

# TUSCANIA

**Baker, George Richard**  
**1886 TX – 1970 TX**

BAKER GEORGE RICHARD		XC	164 049
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STATE OF TEXAS **233-01-2 233-01** CERTIFICATE OF DEATH **4270 35** STATE FILE NO. **92438**

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Val Verde</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Val Verde</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Del Rio</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Del Rio</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Vello-Hi Inn, 100 Hermann St</b>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>408 Avenue P</b>	
f. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		g. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> h. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <b>George</b> (b) Middle <b>Richard</b> (c) Last <b>Baker</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>16-Dec-1970</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b> a. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>16-July-1886</b>	
7. Marital Status: Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		8. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>84</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Rancher</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Ranching</b>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Texas</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U. S. A.</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Henry Baker</b>		14. MOTHER'S M maiden name <b>Callie Edwards</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>WW I</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>495-50-2297</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Claude Wheeler</b>		18. SIGNATURE <b>Claude Wheeler</b>	
19. IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH <b>CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE</b>		20. DURATION OF ILLNESS <b>24 hrs</b>	
21. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (Ia) <b>RECORDED JAN 11 1971 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>			
22. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION 22a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> 22b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18) <b>12-16</b>			
23. TIME OF INJURY Hour <b>12-16</b> Month <b>12</b> Day <b>16</b> Year <b>1970</b>			
24. INJURY OCCURRED 24a. PLACE OF INJURY (a.p. in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Del Rio Val Verde Texas</b>			
25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>12-16</b> to <b>12-16</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>12-16</b> or the date stated above and to the best of my knowledge from the cause stated.			
26. SIGNATURE <b>L. M. Cantall, M.D.</b>		27. ADDRESS <b>Del Rio, Texas 12-16-70</b>	
28. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		29. DATE <b>18-Dec-70</b>	
30. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Del Rio Texas</b>		31. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Masonic Cemetery</b>	
32. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>177</b>		33. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>12-28-70</b>	
34. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Virginia C. Murray, Del Rio Texas</b>		35. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>James S. Brown</b>	
36. FUNERAL HOME <b>EXORAN FUNERAL HOME</b>		37. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Virginia C. Murray, Del Rio Texas</b>	

TX death certificate of George Richard Baker -

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Life:

Walker	Howard Kenyon
The names of 47 sick and injured American troops confined in three hospitals at a port on the Irish north coast follows:	
Basil G. Bailey	Bruno E. Bluhm
William C. Brady	Samuel Comb
Chas. Lemuel Davis	Earl Wilder Draks
John Fuller	Myron Nelson Hayes
Elmer T. Holden	Lloyd Y. Kolb
Arthur William Liga	Joseph Emmett Mc-
Robert J. Moody	Donald
Albert I. Nuamin	John Benebeados
Henry Stanley	Armando Bustich
Burkeson	Leslie Dale
Carl L. Disouke	Samuel H. Eddins
Harrison Bates	Silva Hensley
Hallie M. Hoselton	Lee V. Lashua
John F. McDonnell	Wm. Francis Mathias
Sidney Robert Hall	Clarence T. Neashim
Rex C. Orser	Lawrence Nathan-
Herbert D. Taylor	iel Riley
John Kumorowsky	Edward James Pe-
Roman Sandaval	terman
Guss Johnson	Oliver Cole
Charles Hornecker	Clarence Johnson
William Douglas	George A. Sturlen
Pine	Roy Houston Red-
Witham R. Curtis	ding
John R. Phegley	George Richard
James C. McAdam	Baker
Roland Edward	Charles Smith
Duncan	
Andrew C. Anderson	Warren K. McCarty
Nelson	Charles W. McIntosh
Christopher Henry	Lester McKenna
Humphry	

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ORS.

Following are the Texas and Oklahoma men unaccounted for:

**Casuals.**

Capt. Leo P. Lebron, Guthrie, Okla.  
**Headquarters Detachments, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers National Army.**  
 Herschel O. Baird, Wagoner, Okla.  
 Arthur W. Collins, Appleby, Texas.  
**Company D, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers.**  
 Ellis M. Smith, Magnolia Park, Houston.  
 William A. Dinter, Cuero, Texas.  
 Jennings B. Crow, Appleby, Texas.  
**Company E, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers.**  
 Jefferson Davis Jones, Winfield, Texas.  
 Amos McDaniel, Stockdale, Texas.  
 Elmer Holden, Fort Worth, Texas.  
**Company F, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers (Forestry), National Army.**  
 Ruel A. Parrott, Garrison, Texas.  
 Charles F. Billing, Rosenberg, Texas.  
 Henry H. Page, Saratoga, Texas.  
 Sam H. Pentecost, Dougette, Texas.  
 Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow, Okla.  
 Lewis Roberts, Nacogdoches, Texas.  
 John Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Okla.  
 Irvin Sims, Alto, Texas.  
 Thomas E. St. Clair, Junction, Texas.  
 William W. Wright, Bismark, Okla.  
 Luther B. Reeder, Broadus, Texas.  
**Replacement Detachment Camp Travis.**  
 Luarois B. Armigo, El Paso, Texas.  
 George R. Baker, Carter Valley, Texas.  
 Ben Barker, Foulburg, Texas.

List continues – “Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7

# FOURTEEN MEN REPORTED UN- ACCOUNTED FOR LOCATED IN IRISH HOSPITALS.

Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 12.—The list of the Tuscania's unaccounted for was further reduced today by the checking of a number of men who were sick or injured in hospitals in Ireland. Reports to the war department indicate the sick and injured are making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

## Eleven More Saved.

The men removed from the unaccounted for list today are:

Private George R. Baker, Carta Valley, Texas.

Sergeant Oliver Cote, Weedon Station, Canada.

Private Elmer Holden, Fort Worth, Texas.

Private Hallie H. Hoselton, Coburg, Canada.

