla., died on Tuesday, April 23. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 11 a.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medford. Interment of her cremated remains will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Medford.

The former Josephine Van Laarhoven was born on April 9, 1925 in Little Black to the late Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven.

On June 5, 1945 in Medford, she married Carl Reinhold, who preceded her in death. They farmed and she was a nurse for many years. They moved to Blue Grass, Iowa, Sarasota, Fla., Salisbury, N.C. and Hollywood.

She was a lifelong Catholic.

Survivors include 12 children, Judith (Brian Hornewer) Reinhold of Green Bay, Richard (Alvern) Reinhold of Arvilla, N.D., Barbara Reinhold of Miami, Fla., Cary Reinhold of Palmer, Alaska, David (Mary Hammond) Reinhold of Prior Lake, Minn., Lois (David) Hoppe of Rhinelander, Lawrence (Tanya Tan) Reinhold of Walnut, Calif., Marlene (Alfred) Grandinetti of Plymouth, Carol (Kenneth) Landry of Seattle, Wash., Carolyn Reinhold of Collins, Iowa, Kathleen Tonn of Anchorage, Alaska, and Valerie (David Joyce) Reinhold of Mo.; a sister, LaVerne M. (Lyle) Zastrow of River Falls; 23 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, William Van Laarhoven, Vernon C. Van Laarhoven and Vernon K. Van Laarhoven, in infancy, and two sisters, Martina Van Laarhoven and LaVerne J. Van Laarhoven.

THE STAR NEWS — JUNE 13, 2013

MEDFORD, WISCONSIN



Vernon Carl Van Laarhoven

July 19, 1932—April 12, 2012

Blue Grass, Iowa

Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial for Vernon C. Van Laarhoven, 79, a resident of Blue Grass, Iowa will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2012 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 333 W. Lotte St., Blue Grass. Burial will be in Blue Grass Cemetery. The family will greet friends Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the church all are invited to join the family at 4:30 for a prayer service. Vernon died Thursday, April 12, 2012 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Vernon Carl Van Laarhoven was born July 19, 1932 in Medford, Wisconsin the son of Martin and Ludmilla

(Rothamer) Van Laarhoven. He was united in marriage to Eunice Bolstad on November 21, 1953. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from December 1954 to May 1956.

Vern grew up on the family farm in Medford, Wisconsin until his military service called him into action. Following his military discharge he returned to the family farm until he took a job in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin with American National Insurance. He was transferred to Davenport Iowa to manage the American National Insurance office and moved them into a building which he built on West Locust. His memberships included St. Andrew's Church,

Life Underwriters, NAIFA, Northwest Davenport Businessmen's Association, and Davenport Chamber of Commerce.

Vern's competitive spirit led him to excel in many card games, he also liked to play golf and ping-pong and enjoyed maintaining his garden. He was a licensed pilot and loved to fly his Cessna aircraft.

Memorials may be made to St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Eunice and their children, Charles Van Laarhoven, Buffalo, Carla Dacon, Rock Island and Sherry (Tom) Estrada, Blue Grass; 5 grandchildren Heather (Nick) Van Horn, Eric (Molly) Van Laarhoven, Aaron Dacon, Andy Dacon and Anthony Van Laarhoven; 3 great-grandchildren Jordan, Chloe and Nathan; 2 sisters, LaVerne (Lyle) Zastrow, River Falls, WI and Josephine Reinhold, Hollywood, FL.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Bill Van Laarhoven.

Uncle Vernon has been a great uncle to all. We as the immediate family have all enjoyed our fun times with him. Always a competitor. I don't care if it was , golf, ping pong, tennis cards, pool or whatever games you were playing with him. It was to win and take no quarter. He raised your game level to compete with him. He was a successful businessman and helped others become successful. He enriched many peoples lives. He will be sorely missed

We wish his family the best.



VAN LAARHOVEN IMPLEMENT COMPANY — MEDFORD, WISCONSIN
MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN WAS THE OWNER / OPERATOR.
BUILDING WAS THE OLD GERMANIN HALL.



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MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN WAS THE OWNER / OPERATOR.
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Josephine(Van Laarhoven) Reinhold explained that her father, Martin, fell ill with kidney stones in 1935. Martin had surgery to remove the kidney stones which made him very weak. According to Josephine, Martin started selling Massey-Harris tractors shortly after his surgery primarily to earn extra income because he was too weak to help with farm chores. She explained that Martin's stamina never really returned after the surgery.

