

# TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty**

**Barker, Ben**

**1895 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

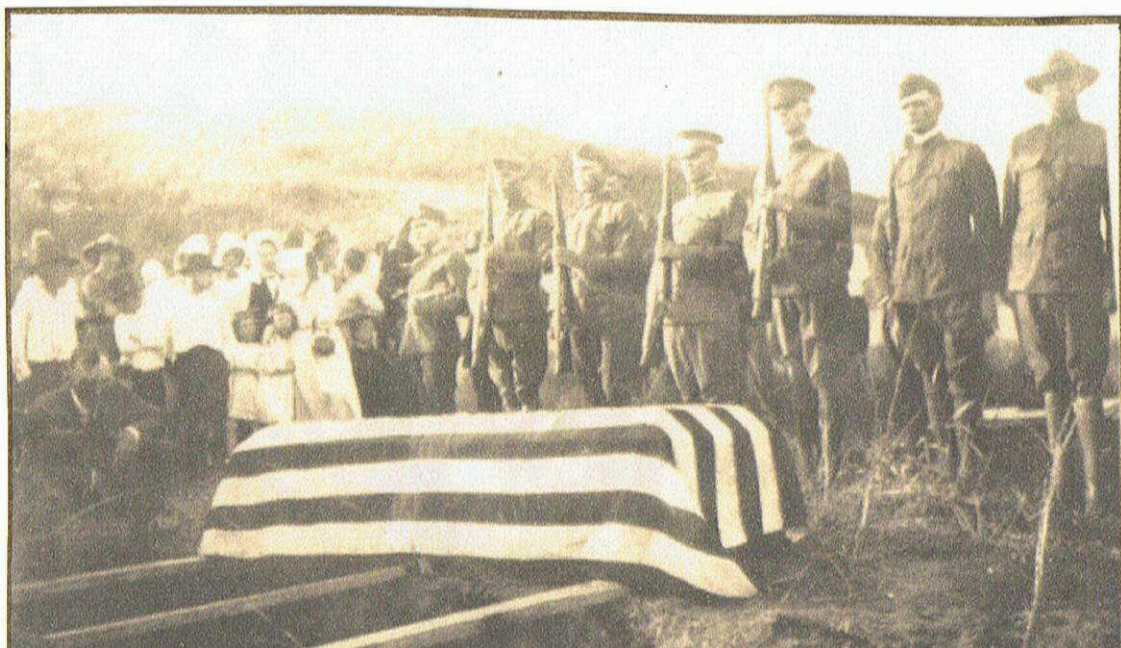


Ben Barker – Find A Grave 50231360

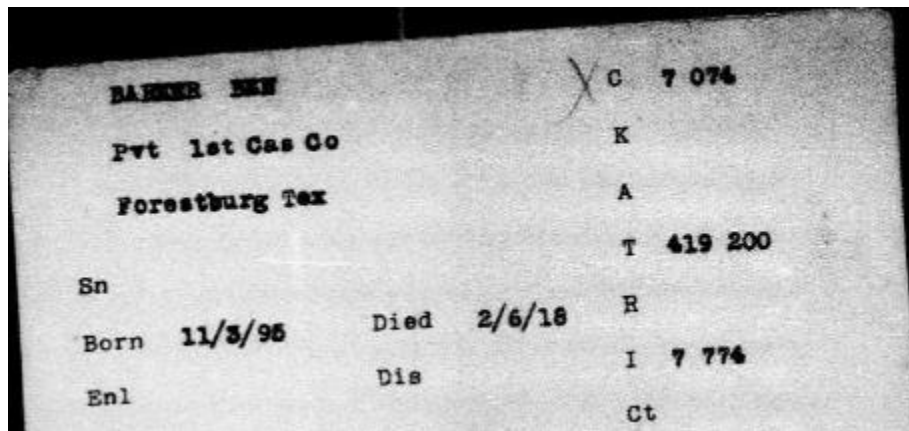


*Ben Barker is standing, in the middle  
Forestburg (F B) basketball team*

*He is described on his 1917 draft card as being of medium height, a stout build, gray eyes and brown hair. [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/76034965/person/40337368757/media/b1c05e10-45c4-4f04-adfe-f697ead5d7ae?\\_phsrc=yGl520&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/76034965/person/40337368757/media/b1c05e10-45c4-4f04-adfe-f697ead5d7ae?_phsrc=yGl520&_phstart=successSource)*