Private Robert J. Moody, Cambridge, Minn.

Private Joseph E. McDonald, Springfield, Cal.

Private John F. McDonnell, Hinton, Ok.

Private Albert I. Nauman, Minneapolis, Minn.

Private Sidney R. Hall, Gainesville, Texas.

Private George A. Stierlen, Fernandez, Wash.

Private Lester L. Smith, Galicie, Ore.

Private Ernest Linthicum, 526 West Grand street, Oklahoma City, Ok.

Private John Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Ok.

Private Walter T. Larson, Warren, Ore.

With these men definitely recorded as survivors, the list of those not yet reported as survivors number 328.

This number is expected to be materially reduced when the war department obtains confirmation of its lists from the senior officers in Ireland.

## TUSCANIA VICTIMS ARE RECOVERING

Washington, Feb. 25.—The War Department has received a list of sixty-three names of Tuscania survivors who are recovering from wounds or exposure. They are now in Irish hospitals and are reported to be getting along well and are expected to be discharged soon. The list included the following from Texas and Oklahoma:

At Londonderry:

Elmer Holden, Ft. Worth, Texas.

George R. Baker, Carter Valley, Texas.

Pedro Belton, San Antonio, Texas.

Lewis P. Carlile, Lorneta, Texas.

Sam H. Eddins, Ladonia, Texas.

Mark T. Gibson, Batson, Texas.

James T. Gore, Fred, Texas.

Silva Hensley, Boswell, Okla.

Joseph G. McAdams, Atlanta, Tex.

John F. McDonnell, Hinton, Okla.

Herbert D. Taylor, Santo, Texas.

Roman Sandoval, Floresville, Texas.

"Bonham (TX) Daily Favorite" Tuesday 26 Feb 1918 p 1

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—  
 Gen. Pershing's report for the last day of the year of war shows a total of 755 casualties, a majority of these being severe injuries to men in the ranks of the overseas forces.  
 But 43 are reported as killed in action, and 47 as having died of disease.  
 Men of the southwest whose names are listed are:  
**Killed in Action**  
 Pvt. Weaver Story, Ft. Worth, Tex.  
**Died of Wounds**  
 Lieut. Benjamin E. I. Berry, Carroll, N. M.  
**Died of Disease**  
 Pvt. Frank Fohmar, Yantis, Tex.  
 Pvt. John White, Gonzales, Tex.  
 Pvt. Henry L. Woodward, Snyder, Tex.  
**Wounded Severely**  
 Corp. Alvie D. Collins, Alvord, Tex.  
 Corp. William S. McDonald, Floresville, Tex.  
 Bugler William A. Backer, Keechi, Tex.  
 Pvt. Dewitt T. Liston, Elysian Fields, Tex.  
 Pvt. Wm. C. Smith, Sherman, Tex.  
 Pvt. James Walter Jones, Hedley, Tex.  
 Pvt. Rufus A. Martin, Jacksonville, Tex.  
 Pvt. Willie Matula, Smithville, Tex.  
 Pvt. George Owan, Iola, Tex.  
 Pvt. Tom O. Bagwell, Orange, Tex.  
 Pvt. Norman O. Crumley, Teck, Tex.  
 Pvt. George R. Baker, Carta Valley, Tex.  
 Pvt. Arthur Falkner, Kirbyville, Tex.  
 Pvt. George Schaffer, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Pvt. Oscar Stewart, Houston, Tex.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Tuesday 31 Dec 1918 p 2

CANDIDATES' DIRECTORY	
The Following have authorized this newspaper to list their candidacy in this column:	
CITY OFFICES	
FOR MAYOR:	
J. S. Bradford	
W. S. Gibbons	
FOR CITY COMMISSIONER:	
Chas. N. Daniel	
Marshall Smith	
Dennys Hays	
Otto Koog	
COUNTY OFFICES	
FOR COUNTY JUDGE:	
Grover C. Poole	
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER:	
Precinct One:	M.L. (Bud) Whistler
Precinct Two:	Dee Harrison
Precinct Three:	Tom Brite
Precinct Four:	George R. Baker

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Friday 22 Mar 1940 p 6 – this ad ran through the Jul 1940 election

With the exception of Whistler, all county commissioners were returned to office. George R. Baker having had no opponent and the other two commissioners being successful in their races.

Baker was nominated commissioner of Precinct 4; Dee Harrison was nominated commissioner of Precinct 2 and Tom Brite was nominated commissioner of Precinct 3. Harrison received 65 votes and his opponent, Sam McBee, received 35. In the Double Tanks box Harrison polled 29 to McBee's 11; in the Vinegarone box, Harrison received 36 and his opponent, 24.

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Monday 29 Jul 1940 p 1

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Monday, Sept. 9, was set as the opening date for all Val Verde County schools at a meeting of the county board of trustees Thursday morning. In the absence of Harvey E. Guinn, president of the board, who is at present ill in San Antonio, Harold T. Dodd of Langtry was elected temporary chairman. Other members present were George R. Baker of Pandale and Hernan Cadena of Del Rio. All business for the fiscal year 1934-35 was completed at the meeting.

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Thursday 29 Aug 1940 p 6

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Commissioner of County Precinct Four, subject to the action of the Democratic primary July 25, 1942.  
George R. Baker

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Saturday 18 Apr 1942 p 3

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#### LAMB SALES \$10 A HEAD

George R. Baker, seen in Del Rio Friday from Pandale, stated that recent lamb sales are going at \$10 a head and 17 cents a pound and that many ranchmen in this area are selling the spring crop. Rains in the Pandale country have proved beneficial he said.

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Friday 28 Mar 1947 p 1



More than 75 members of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association have volunteered \$8,200 additional dues to the association.

This was noted Monday by Ernest L. Williams, San Angelo, secretary.

