

TUSCANIA

Blagg, Ruel Overton
1890 OK – 1962 OK



Ruel Overton Blagg of Weatherford OK – “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) 24 Mar 1918 p 19 [first name spelled “Rual” in this article]



"Buell Overton Blagg" - <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/LH3L-LXN>

Ruel Dude Blagg Services Tuesday

WEATHERFORD —(Special) — Funeral services for Ruel Dude Blagg will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Lockstone Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Greenwood cemetery at Weatherford.

Blagg, 71, died early Saturday in the Southwest Memorial Hospital at Weatherford. He had been in ill health for the past year and one-half.

Born in Ardmore in 1891, he came to Weatherford with his parents in 1896 where they homesteaded a farm northwest of Weatherford. He grew to manhood there.

Blagg was in the Army from 1917 - 19 and retired from farming in 1946 and moved into Weatherford.

Survivors include two sons, Earl Blagg, Ft. Collins, Colo., and Bill Blagg, Weatherford; a sister, Mrs. Viola Wilsen, Lone Wolf; a brother, Ed Blagg, Pueblo, Colo.

"Clinton (OK) News" Monday 2 Jul 1962 p 1

Rites Are Held For Dude Blagg

Ruel (Dude) Blagg, a resident of the Weatherford community for 66 years, died Saturday morning in Southwestern Memorial hospital. He was 71.

A veteran of World War I, he had been ill for the past year and a half. He spent considerable time in the veterans hospital in Oklahoma City and later was in a nursing home.

Born in Ardmore, January 2, 1891, he came to Weatherford with his parents in 1896. The family homesteaded on a farm and he grew up there and continued to farm until he entered the army in October of 1917. The troop ship taking him overseas was torpedoed but he escaped without injury. He was discharged from the army in August of 1919 and resumed farming north of town. He retired from farming in 1946 and since that time had made his home in Weatherford.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Lockstone funeral home chapel. Rev. Doug Manning, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the service. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Surviving him are two sons, Bill of Weatherford and Earl of Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Viola Wilson of Lone Wolf; a brother, Ed Blagg of Pueblo, Colo.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 5 Jul 1962 p 1

BLAGG RUEL

Wag Sup Co 9th Inf 2nd Div K

Weatherford Okla A 2 541 723

Sn 251 379 T 535 194

Born 1/2/91 Died 6-30-62 R

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1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type) BLAGG, RUEL		14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Greenwood Cemetery Weatherford, Oklahoma	
2. SERVICE NUMBER 251379	3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER 01433972	IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.	
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) October 4, 1917	5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) August 19, 1919	15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.	
6. STATE Oklahoma	7. MEDALS	NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Earl Blagg	RELATIONSHIP Son
8. GRADE OR RANK Wagoner	9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION Wagoner Supply Co, 9th Inf. 2nd Div.	ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State) 397 Riverside Fort Collins, Colorado	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) January 2, 1891	11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) June 30, 1962	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>W. Earl Blagg</i>	DATE July 2, 1962
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LATIN CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) <input type="checkbox"/> NO EMBLEM		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
DO NOT WRITE HERE		16. FREIGHT STATION Rock Island Depot	
FOR VERIFICATION JUL 12 1962		17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER R. L. Lockstone Funeral Home	
B/L B- 3119987		ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State) P. O. Box 247 Weatherford, Oklahoma	
CONTRACTOR DAVE WILLIAMS & SONS INC. DALLAS, TEXAS		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE <i>R. L. Lockstone</i>	
Wagon Sup Co 9th Inf 2nd Div			

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Life:

**All kinds of street grading done,
call on Dude Blagg. Henry George
and R. A. Wadsworth.**

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 6 Sep 1909 p 10

Pleasant Hill Items.
Enduring the unlimited sand
storms and hoping for rain is the
principal occupation of the farmer.
Dude Blagg and Lonnie Hogan
have been hunting rabbits the past
week.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 31 Mar 1910 p 1

Mr. Marshall wants to buy another
surrey, but Judge Dude Blagg has
warned him to not drink enough——
to make him exceed the speed limit, as
he might not get off for "\$50 and ten
days" next time. Hurrah for Judge
Blagg! Clodhopper

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 26 Jan 1911 p 8

**Judge Dude Blagg was in Weath-
erford on business, Wednesday.**

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 23 Feb 1911 p 4

Dude Blagg, who got hit on the nose in that ball game with Union last Saturday, accompanied by Ray Blackwood, went to Weatherford last Sunday to get treated. We are glad to report Dude getting along nicely.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 2 Mar 1911 p 8

Dude Blagg's nose has begun to play ball again. Dude has the grit.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 6 Apr 1911 p 8

Dude Blagg is having a seige of the mumps.

"Hydro (OK) Review" Thursday 25 May 1911 p 2

Pleasant Hill.

Cultivating corn and planting kaffir corn occupies the time of the progressive farmer.

Rev. Rusians of Thomas will preach here Sunday.

Dude Blagg is working again after an absence of two weeks, this time was spent with the mumps.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 8 Jun 1911 p 4

Dude Blagg and George Lackey started west to pick cotton last week.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 28 Sep 1911 p 8

George Lackey, Dude Blagg and Tom Potter returned from Leedy, last week.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 5 Oct 1911 p 5

Dude Blagg continues to grow
in height amidst the cold wave.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 8 Feb 1912 p 8

Dude Blagg and Jim Casey left
last Tuesday for Arizona. They
expect to file on land in that state.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 5 Dec 1912 p 6

Makes Narrow Escape

Dude Blagg who lives on a farm nine miles north west of here narrowly escaped being killed last Sunday when a large wheel fell from the windmill tower under which he was standing and cut a deep gash in his head. Had the wheel struck Mr Blagg with full force in place of a glancing blow it would have killed him instantly. Dr. Gordon of this city was called and the wound properly dressed and the patient is getting along nicely at this time.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 27 Aug 1914 p 1

Pleasant Hill

Dude Blagg got hurt by the fan of the Windmill falling and striking him on the head and shoulder last Sunday evening but he is able to be up. It was done at Mrs. Hasties.

“Weatherford (OK) Booster” Thursday 27 Aug 1914 p 8

Claud, Casey, and Dude Blagg were hauling hay the first of the week.

“Weatherford (OK) Booster” Thursday 7 Jan 1915 p 4

Melvin Casey, Dude Blagg and Herman Reed were picking cotton for H. A. Reed Monday.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 18 Feb 1915 p 8

PLEASANT HILL.

J. W. Ashley sold his Ford touring car to Dude Blagg.

"Thomas (OK) Tribune" Thursday 18 May 1916 p 8

Dude Blagg ran an auto off a cliff on Deer creek Christmas night and he and a companion were severely bruised and cut.

"Weatherford (OK) Democrat" Thursday 28 Dec 1916 p 5

Dude Blagg and Ojeo Lackey had a narrow escape with their lives on Sunday eve while returning home from the Christmas at Deer Creek school house the car, which Dude was driving slid off a bridge and turned over throwing them out. Lackey is badly hurt, Blagg with only minor bruises and the car was badly damaged.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 28 Dec 1916 p 8

ONLY 27 ARE READY TO GO

One Fourth the List Comes from Weatherford and Cedar Township

Of the 210 men called for examination by the Custer County board on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, only 27 who passed the physical examination were willing to help Uncle Sam in the arduous task of whipping Germany. Twenty-five were examined at other places on transfers and fifteen of the men called failed to show up at all. Forty five were exempted on account of failure to pass the physical examination. The honor roll for the county of men who passed and claimed no exemption is as follows

James W. Schies, Weatherford
Earnest Lonsberry, Arapaho
Frank Patterson, Weatherford
Robt. E. Fletcher, Custer
Addie Henshaw, Arapaho
Ernest Moreland, Clinton
Clinton L. Spencer, Arapaho
Lee Finley, Clinton
Leguis Proctor, Clinton
Ruel Blagg, Weatherford
Robt. E. Gutte, Thomas
Frank Blair, Weatherford
Frank F. Allen, Custer
Edgar M. Davis, Arapaho
Wm. F. Hill, Custer
Oscar M. Snook, Hammon
LeRoy H. Phipps, Fay
Jones R. Cope, Clinton
Arthur L. Shaffer, Custer
Wm. O. Ray, Butler
O. D. Crane, Purdy, Mo.
Roy A. Stigleman, Rhea
James R. Rine, Moorewood
Henry E. Raibourne, Thomas
Luther Tate, Weatherford
Claude M. Barnes, Weatherford
Alfred P. Cooper, Arapaho