The reinterment of Ben Barker's body - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/76034965/person/40337368757/media/32146842-f972-4361-9ee1-72f8df66c873?\\_phsrc=yGI521&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/76034965/person/40337368757/media/32146842-f972-4361-9ee1-72f8df66c873?_phsrc=yGI521&_phstart=successSource)



<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1M-H5MP?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP8D-ZCJM&action=view>

Ben Barker				
Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919				
Page 15				
TEXAS WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION				
NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Barker, Ben		Pvt	165 Depot Brig 7 Tng Bn 33 Co	Feb 5/18

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Barker, Ben		6	
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colored
Residence: none	Forestburg	Montague	TEXAS
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. G. * Inducted at Bowie, Texas on Oct 8, 1917			
Place of birth: Hardy, Texas		Age or date of birth: 21 11/12 yrs.	
Organizations served in, with date of assignments and transfers: 28 Co. 165 Dep Brig 23 MP Bn 165 Dep Brig 7 Tng Bn 33 Co			
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt.			
Engagements:			
Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † Feb 5/18, from † to †			
Killed in action February 5, 1918 in sinking of Tuscania			
Other wounds or injuries received in action:			
Person notified of death: G. W. Barker		(If none, so state) Father	
(No. and street or rural route)	(Name) Forestburg	(Degree of relationship)	Tex.
Remarks:			
Form No. 724-G, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.			

Texas WWI Military Records: Camp Travis Det. 1 - 23rd Military Police Btn., 165th Depot Brigade, 28th Co. from 8 Oct 1917 to death. Inducted 8 Oct 1917 Bowie, Montague TX. Age 21 years 11 months. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 – 5 Feb 1918. Killed in action 5 Feb 1918 in sinking of Tuscania. NOK father G.W. Barker, Forestburg TX. -

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV18-JL15>

Life:

ors.  
Following are the Texas and Oklahoma men unaccounted for:

**Replacement Detachment Camp Travis.**  
 Luarois B. Armigo, El Paso, Texas.  
 George R. Baker, Carter Valley, Texas.  
 Ben Barker, Fouldsburg, Texas.

Forestburg TX was spelled FOULSBURG - "Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7

## Home Addresses of Those Laid to Rest in Scotland

Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The home addresses of the American soldiers buried in the Scottish coast, taken from the Associated Press list of those unaccounted for, as checked up with the Tuscania's passenger list, follows:

In some instances the spelling from the Scotch seaport does not agree with the official passenger list.

**POKES, MICH.**  
Barker, Ben, Foulburg, Texas.

*"Waco (TX) Times-Herald" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1*

### Names of Those Buried.

The following is the first complete list of Americans now buried on the Scottish coast. Each body, whether identified or not, was given a number.

At a third place forty-four victims are buried in three trenches, the largest holds 18 bodies, another 16 and a third 10. In the first named the bodies have been numbered from 1 to 18 in this order:

Harry Carpenter, two unidentified privates, John A. Laakko, Rocco Calarese, Ade McCoy, two unidentified privates, Stanley A. Anspurger, E. A. Houston, Stanley L. Collins, Joseph G. Maxstruck, Otto Ray Martin, Columbus Hill, Clare Metzenbaumer, Wilbur Clark Jackson, John Eichhammer, Ben Barker.

*"Liberty (TX) Vindicator" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 1*

**ALVORD NEWS.**

Mrs. Emmett Taylor was in Forrestburg Sunday to attend the memorial services held for her brother, Ben Barker, a U. S. soldier who lost his life on the ship Tuscania.