The move was started some two or three weeks ago by friends of the association on their own account. The \$8,200 represents \$1 per bag over and above the 25 cents per bag dues, which are set by the association.

#### FINANCES SHORT

Association finances have been short for several years because of the continued decline in sheep numbers, resulting in a drop in wool production, thus dues have not been at the same level as previously when Texas had a big wool yield.

The move was headed by Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton, a former president of the TS&GRA.

Williams' report on the association's finances is to be made at the annual convention in San Antonio next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday.

#### FUND GROWS

He said Monday the growers had contributed from \$5 up to the special fund of the association.

Among contributors as of Monday, Nov. 21 were: T. K. McIntosh, Eldorado; J. E. Sorell, Brady; Clara Allison, Sonora; Sam Preston, Midland; Lester Lockett, Eden; George R. Baker, Del Rio; A. F. Ulrich, Blanco; Guy Coombs, Jr., Marathon; Joe Barton, San Angelo; J. H. O'Harrow & Co., Eldorado; R. C. Leffel, San Angelo; Len M. Mertz, San Angelo; Roddie Ranch, Brady; Tommy Brook, Camp San Saba; Frank R. Friend, Ozona; Joe T. Roundsville, Pecos; E. G. Sieker, Menard; Worth Evans, Fort Davis; Frank N. Newsum, Alpine; Floyd McMullan, Big Lake; T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Ozona; Miss Cora Henderson, Eden; T. E. Whitfield, Millersview; Sol Mayer, San Angelo; Mayer & Phillips, San Angelo; Joe B. Edens, Eldorado; Gene Cartledge, Marfa; Albert W. Brisbane, Menard; J. B. McCord, Coleman; J. M. Treadwell, Menard; Foster S. Price, Sterling City.

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# SETS TIME AND PLACES FOR PRECINCT CONVENTIONS MAY 5

Precinct meetings for the Democrats will be held May 5 at 6 p.m.

County Chairman Grady Lowrey Wednesday announced the time and places for the meetings.

By precincts, the meetings are to be held as follows: Precinct One, at the Court House; Precinct Two, 304 West Fifth Street; Precincts Three and Seven, at the Horace Fawcett ranch; Precinct Four, the Robert Cauthorn ranch; Precinct Five, Thomas H. Graham home at Lake Walk; Precinct Six, Bee Henderson ranch; Precinct Eight, Del Rio High School; Precinct Nine,

George R. Baker ranch; Precinct Ten, Guadalupe Gymnasium; Precinct 11, City Hall; Precinct 12, North Heights School; Precinct 13, Garfield School; Precinct 14, W. A. Arledge ranch and Precinct 15, San Felipe High School.

"Del Rio (TX) News Herald" Wednesday 25 Apr 1956 p 1

# Double Tanks Marked Site Of Beautiful Camp Grounds

That point south and west of Carter Valley and a half mile off Highway 577 in the southern part of Val Verde County is a site which exists today only in the memories of the sons and daughters of the pioneers.

Time passed. Landmarks are destroyed. Valuable papers and records are burned and lost. Today we find no more built where was in 1885 the most beautiful camp headquarters in the country, and Highway 577 runs over the first old station. In those early days when the last of the homesteaders trailed westward in their covered wagons, this place was known as the Double Tanks Ranch. Today we know it as the McQuinn Ranch.

We who pass this way day by day see only two common and very ordinary dirt tanks surrounded by miles of huge old oak trees, but we know that there was this wonderful place once a frontier and well known camping spot. Wagon trains on their long trek westward, looking on their way to town for supplies, cowboys who sought only "to pass the time of day" and lonely drifters enjoyed the shade, the water and the rest under the trees.

arrived in their covered wagons on April 1, 1885.

Already in 1885 the Nottis brothers, John Bill, and the John Galaway family were located on the ranches where their children and grandchildren now live.

As far back as 1882 the Bill Carter family lived at Carter's valley, sometimes referred to as Carter's flats or Carter's Water Hole. In 1888 the Edd Carter family was camping at Double Tanks.

The year 1890 brought other families who came and stayed. The Al Haley family located at Dry Water Hole on Devil's River but the boys camped many nights at Double Tanks while punching cattle on nearby ranches.

In 1900, the Joe Wilson family and Joe's brother Jim were living where the Camp Brown ranch is now.

In 1901, the Ed Wheeler family arrived from Northeast Texas. At this time, also, arrived the Tom Patterson and the G. W. Amberson families. The following year, John Cash, his wife, Mary and their children stopped here and in 1903 T. J. Coffman, John Bricker, R. A. Winn came in their covered wagons with their wives, children and their livestock.

These people, camping and mingling here at Double Tanks, realized

what materials they could find. The ranchers moved their wives and children into hurriedly built houses, usually one big room and a shed room.

Every one who could came to school that year. Seven of the pioneer teachers of the Double Tanks school were W. W. Riggs; 1901-02; Miss Carrie Coffman, 1902-03; Miss Zulene Rosa, 1903-04—she was a niece of Ulric Ross and Dr. H. B. Ross of Del Rio; Miss Pearl Moore, 1904-05; Miss Carrie Emrick, sister of Mrs. C. O. Fokes, 1905-06; Miss Eva Strickland, now Mrs. P. D. Anderson of Del Rio and Miss Anna Bradshaw, 1907-08.

Joseph Alexander Foster had preaching in this little schoolhouse when on his 150-miles of missionary work from Rock-springs by way of Double Tanks, Del Rio, Brackettville and Nueces Canyon. It was here in 1905 that he organized a Methodist church.

Dances were sometimes prolonged affairs, lasting two and three days with dancing at night, sleeping, eating, visiting or listening to political speeches all day. The music for these dances was furnished by the McGrooms, who ranch on Devil's River. Oftentimes Mr. Amberson assisted with his violin.

Double Tanks saw the last of

Ehle, Hattie Newman Glenn and Nan New Colwell.