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 23 Aug 1917 p 9

NATIONAL ARMY BOYS ON WAY

Fifty-eight Custer County Lads Leave in the 3rd Contingent Today

Fifty-eight of Custer County's quota in the drafted army are this week on their way to Camp Travis near San Antonio, Tex. Most of them will probably be assigned to the infantry and will be in the same company that the boys who have already gone are in. A few will go to the artillery and a few to the aviation corps. Letters from the boys who have already gone indicate that the men are well fed and well treated and that the work they have to do is starting off light. Newspaper reports indicate that the government is short on equipment and it may be some weeks before the boys are all uniformed and armed. Among those from Weatherford and Cedar township certified for service by the district board and who either have or will go are:

- Wilbur Randle,
- James W. Schies,
- Frank Patterson,
- Ruel Blagg,
- Frank Blair,
- Earl Denu,
- Peter D. Bergthold,
- Charley Jeffers,
- Swayze Coble,
- Claude W. Casey,
- Pascual Giron,
- Jacob C. Harrell,
- James L. Randol,
- Ora Strausser,
- Edwin Wayman,
- Luther Tate,
- Claude M. Barnes,
- Wm. N. Blagg,
- Earl Randol.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 4 Oct 1917 p 1

DRAFTED MEN TO LEAVE (THURSDAY) TODAY

Sixty-eight Selected Men Go From Custer County To Mo- bilization Camp

Sixty-eight men are to report to the local board at Clinton this Thursday morning at 8 o'clock for military duty. The men will leave sometime (Thursday) today for a mobilization camp.

The third contingent of the national army is moving this week to the sixteen cantonments throughout the country and approximately one-half of the 687,000 selected men have already been mobilized. Quotas now ready to leave home vary greatly, ranging from seventeen to forty percent of the full state quotas, with a general average of from twenty-five to thirty percent.

Sixty-eight men leave Clinton as the second quota of Custer county.

Clinton's citizenship turned out en-mass at about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the stores were closed, and the boys escorted to the Frisco depot in autos. The Clinton band made music and a patriotic address was delivered by Judge Palmer just before the train arrived at 5 o'clock to carry the soldier boys to Camp Travis. When the train pulled out flags, handkerchiefs and hats were waived midst a great demonstration by the large crowd which had gathered to do the selected boys honor. Following are the names of the men that have been notified:

Frank C. Karr
Claude W. Casey
Ezra Vashel Cox
Arthur Lee Law
Pascual Giron
Geo. Jefferson Beleele
James Bernard Ford
Lonnie McAvoy
Wm. Aubra Smith
Jacob Cardwell Harrell
Harry Lee Ransom
Geo Green
Chester Lee Hanks
Madison Cicero Edmonson
Ray Wm. Loveless
Harry Verell Brigham
Ora Olm Strausser
Wm. A. Galloway
Frank Francis Felton
Edwin Wayman
Noah E. Pope

Jesse Monroe Conley	
Chas. Harvey Marvin	
Frank Dale Eaton	
Walter Joe Filbin	
James W. Schles	
Ernest Lenaburg	
Frank B. Patterson, Jr.	
Addie Hanshaw	
Ernest Morelan	
Clinton Luther Spencer	
Ruel Blagg	
Frank Blair	
Robert Edgar Gutte	
Frank Tate Allen	
Perry O. Snook	
LeRoy Horace Phipps	
Robt Glen Ashworth	
James B. Jordan	
Robt Jones Cope	
Arthur L. Shaffer	
William Oliver Ray	
David Oliver Crane	
Ray Andrew Etigleman	
James Robt Rine	
Henry Edw. Ralbourne	
Oscar M. Snook	
Luther Tate	
Alton Dall McCurry	
Claude Monroe Barnes	
Raymond D. Haggerty	
Patrick Henry Stewart	
Bob Jones Finley	
James Grant Price	
Herman Smith	
Arthur Claude Bales	
Wm. Neal Blagg	
James Lloyd Randol	
Roy T. Hall	
Reuben J. Eash	
Robt Henry Sanders	
Wm. Otto Glandon	
Jonathan Wesley Lee	
Martin Kohler	
Henry Fuehrer	
Wm. M. L. Kemp	
James E. Conley	
Swayze V. Coble	

Ruel & brother William Neal Blagg – "Custer County Chronicle" (Clinton OK) Thursday 4 Oct 1917 p 1

**138 OKLAHOMANS
ABOARD TUSCANIA.
NEW LIST SHOWS**

War Department Completes
Record of Passengers
on Lost Transport.

**147 AMERICANS ARE
AMONG 166 MISSING**

British Admiralty Gives New
Figures, Differing From
State Department's.

The following list of names of Oklahoma men aboard the Tuscania is taken from the passenger list compiled by the war department at the port of embarkation and is complete. The names of the men, their next of kin and their emergency addresses are as follows:

Ruel Blagg, George Casey, friend,
Weatherford.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

Ruel Blagg Is Safe

Ruel Blagg, the only Weatherford boy, on the ill fated transport Tuscania was among those who were saved, according to authentic reports received here. Among the men unaccounted for are 35 Oklahomans. Blagg's home is in this vicinity and he was well known among many of our people. They feel grateful that he succeeded in escaping the dreadful fate of the many who were on the transport with him.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Custer Co. Boys On the Tuscania

There were three Custer county boys on the Tuscania, the troop transport that was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland last week.

Ruel Blagg of Weatherford, Ernest C. Brown of Thomas and Frank T. Allen of Independence.

The two former are definitely known to be among the list of survivors, and the name of the latter was among those missing, according to Monday morning's report.

Tuesday's dispatches show that Frank T. Allen of Independence was also among those rescued.

"Clinton (OK) Messenger" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Blagg Among the Saved

Ruel Blagg, of this place, who was on the ill-fated Tuscania, sunk last week by a German submarine, is reported in the list of those saved. Thos. Allen of Independence was also among the lucky ones who got safely to the shore.

"Weatherford (OK) Democrat" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

The people of Cedar township was certainly glad to learn that Ruel Blagg who was on the "Tuscania" had been saved to his official position.

"Weatherford (OK) Democrat" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 4

Weatherford Boy Lost "Smokes" With Tuscania

On Active Service with American Expeditionary Force.

Mr. George Casey,
Weatherford, Okla.

Dear Friend—

Well George, I am well and hope you are all the same. I was on the ship that was torpedoed but landed safe on the life boat. I landed on an island somewhere near the Irish coast, it was a tough time. The boat that was torpedoed was the Tuscania. I sure would like to see you all.

Where us boys landed the people were sure fine to us, they couldn't do enough for us. I lost my pillow and comb that you sent me. I sure did hate it. I lost all my stuff that I had. I had lots of smoking and chewing tobacco but lost it all. Durham smoking tobacco is 20 cents a sack here and I guess a chew would be worth about a quarter,

Yours truly,
RUAL BLAGG.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 24 Mar 1918 p 19 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/448679547>

Blagg in France

The Oklahoman recently printed Ruel Blagg's picture and the following letter to Geo. Casey.

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Ruel Blagg.

Subacribe for the Democrat \$1.50 per year.

NOV. 6, 1918

Mr. Henry Lawter
Weatherford. Okla.

Dear Friend:

Will this fine rainy evening write you a few lines to let you know I am still alive. Have been sick for several days but am all right now. Well how is Mrs. Lawter and the girls. Fine I hope. Well I like soldier life fine. I have been over the top 4 times and have had fine luck so far but would like to do a little road work. Have worked on the road one day since I have been over here.

I landed in England July 4th.

<p>Spent the 4th. of July in England and landed in France the morning of the 5th. I had waited so long to write I was almost ashamed to write now. but I thought it was better late than never. How is Uncle Joe by now. Has Arthur gone to camp yet? I heard that Edgar was over here somewhere. I got a letter from Dude Blagg several days</p>	<p>ago and I got a letter from Carl Umbach too. He was in Camp Greenleaf, Georgia in the Cook and Bakers school. I will take the doughboy in mine. I run on to one of the Blair boys from Weatherford yesterday. He belongs to the same company that Jake Harrell and Claud Casey does but he has been here for over a month and didn't know any-</p>	<p>thing about them. Well Henry I sure have seen some fine country and some fine towns. What I have seen has sure been worth my while so far. Well as news is scarce I will close for this time Hope to hear from you. I am as ever a friend,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Private Ed Mosburg. Co. H. 357 Inf. A. E. F. France</p>
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well Joe i get a
 quite a few letters
 from Bill and he is
 well and all right
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 and he said that
 Charley got killed
 the 14th Oct by shell
 fire that is all i know
 about it Bill wrote
 to Charley and his
 Co clerk wrote to him
 well Joe there is
 lots of ~~Boys~~ Boys
 going home ever
 day But i dont
 know when i get to
 But hope soon for
 i cant sow the
 Dutch.

