

TUSCANIA

Alexander, Herman Hetzel/Hetzell
1896 TX – 1926 TN

NASHVILLE STUDENT ON SHIP TORPEDOED

Former Student of Nashville In-
stitution Among Men Res-
cued From Tuscania.



H. HERMAN ALEXANDER.

H. Herman Alexander, who was reported as among the survivors of those who were on the Tuscania, was a student in a Nashville institution last year. Mr. Alexander's father, W. E. Alexander, of Ethridge, Tenn., has received a telegram stating that his son was among those rescued.

About the time that Mr. Alexander completed a course of shorthand and typewriting in Draughon's College, he decided to answer the call of his country. He did not wait to be drafted into service, but enlisted in a military company that was being organized in Nashville. When it was learned that Mr. Alexander was a capable stenographer, he was assigned as stenographer with an aviation corps, with which he was on his way to France when the Tuscania was torpedoed.

As an evidence of Mr. Alexander's energy and ambition, it is but necessary to state that, although his father was well able to help him through school, and would have gladly done so, the son preferred to make his own way and did so by operating an elevator in a local hotel after school hours.

Professor Draughon states that, because of Mr. Alexander's energy, application to his studies, good nature and genial disposition, he endeared himself to the faculty and students, and that the faculty and his many friends among the former students join Mr. Alexander's relatives in rejoicing over his good fortune in being rescued, and in hoping that he will yet have an opportunity to render effective service for his country.

One of the seventy stars in the big service flag now displayed in front of Draughon's College represents Mr. Alexander.

"The Tennessean" (Nashville TN) Sunday 3 Mar 1918 p 15 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/119256160/>

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Lawrence
Civil Dist. 10
Village Ethridge
City Desha

STATE OF TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
6810
Registration District No. 512
Primary Registration District No. _____
File No. 11
Registered No. _____
[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the NAME (instead of street and number).]

2 FULL NAME Norman Hubert Anderson

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 MARRIAGE STATUS Married
(Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH Jan 19 1906
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 30 yrs. 1 mo. 28 da. H LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or min.?

8 OCCUPATION
(1) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. Rural Carrier
(2) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (as employee).

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Texas

10 NAME OF FATHER W. E. Anderson

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Tennessee

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Maude E. Lisdell

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Missouri

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
[Informant] W. E. Anderson
[Address] Ethridge, Tenn.

15 Filed Apr 10 1936 E. Cunningham

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Mar. 17 1936
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Feb to Mar. 17 1936, that I last saw him alive on Mar. 17 1936 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 3:30 P. M.
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Septicemia
[Disease] yrs. ____ mo. ____ da.
Contributory [Secondary] Septicemia
[Disease] yrs. ____ mo. ____ da.
Signed Leslie Harris M. D.
3170 1936 Address Lawrenceburg

* State (1) DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At place of death yrs. ____ mo. ____ da. In the State yrs. ____ mo. ____ da.
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence _____

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Ethridge DATE OF BURIAL 3/18 1936
20 UNDERTAKER C. L. North ADDRESS Ethridge

W. WHITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

TN death record - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30243336:2376?tid=159413324&pid=162351925410&queryId=7a588c81e40c6086b81753bf932da564&_phsrc=cPx1266&_phstart=successSource

Herman Alexander.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn., March 12.—
(Special.)—Herman Alexander, aged 25 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, died at a Columbia hospital of typhoid fever. He was rural mail carrier and lived near Ethridge. He leaves a wife and one child, father, mother and two brothers. He was sick for several weeks, first taken with pneumonia, which left him in a very weakened condition. He was a fine young man and was beloved by a large circle of friends. His remains were interred in the Ethridge cemetery.

“Nashville (TN) Banner” Friday 12 Mar 1926 p 7

Survivor of Tusconia Disaster Buried as Hero

(Special to The Tennessean.)

Lawrenceburg, Tenn., March 18.—Herman Alexander, age 32, died at his home yesterday at Ethridge, six miles north of here. He was a World War veteran and was on the Tusconia when it was torpedoed near the Irish coast and sunk while carrying soldiers across in 1918. For the past several years he has been a rural mail carrier at Ethridge. He is survived by a wife and two small children and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander. The funeral and burial took place this afternoon at Ethridge. The burial was in charge of the L. O. Crane Post 63 of the American Legion.

“The Tennessean” (Nashville TN) Friday 19 Mar 1926, p 20

Life:

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN and The Nashville American, TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 19, 1917. 13

Here Is Official List of Registered Men of City and County

SEVENTH WARD—WHITE.

