

Abraham Jessen

Born
2/22/1872Perth
Amboy, NJ
Died: 1/15/1939
Chicago

Period of Service: WW I
US Coast Guard
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Monument, Cemetery 012
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Parents were Conrad Jessen and Wilhelmina Hansen.

Married Anna Gudmundsen, daughter of Arni Gudmundsen on September 11, 1901. They lost an infant daughter shortly after birth. Abraham had just been posted to Milwaukee as wheelsman on the steamer *Steward*. From Grassy Island, he was sent to Poverty Island as assistant lighthouse keeper in 1911 where he was stationed until 1936. He remarried Grace Guinan in December 1913 and settled in his old home on Washington Island. He bought a half interest in a boat 'hooker' the *Wanderer* which had an engine problem a couple years later. He helped build Nelson's Hall in 1899. He had three sons, Ted and John by his first wife. In 1936 he went to Florida for his health but returned to Chicago where he died in a marine hospital in 1939.