Abb Rose and family, 1883; Martin Rose, Pat Rose, Thelie Rose and Hobart Rose.

Bill Carter, camping at Carter's Flats, 1883, and his family, Martha Carter Dutton, Elsie Carter McDonald, Silas Carter, Thad Carter and Charlie Carter.

Robert Kuntz and family at Double Tanks, 1898; Dave Kuntz, 1900; Mattie Kuntz, Ella Kuntz, Lee Kuntz, Hattie Kuntz, Charlie Kuntz, Pink Kuntz and Vada Kuntz.

Hutto Brothers and family, ranching on Red Bluff Canyon; Bill Hutto family, Bruni Hutto, Chris, Joe, Carl Hutto, Ora Hutto Wright (Mrs. Sol Wright), Dollie Hutto Baker (Mrs. Jess Baker), John Hutto family, ranching on Red Bluff Canyon, Anna Hutto Grimes, Myrtle Hutto Isabell, Young Hutto, R. O. Hutto, Walter Hutto and Willie Hutto.

Ed Carta and family, camped at Double Tanks, 1898; Dick Carta, Charlie, Pink Johnny, West, Suzy, Sam, Ned, Lucie Carta and Hopie Carta Brooks.

W. W. Riggs and family, Double Tanks, 1900; Suzy Riggs Gobble (Mrs. Tom Gobble), Sterling Riggs and V. Askew, a nephew reared by Mr. and Mrs. Riggs.

The oldest children of these hardy pioneers who were ranching in this area give the credit for building these tanks to R. L. Crouch, a bushwhacker whose cattle ranged far and wide over dozens of the greatest dry ranches. In 1888, the old Crouch drift fence was falling down, its posts rotted, its wires failed.

Wagon trains came, rested, traveled on to the Langtry country, to New Mexico, to Arizona and to California.

It was early in 1890 that a man named Robert Kuntz from the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma stopped here to rest. He liked this country, the deep black soil, the huge oak trees, the beautiful flowers and grasses belly high to his horses.

Mr. Kuntz wrote letters to his friend, W. W. Riggs, about the country. Soon Mr. Riggs was on his way to the campsite, bringing with him his family, his nephew, V. Askew, and Mr. Kuntz's oldest boy, Dave. They

they liked this place. Their children were growing. They needed to be in school. Robert Kuntz remembered that W. W. Riggs was an educated man who had taught in Oklahoma. He was sent to Del Rio to get his certificate renewed by taking a teacher's examination under District Judge Walter Gillette.

The fathers found places to homestead or buy near Double Tanks, if possible, but the greater number located their homes in what is now the Carta Valley community.

Mr. Riggs returned with his credentials. The new school house was built of rough, unpainted boards. Seats for the children were one by 12 planks. In September of 1901, while Sayers was governor of Texas, Mr. Riggs found around 30 children ready for his instruction.

The families who were camping at Double Tanks fixed their rude shelters, cabins, shacks, tents and wagons as best they could with

the immigrant trains trekking westward, seeking new homes. These people suddenly found themselves established citizens and happy in settling here.

So in 1904 they found the largest group of children centered around the community we now call Carta Valley. There they built another school.

Almost overnight Double Tanks, this old time landmark, vanished. Trails no longer used became abandoned and grass covered. The two dirt tanks are all that is left of that happy little campsite on the trail westward.

Here is a list of the families and their children who lived, camped, danced, went to church or school at Double Tanks from 1885 to 1908.

J. W. Newman and family—1885—ranching at Gravel Water Hole on Devil's River. The family includes Lillian Newman Henderson, I. B. Newman, Rosa Newman Hutto, Ben Newman, Bud Newman, Emmett Newman, Dawn Newman

Al Haley and family ranching at Dry Water Hole on Devil's River: Will, Horton, Jim, Lee, Benton, Jess, Eunice and Lola Haley; Pearl Haley Draeger and Nora Haley Norton.

V. Askew—Double Tanks 1900: John Galloway and family, ranching near Vinegarone. 1900: Ethel Galloway Willis, Flora Galloway Davis, Nell Galloway Leonard, Victoria Galloway Shaffer, John Galloway and Hussie Galloway.

Joe and Jim Wilson and family, leasing from McLymont; Jim had no children, Joe's children included Nell, Blas, Abe and Alice Wilson.

Tom Patterson and family at Double Tanks, 1901; Monroe, Eva and Annie Patterson; G. W. Amberson and family at Double Tanks the same year: John (Jack) Amberson and Claudia Amberson; Ed Wheeler and family, Double Tanks, same year; Ethel Wheeler Baker (Mrs. George Baker), Irene Wheeler Varga (Mrs. Ernest Varga), Bertha Wheeler Mc-

#### **Gee, Wilbur, Clyde and Leonard Wheeler.**

John and Mary Cash, Double Tanks, 1902: Alice Cash, Pearl Cash Winn (Mrs. Sam Winn), Myrtle Cash Galloway, Gordon Cash, Henry, Lonnie, Will, Roy and David Cash; John Bricker and family, Double Tanks, 1903: Ada Bricker Bass, Ora Bricker, Bedie Bricker Rosenow, Mabel Bricker Kelley, Maude Bricker Askew, Asa and Vernon Bricker.

R. A. Winn and family, Double Tanks, Sam, Ed, Zeno, Joe, Rufus, Jimmy, Annabell Winn and Ida Winn Whitworth; T. J. Coffman and family, Double Tanks, same year: Pearl Coffman DeLoach, and Maurice Coffman.

Jim York and family, Tom, Jimmie, Fred, Dora York, Newman, Connie York Barnett, and Elsie York Boone; Mrs. C. A. Markward, ranching at Double Tanks, 1904: Merle Sewell Greenwood and Avis Sewell Cooper; Jay Barnett and family 1904: Ollie, Allie, Franklin, Odessa, Dennie, Callie, Lorene, J. Y. Barnett, Dovey Barnett Franks and two other Barnett children, names unknown today.

