

# Austin, Arthur Franklin 1889 KS – 1977 CA



Arthur Franklin Austin – "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 17 Feb 1918 p 17 (listed as A.A.)

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# OFFICIAL LIST OF OKLAHOMA MEN ON SHIP

Washington Bureau of The Oklahoman WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Thirty-five Oklahoma men were on the Tuscama, according to lists of the transport's passengers, made public tonight by the committee on information. Whether any of them was lost is not known. All of the men were in the Engineers' corps of the 100th aero squadron. The list follows:

Frank Ackerson, Ochaltree.
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Will E. Armstrong Cement.
Arthur F. Austin, Callsby.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

The following list contains the names of Oklahoma men known definitely to be among the saved, according to cablegrams reaching the war department:

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ARTHUR F. AUSTIN, Catesby. FRANK J. ACKERSON, Ochleta. RALPH S. ADAMS, Oilton. CLARENCE C. ANDERSON, Hoart. JOHN F. AUTRY, Frederick. LLOYD L. ECKELS, Indiahoma. WILLIAM ELLIS, Pauls Valley.

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"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

## SERGT. A. F. AUSTIN IS SAFE.

Former Kansas Side Boy Among Tuscanta Survivors.

Mrs. J. H. Baird, 2923 the Paseo, received word yesterday from her father, D. W. Austin, Catesby, Ok., that her brother, Sergt. Arthur F. Austin, was among the Tuscania survivors. Sergeant Austin was born on the Kansas side, but had lived recently in Oklahoma. He was a member of Replacement Detachment No. 1 from Camp Travis, Tex.

"Kansas City (MO) Times" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 4

A telegram was received by the relatives of Arthur S. Austin, near Catesby, who was one of the Ellis county boys aboard the Tuscania when it was sunk, that he was safe. Young Austin enlisted about eight months ago.

"Shattuck (OK) Monitor" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

Home folks received a letter from Frank Austin Tuesday stating that he was all right. This is the first word they had received from him since he sailed on the Tuscania, excepting a telegram his father received, stating that he was one of the survivors. This is good news to his many friends around Speermoore.

The United States suffered her first serious soldier loss since war was declared against Germany last April, in the sinking of the big English steamer. Tuscania, by a German U. boat off the coast of Ireland on Tuesday night Feb. 5th. Indications are that 113 American army officers and soldiers were lost by the sinking of the vessel. The survivors were taken off in boats and landed on nearby friendly skores. 2,179 American officers and men were aboard the yessel. There was many a sad heart when the news was received here, On Sunday it was learned that Frank Austin of this place, was on the doomed vessel, and it was thought that he might be among the lost, but a telegram received Sunday afternoon stated that he was among the survivors. A later telegram confirmed the first.

Both articles on same page - https://www.newspapers.com/image/585999850/ "Speermoore (OK) Advocate" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 1

#### Wife:

Ewell Wingo and Miss Ethel Groves, Frank Austin and Miss Eileen Pulis took in the moving picture show at Laverne Saturday night.

Pre-war "date" at the movies of Arthur Franklin Austin & Eileen Pulis – "Laverne (KS)

Advocate" Friday 24 Nov 1916 p 1

### Birthday Gathering.

Friends, relatives and members, to the number of twenty seven met at the home of Mrs. A. Henke, on Friday afternoon Dec. 8, in commemoration of Mrs. Henke's sixty-fourth birthday. The guests assembled at an early hour, and the moments passed quickly in social chat and music.

The bounteful luncheon, of served at an appropriate hour, was partaken of and heartily enjoyed by all present, Many birthday rememberances were thankfully received, by Mrs. Henke, and many good wishes for future birthdays were extended at the leave takings,

The Guests departed at a late hour, feeling, that they had a very enjoyable afternoon as the visitors always do, that enter Mrs. Henke's home. Those present: Mesdames Clara Covey, Austin, Hiner, Long, Ida Hopingardner, Addie O'Hair, Haster, Emma Covey, Shapley, Groves, Lu. cv Henke, Lloyd, Omie Hopingardner, Daisy Covey, Amelia Henke. Miss Eileen Pulis, Mr. J. P. Haster, Frank Austin, Owen Hopingardner,

Howard Lloyd, Paul and Fred Henke, and five grand-children of Mrs. Henke's.

