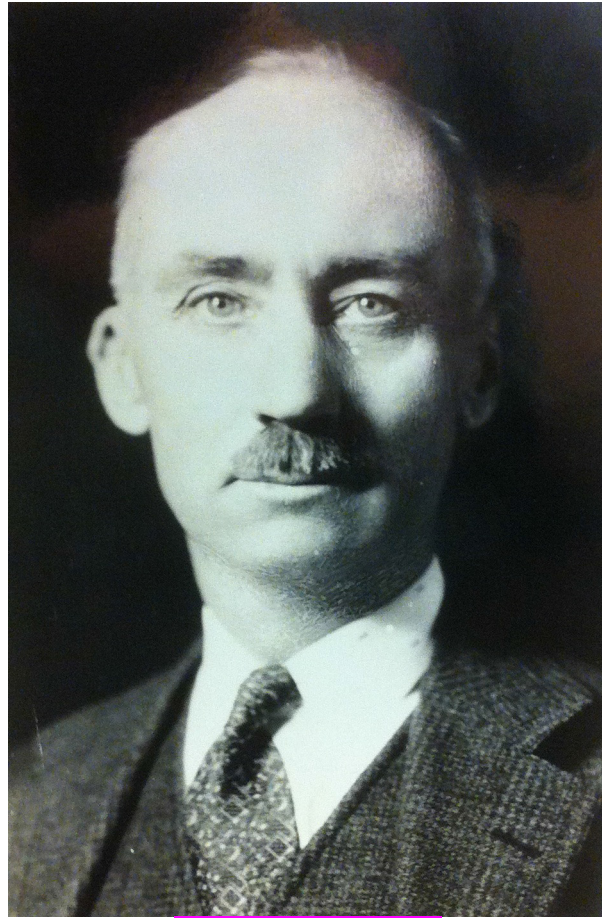


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1888

June 5, Tuesday: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was born in Blattnicksele, Sorsele, Sorsele kommun, Västerbottens län, Sweden to Nels E. Blomquist and Eva Blomquist.

There was an [earthquake at Rio de la Plata](#) in Argentina.

The [Democratic National Nominating Convention](#) began, in the St. Louis Exposition and Music Hall of St. Louis, Missouri (in would renominate, after the usual smoke-filled room of the party faithful and influential, President Grover Cleveland by acclamation). Among the planks of the party platform was: “The exclusion from our shores of Chinese laborers has been effectually secured under the provisions of a treaty, the operation of which has been postponed by the action of a Republican majority in the Senate.... In every branch and department of the Government under Democratic control, the rights and welfare of all the people have been guarded and defended; every public interest has been protected, and the equality of all our citizens before the law, without regard to race or section, has been steadfastly maintained.”

There had been, during that spring season, a series of deaths among members of the general public, caused by pole-mounted high-voltage alternating-current lines. In response to these accidents and in response to the state legislature having substituted, by vote on the previous day, electrocution by alternating current for hanging as the means of capital punishment in New York State, the [New York Post](#) published a letter by [Harold Pitney Brown](#), an electrical engineer who was surreptitiously on the payroll of direct-current pioneer [Thomas Alva Edison](#) of the Edison General Electric Company:

The only excuse for the use of the fatal alternating current is that it saves the company operating it from spending a larger sum of money for the heavier copper wires which are required by the safe incandescent systems. That is, the public must submit to constant danger from sudden death, in order that a corporation may pay a little larger dividend.

Playing both ends against the middle, Brown seems also to have secretly been the one to provide Westinghouse A/C generators to the New York prisons for them to use in their test electrocutions of prisoners. (This would come to be known as the [War of the Currents](#). Since there were just gazillions of dollars at stake, no mercy would be shown. Brown would proceed to the demonstration of how dangerous the Westinghouse Electric Company’s A/C was to the general public, by the use of it in the slaughter of a series of dogs, and calves, and a horse. See, see, Edison’s direct current is ever so much safer!)

**NEVER READ AHEAD! TO APPRECIATE JUNE 5TH, 1888 AT ALL ONE MUST APPRECIATE IT AS A TODAY (THE FOLLOWING DAY, TOMORROW, IS BUT A PORTION OF THE UNREALIZED FUTURE AND IFFY AT BEST).**

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1892

July 5, Tuesday: In this year more than 40,000 people would emigrate from Sweden to the United States of America, mostly to Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota for farming and Colorado, Montana, and Washington for lumber-jacking. The Blomquist family embarked, like most, at Göteborg (Gothenburg) Central Station, Göteborg och Bohus, Sverige, in the vessel *Orlando* to travel to Grimsby and then across the ocean, in the eventual direction of Edgeley and Kulm, North Dakota. The family was recorded as consisting of N.E. Blomquist, age 49, Greta Blomquist, age 41, Edvard Blomquist, age 18, August Blomquist, age 15, Gustaf Blomquist, age 6, and [Leander Blomquist](#), age 4. The journey from Göteborg to England usually took 2 days, and then the Atlantic crossing required 5 or 10 days. The usual point of arrival during that period, the wooden building on Ellis Island having burned down and its stone replacement having not yet been quite completed, would have been [Castle Garden Emigrant Landing Depot](#) at the foot of Manhattan Island (Castle Clinton having by this point been transformed into the city's aquarium):



In the [Homestead Steel strike](#), also known as the Pinkerton rebellion and the Homestead massacre, [Henry Clay Frick](#) had ordered the construction of perimeter fencing made of solid board and topped with barbed wire around a Carnegie Steel Corporation facility in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When corporation attorney [Philander Chase Knox](#) gave the signal to Sheriff William Henry McCleary he sent 11 deputies out to post handbills ordering the striking workers of the AA ([Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers](#)) to stop interfering with the operation of the steel plant. The strikers went around tearing down these handbills and declared that they were not about to turn the facility over to nonunion scabs. They herded the deputies onto a boat and sent them downriver to Pittsburgh. On the Davis Island Dam across the Ohio River about 5 miles below Pittsburgh, 300 Pinkertons (armed agents of the [Pinkerton National Detective Agency](#)), equipped with Winchester rifles, assembled at 10:30PM planning to enter the plant from the river during the hours of darkness. They were towed upriver on 2 specially equipped barges and when they landed there was a riot in which there were a number of fatalities, including 9 of the workers. The riot would ultimately be quelled by the intervention of 8,000 armed state militia.

**“HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE” BEING A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME (JUST AS THE PERSPECTIVE IN A PAINTING IS A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN SPACE), TO “LOOK AT THE COURSE OF**



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HISTORY MORE GENERALLY” WOULD BE TO SACRIFICE PERSPECTIVE  
ALTOGETHER. THIS IS FANTASY-LAND, YOU’RE FOOLING YOURSELF.  
THERE CANNOT BE ANY SUCH THINGIE, AS SUCH A PERSPECTIVE.

July 31, Sunday: The Blomquist family of N.E. Blomquist, age 49, Greta Blomquist, age 41, Edvard Blomquist, age 18, August Blomquist, age 15, Gustaf Blomquist, age 6, and [Leander Blomquist](#), age 4, arrived at their destination, Edgeley, North Dakota 46°21’34”N 98°42’44”W.

August 5, Friday: 4-year-old [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#)’s little sister Agnes was born, to help the Swedish Blomquist family celebrate its arrival at their new home in the New World.

The United States federal congress approved H.R. 4982 awarding [Harriet Tubman](#), very approximately 72 years of age, a belated \$25-a-month pension for her [Civil War](#) work as nurse, spy, cook, and scout for the Union Army.



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55TH CONGRESS,  
3D SESSION.

**H. R. 4982.**

[Report No. 1774.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 14, 1897.

Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

JANUARY 19, 1899.

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House, and ordered to be printed.

[Amend the title.]

**A BILL**

Granting a pension to Harriet Tubman Davis, late a nurse in the United States Army.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby,  
4 authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll of the  
5 United States the name of Harriet Tubman Davis, late a  
6 nurse in the United States Army, and pay her a pension at  
7 the rate of twenty-five dollars per month in lieu of all other  
8 pensions.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Harriet Tubman Davis."



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1896

January 6, Monday: On “Three Kings’ Day” the [Cuban](#) rebels were received in Vereda Nueva with shouts of “Viva Cuba Libre!” and “Viva Maceo!”

[Margaret Lane Mordecai](#) was born in Raleigh, North Carolina to Samuel Fox Mordecai, II, who would become Senior Professor and 1st Dean of the Law School at Trinity College/Duke University, with Elizabeth “Bettie” Mordecai.



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1900

15-year-old [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America. After completing his secondary education in the public schools of North Dakota, he would matriculate at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY ACADEMIC HISTORIAN INVITES YOU TO CLIMB ABOARD A HOVERING TIME MACHINE TO SKIM IN METATIME BACK ACROSS THE GEOLOGY OF OUR PAST TIMESLICES, WHILE OFFERING UP A GARDEN VARIETY OF COGENT ASSESSMENTS OF OUR PROGRESSION. WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP! YOU SHOULD REFUSE THIS HELICOPTERISH OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORICAL PAST, FOR IN THE REAL WORLD THINGS HAPPEN ONLY AS THEY HAPPEN. WHAT THIS SORT WRITES AMOUNTS, LIKE MERE “SCIENCE FICTION,” MERELY TO “HISTORY FICTION”:  
IT’S NOT WORTH YOUR ATTENTION.**



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1909

Fall: At the age of 21 [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) matriculated at [Valparaiso University](#) in Valparaiso, Indiana, about an hour's drive outside Chicago. He would spend 3 school years there, including the summer of 1912 when he would graduate. During his final year he would direct the university band and teach cornet.



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1910

According to the 13th United States Federal Census, the Blomquist family residing in the Finn School District of Logan, North Dakota consisted of:

- Nels E. Blomquist, age 67
- Margaretha E. Blomquist, age 58
- Number of children born: 6
- Number of children living: 5
- Also in the household: Minnie Soberg (1902- ), age 8, granddaughter
- Also in the household: Victor Sanielson, age 21, hired man (Nan Len suggests that this might be the same person as the Victor Samuelson who would get married with [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#)'s sister Agnes on December 12, 1912)

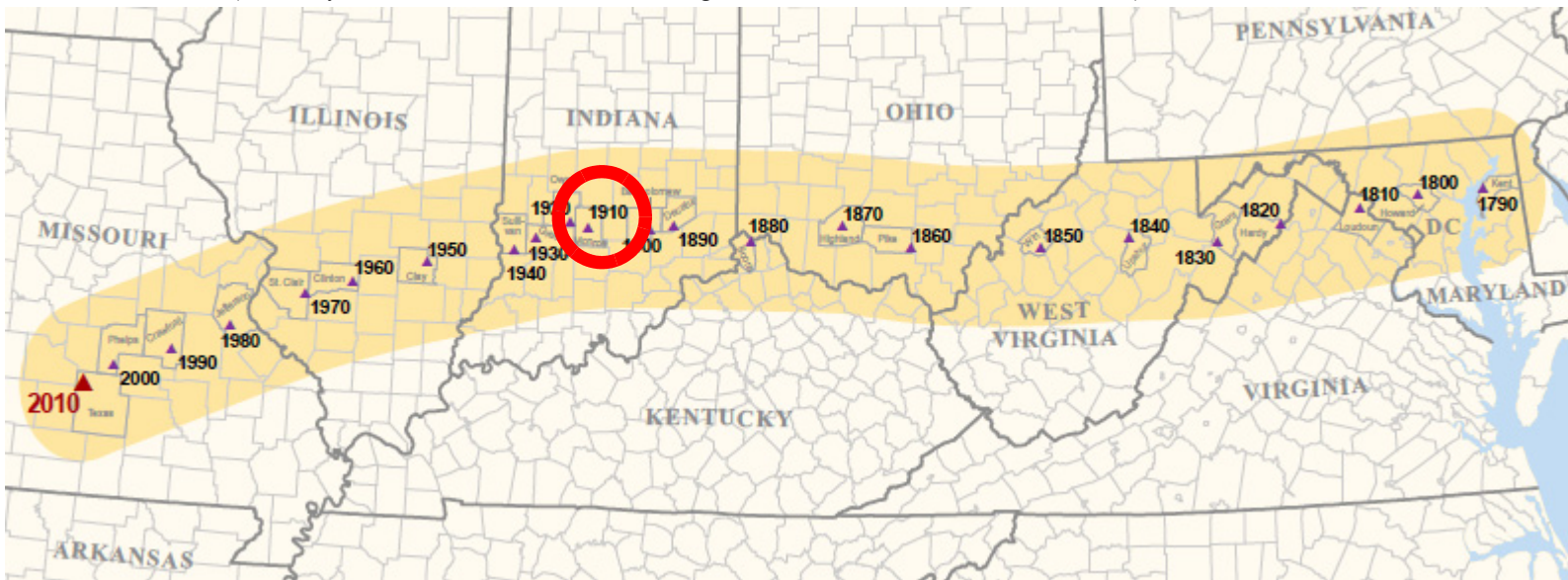
In this census, of course, 12-year-old [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) had been counted separately. He was a student living at 607 Union Street in Center, Indiana (a suburb of Kokomo) while attending [Valparaiso University](#).