Letter from Germany 24 Mar 1919 to brother Joe, indicating he had heard from Bill [his brother also fighting in France] that their brother Charley was killed 14 Oct 1918 by shellfire. https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/112089626/person/340095848406/media/ac19b4cd-cad4-4318-84ea-5847e3e34721?_phsrc=yG1294&_phstart=successSource

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 Shorty Blagg
 To J. B.

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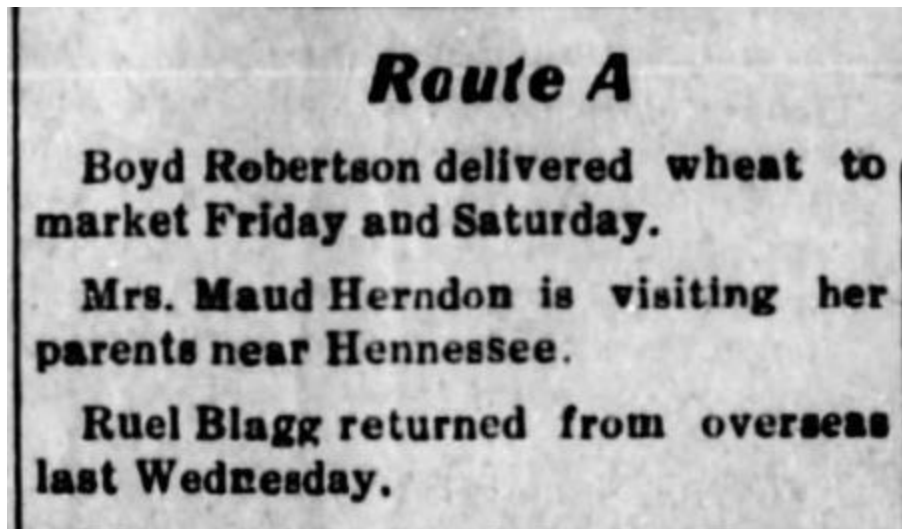
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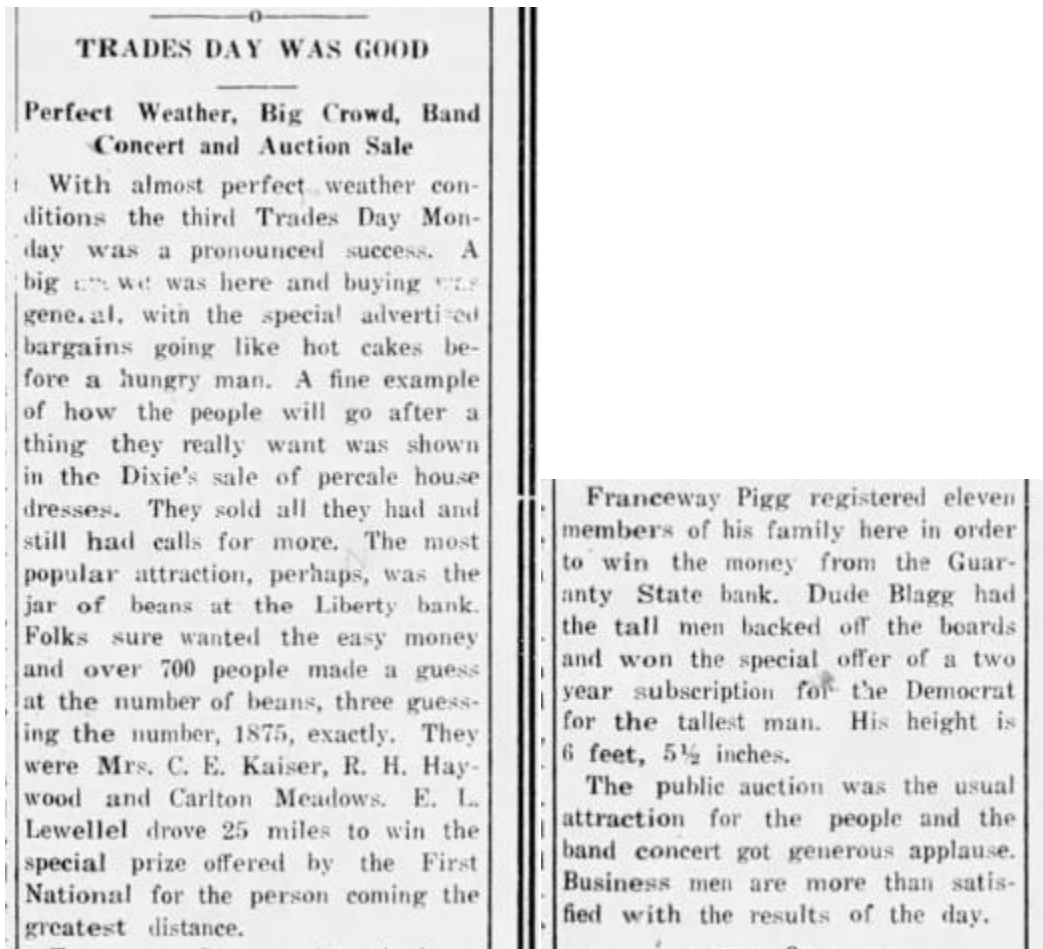
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Same letter – “i took a few rides on the rhine river went about fifty kiles up and down it But it didnt seem like the Tuscina the stream wasn’t quite as wide” – he is stationed “quite a good ways from Bill”

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"Weatherford (OK) Democrat" Thursday 21 Apr 1921 p 1

Mr. Charlie Weese and Dude Blagg went on a fishing trip to Deer creek and brought home a nice string of fish.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday 21 Jul 1921 p 9

Charlie Weese, Clarence Weese, Dude Blagg and others went on the river to hunt geese. We haven't learned the results.

"Weatherford (OK) Booster" Thursday
1 Dec 1921 p 8

Hugh Bouse and Dude Blagg have moved out on the G. G. Awalt farm and will farm there this year.

"Weatherford (OK) News" 28 Feb 1924 p 6

Dude Blagg is helping his brother, Bill, do his threshing.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 24 Jul 1924 p 6

and wife.
Dude Blagg and wife Sunday-
ed at the C. E. Robertson home

Ruel & Edna had married 14 Oct 1925 – "Hydro (OK) Review" Thursday 29 Oct 1925 p 4

Elmer Green, Charley Green, and family, Dude Blagg and wife Sundayed at the C. E. Robertson home.

Ruel & wife Edna Green visit her father Elmer & brother Charley – “Hydro (OK) Review”
Thursday 4 Feb 1926 p 2

In The District Court of Custer
County, Oklahoma.

Joseph A. Lawter Plaintiff.

vs

Eddie Blagg, Joseph Blagg,
William N. Blagg, Ruel
Blagg, Viola Hidelbaugh,
and the Heirs, Executors Ad-
ministrators, Devisees, Trus-
tees, and Assigns, Immedi-
ate and Remote, Known and
Unknown of Jesse I. Blagg,
deceased, Ira Culver deces-
ed and Charley Blagg de-
ceased. Defendants.

Notice by Publication

The State of Oklahoma to Eddie
Blagg, and to the Heirs, Executors,
Administrators, Devisees, Trustees
and Assigns, Immediate and Re-
mote, Known and Unknown of
Jesse I. Blagg, deceased, Ira Cul-
ver deceased and Charley Blagg
deceased.

Take notice that you have been
sued in the above named court by
the plaintiff Joseph A. Lawter, al-
leging that more than three years
has elapsed since the death of
Jesse I. Blagg intestate, and
that there has been no decree by
the County Court of Custer Coun-
ty Oklahoma, which had jurisdic-
tion of his estate, wherein it was
judicially determined who by
name, are or were "The Heirs of
Jesse I. Blagg" at the time of his
death, under the laws of succession
in the State of Oklahoma; and
who were entitled to a distribu-
tive share in the following real
estate situate in Custer County
Oklahoma, and described as fol-
lows to wit,

Northwest Quarter of Section
eleven (11) in Township thir-
teen (13) North of Range fif-
teen (15) W. I. M. and to
which a patent was issued by the
Government of the United States
in the name of "Heirs of Jesse I.
Blagg." That the plaintiff is the

owner and in possession of said land, having obtained title from parties claiming to be the heirs of the said Jesse I. Blagg. That the plaintiff in this action desires to have determined who were at the time of the death of the said Jesse I. Blagg and the issuance of the patent to said land, the heirs of the said Jesse I. Blagg, and to have the title to said land quieted in him.

You must answer the petition filed herein by the plaintiff on or before the 5th day of May 1927, or said petition will be taken as true and judgment accordingly as prayed will be rendered for the plaintiff.