On January 12, 1942, Martin and Ludmilla purchased an additional 45 acres of farm land for six hundred and fifty dollar.⁴³ Their new land was located a little over a mile from their home farm.⁴⁴

Van Laarhoven Plans For New Showroom

Excavation work for a new showroom at the Van Laarhoven Implement shop, the former Germania hall, was started Tuesday forenoon. The general contract has been let to Widmer & Ruesch, but the excavating is being done by the Mueller Bros., with the power shovel they purchased Monday from the Eggert Ice & Fuel Co.

Martin Van Laarhoven said yesterday that the excavation would extend 25 ft. under and the full width of the present building. The incline of the front of the building will also be cut to the sidewalk level. This is a width of about 33 feet. When completed, the showroom will measure 55x60 ft. It will have a ceiling height of 8 ft. under the present building, and 11 ft. for that portion clear of the building. The front will be of glass and brick, with the former predominating.

It was explained by Van Laarhoven that the addition would be a separate building, but would connect with the present structure through the use of steel beams.

STAR NEWS

MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

While his wife, and children ran the farm, Martin developed his implement business.⁴⁵ Martin purchased a piece of property that included a building in Little Black, Taylor County, Wisconsin.⁴⁶ The property was next to Mackoveck's printing shop in Little Black.⁴⁷ Later, Martin purchase a second piece of property located across the street from his first piece, and he moved the building from his first piece of property across the road to the newly purchased property.⁴⁸ With his second parcel, Martin had a shop and a lot to display his equipment.⁴⁹

⁴³ Quit Claim Deed, No. 113630, dated January 12, 1942, Vol. 102 Book of Deeds, p. 418, County Recorder, Taylor County, Wisconsin; 1950 Plat Map, Little Black Twonship.

⁴⁴ Quit Claim Deed, No. 113630; 1950 Plat Map, Little Black Township.

⁴⁵ Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.

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⁴⁸ Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.

⁴⁹ Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN'S HOUSE - 1977
125 NORTH WASHINGTON AVE., MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.



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125 NORTH WASHINGTON AVE., MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

Later, after World War II started, Martin sold both pieces of property in the Little Black and moved his implement business, including all his equipment to his farm located in the Little Black Township.⁵⁰ Martin's farm was adjacent to the property on which Little Black State Graded School was located.⁵¹ He ran his implement business from his farm until on April 14, 1944 when he purchased property in Medford, Wisconsin on which the Germanin Hall was located. He bought the property from the Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus for \$2,500.⁵² The Germanin Hall was in the general vicinity of and on the same street as the Medford Court House and Jail.⁵³ After Martin purchase the property on which the Germanin Hall sat, he ran his implement business out of the Germanin Hall until his death in 1955.⁵⁴

On May 14, 1952, Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven purchased Ludmilla (Kummer) Rothamer's house in the City of Medford from Ludmilla Van Laarhoven's brother and his wife, David and Hanna Rothamer for \$6,000.⁵⁵ David and Hanna carried Martin and Ludmill's \$2,500 five year mortgage.⁵⁶ David and Hanna inherited the house from David's mother, Ludmilla (Kummer) Rothamer when she died November 30, 1951.⁵⁷

Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold explained that Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven planned to move into Ludmilla (Kummer) Rothamer's house in Medford after they purchased it.⁵⁸ But when the Korean War broke out, their son, Vernon Van Laarhoven, was drafted into the military.⁵⁹ He had been operating their farm in the Town of Little Black.⁶⁰ As a result, Martin and Ludmilla's plans changed.⁶¹ Martin lived in the house in Medford for six months after having bought the house and Ludmilla took care of the farm, coming into Medford each Sunday.⁶²