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As of 1790 the center of the human population of the USA had been a little town just about a day's travel inland from [Baltimore](#). By this period the center of population had relocated.



(Nowadays, of course, we've all been coming from one or another center in Missouri.)



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1912

Summer: [Hugo Leander "Bloomie" Blomquist](#) of Kulm, North Dakota, coronet player of renown, graduated from the [Valparaiso University](#) and journeyed onward to the University of Chicago.

## HUGO LEANDER BLOMQUIST

Kulm, N. D.

Hugo Leander did not happen to be born in this country, as that great event in his life happened four years before he came here. He first saw how big this world looked at Sorsele, Vesterbotton, Sweden, on June 5, 1888. At the early age of four he crossed the waters with his parents and settled at Kulm, North Dakota. Farm life attracts his attention, but he knows that a thorough education is necessary whether he becomes a farmer, merchant, or mechanic. In all of his undertakings he shows the same determined spirit of perseverance and sticktoity that he exhibited during his three years of college life. Besides the time required for the regular school work, "Bloomie" has found time to devote to music and his stunts on the cornet are both surprising and delightful. A college professorship is his ideal of a profession.



**THE TASK OF THE HISTORIAN IS TO CREATE HINDSIGHT WHILE INTERCEPTING ANY ILLUSION OF FORESIGHT. NOTHING A HUMAN CAN SEE CAN EVER BE SEEN AS IF THROUGH THE EYE OF GOD. THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S CENTER OF THE AMERICAN WEST HAS AS ITS OFFICIAL MOTTO "TURNING HINDSIGHT INTO FORESIGHT" — WHICH INDICATES THAT ONLY PANDERERS ARE WELCOME THERE. IN A BOOK THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT HISTORY, ISSUED BY RANDOM HOUSE IN 2016, I FIND THE PHRASE "LOOKED UPON FROM THE BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF HISTORY, ...." ONLY A MERE STORYTELLER, NEVER A HISTORIAN, COULD HAVE PENNED SUCH A PHRASE — BECAUSE NO BIRD HAS EVER FLOWN OVER HISTORY.**

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December 12, Thursday: From 1912 to 1914 [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#), who was in his mid-20s, would need to interrupt his formal education by serving as principal of the high school in Deering, North Dakota. While there he would instruct bands in Deering and Glenburn and, one summer, in Sherwood. On this day his sister Agnes Blomquist got married with Victor Samuelson.

[Prince-regent Luitpold](#), who on account of the recognized mental illness of his nephew [King Ludwig II of Bavaria](#) had been the *de facto* ruler of Bavaria since 1886, died at the age of 91 and was succeeded by his son Prince Ludwig of the House of Wittelsbach, who later would become [King Ludwig III](#).



[Susan Tolman Mills](#) died at the age of 87. She had co-founded, with Mary Atkins, what would become known as [Mills College](#) in Benicia and Oakland, California — the 1st women’s college west of the Rockies.

[Henry Armstrong](#) was born.

[Igor Stravinsky](#), in Berlin with the Ballets Russe, was favorably impressed by a performance of [Arnold Schönberg](#)’s “[Pierrot Lunaire](#),” and then these giants of twentieth century music met for the 1st time. Stravinsky would say that “Schönberg was one of the greatest creative spirits of our day.”

[Eduard Müller](#) was elected President of the [Swiss Confederation](#).

By a vote of 153 over 118, [Republican Representative Charles Calvin Bowman of Pennsylvania](#) was unseated in the US House of Representatives despite there being almost 3 months remaining in his term. Most of his colleagues had concluded that both he and his Democratic opponent George R. McLean had used corrupt practices during the election of 1910 (by a margin of 181 over 88, Bowman was also denied this seat).



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1914

Summer: 26-year-old [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) entered the University of Chicago. While there he would play in the University band.

**LIFE IS LIVED FORWARD BUT UNDERSTOOD BACKWARD?  
— NO, THAT’S GIVING TOO MUCH TO THE HISTORIAN’S STORIES.  
LIFE ISN’T TO BE UNDERSTOOD EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD.**



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1916

June: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) received the Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Chicago. He was 28 years of age and was listed in the “Cap & Gown” yearbook as a coronet player in the University’s Military Band.

[Bertrand Russell](#) asserted, in an article “[Education as a Political Institution](#)” in [The Atlantic Monthly](#), that “The wish to preserve the past, rather than the hope of creating the future, dominates the minds of those who control the teaching of the young. Education should not aim at a dead awareness of static facts, but at an activity directed toward the world that our efforts are to create. It should be inspired, not by a regretful hankering after the extinct beauties of Greece and the Renaissance, but by a shining vision of the society that is to be, of the triumph that thought will achieve in the time to come, and of the ever-widening horizon of man’s survey over the universe.”

**HISTORY’S NOT MADE OF WOULD. WHEN THE HISTORIAN REVEALS, IN THIS SCENARIO, THAT HUGO WOULD CONTINUE FOR A YEAR OF GRADUATE STUDY AND THEN ENLIST IN THE US ARMY FOR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR I, S/HE DISCLOSES THAT WHAT IS BEING CRAFTED IS NOT REALITY BUT PREDESTINARIANISM — THAT’S FUTURE, AND THE RULE OF REALITY IS THAT THE FUTURE HASN’T EVER HAPPENED, YET.**

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Fall: [Charles Ephraim Burchfield](#) arrived at [New York City](#) to attend the National Academy of Design, only to become discouraged by his 1st and only day in class.



[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) reentered the University of Chicago as a graduate student on a scholarship.



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1917

August: [Harry S Truman](#) was sworn into regular army service as a member of the 129th Field Artillery regiment.



[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) left off being a graduate student at the University of Chicago (he was to serve as a musician 1st class during [World War I](#)).

The Sultan of Zanzibar, Sayyid Khalid bin Barghash al Said, described for the record as “Pretender to the Sultanate of Zanzibar,” arrived on [St. Helena](#) with a party of 25 mostly consisting of members of his harem. They would be, so to speak, prisoners in Jamestown at Pilling School on the Military Parade Ground. There would be virtually zero interaction with these folks during the entire sojourn until, in 1921, they would be relocated to the Seychelles Islands (except that some islanders would cherish mental images of beautiful women in flowing silk robes).

October 3, Wednesday: A commission of inquiry in Bihar found in favor of the peasants against their British landlords (this was [Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi](#)'s 1st victory in [India](#)).

At the age of 29, [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was inducted into the US Army in Chicago, Illinois.

**WORLD WAR I**



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1918

September 8, Sunday: The initial 3 deaths from the 2d wave of Spanish [influenza](#) occurred in Boston (during this year and the next, the epidemic of this flue variant would be causing 40,000,000 deaths in Europe and America).

WORLD WAR I

September 9, Monday: The US Army sent [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) to Europe.

Charles Joseph Maria Ruys de Beerenbrouck replaced Pieter Wilhelm Adriaan Cort van der Linden as 1st minister of the Netherlands.

WORLD WAR I

September 11, Wednesday: The 1st cases of Spanish [influenza](#) in Philadelphia were reported at the Navy Yard.

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1919

March: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was in Paris, where he attended at least one lecture on biochemistry at the University of Paris, studied biological chemistry at the Pasteur Institute, and took classes at Alliance Française.

Corporal [Adolf Hitler](#) the poison gas survivor finished his job of guarding Russian prisoners.

WORLD WAR I

July 1, Tuesday: White forces captured Tsaritsyn (Volgograd).

Alfredo Ernesto de Sá Cardoso replaced Domingos Leite Pereira as prime minister of Portugal.

[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) left Paris for a 2-week vacation in southern France.

Daily airmail service began between [New York City](#) and Chicago.

July 12, Saturday: The Allied Supreme Economic Council officially ended its boycott of [Germany](#).

WORLD WAR I

The director general of the French Services in the United States of America informed Charles Martin Loeffler that he had been designated a chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur.

[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) returned from southern France to Paris.

July 14, Monday: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) left Paris for Brest, to join the 4th Division of the United States Army for its return to the United States of America.

WORLD WAR I

July 31, Thursday: After initial gains, Hungarian troops were forced by Romanians into disorderly retreat.

By this day Romanian troops had arrived within 100 kilometers of Budapest.

The National Union of Police and Prison Guards in Great Britain called a strike for recognition of their union (this would eventually fail).

Over 30 cases of arson would be reported on this night during the continuing racial unrest in Chicago. In the fighting 38 had been killed so far, and more than 500 injured, and more than 1,000 had been made homeless. Symphony no.3 "A Guera" by Heitor Villa-Lobos was performed for the initial time, in Rio de Janeiro, at a concert in honor of King Albert of Belgium. The composer received 5 curtain calls.

[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) arrived back to the United States of America.

WORLD WAR I



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August 6, Wednesday: Musician 1st Class [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was discharged from the US Army at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Romanian troops with their White Hungarian allies occupied Budapest and surrounded the National Palace while a cabinet meeting was in session. They arrested the government of Social Democrat Gyula Peidl and set up the Habsburg Archduke Joseph as head of state. The occupiers began arresting 7,000 people, while soldiers ran amok. There was widespread looting and innocent civilians were summarily shot in the process of stealing their belongings.

**WORLD WAR I**

Fall: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) returned from Europe to the University of Chicago to work toward his Ph.D. degree in botany under the supervision of [Professor William Jesse Goad Land](#), a [morphologist](#). He was, as the university would report to the [Chicago Commerce](#) newspaper, far from alone in this return from service in the Great War: the university had enrolled 10,880 students and its resources were increased by more than \$4,000,000. Some 25,000 to 30,000 bound volumes were annually being added to the university libraries during this period and the total number of bound volumes had come to be in excess of 600,000.

This student's dissertation would consist in developmental studies on the fern *Dicksonia*.

**BOTANIZING**

**ESSENCE IS BLUR. SPECIFICITY,  
THE OPPOSITE OF ESSENCE,  
IS OF THE NATURE OF TRUTH.**



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1920

During the US Census, at the age of 31 [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was living in Finn, North Dakota. His father Nels was 77 years of age and his mother Eva 68 years of age.

Summer: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) accepted, as an “ABD” (all but the degree), a position as assistant professor of Biology at [Trinity College](#) in [Durham, North Carolina](#).

[Friend Floyd Schmoie](#) served as a [Mount Rainier](#) guide (ultimately he would be clambering to the top of this mountain 14 times).



The Russell family went together from Philadelphia to England to participate in the All Friends Conference, with [Friend Elbert Russell](#) serving as chair of the “American Commission on Quaker Propaganda.” As they passed through British customs, the inspector made a little joke:

*There's a Society of Friends and a Society of Fenians – I hope they're not the same!*

Fall: [Charles Lindbergh, Jr.](#) began studies in mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) arrived in [Durham, North Carolina](#) to take up his position as assistant professor of Biology at [Trinity College](#), pending his examination for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago and a diploma that would be issued *in absentia*.



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1921

Summer: At the age of 32 [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) returned to the University of Chicago to finish his developmental studies on the fern *Dicksonia* and sit for the examination for the Ph.D. degree (the diploma would be issued *in absentia*). He had been strongly influenced by the morphology tradition of that institution, where his teachers had included the chair of the Department of Botany [John Merle Coulter](#), [Professor Henry Chandler Cowles](#), and [Associate Professor Charles Joseph Chamberlain](#). Dr. Blomquist's initial professional position would be as Assistant Professor of Biology at [Trinity College](#) (which would soon become [Duke University](#)) in [Durham, North Carolina](#).

BOTANIZING

**ESSENCES ARE FUZZY, GENERIC, CONCEPTUAL;  
ARISTOTLE WAS RIGHT WHEN HE INSISTED THAT ALL TRUTH IS  
SPECIFIC AND PARTICULAR (AND WRONG WHEN HE CHARACTERIZED  
TRUTH AS A GENERALIZATION).**

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1922

In the [Durham, North Carolina](#) city directory for this year, [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was listed as “tchr [Trinity College](#) h Trinity Campus.”

The Trinity Park School associated with [Trinity College](#), that had been preparing young white scholars for the rigors of college, in this year closed its doors, because due to more robust local whites-only public schools, there were fewer and fewer local white children in need of such an institution — and in consequence there had been a decline in enrollment.

[Margaret Sanger](#) had little but contempt for the “Asiatic races,” as she and her [eugenicist](#) friends called them, and proposed that in some way their numbers be drastically reduced. If white civilization was to fulfill its promise of “more without end,” it would also need to involve a “war without end” upon the weak and unworthy among us. In this year Sanger visited [Japan](#), and that didn’t help even one little bit, except that in her autobiography she would single out the [Chinese](#) in particular among the people of Asia, as a phenomenon resembling plague, writing that “the incessant fertility of [the Chinese] millions spread like a plague.”



Well Adjusted White Woman, the Hope of Our Future

However, in this year this white-lady-with-attitude’s preoccupation went beyond racial inferiority to include individual inferiority as well. In her PIVOT OF CIVILIZATION she asked not only that the “genetically inferior races” be sterilized, but also, so that the “weeds ... overrunning the human garden” would be extirpated, that all “morons, misfits, and the maladjusted” be segregated out of the general human population, which is to say, institutionalized.