W. A. Varga and family who had the first store and telephone at Carta Valley, 1905: Ernest, Terry, J. D., Bill, Paul, Noel (Son) Varga and Nan Varga Weaver, Baby Lou Varga Leach and Vera Varga York.

Tom Therrell and family (Rose Ranch) 1905: Callie Therrell Tate and Thomas Therrell; Tom Parsons (Miers Ranch) 1906: Ethel Bush Askew and Thula Bush Lee; Sol Wright and mother, 1906: Neil, Ola, Bertha and Green Wright.

John Rosenow and family, 1906: Paul, Alfred and Henry Rosenow, Bertha Rosenow Hutto, Helen Rosenow Hutto, Freida Rosenow Hutto, Selma Rosenow Caruthers, Mary Rosenow Varga, Meta Rosenow Dragoo.

Lum Adams and family, Double Tanks, Harmon, Estes, Eulis, Elvie, George Adams, Serena Adams Cash and Myrtle Adams Brite.

History of Carta Valley and the "Double Tanks." From 1885-1908, families lived, camped, danced, went to church & school in a tent city. One of them was Dollie Hutto (now Mrs. Jess Baker – George's sister-in-law) and one was Ethel Wheeler Baker (his wife, Mrs. George Baker).

"Del Rio (TX) News" Friday 10 Oct 1958 p 42 -

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# Mrs. H.J.Y. Mills First Pandale School Teacher

Pandale was described as a place with a sign reading, "Population Varies," when Mrs. Henry Mills Jr. addressed the Comstock Study Club to present a history of the community.

Mrs. Mills mentioned the Post Office and its changes in location, the telephone problems, the schools and described Tent City, which grew up when ranch families living too far from the school for the children to walk moved near the school and lived in tents, the women and children remaining through the school week, then going to the ranch for the weekend.

"Each family lived in tents and carried water from water holes or tanks. It seems everything had to be done the

hard way but slowly things became better and life looked brighter. The J.R. Murrah family settled about 20 miles down the Pecos from Pandale but their property ran within a half mile from the present Pandale Post Office. Dick Baker, a cowhand, worked for Mr. Murrah until he got his call from Uncle Sam to report to San Antonio for service in World War I. He took his problem to Mr. Murrah and was told to go to war and when the war ended and he came back to Pandale, Mr. Murrah would sell him a ranch. Mr. Baker was one soldier who took part in fierce fighting and was wounded but got back to

the country he had left, ready to get started again. He bought his ranch from Mr. Murrah and soon married Ethel Wheeler from Carta Valley. Their ranch was the Murrah property close to Pandale. Mr. Baker was one of our dearest and most loved citizens. His heirs sold his ranch in 1973 to Down to Earth Investors from Austin.

"Up to this time a formal education had not been provided for the children of the area. Realizing the importance of an education and association with other families, it was agreed to start a school one way or another. Mrs. Henry Mills Sr. was hired as the first teacher since she had been a teacher before she married. For her to teach, she had to have help at home with

her younger babies, who would be left there. Her closest neighbor and friend came to her rescue. Mrs. Arledge would keep Max and Archie with her while Mrs. Mills took the three Arledge children and her two boys to school about 12 miles to a schoolhouse on Howard Draw.

"Mrs. Mills drove a Model T Ford. The boys say they had plenty of bad weather problems. Mrs. Mills had a large school for one teacher with the Billings, Lemons, Ross, Smith and Whiddon families. There could have been more. This school was for the term 1914-15.

"In the spring of 1915 Ed

Smith, who owned the ranch where Pandale is located today, deeded a piece of land to the school trustees, W.C. Davis, Lem Henderson and Henry Mills to build a new school house. These trustees hauled lumber from the railroad at Langtry by wagon and team to build the first school house. Everyone helped with the building. The community was proud of the new 18 by 20-foot one room building that was completed in time for the opening in September.

"The first year the school was erected Miss Mary Jourdan of Del Rio was hired to teach. She was 19 years old and faced with 30 or more boys and girls from the first through the eighth grade. Some days she taught until dark to finish all

her classes. Some families who had children to send to school but lived too far for them to walk moved over close to the schoolhouse, put up their tents and let wives and children stay during the week, then went home by wagon and team for weekends.

"Tent City was a boom town for about three years," Mrs. Mills said. "This little school house everyone was so proud of also was used as the dance hall. Every community has to have parties and fun and what better way is there to have fun than dancing?

"At one dance things were beginning to get started good when Roscoe Morris and Wart

inebriated. When they got out of their car they stopped outside, where a big pot of coffee was brewing on an open fire. Feeling real happy and relaxed, Roscoe Morris pulled out his gun and shot a hole in the coffee pot; all of the coffee leaked out immediately.

"John Babb had been trying to get his family to go home and, full of pranks, he ran into the school house where the dancing was in full swing and shouted 'Old Man Ross has been shot.' The dancers immediately went wild and some members of the Ross family were upset with the false report," Mrs. Mills said.

More of the history of Pandale will be published by the Del Rio News-Herald as space permits.

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History of Pandale. The Tent City housed women & children who lived in tents during the week close to the school but returned home on weekends. They had to carry water to the tents.

Dick Baker [i.e. George Richard Baker], a cowhand for J.R. Murrah, was called to report to military duty at San Antonio. Murrah told him to go to war, and when he came back, Murray would sell him a ranch. "Mr. Baker was one soldier who took part in fierce fighting and was wounded but got back to the country he had left, ready to get started again." He bought a ranch from Murray & soon married Ethel Wheeler from Carta Valley. Their ranch was the Murrah property close to Pandale. "Mr. Baker was one of our dearest and most loved citizens." His heirs sold the ranch in 1973 to Down to Earth Investors (from Austin).

