

CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter March 2021

Hello,
March came in like a lamb. Does that mean it will go out like a lion? Some brave flowers are blooming in front of the Atlantic Public Library.

We will not have a business meeting in March. A special program will be available via Zoom thanks to Michelle, Library Director for scheduling and to Carolyn DeLay, presenter.

On Thursday, March 25, 1 pm, Join Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82773577008?pwd=VytJV2doFRvSDlDdjI5VXU5czkwUT09>

A NEW VIEW OF AN OLD HOME

The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown has come a long way from the first resident in 1887 to the campus of over 150 acres now.

Carolyn DeLay will present the history of the Iowa Veterans Home from its inception to the present day. Born and raised in Marshalltown, she has a special connection to the place. As a retired veteran's former spouse, and an RN who has worked at Veterans Hospitals, she is familiar with Veterans and their needs.



Along with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Bible, Psychology, Nursing and music, Carolyn DeLay has long had a passion for history and genealogy. She has given many programs to various genealogy societies and chapters of Iowa Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A WOMAN FORGOTTEN?

Jane Papathakos, 93, died October 15, 2018 at Heritage House. She lived at 509 ½ Chestnut St in downtown Atlantic for many years. Her story begins in Sparta, Greece the birth place of her mother Mary and her father Costas.

Costas Papathakos came to Chicago in 1904 and Mary Lianos came to Chicago in 1914. By 1915, Costas was living in Atlantic. Mary and Costas married in 1917 in Illinois. They lived above the confectionary store they owned at 509 Chestnut. On May 24, 1919, their first child Louis was born.

Life did not go smoothly for the family. In January 1924, Costas lost his license to sell cigarettes due to selling to minors and without required tax stamps. Jane was born April 18, 1925. On January 23, 1929, Leo was born. Sometime between 1925 and 1930, Louis was taken to the Iowa Institution for Feeble Minded Children in Glenwood, Iowa.

The 1930's brought more bad news. Mary petitioned for a divorce March of 1933. Mary charged Costas with cruel and inhuman treatment saying that he beat her and threatened to shoot her and the children. She said that he threatened to throw their youngest son out a second-floor window where they lived above the confectionary. The children at home were Jane, 7 and Leo, 4.

Mary asked for attachment of property owned by her husband, alimony and child support. The divorce was granted May, 1933. At that time, Mary asked for money for only the two younger children, Jane and Leo.

Costas died in Chicago in 1935. Mary continued to live in Atlantic with Jane and Leo until Mary died December 19, 1942. Jane was 17 and Leo was almost 14.

Jane was an honor student and received a National Quill and Scroll honor pin. She graduated from Atlantic High School in May 1944. On November 29, 1944, Louis died in Glenwood.

After high school, Jane worked as secretary to the Cass County Attorney. Throughout the years, she donated to charitable events, served on a petit jury, displayed a collection of modern ruby glass at the Atlantic Public Library, and attended the class reunion for the AHS Class of 1944 in June 1989.

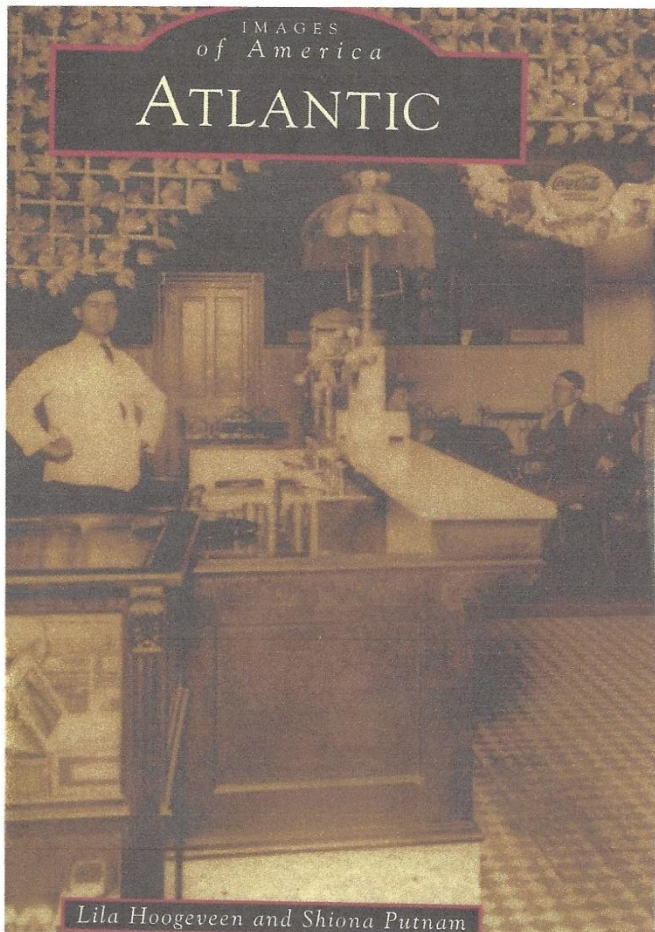
Leo graduated from Atlantic High School in