*Sister Sophrona Barker Taylor (Mrs. Robert Emmett Taylor) – “Wise County Messenger” (Decatur TX) Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 4*

## **List of Victims of the Ill Fated Tuscania Sunk in North Sea by Submarine**

The following list of names are those of persons reported to the war department as among the known dead, missing or unidentified dead in the Tuscania disaster. There have been reported 144 known dead and 65 missing or among the unidentified dead. The death of two survivors also has been reported. The emergency address given by each follows immediately after his name.

### **List of Known Dead.**

Ben Barker. G. W. Barker, father, Forrestburg, Texas.

*“Waco (TX) Times-Herald” Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 14*

Parents:



*George Washington Barker & Mary Frances (Sherman) Barker – Find A Grave 50231310*

*Father:*



Where not fully terminated, this is a permanent record. Every item of information should be stated clearly, accurately, and in plain language, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of occupation is very important.

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
State of Texas  
COUNTY OF Montague  
CITY OR PRECINCT Forestburg Twp Prec. No. 3 Street 50625

TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
Standard Certificate of Death.  
File No. 14  
Registrar's No. 3

2 FULL NAME OF DECEASED Geo. W. Barker Residence No. 54710 Street 54710

Length of residence in city where death occurred 7 yrs. 0 mos. 0 days How long in U. S. If foreign born? 7 yrs. 0 mos. 0 days

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR White 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married

6a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Mrs Mary Barker

8 DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 14 18 57

7 AGE Yrs. 73 Months 8 Days 18 If LESS than 1 day, 0 hrs. or 0 min.)

9 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Farmer (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

10 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Ark.

10 NAME OF FATHER Martin Barker

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Mo

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Not Known

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Not Known

14 Signature of Informant Mrs J. W. Gardner Address Muskogee Okla

15 FILED Feb. 7 1930 John P. Pughman Registrar

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

16 DATE OF DEATH Mar. 2 1930

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from March 1930 to March 2 1930 that I last saw him alive on Feb. 20 1930 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 1 P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: Bright disease and ending Heart (duration) 2 yrs. 0 mos. 0 da.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) (duration) 2 yrs. 0 mos. 0 da.

18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? at Home

Did an operation precede death? no Date of 1

Was there an autopsy? no

What test confirmed diagnosis?

(Signed) J. Volox M. D.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Harley TX DATE OF BURIAL Mar 3 1930

20 UNDERTAKER Chas. L. Lumbard ADDRESS St. Louis

TX death record of father George Washington Barker -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b062009-02742?pId=24139967](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062009-02742?pId=24139967)

Mother:



NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		No. <i>10672</i>	
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <i>Wise</i>			
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <i>Alvord</i>		CITY <i>Alvord</i>		STATE <i>Texas</i>	
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <i>Mary Frances Barker</i>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION			
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED <i>54</i> YEARS MONTHS DAYS		(SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____)			
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED		CITY		STATE	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
3. SEX <i>Female</i>	4. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	17. DATE OF DEATH <i>2/24</i> 1946			
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <i>Widow</i>	6. DATE OF BIRTH <i>Feb-28-1859</i>	18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED <i>for</i> 1946			
7. AGE <i>87</i> YEARS MONTHS <i>11</i> DAYS <i>26</i> IF LESS THAN 1 DAY	8. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <i>Housewife</i>	19. I LAST SAW HER ALIVE ON <i>Feb 24</i> 1946			
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Ark.</i>	10. NAME (GIVEN NAME) <i>App - Geo. Sherman</i>	THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT <i>12:48</i> P.M.			
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Ark.</i>	12. MAIDEN NAME <i>Not known</i>	THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: <i>Senility</i>			
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Ark.</i>	14. SIGNATURE <i>Mrs. Ernest T. Taylor</i>	CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE:			
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <i>Grady, Montague, Texas</i>	16. SIGNATURE <i>J. P. Barker</i>	IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE			
DATE <i>Feb 25</i> 1946	ADDRESS <i>Alvord, Texas</i>	DATE OF OCCURRENCE			
		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE			
		MANNER OR MEANS			
		IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY			
		SIGNATURE <i>J. P. Barker</i>			
		ADDRESS <i>Alvord, Texas</i>			
20. FILE NUMBER <i>No 13</i>	FILE DATE <i>3-3</i> 1946	SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>J. P. Barker</i>		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <i>Alvord, Texas</i>	