Herman Hetsell Alexander, James William Armstrong, Wallace Altaway, Edgar Erbin Alderson, Gerald Abraham Ash, Harry Lang Albright, William Robert Abernathy, Walter Cage Anderson, John Carl Aker, Albert Raymond Ackerman, Edwin Wells Abernathy, Elijah Garth Allensworth, Morris Osgood Armstrong, Henry Claud Averitt, Richard Arthur Arnold, Anthony Antonine Anton, Thomas Raymond

Excerpt – “The Tennessean” (Nashville TN) Tuesday 19 Jun 1917 p 13

Survivors

Names of Number of Southern Boys Among Those Saved on Tuscania.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Following are Southern boys among Tuscania survivors:

- Richard J. Foteet, Nashville, Tenn.
- William A. Cherry, Demopolis, Ala.
- John S. Williams, Gardner Fla.
- John W. Redd, Buhi, Ala.
- Leo F. Terzila, Monroe, La.
- Gallan T. Albritton, Myakka City, Fla.
- Frank H. Carroll, Norfolk, Va.
- Harvey P. Holland, Wakefield, Va.
- James W. Logan, Uree, N. C.
- Willie J. Stuckey, Lamar, S. C.
- Ivo Burns McAllister, Nashville, Tenn.
- Jesse E. Veitch, Balaton, Va.
- Freddie Johns, Tampa, Fla.
- Herman H. Alexander, Ethridge, Tenn.
- Charles H. Greer, Union Point, Ga.
- Loomis M. Hales, Clayton, N. C.
- Walter Shaw, Eureka Grove, N. C.

[list continues] “The Tennessean” (Nashville TN) Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

HERMAN ALEXANDER AMONG THE RESCUED

Special to the Banner.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Herman H. Alexander, one of the young soldiers saved in the Tuscania disaster, is a son of W. E. Alexander of Eathridge, this county. He volunteered when the call to arms was issued and left here with the first detachment last summer. The father, while in town recently, advised the Banner correspondent of the departure of his son from New York. It was certainly most gratifying news, not only to the parents, but to the young man's friends here, when a telegram was received from Washington announcing that he was among those rescued.

"Nashville (TN) Banner" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 13

Tennessee Soldier Calmly "Rolls One" As Tuscania Sinks

Survivor Writes Pal Here Telling
of His Experiences After Ship
Was Torpedoed.

From somewhere in England comes a vivid story of the sinking of the Tuscania from a Tennessee boy who was on the ill-fated transport. This is the first story from a survivor of the torpedoed ship that has been given to the public of Nashville and it is written by Herman A. Alexander of Ethridge, Tenn., a former student in this city.

The following paragraphs are the striking incidents in Mr. Alexander's letter to his friend and pal, Walter Edwards, of Nashville:

"Everything was plunged into darkness when the torpedo hit us.

"My boat was lost; I intended to stick to the ship, though, until she went under.

"I rolled a cigarette and took what I thought was my last smoke.

"Those who were lost were mostly those who jumped overboard. Those who stuck to the ship were saved."

In the face of the greatest danger that can come to one on sea, young Alexander demonstrated his American spirit again, as he did when he went into the service without being drafted, by staying with the ship, and when, in the midst of it all, he calmly rolled a cigarette and waited patiently for the worst to come.

His letter in full is as follows:

"Mr. Walter Edwards, 304 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn. U. S. A.:
Dear Pal: Have arrived safely somewhere in England. No doubt you have read of the sinking of the transport Tuscania by a submarine. I was aboard her, but was among the lucky ones who escaped, but it

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TENNESSEE BOY "ROLLS ONE" AS TUSCANIA SINKS

(Continued From First Page.)

was an experience which I don't care to go through again. Everything was plunged into darkness when the torpedo hit us; some of the lifeboats were smashed by the explosion, and the ropes tangled so they could not be lowered. My boat was lost; I intended to stick to the ship, though, until she went under. I rolled a cigarette and took what I thought was my last smoke. A destroyer ran alongside and took a bunch of men off, but there was such a crowd that I didn't try to get on. Then I started to walk across the ship and stepped off into an open stairway and thought I was going to the bottom of the ship on my head. When I came to myself I got back on deck again, as I didn't break any bones, although I thought I had. When I got back up I saw another destroyer had come alongside of us and had most everybody off. I found a rope going from our ship to the destroyer, and you can bet I made a jump for it. I saw some pitiful scenes that night, though most of those who were lost were those who jumped overboard or were lost in the lifeboats. Those who stuck to the ship were saved. I was on her about two and one-half hours after she was hit, and had she not stayed up so long the loss would have been pretty heavy. Sincerely your friend,

HERMAN A. ALEXANDER,
"100th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Force."

"U. S. We were landed in Ireland first."

"P. S. We were landed in Ireland first. Have had our first taste of warfare, and I know we owe Fritz one now."

Mr. Alexander is a son of W. E. Alexander of Ethridge, Tenn., and enlisted in the service just after he had completed a shorthand and typewriting course at Draughon's College. He left Nashville with a company that was organized here. He was doing stenographic work on the ship on the trip across to France when she was torpedoed.

He has demonstrated the fact that he is a through and through American. When he was in school in this city, though his father was able to help him through school, and would have gladly done so, he preferred to work his way, and did so by operating an elevator in a local hotel after school hours.

