

# TUSCANIA

**Ashby, Thomas Albert**  
**1892 KS – 1942 OK**



*Contributed by Steven Schwartz of Renton WA – Thomas Albert Ashby is the third man from the right standing in the back row*




TOM ASHBY

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*"Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1 -*  
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**LIBERTY, KANSAS, BOY  
SURVIVOR TUSCANIA SINKING**



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*"Cherryvale (KS) Weekly Republican" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 2*



*no record of subsequent service found.*

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(See instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE  
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER  
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER  
☐ BRONZE MARKER

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**ORIGINAL**

**APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER**  
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates December 14 - 1917  
Discharge dates June 12 - 1919  
Pension number 2C-1974, 300  
Serial number A.S. n. 250 444

Name <u>(Tom)</u> <u>Ashby, Thomas A.</u>	Rank <u>17<sup>th</sup></u>	Company <u>20 Engineers</u>	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel <u>20 Engineers</u>	Date of Death <u>April 30<sup>th</sup> 1942</u>
Name of Cemetery <u>Liberty</u>	Located in or near— City <u>Liberty</u> State <u>Kans.</u>		If World War Veteran <u>none</u>	EMBLEM Christian <u>none</u> Jewish <u>none</u> None <u>none</u>

To be shipped to Mrs. L. P. Gray at Liberty Montg. Co. Kans.  
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R. NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is Liberty Kansas

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1937; May 1, 1939; July 1,  
1940

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Mrs. L. P. Gray Applicant.  
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ASHBY TOM ALBERT 1974300

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Born 2/19/92 R

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## HEART ATTACK IS FATAL TO ASHBY

Tom Ashby, age 50, died last night of a heart attack in his room at the Loraine hotel about 8:30 o'clock it was reported this morning.

Mr. Ashby has lived here for a number of years. He was a patient recently of the veterans' hospital in Muskogee. His former home was Liberty, Kans.

A son, John Ashby, age 13, survives. A sister, Mrs. L. P. Guy of Liberty, also survives. She was en route here today. Funeral arrangements were pending.

*"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" Friday 1 May 1942 p 1*

*Life:*

**NAMES OF THIRTY OF  
TUSCANIA SURVIVORS**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The following are reported as survivors of the Tuscania:

Company E, Sixth battalion, 20th engineers.

Private Anderson, Edward L. Bigelow, Ark.; Tom A. Ashby, Liberty, Kansas; James B. Basye (appears as Joseph on records), Kalishel, Montana; Frank A. Broze, Cleveland, Ohio.

*"Tulsa (OK) Morning Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1*

According to the "Official Bulletin" (US Committee on Public Information) 7 Feb 1918 p 5 – Tom A. Ashby landed on the island of Islay in Scotland and is at Port Ellen.

From Steven Schwartz of Renton WA; lifeboat survivor, landing on Islay 5 Feb 1918. Reunited with other survivors at Port Ellen, Islay, 7 Feb 1918.

# COMMENCEMENT FOR M.C.H.S. BEGINS NEXT MONDAY, MNY 11

ENTIRE PERIOD WILL BE CROWDED WITH EVENTS OF INTEREST TO SENIOR CLASS AND OTHER CLASSES—NUMBER OF GRADUATES SAME AS FOR LAST YEAR.

Next week is commencement week in County High school circles. From Sunday, May 11, till the following Friday, will be the busy days for the graduating class. The graduating class has been through with its studies for a month and tomorrow is the last day for studies in the three other classes. Examinations for the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen will be held Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Excerpt:

## Business Course.

Thomas Albert Ashby, Bessie Viola Bankes, Fred Dellone, Jr., Iva Frost, Elijah Ross Gillen, Laura Ecka Gillen, Clarence Rigg Haslett, Lela Belle McKibben, Mildred Frances Navaree, Nathaniel Crozier Newlin, Charles Edwin Newman, Edna Jane Potter, James Chester Turpin.

means of succor was being used.

Following are the thirty reported at Fort Ellen, Islay, Scotland, to which the British are sending doctors, rations and clothing:

Second Lieutenant Frank L. Maker, engineer reserves and the following, belonging to Company E, sixth battalion, 20th engineers forestry:

First Lieutenant Schweissinger; Sergeant Harry A. Kelly; Corporal Howard E. Bullock; Corporal William A. Cheery; Privates Oliver Bowman; Bulec Haslett; William A. Hickling; Charles H. Imeck; Harry A. Keeler, Lloyd Leadbetter, James T. Moss, Walter MacCarek, David Foe, Edward P. Peterson, J. W. Redd, O. M. Roberts, Lee Terzia, Ralph Uppus, A. Van Andenriessche, Coliman White, John S. Williams, Edward L. Anderson, Tom A. Ashby, Frank F. Bioz, James Basye, Alexander N. Bush.

Of the 107th supply train:

Private H. Kilest.

158th Aero Squadron—Privates John B. Fleming and Edward Klingman.

Landed at Port Ellen, isle of Islay, Scotland – "Winfield (KS) Daily Free Press" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 6



## 4 KANSANS ON IT

**Were Members of Engineers  
Battalion on Lost Transport.**

**Thos. A. Ashby of Liberty, Kan.,  
Landed at Ft. Ellen, Scotland.**

At least four Kansans were on board the fated transport, Tuscania, when it was sent down by a German submarine off the northern coast of Ireland Tuesday night. They were Thomas A. Ashby of Liberty, Vernon E. Babcock of Walnut, Purl H. Marshall of Columbus, and W. F. Ragle of Salina. The first three were members of Company E, Sixth battalion of the Twentieth regiment of engineers, and former employes of the Bell-Long Lumber company, whose main office is at Kansas City, Mo.

Among the first list of survivors—forwarded from Fort Ellen, Islay, Scotland—was the name of Thomas A. Ashby of the Sixth battalion, Twentieth engineers. This list indicated that thirty survivors reached the Scottish coast, while the main forces of the survivors were landed at two Irish ports, Buncrana and Larne. The fate of the other two Kansans in this battalion probably will be made known by reports of the missing, to be given out later today by the war department.

William F. Ragle of Salina was of the Thirty-second divisional headquarters.

“Topeka (KS) State Journal” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

# **TOM ASHBY SAFE**

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**LIBERTY BOY AMONG SURVIV-  
ORS OF TUSCANIA TROOPS**

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**G. W. Ashby Received Two Messages  
Today, one from K. C. Recruiting  
Station and One from Chicago  
Red Cross Announcing Safety  
of His Son in Ireland**

Tom Ashby, mentioned in the Associated Press dispatches in today's Journal as being a member of a military unit aboard the Tuscania, is a second cousin of Alex Ashby of Coffeyville, and a son of G. W. Ashby, lumber dealer of Liberty. Tom Ashby enlisted in the Sixth Battalion of the Forestry department at Kansas City last December. The boat which was torpedoed sailed from New York on the 23d of January. Tom Ashby is a graduate of the Montgomery County high school and of the State university. He was employed by the Long-Bell Lumber company for two years and was in that concern's employ at Augusta when he enlisted. His mother is dead. He has a sister, Miss Beryl, living at Marshfield, Mo.

G. W. Ashby, Tom's father, received two official notices of his son's presence aboard the ill-fated ship today. One came from army headquarters at Kansas City—the other came from Chicago and was from either the Red Cross or the military headquarters there, he could not tell which. Both messages said Tom Ashby was aboard the Tuscania, but that he was one of the survivors and had been landed safe on the Irish coast.

Tom Ashby is 24 years of age and unmarried. The Journal talked with G. W. Ashby over the phone today, and with Alex Ashby of this city, and both feel that the war has indeed come home to them, with the news that came to them today. Relatives did not know that Tom was on the torpedoed ship until they learned it from The Journal.

"Coffeyville (KS) Weekly Journal" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

## Augusta Young Men on Tuscania

# May Have Lost Life In Sinking Of The Ship

**Augusta Young Men May Have Lost Their Lives on the Liner  
Tuscania, Sent to the Bottom of the Sea by Hun  
Torpedo.**

**TOM ASHBY, PORTER SMITH AND  
PEARL MARSHALL WERE ON THE SHIP.**

**Letter From Ashby to A. R. Peckham Tells That Former Long  
Bell Employees Were Members of Company E of Twentieth  
Engineers.**

Three Butler County boys—two of them from Augusta, may have been victims of a German torpedo, which sent the liner Tuscania to the bottom of the sea, yesterday.

Tom Ashby,  
Porter Smith,  
Pearl Marshall.

These names may appear in the casualty lists, tho friends of the three men are hoping that they were among the men who escaped with their lives.

A letter, from Mr. Ashby to A. R. Peckham, tells that the three men were members of Company E, Twentieth engineers, and today's dispatches gave the information that Company E was on the Tuscania.

