

## Dewey C. Thordarson

Born April 14, 1897

Died: April 9, 1968

Period of Service: WW I

Navy

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JG, Jeannie Hutchins

He was the son of Chester Thordarson, the inventor that owned Rock Island. He married Dan Lindal's sister Helga (1905-2001) but they had no children. Dewey worked at his father's firm, Thordarson Electric in Chicago, where he had at least one patent of his own, granted on a transformer he devised. His hobby was oil painting. He was a member of the Icelandic Club of Chicago where he met his wife Helga.

Jeannie Hutchins is his niece by marriage, and knew the family well. She has several of his paintings and remembers him as a "kind, jolly man."

He wintered in Boca Raton. He and Helga and brother Trygve's widow sold Rock Island to the State of Wisconsin in 1965. Jack Hagen was Washington Island chairman at the time and helped arrange the sale.

Dewey's parents were Chester Thordarson and Julianna Fredericksdotter who were married in 1894.