"Laverne (KS) Advocate" Friday 15 Dec 1916 p 1

AUSTIN, Eileen, 58 of 12542 Waldorf, Lynwood, passed away July 3 1957. Survived by husband, Arthur F., daughters, Betty Hardeman of Lynwood, Kay Gaskell, South Gate; sons, Arthur Fred of Venice and John D. Venice. Services, Monday, July 8, 10:00 a.m. Moreland's Mortuary Chapel, Compton.

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#### Children:





Daughter Kay Louise Austin Gaskill (1935-2017) – left: from her online obituary:

https://www.rosehills.com/obituaries/whittier-ca/kay-gaskill-7433517 and right: Lynwood

(CA) High School 1954 yearbook (left side cut off in original) 
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Father:

#### OBITUARY

Daniel W. Austin was born October 22, 1852 in Norway, N. Y. and departed this life January 20, 1935 in Laverne, Okla. at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 29 days. He spent his boyhood days in N. Y., moving to Hannibal, Mo. in 1869.

He was united in marriage with Miss Anna Kolb of Hannibal, Mo. on April 22, 1875. To this union six children were born.

He moved to Kansas City, Kansas in 1884 where he lived until 1901 when he came to Speermoore, Okla. taking a homestead here at that time.

Two children having preceded him in death, he leaves in bereavement his wife, Mrs. Anna Austin of Speermoore; one son, Frank Austin of Laverne; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Baird of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Edward McDonald of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. John Pulis of Laverne; 11 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

When a young man he united with the Methodist Church at Hannibal, Mo. Upon moving to Kansas City, he joined the Presbyterian church where he served as an elder. He remained a member of that church to his death.

As long as men shall honor the virtues of reverence to God, filedty of the home, and devotion to high ideals—just that long will the memory of Daniel W. Austin be cherished in the hearts of the many who knew him here.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Speermoore Baptist church where a large assembly of friends and relatives had gathered to may a last respect to the one whom they had honored for so many years. Rev. Hebard of Laverne spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing assembly. Music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Mrs. Ben Douglas, Mrs. Barber, R. S. Wyand and D. C. Spencer with Miss Louise Austin at the piano. The body was laid to rest in the Speermoore Cemetery. Barber Mortuary had charge of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of father Daniel W. Austin – "Laverne (OK) Leader-Tribune" Thursday 24 Jan 1935 p 1

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Mother:

Beaver County lost a pioneer resident in the death of Mrs. Anna L. Austin, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Pulis, of Laverne, February 22nd, 1942, aged 88 years 6 months and 26 days.

Her husband, Daniel W. Austin, to whom she was married April 17, 1875, preceded her in death 7 years. Previous to this time they had lived on their farm at Speermoore for over 30 years.

Since her husbands death she made her home with her daughters and for almost three years has been with her daughter, Mrs. John Pulis of Laverne. Although in declining health for some time, she was only critically ill about seven hours.

She was born in Dubuque, Iowa, and was the daughter of Andrew and Christina Kolb. Her father was a Presbyterran minister of which church she was always a member.

She had five children, Mrs. J. H. Baird, Kansas City, Mo; Mrs. E. W. McDonald, Chicago, Ills; Mrs. John Pulis and Frank Austin of Laverne, and David Austin, who passed away in Topeka, on August 19, 1923. She also leaves a bro her, Henry W. Kolb. Hannibal, Mo. and 12 grandchildren by whom she will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Austin by her even temperament and kind ways endeared herself to her family and a wide circle of friends.

The funeral services were conducted by C. L. Moser, at the Baptist church in Laverne, February 24th at 2:30. Burial was in the Speermoore cemetery.

Obituary of mother Anna Kolb Austin – "Laverne (KS) Leader-Tribune" Thursday 26 Feb 1942 p 1

Siblings:

D-Mrs. Annette M.

Obituary of sister Annette M. (Nettie) Austin Baird (1879-1959) – "Kansas City (MO) Times" Thursday 10 Sep 1959 p 36

Abbreviations:

b = born
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

#### Name: Arthur Franklin Austin (Sr.)

Name variations: Frank Austin – although his son is sometimes called "Junior" – Arthur's

middle name is Franklin & his son's middle name is Frederick

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade - private

Serial number: 251,356

Entered service from: Catesby, Ellis OK Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Arthur F. Austin

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Daniel Webster Austin, Catesby OK

Returned from war on: "Princess Matoika" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Arthur F. Austin

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Eilleen Austin, Catesby OK (wagoner, Supply

Co., 9th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Arthur Franklin Austin - b. 30 Apr 1889 Kansas City KS; res: Catesby OK. Single [he registered 5 Jun 1917 & married 9 Aug 1917]. Farmer for self, Catesby OK. Tall & stout