Casualty list will not be available for several days, in all probability, so it will be some time before it will be known whether the three men escaped.

All three were employes of the Long Bell Lumber Company. Mr. Ashby and Mr. Smith were at the Augusta office, Mr. Smith going to Leon some months before enlisting in the army. Mr. Marshall was at Towanda for the Long Bell.

"Augusta (KS) Daily Gazette" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

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The Journal is carrying this evening news of one of the first disasters of the war. The sinking of the Tuscania while not attendant with a comparative large loss of life will serve to bring home in an impressive manner the fact that we are at war. The further fact that a Montgomery county boy, Tom Ashby, of Liberty, was on the ill fated ship serves to bring the war to our very doors. This is but the beginning doubtless and as the days grow into weeks and the weeks to months the public and the homes that have contributed sons and husbands may as well get ready for just such shocks as broke on Coffeyville last night.

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“Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal” Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 4



### Ashby Worked Here.

Tom Ashby, son of G. W. Ashby of Liberty, one of the American troops on board the transport Tuscania, recently torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone, is quite well known in this city. He was formerly employed here as bookkeeper for the Long-Bell Lumber company, leaving a year ago to work for the company at Augusta, Kan. He was one of five former Long-Bell employees who were aboard the ill-fated vessel. The company has over 200 of its former employees in the army and last Christmas President R. A. Long sent each of them a good sized check as a present.

"Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5

**Tuscania Survivor Worked Here.**

Tom Ashby, one of the men saved when the transport Tuscania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, worked in Coffeyville several months, and has a cousin living here. Tom was employed by the Long-Bell Lumber company. The cousin is Alex Ashby. The young man left the employ of the lumber company here about a year ago. He is the son of G. W. Ashby, a Liberty lumber dealer. Tom enlisted at Kansas City last December in the Sixth Battalion of the Forestry department. He is a graduate of the Montgomery county high school and of Kansas university. His relatives were not aware that he was aboard the Tuscania until messages from the Red Cross and the army office in Kansas City announced that he was one of the survivors.

"Coiffeyville (KS) Sun" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

### OUR "TOM!" FIRST OUT ON TOP.

In that terrible disaster last Tuesday on the Irish coast, when the Tuscania was lost, by a German U-boat, there were 2,996 people on board. Of these 2,106 were American officers and soldiers, crew 190. Total loss, 113. On Wednesday there were eighty one Americans in hospitals. Among the first names reported was a Kansan, and he Tom Ashby of Liberty, graduate of Montgomery county High school, class of 1913, and a top basket ball player; and later successful lumberman. Tom is a son of G. W. Ashby, pioneer, big farmer and lumberman of Liberty in this county. His physical training evidently aided him in the crises.

"South Kansas Tribune" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

(From Saturday's Daily)

#### Ashby Receives Official Notice.

Yesterday evening at six o'clock G. W. Ashby of Liberty, father of Tom Ashby, who was on board the Tuscania when that ship was submarined, received the following telegram:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.

G. W. Ashby,  
Liberty, Kansas.

Officially reported that Tom Ashby was saved from the Tuscania.

McCain, Adjutant General."

#### Grandson of Late Col. Forsyth.

Mrs. G. W. Ashby, mother of Tom Ashby, the Liberty soldier boy who was on the Tuscania, and who died in July, 1905, was, before her marriage, Miss Grace Forsyth, daughter of the late Col. A. P. Forsyth, of Montgomery county.

2 articles on same page - "Coffeyville [KS] Weekly Journal" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

## SMITH IS SAFE IS WORD COMING

Word Comes From Porter Smith,  
Former Augusta Boy, Who Was  
on the Tuscania.

HE IS SAFE AFTER DIS-  
ASTER.

Word From Him Accounts for Three  
of the Butler County Men on  
the Transport.

Word has been received from  
Porter Smith.

His friends here have received notice that he escaped from the Tuscania disaster of a week ago. Mr. Smith is safe on English soil, says word from a sister, in Missouri to Mrs. Otis Robinson, of this city.

Mr. Smith, who formerly was with the Long Bell here and at Leon, was one of four Butler County boys who were members of Uncle Sam's army, aboard the Tuscania, when it was sent to the bottom by a German sub.

Tom Ashby was safe in Scotland at last report. With Mr. Ashby was Purl Marshall, of the Towanda yard. This leaves only Mr. Babcock, of the El Dorado yard, who has been heard from, tho his name is not given among the missing.

The disaster, which promised to strike close to home, now probably will leave Butler County unscathed.

"Augusta (KS) Daily Gazette" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

Tom Ashby, one of the men on the steamship, Tuscania which was sunk one week ago last Tuesday night, was one of the lucky ones and his name appeared in the list of survivors. Tom, whose home is in Liberty, Kansas, is a cousin of John Ashby of this city.

"Great Bend (KS) Tribune" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 3

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NOT YET SEASICK

\* In a letter to the First National Bank men, Tom Ashby, who was on the Tuscania, but was saved, writes briefly of his trip on the ocean—before the sinking of the ship.

\* "I have not been seasick yet— but I feel like I would be," he said.

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"Augusta (KS) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 1



### **TOM ASHBY**

#### **Saved from Torpedoed Tuscania.**

Among the first survivors reported from the Tuscania, was that of Tom Ashby of the Engineers. He writes all permitted. But when the waves cast him on shore, or the boats picked him up he was reported to have been left on an island off the Scottish coast. Omitting personal matters the following is as much as passed the censor. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ashby of Liberty, received this a month after they were written:

American Camp [On active service with  
Y. M. C. A. American  
Triangle Expeditionary Force]

Somewhere in England, Feb. 11, 1918—

Dear Home Folks: You understand we cannot write very much. You read of the American troop ship \_\_\_\_\_being submarined. I was on that ship and landed after an all night session in the water, but it was a paradise it seemed when I went ashore. The people took us in their homes—nothing too good could be done for us. We were certainly thankful. No one could know, nor can we express our gratitude and thankfulness to have been cast into such kind peoples' hands.

I am feeling very well after it all. So don't worry over me. We will be at our work very soon, I hope. Of course we lost all personal things so I will have to ask you to send me a box. (And he asked liberally and the box will be filled to the limit). He then adds: "The above I need most." Then, "If you put anything else in the box, put candy, sugar, etc. Be sure to pack in wooden box screw on the top. Send box at once." Then his personal to home folks.

TOM ASHBY,

Co. E. 6th Bat., 20th Eng.

A. E. F., via New York.

(Second letter).

Somewhere in England, Feb. 12.—  
Dear Home Folks: This has been a cold, rainy day. I am feeling well—all we Long-Bell boys are safe here in this camp and had a happy reunion. The two things over here that remind one most of home are the "Ford" and the English saprows. I wish you could see things as I see them here.

Don't ever think a cent given to the Y. M. C. A. or Red Cross goes astray. If it wasn't for them I don't know what we boys would do.

Under the circumstances we landed under (when the Tuscania was sunk by the kaiser's submarine) I have been able to see much of this country. Some of it simply wonderful, other parts not so good, however I will have to wait and tell you when I get home. \* \* \* Tell the Independence people I can't write very often.

TOM ASHBY.

"South Kansas Tribune" (Independence KS) Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 8

# T. ASHBY WRITES FROM OVER THERE

First Letter Comes From Augusta  
Boy, a Survivor of the Tus-  
cania Disaster.

WRITES TO LONG BELL  
MANAGER.

Landed Twelve Hours After the Dis-  
aster, According to Word  
Received Here.

The first letter from Tom Ashby, a survivor of the Tuscania disaster, has been received by H. E. Uncapher, manager of the Long Bell Lumber Company. Mr. Ashby is resting after his terrible experience, "somewhere."

The letter follows.

On Active Service with American  
Expeditionary Force.

"My Dear Mr. Uncapher:

"I am here, safe and sound. You've read the papers, of course, in regard to the ship being submarined. I was there. I landed safely twelve hours later. I cannot tell you my experience. Only we drifted ashore, where good people took the best of care of us. We had so much to be thankful for.

"Only a few landed where I did. I have not seen the other Long Bell boys, but we pray that they are all safe.

"I hope we get to work soon, after I rest up a bit. I am feeling fine, tho, under the circumstances.

"I trust you are all well. I can't write much. Tell my friends that I am here safe and sound and won't be back until it is over. If there are any write-ups in the papers of the Long Bell boys, please send them to me. Trust you and Mrs. Uncapher and the boys are all well and happy,

With Regards,,

Pvt. Tom A. Ashby,  
Co. E 6th Br. 20th Engr.  
A. E. F. via New York.

"Augusta (KS) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 13 Mar 1918 p 1

## **For Twelve Long Hours Tom Ashby Played Fish**

**Former K. U. Student Writes  
From England After Escap-  
ing From Tuscania**

"I played fish in the water for twelve hours before I was picked up," is the way Tom Ashby, a former student at the University—who was on the troop ship Tuscania describes his escape in a letter to the Sigma Nu fraternity.