[Seal] R. H. Dunn,
Court Clerk.

By Lauriena King, Deputy

Sam L. Darrah, Attorney.

(First published in The Arapaho Bee

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"Arapaho (OK) Bee" Friday 25 Mar 1927 p 1

A lot of moving is due in our communities this week. They are as follows: Herman Reed and family to Bill Rodman farm; Chas. Golden and family to H. P. Ramey farm; Jack Robertson to his farm. He has been at Thomas the past few years. Dude Blagg to the Kanester farm.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 2 Jan 1930 p 7

**HUNDREDS OF CITIZENS
ATTEND 29TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION SATURDAY**

The twenty-ninth anniversary celebration was largely attended by hundreds of citizens, many coming from a distance. The morning program began about 10 o'clock, when the Thomas band, under direction of Prof. John Jordan, gave a concert.

Excerpt:

won the schrimmage.

The evening program was begun by a concert by Thomas band. The fiddling contest drew a large crowd of spectators. The winners in this contest were Dude Blagg, Weatherford, and G. I. Storms, Custer City

"Thomas (OK) Tribune" Thursday 27 Aug 1931 p 1

VETERANS SPONSOR OLD TIME "SQUARE"

Back to the "good old days" is the slogan of the Weatherford post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars this week.

The local organization is sponsoring an old-fashioned square dance at the Legion hall Saturday night.

Dude Blagg, famous throughout this section for his ability to make music fitting for such an occasion, is scheduled to perform in this capacity Saturday night.

*Musician at the VFW post named for his brother Charley Blagg – "Weatherford (OK) News"
Thursday 17 Dec 1931 p 1*

Crops Damaged By Heavy Hail Storm

WEATHERFORD, Oct. 16—(Special)—Some damage was done to farm crops in central-eastern Custer county early Thursday morning by a hail storm, farmers from that section said. On the farm of Dude Blagg, almost ripe row crops were leveled and cotton was beaten out of its hulls. Blagg said the storm was the most furious he had ever seen at this time of the year and said his crops were a total loss. Other farmers told of damage.

"Clinton (OK) Daily News" Monday 16 Oct 1933 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. Dude Blagg and family called at the John Boothe home Saturday evening.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 18 Apr 1940 p 8

Dude Blagg was in town Wednesday . . . but we knew the mud wouldn't be too deep for him. He is a lot taller than Pete.

* * *

The story is still told around here that Dude, taking full advantage of his height, waded ashore when his transport was sunk during the first World War.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 20 Jan 1944 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. Dude Blagg and son, Billie were visitors in L. L. Triplett home Tuesday.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 5 Apr 1945 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. Dude Blagg visited in the Luther Sargent home Sunday evening.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 28 Feb 1946 p 2

Dude Blagg Struck By Car On Highway

Duel (Dude) Blagg, 66, was injured Friday afternoon when struck by a car on U. S. Highway 66 about three miles east of Weatherford.

Blagg sustained a serious cut on one leg from the knee to the ankle and one bone was cracked. He also suffered a sprained wrist and bruises. After being treated by a local doctor he was taken to the Hinton hospital.

Blagg had ridden a Greyhound bus to a point three miles east of town enroute to his home. After leaving the bus he was walking north across the highway when he was struck by a car driven by John Gates, of Butler. Gates was driving west.

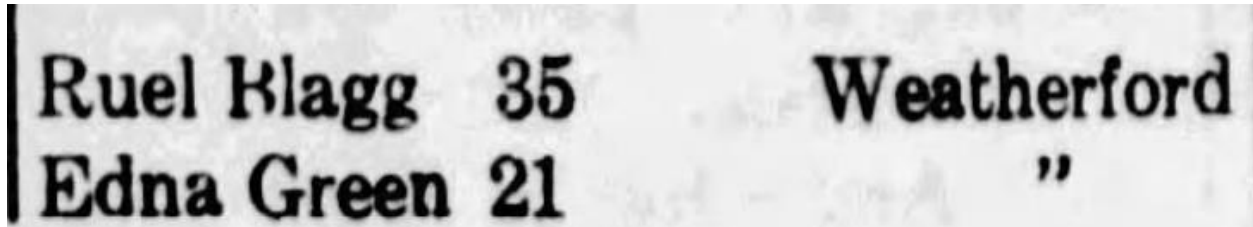
Police Chief George Miller said Blagg was struck as he neared the north side of the pavement. Gates, driver of the car, brought Blagg to Weatherford for treatment.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 2 May 1957 p 1

A group of World War I veterans got together recently in Elk City for a reunion after 34 years. Among the 20 members of Company H, 357th Infantry of the 90th division who were on hand for the occasion were Nelson Brintle and Frank Eaton both of Weatherford. Dude Blagg, who is ill in a local rest home, was also a member of the company.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 9 Nov 1961 p 12

Wife:



Ruel Klagg 35 Weatherford
Edna Green 21 ”

Marriage license – "Arapaho (OK) Bee" Friday 23 Oct 1925 p 1

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF
OKLAHOMA

CUSTER
COUNTY
IN COUNTY COURT

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony Having

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage

Mr. Paul Blagg age 33 years
 of Weatherford, Okla. to Miss Edna Green
 age 21 years, of Weatherford, Okla., and of this license you will make due
 return to my office within thirty days of this date.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 14 day of Oct. 1925

By Lawrence King, dep. R.H.D. Mann
 (This is not a Justice of the Peace) (Judge of the Court)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I, F.L. Hamand Minister
 of M.E. Church in Arapahoe, 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 14 day of Oct. 1925, at Arapahoe in Custer County,
 State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Edgar Lauter
 of Indianapolis and Mildred Lauter
 of Indianapolis

WITNESSES:
Edgar Lauter F.L. Hamand
Mildred Lauter Paul M.E. Church
 At Indianapolis on Nov 10 1925 Burtis Clerk of the Court

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MARRIAGE LICENSE NO. 4

1:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF CUSTER, ss:

I, Ruel Blagg, of Custer County, State of Oklahoma, age 35 years, and legally competent to make and take oath, do solemnly swear that I am acquainted with Mr. Ruel Blagg and Miss Edna Green who are parties for the marriage of whom a license is hereby applied for. The said parties, and each of them, are of sound contracting mind and unmarried and not disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation. That said parties are not of the relationship prohibited by law and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

I furthermore do solemnly swear that the following schedule, containing the names of the aforesaid parties, their age, color, place of birth and residence is correct in every particular, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, to-wit:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Ruel Blagg</u> Groom.	<u>35</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Weatherford, Okla.</u>
<u>Edna Green</u> Bride.	<u>21</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Weatherford, Okla.</u>

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME Oct 14, 1925
By Laurena King Deputy. Ruel Blagg Applicant.
R. H. Brown Court Clerk.

I, the undersigned, _____ of _____ named in the above application, as under marriageable age, do hereby give my consent to _____ marriage to _____ this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1925.

Parent or Guardian

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CUSTER COUNTY, SS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT.

To any Person Authorized to Perform the Marriage Ceremony—GREETING.

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Ruel Blagg of Weatherford,
County of Custer, State of Oklahoma and Miss Edna Green
of Weatherford, County of Custer, State of Oklahoma, whose age, residence,
etc., are as follows:

NAMES OF PARTIES	AGE	COLOR	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
<u>Ruel Blagg</u> Groom.	<u>35</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>Weatherford, Okla.</u>
<u>Edna Green</u> Bride.	<u>21</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Arapahoe
in said County, this 14 day of Oct, A. D. 1925.

R. H. Brown Court Clerk.
By Laurena King Deputy.

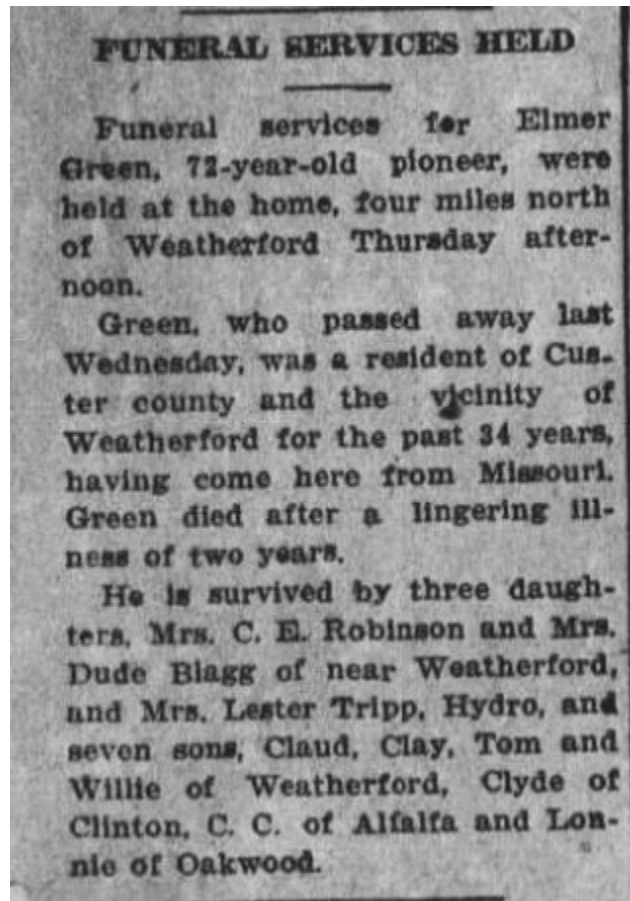
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, CUSTER COUNTY, SS.