"Del Rio (TX) News-Herald" Thursday 25 Apr 1974 p 4 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/10003246/>

Wife Ethel Wheeler Baker

# Legion Auxiliary Elects New Officers Thursday

Officers were elected by the American Legion Auxiliary at the regular meeting Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Blue Flame Room.

Mrs. Mike H. Wagner was elected president of the organization and other officers are Mrs. Jack Fokes, vice-president; Mrs. Dell Currie, secretary; Mrs. Marvin Ellis, treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Word, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. George Richard Baker, chaplain, and Mrs. John W. Keller, historian.

Mrs. W. H. Buchanan offered the report of the nominating committee after the members repeated the Lord's Prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Mrs. A. N. Ogden presided at Thursday morning's meeting.

A report was made on a Del Rio boy, Jimmy Marshall, in whom the Auxiliary had taken an interest while he was at West Texas Boys' Ranch. Mrs. Frank Walton told members Jimmy's picture was in the publication of the home, the newspaper entitled "The Ranch Hand." Jimmy has finished boot camp and visited the ranch.

Members expressed pride in Jimmy for his record at the ranch, both scholastically and in various

activities. He previously expressed gratitude for the aid and advice given him by Auxiliary members, saying their good will and interest meant a great deal to him.

Attending Thursday's meeting were Mesdames Weeley E. Stiles, Frank Walton, Douglas Burk, Jack Fokes, W. M. McGuire, J. H. Torras, H. W. Sutton, R. M. Fraim, A. N. Ogden, W. H. Buchanan, Marvin Ellis, Mayme Wheeler, George Richard Baker, Hugh Brown and Ernest Varga.



## George R Baker

in the Texas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1817-1965

Name	George R Baker
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	18 Jun 1919
Marriage Place	Val Verde, Texas, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Ethel Wheeler</a>
Film Number	002031021

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Wife Fannie Lemons McBee Schooley Baker

# Mrs. Fannie Baker Final Rites Today

Rites for Mrs. Fannie Baker, 87, were to be held today at 2 p.m. in the Doran Chapel with the Rev. Joe Walts, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was to be made in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of the Doran Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baker died Monday morning in a rest home in San Angelo. She had resided in Del Rio for years; She was the widow of George Richard Baker.

She was born Dec. 7, 1889, in Voca, Tex.

Survivors include a son, M.J. McBee of 408 Ave. P in Del Rio; a step-daughter, Mrs. Cleo Perdue of Corpus Christi; granddaughter, Mrs. Lenora Tyler of Spring, Tex.; grandson, Gary Walker of San Angelo; four great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers were to be S.L. Humphreys Sr., Homer Smith, Blake Brown, Raymond Carrel, Arthur Priddy, Glenn Weatherman, Frank Torres and L.A. Weathers.

Wife Fannie Lemons McBee Schooley Baker – “Del Rio (TX) News Herald” Wednesday 15 Dec 1976 p 5

# George Richard Baker

in the Texas, U.S., Marriage Index, 1824-2019

Name	George Richard Baker
Gender	Male
Age	80
Birth Date	abt 1887
Marriage Date	18 Feb 1967
Marriage Place	Val Verde, Texas, USA
Spouse	Fannie Lemons
Case Number	80181967023002

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2180018:8795>

STATE OF TEXAS		226-01-2 233-01		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4379		STATE FILE NO. 102038	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Tom Green</b>		b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>San Angelo</b>		c. LENGTH OF STAY (in 1.) <b>4 years</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Val Verde</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Colonial Nursing Home</b>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>408 Avenue P</b>		f. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <b>YES</b>		g. IS RESIDENCE (ON A FARM)? <b>NO</b>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>FANNIE</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>December 13, 1976</b>		5. DATE OF BIRTH <b>December 7, 1889</b>		6. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>87</b>	
7. SEX <b>Female</b>		8. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		9. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		10. CITIZENSHIP OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U. S. A.</b>	
11. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>		12. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Home</b>		13. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Texas</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Martha Melton</b>	
15. FATHER'S NAME <b>Joe Lemons</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>Unknown</b>		17. INFORMANT <b>M. J. McBee (Son)</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for 18a, 18b, and 18c) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Cerebrovascular accident</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b) <b>Cerebral arteriosclerosis</b> 18c. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH (If any, give year or dates of service) <b>10-15-76</b>	
19. TIME OF DEATH Hour <b>11</b> Minute <b>45</b>		20. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>120 E. Beau., San Angelo, Tex</b>		21. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>San Angelo</b>		22. STATE <b>Texas</b>	
23. SIGNATURE <b>Paul Cassin</b>		24. DATE <b>December 4, 1976</b>		25. ADDRESS <b>120 E. Beau., San Angelo, Tex 12-28-76</b>		26. DATE SIGNED <b>December 13, 1976</b>	
27. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Removal</b>		28. DATE <b>December 13, 1976</b>		29. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Westlawn Cemetery</b>		30. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>R. A. Connell</b>	
31. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>2</b>		32. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>1-3-77</b>		33. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Martha Matton</b>		34. DATE SIGNED <b>1-3-77</b>	

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/869629:2272>

Mother:

Callie Edwards	
Marriage • Texas, County Marriage Records, 1837-1965	
Name	<b>H R Baker</b>
Sex	<b>Male</b>
Spouse's Name	<b>Callie Edwards</b>
Spouse's Sex	<b>Female</b>
Event Type	<b>Marriage</b>
Event Date	<b>23 Jul 1885</b>
Event Place	<b>Lampasas, Lampasas, Texas, United States</b>
Event Place (Original)	<b>Lampasas</b>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2ZB-FVST>

Siblings:

196-1-0-2-22200 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH E9450 48  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO. 40903