His genial disposition won for him many friends in this city who are glad that he was one of the fortunate ones on the Tuscania. One of the seventy stars in the big service flag displayed before Draughon's College represents him.

"The Tennessean" (Nashville TN) Sunday 10 Mar 1918 p 1 & p 9

HIS EXPERIENCE ON TUSCANIA

Special to the Banner.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn., April 9.—Herman A. Alexander of Ethridge, this county, was on the ill-fated transport Tuscania, when she was torpedoed. His mother, Mrs. W. E. Alexander, has just received a letter from him describing his terrible experience, which is given in part herewith: "It was certainly a surprise to me when we were torpedoed, as I felt as safe on board the Tuscania as I did on land. She was a fine ship. I was in the dining room waiting for supper when we felt a dull thud, followed by a dull explosion. The lights went out and the ship stopped dead still. I went to my state room, got my overcoat and life belt, put them on and went on deck. Everybody was on deck working at the life boats. Some of the life boats were shattered by the explosion, the ropes were tangled and only one or two had been lowered, so it looked pretty blue for me, as I didn't know how soon we were going to take a plunge and go down. My boat was to be the fourth, but they had to cut the ropes to free one of the life boats, so that fixed it so my boat would never come over.

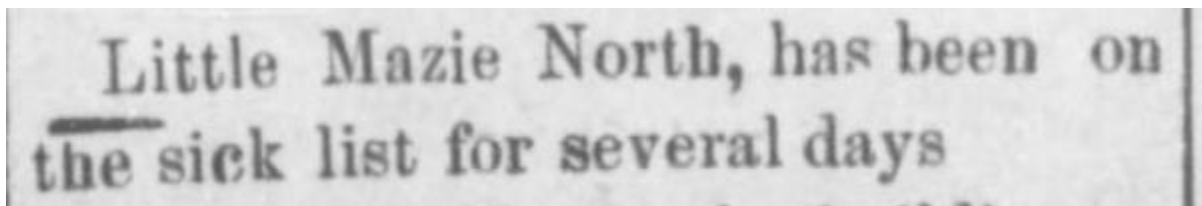
the sergeant I was under told me we would have to get off the best we could. I had seen the fate of the men who went into the other life boats, and I wasn't very anxious to get in one. I got around on the starboard side and there I saw a British destroyer alongside of us, and had taken almost everybody off. I caught a rope running from our ship to the destroyer and slid down it, and I tell you I felt pretty good when my feet hit the deck of that British destroyer, for I had decided my home was to be in Davy Jones' locker from there on. I was on the ship 2½ hours after being hit. It was pitiful to see those poor fellows struggling in the cold water, and we couldn't do anything for them."

“Nashville (TN) Banner” Tuesday 9 Apr 1918 p 12

Wife:



Charlie Maizie North Alexander Swoveland - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/159413324/person/162096071674/media/8f609ea9-23d9-4739-afcb-013197070f52>

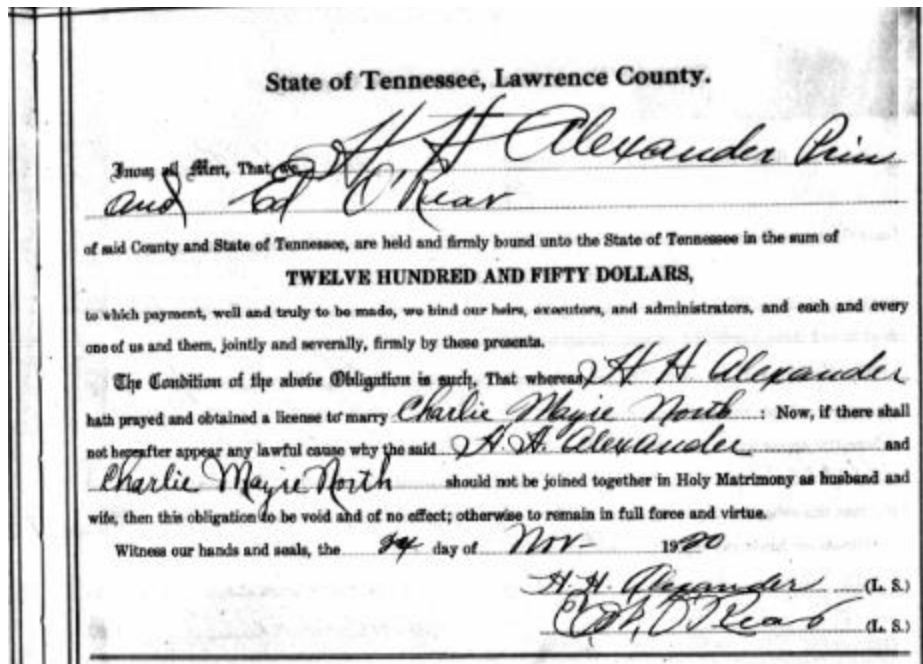


“Lawrence (TN) Democrat” Friday 3 Aug 1906 p 4

Charlie Mayre North

in the Tennessee, U.S., Marriage Records, 1780-2002

Name	Charlie Mayre North
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	24 Nov 1920
Marriage Place	Lawrence, Tennessee, USA
Spouse	H H Alexander