He was landed on the Irish coast where the people gave him assistance and treated him kindly. After recovering from the effects of his long swim, he was sent to England, where he is still stationed. No indication as to what part of England he was in, was given in the letter.

His company was badly disorganized and many were lost. They are stationed in England until it can be reorganized and the missing men replaced. They expect to be on their way to the front soon.

Mr. Ashby was in the University in 1913 and is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

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**"The Lovely Spot in Ireland."**

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Tom Ashby of Liberty writes to his sister, in the language of his ship-mate Freeman Chilton of Portland, who went down into old ocean with the sinking Tuscania.

"Never will I forget, hereafter, the words of the song 'There's a Lovely Spot in Ireland.'

"I sure know that spot and, believe me, it is lovely, though you mightn't think so. It is the spot where I first landed after the sinking of our transport."

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"South Kansas Tribune" Wednesday 10 Apr 1918 p 1



Mr. and Mrs. Elon Hobley of Independence, have received the following letter from Tom Ashby, who was on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed, and who enlisted in Co. E. Sixth Bn. 20th Engineers.

France, April 1, 1918. Dear Helen and Elon: Both your letters were received yesterday. I enjoyed reading them, so do it again.

I thought we'd never get any mail, but finally received a little. Your letters were written the latter part of January.

We have been moving around considerable, hence we've seen a great deal more country than most of the U. S. boys. Still we are not at our lumber work.

There is a beautiful old French city, full of parks, flowers and long shady lanes. I can go up town evenings and Sundays. I took in the city yesterday and attended a French Easter service in an old cathedral. This particular building is nearly 800 years old. Everything here is strange and interesting.

I have some time trying to talk to these French people. I have a French book, so I hunt out my desires, word by word. I wish you could be here just for a day. However, I sincerely hope your home is not broken up and that you may do your bit without entering the service as a soldier.

Had a lovely two-day trip last week in a side door pullman.. Oh, the modes of travel they have over here. Of course transportation is a big problem and we are glad to ride any fashion. You'd be surprised to see how good naturedly the boys take their hardships, after all, it's a wonderful lesson of sacrifice and what a man really can do, and after the war is over, I for one among thousands of others, will return home to meet the things of every day life with a heap broader smile than we ever dreamed of before.

I am always more than glad to hear from you folks. It's such a joy to receive letters away over here. You can never know how I appreciate them. The mail is irregular, so write to me whether you always get my letters or not.

I got some of the best candy from my sister. Elon, you asked what I need. Well, writing paper and a fountain pen, I believe would be the most desirable, so shoot.

Well folks, if Kaiser Bill says the word before the smaller part of your family gets over here, I'll bring you back a Dutch doll. Here's hoping you get the doll. Write soon, please. Sincerely.—Tom.

### Letter From Tom Ashby.

Manager Rapp of the Long Bell Lumber Co. received the following letter from Mr. J. W. Deal of Kansas City, which will be of wide interest in Coffeyville as it is from Tom Ashby, the Liberty boy who was aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland. The letter follows:

France,  
April 5, 1918.

Mr. J. W. Deal,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have received two letters from you since coming to this camp. The last letter today with the picture sent you by Mr. Rapp. You have no idea how glad we Long-Bell boys are to hear from you folks at home. I also received a letter from Mr. Long. I showed the letter to my staff officers as they are all lumbermen and were all very much interested in Mr. Long's letter.

All we boys are well, and are doing some good hard training at this camp. I don't know when we will get in the woods. We are in a beautiful old French city, and have three hours in which we are allowed to go up town each evening. We also have Sundays

off. No telling how long we'll be here though.

Last Sunday I attended a French Easter service in one of the oddest cathedrals in Europe. It certainly was interesting, although rather strange to a "yank."

It has been raining most of the time here. The fellow who said "Sunny France" never was here.

Our mail is very irregular. Some letters arrive in three weeks and others it takes two months. I have received about twenty letters and four packages thus far.

Bill Eerwick, son of the Long-Bell man in Chicago is in the 6th battalion. He is certainly a jolly good fellow. He and Porter are in the same company. We Long-Bell boys are going to have a group picture taken tomorrow, and shall send you all one when they are finished.

I wish you could peek in on we boys when we are in an uptown cafe trying to order some French dainties. We all have a French book so hunt out our wants one by one. It does not take long to learn enough French so we can get along though.

We can't get tobacco in France except where we are in reach of an American canteen. So far we have always been near a canteen.

You no doubt have received some of my letters written after we landed in England and have heard all about our sea-bath. I received a story in "The Saturday Evening Post" by Irwin S. Cobb about the Tuscania. He was on the Baltic just ahead of us. The story was rather amusing to we boys who were on the Tuscania. What puzzles me is how Mr. Cobb could see so much about the affair for if the Baltic ever made twenty knots per hour she certainly made it when the explosion occurred at our boat as she was out of sight almost before we could get up on deck and believe me that was not very long.

I am glad to hear that the company is having such good meetings of the different retail sections. Well we boys over here hope to participate in the meetings some sweet day, but before that day arrives Long-Bell is going to have a meeting in Berlin. There won't be so many of us as you have in your Oklahoma City and Wichita gatherings, but the whole city will know we are there.

I am trying to hold my writing pad on my knee as I write so please excuse blots, etc.

I received a letter from Mr. J. A. Foresman, also one from Mr. S. W. Baxter. It certainly goes our hearts good to know that you think of us and can find time to write once in a while.

Our bunch now consists of Sgt. "Bill" Barwick Co. F, Sgt. Max W. Friend, Hdq. Dept. 6th Battalion, Sgt. Geo. B. Oakeson Co. E, Corp. Purl Marshall Co. E, Corp. Porter Smith, Co. F, Prvt. Tom Ashby Co. E, Prvt. V. E. Babcock Co. E and J. A. Johnson, Prvt. Co. E Lake Charles).

All the boys send their best wishes.

Sincerely,

PRIVATE TOM A. ASHBY,  
C. E 6th Bn., 20th Engineer AEF via  
N. Y.



Unless Dame Rumor, who now seems to be in the exclusive employ of the Kaiser, ceases her activity in Coffeyville this paper may have to open a German Lie department. Yesterday phone calls came to this office for particulars on the alleged sinking of an American transport with heavy loss of life. No less than a score of calls came over the phone so that the lie gained pretty wide circulation. The last previous report of sinking of American transports was a much bigger lie than this one. It emanated from Berlin and said forty transports carrying Yanks had been sunk at sea. That was a lie worth while and we suggest to Dame Rumor that if she is going to work for the Kaiser she ought to watch the Berlin news closer and try and emulate the home office. The truth is there has been lost at sea since the United States entered the war just 219 brave American boys, practically all of them on the Tuscania, which Tom Ashby of Liberty was aboard and survived. Our losses at sea has been a little more than one person to every ten thousand soldiers transported overseas. But go to it, Dame Rumor, there isn't a more fruitful field than the one you have chosen to lie in and there are still some people who believe you for a short time.

There were 215 casualties on board Tuscania, so this account is close to accurate –  
 “Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal” Tuesday 27 Aug 1918 p 4

**LIBERTY**

Tom Ashby arrived home Tuesday from a camp in Kentucky, where he received his final discharge. He was aboard the Tuscania, when it was torpedoed but escaped uninjured and was rescued and taken to the Scotch coast.

“Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal” Friday 20 Jun 1919 p 8

G. W. Ashby of Liberty was over Saturday and called to enter subscription for himself and son Thomas who is with the 20th Engineers in France. Mr. Ashby reports the largest sales of lumber this year he ever had. That tells of prosperity.

"South Kansas Tribune" (independence KS) Wednesday 20 Nov 1918 p 3

## NU CHAPTER IN THE BIG WORLD'S WAR

### 134 of Her Sons See Service—Four Gold Stars

University chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity issues a complete list of its former members who have donned the uniform. Each name is given together with their fraternity numbers. It will be noted that of the last hundred numbers there is scarcely one that is missing.

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251	Charles Jesse Painter, Corporal, Quartermaster Department.
252	Thomas Albert Ashby, Co. E, Sixth Battery, 20th Engineers, A. E. F.
253	Edward Powell Blanton, Second Lieutenant, Aviation.
254	William Walter Bowman, Jr., Battery A, 130th F. A. Headquarters Co., A. E. F.
255	James Gerald Norton, Naval Radio School.
256	Paul Wallace Steelsmith, Military Instructor, Vocational Department, S. A. T. C., University of Michigan.
257	Walter Scott Priest, Jr., S. A. T. C., Washington University.
258	Earl Thomas Newcomer, First Lieutenant, 22nd Engineers, A. E. F.
260	Edward Hagerman Hashinger, Medical Reserve, Washington University.
261	Albert Raymond Bartel, Headquarters Co., 168th Infantry, A. P. O. 714, A. E. F.
262	Floyd Ernest Stelzner, Corporal, Seventh U. S. Engineers, Medical Attachment, A. E. F.
263	John Stuart Simmons, Jr.
265	Clarence C. Atwood, Lieutenant, Naval Aviator.