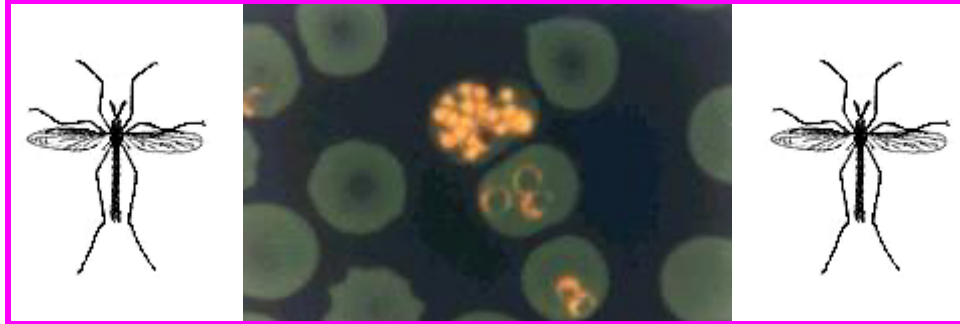
RACISM

(And after all, wasn’t this lady right about the Chinese people? –For instance, between April 1922 and November 1923 our marines would be forced to venture onto China’s soil **fully five times** in order to adequately protect USers and their interests during various periods of native restlessness! ;-)

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

# PROFESSOR HUGO LEANDER BLOMQUIST HUGO LEANDER BLOMQUIST

For the following three decades the sickle cell trait would be being viewed as a “latent” disease. Some US physicians would promote the idea that sickle cell disease could be spread into the general populace by “disordered Negro blood.”



MALARIA

(The physicians who would be promoting this theory would be, by some odd coincidence, white men. But now you look here — this has nothing to do with that.)

In this year [Margaret Sanger](#) got married with oil magnate James Noah H. Slee, presumably just as racist as she, but did so on her own terms, insuring her financial and sexual independence. (Slee, who would die in 1943, would make himself the main funder of the birth control movement.)

FEMINISM

May 13, Saturday: [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#)'s mother Eva Margreta Fredrickson Dahlberg Blomquist died. The body would be placed in the Swede Township Cemetery of LaMoure County, North Dakota.

[Beatrice “Bea” Frankel \(Arthur\)](#) was born in New York City.

[Michael Lionel Yeoward Ainsworth](#) was born in Hooton, Cheshire, England.

At the 47th [Preakness Stakes](#) horse race in Baltimore, Louis Morris aboard Pillory won in 1:51:60, and at the 48th [Kentucky Derby](#), Albert Johnson aboard Morvich won in 2:04:60.

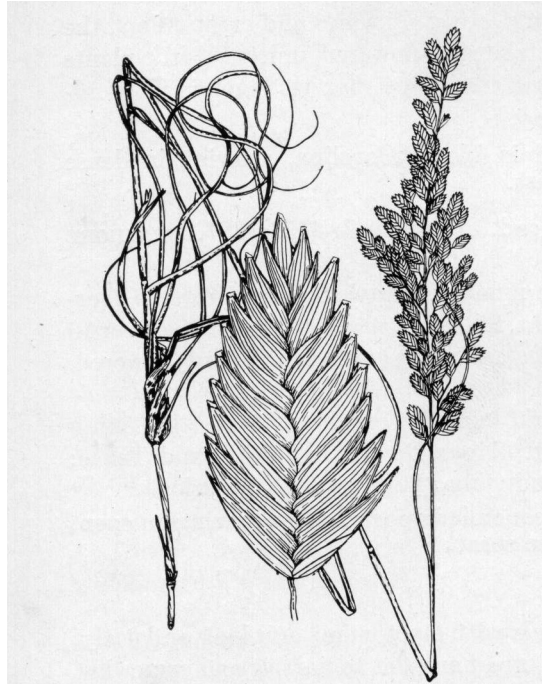
In Mexico, [Rudolph Valentino](#) (Rodolfo Alfonso Raffaello Pierre Filibert Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguella) got married with Natacha Rambova (Winifred Kimball Shaughnessy). Valentino would be arrested for bigamy and investigated on suspicion of having violated the Mann Act.



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1923

Dr. [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) became a professor in the Department of Biology at [Trinity College](#) in [Durham, North Carolina](#) (which in the following year would become [Duke University](#)). Always intrigued by the “difficult” plants, he was concentrating on such groups of vascular plants as grasses, sedges, rushes, Xyris, orchids, and composites.



BOTANIZING

Establishment of the Barro Colorado Island research preserve, Panama.

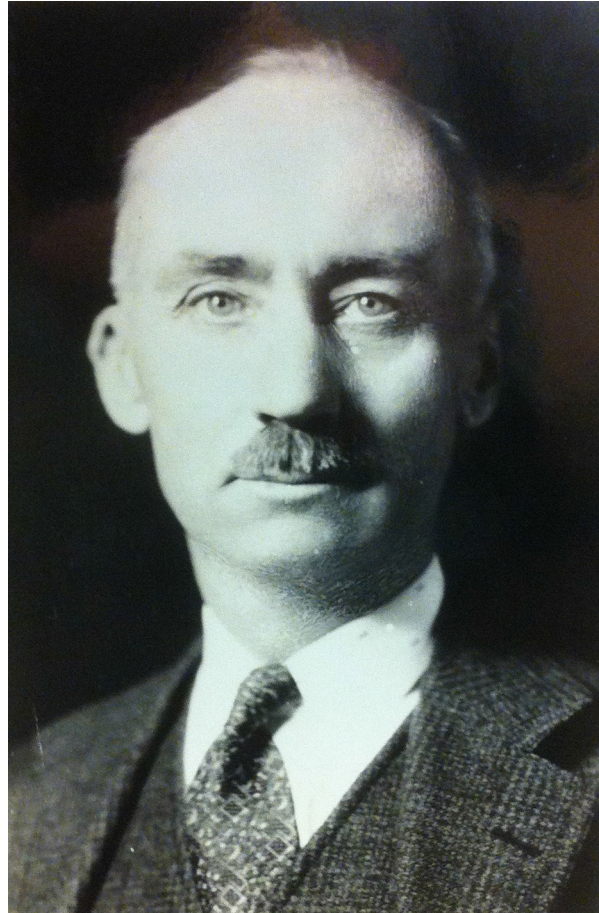
**“MAGISTERIAL HISTORY” IS FANTASIZING: HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY**



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1924

In the [Durham, North Carolina](#) directory for this year, Professor [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) appeared as “tchr [Trinity College](#) h Faculty Club, Trinity Campus.”





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1926

April 15, Thursday: 38-year-old Professor [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) issued, with Instructor in Botany Numa Francis Wilkerson, a 4th revised edition of [A LABORATORY MANUAL OF GENERAL BOTANY \(Durham, North Carolina: Duke UP\)](#).

[Beijing](#), which currently was under the control of the Nationalist Northwest Army ([Guominjun](#)), was thrown into panic as the army of warlord [Zhang Zuolin](#) from [Manchuria](#) arrived within striking distance of their city, at Tongzhou. (Bear in mind that, long since, the last emperor [Henry Pu-yi](#) had secretly fled from the Forbidden City in Beijing and was in residence within the relative safety of the gilded cage of the [Japanese](#) concession at Tientsin.)

Canadian Finance Minister James Alexander Robb presented the new budget of William Lyon Mackenzie King's Liberal government, reporting a \$55 million budget surplus and offering \$25 million worth of tax cuts as well as reduced tariffs for automobiles.

*Duce* [Benito Mussolini](#) concluded his visit to [Italian Libya](#).



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1928

December 26, Wednesday: 40-year-old [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) got married with 32-year-old Margaret Lane Mordecai. The couple would produce a daughter, Elizabeth B. “Betty” Blomquist, on November 24th, 1932.

[Arthur Honegger](#) and his wife departed Le Havre for a 3-month visit to the United States.

By way of a candy store in Philadelphia, the Frank H. Fleeer Chewing Gum Company test-marketed something they were deeming to be “[bubble gum](#).” The recipe for such a substance had been devised by one of their accountants, Walter Diemer — he had colored it pink because that was the coloring best available to him (this and further tests would prove, as we now understand, wildly successful, and the company would brand its product “[Dubble Bubble](#)”).

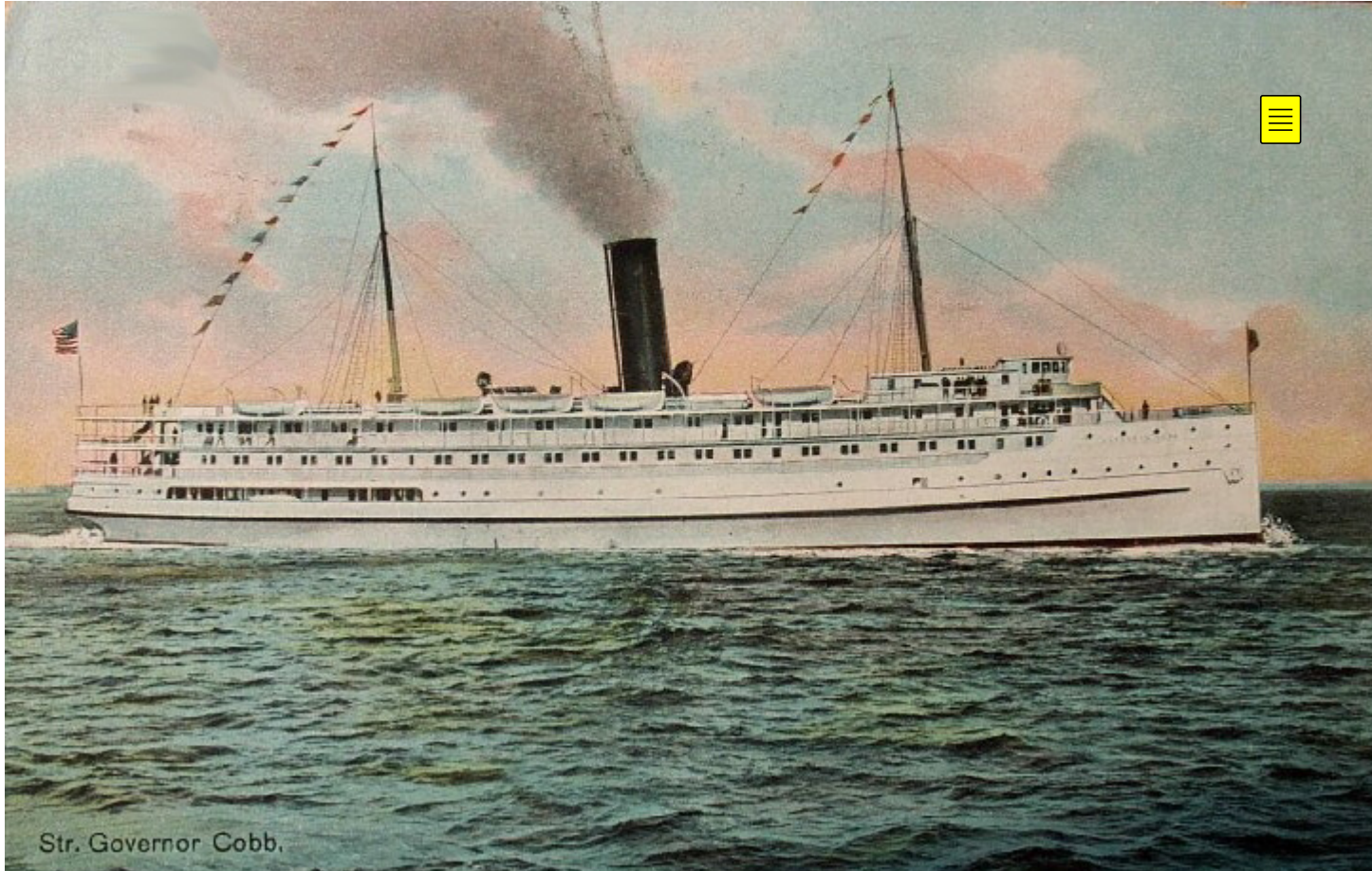


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1929

January 5, Saturday: [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) and [Margaret Lane Mordecai Blomquist](#) arrived aboard the Eastern Steamship Company's coastal passenger steamboat SS *Governor Cobb* at Key West, Florida (this vessel had been the initial American-built ship to be powered by steam turbines and, in its old age during [World War II](#), would be modified to become the [USCGC Cobb](#), the Coast Guard's WPG-181, to function as the world's 1st helicopter carrier for use in antisubmarine warfare).





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October: [Blomquist, H.L.](#) “[The relation of capillary cavities in the \*Jungermanniaceae\* to water absorption and storage.](#)” [Ecology](#) 10: 556-557.

**BOTANIZING**

**CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT**



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1930

In the United States Federal Census, and according to the [Durham, North Carolina](#) city directory, 42-year old Professor [*sic*] [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) and [Margaret Lane Mordecai Blomquist](#) were “roomers” at 2118 Englewood Avenue.

At the Sarah P. Duke Gardens adjacent to the West Campus of [Duke University](#), a section would be devoted to the flora of the Southeastern United States. This section would eventually be known as “The H.L. Blomquist Garden of Native Plants” in honor of this long-term chair of Duke’s Department of Botany.