<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6137029:1169>

Maizie North Alexander

in the Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993

Name	Maizie North Alexander [Maizie North North]
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	26
Birth Date	abt 1903
Marriage Date	16 Jul 1929
Marriage Place	Lucas, Ohio, USA
Father	N Alexander North
Mother	Mary Neely
Spouse	Joseph C Swoveland
Film Number	002169928

MARRIAGE RECORD		151
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION		
No. <u>77651</u>		
Is to <u>Joseph C. Cleveland</u> and <u>Margaret M. Cleveland</u>		
The undersigned respectfully make application for a Marriage License, and upon oath state that:		
He, <u>29</u> years of age on the <u>4</u> day of <u>March</u> 190 <u>9</u> .	Is, <u>26</u> years of age on the <u>21</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 190 <u>8</u> .	
His residence is <u>506 Belmont Ave</u>	Her residence is <u>506 Belmont Ave</u>	
His place of birth <u>Ind</u>	Her place of birth <u>Ind</u>	
His father's name is <u>Mary Cleveland</u>	Her father's name is <u>W. H. Cleveland North</u>	
His mother's maiden name was <u>Charles Smith</u>	Her mother's maiden name was <u>Mary Kelly</u>	
That he was <u>not</u> previously married and is <u>not</u> a widow or divorced man.		
That she was <u>not</u> previously married and is <u>not</u> a widow or divorced woman.		
That she has no legal husband living.		
That they are not members of the same secret society, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage. Neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, insane or idiot, and neither is under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.		
It is suggested that <u>Joseph C. Cleveland</u> and <u>Margaret M. Cleveland</u> will solemnize the marriage of said parties.		
Signed by before me and signed in my presence this <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> 190 <u>9</u> .		
Witness <u>John P. Robinson</u> Deputy Clerk Probate Court.		
The State of Ohio, Lucas County, ss.		
I do hereby certify that on the <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> A. D. 190 <u>9</u> , I solemnized the marriage of <u>Joseph C. Cleveland</u> and <u>Margaret M. Cleveland</u> .		

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Joseph Swoveland

Joseph C. Swoveland, 69, owner of the Desert Air Lodge in Mesa from 1951 to 1959, died yesterday in his home, 3946 E. Mulberry.

Mr. Swoveland moved to Phoenix in 1960. Before going to Mesa in 1951 he had been a conductor 30 years for the New York Central Railroad in Toledo, Ohio. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Phoenix and a Masonic lodge in Toledo. He was born in New Paris, Ind.

Services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Paradise Chapel, 3934 E. Indian School. Burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Mesa.

Survivors include his wife, Maizie; two brothers and two sisters in Indiana.

Obituary of Joseph Carlos Swoveland – "Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) Wednesday 14 May 1969 p 21

Maizie Swoveland

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Maizie Swoveland [Maizie North]
Social Security #	278011520
Gender	Female
Birth Date	21 Dec 1902
Birth Place	Tennessee
Death Date	25 Dec 1993
Death Place	San Diego
Mother's Maiden Name	Neeley
Father's Surname	North

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7203073:5180>

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 MENT'S. ALTERATIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY ON ORDER OF
 A COURT OF RECORD IN TENNESSEE

DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

STATE OF TENNESSEE
 DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 DIV. OF VITAL STATISTICS

FILE NUMBER
D-150193

DATE OF BIRTH
Dec 21 1902

NAME AT BIRTH
 FIRST **Maizie** MIDDLE **(None)** LAST **North**

BIRTHPLACE
 COUNTY **Lawrence** CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) **Rural** COLOR OR RACE **white** SEX **female**

FATHER: FULL NAME **Ira North** BIRTHPLACE **Ohio**

MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME **Mollie Neeley** BIRTHPLACE **Tennessee**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE (TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF REGISTRANT IS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.)
 SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT *Maizie North Swoveland* PRESENT ADDRESS **528 Danberry, Toledo, Ohio**

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on **July 3, 1942** at **42** **Teledo, Ohio**
 Com expires **July 3, 1945** NOTARY PUBLIC

REGISTRANT—DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED, AND DATE OF ISSUE)	DATE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WAS MADE
1 Family Bible, J.A. Wilmore, 1886	Dec 21 1902
2 Affidavit of relative (reverse side)	July 16 1942
3 Affidavit of non relative (reverse side)	July 16 1942
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INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT OF CORRESPONDING NUMBER ABOVE

	BIRTH DATE OR AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER
1	Dec 21 1902	Lawrence Co. Tenn	Ira North,	Mollie Neeley
2	Dec 21 1902	Lawrence Co. Tenn	Ira North,	Mollie Neeley
3	Dec 21 1902	Lawrence Co. Tenn	Ira North,	Mollie Neeley

USE TYPE STATE

FORM 128

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE 3 DOCUMENTS ABSTRACTED ABOVE, FIND THEM VALID, AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS AS NOTED ABOVE, AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY THE DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIGNED: [Signature] ADDRESS: Lawrenceburg, Tenn. DATE: JUL 17, 42

THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TENNESSEE STATE COMPTROLLER OF VITAL STATISTICS OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT.

