

# THE RED STAR LINE TRUNK

## PART II



Former owner was Katherine D Leggett (See Part I)

This trunk is completely original, and includes two trays, although the exterior is damaged and the interior is showing signs of old age. The trunk was built ca 1877, has survived numerous oceanic voyages and later came into the hands of a lady named Clara Turner Wohlford.

Although Clara most likely acquired this used trunk in the 1930's or 1940's, researching her family genealogy took me back to Civil War Days and a fascinating woman named Maude Wallace Cravens. Clara Wohlford's daughter, Bernice, married Maude's son Southworth (aka "Worth") Cravens.

Worth & Bernice Cravens' lives ended here in California. Bernice's husband died in Sonoma, California in 1972 and Bernice lived another 10 years, passing in 1982. It is my belief that Clara's trunk came here to California during the WWII years that brought Bernice and Worth Cravens to the west coast.





Two trays inside

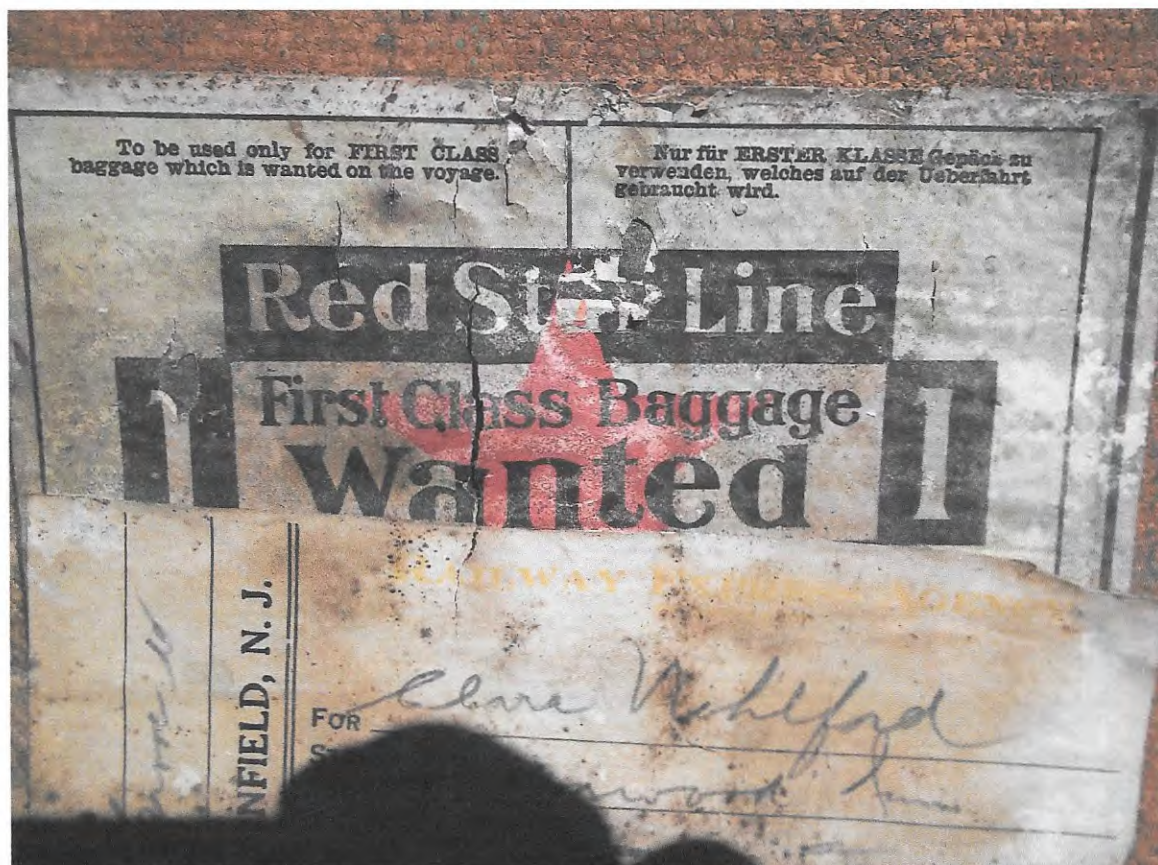


Inside with trays removed



Per the 1910 Census, Clara Wohlford is listed as divorced and states her occupation as Sales Lady and Travels. Clara and her first husband, John Wohlford, had two children - Bernice (born in 1897) and Clarence (born in 1899). There is a record that Clara remarried in 1922 to a widower named Anthony Yess. Clara, however, traveled to Paris seven years later under her previous married name of Wohlford. The 1940 Census shows that Clara is widowed and is a Cottage Matron at a Women's Reformatory in New Jersey. The Census indicates that she had been residing in Plainfield, NJ in 1935.

I have not been able to find any records of extensive international travel by Clara. However, on September 14, 1929 (age 53) she returned from Europe, departing from Le Havre on the Carmania, arriving at the Port of New York on September 22, 1929 (an 8 day voyage), perhaps after visiting Paris, France.



The Railway Baggage Tag showing "Clara Wohlford"





Clara passed away in 1952 and her grave marker in Fairview Cemetery, Saint Elmo, Fayette County, Illinois bears the name Clara Turner Wohlford.