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Catesby OK

World War II draft registration (1942): as Arthur Franklin Austin – b. 30 Apr 1889 Kansas City

KS; res: Laverne, Harper OK. NOK Mrs. Eileen Austin, same address. Employed by

Phillipps Pet. Co., Bartlesville OK. Height: 6 ½ - weight: 200 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 4 Oct 1917

Discharged 18 Aug 1919 Address: Catesby, Ellis OK

Rank/unit: wagoner, Supply Co., 9th Infantry

#### Birth & death:

Born: 30 Apr 1889 Kansas City, Wyandotte KS Died: 24 Jun 1977 Whittier, Los Angeles CA

Find A Grave record: 114033579 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Whittier, Los Angeles CA Cemetery: Rose Hills Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Daniel Webster Austin, 22 Oct 1852 Norway, Herkimer NY – 20 Jan 1935 Laverne, Harper KS. Parents also b. NY. Son of David Kendall Austin (1816-1887, F: 54628618) & Lydia Barnes (1820-1891, F: 54629022). Buried in Speermoore Cemetery, Laverne, Harper KS.

Find A Grave: 97346371

Mother: Anna Kolb Austin, 26 Jul 1853 Dubuque, Dubuque IA – 22 Feb 1942 Laverne, Harper KS. Her parents, Andrew & Christina Kolb, were born in Germany. Her father was a

Presbyterian minister. She died at the home of her daughter, Minnie Austin Pulis, in Laverne, Harper KS.

Buried in Speermoore Cemetery, Laverne, Harper KS.

Find A Grave: 97346399

Parents' marriage:22 Apr 1875 in Hannibal, Marion MO

Spouse: Eileen Barbara Pulis Austin. 5 Jul 1898 Carmen, Alfalfa OK – 3 Jul 1957 Compton, Los Angeles CA, at her home (12542 Waldorf Dr.)

Daughter of William Buchanan Pulis & Elizabeth Stella Hurter.

CA Deaths: died at age 58, daughter of William Pulis & Elizabeth Hurter. Married, Spouse Arthur F. Austin. Housewife. SSN 448-05-7579. Informant: Betty Hardeman. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 114031105

Marriage: Arthur Franklin Austin, age 28, son of D.W. Austin & Anna Kolb (indexed Kalb), b. Kansas City KS, resident Catesby OK – married Eileen Barbara Pulis, age 19, daughter of W. Pulis, she b. Carmen OK, resident Catesby OK – on 9 Aug 1917 Beaver Co. OK

#### Children:

- Elizabeth Natalie (Betty) Austin Hardeman, 2 Jul 1920 Beaver Co. OK 2 Sep 2001 Seal Beach, Orange CA. Age 9 in 1930 census, Wife of Leon Raymond Hardeman (1915-1973, F: 236340306) whom she married 17 Oct 1940 in Alva, Woods OK. Betty Hardeman is the informant on Eileen Austin's CA death certificate. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 236340286
- Arthur Frederick Austin, 20 Apr 1922 Beaver Co. OK 19 Jul 1999 Foss, Washita OK. Listed in 1930 census as age 7 & as A. Fredrick Austin in the 1940 census, age 17. Served in the US Army in WWII. Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 114033608
- John Daniel (Jack) Austin, 27 Apr 1927 Catesby, Ellis OK 18 Mar 1999 Venice, Los Angeles CA. Age 2 in 1930, age 12 in 1940. Married to Mary Jean Jackson (1928-2017, F: 176441718). Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 116162393
- Kay Louise Austin Gaskill, 6 Oct 1935 Laverne, Harper OK 2 Jun 2017. Age 4 in 1940, b. OK. Wife of John Cooper Gaskill III (1930-2008, F: 121874628). Buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 181371304

Siblings: had 5 siblings, 2 of whom had died by the time of his father Daniel's death in Jan 1935. Daniel's obituary notes 6 children, as does mother Anna's report in the 1910 census that she had given birth to 6 children, 5 of whom were living, but only Frank A. was in the household.