APPROVED: [Signature] DATE: JUL 21 1942 BY: [Signature]

7-23-42 W-90332
Mrs Joe Lawrence - 125 1/2 9th St, Ethridge
Tennessee

STATE OF Tennessee } SS
COUNTY OF Lawrence

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT I AM AT PRESENT 54 YEARS OF AGE; THAT I AM RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE AS Brother, AND THAT I HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED, AND KNOW THEM TO BE TRUE BECAUSE I was at home at time of her birth

SIGNATURE: M W North PRESENT ADDRESS: Ethridge, Tennessee

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIAN PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO him AND THAT he MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF his KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

THIS THE 16th DAY OF July 19 42

SEAL Millard Benson NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 19, 1943

STATE OF Tennessee } SS
COUNTY OF Lawrence

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT I AM AT PRESENT 66 YEARS OF AGE, THAT I AM NOT RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE, AND THAT I HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED, AND KNOW THEM TO BE TRUE BECAUSE I was a close neighbor when this child was born.

SIGNATURE: C. M. Clark PRESENT ADDRESS: Ethridge, Tennessee

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIAN PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO him AND THAT he MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF his KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

THIS THE 16 DAY OF July 19 42

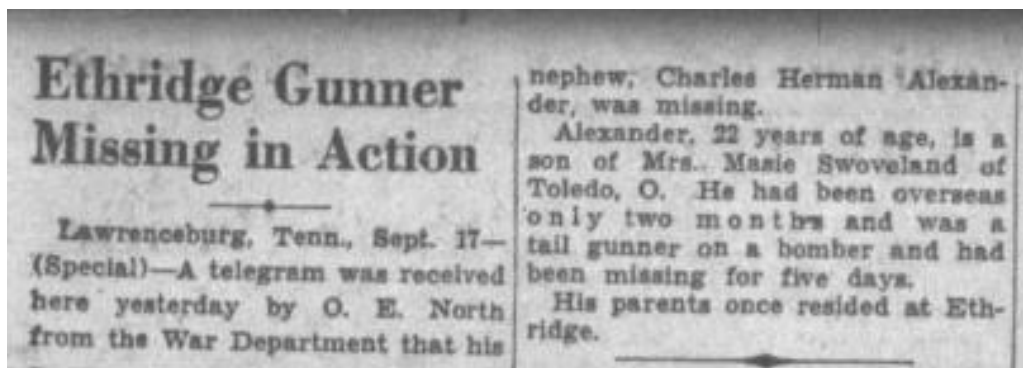
SEAL Millard Benson NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May, 19, 1943

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1312626:2282>

Children:



Son Staff Sgt. Charles Herman Alexander (1921-1943) – died in WWII, ironically lost at sea –
Find A Grave 16004803



"Nashville (TN) Banner" Friday 17 Sep 1943 p 27

Mother:

Maude Elizabeth Alexander

in the Alabama, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1881-1974

Name	Maude Elizabeth Alexander [Maude Elizabeth Tisdel]
Birth Date	abt 1874
Death Date	21 Oct 1959
Death Place	Pinson, Jefferson, Alabama
Death Age	85
Gender	Female
Father Name	Tisdel
FHL Film Number	1908944

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Siblings:

CF PR DG
Walter Osborn Alexander, May 9, 1900
2-21-57 ac

NOTE CAREFULLY
THIS CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING UNLESS IT CONTAINS ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE TENSESSE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

STATE FILE NUMBER
D-486550

2
21-57 ac

1. NAME AT BIRTH WALTER OSBORN ALEXANDER 2. DATE OF BIRTH MAY 9 1900

3. BIRTHPLACE LAWRENCE ETHRIDGE RURAL 4. OR RACE WHITE 5. SEX MALE

6. FATHER: FULL NAME WILLIAM EWELL ALEXANDER 7. BIRTHPLACE TENNESSE

8. MOTHER: MAIDEN NAME MAUDE ELIZABETH TISDEL 9. BIRTHPLACE MISSOURI

10. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT Walter Osborn Alexander 11. PRESENT ADDRESS 2123 East Lake Blvd

12. SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON February 25 19 57

REGISTRANT - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED AND DATE OF ISSUE)	DATE WHEN MADE
1. Honorable Discharge-U. S. Navy, Enlisted 10-27-19 Discharged----	NOV. 19, 1921
2. Certified copy of Warranty Deed-Recorded Deed book 59, page 148, Lawrence County, Tennessee	Jan. 1926
3. Newspaper death notice of brother (Registrant listed)	Over 5 years
4. Affidavit of Maude Elizabeth Alexander, Mother (Reverse)	Jan. 26, 1957

