

**100 Year**  
**Memorial**  
**remembering**



***Roderick "Perry" Taylor***

**and the**

**564 persons who lost their lives on the**

**R.M.S. Leinster**

**Oct. 10, 1918, WWI, Irish Sea**



**Geneva Cemetery**

**Cemetery Road**

**Geneva, Florida**

**Oct. 10, 2018**

**2:00 PM**

**Geneva Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.**



## Charles S. Lee Remembers

On 28 April 1991, six months before his ninety-ninth birthday, Charles S. Lee of Oviedo dictated an account of his time in the U.S. Navy in WWI. Speaking as if the long distant war had been fought the previous week, Lee's memoirs - "*My Experiences in World War I*" were dedicated to Perry Taylor, his friend from Geneva, who joined the Navy with him and was drowned Oct. 10, 1918, when the R.M.S. Leinster was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea. Charles made it on an earlier ship to see his brother, saving his life.

It is from Charles' account and other historical research in Geneva & Ireland that we know the story of young Perry Taylor, his short life and tragic death 100 years ago today.



Roderick Perry Taylor



Charles. S. Lee

## Program

**Post the Colors** - East Sem. Cty. VFW Post 10139

**How Memorial Came To Be** - Mary Jo Martin

**Chief Machinist Mate Perry Taylor** -  
2nd cousin - Officer Geoffrey Dunham

**Recognize Perry Taylor Descendants**

**Charles S. Lee** - Grandson - Richard H. Lee  
**Recognize Chas. S. Lee Descendants**

**The RMS Leinster** - Historian Mal Martin

**Wreath on Taylor Grave** - Geoffrey Dunham

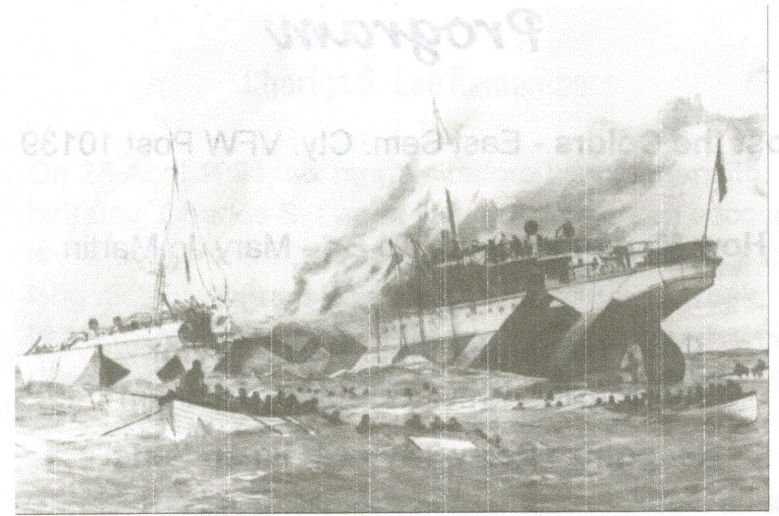
**5 Other Americans who died on RMS Leinster/Taps**

- \* Gunners Mate 2nd Class John Black - MM
- \* Lieutenant Joseph Furlong - BH
- \* Quartermaster 2nd Class Joseph Hogan - IY
- \* Sergeant 1st Class John Rose - SQ
- \* Yeoman 3rd Class John Valentine - CF

**"In Flanders Fields" / Poppies** - Wanda Currie

**"God Bless America"** - Retire Colors - VFW Post





A contemporary drawing of the sinking of the RMS Leinster, reproduced as the cover for "Torpedoed! The RMS Leinster Disaster" by Philip Lecane.

### **Sinking of the R.M.S. Leinster**

Twelve miles out from Dun Laoghaire harbor on the Irish Sea, October 10, 1918, two torpedoes from a German U-Boat struck the RMS Leinster. Badly damaged below the waterline, the mail ship with 771 passengers & crew on board, attempted to return to port - but the damage was extensive and the Leinster slipped beneath the waves. The largest group of casualties, 359, were the Allied Military on board with the end of WWI just a month away. Among the dead were soldiers and civilians from Ireland, Britain, United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.