TX death record of mother Mary Frances Sherman Barker -

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Siblings:



Sister Julia Darlene Barker Williams (1884-1970) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/14797578/person/164749410/media/c977bd26-a9a7-4a18-9fd9-aa8e74edc807>

STATE OF TEXAS 057-02-2 057-01		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4339		STATE FILE NO. 38		86763	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Dallas				2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Dallas			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Garland				c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Dallas			
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 hr. 21 mos.				d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 4812 Terry			
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Silver Leaves Home				e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) Julia Williams				4. DATE OF DEATH Nov 28, 70			
5. SEX Female		6. COLOR OR RACE White		7. DATE OF BIRTH March 24, 1884		8. AGE (In years, last birthday) 86	
9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during part of working life, even if retired) Housewife		10. END OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Own Home		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Mulberry Ark.		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA	
13. FATHER'S NAME George W Barker				14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary Frances Sherman			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) NO				16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 452-03-2130B			
17. INFORMANT (Name and address) W. H. Williams				18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Texas only use cause on line for (a), (b), and (c))			
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral Vascular Accident				INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 10 days			
REASON (b) (Thrombosis)				3 day			
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS				Terminal Bronchopneumonia			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)							
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>				20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)			
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour a.m. Month Day Year				20d. INJURY OCCURRED			
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, store, factory, street, office building, etc.)				20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 10-2-1970 to 11-28-1970 and last saw the deceased alive on 11-28-1970							

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>11-28-70</u> to <u>12-4-70</u> and last saw the deceased alive on <u>11-28-70</u> . Death occurred at <u>2420 W. Miller, Garland, Tex.</u> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.	
22a. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> (Degree or title) <b>MD.</b>	22b. ADDRESS <b>2420 W. Miller, Garland, Tex.</b>
22c. DATE SIGNED <b>12-4-70</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>	23b. DATE <b>Nov 30, 70</b>
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Grove Hill</b>	
24. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Dallas Texas</b>	24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>ED C SMITH &amp; BRO</b>
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>298</b>	25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>12-9-70</b>
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

TX death record of Julia Darlene Barker Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1196198:2272?tid=14797578&pid=29571489545&queryId=b0d92a38457e9e03f2f8b38f96c46073&phsrc=cPx4059&phstart=successSource>

169-00-1 169-00		382X 22		4878	
STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO.					
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Montague</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Montague</b>			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Forestburg Texas</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Forestburg, Texas</b>			
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) <b>none</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>none</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		a. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		b. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>BAMA</b>		(b) First <b>(none)</b> (c) Middle <b>WHITE</b> (d) Last		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>January 9, 1960</b>	
5. SEX <b>female</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>white</b>		7. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Oct. 3, 1887</b>	
8. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done. If none, state "none") <b>H-wife</b>		9. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>H-wife</b>		10. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>73</b>	
11. FATHER'S NAME <b>George W. Baker</b>		12. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Mary Francis Sherman</b>		13. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U S A</b>	
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>no</b>		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>none</b>		16. INFORMANT <b>Ben S. White</b>	
17. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)					
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Cerebral Thrombosis.</b> 3 Mo's.					
DUE TO (b) _____					
DUE TO (c) _____					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)					
18. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED: (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)			
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.					
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT HOME <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT HOME <input type="checkbox"/>		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)			
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY <b>Forestburg Texas</b>		20g. STATE <b>Texas</b>			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Dec. 18, 1959</u> to <u>Jan. 6, 1960</u> and last saw the deceased alive on <u>Jan. 6, 1960</u> . Death occurred at <u>218 Schad &amp; Pulte Bldg., Gainesville, Texas</u> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.					
22a. SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> (Degree or title) <b>MD.</b>		22b. ADDRESS <b>218 Schad &amp; Pulte Bldg., Gainesville, Texas</b>		22c. DATE SIGNED <b>1-11-60</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		23b. DATE <b>January 10, 1960</b>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Perryman</b>	
24. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Forestburg Texas</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>40394</b>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>Jan 10 1960</b>			