"Lawrence (KS) Daily Journal-World" Friday 24 Jan 1919 p 4

## ***Ponca Now Has Three Survivors of Ill-Fated Transport "Tuscania"***

With the recent acquisition of Porter H. Smith to the forces of the Long-Bell Lumber company Ponca City's list of Tuscania survivors was raised to three. Smith came to Ponca City several days ago to take up the position of yard manager for the local Long-Bell branch. Smith bears the distinction of being one out of a group of five men—the sole survivors out of fifty—who left the Tuscania in one lifeboat after the ship had been struck by a German torpedo as it neared the coast on Scotland on a cold night in the early part of February 1918. The lifeboat in which Smith was a passenger was drawn under the waves by the suction which the sinking of the larger vessel occasioned and, clinging to a broken oar, he was beaten and buffeted about in the icy water for over three hours, finally, as his strength was about to give out, being picked up by a small fishing vessel. He was landed on the Irish

coast by his rescuer and here he was cared for by the rough fishing folk until he could be taken in charge by the U. S. army hospital authorities. Something like 270 men perished with the sinking of the Tuscania—the only American transport during the entire period of our participation in the war to be caught by the German U-boats.

It is a rather unusual fact that one other of the three Tuscania heroes is also an employee of the Long-Bell company. Tom Ashby, the second man, is employed as a bookkeeper in the local Long-Bell office. Ashby while recently describing his experiences on the night of the Tuscania sinking remarked that he was standing on deck at the time the torpedo struck. For ten minutes, Ashby declared, the ship rocked and shook as if a giant stricken with ague. Men would make repeated attempts to stand up only to be thrown once more to the deck by

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### **Ponca Now Has Three**

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the terrific concussion, Ashby stated. Managing to leap clear of the large suctional wave created by the ship's sinking Ashby swam for several hours in the freezing sea water. He finally was picked up and landed on the Isle of Wight.

The third member of the Tuscania trio is Leslie Dale, who is employed at the Marland Refining company.

*"Ponca City (OK) News" 3 Nov 1919 p 2 – Fact check: others report a short-lived shuddering reaction by the ship to the torpedo; exposure would have killed someone before he spent 3 hours in the water, there are no reports of suction, the men who were picked up were landed in Ireland, not the Isle of Wight (which lies off the southern coast of England)*

## PONCA CITY HAS THREE TUSCANIA SURVIVORS

Ponca City, Ok., Nov. 6.—Ponca City has three survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania* by a German submarine during the war, in the early part of February, 1918, in Leslie Dale, an employe of the Marland Refining Company, Portland H. Smith and Tom Ashby, yard manager and bookkeeper respectively for the Long Bell Lumber Company. Smith is one of five survivors of a lifeboat, containing 52 men, which was drawn under by the suction when the *Tuscania* went down.

*"Wichita (KS) Beacon" Thursday 6 Nov 1919 p 1*

## For Sale

New house, consisting of seven rooms and bath. All oak floors and strictly modern in every way. Will also sell furniture.

1402 East Fairview.

Phone 1272-R

TOM A. ASHBY

*"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" Tuesday 21 Mar 1922 p 2*

**WANTED**—Several young men who are ambitious and have good personality; must know how to drive a car. If you have above qualifications and can invest \$200 we have good permanent position to offer you in this county. Tom A. Ashby, Tulsa, Okla., care Tulsa Hotel.

“Bartlesville (OK) Morning Examiner” Friday 25 Aug 1922 p 7

97678—The Morris Plan Co of Okla v Tom A Ashby, money due on prom note in sum of \$1,725, int and costs, ans 1-26-39, Robert L Cox, plff atty.

“Oklahoma City (OK) Daily Law Journal-Record” Tuesday 27 Dec 1938 p 1

In the remaining case on the docket, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Tom A. Ashby of Tulsa, alleged to have passed several bogus checks in Tahlequah. Ashby has not yet been apprehended by county authorities.

“Tahlequah (OK) Citizen” Thursday 20 Feb 1941 p 1

*Wife:*

Margaret Ashby was granted a divorce from Tom A. Ashby in superior court Tuesday afternoon on grounds

of gross neglect of duty. Custody of their one minor child, \$100 support money until the child becomes of age and fees were awarded the plaintiff.

*Divorce granted 14 Feb 1933 - "Bristow (OK) Record-Citizen" Thursday 16 Feb 1933 p 8*



*Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen Drive, cutting a choice iris bloom in her garden. There are over 300 varieties of iris growing in the garden.*

## 361 Varieties In City Garden

The garden of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen drive, is a lovely, colorful, garden this season of the year. A combination of iris and peony blooms in effective mass plantings makes it particularly spectacular.

Growing in the small garden are over 300 varieties of iris, 61 varieties of peonies. For spring color, the blossoms of 3,000 bulbs make a flashy accent for the many interesting shrubs, planted for specimen effects and on the premise line to provide privacy for the little garden. One unusual tree is that of the Ginkgo, whose fan-shaped leaves have a habit of falling simultaneously rather than fluttering down to the ground singly, and over a period of time. The base of the tree is night-lighted, creating a dramatic garden effect.

One cannot write about the garden without including the important, neatly designed, redwood tool house. Inside on the shelves are galvanized metal covered containers (all painted with black letters naming the contents like bone meal, peat moss, etc.), neat as a canister set in a kitchen cupboard.

set in a kitchen cupboard.

Large metal hinges hold the doors in place, and ornaments of the same material in fleur de lys design decorate the projecting roof joists. Statues of St. Anthony and St. Francis having lights are spotted on two of the outside walls. Two redwood benches adjacent to the building welcome visitors to tarry and visit with Mr. Cassady while working at this hobby.

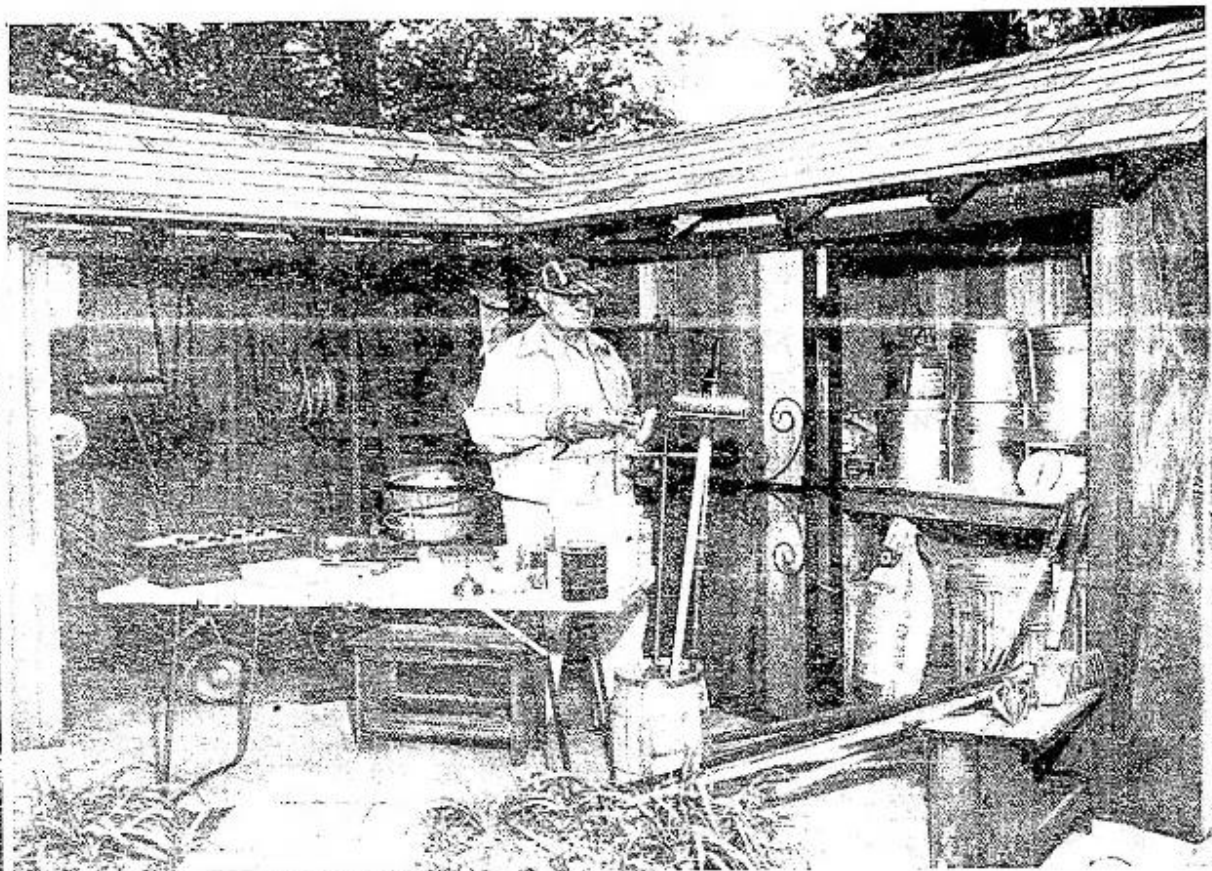
An ornamental fountain, spewing trickles of water provides an illusion of coolness.