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- 50 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.
 - 51 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.
 - 52 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold; Warranty Deed, No. 118865, dated April 14, 1944, Vol. 103 of Deeds, p. 605, County Recorder, Taylor County, Wisconsin.; Warranty Deed, No. 129902, dated September 26, 1947, Vol. 116 of Deeds, p. 448, County Recorder, Taylor County, Wisconsin.
 - 53 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.
 - 54 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.
 - 55 Warrant Deed, No. 140157, dated May 14, 1952, Vol. 120 of Deeds, p. 490, Register of Deeds, Taylor County, Wisconsin.
 - 56 Mortgage, No. 140158, dated May 14, 1952, Vol. 100 of Mortgages, p. 100; Satisfaction Of Mortgage, No. 142942 dated August 25, 1953, Vol. 99 of Mortgages, p. 598.
 - 57 Judgment Allowing Final Account And Assigning Estate dated May 24, 1952, In Re Estate Of Ludmilla Rothamer, Also Known As Ludmilla Rothammer, Deceased; No. 140126, Vol. AB of Misc., p. 84, Register of Deeds, Taylor County, Wisconsin.
 - 58 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.
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 - 62 Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold.

WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 14th day of April, A.D. 1944, between THE MEDFORD COUNCIL 1744, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, party of the first part, and MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) to it in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, alienated, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, alien, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, his heirs, and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Taylor and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

Lots Numbered Nine (9) and Ten (10), in Block Numbered Seventeen (17), of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company's Plat of the Village of (now city) of Medford.

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises and their hereditaments and appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as above described with the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject however, to the following conditions: The grantee herein agrees, together with his heirs and assigns, that the above described premises, and any buildings thereon, shall not be used for any public or private meetings without the written consent of the grantor herein.

It is further agreed by the grantee, his heirs and assigns, that the grantor may use two upstairs rooms in the west end of the said building now on the premises, for its meetings without having to pay any rent therefor, and as often as may be desired until such time as said grantor may be able to build or acquire some other building for the purpose of holding said meetings; but not to exceed two years after the war ceases and the United States shall have declared peace.

It is further agreed that if the grantee herein should desire to sell said premises, the grantor shall be given the first opportunity to repurchase the same; the value for the purpose of such repurchase shall be determined by three appraisers, one to be selected by the grantor, one by the grantee, and the third, by the other two appraisers; the value so determined by such appraisers, shall not exceed the sum of Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars, (\$2500.00), and shall be based upon the depreciation from usage and age from the time of this conveyance, as well as the value to which the grantor might put the same.

And the said Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus, for itself, its heirs, executors and administrators, does covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enrolling and delivery of these presents, it is well seized of the premises above described as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, in fee simple and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever, and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof, it will forever Warrant and Defend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, A. J. Cunningham, Grand Knight, and Arthur Gelhaus, Walter Newburg and Herbert Retterath, Trustees, have executed this deed pursuant to and by virtue of the authority in them vested by said Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus, and have hereunto subscribed our names officially and affixed the seal of said Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus, this 14th day of April, A.D. 1944.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
Ethel M. Andresen
Clarence Simon

MEDFORD COUNCIL 1744,
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Corporate Name)
A. J. Cunningham (Seal)
Grand Knight
Arthur J. Gelhaus (Seal)
Trustee
Walter H. Newburg (Seal)
Trustee
Herbert C. Retterath (Seal)
Trustee

State of Wisconsin)
County of Taylor)SS

Personally came before me this 14th day of April, A.D. 1944, the above named A. J. Cunningham, Grand Knight, Arthur Gelhaus, Walter Newburg, and Herbert Retterath, Trustees,

respectively, of the Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing deed and acknowledged that they as such officer and trustees executed the foregoing instrument for and on behalf and as the free act and deed of said Medford Council 1744, Knights of Columbus, and as such officer and trustees.

NOTARY SEAL

Clarence Simon
Notary Public, Taylor Co., Wis.
My commission expires 3-28-48

Received for record this 14 day of
April, A.D. 1944 at 4:00 o'clock P.M.,
G. A. Govey, Register of Deeds

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NUMBER

129902

This Indenture, Made by Otto Zuleger and Tillie Zuleger, his wife, individually
and as husband and wife

grantors, of

Taylor

County, Wisconsin, hereby conveys and warrants to

Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, husband and wife,
as joint tenants

granteeS, of

Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin, for

the sum of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00)

the following tract of land in Taylor County, State of Wisconsin:

The West sixteen (16) feet of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8),
Block Seventeen (17), of Wisconsin Central Railroad Company's First
Addition to the village, now city, of Medford, Wisconsin.
(W 16 ft. Lot 7, and W 16 ft. Lot 8, Blk 17).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said grantors have hereunto set their hands and seal this 26 day of

Sept. A. D., 19 47.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

G. A. Govey
(G. A. Govey)
Mildred Pfaff
(Mildred Pfaff)

Otto Zuleger
(Otto Zuleger)
Tillie Zuleger
(Tillie Zuleger)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
Taylor County. ss.