I, J. L. Hamand, Minister M. E.
of Arapahoe in Custer County, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the
persons named in and authorized by this Court to be married, on the 14 day of Oct, A. D. 1925
at Arapahoe, in Custer County, Oklahoma, in the presence of Edgar Lawter
of Indianapolis, and Mildred Lawter of Indianapolis.
Edgar Lawter Witness. J. L. Hamand
Mildred Lawter Witness. Pastor M. E. Church
Official or Clerical Designation

Filed for record this 15 day of Oct, A. D. 1925, at 11 o'clock A. M.
By Laurena King Deputy. R. H. Brown Court Clerk.

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1-159393-942611-84?pid=64204098>



"Weatherford (OK) Star" Thursday 30 Sep 1937 p 4

OBITUARY

Annie Foy was born in Callo-way county, Missouri, September 14, 1870 and departed this life at Fulton, Missouri, February 3, 1944 at the age of 73 years, 4 months and 19 days.

She was united in marriage to Elmer Green, December 12, 1889 in Boone County, Missouri, and to this union 11 children were born, 10 of whom survive her.

In 1903 she moved with her husband and family from New Bloomfield, Missouri to Weatherford, Okla., where they made their home on a farm north of town.

She leaves to mourn her death three daughters: Mrs. Edna Blagg, of Weatherford, Mrs. Pearl Triplett, of Hydro, Mrs. Daisy Robertson, Weatherford; seven sons: Thomas F. Green, of Van Nuys,

Calif., S/Sgt. Claude E. Green, in England, Clyde G. Green, Clinton, H. C. Green, Albany, Oregon, C. C. Green, Oklahoma City, W. E. Green, Burlington, Kans., L. F. Green, Pryor; one sister, Mrs. Alice Foster of New Bloomfield, Missouri; 23 grand-children, two great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy at the death of our mother and sister.

Mrs. Edna Blagg

Mrs. Pearl Triplett

Mrs. Daisy Robertson

Thomas F. Green

S/Sgt. Claud E. Green

Clyde G. Green

H. C. Green

C. C. Green

W. E. Green

L. F. Green

Mrs. Alice Foster

Obituary of mother-in-law Annie Foy Green – "Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 10 Feb 1944 p 2

OBITUARY

Velna Swazy Bond, daughter of Oliver and Rosie Bond, was born on July 20, 1892 at Hennessey, Oklahoma and departed this life on October 9, 1955.

When nine years of age she moved with her parents to a homestead near Colony. In that community she grew to womanhood and was married to Thomas Wesley Claunch in 1912. To that union ten children were born: Mrs. Charlie Van Duyne, Mrs. Laurence Hardin, Mrs. A. C. Capps, Mrs. Arthur Shotts, Mrs. Bill Maddox, and Tommie Claunch, all of Weatherford; Mrs. Edward Grinnell and Jean Claunch of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Herbert Hoover of Los Angeles, California, and Wesley Claunch of Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Claunch lived on farms near Colony for a number of

years and moved to Weatherford about 1938. Here she worked at various jobs to maintain her home until recent weeks.

Mrs. Claunch was converted early in life and joined the Baptist church. She had been an active member of the First Baptist church since moving to Weatherford. She lived a faithful Christian life, confident to the last, like the Apostle Paul, that "to be absent from the body" was "to be present with the Lord". The concern nearest her heart was the welfare of her children, who "rise up to call her blessed."

In addition to her children, other survivors include: two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Simpson of Weatherford, Mrs. John Shamblin of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, three brothers, Lee Bond, Carnegie, Leonard Bond, Colony, and Lester Bond, Alfalfa; 26 grand children, four great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 20 Oct 1955 p 6

Divorce petitions have been requested by Gladys White Crane against Raymond White Crane, and by Thomas W. Claunch against Velma Claunch.

"Clinton (OK) Daily News" Thursday 26 Sep 1946 p 1

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016 for Claude Claunch

Kansas > Wichita > Campus High School > 1963



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Edna M Claunch

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Edna M Claunch [Edna M Green]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	7 Jul 1904
Birth Place	Weatherford, Oklahoma [Weatherford]
Death Date	20 Oct 1988
Claim Date	4 Jun 1966
Father	Filmer Green
Mother	Annie Foy
SSN	511446413
Citizenship or Alien Status	U.S. citizen.
Type of Claim	Duplicate request; evidence of identity only submitted.
Notes	14 Oct 1988: Name listed as EDNA M CLAUNCH

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/17405035:60901>

Edna M. Claunch

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name	Edna M. Claunch
Social Security Number	511-44-6413
Birth Date	7 Jul 1904
Issue year	1960
Issue State	Kansas
Last Residence	73096, Weatherford, Custer, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	20 Oct 1988

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/11110860:3693>

OBITUARY

.....Elmer Green was-- born in Boone county,, Mo., June 22, 1865. ----- On December 12, 1894, he was_ united in marriage to Annie Foy, of Calloway_ county. To this union_ were_ born 11 children, 7 sons, and 4 daughters. One daughter died in infancy. The ten living are Lonnie Green, Oakwood; Daisy Robertson, and William, Clay, Claud, and Thomas Green, of Weatherford, Charles Green, of Eakly, Pearl Triplett, of Hydro, Edna Blagg, of Thomas, and Clyde Green, of Alfalfa.

Besides his wife and ten children he leaves 20 grandchildren, a number of other relatives, and a host of friends, for everyone who knew him was his friend.

After his marriage he lived in Callo way county, Mo. In 1903, he, with his family, came to Custer county, Oklahoma and bought a farm four miles north of Weatherford, where he departed this life September 22, 1937, at the age of 72 years and 6 months.

Funeral services were held at the home, September 23, Elder Ed R. Herndon conducting the services.

He was an honest and industrious man, a good neighbor, and a dependable friend.

Obituary of father-in-law Elmer Green – "Hydro (OK) Review" Thursday 30 Sep 1937 p 4

Funeral Services For Mrs. Green

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Mrs. Annie Green, 73, a resident of this community for 40 years. Mrs. Green died last Thursday at Fulton, Mo. She had gone to Missouri to be with her sister who had recently broken her hip.

Rev. Hubbard, of Hydro, conducted the funeral service from the Lockstone chapel in Weatherford. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Green was born in Callo-way county, Mo., September 14, 1870. On December 12, 1889 she was married to Elmer Green and in 1903 they moved from New Bloomfield, Mo., to a farm north of Weatherford. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was the mother of 11 children, 10 of whom survive her.

Surviving her are three daughters and seven sons: Mrs. Edna Blagg and Mrs. Daisy Robertson, Weatherford and Mrs. Pearl Triplett, of Hydro; Thomas F. Green, Van Nuys, Calif., S/Sgt. Claud E. Green, with the army in England, Clyde G. Green, Clinton, H. C. Green, Albany, Oregon, C. C. Green, Oklahoma City, W. E. Green, Burlington, Kans., and L. F. Green, of Pryor; one sister, Mrs. Alice Foster, New Bloomfield, Mo. Twenty-three grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive her.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 10 Feb 1944 p 1

Divorce petitions have been requested by Gladys White Crane against Raymond White Crane, and by Thomas W. Claunch against Veina Claunch.

"Clinton (OK) Daily News" Thursday 26 Sep 1946 p 1

Claud Merle Claunch
in the California Birth Index, 1905-1995

Name	Claud Merle Claunch
Birth Date	16 Mar 1947
Gender	Male
Mother's Maiden Name	Green
Birth County	Tulare

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3676710:5247>

Claude Merle Claunch

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Claude Merle Claunch [C M Claunch]
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	16 Mar 1947
Birth Place	Exeter Tular, California
Death Date	15 Jun 1991
SSN	511446295
Death Certificate Number	9107010544
Notes	Sep 1960: Name listed as CLAUDE MERLE CLAUNCH; 22 May 1998: Name listed as C M CLAUNCH

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/47365643:60901>

Claude M. Claunch, 44, Koch Industries truck driver, died Thursday, June 27, 1991. Private services will be held.