Walks along borders make for safe walking when viewing the many blossoms. Chairs for relaxing are on the lawn area.

It is a very clean garden having excellent maintenance with lots of interesting plant material, including most of the newer varieties of iris.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 13 May 1956 p 73





Floyd A. Cassidy, 1515 Classen Drive, cleans and oils each garden tool before storing it in his compact, neat-as-a-pin tool house. He is third vice-president of the Oklahoma Iris society.

## Winterize Your Garden Tools

They Deteriorate Quicker When Not in Use; Careful Cleaning  
And Oiling Will Give Protection Against Rust

*"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 4 Nov 1956 p 90*

## Oklahoma Iris Society Elects New Officers

Oklahoma Iris society Saturday announced election of new officers..

President is Floyd A. Cassady; first vice-president, Alex E. White; second vice-president, Virgil Fehse; third vice-president, Mrs. S. L. Whatley; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Zip Smith; treasurer, Oran Venable; recording secretary, Miss Marjorie Miller; corresponding secretary, Miss Kate Quasebarth; historian and librarian, Mrs. B. H. Gambrell; auditor, C. F. Eckerd, and parliamentarian, Mrs. Robert E. Ritter.

Fancy gourds grown by Mrs. Ken J. Shaver were sold with all proceeds going into the 1959 fund for hosting the AIS meet in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. W. H. Wallace Jr. showed colored slides of iris and chrysanthemums.

Kenneth J. Shaver, the retiring president, presided.

Cassady announced the annual banquet will be at 7 p.m. December 6th in St. John's Methodist church. The \$1.50 per plate reservations should be made as soon as possible with any of the following: Mrs. H. A. Cleaton, WI 3-7534; Mrs. Virgil Fehse, ME 8-3978; Mrs. Zip Smith, JA 4-5016; Mrs. "Frank" Wilson, JA 4-4170, or by mail to Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen drive, Oklahoma City 6, Okla.



Floyd A. Cassady . . . new iris society president.

Mrs. H. A. Raboin will be in charge of decorations.

The annual banquet is the occasion for installing the incoming officers. Mrs. C. E. McCaughy who will have just returned from an extended trip to the Orient and New Zealand will be the installing officer.



**COMPLETELY BORED WITH ALL THIS FUSS** is "Gentlemen Jim," newly enlisted station complement mascot. Here, Lieut. C. F. Hollopeter, to whom the dog was presented by Floyd A. Cassady, Oklahoma City, is in turn presenting him to Major Marvin E. Wills, commanding officer of the station complement. "Jim" is now a permanent and popular resident on the Post.

*"Take-off" (Oklahoma City OK) Saturday 14 Nov 1942 p 8*

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## MARRIAGE RECORD

OVERBAY BROS. Tulsa, Okla.

## APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

IN COUNTY COURT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Tulsa County

I, Tom A. Ashby, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to Mr. Tom A. Ashby, aged 27 years, whose residence is Sapulpa State of Oke, and Miss Marguerite Mote, aged 22 years, whose residence is Sapulpa, State of Oke, and for the purpose of procuring the same do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 27 years of age; and legally competent to make and take an oath, and that I reside at Sapulpa, County of Creek, State of Oke.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Nov, 1920By Tom A. Ashby Court Clerk  
Joe Turner Deputy.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, City and County of Tulsa.

IN COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Tom A. Ashby of Sapulpa County of Creek, State of Oke, aged 27 years, and Miss Marguerite Mote of Sapulpa County of Creek, State of Oke, aged 22 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS My hand and seal of said Court this 10 day of Nov, A. D., 1920.

My credentials are recorded in minister's credentials, book \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_.

Recorded this 24 day of Nov, 1920.By Joe Turner Court Clerk  
Joe Turner Deputy.

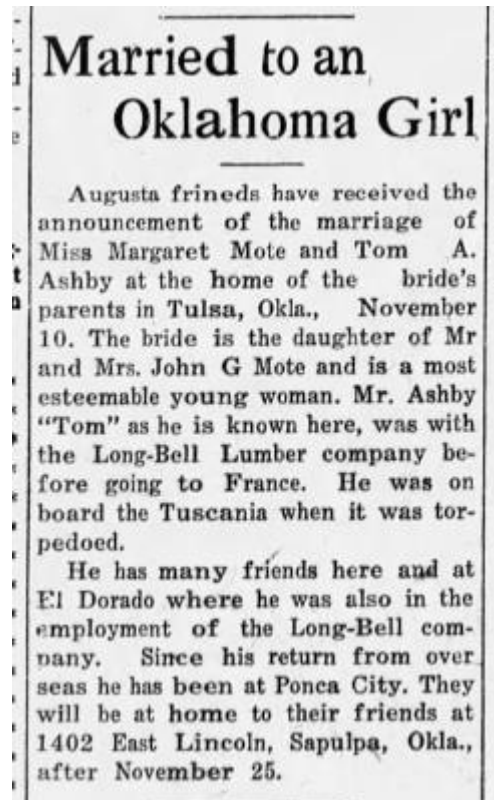
## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Tulsa County, ss.

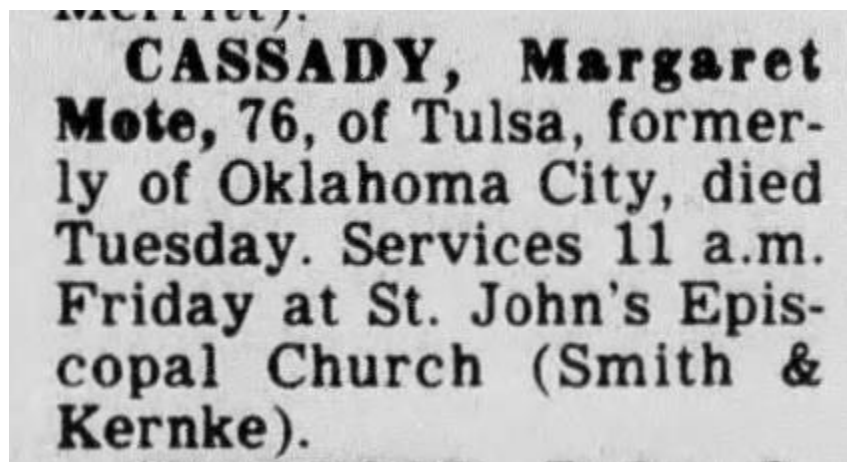
I, Walter P. Crum, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church of Tulsa in Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 10 day of Nov, A. D., 1920 at Tulsa in Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Gladie E. Gellows of Tulsa and Winifred M. Michael of Tulsa.

Returned and recorded this 24 day of Nov, 1920.By Joe Turner Court Clerk  
Joe Turner Deputy.

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*"Augusta (KS) Daily Gazette" Wednesday 17 Nov 1920 p 1*



*"Daily Oklahoman" Thursday 28 Jun 1979 p 53*



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**CASSADY**

Mrs. Margaret Mote. Born April 1, 1903. Died Tuesday 26th, 1979 at St. Simeon's Episcopal Home, Tulsa, Okla. A native of Clarks, Nebraska, she had attended the University of Oklahoma, & was an Oklahoma City resident from 1941 to February, 1979. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Oklahoma City, & a 50 Year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae. Survivors are a brother John C. Mote, Oklahoma City; a son the Rev. John F. Ashby, rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ada, Okla.; granddaughters, Anne Carver Ashby Jones (Mrs. W.C.), & Elizabeth Ashby McBride (Mrs. Michael); great-granddaughters, Sarah Anne McBride & Jenny Elizabeth Jones, all of Ada. A requiem Eucharist will be celebrated at

St. John's Episcopal Church,  
Oklahoma City, with the Rev.  
William C. Wantland & the Rev.  
H.B. Jackson Jr., Enid, Okla.,  
officiating. In lieu of flowers  
friends may contribute to  
St. John's Memorial Fund, St.  
John's Episcopal Church in  
Mrs. Cassady's name.