BOTANIZING

NO-ONE’S LIFE IS EVER NOT DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY HAPPENSTANCE



July: [Blomquist, H.L.](#) “Archegonial plants of *Tortula pagorum* (Milde) De Not. In [North Carolina](#).” [The Bryologist](#) **33(4)**: 41-43.

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1931

The City of [Charleston](#) adopted a Planning and Zoning Ordinance establishing the “Old and Historic District,” protecting some 400 residential properties in a 23-block area south of Broad Street.

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) “Checklist of the common mosses of [Durham, North Carolina](#).” Jour. Elisha Mitchell Sci. Soc. 46: 170-178. Also, “Genetics of mosses.” Journ. Elisha Mitchell Sci. Soc. 46: 267-275.  
Also, “Some *Pteridophytes* of [North Carolina](#) and their distribution.” Am. Fern J. 21 (3): 81-90.

BOTANIZING

**THE FALLACY OF MOMENTISM: THIS STARRY UNIVERSE DOES NOT CONSIST OF A SEQUENCE OF MOMENTS. THAT IS A FIGMENT, ONE WE HAVE RECOURSE TO IN ORDER TO PRIVILEGE TIME OVER CHANGE, A PRIVILEGING THAT MAKES CHANGE SEEM UNREAL, DERIVATIVE, A MERE APPEARANCE. IN FACT IT IS CHANGE AND ONLY CHANGE WHICH WE EXPERIENCE AS REALITY, TIME BEING BY WAY OF RADICAL CONTRAST UNEXPERIENCED — A MERE INTELLECTUAL CONSTRUCT. THERE EXISTS NO SUCH THING AS A MOMENT. NO “INSTANT” HAS EVER FOR AN INSTANT EXISTED.**

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1932

November 24, Thursday: Elizabeth B. "Betty" Blomquist was born to [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) and [Margaret Lane Mordecai Blomquist](#).

Quattro Canzoni for tenor and orchestra by Werner Egk was performed for the initial time, in München.

Near Porto Venere in Italy, the tourist attraction described as "Byron's cave" collapsed (no-one was hurt and the cause was undetermined).

The United States Bureau of Investigation established a Technical Laboratory in the Southern Railway Building at 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, [Washington DC](#). It would provide services to the [FBI](#) and other federal, state, local, and foreign law enforcement agencies.

[George Bernard Shaw](#) spoke "In Praise of [Guy Fawkes](#)" before the Fabian Society:



He declared that the election of [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#) in the United States would not "make the slightest difference to any American" and praised [Oswald Mosley](#) as "one of the few people who is writing and thinking about real things, and not about figments and phrases." The Irish author proposed that the British government be frankly described as a dictatorship, "you need not be alarmed by the name," because in fact the British "have never had anything else than dictators governing you although you did not call them so."



"If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you."

– [George Bernard Shaw](#) 





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1934

George Gershwin arrived in [Charleston](#) to research and write “Porgy and Bess,” the first American opera, including its famous song “Summertime.”

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) “The American Welsh *Polypody* in North America.” *Am. Fern J.* 24 (1): 24-26.

Also, “The [North Carolina](#) Academy of Science.” *Science*, New Series 79 (2061): 592.

Also, *FERNS OF NORTH CAROLINA*. (Duke UP: Durham NC. Illustrated with the author’s own drawings; introduction by the botanist and naturalist [Donald Culross Peattie](#).)

BOTANIZING

**BETWEEN ANY TWO MOMENTS ARE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF MOMENTS, AND BETWEEN THESE OTHER MOMENTS LIKEWISE AN INFINITE NUMBER, THERE BEING NO ATOMIC MOMENT JUST AS THERE IS NO ATOMIC POINT ALONG A LINE. MOMENTS ARE THEREFORE FIGMENTS. THE PRESENT MOMENT IS A MOMENT AND AS SUCH IS A FIGMENT, A FLIGHT OF THE IMAGINATION TO WHICH NOTHING REAL CORRESPONDS. SINCE PAST MOMENTS HAVE PASSED OUT OF EXISTENCE AND FUTURE MOMENTS HAVE YET TO ARRIVE, WE NOTE THAT THE PRESENT MOMENT IS ALL THAT EVER EXISTS — AND YET THE PRESENT MOMENT BEING A MOMENT IS A FIGMENT TO WHICH NOTHING IN REALITY CORRESPONDS.**

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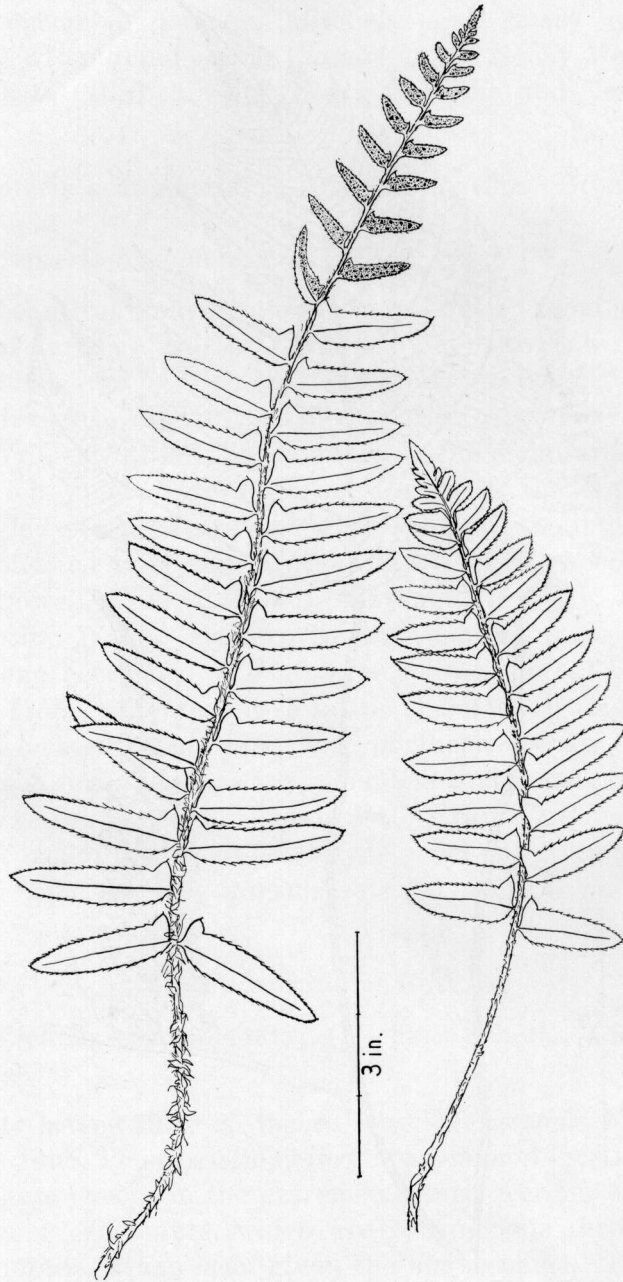
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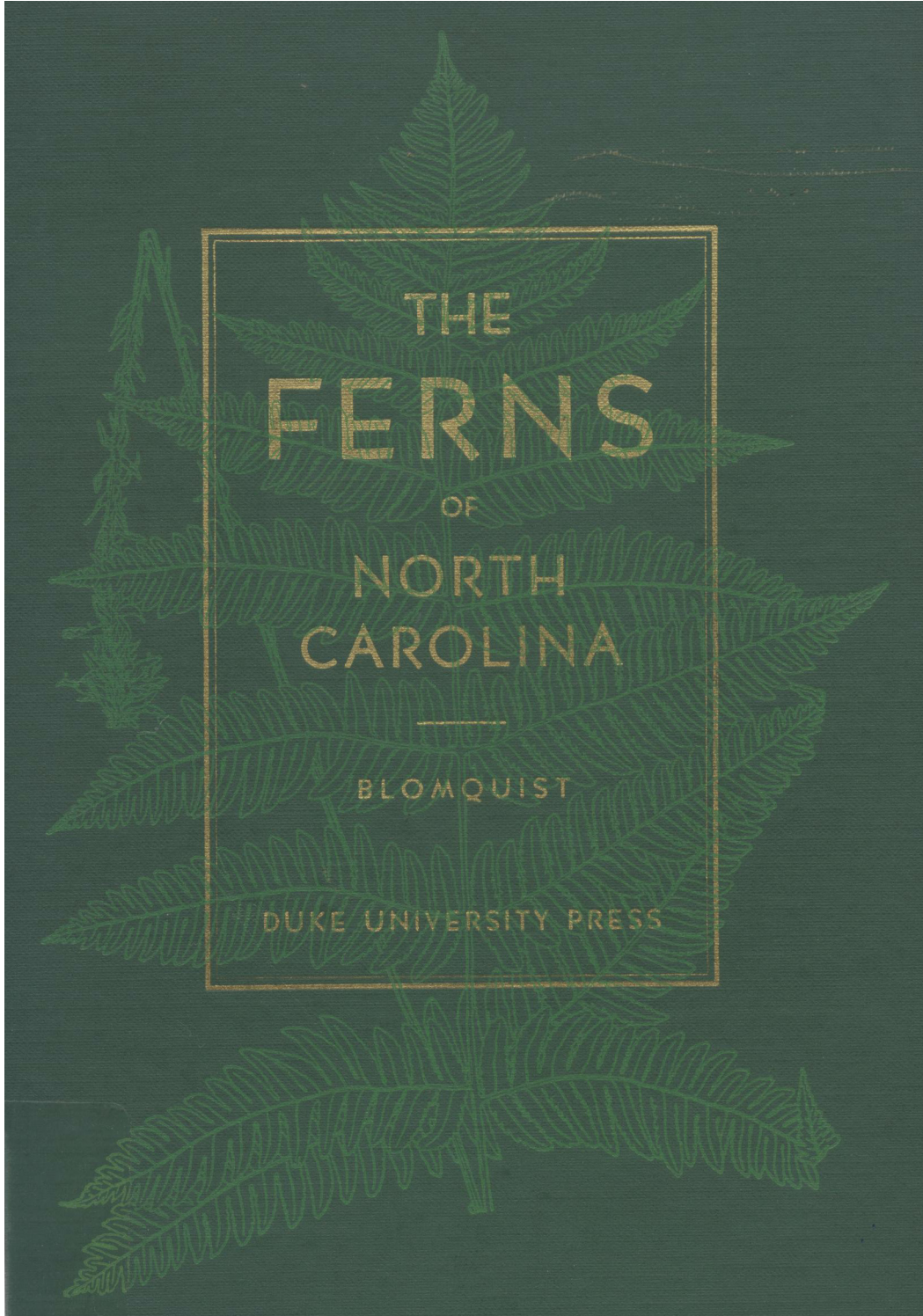
CHRISTMAS FERN (*Polystichum acrostichoides*).

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1935

Founding of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

M. Baudouin described more than 80 fossil sea urchins drilled for use as jewelry — some of them turned into personal adornments as long as 35,000 years ago.

PALEONTOLOGY



[Professor Arthur George Tansley](#) coined the term “[ecosystem](#)” to characterize the interactivity that exists between the “[biocoenosis](#)” or group of living creatures and their “[biotope](#)” or environment in which they live. By virtue of this new understanding, [ecology](#) would come to be understood as the science of [ecosystems](#).

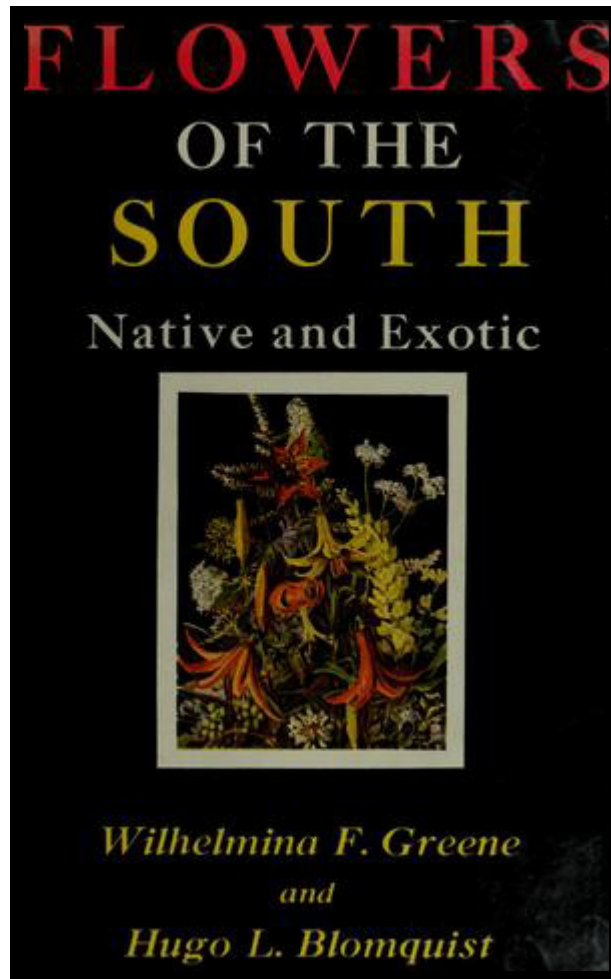
### THE SCIENCE OF 1935

The Biology Department of [Duke University](#) had been created around a pair of Trinity College professors, the zoologist Professor Bert Cunningham and the botanist [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#). In 1927 they had been joined by an ecologist, [Professor Arthur Sperry Pearse](#), a former president of the Ecological Society of America who had been one of Professor Cunningham’s teachers. As the department moved into its new Biology Building on the newly constructed West Campus in [Durham, North Carolina](#) a departmental rift between botanists and zoologists brought about a split into a Botany Department led by Professor Blomquist and a Zoology Department led by Professor Pearse (the nitty gritty of this rift is described in [THE LAUNCHING](#)



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[OF DUKE UNIVERSITY, 1924-1949](#)). Professor Blomquist's researches included studies of every major group of plants except the fungi, and for many years in addition he would offer classes in bacteriology. In addition to bryological studies, he published on freshwater and marine algae. He would become the author of a book on the grasses of [North Carolina](#), illustrated with his own drawings. Other books would include a GUIDE TO THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER FLORA OF THE PIEDMONT OF NORTH CAROLINA, written in 1934 with [Associate Professor Henry John Oosting](#) (a well known flora that would appear in 6 editions) and FLOWERS OF THE SOUTH, NATIVE AND EXOTIC, a popular work that he would undertake in 1953 in collaboration with the artist Wilhelmina F. Greene.