Survivors: wife, Marilyn; step-daughter, Kam McIntosh of Wichita; one grandchild. Cochran Mortuary.

"Wichita (KS) Eagle" Saturday 29 Jun 1991 p 32

Kansas, U.S., City and County Census Records, 1919-1961 for Edna M Claunch

City Census > 1960 > All > Mulvane (Sedgwick County)

17	J. W. Claunch.	5-19 Riverdale	68
18	Edna M Claunch.	" "	55
19	Claude Claunch.	" "	12.

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Father:

U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 for Jesse I Blagg

Black, John W.-Blair, John W.

NAME OF SOLDIER:		Blagg, Jesse S.			(B-H-S)
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		Widow, Blagg, Nellie M. f. Jan. Minor, Rackwell, Frank L. f. Jan.			
SERVICE:		Co. 14, Kans. Cav.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.	
1893 Jan. 21	Invalid.	1,143,998	1,052,139	Ind. I	
1898 Apr. 23	Widow.	675,096	544,105	Okla.	
1898 Dec. 3.	Minor.	687,507	504,279	Okla.	
ATTORNEY:		D. K. Fitzgerald			

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PACKET NO 282 PACKET TAIL _____ PACKET COMMENT _____

NAME Jessie Blagg EST OR GUARD

FILING DATE 10 July 1898

NOTE No mother living -

In The Probate Court of Custer County
 County Oklahoma Territory
 July Term - 1898
 F. L. Rockwell guardian of
 J.S.
 Eddie Blagg Etals

Oklahoma, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1801-2008 for Jessie Blagg

Custer > Case File 274-309, 1896-1919

Be it remembered that on this
 the 26th day of July 1898 it being a regular
 Term of this Court this Cause came on
 to be and was regularly heard by this Court
 upon the Petition of F. L. Rockwell to be
 appointed guardian of ^{Eddie Blagg} + Ira Blagg Joe Blagg
 Nellie Blagg Ruil Blagg Charles Blagg
 Viola Blagg Minor heirs of Jessie S. Blagg
 Deceased from said Petition and the oral

Testimony in the Case it appearing to the
 Court that Jessie S. Blagg departed this
 life intestate in Easter County Oklahoma
 Territory about the 8th day of March 1898
 leaving as his Children and only heirs at law
 the above named Children who are all
 Minors having no mother living and all
 being Citizens of this County And it further
 appearing to the Court that ^{notice as required has} the above named
 Children ^{they} desire and ask this Court to appoint
 J. L. Rockwell their guardian And all
 of them being without guardian And it
 further appearing to the Court that J. L. Rockwell

is a Citizen of this County and would be a
 suitable person for this Court to appoint
 as the Guardian of Eddith Blagg Ira Blagg
 Joe Blagg Willie Blagg Ruil Blagg +
 Charles Blagg and Viola Blagg Minor
 Children of Jessie S Blagg Decd It is
 therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by
 this Court that H. L. Rockwell be appointed
 Guardian of the above named Minor
 Children upon his entering into bond as
 the Law requires

OK Wills & Probate Records - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/950228:9077?tid=59082075&pid=132335741099&queryId=162bf575-2d76-46d3-b858-61342b786340&_phsrc=cPx10518&_phstart=successSource

—Yesterday Judge Foster dismissed the case of the State vs. Jesse Blagg, for murder. The Court found from the testimony that the murder had not been committed in the Indian Nation, and hence not in the jurisdiction of the United States. Blagg has been confined in the Ft. Scott jail for three or four months.

Dated 26 Feb 1875 Atchison KS - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/22581429/person/330192696286/media/45dd3dcb-9d5c-4990-b37c-0b43a70b0ea8?queryId=ef9fb545-e043-4b53-82f7-7f4fb0b1ff1c&_phsrc=cPx10589&_phstart=successSource

MURDERER CAUGHT.—About two years ago Jas. W. Ford, a brother of J. H. Ford, of this city, was shot down in cold blood by one Jesse Blagg, on Red river, in the Indian Territory. Mr. Ford has, after considerable search, found the murderer of his brother on the Osage river, 20 miles above Ft. Scott, where he was arrested by R. H. Clift, Deputy Marshal, and brought to this city yesterday morning, where he will have a preliminary examination before U. S. Commissioner Clark, on the 7th of July.

This is dated 29 Jun 1876 Chetopa KS - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/22581429/person/330192696286/media/76af0d3a-bd7f-4189-b08f-2f76463db023?queryId=08bce60a-787a-4587-8cef-8481b471d1f9&phsrc=cPx10591&phstart=successSource>

Jesse Blagg, who resides twenty miles above Fort Scott, on the Osage river, has been arrested for the murder of James W. Ford, about two years ago, on Red river in the Indian Territory. The brother, J. H. Ford, who resides at Chetopa, hunted him down, never resting until he had his game. We learn this from the South Kansas Advance.

Dated 8 Jul 1876 Junction City KS - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/22581429/person/330192696286/media/136cf1ef-69b4-4a73-8e61-dfa131a1e797?queryId=89d01c4a-431c-42f2-9413-abbec228bba6&phsrc=cPx10588&phstart=successSource>

Mother:

Texas Marriage Collection, 1814-1909 and 1966-2002

View record

Name Nettie McCormick
 Gender Female
 Marriage Date 27 Mar 1879
 Marriage Place Denton, Texas, USA
 Spouse Jesse I. Blagg

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5258080/person/-1479862918/facts>

Texas, Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965

View record

Name Nettie McCormick
 Gender Female
 Marriage Date 17 Mar 1879
 Marriage Place Denton, Texas, United States
 Spouse Jesse I Blagg
 FHL Film Number 1302337

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5258080/person/-1479862918/facts>

Mr. Jesse I Blagg }
 & Miss Nettie McCormick } ss.
 STATE OF TEXAS, }
 COUNTY OF DENTON. } ss.

Be it Remembered, That on this 24th day
 of March 1879, the following Marriage
 License was issued, to-wit:

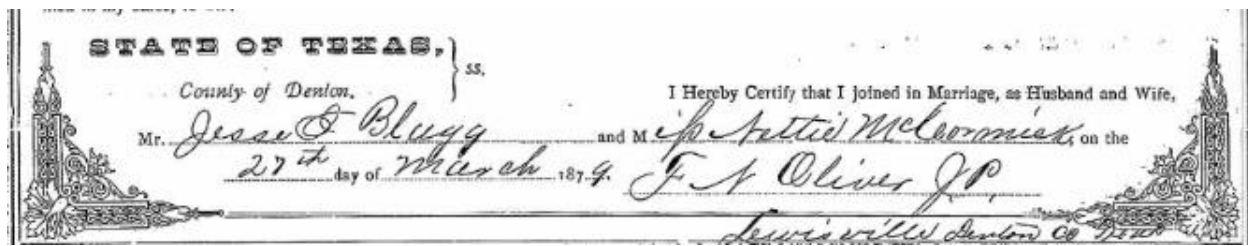
To all who shall these Presents—GREETING:

Know Ye, That any person legally authorized to celebrate the **rites of MATRIMONY**, is hereby licensed to join in Marriage as Husband and Wife, Mr. Jesse I Blagg and Miss Nettie McCormick, and for so doing this shall be his sufficient authority.

In Testimony Whereof, I, J. B. McCormick Clerk of the District Court of Denton
 County, hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the Seal of said Court, this 24th day
 of March 1879. J. B. McCormick
 Clerk.

By _____
 Deputy Clerk.

Be it Further Remembered, That on this 7th day of March 1879, the following certificate was
 filed in my office, to-wit:

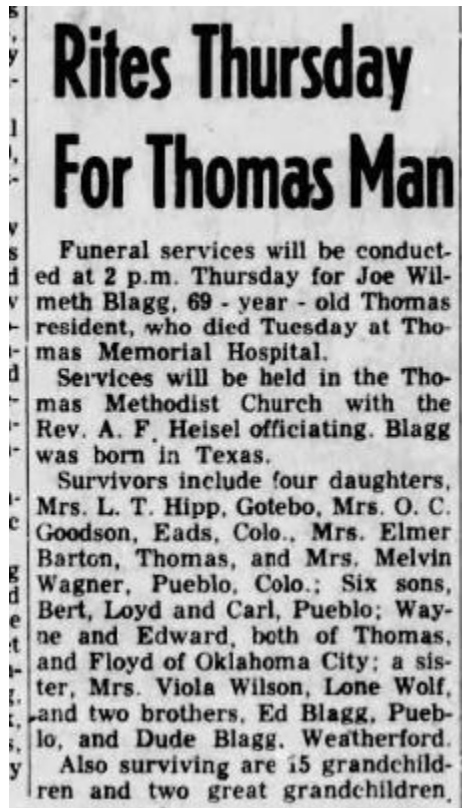


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Siblings:



The older man is Ruel's brother Edward Blagg (1881-1965) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5258080/person/-1479851241/media/690d597f-d6cf-4805-9284-662d970a5e41>



Brother Joseph Wilmeth Blagg (1886-1955) – "Clinton (OK) Daily News" Wednesday 23 Feb 1955 p 1

OBITUARY

Joe Blagg

Joe William Blagg was born near Clarksville, in Red River County, Texas, June 29, 1885, and departed this life February 22, at the Thomas Memorial Hospital, at the age of 69 years 7 months and 23 days.