Personally came before me, this

26

day of

Sept.

A. D., 19 47

the above named

Otto Zuleger and Tillie Zuleger, husband and wife

to me known to be the person S who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this

26

day of

Sept. A. D., 19 47, at 3-

o'clock P. M.

G. A. Govey

Register of Deeds.

Deputy.

NOTARY

SEAL

G. A. Govey
(G. A. Govey)
Notary Public, Taylor

County, Wis.

My Commission expires 3-11

A. D., 19 51

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WARRANTY DEED.

STATE OF WISCONSIN—FORM No. 9

H. C. MILLER CO., MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53103

NUMBER

140157

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This Indenture, Made by David Rothamer and Hannah Rothamer, his wife, and Clara Floeckelman, and Ludmilla Van Laarhoven,

grantor s. s. s.

~~XXXXXX~~ hereby conveys and warrants to Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, his wife, as joint tenants,

grantee s. of Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin, for

the sum of Six Thousand and no/100 Dollars - - - - -

the following tract of land in Taylor County, State of Wisconsin:

That part of Lot Nine (9), in Block Thirteen (13), of Mc Cartney & Whelen's Addition to the City of Medford, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing on the Easterly line of said lot twenty feet northerly of the southeast corner thereof; running thence westerly parallel with the southerly line of said lot to the westerly line of said lot; thence northerly along the westerly line of said lot fifty-five feet (55'); thence easterly to a point on the easterly line of said lot fifty-five feet (55') northerly of the place of beginning; thence southerly along the Easterly line of said lot to the place of beginning.

Second parties pay the taxes for 1952 when same become due.

\$6.60 REVENUE STAMPS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said grantor s have hereunto set their hand s and seal s this 14 day of

May, A. D., 19 52.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

Emilie Giese
(Emilie Giese)
Mildred Zentner
(Mildred Zentner)

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Taylor

County, ss.

David Rothamer (SEAL)
(David Rothamer)
Hannah Rothamer (SEAL)
(Hannah Rothamer)
Clara Floeckelman (SEAL)
(Clara Floeckelman)
Ludmilla Van Laarhoven (SEAL)
(Ludmilla Van Laarhoven)

Personally came before me, this

14th

day of

May

, A. D., 19 52,

the above named David Rothamer and Hannah Rothamer, his wife, and Clara Floeckelman, and
Ludmilla Van Laarhoven,

to me known to be the person s who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this

2

day of

June A. D., 19 52, at 1:40

o'clock P.M.

G. A. Gowey

Register of Deeds.

Deputy.

NOTARY

SEAL

Notary Public,

Taylor

County, Wis.

My Commission expires October 13, A. D., 19 52

Emilie Giese
(Emilie Giese)

Know all Men, That Martin Van Learhoven and Ludmilla Van Learhoven
husband and wife,

mortgagor s, of - - - Taylor - - - County, Wisconsin,
hereby mortgage to David Rothamer and Hannah Rothamer, his wife, or the
survivor of them,

of Town of Little Black, Taylor County, Wisconsin, - - - - -
for the sum of Twenty-five Hundred and no/100 - - - - - Dollars,
the following tract of land in - - Taylor - - County, State of Wisconsin:

That part of Lot Nine (9), in Block Thirteen (13), of Mc Cartney
& Whelen's Addition to the City of Medford, Wisconsin, described
as follows:

Commencing on the Easterly line of said Lot twenty
feet northerly of the southeast corner thereof;
running thence westerly parallel with the southerly
line of said lot to the westerly line of said lot;
thence northerly along the westerly line of said lot
fifty-five feet (55'); thence easterly to a point
on the easterly line of said lot fifty-five feet
(55') northerly of the place of beginning; thence
southerly along the Easterly line of said lot to
the place of beginning.