*"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 28 Jun 1979 p 53*



**APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_  
 reside \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_

OKLAHOMA COUNTY, } ss.  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }

I, the undersigned, of Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, legally competent to make and take an oath in relation to the parties hereinafter named, for the marriage of whom a license is hereby applied for, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts hereinafter set forth, and that Mr. Floyd A. Cassady is of the age of 54 years, and resides at or near 1515 Classen, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, and that Mrs. Margaret Cassady is of the age of 44 years, and resides at or near 802 1/2 N. St 23, Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, and I do further swear that each of said parties are of sound contracting mind and unmarried, and that neither of them are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into marriage relation nor are they related to each other within any of the degrees prohibited by law. And I further swear that each of the said parties are of legal age.

Subsc: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
 of April, 1949

named \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy.

CLIFF MYERS Court Clerk.  
Sylvia Clayton

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
**IN THE COUNTY COURT**

To Any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting: Upon delivery of this marriage license within ten days from date of its issue to you;

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Floyd A. Cassady of Oklahoma aged 54 years, and Mrs. Margaret Cassady of Oklahoma aged 44 years, and by the command of the statutes you shall make due return of this license to my office within five days succeeding the performance of the marriage herein authorized.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Oklahoma City, in said County, this 8 day of April, 1949

CLIFF MYERS, Court Clerk of Oklahoma County  
Sylvia Clayton Deputy Clerk

ENDORSEMENT: By this endorsement to the within and foregoing Marriage License, I hereby verify, and truly certify, that the Application for said License was accompanied by proper credentials under the circumstance indicated by the word "filed" opposite one of the three permissible alternates indicated below; (or two if it be so)

- (1) Papers complying with Sections 1 and 3 of House Bill No. 7 of the Twentieth Oklahoma Legislature relative to the health of the Parties; or
- (2) An Order of the County Judge, with accompanying memoranda of the reasons for the order, dispensing with those requirements of Sections 1 and 3 of said House Bill No. 7, relative to the examination and health of either or both of the parties; or
- (3) An Order of the County Judge, with accompanying memoranda of reasons for the order, extending the 30-day period following the examinations to 90 days or less, together with papers complying with Sections 1 and 3 of House Bill No. 7 in all other respects.

**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

I, John A. Bright (Name of official or Minister) Rector (Official of Clerical Designation)  
St. John's Episcopal Church (Name of Court or Congregation) Oklahoma City (Name of Place Where Located)

In Oklahoma County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 10 day of April, A. D., 1949  
 at Oklahoma City, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, in the  
 presence of Ray M. Spivey of Oklahoma City  
 and Helen C. Spivey of Oklahoma City  
 License returned to applicant John A. Bright  
 Date 5-9-49  
 By J. C. Deputy

Mrs. Margaet Cassady married Floyd Cassady on 10 Apr 1949 – remarried? -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1961-25577-19182-14?pld=63233067>

**ST. LUKE'S NEW MEMBERS.**

Mr. Tom Barnard, 119 W. 10th Street.  
 Mr. Tom Bonnell, 136 East 11th Street.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1736 W. 17th Street.  
 Miss Juanita Jane Cassady, 1736 W. 17th Street.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Messerly, 500 W. 21st, Apt. 10-B.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nicek, 1228 W. 48th Street.  
 Paul Nicek, 1228 W. 48th Street.  
 Marie Nicek, 1228 W. 48th Street.  
 Charles Nicek, 1228 W. 48th Street.  
 Alvin Nicek, 1228 W. 48th Street.

"Oklahoma City (OK) Star" Friday 21 Jun 1935 p 45

# CASSADY

Floyd A. 3182 NW Express-  
way. Services 11 AM Wednes-  
day. Services 11 AM Wednes-  
day. St. John's Episcopal  
Church. Arrangements by  
Smith & Kernke.  
& Kernke.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma Cit OK) Wednesday 10 Sep 1975 p 28

## MRS. JESSIE F. MOTE

Mrs. Jessie F. Mote, 96, of 5200 S Shields, died Tuesday at St. Anthony hospital after she was injured in a fall down the stairs of her home.

Mrs. Mote was a former school teacher. Her husband was the late John G. Mote, who was superintendent of schools at Sapulpa. He died in 1943.

Born in Decorah, Iowa, Mrs. Mote moved to Broken Arrow in 1908, later going to Sapulpa and coming here in 1941. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodge and Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include two sons, John C. Mote, 931 SW 25, and Dr. Paul Mote, Fairhope, Ala.; a daughter, Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classon drive; one brother, Clyde N. Moore, Miami, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

A grandson, Rev. John Ashby of Durant, will conduct the services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hunter funeral home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. at Sapulpa.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Wednesday 7 May 1958 p 34

## Art League Sets Meeting Monday

**A**RT LEAGUE WILL MEET MON-  
day at 2 p. m. in the home of  
Mrs. C. A. Schweinle, 1515 NW 35.  
Mrs. J. R. Dale will have charge of the  
program on "The People of India  
and Ceylon and Their Art." Rev.  
Harold Blake Walker, pastor of  
the First Presbyterian church, →  
will talk on the history of India.

There will be a showing of art ob-  
jects from India by members of the  
league and Mrs. Mary Matney will ex-  
hibit her collections of hammered  
brass and silver, silk weaving and  
needlework gathered during the 20  
years she lived in India.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Fred L. Hun-  
zicker, Mrs. George K. Kaiser, Mrs.  
W. A. McKeever, Mrs. Charles Mc-  
Cafferty, Mrs. Fred Ptak, Mrs. Earl  
Shotwell, Mrs. C. Q. Smith, Mrs. E. C.  
Watkins, Mrs. John F. Watson, Mrs.  
W. J. Whatley, Mrs. Annie Youngblood,  
Miss Patty Patterson, Mrs. Webster  
L. Benham, Mrs. Wyatt F. Brown,  
Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, Mrs. Leo Consi-  
dine, Mrs. O. T. Cooper, Mrs. James  
M. Craig, Mrs. J. S. Crosswhite, Mrs.  
J. C. Halliburton and Mrs. John W.  
Harreld.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 12 Mar 1944 p 43

## Burglars Strip City Residence

The "take-everything" burglars hit the home of Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen, and took all his clothing.

Cassady, who has been away on vacation, told police Thursday he returned home to find a front door glass broken and the two-story house ransacked from top to bottom. The list of items missing included:

Twelve shirts, 24 pairs of socks, 30 neckties, 60 handkerchiefs, pants, suitcase, household utensils and a large amount of women's lingerie and costume jewelry.

Tuesday burglars cleaned a house in the 2200 block NW 16 of a stove, refrigerator, dining room suite including a buffet and six chairs, console model radio and recorder. A grocery in the 800 block N Eastern also got it. Among foods stolen were 120 pounds of assorted meats, 30 pounds of butter, cases of coffee and peas and 25 cartons of cigarets.

Finally, the thieves foraged in a beauty parlor at 2528½ S. Robinson Wednesday. Loot taken included 10 bottles of liquid rinse, a large hamper full of towels, electric manicuring machine, five bottles of shampoo, three pairs of scissors, five nylon hair brushes, eight curling units and 12 bottles of expensive nail polish.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Friday 22 Apr 1949 p 50

## Sorority Alumnae Will Hold Session

Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen drive, will be hostess to Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae Tuesday. The event will be at 1:30 p.m.

Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Wilson B. Hand, Mrs. J. G. Liebmann, Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Mrs. E. C. Gollaher, Mrs. H. V. L. Japper Jr., Mrs. Sidney P. Upsher, Mrs. Ben Franklin, Mrs. W. D. Anna and Miss Anna Maude Smith.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Monday 12 Jan 1953 p 12

Son:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ashby of 1517 South Lewis avenue announce the birth of a son, who has been given the name of John Forsythe Ashby. The little newcomer is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Mote of Sapulpa.

*"Tulsa (OK) World" Thursday 28 Mar 1929 p 7*

# John F. Ashby

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**John Forsythe Ashby** (March 26, 1929 – May 10, 2001) was an American bishop in the [Episcopal Church](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

## Early life and education [\[ edit \]](#)

Ashby was born in [Tulsa, Oklahoma](#), on March 26, 1929, son of Thomas Albert Ashby and Margaret Mote.<sup>[2]</sup> He received a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from [Oklahoma State University](#) in 1952 and a master's degree in divinity from the [Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest](#) in 1955.<sup>[3]</sup> Between 1966 and 1967, he studied New Testament ethics as a member of [Pembroke College, Cambridge](#) in [England](#) and was awarded a [Master of Arts](#) in 1967. He was awarded a [Doctor of Divinity](#) from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1981. He married Mary Carver on August 12, 1954, and together had two children.