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT OF CORRESPONDING NUMBER ABOVE

BIRTH DATE ON AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER
1. May 9, 1900	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.	Not shown	Not shown
2. Not shown	Not shown	W. E. Alexander	Maude E. Alexander
3. Not shown	Not shown	W. E. Alexander	Mrs. W. E. Alexander
4. May 9, 1900	Lawrence County	William Ewell / Alexander	Maude Elizabeth Tisdel

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE 4 DOCUMENTS ABSTRACTED ABOVE, FIND THEM VALID, AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS AS NOTED ABOVE, AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING BY THE DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL W. E. Alexander TITLE Director, Vital Statistics

ADDRESS Cordell Hull Building, Nashville 3, Tennessee DATE March 4, 1957

THIS DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH IS NOT VALID UNTIL APPROVED BY THE TENNESSEE STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT.

APPROVED: W. E. Alexander DATE: MAR 4 1957 BY: W. E. Alexander

3 557-6658-1
W. Alexander
2123 East Lake Blvd

FIRST SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Alabama COUNTY OF Jefferson

I HEREBY CERTIFY, ON OATH, THAT I AM AT PRESENT 26 YEARS OF AGE; THAT I AM RELATED TO THE PERSON REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE AS Walter Osborn Alexander; AND THAT I HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS AS STATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED, AND KNOW THEM TO BE TRUE BECAUSE I am his mother

SIGNATURE Maude Elizabeth Alexander PRESENT ADDRESS Birmingham Ala

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AFFIDANT PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT I READ THE ABOVE STATEMENTS TO her AND THAT she MADE OATH THAT SAID STATEMENTS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF her KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

THIS THE 26th DAY OF February 19 57

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 12, 1957

TN delayed birth certificate of brother Walter Osborn Alexander (1900-1978) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1247688:2282?tid=159413324&pid=162351927366&queryId=ccae50fc32432ad47249535411192b07&phsrc=cPx1271&phstart=successSource>

SERIAL NUMBER 3412	1. NAME (Full) Louis Freeland Alexander (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER 1024
2. ADDRESS (Full) Hotel Bham 4th Ave Jeff (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS 30	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Shelbyville (Town or county)		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A
DATE OF BIRTH Jan 4 1910 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (State or country)				
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mr Walter Osborne Alexander (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Brother
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Empire Hotel Barber Shop 22nd St 4th Ave (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Meadows Steel Co				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 24 St 1st h Birmingham Ala Jeff (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND 3917 OF 4740 REG. RUE.				
Louis Freeland Alexander				

as and Records Administration

REGISTRATION CARD

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5-9	140	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification
Bright Fore Finger
of

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for *47* *Fred E. Field*
 (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State) *Ala*

Date of registration *Oct 16 1940*

WWII draft registration of brother Louis Freeland Alexander (1910-1995) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/11430747:2238?tid=159413324&pid=162351927368&queryId=a72a08abca8093a960713cc503c52949&phsrc=cPx1278&phstart=successSource>

Louis F. Alexander in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	
Name	Louis F. Alexander
Social Security Number	410-05-2644
Birth Date	4 Jan 1910
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Tennessee
Last Residence	35115, Montevallo, Shelby, Alabama, USA
Death Date	19 Sep 1995

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/622348:3693>

ALEXANDER, LOUIS FREELAND age 85, of Montevallo died September 19, 1995. He was a member of Providence Baptist Church; Senior Men's Sunday School Class. Funeral service will be Thursday, September 21, at 2 p.m. from Providence Baptist Church with burial in Shelby Memory Gardens. Rev. Scott Watson officiating. Survivors: nieces, Gladys Martin of Madisonville, Ky and Jean Chambers of Raleigh, NC; nephew, William A. Johnson of Montevallo. Rockco Funeral Home of Montevallo directing.

Obituary of Louis Freeland Alexander – "Birmingham (AL) Post-Herald" Thursday 21 Sep 1995 p 34

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Application for Marriage License

To HON. EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses of said County:

The undersigned respectfully request the Marriage License for following parties, and being duly sworn, we each declare that the contents of the ABOVE printed recording and parties are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, to-wit:

GROOM

Name: Thomas Moore Poe
 Place of Birth: St. Louis, Missouri
 Date of Birth: 1872
 Color: White
 Place of Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
 Occupation: U.S. Army
 Full name of father: Charles Lee Poe Sr.
 Full name of mother: Elizabeth Augusta Poe
 Number of previous marriages: None
 Is applicant divorced? No
 Where: St. Louis
 In this and that relationship between parties? No

Bride

Name: Katherine Alexander Yakley
 Place of Birth: St. Louis, Missouri
 Date of Birth: 1872
 Color: White
 Place of Residence: St. Louis, Missouri
 Occupation: St. Louis, Missouri
 Full name of father: John Alexander Yakley
 Full name of mother: Martha Pringle
 Number of previous marriages: None
 Is applicant divorced? No
 Where: St. Louis, Missouri
 In this and that relationship between parties? No

State in which applicant before on this the 28 day of Sept, 1914.