The [Durham, North Carolina](#) Committee on the Affairs of Black People was organized by C.C. Spaulding and Dr. James E. Shepard.

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1936

For any number of years [Professor Joseph Banks Rhine of the Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University](#) had been experimenting with “parapsychology.” He had originated a [Journal of Parapsychology](#) and sponsored a Parapsychological Association and also a Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man, associated with [Duke University](#) in [Durham, North Carolina](#). In this year it began to be reported that some 5 psychology departments at various institutions of higher education had been attempting to replicate his experimental results, but all had inevitably failed. Professor W.S. Cox of Princeton University concluded that:

There is no evidence of extrasensory perception either in the “average man” or of the group investigated or in any particular individual of that group. The discrepancy between these results and those obtained by Rhine is due either to uncontrollable factors in experimental procedure or to the difference in the subjects.

James Charles Crumbaugh would continue to investigate, but eventually would report of his many experiments that it had all amounted to a wild goose chase:

At the time of performing the experiments involved I fully expected that they would yield easily all the final answers. I did not imagine that after 28 years I would still be in as much doubt as when I had begun. I repeated a number of the then current Duke techniques, but the results of 3,024 runs [a “run” consisted of 25 guesses] of the ESP cards as much work as Rhine reported in his first book – were all negative. In 1940 I utilized further methods with high school students, again with negative results.



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Methodological flaws would be discovered in Professor Rhine's laboratory procedures. For instance, it would be noted that some of his cards were so poorly printed that the designs on their faces could be seen and felt on their backs. In some cases the subjects of the experiments had been allowed to themselves shuffle these decks of cards, unfortunately creating the possibility of cheating. The mathematical calculation techniques relied on by Professor Rhine in the preparation of his test results allowed the overestimation of the significance of his results. Professor Rhine used dice in his laboratories in a manner that no casino in Las Vegas, paying attention to the various ways in which their customers could cheat with these little cubes, would have tolerated. Professor Rhine was personally so credulous that he accepted that the trained horse "[Lady Wonder](#)" was actually telepathic. As soon as Professor Rhine attained retirement age, he left [Duke University](#), although his wife continued parapsychology experiments near the campus in [Durham, North Carolina](#) using money donated by the faithful.

Betty Blomquist Matthews, the daughter, would record that when she was 4 years of age, her father [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) purchased a 2-bedroom Craftsman-style house built of stone in 1912, at 922 Demerius Street:



[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "[Hepaticae of North Carolina.](#)" [The Bryologist](#) 39 (3): 49-67.  
Also, "[The North Carolina Academy of Science.](#)" [Science, New Series](#) 84 (2166): 20.

**BOTANIZING**

October 4, Sunday: About 300,000 people from a variety of leftist and other groups attacked a march by the British Union of Fascists, led by Oswald Mosley, in London. They battled the police who protected these 3,000 marchers. About 100 people were injured and 150 arrested. The incident would come to be known as the Battle of Cable Street.

Symphony no.1 "The Bells of Zlonice" by Antonin Dvorák was performed for the initial time, in Brno, 71 years after it had been composed.

[Nels Edvard Anderson Blomquist](#) died. The grave is in Swede Township Cemetery, LaMoure County, North Dakota.



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1937

THE FORT UNION OF THE CRAZY MOUNTAIN FIELD, MONTANA, AND ITS MAMMALIAN FAUNAS  
(George Gaylord Simpson's tour de force of biostratigraphy, paleoecology, and taxonomy).

PALEONTOLOGY

Ales Hrdlicka asserted that the aboriginal peoples of the Americas had always resembled modern Native Americans (this view would predominate for decades).

### THE SCIENCE OF 1937

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "*Hepaticae* collected in the vicinity of Mountain Lake Biological Station, Va., 1934." [Claytonia](#) 4: 6-9. Also, "Mosses of [North Carolina](#) I. Sphagnales." [The Bryologist](#) 40 (4): 67-71. Also, "The North Carolina Academy of Science." [Science, New Series](#) 85 (2217): 607.

BOTANIZING

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





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1938

THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY: (A) AMONGST EARLY CHRISTIANS BY [ELBERT RUSSELL](#); (B) IN [QUAKER EXPERIENCE](#) BY CARL HEATH (Birmingham, England, and Friends House, London: Woodbrooke Extension Committee, Committee on Christian Relationships, London Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends). Also, MORE CHAPEL TALKS (Nashville, Tennessee: Cokesbury Press) and a 72-page reprint from the [Friends' Intelligencer](#) of 1928, THE SEPARATION AFTER A CENTURY.

Enthusiastic undergrads would attend a pep rally at [Duke University](#) in their pajamas during this year's football season. The "Iron Dukes" football team completed its regular season undefeated, untied, and unscored-on.

The School of Forestry of [Duke University](#) opened.

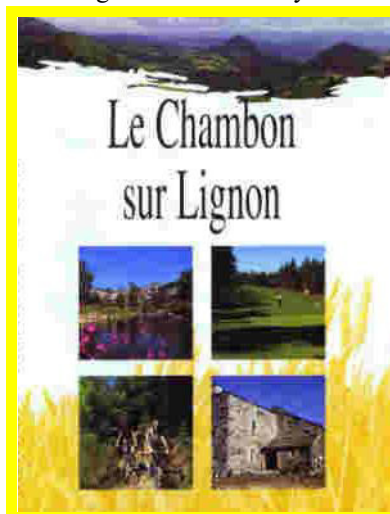
PLANTS

[Duke University](#) Professor of Botany [H.L. Blomquist](#)'s "Peat mosses of the southeastern States" ([Jour. Elisha Mitchell Sci. Soc.](#) 54: 1-21). Also, his "The [North Carolina](#) Academy of Science" ([Science, New Series](#) 88 (2272): 59-60).

The College of Engineering of [Duke University](#) was established on the basis of the long-standing engineering curriculum in the science departments.

The initial group of local Quakers organized by Dean [Russell](#) in the [Durham, North Carolina](#) community had been meeting monthly in the Russell home at 811 Vickers Avenue and then in the homes of others. In this year the group began to gather in the Social Room at the Divinity School.

Jeanne Alice Theis ([Jeanne Whitaker](#))'s father was invited to come to the village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon in the Haute-Loire region of southern France, a village of Huguenot origins, to be the assistant minister of the Reformed Church of France there and begin a language school. As the Nazi grip over the south of France would intensify, this school and the entire village would become a place of refuge. The school would grow in size, using various rooms in the village as classrooms and accepting refugees from central and eastern Europe. The [American Friends Service Committee](#) would be sending many children of deportees to Le Chambon-sur-Lignon. The village and clergy would organize nonviolently to save thousands of Jewish lives.





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The town's overwhelmingly Huguenot population responded to the call of Pastor Andre Trocme to extend aid to fleeing Jews and sheltered them in private homes and outlying farmsteads, as well as in public institutions in Le Chambon and nearby localities. The Reverend Trocme always responded to calls for help to hide Jews in danger of detection by the German police, even if this jeopardized not only his own life but those of his wife and children and members of his community. Refugee Jews were housed in public institutions or children's homes or with local townspeople and farmers; some were take on dangerous treks through French towns and villages under assumed French names to the [Swiss](#) borders, where they were surreptitiously smuggled across it and into the waiting hands of other Protestant supporters on the Swiss side. Andre Trocme was arrested by the Vichy authorities and released, although he refused to desist from further aiding of Jews. It is estimated that some 3,000-5,000 Jews found shelter in Le Chambon and its environs at one time or another between 1941 and 1944. The rescue operation was unique in that an entire community banded together to rescue Jews, seeing this as their Christian obligation. Andre Trocme and thirty-four other residents of Le Chambon and its environs have been recognized by Yad Vashem as "Righteous Among the Nations."

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Here Jewish youth, hiding from the Germans in the French village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, gather around Dr. Juliette Usach (in glasses) for a photograph. Pictured from left to right are: Joseph Atlas (Poland), Jacob Lewin (Wurzburg), Victor Atlas (Poland), Dr. Juliette Usach (in glasses), Lily Braun, Manfred Goldberger, Hanne Hirsch (Karlsruhe), and Wiltrude Hene (Freiburg).



Born in Spain, physician Juliette Usach was the director of the Secours Suisses aux Enfants children's home, La Guespy, in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, where Jewish children were cared for. In 1990, Usach was honored posthumously by Yad Vashem as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations."

The French "Yellow Book" would depict the French government's behavior during the period from September 29, 1938 to September 3, 1939.

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1939

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "Grasses new to [North Carolina](#)." *Castanea* 4 (4/5): 50-55. Also, "Notes on southern *Hepaticae*." *The Bryologist* 42 (2): 29-32. Also, "A new species of *Plagiochila* from the southern Appalachian Mountains." *The Bryologist* 42 (5): 113-117. Also, "The North Carolina Academy of Science." *Science, New Series* 90 (2331): 212-213.

BOTANIZING

NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT



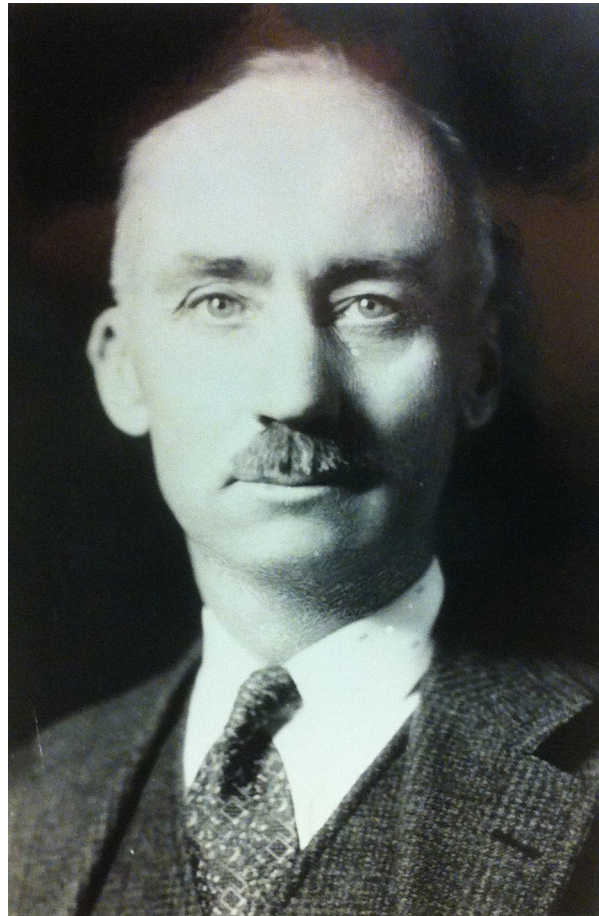
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1940

[Duke University](#) Indoor Stadium opened (this would later no longer be the largest basketball arena south of Philadelphia, and would be re-dedicated as Cameron Indoor Stadium in honor of longtime coach and athletic director Eddie Cameron).

In the federal census of 1940, the occupants of 922 Demerius Street in [Durham, North Carolina](#) were [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) listed as 52 years of age, Margaret Blomquist listed as 44 years of age, and Bettie [*sic*] listed as 7 years of age.



During this year and the following one [Professor Blomquist](#) of [Duke University](#) would be exchange Professor of Botany at the University of Puerto Rico (at the point at which his health began to decline, he was at work on a manual of the marine algae of Puerto Rico). Also, INTRODUCTION TO THE GRASSES OF NORTH CAROLINA. Also, "Another new species of Plagiochila from the southern Appalachian Mountains." [The Bryologist](#) 43 (4): 89-95. Also, "Foray of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Club at Highlands, [North Carolina](#)." [Castanea](#) 5 (7): 110.

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1941

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) and Lora Lee Robertson. "The development of the peristome in *Aulacomnium heterostichum*." [Bull. Torrey Bot. Club](#) 68 (8): 569-584.