1947 and from the University of Iowa in 1955. He was employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration research department in Cleveland, Ohio. Sadly in 1983, he died at age 54 as a result of a car-pedestrian accident. Funeral services were held in both Ohio and Atlantic.

With Leo's death, Jane's family was gone. She lived another 25 years. Per Jane's wish, there were private graveside services at the Atlantic Cemetery. There was no obituary.

There must be more to Jane's story. We know she chose Atlantic for her entire life.

This information was found by Carolyn Key and Mary Hoegh by using Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, and past issues of the Atlantic News Telegraph available by accessing Advantage Preservation Archive online through Atlantic Public Library.



This picture was taken from the cover of *Images of America ATLANTIC* by Lila Hoogeveen and Shiona Putnam. On the inside cover they have written: Costas Papatthakos, the proud owner of Costas Confectionery, stands behind the counter. Chris Yeanos is sitting in a booth with Mary Lianos Papatthakos, Costas's wife.

Several times a year, a Coca-Cola salesman supplying five-gallon cans of fountain syrup would visit and decorate the store free of charge. (Courtesy of Jane Papatthakos)

Note from Mary

What does the Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation (1957) and Intel (1968) have to do with Atlantic, Iowa?

While reading in the *Atlantic News Telegraph* the recent obituary of Bob Jones, 93 of Anita who passed away Jan. 17, 2021 I found something interesting. Robert Edward Jones was born 6-14-1927 in Atlantic. His parents were William and Loretta (Deeming) Jones. Bob graduated from Atlantic High School with the class of 1945. The obit mentions he had a childhood friend, Bobby Noyce, who later became a co-founder of Intel Corporation. Noyce became known worldwide as **The Man Behind the Micro-Chip**.

Biography of Robert Noyce 1927-1990

By Mary Bellis

Robert Noyce was the co-inventor of the integrated circuit aka the microchip along with Jack Kilby. It was while Noyce was working as General Manager at Fairchild Semiconductor that he invented the microchip for which he received patent #2,981,877. At Intel, Robert Noyce managed and oversaw the group of inventors that invented the revolutionary microprocessor. In 1949 Noyce received his B.A. from Grinnell College in IA. In 1953 he received his Ph.D. in physical electronics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robert Noyce worked as a researcher for Philco Corporation until 1956, when he started working for the Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory in Palo Alto, CA making transistors. In 1957, Robert Noyce co-founded the Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation. In 1968, Noyce co-founded the Intel Corporation with Gordon Moore.

Robert Noyce was born Dec. 12, 1927 in Burlington, IA to Ralph B. and Harriet Norton Noyce. Robert's father was a Congregational Church minister and the family moved several times. The Noyce Family were living in Atlantic on the 1930 census. The family moved to Webster City in 1936 where Rev. Noyce took over that church. Even though Bobby Noyce was only in Atlantic a few short years he was fondly remembered by his old playmate Bob Jones. Robert Noyce died June 3, 1990 in Austin TX. Burial site unknown.