This mortgage is given to secure the following indebtedness:

Twenty-five Hundred - - Dollars payable on or five years from the date hereof
with interest thereon until paid, at the rate of four per cent, per annum, payable semi-annually, according to
the conditions of One certain promissory note bearing even date herewith executed by the said
Martin Van Learhoven and Ludmilla Van Learhoven, his wife,

mortgagor s to the said mortgagee s

The mortgagors agree to pay all taxes and assessments of every kind, ordinary or extraordinary, which may
be assessed or levied upon or against said described premises, or upon this mortgage, or the note thereby secured,
or upon the mortgage interest in said premises created by this instrument.

The mortgagor s agree to cause said premises to be assessed as unincumbered real estate (and so long as the
indebtedness mentioned herein, or any part thereof, remains unpaid; to cause the building located upon said described
premises to be insured in some solvent fire insurance companies, authorized to do business within
the state of Wisconsin,

~~selected by said mortgagor~~ , ~~XXX XXXX~~
or ~~assigns~~, in the sum of at least three thousand and no/100 - - - - - Dollars,

and the policy or policies of insurance issued thereon made payable to and deposited with said mortgagee s, their
heirs or assigns;) and in case of the non-performance of any of the agreements herein contained, by said mortgagor s
to be kept and performed, then it shall be lawful for said mortgagee s, their heirs or assigns, to expend any
sum of money necessary to preserve the lien of said mortgagee upon said premises, in payment of taxes, (insurance
money,) or otherwise, and said mortgagee s, their heirs or assigns are hereby authorized in the event of the
non-performance of any of the above agreements, to grant, bargain, sell and convey said real estate at public auction,
and make all needful deeds of conveyance to the purchaser thereof, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and pro-
vided, and out of the proceeds arising from said sale to reimburse them for all costs, charges, taxes and
insurance moneys, which they shall have expended in and about the preservation of said premises, or of any
suit to foreclose this mortgage, together with a reasonable sum of money as solicitor's fees.

It is understood and agreed by the said mortgagor s, that the agreements contained herein shall not be construed to in any wise abrogate or abridge any of the rights and remedies given to a mortgagee under section 2209 of the Statutes of Wisconsin, of 1898, and that this instrument shall have all of the force of an instrument drawn in the form set forth in said section.

In Witness Whereof, the said mortgagor s ha vhereunto set - their - hand s and seal s this
- 14th - - day of May , A.D., 19 52

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

Emilie Giese
Emilie Giese

Mildred Zentner
Mildred Zentner

Martin Van Laarhoven (SEAL)
Martin Van Laarhoven

Ludmilla Van Laarhoven (SEAL)
Ludmilla Van Laarhoven

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

State of Wisconsin }
County, }

Personally came before me this 14th day of - - - - May, - - - - A.D., 1952,

the above named Martin Van Laarhoven and Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, husband and wife,

to me known to be the person s who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Emilie Giese
Emilie Giese

Notary Public Taylor County, Wis.

My Commission expires October 13 A.D., 1952.

(N. B.—Chapter 59 Wisconsin Statutes provides that all instruments to be recorded shall have plainly printed or typewritten thereon the names of grantors, grantees, witnesses, and notary.)

140158

No.

Martin Van Laarhoven and
Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, his
wife, To

Boris Rothamer and Hannah
Rothamer, his wife.

MORTGAGE

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

State of Wisconsin,

LAKE COUNTY.

Received for Record this day

of June, A. D.,

1952 at 1:45 clock P. M. and

recorded in Vol. 100 of Mortgages.

on page 100

W. H. Dwyer
Register of Deeds

Deputy Register of Deeds

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We hereby Certify, that the mortgage executed by Martin Van Laarhoven and
Ludmilla Van Laarhoven, husband and wife
to David Rothamer and Hannah Rothamer, his wife, or the survivor of them
dated the 14th day May, A. D. 19 52, and recorded in the office of the
Register of Deeds of Taylor County, State of Wisconsin, on the 2nd
day of June, A. D. 19 52, at 1:40 o'clock P. M., in Volume 100 of
Mortgages, on page 100, Document No. 140158, is fully paid and satisfied.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th
day of August, A. D., 19 53.

Signed and Sealed in Presence of

[Signature]
S. A. Colby
[Signature]
Shirley Rothamer

State of Wisconsin

[Signature] ss.
Taylor County.