## Ordained ministry [\[ edit \]](#)

Ashby was ordained priest in December 1955 and became vicar of St John's Church in [Durant, Oklahoma](#), and St Peter's Church in [Coalgate, Oklahoma](#). In 1959 he became rector of St Luke's Church, in [Ada, Oklahoma](#), where he remained until 1981. He was also a chaplain in the [Oklahoma National Guard](#) and held the rank of [lieutenant colonel](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

## Bishop [\[ edit \]](#)

On February 14, 1981, Ashby was elected on the sixth ballot as the second Bishop of Western Kansas during a special diocesan convention. He was then consecrated on May 21, 1981, at [St. John's Military School](#) in [Salina, Kansas](#). He led the [Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas](#) until his retirement in 1995.<sup>[5][6]</sup> In 1986, he travelled to Guam to serve as interim bishop of the [Episcopal Church in Micronesia](#).<sup>[7]</sup> In 1992, as an ecumenical gesture, he named a Roman Catholic priest an [honorary canon](#).<sup>[8]</sup> He retired in January 1995. He died in 2001.<sup>[9]</sup>



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- Episcopal Diocese Convention Set↗

The Right Reverend John Forsythe Ashby	
Bishop of Western Texas	
<b>Church</b>	<span>Episcopal Church</span>
<b>Diocese</b>	<span>Western Texas</span>
<b>Elected</b>	<span>February 14, 1981</span>
<b>In office</b>	<span>1981-1995</span>
<b>Predecessor</b>	<span>William Davidson</span>
<b>Successor</b>	<span>Vernon E. Strickland</span>
Orders	
<b>Ordination</b>	<span>December 1955</span> <div>by <span>W. R. Chilton Powell</span></div>
<b>Consecration</b>	<span>May 21, 1981</span> <div>by <span>John Allin</span></div>
Personal details	
<b>Born</b>	<span>March 26, 1929</span> <div><span>Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States</span></div>
<b>Died</b>	<span>May 10, 2001 (aged 72)</span> <div><span>Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States</span></div>
<b>Nationality</b>	<span>American</span>
<b>Denomination</b>	<span>Anglican</span>
<b>Parents</b>	<span>Thomas Albert Ashby &amp; Margaret Mote</span>
<b>Spouse</b>	<span>Mary Carver (m.<span> </span>1954)</span>
<b>Children</b>	<span>2</span>

Wikipedia entry for son John Forsythe Ashby (1929-2001) -  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_F.\\_Ashby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_F._Ashby)

## John Ashby, Paul Roberts Will Visit During Holiday

Returning for the Thanksgiving holidays will be John F. Ashby. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen drive. The Cassadys will also have as their houseguest Miss Mary Carver, Austin. Mr. Ashby is a student at the Episcopal Theological seminary, Austin, Texas.

Paul Roberts jr., son of Paul Roberts, 2821 NW 17, is also a student at the Episcopal Theological seminary and will be at home over the holidays. The group will be here until Sunday.

*"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Wednesday 25 Nov 1953 p 10*

AUGUST 12 is the nuptial date set by Miss Mary Carver and John Forsyth Ashby. The affianced pair will exchange vows at 10:30 a.m. in All Saints chapel, Austin, Texas. Rev. Scott Field Bailey and Rev. G. C. Stutzer will officiate.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Carver, Austin. Mr. Ashby is the son of Mrs. Floyd A. Cassady, 1515 Classen drive, and the late Thomas Albert Ashby.

Miss Carver attended Stephen F. Austin highschool, Austin, and received BA and MA degrees from the University of Texas, Austin. Her school affiliations include Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta and Blue Stockings, an honorary English club.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Classen highschool, received his BA degree from Oklahoma A&M college. He is a senior student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin. At Classen he was a member of Blue Jackets, and at A&M his social fraternity was Delta Chi.

*"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 27 Jun 1954 p 49*

Mrs. Floyd Cassady, Oklahoma City, is visiting in the home of her son and family, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John Ashby.

*"Ada (OK) Evening News" Sunday 12 Feb 1951 p 3*

*Father:*

Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1800-1999

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Name	Galasha Worthington Ashby
Christening Place	First Presbyterian Church, Centerville, Appanoose, Iowa
Father	Thomas Ashby
FHL Film Number	1007191

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/90306583/person/77012480470/facts>

—Mr. G. W. Ashby, one of the prominent blacksmiths of Liberty, was down Saturday and spent Sunday with his uncle, J. N. Ashby, and family. He reported things quiet at Liberty.

*“Gate City Gazette” (Coffeyville KS) Friday 11 Feb 1887 p 3*

—G. W. Ashby has bought the old Implement house and grounds, south of Heckman’s store, and will convert the building into a wagon shop and extend his business. He says, if we are to have a boom, we might as well commence one time as another. He is an energetic youth.

*“Liberty (KS) Review” Friday 6 May 1887 p 2*

*Mother:*

The wedding chimes rang out from the residence of Col. A. P. Forsythe, in Liberty township, on Christmas day. The happy contracting parties being Mr. G. W. Ashby and Miss Grace Forsythe. Rev. W. T. York, officiating. The TRIBUNE acknowledges a kind remembrancer in the shape of a box of wedding cake. May great joy attend them.

*"South Kansas Tribune" (Independence KS) Wednesday 28 Dec 1887 p 3*

**Death in the Country.**—The daughter of Col. Forsyth, Mrs. G. W. Ashby, died yesterday at four o'clock in the afternoon at her home, a few miles south of Brown's ford. She was a lady forty-five years old. Her death was very sudden, being the result of heart trouble. She leaves a husband and two grown children, a son and daughter. The funeral will take place tomorrow about four o'clock, at Liberty where the interment also will be made.

*Obituary of mother Grace Forsyth Ashby – "Independence (KS) Daily Reporter" Saturday 29 Jul 1905 p 5*

### Died of Heart Disease.

Mrs. Grace Ashby, wife of R. Ashby, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Forsythe of this city, died suddenly yesterday at her home near Liberty of heart disease. The funeral will occur at Liberty tomorrow.

*"Independence (KS) Weekly Star" Thursday 3 Aug 1905 p 8*

... cemetery....Died, Friday, July 28, of heart failure, Mrs. Grace Ashby, wife of R. Ashby. The deceased left two children, a son and daughter. Funeral Sunday afternoon at the church. Interment in Liberty cemetery.

*"Coffeyville (KS) Weekly Journal" Friday 4 Aug 1905 p 7*

*Siblings:*

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STATE OF TEXAS **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** 1889 STATE FILE NO 73417

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First (b) Middle (c) Last Edith Beryl Guy

2. SEX female

3. DATE OF DEATH 8-24-81

4. RACE White

5a. WAS THE DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? no

5b. IF YES, SPECIFY MEXICAN, CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN, ETC.

6. DATE OF BIRTH 6-29-1890

7. AGE (in years last birthday) 91

8. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days

9. IF UNDER 24 HRS Hours Minutes

10. PLACE OF DEATH - COUNTY Dallas

11. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Dallas

12. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION St Paul Hospital

13. INSIDE CITY YES

14. MARRIED NEVER MARRIED WIDOWED (Specify) widowed

15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Kansas

16. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

17. WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? no

18. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name)

19. SOCIAL SECURITY NO 509-09-5701

20. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Owner

21. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Lumber Yard

22. RESIDENCE - STATE Texas

23. COUNTY Dallas

24. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) Dallas

25. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 1937 Marydale

26. INSIDE CITY YES

27. FATHER'S NAME G. W. Ashby

28. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Grace Forsyth

29. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT Margaret Guy

30. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), or (c))

(a) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF Cancer of lung

(b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF Cancer of Uterus

(c) OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS - CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (a) 21. AUTOPSY? no

22a. ACC. SUICIDE HOMICIDE UNDET. OR PENDING INVEST (Specify)

22b. DATE OF INJURY (Mo. Day Yr.)

22c. HOUR OF INJURY

22d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED

22e. INJURY AT WORK (Specify yes or no)

22f. PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)

22g. LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE

23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title) James W. Gailbraith

23b. DATE SIGNED (Mo. Day Yr.) 9/1/81

23c. HOUR OF DEATH 5:45 p

23d. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (Type or print) JAMES W. GAILBRAITH

23e. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred (Signature) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REC'D OCT 13 1981 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

23f. DATE SIGNED (Mo. Day Yr.)

23g. HOUR OF DEATH

23h. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo. Day Year) ON

23i. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) AT

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Removal

24b. DATE 8-26-81

24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Liberty Cemetery

24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Liberty, Kansas

24e. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR PERSON ACTING AS SUCH Johnnie P. Willis

24f. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO 6930

24g. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR SEP 3 1981

VS-112 REV 1-80

TX death record of **sister Elizabeth/Edith Beryl Ashby Guy (1890-1981)** -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154\\_b063108-02031?pid=750778407](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b063108-02031?pid=750778407)



**LIBERTY** — Edith Beryl (Mrs. Lemuel) Guy, 91, of Dallas, Texas, former Liberty resident, retired teacher, died Monday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, First United Methodist Church, Liberty.