TX death record of **sister Alabama (Bamma) Barker White (1886-1960)** - [https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b062561-00582?pld=22849792](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062561-00582?pld=22849792)



*Sister Eliza (Liza) Barker Willis (1888-1974)* - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/76034965/person/40337368754/media/19bbe72f-7618-4fc0-92e6-f75bf6d393b6?\\_phsrc=cPx4065&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/76034965/person/40337368754/media/19bbe72f-7618-4fc0-92e6-f75bf6d393b6?_phsrc=cPx4065&_phstart=successSource)



*Brother Robert Harden Barker (1887-1961)* - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/14797578/person/164752674/media/4c4af5eb-de83-49fa-827c-3edcea61f735>

**Lizzie Gardner**

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



Name	Lizzie Gardner
Social Security Number	451-90-1549
Birth Date	2 Sep 1892
Issue year	1966
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	74401, Muskogee, Muskogee, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	May 1984

*Sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) Barker Gardner (1892-1984) -*

*[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/21382703:3693?tid=14797578&pid=402415577138&queryId=885d225a9e05e68266398f3d9463cb52&\\_phsrc=cPx4071&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/21382703:3693?tid=14797578&pid=402415577138&queryId=885d225a9e05e68266398f3d9463cb52&_phsrc=cPx4071&_phstart=successSource)*



*Sister Grace Curtis Barker Orrell Swanson (1902-1937) – Find A Grave 49962885*

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
STATE OF TEXAS

2. COUNTY OF Montague

3. CITY OR PRECINCT NO. 3 Forestburg, Texas Street \_\_\_\_\_

Length of residence in city where death occurred 21 days. How long in U. S. if foreign born? Yrs. mos. days

4. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Grace Swanson

RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City Forestburg State Texas

5. SEX Female 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. MARRIAGE Married

8a. If married, widowed, or divorced Married  
HUSBAND of C.E. Swanson  
(or) WIFE of C.E. Swanson

9. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) February 2, 1902

10. AGE 35 Years 12 Months 12 Days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. min.

11. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. Housewife

12. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) \_\_\_\_\_

14. Total time (years) spent in this occupation \_\_\_\_\_

15. BIRTHPLACE (City or Town) (State or Country) Montague Co., Texas

16. NAME Geo. W. Barker

17. BIRTHPLACE (City or Town) (State or Country) Crofford Co. Ark.

18. MAIDEN NAME Mary F. Sherman

19. BIRTHPLACE (City or Town) (State or Country) Crofford Co. Ark.

20. INFORMANT Edgar Willis  
(Address) Forestburg

21. BURIAL Hardy, Texas Date 2/16, 1937

22. UNDERTAKER C.H. Dunbar  
(Address) Saint Jo, Texas

23. SIGNATURE AND FILE DATE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR 3-6-1937 J.F. Merrill  
(File Date) (Signature)

24. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) February 14, 1937

25. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 2-13-1937 to 2-14-1937

I last saw her alive on 2-14-1937; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 10:20 P.M. Date of Onset 2-13-1937

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: asthma

Other contributory causes of importance: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of operation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_

What test confirmed diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_ Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_

26. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:  
Accident, suicide, or homicide? no

Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_ 1937

Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify city or town, county, and district)

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. \_\_\_\_\_

Manner of injury \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

27. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no

If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) G.H. Cox M.D.  
(Address) Forestburg, Texas

Birth date incorrect on sister Grace Curtis Barker Swanson's TX death record – she was 1 year old in 1900 census, not born 2 Feb 1902 – lived 1898 to 1937 -

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#### Abbreviations:

b = born  
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Ben Barker

Name variations: Benjamin Barker (1900 census) – Benjamin Barker – Bennie Barker  
Military:

On Tuscania: 7th Training Btn., 165th Depot Brigade, 33rd Co. - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Ben died without a number.