In 1888, at the age of 3, he moved with his parents to Oklahoma. He has resided in Custer County since 1896.

He was married to Maude Ridenour, January 17, 1910 and to this union were born 10 children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maude Blagg, on August 16, 1944, and one grandchild, Patricia Elaine Hipp, who died March 31, 1944.

He is survived by six sons: Bert Blagg, Lloyd Blagg and Carl Blagg, all of Pueblo, Colorado; Floyd Blagg of Oklahoma City; Wayne Blagg of Thomas, Okla., and Edward Blagg of the home. Four daughters, Mrs. L. T. Hipp of Go-tebo, Oklahoma; Mrs. O. E. Goodson of Eads, Colorado; Mrs. Elmer Barton, Thomas, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Melvin Wagner of Pueblo, Colorado.

There are 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He leaves also two brothers, Ed Blagg of Pueblo, Colorado and Dude Blagg of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and a host of other relatives and friends.

"Thomas (OK) Tribune" Thursday 3 Mar 1955 p 6



Joe Blagg & Edward in 1950 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/5258080/person/-1479851239/media/e930d219-5227-4e6a-9d1b-a2af008fb165>

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/5258080/person/-1479851236/facts>

Bill Blagg Victim Of Heart Attack

William Neal (Bill) Blagg, 64, died at his home here Monday afternoon following a heart attack. He died within 30 minutes after being stricken.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Lockstone funeral home with Rev. T. J. Spence, pastor of the First Baptist church in charge. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Born in Denton, Texas, April, 14, 1888, he came to Oklahoma early in life. For many years he lived on a farm about six miles south of Thomas. Later he bought a farm about a mile north of Weatherford. Nine years ago he moved to Weatherford where he made his home continuously until his death.

Surviving him are his wife, one sister, Mrs. Viola Wilson, of Lone Wolf; three brothers, Ed Blagg, Pueblo, Colo., Joe Blagg, of Thomas and Dude Blagg, of Weatherford.

Brother William Neal (Bill) Blagg (1888-1952) – "Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 12 Jun 1952 p 1

CARD OF THANKS

WE WISH TO THANK all who helped us at the time of the death of our loved one. We thank all who send food and flowers and especially do we thank those who so quickly came to our assistance in the sudden hour of our loss and sorrow.

Wilhelmina Blagg, Edd Blagg and family, Joe Blagg and family, Dude Blagg and family, Mrs. Viola Wilson and family.

"Weatherford (OK) News" Thursday 19 Jun 1952 p 8



William Neal Blagg - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/117095321/person/112049497564/media/9c295ee4-19e4-4745-9ab4-50ebb1915bf1>

Marriage Licenses

Chas. Ed. Surles 24 Troy, Kas.

Edna Jane Crum 18 Butler

Thos. H. Murray 46 Rhea

Theadosia Dice 36 Butler

Clyde C. Hidlebaugh 19 Weaf'd

Viola Blagg 18 Hydro

Sister Viola Marie / Gertrude Viola Blagg Hidlebaugh Wilson (1895-1986) – "Arapaho (OK) Bee" Friday 21 Nov 1913 p 3

QUINLAN NAMED COMMANDER OF VETERANS POST

Organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars Unit Is Completed Here Wednesday Night With 36 Members.

BLAGG-HAMBURGER POST

New Post Is Named in Honor Of Weatherford Boys Who Died Overseas—Meet Twice Each Month.

Organization of a post of Veterans of Foreign Wars was completed in Weatherford Wednesday night with 36 original members.

The post is to be known as the Blagg-Hamburger post.

Harry F. Ladusau, department commander of Oklahoma, assisted by a staff team from Garber conducted the installation work

E. T. Quinlan was named commander of the local post. Other officers chosen were: W. H. Winters, senior vice commander; E. H. Driskill, junior vice commander; M. D. Smith, quartermaster; Nelson Brintle, officer of the day; Howard S. Hair, chaplain; A. L. Blahop, judge advocate; H. L. Roberson, Joy Roush and Rankin Williams, trustees for terms of 6, 12 and 18 months, respectively.

M. D. Smith was named adjutant.

Meet Tuesday

The post will meet Tuesday, May 25 to complete the organization and to name the various committees necessary for conducting the detail work of the order.

The second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month have been designated as the regular meeting dates.

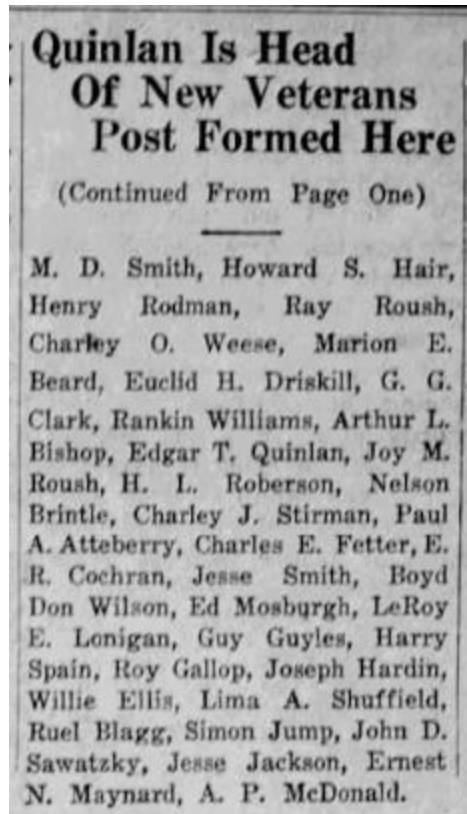
The charter will be kept open for the next 60 days and all who are eligible are urged to be present at the American Legion hall next Tuesday evening at which time they may join the organization as charter members, according to post officers.

36 Members

The post was named Blagg-Hamburger post in honor of Charley Blagg and Henry Hamburger, Weatherford boys killed in action during the World War.

Members of the organization are as follows:

Henry Mayo, W. H. Winters,
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Ruel Blagg is member of the VFW Post named for his brother, Charles (Charley) Blagg (1894-1918), a WWI casualty – “Weatherford (OK) News” Thursday 21 May 1931 p 1

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Ruel Overton Blagg

Name variations: Dude Blagg [form used in most newspaper entries]

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade (later in 2nd Div. 9th Inf. Supply Co.)
- private

Serial number: 251,397

Entered service from: Weatherford, Custer OK

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ruel Blagg

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: friend George Casey, Weatherford OK

Returned from war on: “Princess Matoika” Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ruel O. Blagg

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend George Carey, Weatherford OK (wagoneer, Supply Co., 9th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ruel Blagg - b. 2 Jan 1890 Ardmore OK; res: Weatherford, Custer OK. Single. Farming, Charley Kline. Tall & slender.
 National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Weatherford OK
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Ruel [no middle name] Blagg - b. 2 Jan 1891 Ardmore OK; res: 4 ½ miles north of Weatherford, Custer OK. Mailing address: RR 2, Weatherford OK. NOK Edna Blagg, same residential address. Self-employed – farmer.
 Height: 6' 4 ¾ inches, 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted 4 Oct 1917
 Discharged 18 Aug 1919 OK
 Address: Weatherford OK
 Rank/unit: wagoner, Supply Co, 9th Infantry 2nd Division

OK Service Card: resident of Weatherford, Custer OK. Born Ardmore OK 2 Jan 1890.
 Private, 165th Depot Bridge, Camp Travis Detachment 1. Torpedoed on Tuscania. Sep 1918
 St. Mihiel. Sep 1918 Meuse-Argonne. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to [blank], discharged 1919

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jan 1890 Ardmore, Custer OK
 Died: 30 Jun 1962 Weatherford, Custer OK
 Find A Grave record: 17683749, presence on Tuscania noted in flower
 Burial location: Weatherford, Custer OK
 Cemetery: Greenwood
 Tombstone: veteran flat - Oklahoma Wagr Sup Co 9 Inf 2 Div WWI

Father: Jesse Israel Blagg, 1849 Beatie, Benton AR – 8 Mar 1898 Custer Co. OK. Son of Israel Joseph Blagg (1812-1882, F: 5927150) & Mary Patsy Eaton (his father's 1st wife, ca. 1810 probably GA – ca. 1849 AR). Ruel says Jesse was b. in IL in the 1930 census. Served in the Civil War, in the Union forces, KS Cavalry, 14th Regiment, out of Fort Scott KS.