Annette M. (Nettie) Austin Baird, Oct 1879 Hannibal, Marion MO – 9 Sep 1959
 Topeka, Shawnee KS. Married 25 Aug 1903 in Jackson Co. MO to John Henry Baird (1873-1945, F: 147947162). Listed as Mrs. J.H. Beard of Topeka KS in 1906, when she gives birth to a daughter whose grandmother is Mrs. D.W. Austin ("Speermore

Notes:

- Advocate" 20 Jul 1906 p 1) and Mrs. J.H. Baird of Kansas City MO in her father's Jan 1935 obituary & in her mother's Feb 1942 obituary. Buried according to her obituary (in the same cemetery as her husband) in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson MO, but not on Find A Grave as of 28 Oct 2023.
- Nellie Austin McDonald, Jul 1881 MO Jan 1962 St. Petersburg, Pinellas FL. Wife of Edward Wilson McDonald (23 Dec 1878 Chicago, Cook IL, died FL). Listed as Mrs. Nellie McDonald of Chicago IL, who visits D.W. Austin in Jun 1913 & as Mrs. Edward McDonald of Chicago IL in her father Daniel's Jan 1935 obituary & her mother Anna's Feb 1942 obituary. Listed as Nell McDonald of St. Petersburg FL in her sister Nettie's Sep 1959 obituary. Erroneously linked on Ancestry.com to a husband named George Allen Strouse (1890 IN 1953 IL) whose wife Nellie did die in 1962 also. But this is negated by the consistent family obituary references to Nellie McDonald. She was not George Strouse's wife, nor was her sister Hattie E. Draeger (as noted in his card of thanks following Mrs. Strouse's funeral). -
- Minnie Lenora (Nora) Austin Whitaker Pulis, 9 Oct 1884 MO 11 Sep 1967 OK.
   Married in 1907 to George Kinney Whitaker (1872-1925, F: 13912836). Wife of John William Pulis (1884-1961, F: 68151949). Buried as Minnie Pulis in Laverne Memorial Cemetery, Laverne, Harper OK. F: 68151969
- David Kendall Austin Sr., 4 Jan 1892 Kansas City, Wyandotte KS 19 Aug 1923
  Topeka, Shawnee KS. Date of death also recorded in his mother's Feb 1942
  obituary. Husband of Lillian E. (Lillie) Brown (1888-1948, F: 15396116). Buried in
  Topeka Cemetery, Topeka, Shawnee KS. F: 15396108
- Sibling Austin, dead by the time of the 1900 census.

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| Social Security Number: 441-03-8318  |
| Censuses:  |
| 1885 KS state census – Wyandotte Co. KS – not dated<br>D.W. Austin, 32, superintendent, oil works<br>Miner, 31<br>Nittie, 5<br>Nellie, 3<br>Lenora, 6 months |
| 1895 KS state census – Kansas City, Wyandotte KS   |

D.W. Austin, 43 NY, superintendent Anna, 41 IA, housekeeper Nettie, 15 MO Nellie, 13 MO Nora, 10 MO Frank, 6 KS David, 3 KS

### 1900 Kansas City, Wyandotte KS -

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|           | -Otto Clark      | Room      | WVI   | My 1872    | 285                     | Range     |

D.W. Austen [indexed as HUSTEN], 47 NY, Oct 1859, parents b. NY, married 25 years, day laborer

Annie, 46 IA, Jul 1853, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living

Nettie, 20 MO, Apr 1879, teaching school

Nellie, 18 MO, Jul 1881, at school

Nora, 14 MO, Oct 1885, at school

Frank, 11 KS, Apr 1888, at school

David, 9 KS, Jan 1891, at school

#### 1910 Blue Grass, Beaver OK

Daniel W. Austin, 58 NY, parents b. NY, married 35 years, farmer, general farm Anna, 56 IA, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are alive Frank A. Austin, 21 KS, single [no occupation]

#### 1920 Blue Grass, Beaver OK

Frank Austin, 30 KS, father b. NY, mother b. IA, farm laborer Eileen, 21 OK, father b. MO, mother b. WI

#### 1930 Laverne, Harper OK – 141 – 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Arthur F. Austin, 40 KS, father b. NY, mother b. IA, age 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, selling agent, Philips Petroleum, WWI veteran

Irene B., 31 OK, father b. MO, mother b. WI, age 19 at 1st marriage

Elizabeth N., 9 OK

Arthur F., 7 OK

John D., 2 OK

1940 census Laverne, Harper OK – same place in 1935 Arthur F. Austin, 50 KS, agent, wholesale gasoline co. Eileen B., 41 OK Elizabeth N., 19 OK, absent A. Fredrick, 17 OK, absent, laborer, farm John D., 12 OK Kay L, 4 OK

1950 Oakland, Alameda CA – 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Arthur Austin, 60 KS, watchman, fruit packing plant Eileen, 51 OK Kay, 14 OK