Agnes G. Humbard being a legally qualified person, do hereby certify that I have this 28 day of Sept, 1914, made a correct statement of Thomas Moore Poe and Katherine Alexander Yakley and before me to be the first of several children.

Agnes G. Humbard Minister.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That the undersigned, being a legally qualified person, do hereby certify that I have this 28 day of Sept, 1914, made a correct statement of Thomas Moore Poe and Katherine Alexander Yakley and before me to be the first of several children.

The Commission of the above obligation is made, That, I, Agnes G. Humbard, do hereby certify that I have this 28 day of Sept, 1914, made a correct statement of Thomas Moore Poe and Katherine Alexander Yakley and before me to be the first of several children.

Witness my hand and seal this the 28 day of Sept, 1914.

E. B.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

To any person lawfully authorized to solemnize marriage within the said State, Greetings:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the rite of matrimony between:

Thomas Moore Poe and Katherine Alexander Yakley
 and required to return Marriage License, and Certificate, duly certified under your hand, to the Commissioner of Licenses of the aforesaid County.

Witness, my name as Commissioner of Licenses, and the seal of said Court, at the Courthouse in B'ham this the 28 day of Sept, A. D. 1914.

EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses.

Marriage Certificate

I certify that the within named Thomas Moore Poe (Name of Groom) and Katherine Alexander Yakley (Name of Bride) were by me, the undersigned, joined in marriage, by the authority of the within License. Done this 29 day of Sept, A. D. 1914.

in the County of Jefferson, City or Town of B'ham, in the State of Alabama,

J. M. Hibbs (Signature of Minister or Legally Authorized Officer) Minister (Title)
 Address: 4326-1 Ave St

Returned this 2 day of Oct, A. D. 1914, and recorded in Marriage License Record Book No. 180, Page 95

EUGENE B. HENRY, Commissioner of Licenses.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900264534:61365>

Catherine Alexander Yokley

in the Alabama, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1805-1967

Name	Catherine Alexander Yokley [Catherine Alexander Alexander]
Gender	Female
Age	32
Birth Date	abt 1915
Marriage Date	11 Apr 1947
Marriage Place	Montgomery, Alabama, USA
Father	Alexander
Mother	Maude Alexander
Spouse	William R Johnson
Film Number	001888238

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/901292393:61365>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Herman Hetzel Alexander / Herman Hetzell Alexander

Name variations: Hetzel on death record – signed Hetzell on WWII draft registration – Herman Hetsell Alexander on WWI draft registration

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 3rd Squad - private

Serial number: 249,805

Entered service from: Ethridge, Lawrence TN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Herman H. Alexander

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William E. Alexander, Rte 2, Ethridge TN

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Herman H. Alexander

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William E. Alexander, Ethridge TN (sgt, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): Herman Hetsell Alexander, 19 Jan 1896 West TX; res: 304 – 8th Ave. S., Nashville TN. Single. Stenographer with P.H. Hicks (spelling?), Nashville TN., Claimed exemption from draft: “physical (rupture)”. Tall, medium build..

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate card

From his Find A Grave record: 127th Aero Squadron 15 Aug 1917 to 12 Oct 1917 – 100th Aero Squadron 13 Oct 1917 to discharge, enlisted 15 Aug 1917 Fort Oglethorpe GA, PFC 1 Oct 1918, corporal 1 Nov 1918, sergeant 8 Mar 1919, discharged 14 Jun 1919. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 – 31 May 1919

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Jan 1896 West, McLennan TX

Died: 17 Mar 1926 Ethridge, Lawrence TN (of typhoid fever, with complication of septicemia)

Tennessee Deaths: Herman Hetzel Alexander, d. Ethridge TN, married, b. 17 Mar 1926, d. age 30 yrs, 1 month 28 days. Rural carrier. Ill with typhoid fever 1 month & 21 days, ill with septicemia 15 days. Son of W.E. Alexander, b. TN & Maude E. Tisdell b. MO, informant: W.E. Alexander, burial 18 Mar 1926

Find A Grave record: 16004813 - presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Ethridge, Lawrence TN

Cemetery: Ethridge

Tombstone:

Father: William Ewell Alexander, 17 Dec 1865 TN – 10 Aug 1937 Ethridge, Lawrence TN. Son of Elias Fredrick Alexander & Frances Emma Nix. Buried in Ethridge Cemetery, Ethridge, Lawrence TN.