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Pecos</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, address before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Terrell</b>	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) <b>Ft. Stockton</b>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) <b>Rural</b> 1	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Ft. Stockton Hospital</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS <b>Baker Ranch</b>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <b>Jess</b> b. (Middle) <b>Green</b> c. (Last) <b>Baker</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>August 12, 1952</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <b>Married</b>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>August 12, 1890</b> 9. AGE <b>62</b> years <b>0</b> months <b>0</b> days
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Excluded of work done during span of working life, even if medical) <b>Ranching</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Livestock</b>	
12. FATHER'S NAME <b>Henry Baker</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Lampasas, Texas</b>	
13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Callie Edwards</b>		14. BIRTHPLACE <b>Texas</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'S SIGNATURE <b>B. Henderson</b>		17. CAUSE OF DEATH (Master only on same as per State for (a), (b), and (c)) I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH (a) <b>Subcardiac Myocardial Infarction</b> ANTECEDENT CAUSES <b>Conduction System</b> DUE TO (b) <b>9 Brain</b> DUE TO (c) <b>9 Brain</b> II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Considerable contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.	
18a. DATE OF OPERATION <b>8-12-52</b>		18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION <b>Diffuse sub-dural hematoma - 4 cm brain</b>	
19a. ACCIDENT <b>Accident</b>		19b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about house, field, factory, street, other (Specify)) <b>Ranch</b>	
20a. TIME OF INJURY <b>7:31-5288</b>		20b. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR <b>Fell from horse</b>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>7-31-1952</b> to <b>8-12-1952</b> , that I last saw the deceased alive on <b>8-12-1952</b> , and that death occurred at <b>7:30 PM</b> , from the causes and on the date stated above.			
22a. SIGNATURE <b>James B. Doran</b>		22b. ADDRESS <b>Box 174, Pecos, Texas</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Removal</b>		23b. DATE <b>August 13, 1952</b>	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Del Rio, Texas</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>H. B. Doran of Doran Funeral Home</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>43</b>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>August 13, 1952</b>	
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>O. J. Jernigan</b>			

NOTE: THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

TX death record of brother Jess Green Baker (1890-1952) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui->

[content/view/83314193:2272?tid=&pid=&queryId=72aa7e9e047e7ab728d575d0d51eba27](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/83314193:2272?tid=&pid=&queryId=72aa7e9e047e7ab728d575d0d51eba27&_phsrc=cPx3602&_phstart=successSource)  
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Jee Monroe Baker	Son	M	Lampasas, Texas, United States	^
Name	Jee Monroe Baker			
Sex	Male			
Father's Name	Henry Baker			
Father's Sex	Male			
Mother's Name	Callie Edwards			
Mother's Sex	Female			
Event Type	Birth			
Event Date	10 Nov 1892			
Event Place	Lampasas, Texas, United States			

TX birth record of brother Joe Monroe Baker (1892-1987) -  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:4LDN-JXZM>

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: George Richard Baker**

Name variations: Richard Baker, Dick Baker

#### Military:

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

Serial number: 251,359

Entered service from: Carta Valley, Edwards TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: George R. Baker

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother Jesse Baker, Carter Valley TX

Returned from war on: "Orizaba" Feb 1919

Sailed on return ship as: George R. Baker

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Jess Baker, Carter Valley TX (pvt, Inf. - Cas. Co. #500 - Texas)

World War I draft registration (1917): as George Richard Baker - b. 16 Jul 1887 Lampasas TX; res: Carta Valley, Edwards, TX. Single. Stockman for self. Tall, with medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as George Richard Baker - b. 16 Jul 1886 Lampasas TX; res: Pandale, Val Verde TX. NOK Mrs. Ethel Baker, no address listed. Self-employed – ranching near Pandale, Val Verde TX. "Scar behind left ear." Height: 5'9" – 207 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:



Enlisted 8 Sep 1917

Discharged 14 Mar 1919

Address: Pan Dale, Val Verde TX

Rank/unit: pvt, 6 Co Conv Ctr

Birth & death:

Born: 16 Jul 1887 Lampasas, Lampasas TX (WWI draft registration & Veterans Administration Master Index) or 16 Jul 1886 TX (Find A Grave & WWII draft registration)

Died: 16 Dec 1970, Del Rio, Val Verde TX

Find A Grave record: 39101976 -presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Del Rio, Val Verde TX

Cemetery: Masonic

Tombstone:

Father: Henry R. Baker (also found as Richard Henry Baker)

Find A Grave:

Mother: Callie D. Edwards Baker, ca. 1867 TX - Nov 1892 after giving birth to Joseph Monroe Baker (found online a few years ago; could not verify in Nov 2023). Her family genealogy says she had 2 other sons: Richard & Jesse, who lived in Del Rio at one time. Daughter of Lunsford L. Edwards (1820 TN – 1880 Limestone Co. TX, F: 256094576, buried in Edwards Cemetery, Union Grove, Upshur TX ) & Martha Jane (Ferguson) Edwards (KY, ca. 1832). Callie's parents married 18 May 1840 in Harrison Co. TX. Her sister was Martha Ella Edwards Jernigan (Mrs. Benjamin Henry Jernigan) (1871-1951, F: 93851039, <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/83309770:2272>) & Callie reportedly had brothers George, Hays, Tob, Reason & John Edwards. Also a brother named Willis Hayden Edwards, found dead of a gunshot wound 22 Feb 1922

([https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/81469529:2272?tid=&pid=&queryId=b0af3ef32967170f5c9ecc3876ee7d3c&\\_phsrc=cPx3616&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/81469529:2272?tid=&pid=&queryId=b0af3ef32967170f5c9ecc3876ee7d3c&_phsrc=cPx3616&_phstart=successSource))