Personally came before me, this 25th day of August, A. D., 19 53
the above named David Rothamer and Hannah Rothamer, husband and wife

to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

142942

No. _____

David Rothamer & Wife

To

Martin Van Laarhoven & Wife

100-100

[Signature]

[Signature]

Satisfaction of Mortgage

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

State of Wisconsin,

[Signature] County.

Received for record this 2nd day

of Sept A. D.

19 53 at 9 o'clock M.

and recorded in Vol. 99 of Mort-

gages, on page 598

[Signature] Register of Deeds.

[Signature] Deputy.

[Signature]

Martin Van Laarhoven died January 17, 1955 in Medford, Wisconsin and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Medford,⁶³ although his death certificate says Martin was buried in the Medford Catholic Cemetery, Medford, Wisconsin.⁶⁴ His death certificate indicates that he was living at 262 Washington Ave., Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin at the time of his death and he had been living there for six months prior to his death.⁶⁵ Martin was 59 years old and married when he died⁶⁶ He died of acute ventricular fibrillation due to myocardial infarct.⁶⁷ A period of 12 hours passed from the onset of the condition causing Martin's death until his death.⁶⁸ LaVerne (Van Laarhoven) Zastrow & Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold explained that maybe in medical terms, 12 hours passed from the onset of the condition causing his death, but for those present when he died, his death was very sudden, within seconds. His social security number was 390-32-8298.⁶⁹ Mrs. Ludmilla Van Laarhoven provided the information contained in Martin's certificate of death.⁷⁰

Josephine (Van Laarhoven) Reinhold wrote:⁷¹

On Monday morning, January 17, 1955, Father did not feel well so he decided to see Dr. Pieterston. He thought he had the flu. Father walked the short distance from the shop to the chiropractor's office, had his treatment and returned to the shop. Mauritz Eagle, our milkman, hauled the morning milk from his route to the factory and then went to the shop. He enjoyed my father's company. There were other folks there including my brother, Bill. Father was telling a joke when all of a sudden he fell from his chair and died from a massive heart attack. Mauritz Eagle tried CPR. Dr. Meyer and the priest were called. Mother was called from the farm. We lost our father so quickly. It was such a shock! The Red Cross called my brother, Vernon, home again and he stayed several weeks. When the Red Cross called, Vernon was certain one of his babies had died. When the babies were born, Carla weighed in at an ounce or two over two pounds and Charles weighed in a few ounces over three pounds. Vernon was overwhelmed when he was told his father died. Our entire family could not get over the sudden shock. Bill was devastated seeing his father joking one minute and dead the next. Our mother was devastated. Father was always her shining star. They had many difficult times, but forgiveness was always around the corner. Vernon was just home and his father was fine. Then he was gone. For me, I lost a friend I had finally found. LaVerne took it very hard. She felt she had shortened her father's life by leaving the faith he held so dear.

Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will and Testament dated December 5, 1952 left everything he owned to his wife, Ludmilla.⁷² Specific property identified in Martin's will was the Massey-Harris Agency and business enterprise, the farm located in the Town of Little Black, dwelling house in the City of Medford and various personal property.⁷³ Martin's son, William Van Laarhoven was named as Martin's executor.⁷⁴

63 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death; "Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven's Obituary," November 17, 1982.

64 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

65 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

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68 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

69 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

70 Martin Van Laarhoven's Certificate of Death.

71 Tears & Joy, p. 195.

72 Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament, Certificate of Probate & Judgment Allowing Final Account and Assigning Estate, No. 148398, Vol AB of Misc., p. 40, County Recorder, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

73 Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament.

74 Martin Van Laarhoven's Last Will And Testament.

The Warrant To Appraisers, Oath and General Inventory identified Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven's property and appraised value at Martin's death. The property and its value were as follows:⁷⁵

Homestead - House in the City of Medford:	\$6,000	
Farm Property - Located in Town of Little Black:	6,800	
Farm Inventory - Livestock & Equipment	2,620	
Shop Machinery & Parts	9,565	
Accounts Receivable (less doubtful accounts)	1,781	
Stock & Bond	873	
1948 Kaiser four door sedan	100	
Checking Account	1,328	
Personal Property omitted from inventory	585	
Net income during administration	<u>3,355</u>	
Total		\$33,007

At the time of Martin's death, Martin and Ludmilla (Rothamer) Van Laarhoven's dairy farm consisted of 125 acres⁷⁶ with 13 milk cows, 8 heifers, 8 small heifers, ten chickens and the following equipment:⁷⁷