BOTANIZING

August 11, Monday: The US Congress passed the United Nations Loan Act to lend \$65,000,000 to the organization to build its permanent headquarters in [New York City](#).

53-year-old [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#), 45-year-old Margaret Blomquist, and 8-year-old Betty Blomquist arrived in [San Juan, Puerto Rico](#) aboard the *Barbara*.

For the initial time, 14 large Soviet bombers bombed Berlin.

The Red Army counterattacked around Yelnya.

Off Syracuse, Sicily, Fairey Swordfish torpedo aircraft of the 830th Naval Air Squadron sank the Italian hospital ship *California*. Too bad for the wounded! When we set out to see how bad we can hurt each other, this is the sort of thing that tends to happen! Tough love!

German submarine *U-655* was commissioned.

A pin-up of 23-year-old Rita Hayworth in this week's issue of [Life Magazine](#), showing the starlet perched on a bed with satin sheets in a negligee, would be well remembered by our GIs (only an over-the-shoulder photo of Betty Grable dating to 1943 would be more favorably considered).



Rita was responding to the photographer's instruction "Take a deep breath." The negligee had been crafted by the photographer's assistant's mother. Is that a Grant Wood painting in the background?.

WORLD WAR II



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1942

May 29, Friday: The largest selling recording in history, Irving Berlin's White Christmas, was recorded by Bing Crosby.

The Blomquist family ([Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#), 45-year-old Margaret Blomquist, and 8-year-old Betty Blomquist) had been residing, while on the island of [Puerto Rico](#), at Santurce. On this day they departed for Santiago, [Cuba](#) aboard a Pan American airplane.

[German](#) forces complete the encirclement of 250,000 Soviet troops west of the Donets.

In heavy fighting in Libya, the balance of the day went to the Axis.

In Radziwillow, Poland, 3,000 Jews were rounded up and shot despite a breakout that had gained temporary freedom for many of them.

ANTISEMITISM

June 2, Tuesday: William Edward Hanford and Donald Fletcher Holmes received a U.S. patent for polyurethane.

The Blomquist family ([Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#), 45-year-old Margaret Blomquist, and 8-year-old Betty Blomquist) took a Pan American airplane from Havana, [Cuba](#) to Miami, Florida.

Two carrier task forces (those of Rear Admiral F.J. Fletcher and Rear Admiral R.A. Spruance) rendezvoused about 350 miles northeast of Midway Island.

The composition of United States naval forces at the Battle of Midway was as follows:

- Rear Admiral F.J. Fletcher (Task Force 17) — carrier *Yorktown* (CV-5), heavy cruiser *Portland* (CA-33) and *Astoria* (CA-34), and destroyers *Hughes* (DD-410), *Anderson* (DD-411), *Hammann* (DD-412), *Russell* (DD-414), *Morris* (DD-417), and *Gwin* (DD-433)
- Rear Admiral R.A. Spruance (Task Force 16) — carriers *Enterprise* (CV-6) and *Hornet* (CV-8), heavy cruiser *Pensacola* (CA-24), *Northampton* (CA-26), *New Orleans* (CA-32), *Minneapolis* (CA-36), and *Vincennes* (CA-44), light cruiser *Atlanta* (CL-51), destroyers *Dewey* (DD-349), *Worden* (DD-352), *Monaghan* (DD-354), *Aylwin* (DD-355), *Phelps* (DD-360) *Balch* (DD-363), *Conyngham* (DD-371), *Benham* (DD-397), *Ellet* (DD-398), *Maury* (DD-401), and *Monssen* (DD-436), oilers *Cimarron* (AO-22), and *Platte* (AO-24); and submarines on patrol and scouting duty *Narwhal* (SS-167), *Nautilus* (SS-168), *Dolphin* (SS-169), *Cachalot* (SS-170), *Cuttlefish* (SS-171), *Pike* (SS-173), *Tarpon* (SS-175), *Plunger* (SS-179), *Tambor* (SS-198), *Trout* (SS-202), *Grayling* (SS-209), *Grenadier* (SS-210), *Gudgeon* (SS-211), *Gato* (SS-212), *Grouper* (SS-214), *Growler* (SS-215), *Flying Fish* (SS-229), *Finback* (SS-230), and *Trigger* (SS-237)

WORLD WAR II



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**1943**

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "Drifting 'seaweed' at Beaufort, [North Carolina](#)." Am. J. of Botany 30 (1): 28-32.

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1945

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "A new species of *Hexastylis* from [North Carolina](#)." *Castanea* 10 (3): 75-80.

Also, "Development of reproductive structures in the brown alga *Turbinaria turbinata*." *Bot. Gazette* 106 (3): 290-304.

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1947

Louis G. Williams and [H.L. Blomquist](#). "A collection of marine algae from Brazil." Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 74(5): 383-397.

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1948

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) and Henry John Oosting.<sup>1</sup> GUIDE TO THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER FLORA OF THE  
PIEDMONT OF [NORTH CAROLINA](#) ([Durham](#), [North Carolina](#): Published by the authors). Also, [Blomquist, H.L.](#)  
“*Asplenium monanthes* in South Carolina.” [Am. Fern J.](#) 38 (4): 171-176. Also, THE GRASSES OF NORTH  
CAROLINA (Duke UP).

BOTANIZING

1. In this year Dr. Oosting was also publishing his THE STUDY OF PLANT COMMUNITIES and in the following year he would be accepted in Duke University's Department of Botany as a full professor.



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1950

May: Madrid porter Juan Priego's gray Angora cat grew a pair of large fluffy wings.

CATS WITH WINGS



It had been a rough [World War II](#), for the Cunard liner [MV Georgic](#). At one point, as a troop transport, it had been sunk — but then it was raised and refurbished. During this month it made its 1st postwar civilian passenger journey from [New York](#) harbor to Liverpool, England. 62-year-old [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was on his way to attend the 7th International Botanical Congress in Stockholm, Sweden. He was to be overseas for 2 months.



He must have thought “Gosh, this is so very different from the ship I remember, coming to America as a child!”

July 12, Wednesday: Senator [Joseph R. McCarthy](#) alleged that in 1946 the State Department had removed incriminating evidence about the loyalty of its employees from its files. The Department responded that although it had reorganized some of its files in 1946, said reorganization had been limited to personnel files and had not included any of the loyalty files — which had been kept separate and were uncompromised.

UNAMERICANISM

In the Founder's Court of the Charterhouse School in Godalming, England, “Solemn Music for the Masque of Charterhouse” for winds and percussion by Ralph Vaughan Williams was performed for the initial time.

The opening of the 7th International Botanical Congress in Stockholm, attended by [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#).

As the casino at the resort town of Bad Gastein reopened, casino gambling began in Austria for the 1st time since its 1938 conquest by Germany.



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For the 1st time since the beginning of World War II there was German television as the company Nordwestdeutscher Rundfunk (NWDR) began sporadic TV transmission.

Canada sent its 1st military forces to aid in the [Korean War](#), placing the Royal Canadian Navy destroyers HMCS Cayuga, HMCS Athabaskan, and HMCS Sioux under UN Command.

The South Korean government, temporarily relocated from Seoul to Taejon, entered into an extraterritoriality accord with the United States of America assigning to US military courts exclusive jurisdiction in all criminal and civil matters over all American personnel in Korea.

The Roman Catholic church in Communist East Germany was placed under the administration of the Berliner Ordinarienkonferenz (BOK), which would exist until 1976.

July 20, Thursday: The final day of the 7th International Botanical Congress in Stockholm, attended by [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#).

North [Korean](#) forces captured Taejon, the temporary South [Korean](#) capital. Only the area in the toe of the peninsula south of the Naktong River was still not under Communist control.

The army of the Netherlands East Indies was officially disbanded.

The Belgian Parliament voted 198-0 to recall King Leopold III from exile (all communists and socialists, and almost all liberals, walked out before this vote).

Lachrymae op.48, reflections on a song of Dowland for viola and piano was performed for the initial time, in Aldeburgh Parish Church, with the composer Benjamin Britten himself at the keyboard.

During debate Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland had asserted about charges made by Senator [Joseph R. McCarthy](#), of Communist infiltration in the federal government, "What a farce this has been. What a hoax, what fraud, what deceit for a senator from Wisconsin to go to West Virginia and state there are 205 card-carrying Communists in the State Department ... and then overnight to reduce the number to 57 and then come back to the Senate and make the same speech, paragraph by paragraph, with that one paragraph changed." On this day the US federal Senate voted along party lines 45 Democrats over 37 Republicans to accept a report by Senator Tydings's committee denouncing Senator McCarthy's accusations.



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1951

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) and Hollis J. Rogers. "*Sphagnum macrophyllum* Bernh." The Bryologist 54(2): 95-102.

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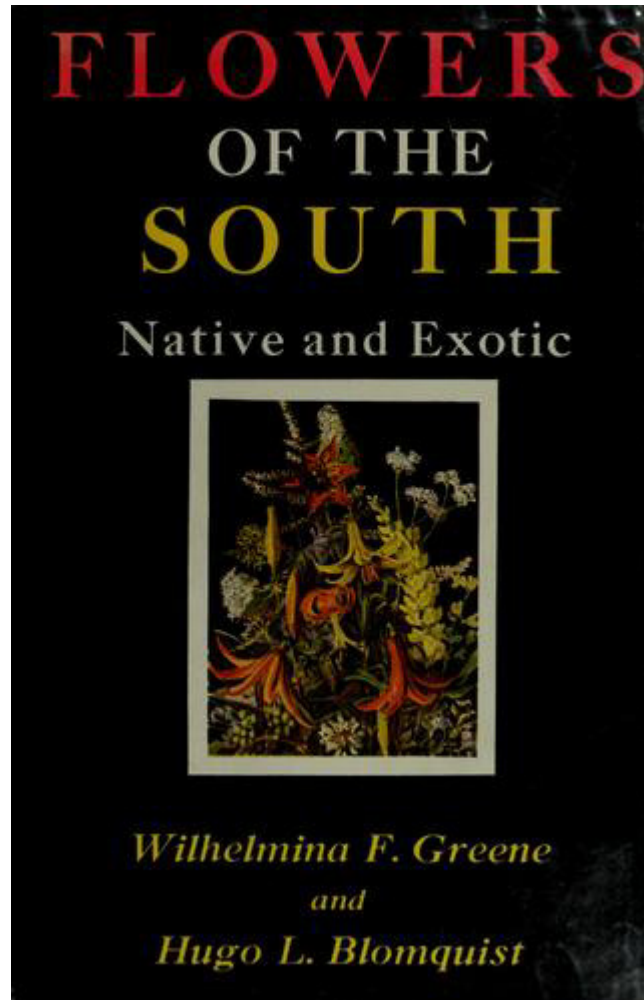


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1953

Wilhelmina F. Greene and [Hugo L. Blomquist](#). FLOWERS OF THE SOUTH, NATIVE AND EXOTIC (Chapel Hill: U of [North Carolina](#) P).

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[Eugene Pleasants Odum](#)'s FUNDAMENTALS OF ECOLOGY summarized his life work on ecosystem [ecology](#).

March 22, Sunday: In a search for Mau Maus, British troops arrested 2,500 Kenyans at Pumwani.

Williams Mix for 8 single-track or 4 double-track tapes by John Cage was performed for the initial time, in a private setting at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

The [Raleigh News & Observer](#) celebrated [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) as "Tar Heel of the Week" (in [North Carolina](#) the descriptor "Tar Heel" is not generally regarded as derogatory).



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April 9, Thursday: [Agnes Josephine Blomquist Samuelson](#) died. The burial would be in the Roosevelt Memorial Park at Gardena near Los Angeles, California.

In Hibiya Public Hall, Tokyo, “Trip on the Galaxy Train,” a ballet by Toru Takemitsu, was performed for the initial time.

The initial issue of [TV Guide](#).



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1954

September 4, Saturday: [Betty Blomquist](#) got married with Lonnie Turner "L.T." Matthews, Jr., son of Lonnie Turner Matthews and Katie Lorena Spivey Matthews. Both bride and groom were 21 years of age. This union would produce Eric Matthews, Michael Matthews, and Margaret Matthews.

In Moscow, Dmitri Shostakovich was awarded the International Peace Prize. In Siberia, Soviet authorities monitoring a twin-engined military aircraft of the Neptune type bearing identification markings of the United States Air Force considered that it entered their air space in the area of Cape Ostrovnoi, east of the Port of Nakhodka. At 19:12 hours Vladivostok time it was shot down. 9 of the 10 crewmembers would survive.

[President Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower](#) signed a bill allowing revocation of the citizenship of those advocating violent overthrow of the government.



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1955

Schuster, R. M. and [H.L. Blomquist](#). "A comparative study of *Telaranea* nematodes." Am. J. Bot. 42: 588-593.

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July 3, Sunday: [John Evard Blomquist](#) died. The body would be placed in the Swede Township Cemetery of LaMoure County, North Dakota.