Survivors: son, Tom of Walnut Creek, Calif.; daughters, Mrs. Josephine McArthur of Colorado Springs, Mrs. Helen Robertson of Miami, Okla., Margaret Guy of Dallas, Texas. Memorials have been established with 4-H Scholarship Fund and American Cancer Society. Ford-Wulf-Bruns Colonial Chapel.

*Obituary of Edith Beryl Ashby Guy – "Wichita (KS) Eagle" Wednesday 26 Aug 1981 p 11*

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Thomas Albert Ashby**

Name variations: Tom A. Ashby / Tom Albert Ashby (VAMI)

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,464

Entered service from: Liberty, Montgomery KS



Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Tom A. Ashby

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Galusia W. Ashby, Liberty KS

Returned from war on: Tom A. Ashby

Sailed on return ship as: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father George W. Ashby, Liberty KS (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Tom Ashby - b. 19 Feb 1894 Independence KS; res: Augusta, Butler KS. Single. Lumberman, Long Bell Lumb. Co., Augusta KS. Tall & slender.

Card signed: Tom Ashby.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Liberty KS

World War II draft registration (1942): May have died before he got a chance to register.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 12 Dec 1917

Discharged 1 Jul 1919

Address: Box 1706, Tulsa OK

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. E, 6 Bn, 20 Engrs

#### Birth & death:

Born: 19 Feb 1892 Independence, Montgomery KS

Died: 30 Apr 1942 El Reno, Canadian OK [or, according to his obituary, in the Loraine Hotel in Sapulpa, Creek OK]

Find A Grave record: 74043643 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Liberty, Montgomery KS

Cemetery: Liberty

Tombstone: veteran flat: buried as Tom A. - Kansas Cpl 20 Engrs.

Father: Galusha Worthington Ashby, Dec 1861 IA -1926 Liberty, Montgomery KS. First name has been found spelled Galesha, Galusia, Gallucia Glusha & George. His IA birth record spells it Galasha.

Son of Thomas William Ashby (F: 75160401) & Amanda Victoria Fuller (F: 75160454).

Buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, Montgomery KS.

Find A Grave: 74043601

Mother: Grace Forsyth Ashby, Jan 1859 IN – 28 Jul 1905 Liberty, Montgomery KS. She was the daughter of Albert Palaska Forsyth 1830 OH – Sep 1906 KS, F: 6635242, US

Congressman 1879-1881, regent of KS State Agricultural College. Grace's mother was Louisa Hinkle Forsyth (1851-1906 F: 764043557).

Obituary: "Independence (KS) Weekly Star & Kansan" 3 Aug 1905 p 8 – Mrs. Grace Ashby, wife of R. Ashby, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Forsythe of Independence, d. suddenly yesterday (28 Jul 1905) at her home near Liberty of heart disease. Funeral at Liberty tomorrow.

"Coffeyville Daily Journal" 4 Aug 1905 p 7 – Mrs. Grace Ashby, wife of G. Ashby, d. 28 Jul 1905 of heart failure. Survived by son & daughter. Interment Liberty.

Find A Grave: 74043557

Parents' marriage: 25 Dec 1887 Montgomery Co. KS

Spouse: Margarerite/Marguerite/Margaret Mote Ashby Cassady, Apr 1899 "Clarks" NE (1900 census) but listed as 1 Apr 1904 on her tombstone and 1 Apr 1903 in her obituary – 26 Jun 1979 Tulsa, Tulsa OK [or Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK].

Daughter of John G. (1860-1947, F: 19304812) & Jessie F. Mote (1862-1958, F: 19304810). In the 1900 census for Clarksville, Merrill NE, John G. Mote (37 IN, Nov 1862, father b. OH, mother b. NC, married 12 years, a teacher) lived with wife Jessie M. (36 IA, Mar 1864, father b. OH, mother b. NY) & children Clarence (9 KS, Oct 1890), Paul R. (3 NE, Nov 1896) & Margaret (1 NE, Apr 1899). Her mother had given birth to 5 children, 3 of whom were living. In 1910, John G. Mote (43 IN, father b. IN, mother b. SC, in his 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 22 years, a school teacher) lived in Broken Arrow, Tulsa OK with wife Jessie F. (41 IA, father b. OH, mother b. NY, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, given birth to 5 children, 3 of whom were living) & children Clarence (20 KS, engineer at a light plant), Paul R. (12 NE) & Margaret (11 NE). In 1920, the family lived in Mounds Creek OK – John G. Mote (51 IN, father b. IN, mother b. SC, superintendent of a private school), Jessie F. (39 IA, father b. CT, mother B. OH), Clarence (28 KS, engineer, gas) & Margaret (20 NE).

Age 29 in 1930, indicated age 20 when 1<sup>st</sup> married (she was 22 when married Tom).

Following her divorce, she married (apparently) Floyd A. Cassady (24 Sep 1894 – 7 Sep 1975, F: 100106537).

In the 1940 census of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK, Floyd Cassady, 45 MO, a salesman for a manufacturer of water meters, lived with wife Margaret (34 NE) & son John "Cassady" (i.e. Ashby), age 11, b. OK.

But – on 10 Apr 1949, Floyd A. Cassady married Mrs. Margaret Cassady in Oklahoma Co. OK. So, perhaps there was a "technical error" with their original marriage ceremony (documentation could not be located).

In the 1950 census, Floyd A. Cassady, 55 MO, salesman of water meters, lived with wife Margaret (46 NE) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.

Her tombstone reads Margaret Cassady. She is buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.

Spouse Find A Grave: 100106336

Marriage: Tom A. Ashby, age 27, resident of Sapulpa, Creek OK, married Miss Margarerite/Marguerite Mate, age 22, resident of Sapulpa, Creek OK, on 10 Nov 1920. Her name is spelled Margarerite on the application, Marguerite on the signed documentation about the marriage ceremony. Divorced 14 Feb 1933 Bristow OK with custody of minor son John awarded to Margaret. –

Children:

- John Forsythe Ashby, 26 Mar 1929 Tulsa, Tulsa OK - 10 May 2001 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. Age 1 in the 1930 census. Custody awarded to his mother in his parents' 1933 divorce. The Rt. Rev. Ashby became bishop of the Episcopal District of Western Kansas 1981-1994. "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 11 May 2001 p 16 – d. age 72, graduate of Oklahoma State University 1952, master's degree in divinity,

Episcopalian Theological Seminary of the Southwest in 1955, ordained priest Dec 1955, elected bishop of western Ks in 1981. Chaplain in OK National Guard for 22 years until retired from the Guard in 1981. Retired as bishop Jan 1995.

#### Siblings:

- Elizabeth (also listed as Edith) Beryl Ashby Guy, 29 Jul [her TX death record says Jun] 1890 KS – 24 Aug 1981 Dallas, Dallas TX, Wife of Lemuel Pomeroy Guy (1886-1959, F: 42348434). “Independence (KS) Daily Reporter” 11 Jun 1912 p 8 – “The crowning social event of the week” will be the wedding of Beryl Ashby to Lemuel Guy of Paris MO at 8p..m. on 12 Jun 1912 at the bride’s beautiful country home at the Verdigris River bend, southeast of Independence, on the spacious veranda surrounded by pink rambler rose bushes in full bloom. In Sep 1912 the couple reside in Harris MO. In Aug 1919 L.P. & Beryl Ashby Guy reside in the Ozarks, at a Cedar Lawn home of 240 acres. In Mar 1957 they live in Liberal KS. – Died of lung cancer. She was a widow & owner of a lumber yard. Buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, Montgomery KS. F: 42348424

#### Notes:

#### Wartime:

#### Obituary:

Social Security Number: 446-10-2364

#### Censuses:

1900 Liberty, Montgomery KS

G.W. Ashby, 38 IA, Dec 1861, parents’ birthplaces left blank, married 12 years, farmer  
Grace, 41 IN, Jun 1859, father b. OH, mother b. IN, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living  
Edith B., 9 KS, Jun 1890, at school

Albert T., 8 KS, Feb 1892, at school

& servant Mike Burke, 48 birth place unknown, parents’ birthplaces unknown, single, laborer

1910 Liberty, Montgomery KS

Glusha W. Ashby, 48 IA, parents b. OH, widowed, farmer, general farming

Beryl, 19 KS, single, father b. IA, mother b. IL, teacher, public school

Thomas A., 18 KS, single, father b. IA, mother b. IL

& Glusha’s mother Amanda V. Ashby, 66 OH

1920 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK – is this him? Line 96

Thomas Ashby, 27 MO, parents b. IN, single, laborer, lodger

1930 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – 1407 S. Indianapolis – conducted 15 Apr 1930

Thomas A. Ashby, 37 KS, parents b. KS, age 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, salesman, cement company, WWI veteran

Margaret, 29 NE, father b. IN, mother b. IA, age 20 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

John F., 1 OK

1940 cannot locate