Find A Grave: 16004815

Mother: Maude Elizabeth Tisdell Alexander, 1874 MO [Aug 1875 in 1900 census] – 21 Oct 1959 Pinson, Jefferson Co. AL. Daughter of Moses Bledsoe Tisdell & Sarah Elizabeth Cannon. Buried in Ethridge Cemetery, Ethridge, Lawrence TN.

Find A Grave: 16004818

Parents' marriage: 31 Mar 1895 McLennan Co. TX

Spouse: Charlie Maizie North Alexander Swoveland, 21 Dec 1902 Lawrence Co. TN – 25 Dec 1993 San Diego Co. CA. Daughter of Ira Shepherd North (F: 16024774) & Mary Brown (Mollie) Neeley (F: 16004610).

Widowed, Charlie Alexander married Joseph Carlos Swoveland in Lucas Co. OH on 16 Jul 1929. He was born 4 Mar 1900 & died 13 May 1969. Joseph (F: 226800379) is buried in the same cemetery as Charlie.

Charlie Swoveland is buried in Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery, Mesa, Maricopa AZ.

Spouse Find A Grave: 226800435

Marriage: 24 Nov 1920 Lawrence Co. TN – H.H. Alexander married Charlie Mayie [sic] North

Children:

- Charles Herman Alexander, 23 Aug 1921 Ethridge, Lawrence TN – 5 Sep 1943 at sea. A staff sergeant in WWII, lost at sea. Memorial in Ethridge Cemetery, Ethridge, Lawrence TN. F: 16004803
- Robert North (“Bobby”) Alexander, 9 Feb 1926 Lawrence Co. TN – 26 Feb 1927 Abilene, Taylor TX. Robert was born five weeks before his father died, and died 11 months after his father. Cause of death: acute nephritis. Buried in Ethridge Cemetery, Ethridge, Lawrence TN. F: 16004806

Siblings:

- Walter Osborne Alexander, 9 May 1900 Ethridge, Lawrence TN – Feb 1978 AL. Husband of Grace S. (1913-2003, F: 110249554). Buried in Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home & Gardens, Trussville, Jefferson AL. F: 110249569
- Nina Margaret Alexander Chambers, 14 Oct 1906 Ethridge, Lawrence TN – 6 Apr 1988 Raleigh, Wake NC. Married in 1923 to Joe Redmon Chambers (1902-1984, F: 132898674). Buried in Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh, Wake NC. F: 132898639
- Louis Freeland Alexander, 4 Jan 1910 Shelbyville, Bedford TN – 19 Sep 1995 Shelby Co. AL. Age 9 in the 1920 census. According to an Ancestry.com family tree, married Nell/Nellie. According to the 1950 census for Birmingham, Jefferson AL, Louis F. Alexander, 39 TN, a shipping clerk in an ornamental iron manufacturing plant, had never married. His mother Maude Alexander, 75 MO, widow, lived with him.
- Katherine (Katy) B. Alexander [married surname unknown] Yokley Moore Johnson, 25 Feb 1914 Shelbyville, Bedford TN – 4 Jun 1990 AL. – Katherine Alexander Yokley (Yakley) married Thomas Moore Poe on 28 Sep 1944. Thomas was in the US Army; it was the 3rd marriage for both. Thomas was born 11 Mar 1911 in Birmingham, Jefferson AL & died 28 Aug 1991, SSN 416-10-9555, the son of Dudley Lee Poe Sr. & Mary Augusta Baker. - Married in Montgomery Co. AL as Katherine Yokley on 11 Apr 1947 to William R. Johnson. Each were married 3 times before; Katherine to Yokley & Moore & unknown. Buried as Johnson in Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home & Gardens, Trussville, Jefferson AL. F: 178303081

Notes:

Pre-war:

Addresses: West, McLennan Co., Texas (1896)

Ethridge, Lawrence Co., Tennessee (1900)

304 8th Ave. South, Nashville, Tennessee (1917)

154 Weakley Creek Road, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (1920)

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Lawrence Co. TN

Will E. Alexander, 33 TN, Dec 1866, parents b. TN, married 5 years, farmer

Marie, 23 MO, Aug 1875, parents b. MO, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living

Herman, 7 TX, Jan 1896

Walter, 4 months TN, May 1900

1910 Civil District 7, Bedford Co. TN - conducted 18 Apr 1910

Will E. Alexander, 45 TN, parents b. TN, in 1st married, married 15 years, farmer, working out

Maud, 34 MO, parents b. MO, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 7 children, 4 are living

Hermann, 14 TX

Walter, 9 TN

Nina M. 3 TN

Lewis, 3 months TN

Servant Robert Rambo, 46 TN, parents b. TN, single, Black, laborer/odd jobs

1920 Civil District 9, Lawrence Co. TN – Weakley Creek Rd.

William E. Alexander, 54 TN, parents b. TN, farmer, general farm

Maude E., 44 MO, parents b. MO

Herman, 24 TX, single, mail carrier, rural mail

Nina, 13 TN

Louis, 9 TN

Katy B., 5 TN

Robert Rambo, 58 TN, single, Black [status:“ward”]