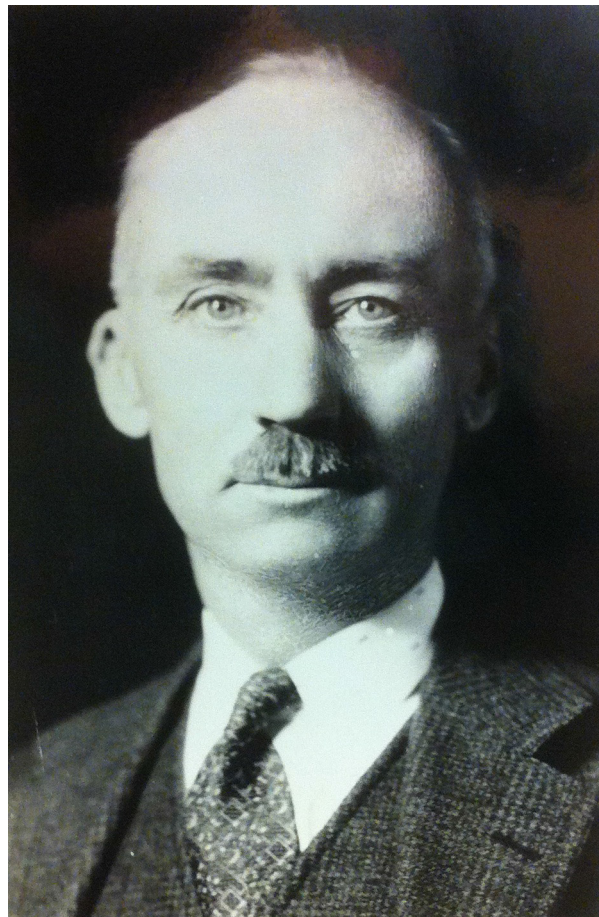
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1957

Italian composer Gian Carlo Menotti came to [Charleston, South Carolina](#) at the instigation of Countess Alicia Paolozzi (who owned a home in the city) and began negotiations to make Charleston the American site of Menotti's Festival of Two Worlds, later to be called the Spoleto Festival.

The term "[Duke University](#) Medical Center" was 1st deployed to designate the combined facilities for medical and nursing instruction, treatment, and research.

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) A revision of *Hexastylis* of North America. *Brittonia* 8(4): 255-281.



Publication of the correspondence of John Custis (1678-1749) of Williamsburg, Virginia with Friend [Peter Collinson](#) of London, as E.G. Swem's BROTHERS OF THE SPADE. Custis, whose garden "means all the world to me," heard of Collinson's desire for the "mountain cowslip" or Virginia bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*) and sent this "beautiful out of the way plant and flower" to London, in the first of a series of 39 letters. He provided botanicals from the marshland and forests of eastern Virginia, for instance the fringe tree and the umbrella magnolia. Collinson in turn dispatched to America the latest in European garden fashion — striped crown imperial lilies, white foxgloves, and variegated evergreens.

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Extracts from the common periwinkle were found effective in the treatment of childhood leukemia.

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May 29, Wednesday: Members of the FLN (one Algerian rebel group) killed all 336 men in the village of Melouza who belong to the MNA (another Algerian rebel group).

At [Duke University](#) in [Durham, North Carolina](#), there was a retirement dinner for 69-year-old [Professor of Botany Hugo Leander Blomquist](#), who was becoming emeritus.

The Laos government of prince Suvanna Phuma resigned.

New York City Mayor Robert Wagner announced he would confer with the Giants and the Dodgers about their proposed move to the West Coast.



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1958

May 13, Tuesday: A coalition of fascist and other right-wing groups, in conspiracy with the local French army command, led by brigadier General Jacques Massu, seized control in Algeria. They set up a Committee of Public Safety and demanded the return to power of Charles de Gaulle. They opposed reports that Prime-Minister-designate Pierre Pflimlin planned to negotiate with Algerian rebels.

Foreign Minister Malik of Lebanon accused [Egypt](#) of “massive interference” in the current unrest in his nation.

As US Vice-President Richard Nixon was being driven through Caracas, Venezuela to a wreath-laying ceremony at the National Pantheon, the motorcade was set upon by mobs wielding sticks and rocks. Rioters attempted to drag Nixon from the car. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Oscar Garcia Lutin was injured as were some of the Vice President’s bodyguards. Two US diplomats waiting at the ceremony site for Nixon were set upon by mobs and needed to be rescued by Venezuelan troops. Nixon’s motorcade managed to make it to the US embassy. [President Dwight David “Ike” Eisenhower](#) moved troops to Puerto Rico and [Guantánamo Bay](#) as a “precautionary measure.” Perhaps Professor Emeritus [Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) was on the island of Puerto Rico while this hoo-hah was going down because, according to his family, he spent 6 months of this year doing research there on marine algae.



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**1960**

[Blomquist, H.L.](#) "Fruiting specimens of *Sphagnum portoricense*." The Bryologist 63: 225-229.

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[Howard Thomas Odum](#)'s [ECOLOGICAL](#) POTENTIAL AND ANALOG CIRCUITS FOR THE ECOSYSTEM and TEN CLASSROOM SESSIONS IN [ECOLOGY](#).



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1961

May 13, Saturday: [Nils August Blomquist](#) died at the age of 84. The body would be placed in the Swede Township Cemetery of LaMoure County, North Dakota.

Gary Cooper died at the age of 60 of colon cancer at his home in Bel Air, California.

When the Secret Army Organization (OAS), a right-wing paramilitary group, exploded 4 bombs in Paris on the anniversary of its 1958 uprising, 10 people were injured.

Dimensions for soprano and 14 instruments by Ralph Shapey was performed for the initial time, at the New School, New York City, the composer conducting.



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1963

October 27, Sunday: [Gustav Blomquist](#) died at the age of 77 in Sacramento, California.

In Chicago, 225,000 students boycotted classes in a protest against the racial segregation of the schools.

Dr. Michael DeBakey of Baylor University Medical School reported that, on his initial successful attempt to implant a mechanical device into a human to fill the function of the heart, the patient had survived on this mechanical device for 4 hours.

A telegram that would be referred to as the “green light,” because it effectively cleared the way for the overthrow of South Vietnam President Ngo Dinh Diem, was received in Saigon as a follow-up to Cable 243 of August 24th that had instructed US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. to pressure the Ngo brothers to resign. The substance of the cable, that had been approved on a golf course in Washington DC by Under-Secretary of State George W. Ball, was that it authorized, according to Ball’s deputy U. Alexis Johnson, the American ambassador “to signal that we would not oppose a coup against Diem.”

In an early-morning blaze that consumed the university’s Administration Building, nearly all the current records of Colgate University, most of them irreplaceable, were destroyed.



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1964

November 28, Saturday: Mariner 4 was launched, the initial interplanetary probe that would succeed in flying by Mars.

The joint US/Belgium mission to rescue white hostages from Congolese rebels concluded with 76 refugees landing in Léopoldville.

A mob of about 2,000 attacked the US, Belgium, UK, and Congo embassies in Moscow (the crowd, mostly African, Asian, and Latin American students, appeared to be coordinated by Soviet police).

At Ecker in the Hoggar of southern Algeria, France exploded its “Turquoise” [nuclear device](#) of less than 20 kilotons, underground.

[Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) died at his home in [Durham, North Carolina](#) at the age of 76. The granite gravestone of Hugo and his wife Margaret Lane Mordecai Blomquist at the Oakwood Cemetery of Raleigh depicts the glade fern *Homalosorus pycnocarpus*.

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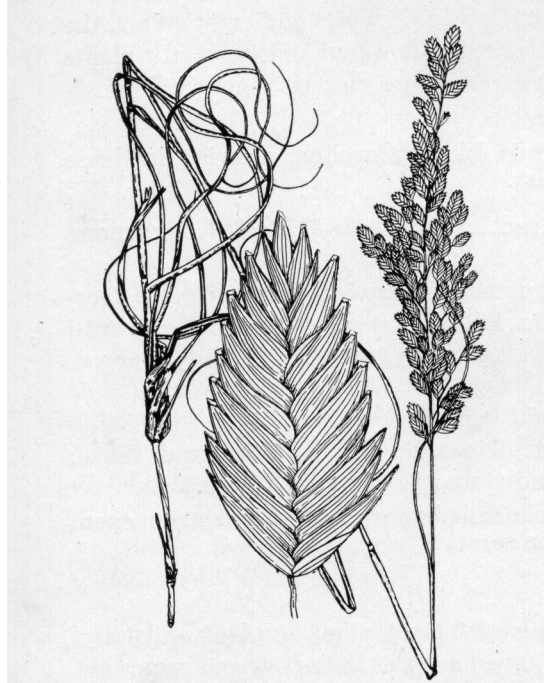


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1968

Albert E. Radford and C. Ritchie Bell's MANUAL OF THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE CAROLINAS. Most of the grasses and ferns of this manual had been collected by [Professor Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) of [Duke University](#).



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The University of [North Carolina](#) Herbarium has so far databased approximately 3,500 specimens as having been collected by Professor Blomquist and no doubt, as its cataloging effort continues, thousands more will be noted — in fact, the University of North Carolina holds several type specimens of taxa that have been named in his honor, such as the dwarf-flower heartleaf *Hexastylis naniflora* Blomquist (illustrated), and *Hexastylis pilosiflora* Blomquist.



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2004

[Robert M. Thorson](#) became Professor of Geology in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut.

The International Union of Geological Sciences added a new period to the earth's geologic timescale: the "Ediacaran" period ranging from approximately 600,000,000 to 542,000,000 years ago. This was to represent the period that began after the final "Snowball Earth" ice age and resulted in the Cambrian period (this has been the 1st new geologic period to be designated in 120 years).

Heather Wilson and Lyall Anderson described the oldest land animal fossil yet recovered, found by Mike Newman: *Pneumodesmus newmani*, a 428,000,000-year-old, centimeter-long millipede.

M.-Y. Zhu and collaborators described munched *trilobite* parts inside another arthropod, confirming our suspicion that other animals had been snacking on these abundant little water bugs.

Naama Goren-Inbar and her team described controlled fire use by hominids at a 790,000-year-old site in Israel, thus pushing the earliest known use of fire back 300,000 years from previous estimates.

X. Wang and Z. Zhou described the initial known *pterosaur* egg to contain an exquisitely preserved embryo. Inside an egg slightly smaller than your average chicken egg, the embryo sported a 27-centimeter wingspan. Several months later Z. Zhou and F. Zhang described a Cretaceous bird embryo, the 1st found with feathers.

Using CT scans on femurs of the early hominid *Orrorin tugenensis* discovered in Kenya, Galik and collaborators pushed back the development of bipedalism in hominids to 6,000,000 years (2,000,000 earlier than *Australopithecus anamensis*).

Qingjin Meng and collaborators described an adult *Psittacosaurus* dinosaur associated with 34 juveniles, apparent evidence of parental care.

When a team of Japanese researchers took the 1st photograph of a giant squid in the wild, in the process they unfortunately ripped off one of its tentacles. Oops, sorry.

The British Museum began excavation at Happisburgh in Norfolk. Over six years they would uncover evidence pushing back human activity at such a high latitude (45 degrees) to perhaps even 950,000 years.

D. Néraudeau described deposits in western France containing hundreds of Acheulian and Mousterian tools, a dozen of them bearing fossils.

Peter Brown, Mike Morwood, and collaborators discovered on the Indonesian island of Flores an 18,000-year-old, 1-meter-tall hominid. Found near remains of giant lizards and pygmy elephants, they would name this *Homo floresiensis* and nickname it "the hobbit." Though some suspected this to have been a malformed, small-brained midget, the results of braincase scans and wrist bones too primitive to be *Homo sapiens*, plus the



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discovery of other such individuals, now suggest direct ancestry from *Homo erectus*.

### THE SCIENCE OF 2004

Aleksandar S. Vesic Professor of Civil Engineering, and Professor of History, at [Duke University Henry Petroski](#)'s PUSHING THE LIMITS: NEW ADVENTURES IN ENGINEERING. On September 10th he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

In a program to inspire and support undergraduate women in the classroom and in campus leadership roles at [Duke University](#), the 1st Baldwin Scholars were selected.

The [H.L. Blomquist](#) Garden of Native Plants of [Duke Gardens](#) in [Durham, North Carolina](#) offered a home to Steven Church's collection of 24 species of rare and endangered native plants.