Find A Grave:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/59082075/person/132335741099/facts> and
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/117095321/person/110168754021/facts>

Mother: Mary Nettie McCormick Blagg, 1852 TX. Online genealogies give her death date as either 1898 or 1900. Daughter of Joseph McCormick & Martha Chowing. Ruel says his mother was b. in IL in the 1930 census.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: Jesse I. Blagg married Nettie McCormick on 17 Mar 1879 Denton Co. TX [one TX record lists 17 Mar, the other 27 Mar]

Spouse Find A Grave: Edna M. Green Blagg Claunch, 7 Jul 1904 Weatherford, Custer Co. OK – 20 Oct 1988 Weatherford, Custer OK. Daughter of Elmer E. Green (1866-1937, F: 16653352) & his wife Clara Annie Foy (1870-1944, F: 16653348).

As of Feb 1944, her surname was still Blagg. Social Security records her final surname as Claunch.

This may be Thomas Wesley Claunch, born 26 Dec 1891 Johnson Co. TX, died 7 May 1977, buried in Olympus Cemetery, Grove, Delaware Co. OK. On 14 Sep 1912 in Caddo Co. OK he had married Valna or Velna or Zelna or Velma Bond. She was born 20 Jul 1892 OK & died 9 Oct 1955 in Clinton OK. They divorced in Sep 1946 in OK. She is buried as Velma Swazy, F: 16438484.

Thomas Claunch's son Claud/Claude Merle Claunch was born 16 Mar 1947 in Exeter CA & died 15 Jun 1991. The maiden name of Claude's mother is listed as Green on his CA birth record.

In the 1961 KS County Census, Thomas W. Claunch (age 69), wife Edna M. (56) & son Claude (13) lived at 3557 South St. Francis, Sedgwick, Ridgeway KS. In the 1940 census, Ruel & Edna are married; in the 1950 census, he is divorced.

Spouse Find A Grave;

Marriage: Ruel Blagg, age 35, married Miss Edna Green, age 21, on 14 Oct 1925 at Arapaho, Custer Co. OK, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Edgar & Mildred Lawter as witnesses. "Arapahoe (OK) Bee" 23 Oct 1925 p 1 – application for marriage license: Ruel Blagg, 35 & Edna Green, 21, both of Weatherford.

Children:

- Wilbur Earl Blagg, 10 Jun 1926 Weatherford, Custer OK – 20 Sep 1978 Fort Collins, Larimer CO. SSN 446-22-1088. When he registered for the WWII draft, he listed Ruel (living 5 miles north of Weatherford) as his next-of-kin. Had "crooked left arm." Also went by Earl Blagg or W. Earl Blagg; he signed his father Ruel's veteran headstone application as W. Earl Blagg. Married Wanda Lee Rector (1922-2005, F: 21086825). Buried in Greenview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Larimer CO. F: 21086835
- William E. (Billy) Blagg, 16 Apr 1932 Custer Co. OK – 12 Feb 1979 Weatherford, Custer OK. SSN 448-28-949. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Weatherford, Custer OK. F: 16437869
- Might this be his child? Baby Blagg, d. 1931. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Weatherford, Custer OK. F: 16437864

Siblings: <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LH3L-LXN/ruel-overton-blagg-1890-1962>

- Edward (Eddie) Blagg, 7 Feb 1881 Clarksville, Red River Co. TX – 5 May 1965 Pueblo, Pueblo CO. Married Arrah Nettie Haynes (1884-1943) on 3 Aug 1902 in Custer Co. OK. Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, Pueblo Co. CO. F: 80555547
- Ira Belle Blagg Culver, 22 Feb 1883 TX – 26 Feb 1920 Pottawatomie Co. OK. Female. Wife of James Marion Culver Jr. (1884-1969, FP: 89539946). They are buried in Tecumseh Cemetery, Tecumseh, Pottawatomie OK. F: 95036191

- Joseph Wilmeth (“Joe”) Blagg, 29 Jun 1886 Clarksville, Red River TX – 22 Feb 1955 Thomas, Custer OK. Married 17 Jan 1910 in Custer Co. OK to Maude Ridenour (1892-1944, F: 71032423). Buried in Mount Valley Cemetery, Thomas, Custer OK. F: 71032422
- William Neal Blagg, 14 Apr 1888 Denton Co. TX – 9 Jun 1952 Weatherford, Custer OK.. William sailed to WWI on the “Lenape” on 18 Jul 1918. Serial 1486011, private, Co. B, 131st Machine Gun Battalion. Married Wilhelmina Catherine Vanderburg (1893 OK – 1973 SD, F: 16437867) on 14 Nov 1917 in Custer Co. OK. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Weatherford, Custer OK. F: 16437871
- Viola Marie Blagg Hidlebaugh Wilson, 21 Nov 1895 Willis, Marshall OK – 23 Sep 1986 Hobart, Kiowa OK. Wife of Clyde Curtis Hidlebaugh, whom she married 15 Nov 1913 in Custer Co. OK. Clyde (1893-1961, F: 137678977) is buried with wife Catherine in CA. Also married Wilson.
- Charles (Charlie) Blagg, 14 Jun 1894 OK – 14 Oct 1918 Landres-de-Saint-Georges, Departement des Ardennes, Champagne-Ardenne, France. Private 1st class Charle Blagg, Co. A, 142nd Infantry, had sailed to war aboard the “Maui” on 31 Jul 1918, giving his grandmother, Martha McCormick, of Mountain View OK as his next of kin. WWI casualty. At age 21, married Lola Ethel Jane Weston (1898-1977, F: 80135291), age 18, in Arapaho OK on 5 May 1915. Lola later married Eugene P. Hancock. Buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery & Memorial, France. F: 55957222

Notes:

He and his two brothers William & Charles were in France in the Army in WWI. Charles was a casualty, dying about a month before the Armistice.

Pre-war:

Ruel Blagg (mostly as Dude Blagg) appears often in the local newspaper – visiting friends (but not family visits), hunting, having accidents, picking cotton, having mumps (Jun 1911).

Wartime:

Letter (copied above) to brother Joe. Signed “old shorty” (as he is 6’ 5” tall).

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 441-16-0583

Censuses:

1880 Denton Co. TX

Jessee Blagg, 23 (?) AR, parents b. TN

Nettie Blagg, 28 TX, father b. SC, mother b. TX, keeping house [wife]

Tinnie McCormick, 14 TX, father b. SC, mother b. TX [sister-in-law]

1900 cannot locate – both his parents had died

1910 Cedar township, Custer OK

Joseph Blagg, 23 TX, father b. MO, mother b. US, married, in 1st marriage, farmer, general farm [head of household]

Maude Blagg, 17 OK, father b. IA, mother b. IL, in 1st marriage, gave birth to zero children [wife]

His siblings:

Charles Blagg, 18 OK, father b. MO, mother b. US, farm laborer, home farm

Ruiel Blagg, 19 OK, father b. MO, mother b. US, farm laborer, working out

Viola Blagg, 14 OK, father b. MO, mother b. US, farm laborer, home farm

His grandmother:

Martha McCormick, 73 IL, parents b. IL, widow, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living

1920 Cedar, Custer OK

Ruval [Ruel] Blagg, 29 OK, father b. IL, mother b. TX, farmer, farm laborer, status: transient

Residing with Taylor & Rebecca Konester, their 3 children & Taylor's mother

1930 Custer township, Custer OK – conducted 23 Apr 1930

Ruel O. Blagg, 39 OK, parents b. IL, age 34 at 1st marriage, farmer, WWI veteran

Edna, 25 OK, parents b. MO, age 20 at 1st marriage

Wilbur Earl, 3 yrs 10 months OK

1940 Cedar township, Custer OK – in 1935 resided in rural Custer Co. OK

Ruel Blagg, 49 OK Territory, farmer

Edna, 35 OK Territory

Earl, 13 OK

Billy, 9 OK

1950 Weatherford, Custer OK

Ruel Blagg, 59 OK, divorced, runs concrete, construction

Billy W. Blagg, 19 OK, unloading cement, lumber yard [son]