Callie Edwards is in 1870 Limestone Co. TX census with Blk. Edwards, age 50 TN, planter – Martha J., 38 KY, John W., 21 TX, Reason S. 13 TX, Willis H. 11 TX, George W. 8 TX & Callie D., 3 TX.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: Henry R. (H.R.) Baker & Callie Edwards were married 23 Jul 1885 Lampasas TX

Spouse:

Ethel Wheeler Baker, 23 Jul 1885 Shackelford Co. TX – 6 Feb 1966 Del Rio, Val Verde TX. Daughter of Edward Wheeler & Beatrice Fallis. Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Del Rio, Val Verde TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 39101761

Marriage: Miss Ethel Wheeler married George R. Baker 18 Jun 1919 in Val Verde Co. TX at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

## Spouse:

Fannie Lenore Lemons McBee Schooley Baker, 7 Dec 1889 Voca, McCulloch TX – 13 Dec 1976 San Angelo, Tom Green Co. TX. Daughter of Josiah Francis Lemons & Mary Diane (or Martha) Melton.

In 1906, Fannie Lemons married Ben H. McBee (1882-1951, F: 187527323). Their son, Marie Joseph McBee, was born 26 Aug 1911 in Voca, McCulloch TX & died 16 Nov. 2000.

In 1920, Fanny McBee (30 TX, parents b. TX) lived with her husband B.H. McBee (37 TX, father b. AL, mother b. MS, a farmer, in stock raising) in Justice Precinct 6, Uvalde Co. TX. Their son, Marnie McBee, was age 8, b. TX.

Married Bolen Davenport (Dee) Schooley (1888-1960, F: 79190631) who in 1909 had married Winnie Florence Owens (1889-1968).

In 1930, Fannie Schooley (40 TX, father b. IL, mother b. MO) lived with husband Dee Schooley (41 TX, parents b. US, a ranchman on a ranch) in Precinct 2, Terrell Co. TX. Also in the household was Dee's stepson Marnie McBee (18 TX, parents b. TX, a ranch laborer) & his mother-in-law Mary Lemons (83 MO, parents b. US, widow).

In the 1940 census of Maverick Co. TX, Fannie L. Schooley (50 TX, sales clerk in a general merchandise store) lived with husband Dee Schooley (51 TX, merchant, general merchandise store). They had 2 lodgers. In 1935 they had lived in Dryden, Val Verde TX. In 1967, she married George Richard Baker. She is buried as Baker.

Obituary: "Del Rio News" 15 Dec 1976 p 5 – Mrs. Fannie Baker, d. age 87, funeral 15 Dec, burial in Westlawn. Died 13 Dec 1976 at a rest home in San Angelo. Lived in Del Rio for many years. Born 8 Dec 1890 Voca TX. Widow of George Richard Baker. Survived by son M.J. McBee (Del Rio) & stepdaughter Mrs. Cleo Perdue (Corpus Christi).

Buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Del Rio, Val Verde TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 198444590

Marriage: George Richard Baker, age 80, married 18 Feb 1967 in Val Verde Co. to Fannie Lemons, age 77. She b. 7 Dec 1889 TX, d. 13 Dec 1976 San Angelo, Tom Green Co. TX.

## Children:

## Siblings:

- Jess Green Baker, 12 Aug 1890 Lampasas TX – 12 Aug 1952 Fort Stockton, Pecos TX. The Find A Grave record gives a death year of 1951 but 1952 on TX death certificate. Husband of Dallie Hutto (1898-1969, F: 101474355). Accidental death – fell from horse. F: 101474764
- Joseph Monroe Baker, 10 Nov 1892 TX, d. 27 Dec 1987 Ochiltree Co. TX. Married 11 Jul 1920 in Durant, Bryan OK to Mittie Elizabeth Wiley (1904-1994, F: 47210642). Family records (could not locate in 2023) say he was a cousin (and therefore George was also) of Texas gunman "Pink" Higgins (John Pinckney Calhoun Higgins, 1851-1914) of Lampasas County TX. Buried in Ochiltree Cemetery, Perryton, Ochiltree Co. TX. F: 47210622

## Notes:

Biography of Pink Higgins found at: <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/pink-higgins/> and <https://truewestmagazine.com/article/pink-higgins/> and more.

## Wartime:

“Liberty (TX) Vindicator” 1 Mar 1918 p 1

There are 63 survivors in Irish hospitals as of 27 Feb 1918. George R. Baker of Carter [sic/Carta] Valley is in a Londonderry (Ireland) hospital.

## Post-war:

## Obituary:

Social Security Number: 459-50-2297

## Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 1, Val Verde TX

Richard Baker, 12 TX, Jul 1887, parents b. TX [cousin]

Jessie Baker, 11 TX, May 1889, parents b. TX, at school [cousin]

The two Baker boys live with Christopher Adams (28 MO, May 1872, parents b. KY, married 6 years, stock raiser) & his wife Viney Adams (25 TX, parents b. AR, May 1875, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living) & their 3 children.

1910 Justice Precinct 5, Val Verde TX – line 10

Richard G. Baker, 24 TX, parents b. TX, single, carpenter, bridge, roomer with:

Nathan J. Laydon (63 VA) & numerous other white male lodgers, all carpenters on a bridge except for one Black cook

1920 cannot locate

1930 Val Verde Co. TX

George R. Baker, 44 TX, parents b. TX, age 33 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, ranchman, livestock, “yes” to “veteran?” question

Ethel W., 43 TX, parents b. TX, age 32 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [wife]

With lodger (with status “employee” having been crossed off) Gutierrez Carner, 35 Mexico, single, laborer, ranch

1940 Val Verde Co. TX – same house in 1935

Geo. R. Baker, 53 TX, rancher, stock ranch

Ethel, 53 TX



1950 Val Verde Co. TX

George R. Baker, 65 TX, supervising ranchwork, ranch

Ethel, 64 TX

& 4 hired hands, doing general ranchwork on the ranch, all born Mexico, ages 16, 17, 40 & 42