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2018

March 5, Monday: Nan Len of Duke Gardens completed her careful work in comparing sources and establishing information, in regard to the life and works of [Professor of Botany Hugo Leander Blomquist](#) of [Duke University](#) and in regard to his family:

This is your life

Hugo Leander Blomquist

June 5, 1888 ~ November 28, 1964

- 1888, June 5
  - HLB born
    - § Born in Blattnicksele, Västerbotten, Sweden
    - § Father's name: Nels Blomquist
    - § Mother's name: Eva Blomquist
  
- 1892, July 5
  - HLB departed from Göteborg (Gothenburg), Göteborg och Bohus, Sverige [Sweden]
    - § Name is written as Leander Blomquist
    - § Age 4, born in Sorsele Västerbotten
    - § Destination: Grimsby
    - § Ship: Orlando
    - § Family members
      - N. E. Blomquist [age 49]
        - May 24, 1843-October 4, 1936
      - Greta [age 41]
        - October 23, 1851-May 13, 1922
      - Edvard [age 18]
        - July 21, 1874-July 3, 1955
      - August [age 15]
        - January 7, 1877-May 13, 1961
      - Gustaf [age 6]
        - April 12, 1886-October 27, 1963
      - Leander [age 4]
        - June 5, 1888-November 28, 1964



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- “Bestämmelseort.” (destination?) “Lachouse, Dak”? – probably LaMoure County, North Dakota
- Source: *Gothenburg, Sweden, Passenger Lists, 1869-1951\**
- § Arrived in Edgeley, North Dakota on July 31, 1892 (per family history: [www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31400856](http://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31400856))
  - [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LaMoure\\_County,\\_North\\_Dakota](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LaMoure_County,_North_Dakota)
- § Parents married April 1, 1872? -- confirm
  
- o More family information at: “Kulm ND, Town History, 1892-1957” by Allen Konrad, Odessa Digital Library, 2001 ([www.odessa3.org/collections/towns/link/kulm57.txt](http://www.odessa3.org/collections/towns/link/kulm57.txt))
  
- 1892, August 5
  - o HLB's sister Agnes born
  
- 1896, January 6
  - o Margaret Lane Mordecai born
    - § Born in Raleigh, NC
    - § Died October 2, 1982, Raleigh, NC
      - Father's name: Samuel Fox Mordecai, II (December 12, 1852 - December 29, 1927)
      - Senior Professor and first Dean of the law school at Trinity College/Duke University from 1904-1927.
      - See Find a Grave [www.findagrave.com/memorial/32577385/samuel-fox-mordecai](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/32577385/samuel-fox-mordecai)
      - Mother Elizabeth “Bettie” Mordecai (January 1, 1853 – April 15, 1946)
  
- 1902
  - o Sister Matilda Evelina Blomquist Soberg (Mrs. August Soberg) dies -- 1873-1902
  - o See [www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31401020/history-of-matilda-evelina-blomquist-soberg](http://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31401020/history-of-matilda-evelina-blomquist-soberg)
  - o HLB is 14



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- 1909, Autumn
  - HLB was 21 years old
  - Left home to attend Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana
    - § “Valparaiso University is a selective, independent Lutheran institution in Valparaiso, Indiana, an hour’s drive from Chicago.” ([www.valpo.edu/about/](http://www.valpo.edu/about/))
  - “Attended this school for three school years including the summer of 1912 when I graduated. Directed the university band and taught cornet in the last year”
    - § From HLB's “Chief Points in my Life”
  
- 1910
  - Back home in North Dakota
    - § Nels E. Blomquist, age 67
    - § Margaretha E. Blomquist, age 58
    - § Home: Finn School District, Logan, North Dakota
    - § Number of children born: 6 – number of children living: 5
    - § Also in the household
      - Minnie Soberg (1902- ), age 8, granddaughter
      - Victor Sanielson, age 21, hired man
      - Pure speculation by Nan Len – could this be Victor Samuelson who married HLB's sister Agnes on December 12, 1912?
    - § Source: *1910 United States Federal Census\**
  
- 1910
  - HLB was 21 years old
    - § Occupation: Student
    - § Lived at 607 Union St., Center, Porter, Indiana
      - Probably while he was studying at Valparaiso University
    - § Source: *1910 United States Federal Census\**
  
- 1912
  - Graduated from Valparaiso University
  - Valparaiso University yearbook (“The Record”) entry
    - § HLB referred to as “Bloomie”
    - § Home listed as Kulm, North Dakota



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§ Source: *U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2013\**

- 1912-1914
  - HLB was 24 to 26 years old
  - “Taught school in Deering, N.D. as principal for two years, 1912-13 & 1913-4. While there instructed band in Deering and Glenburn and one summer, also in Sherwod.”
    - § From HLB's “Chief Points in my Life”
  
- 1914
  - HLB was 26 years old
  - “Entered the University of Chicago in the summer of 1914. Played in the University band while there. Graduated from the U. of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science degree in the June commencement of 1916.”
    - § From HLB's “Chief Points in my Life”
  
- 1916
  - HLB was 28 years old
  - HLB listed as cornet player in University of Chicago Military Band (Yearbook “Cap & Gown”)
  
- 1916, Autumn
  - “Reentered the U. of C. as a graduate student on a scholarship in the autumn of 1916. Stayed there until the end of the summer 1917.”
    - § From HLB's “Chief Points in my Life”
  
- 1917, October 3
  - Inducted into Army in Chicago, Illinois
    - § HLB was 29 years old
    - § Occupation: Student
      - Source: *U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918\**
    - § Overseas from September 9, 1918 to July 31, 1919 – from HLB's “Chief Points in my Life”



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- 1918, November 11
  - World War I Armistice signed – fighting ended
  
- 1919
  - March thru July – in Paris for studies
    - § Attended lecture on Bio Chem at University of Paris (letter March 12, 1919). Classes at Alliance Française (letter May 9, 1919)
      - Letters to brother Gustav?
    - § “Left Paris July 1 for a two-week’s vacation in southern France. Returned to Paris July 12, 1919. Left Paris July 14 for Brest to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Division on their return to the states.”
      - From HLB’s “Chief Points in my Life
    - § Discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on August 6, 1919 as a Musician 1<sup>st</sup> Class
      - Source: *Roster of the Men and Women who served in the Army of Naval Service (including the Marine Corps) of the United States or its Allies from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918 ... \**
  
- 1919, fall
  - “Returned to University of Chicago in fall of 1919. Worked for my Ph.D. degree.”
    - § From HLB’s “Chief Points in my Life
  
- 1920
  - HLB was 31 years old
    - § Lived in Finn, Logan, North Dakota
    - § Father Nels was 77 years old
    - § Mother Eva was 68 years old
    - § Source: *1920 United States Federal Census\**
  - “In the summer of 1920 accepted a position as assistant prof. of Biology at Trinity college, Durham, N.C. where I arrived in the autumn of 1920.”
    - § From HLB’s “Chief Points in my Life
  
- 1921



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- HLB was 32
- "Returned to Univ. of Chicago in the summer of 1921. Finished the work and examination for the Ph.D. degree. The diploma was granted in abstentia"
  - § From HLB's "Chief Points in my Life"
- 1922
  - HLB "tchr Trinity College h Trinity Campus"
    - § Source: *Durham City Directory, 1922\**
- 1922, May 13
  - Mother Eva Margreta Fredrickson Dahlberg Blomquist dies (October 23,1851-May 13,1922)
  - See Find a Grave [www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=104851384](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=104851384)
    - § Buried in Swede Township Cemetery, LaMoure County, North Dakota
- 1923
  - Professor of Botany
    - § 1923-1957
- 1924
  - Durham City Directory, 1924
    - § HLB "tchr Trinity College h Faculty Club, Trinity Campus"
- 1926
  - HLB was 38
  - *A Laboratory Manual of General Botany* by Hugo Leander Blomquist and Numa Francis Wilerson – Rev. ed. (Durham, N.C., Duke University Press, 1926)
- 1928, December 26
- Married to Margaret Lane Mordecai (January 6, 1896- October 2, 1982)
  - § HLB was 40 years old
  - § Margaret Lane Mordecai was 32
  - § Source: *North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011\**



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- 1929, January 5
  - Arrived at Key West, Florida
    - § Margaret also on the list of passengers -- honeymoon?
    - § Ship: Governor Cobb
    - § Source: *U.S. Citizen Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Key West, Florida\**
  
- 1930
  - HLB was 42
    - § Record indicates that he and Margaret are "roomers" at 2118 Englewood Ave, Durham NC
    - § Occupation: Professor [sic]
    - § Source: *1930 United States Federal Census\** and *Durham City Directory, 1930\**
  
- 1932, November 24
  - Betty Blomquist was born
  
- 1933
  - Named Chairman of Duke University Botany Department
    - § 1933-1954
  
- 1934
  - HLB was 46
  - *Ferns of North Carolina* by H.L. Blomquist (Durham, N.C., Duke University Press, 1934)
  
- 1936
  - HLB was 48
  - *A Guide to the Spring and Early Summer Flora of the Piedmont, North Carolina* by H.L. Blomquist and H. J. Oosting – 2d ed. – [Durham, N. C., Printed by the Seeman Printery, Inc.] 1936.
  - First edition 1934? Third edition 1940
  - From "Growing up with 'Bloomie'" by Betty Blomquist Matthews (*FLORA : A newsletter for the Friends of the Sarah P. Duke Gardens*, #40, Fall 2002):



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- § *When I was four years old, my Dad bought a two-bedroom stone house at 922 Demerius Street*
  - See photograph of house at Open Durham ([opendurham.org/buildings/922-demerius-st-cole-bloomquist-house](http://opendurham.org/buildings/922-demerius-st-cole-bloomquist-house))
  - “Moses O. Cole, owner of the Durham Granite Company, built a granite pyramidal cottage at 922 Demerius Street in 1912. It stood alone on its Demerius Street block until the late 1930s.” USDI/NPS Registration Form, Trinity Park Historic District Boundary Increase, Durham County, NC ([www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/dh2512.pdf](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/dh2512.pdf))
- 1936, October 4
  - Father Nels Edvard Anderson Blomquist dies (May 24, 1843-October 4, 1936)
  - Find a Grave: [www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=104851399](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=104851399)
    - § Buried in Swede Township Cemetery, LaMoure County, North Dakota
- 1940
  - HLB was 52 years old
    - § Margaret Blomquist was 44 years old
    - § Bettie [sic] was 7 years old
    - § Lived in Durham at 922 Demerius St.
    - § Source: *1940 United States Federal Census\**
- 1941, August 11
  - Arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA
    - § HLB was 53 years old; Margaret was 45 years old; Betty was 8 years old
    - § Came aboard the Barbara
    - § Source: *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 10/07/1901-06/30/1948\**
- 1942
  - Residence in Santurce, Puerto Rico
    - § HLB was 54



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§ Source: WWII Draft Registration cards\*

- 1942, May 29
  - Departed San Juan, Puerto Rico
    - § Destination: Santiago, Cuba
    - § HLB was 53
    - § Left on Pan American Airways, Inc.
  
- 1942, June 2
  - Arrival Miami, Florida
  - Embarked from Havana Cuba
  - Arrived on Pan American Airways, Inc.
  
- 1948
  - HLB was 60
  - *The Grasses of North Carolina* [by H.L. Blomquist] (Durham, Duke University Press, 1948)
  
- 1950
  - Departed New York, New York, USA
    - § HLB was 62 years old
    - § Address is 922 Demerius St., Durham, NC
    - § Bound for the port of Liverpool
    - § Two month trip
    - § Ship was the Georgic
      - Source: *Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels and Airplanes Departing from New York, New York, 07/01/1948-12/31/1956\**
  - Attended Seventh International Botanical Congress, Stockholm July 12-20
  
- 1953
  - HLB was 65 years old



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- o *Flowers of the South, native and exotic* by Wilhelmina F. Greene and Hugo L. Blomquist (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press [1953])
- o "Tar Heel of the Week", News & Observer, March 22, 1953
- o Sister Agnes dies
  - § Agnes Josephine Samuelson (Mrs. Victor Samuelson) August 5, 1892-April 9, 1953
  - § Find a Grave: [www.findagrave.com/memorial/46585939/agnes-josephine-samuelson](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/46585939/agnes-josephine-samuelson). Roosevelt Memorial Park, Gardena, Los Angeles County, California, USA
  - § Birthdate on tombstone is wrong per family history: [www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31400856](http://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/31400856)
- 1954, September 4
  - o Betty married Lonnie Turner Matthews
    - § HLB was 66 years old
    - § Betty was 21 years old as was Lonnie
    - § Source: *North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011\**
    - § Children: Eric, Michael, and Margaret Engelbrekt ([www.findagrave.com/memorial/125899393/lonnie-turner-matthews](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125899393/lonnie-turner-matthews))
- 1955, July 3
  - o Brother John Evard dies (July 21, 1874-July 3, 1955)
  - o Find a Grave: [www.findagrave.com/memorial/104851370/john-edvard-blomquist](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104851370/john-edvard-blomquist)
- 1957
  - o Retires – Emeritus Professor
    - § Retirement dinner is May 29, 1957, per dinner program in Duke University Archives, Blomquist papers
  - o HLB is 69 years old
- 1958
  - o Spent six months in Puerto Rico doing research on the Marine Algae of P.R.
    - § From a list of information about HLB written by Margaret Blomquist



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### § Dates?

- 1961, May 13
  - Brother Nils August dies (January 7, 1877-May 13, 1961)
  - Find a Grave link: [www.findagrave.com/memorial/104851325](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104851325))
  
- 1963, October 27
  - Brother Gustav dies (April 12, 1886-October 27, 1963); died in Sacramento
  - From *California Death Index*\*
  
- 1964, November 28
  - HLB died
    - § He was 76 years old
    - § Buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh, NC
      - On tombstone is representation of *Homalosorus pycnocarpus* (glade fern)
      - Source: UNC Herbarium biography ([www.herbarium.unc.edu/Collectors/Blomquist\\_Hugo.htm](http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/Collectors/Blomquist_Hugo.htm))

\*Source located at [www.ancestrylibrary.com/](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/)

URL's checked February 20, 2018

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- Remark by character "Garin Stevens"  
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST



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