Entered service from: Forestburg, Montague TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Ben Barker

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father G.W. Barker, Fouslburg (sic) TX

Islay, Scotland, burial: 1st buried at Kinnabus, Islay, Scotland - grave 18, as Ben Barker

Body returned from war on: on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Listed on return ship as: Ben Barker

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: NOK not included on this list – private, Cas. Co. #1

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ben Barker b. 3 Nov 1896 Forestburg TX; res: Forestburg, Montague TX. Single. Farming for self near Forestburg. TX. Medium height, stout build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: birthdate of 3 Nov 1895

Enlistment date not listed

Discharge date not listed – death date of 6 Feb 1918

Address: Forestburg TX

Rank/unit: private, 1<sup>st</sup> Cas Co

#### Birth & death:

Born: 3 Nov 1896 (WWI draft) Forestburg, Montague TX - or 4 Nov 1895 (tombstone & Find A Grave record) – or born Hardy, Montague TX (TX Military Records) obituary – was 22 years 3 months 3 days old when entered Army [which computes to 1895 i.e. 1895] – or Jan 1894 in 1900 census.

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 50231360 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Hardy, Montague TX

Cemetery: Hardy

Tombstone: tombstone - Pvt. 1st. Cas Co A.E.F. "He died that we might live"

Father: George Washington ("Pa") Barker, 14 Feb 1857 Martinsburg, Crawford Co. AR – 2 Nov 1930 Forestburg, Montague TX. Found as son of Martin Barker & Mary Ann Hargrove – and of Charles Gates Baker. "Parents" listed on Find A Grave as BAKER. Buried in Hardy Cemetery, Hardy, Montague TX.

Find A Grave: 50231310

Mother: Mary Frances ("Polly") Sherman Barker, 28 Feb 1859 Lafayette, Crawford Co. AR – 24 Feb 1946 Alvord, Wise TX. Daughter of George Sherman (according to her Find A Grave record) or of William L. Sherman Jr. & Cynthia Ann Fulka.. Buried in Hardy Cemetery.