1	garden tractor	1	mower
1	corn planter	1	Masey-Harris, 101 Junior Tractor, 1946
1	corn binder	1	Pony tractor, 1951
1	grain drill	1	hay loader
1	lime spreader	1	manure loader
1	side rake	1	plow
1	combine	1	hammer mill
1	power saw	6	milk cans
2	milk pails	1	milk machine
1	silo filler	1	electric motor

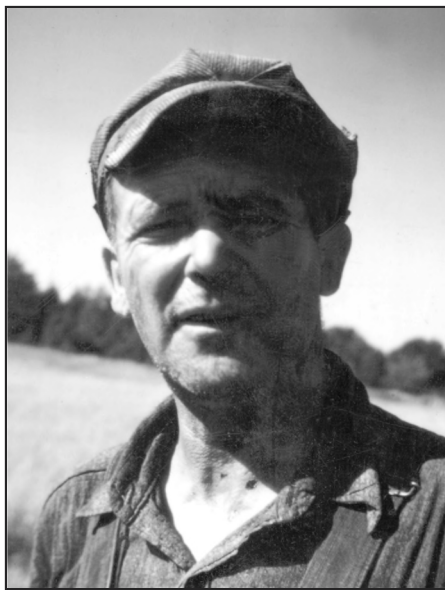
⁷⁵ Warrant To Appraisers, Oath And General Inventory, Schedules A, B & C dated, September 20, 1955, In Re Estate of Martin Van Laarhoven.

⁷⁶ Warranty Deed, No 149902 dated May 2, 1957, Vol. 126, Book of Deeds, Page 349, Taylor County, Wisconsin; Warranty Deed, No. 152985 dated November 13, 1958, Vol. 129, Book of Deeds, p. 169, Taylor County, Wisconsin.

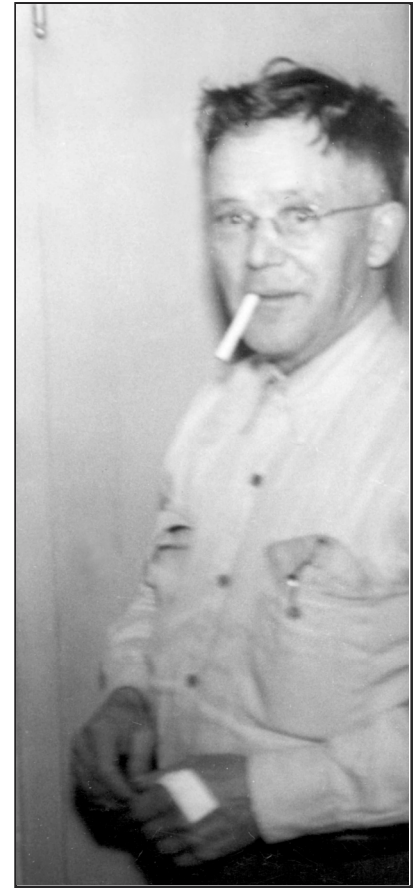
⁷⁷ Warrant To Appraisers, Oath And General Inventory, Schedules A, B & C and Personal Estate, In Re Estate of Martin Van Laarhoven.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN
AGES 58 AND 55, RESPECTIVELY.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN
LUDMILLA'S HUSBAND.



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 8, 1955.



MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN
PICTURE TAKEN 1953 ON HIS FARM IN
LITTLE BLACK, WISCONSIN.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA VAN LAARHOVEN



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
VISITING HENRY AND MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN.
GIRL IS HENRY AND MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER, BERNICE.



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
HOLDING BERNICE VAN LAARHOVEN,
HENRY AND MARIE
VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
VISITING HENRY AND MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN.



LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
VISITING HENRY AND MARIE
VAN LAARHOVEN.



MARTIN AND LUDMILLA (ROTHAMER) VAN LAARHOVEN
VISITING HENRY AND MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN.

L TO R: MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN, HENRY VAN LAARHOVEN'S WIFE,
MARTIN VAN LAARHOVEN AND WIFE, LUDMILLA AND BERNICE VAN
LAARHOVEN, HENRY AND MARIE VAN LAARHOVEN'S DAUGHTER.