

Scenes From Princeton's Past

This article is a continuation of the Yahr family story published on July 12th, which featured Frank Joseph Yahr and his wife Emma Amanda Fierke Yahr. Frank and Emma had four children, George F. Yahr, Victor F. Yahr, Edmund A. Yahr, and Irene Elna *Yahr* Siegmund.

George F. Yahr was born in 1881 and died in 1954. He married Condina *Fratzke* on January 14, 1904 in Ripon Wisconsin. Condina was born in 1881 and lived until 1960. Records indicate that George was a student in Watertown in the early 1900's and shortly thereafter, the family relocated to Chicago, Cook County, IL. George was a salesman for a lumber company, which was listed as Czerwiec Lumber Company in the 1940 Census. George and Condina had one daughter, Emma. Emma was raised in Chicago, receiving her education there and completing it at the University of Wisconsin, after which she became Newspaper and Radio Publicity writer for a Milwaukee Advertising Agency. She was married to Harold Twamley in 1936, and upon retirement they moved to Green Lake where he preceded her in death in 1976. Emma passed away in 1996 and they are buried in the Princeton City Cemetery. George and Condina are not buried in the Yahr Mausoleum however are buried in the City Cemetery.



Picture: Emma Yahr picture taken from the UW Madison Year book of 1930.

Victor F. Yahr was born in 1884 and died in 1933 as a result of an automobile accident in Kiel, WI. Victor had married Anna Otilie *Krueger* on July 7, 1906 in Grand Haven Michigan and had four children, Carl, Victor, Lucile, and Marguerite. The 1920 Census indicates Victor ran a grocery store and Anna worked in the grocery/dry goods store as well. Their family grew having four children, Carl, Victor Jr., Lucile and Marguerite. With the busy household, Victor and Anna employed a servant Alma Klingbeil who lived with them helping the family out with household and child care, as was also noted in the census. A tragic accident claimed Victor's life at the age of 48. He was a merchant in Kiel and one day, close to town, his vehicle collided with another car and crashed into a culvert. Yahr died in route to the hospital. An inquest into the accident found the accident was unavoidable. In later years, Anna relocated to California and died 2/15/1974 in Oakland CA at the age of 87. Victor and Anna are buried in the City Cemetery but not inside the mausoleum.

Young Victor (son of Victor and Anna), was born on March 28, 1910 and married Ruth Hull, April 3, 1939 in Markesan. Victor had owned and operated a clothing store and a grocery business in Princeton. He was a member of the Princeton Rotary Club and the Ripon-Green Lake Masonic Lodge #95. Victor and Ruth had two children, Antoinette *Yahr* Good and Dr. James Yahr.

Carl, another son of Victor and Anna is buried in Del Norte County, CA along with their daughter, Lucile, being buried in Walnut Creek CA.

Frank and Emma's third son, Edmund A. Yahr, was born in 10/18/1886 and died 6/13/1932 at the age of 45. Edmund also served in the military and never married. He is buried in the Mausoleum with his parents.

Irene E. Yahr Siegmund was the youngest of the children, born 7/12/1888. She married Dr. Fredrick Siegmund in 9/1918 at the age of 30. The couple relocated to California where they lived the majority of their life. Frederick died in 1963 at the age of 78 and Irene lived until the age of 97, passing away in 7/10/1986. They had two daughters, Marion A. *Siegmund* Allen (1914-1982) and Josephine Marian Siegmund, an infant daughter who passed away in 1916. Dr. Frederick & Irene along with their two daughters, Marion and Josephine, are buried in the Yahr Mausoleum.



F. J. Yahr of Princeton and his daughter Irene in the front seat of an early auto parked at their Green Lake cottage in 1912

(The Photo caption is below the picture)

The information for this article came from findagrave.com, Ancestry.com, and the book, "Come Back in Time", Vol II Business and Commerce by Elaine Reetz. If anyone has any information or photos of the Yahr Family or anyone else buried in the City of Princeton Cemetery, please contact City Hall at 920-295-6612 or mail to PO Box 53 or bring to City Hall at 531 S Fulton Street or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com.

The City of Princeton Cemetery Walk is August 25, 2018, at 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM. The Band Mother's Cook Book is still available and can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or at the Berlin Journal Newspapers Office. The City of Princeton is in the Milk Moola Program from Kwik Trip, and is saving the caps from milk products. If anyone has any caps that they are not saving for another organization, the milks caps can be dropped off at City Hall. The money from the milk caps is going toward buying the cleaning solution to clean the gravestones in the cemetery. We have just sent in our first batch of milk caps and will be purchasing the D-2 cleaning solution used on the gravestones.

The re-published Princeton, WI, Quas Qui Centennial Books, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973, are available and were recently reprinted by the Berlin Journal Newspapers. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or contact Mark Judas or Patty Wianecki at US Bank. The Quas Qui Centennial Book will be the companion Book to the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book that is being compiled and will be printed and available with the History of Princeton from 1973 to 2023. The Quarto Sept Centennial Book will be available later in the year 2022.