Find A Grave: 50231264

Parents' marriage – George W. Barker, age 21, married Mary Ann Sherman, age 20 on 22 Dec 1878 in Crawford AR.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- Sophrona ("Fronie") Barker Taylor, 31 Oct 1880 [Oct 1879 in 1900 census] AR – 4 May 1973 Bridgeport, Wise TX. Wife of Robert Emmett Taylor (1873-1954, F: 16498331). Erroneously linked on Ancestry.com to a husband named Robert A. (Bert) Raney; the incorrect Sophronia Raney is at F: 14984880. Buried in Alvord Cemetery, Alvord, Wise TX. F: 16498330
- Julia Darlene Barker Williams, 24 Mar 1884 Mulberry, Crawford AR – 28 Nov 1970 Garland, Dallas TX. Listed as Darlene Barker, b. Mar 1884 AR, in 1900 census. Wife of William H. Williams (1883-1971, F: 136323958), whom she married 23 Jul 1905 Montague Co. TX. Married at time of death, a resident: of 4812 Terry, Dallas TX. Buried in Grove Hill Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 136323798
- Alabama (Bamma/Bama) Barker White, 2 Oct 1886 Mulberry, Crawford AR [Oct 1886 AR in the 1900 census] – 9 Jan 1960 Forestburg, Montague T. Married 9 Jul 1911 in Montague Co. TX to Nathan Edward ("Ed") White (1871-1940, F: 54400816). Buried in Perryman Cemetery, Forestburg, Montague TX. F: 5440822.
- Eliza (Liza) Barker Willis, 25 Aug 1888 Alma AR – 1 Jun 1974 Muenster, Cooke TX. Birth date of Aug 1887 AR in 1900 census. She is listed as older than her brother Robert in the 1900 & 1910 censuses, but her tombstone disagrees. Married 15 Jan 1919 in Montague Co. TX to Claude Alvin Willis (1881-1971, F: 54400842). Widowed at the time of her death, a resident of Rte. 1, Forestburg TX. Buried in Perryman Cemetery, Forestburg, Montague T. F: 54400843
- Robert Harden Barker, 25 Feb 1887 Little Rock, Pulaski AR – 9 Oct 1961 Bakersfield, Kern Co. CA. Listed with a Feb 1889 birth in 1900 census. Husband of Myrtle Bea Hester (1895-1970, F: 343598841) on 3 Nov 1912 in Montague Co. TX. Obituary: "Napa Valley Register" 18 Oct 1961 p 6 – d. at age 74, no siblings listed. Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery & Mortuary, Bakersfield, Kern CA. F: 90023842
- Elizabeth (Lizzie) Barker Gardner, 2 Sep 1892 on Social Security records, agreeing with Sep 1892 TX in 1900 census, but 1894 used on tombstone, born Forestburg, Montague TX – May 1984 Forestburg, Montague TX. Social Security lists last residence in Muskogee Co. OK. "Lizzie Barker" married J.W. Gardner on 26 Mar 1913 in Montague Co. TX. James William Gardner (1893-1966, F: 40823156). Buried in Perryman Cemetery, Forestburg, Montague TX. F: 54400183
- Grace Curtis ("Sister Grace") Barker Orrell Swanson, 2 Feb 1898 [listed as 1902 on her TX death record & on Find A Grave] Montague Co. TX – 14 Feb 1937 Forestburg, Montague TX. Birth listed as Feb 1898 in the 1900 census. She could not have been born in 1902 since she was already 1 year old in 1900. The 1900 census records her birth as Feb 1898. – Married William Paul ("Willie") Orrell (1897-1986, F: 54400454). – Married in 1933 to Robert E. Swanson (1911-2000, F: 134865714). Married when



died, listed as the wife of C.E. Swanson. Buried in Hardy Cemetery, Hardy, Montague TX. F: 49962885

- Also 3 other siblings, dead by 1900 census (conducted 2 Jun 1900)

#### Notes:

Unreliable family trees on Ancestry.com, which have mixed two separate families.

“Siblings” claimed on these trees that were not linked on Find A Grave are not included below.

#### Wartime:

First Montague Co. TX casualty in WWI.

“El Paso (TX) Herald” 13 Feb 1918 p 2

Ben Barker was buried in Scotland in a trench holding 18 bodies.

“Wise County Messenger” (Decatur TX) 22 Feb 1918 p 4

Mrs. Emmett Taylor [Ben’s sister Sophrona] attended a memorial service on Sunday, 17 Feb 1918, in Forestburg TX for her brother Ben, a Tuscania casualty.

#### Censuses:

1900 Forestburg, Montague TX - conducted 2 Jun 1900

George Barker, 41 AL, 1859, father b. KY, mother b. AL, married 23 years, farmer

Mary, 41 AR, Feb 1859, father b. TN, mother b. KY, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

Safronia, 20 AR, Oct 1879, at school

Darlene, 16 AR, Mar 1884, at school

Alabama, 13 AR, Oct 1886, at school [female]

Liza, 12 AR, b. Aug 1887, at school

Heardin, 11 AR, Feb 1889, at school

Elizabeth, 7 TX, Sep 1892

Benjamin, 6 TX, Jan 1894

Gracie, 1 TX, Feb 1898

With servant James Loveday, 16 AL, Apr 1884

1910 Justice Precinct 3, Montague Co. TX

George W. Barker, 51 AR, father b. MO, mother b. TN, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 26 years,  
farmer, general farm

Mary, 52 AR, parents b. KY, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

Alabama, 24 AR, farm laborer, home farm

Eliza, 22 AR, farm laborer, home farm

Harden, 21 AR, farmer, general farm

Lizzie, 18 TX, farm laborer, home farm

Bennie, 15 TX, farm laborer, home farm

Gracie, 11 TX