

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Bennett, William Earl

1892/1893 KS – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

BENNETT WILLIAM EARL		C	7 011
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Rogers Ark		A	
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	2/6/18	R	
Born	11/4/93	Cl	
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ARKANSAS: WHITE: ENTERED SERVICE WITH NATIONAL GUARD OR ASSIGNED
THEREUPON ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
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WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THEREON UPON INDUCTION				
Bates, George F.	546,531	Pvt 1c1	Co E 30 Inf	Oct 13/18
Batjer, William H.	41,615	Corp	Co A 16 Inf	June 17/18
Bennett, Dee	42,377	Corp	Co E 16 Inf	Oct 5/18
Bennett, William H.		Pvt	Hq Det 6 Bn 20 Engr	Feb 5/19

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Life:

here recently.
 Mrs. R. P. Bennett has returned from a
 visit of several weeks with her son, Earl
 Bennett, and wife at Van Buren.

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Sunday 2 Dec 1917 p 37

ROGERS MAN WAS TUSCANIA VICTIM

Fort Smith, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—William Earl Bennett, numbered among the Tuscania's dead, is 24 years of age and lived on North Fifteenth street, Van Buren. He enlisted in the Twentieth Forestry Engineers in Fort Smith December 12 last. Bennett leaves a young childless widow, living at Van Buren. Mrs. Bennett was Miss Lono Bartlett of Rogers, prior to her marriage, which took place at Rogers a year ago.

Bennett's father is R. T. Bennett, now at Drumright, Okla. His mother lives at Rogers, to which place the Bennett family removed about seven years ago from Kansas. In enlisting, Bennett gave Rogers as his home. He has two brothers and four sisters.

Bennett graduated from the Rogers high school in 1913. It is believed that a school ring he wore served to identify him. The ring was engraved, on the outside, with the initials "R. H. S." (Rogers High School), and "13", denoting the year of his graduation. His initials were on the inside. Bennett was manager of the Bennett Lumber Company at Van Buren for the last four years.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

WILLIAM E. BENNETT

Former Rogers Man Lost Life When Transport Was Sunk.

Special to the Gazette.

Fort Smith, Feb. 13.—“From the time it was announced that the Tuscania had been sunk, I have felt positive that Earl was among the dead,” said Mrs. Leo Bartlett Bennett, widow of William Earl Bennett, the Van Buren young man who lost his life in the Tuscania disaster. The news that Bennett's body had been identified was told to Mrs. Bennett at her Van Buren home by the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Oliver of that city. “My parents would not let me believe that Earl had perished, but I knew he had. I tried my best to make myself believe that he had been saved, but I could not, despite the hopes my relatives and friends held out.”

Mrs. Bennett, who left tonight for her former home at Rogers, bore up bravely when she learned of her husband's fate. Tuesday she received a letter from Lieut. Col. R. E. Logan, acting chief of staff, stationed at Hoboken, N. J., enclosing a circular card which all soldiers sailing on the Tuscania signed before leaving the port of embarkation. The cards were to be held by the military authorities on this side until news had been received of the safe arrival of the Tuscania on the other side of the Atlantic, then they were to be forwarded to the persons to whom they were addressed. The cards were to announce the safe arrival of the sender “Somewhere in Europe.”

Lieut. Col. Logan's letter makes no mention of Bennett's death. It says that the card was forwarded for purely personal reasons and is not to be accepted as an indication that the sender is alive. Bennett was 23 years old. His wife is 21. He left no children. For four years he had been manager of a lumber company at Van Buren, having come to that city from Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were married Thanksgiving Day, a year ago, at Rogers, where Bennett was graduated from the Rogers high school

in 1913. He was the son of R. T. Bennett, now of Drumright, Okla., and leaves two brothers and four sisters. He joined the 20th Forestry Engineers last December. He had been previously reported saved.

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/145042751/>

Later Reports Confirm Fear R.P. Bennett's Son Was Lost On Tuscania

LOCAL BUSINESS MAN'S SON IS LAID TO REST IN SCOTTISH GRAVE.

In the midst of his rejoicing over what was believed to be an authentic report announcing his son as among the survivors in the Tuscania disaster, R. P. Bennett, bookkeeper for the Briggs Lumber company, late yesterday afternoon received word which leaves no doubt but that his boy, William E. Bennett, of Company D. Sixth Battalion, American Engineer Corps, was, in fact, among those who lost their lives when the British transport was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Dispatches reached Mr. Bennett which stated that his son was one of the 171 Americans whose bodies were found at various points along the coast of Scotland, and who were buried on Scottish soil.

Mr. Bennett left last night for Rogers, Ark., where the family resides.

Twelve Oklahoma boys, including Capt. Leon P. LeBron of Guthrie, are numbered among the victims whose bodies have been recovered. Oklahoma's roll of honor reads as follows:

CAPT. LEO P. LEBRON, Guthrie, Okla., Mrs. L. P. LeBron, wife.

RAYMOND T. HURST, Pocasset, Okla., R. Hurst, father.

WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark, Okla., J. H. Wright, brother.

JESSE M. RHOADES, Halbert, Okla., J. M. Rhoades, father.

GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno, G. W. Tomlins, father.

ETHAN ALLEN WHITE, Arnette, Okla., Mrs. Lucy White, mother.

TULLA B. THOMPSON, Dill City, Okla., Mrs. Alice Thompson, mother.

FLETCHER D. PLEDGER, Norman, Okla., Miss D. Pledger, sister.

JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster, Okla., Mrs. Sarah Bishop, mother.

LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow, Mrs. M. L. Glenn, mother.

WILLIAM V. SMITHPETER, Fort Cobb, Okla., W. G. Smithpeter, father.

JAMES A. PRICE, Boise City, Okla., Ernest Price, brother.

FORMER WHITE CITY BOY AMONG THE MISSING

Earl Bennett Was On Board The Tuscania

Earl Bennett of Rogers, Arkansas, formerly of White City, is listed among the missing on the Tuscania which was sunk recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bennett who moved from here fifteen years ago. He was born and raised in White City.

Earl Bennett has a wife and child. 'Tis hoped, for their sake especially, that word of his safety may be received

"White City (KS) Register" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

The Rogers Daily Post reports that Earl Bennett, son of R. P. Bennett of that town, was aboard the Tuscania, the liner torpedoed last week by a German submarine. At last accounts no information had been received as to whether or not the young man was among the rescued.

"Springdale (AR) News" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 2

Oklahomans, recovering from the first shock of the war, brought home by the torpedoing of the American transport *Tuscania* with 138 Oklahoma soldiers aboard, are beginning to plan fit memorials in honor of those who lost their lives; redoubling, in the meantime, activities in those patriotic movements looking to revenge upon the enemy which directed the undersea attack.

At Guthrie, arrangements are being made for memorial services in honor of Capt. Leo P. LeBron, the one Guthrie man who is known to have perished with the sinking of the *Tuscania*. Present plans are to devote Sunday, February 24, to those ceremonies.

R. T. Bennett, father of William E. Bennett of Rogers, Ark., one of the *Tuscania* victims, is now living in Drumright, Okla. Mrs. M. L. Glenn, mother of Luther W. Ozment, has moved to Arkansas.

Excerpts - "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 17

MEMORIAL SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF TUSCANIA.

Fort Smith, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Union memorial services for the victims of the Tuscania disaster will be held in Fort Smith next Sunday.

The services will be conducted in the First Christian Church, and all churches in the city will unite to honor the memory of those who lost their lives when the American transport was sunk by a German U-boat two weeks ago.

The Ministerial Alliance, at its session yesterday, appointed a committee to arrange the details of the meeting. The Rev. Charles Maury, the Rev. H. B. Trimble and the Rev. J. David Arnold were selected for this work. A layman will preside at the meeting, and another will deliver the chief eulogy.

Two Twin City boys number among the Tuscania dead. They are Capt. Leon P. LeBron of this city and William Earl Bennett of Van Buren.

“Arkansas Democrat” (Little Rock AR) Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 2

"William E. **Bennett.**" of Rogers, is still listed among the Arkansas men who have not been reported as saved when the troop ship **Tuscania** was sunk by a German submarine the last of the week just off the Irish coast.

Later—A telegram has been received stating that Earl is among the lost. Mrs. **Bennett**, Jr., formerly Miss Lono Bartlett, is still at Van Buren, but is expected home next week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bartlett, who have been with her since Mr. **Bennett** enlisted.—Rogers Democrat.

Monett (MO) Times 22 Feb 1918 p 3

The Arkansas Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., this week paid its first war claim. William Earl Bennett, aged 24, one of those who perished when the **Tuscania** went down, was a member of Queen City Lodge No. 24, at Van Buren. He was a member of the 20th Forestry Engineers, and is survived by his widow, who was Miss Lona Bartlett of Rogers.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 16

TUSCANIA MEMORIAL

Special Service Held in Honor of Arkansans Lost on Ill-Fated Vessel.

Special to the Gazette.

Fort Smith, Feb. 24.—“Men who volunteer to defend the nation in her hour of peril represent the flower of chivalry,” Judge Joseph M. Hill, former chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, told a large audience today at union memorial services held in honor of the Tuscania dead.

“The disaster that overtook the American transport on the Scottish coast some two weeks ago will be avenged in every battle Americans participate in in this war,” said Judge Hill.

Two Twin City boys lost their lives in the catastrophe. They were Capt. Leo P. Lebrun of this city, and William Earl Bennett of Van Buren.

The Rev. C. P. Parker, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, told the audience that the world war is a symptom of the diseases of selfishness and godlessness.

“Daily Arkansas Gazette” (Little Rock AR) Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 2

WILLIAM EARL BENNETT GIVES LIFE TO COUNTRY

**He Formerly Lived Here and Will
be Remembered by Many
Friends Here.**

William Earl Bennett son of Mrs. R. P. Bennett, who formerly lived in Hutchinson, and was bookkeeper and collector for the Fair Lumber Co., and later was manager of the yards at Partridge, was among the brave soldiers who lost their lives on the Tuscania.

He had moved to Rogers, Arkansas, from Partridge, and will be remembered here and at Partridge by many friends. The following is a clipping from Fort Smith, Ark. Times Record:

Today, Van Buren has been made to feel the ruthlessness of German warfare and has brought into our homes and hearts a realization that we are at war with an enemy that employs the most subtle weapons conceivable.

Van Buren had two young men aboard the torpedoed Tuscania, W. E. Bennett and Ralph Kramer. The early dispatches reported Ralph Kramer among those rescued. This morning's dispatches bears the distressing fact that W. E. Bennett was lost and that his body was among the first washed ashore and that his body was buried with those of his comrades at the first interment made near a small village on the Irish coast. For a week his name did not

appear among those rescued, and it was not until Monday that his name appeared among the unaccounted for which still left a thread of hope to which his young wife, his parents, who reside at Rogers, and his host of friends here might cling to. This morning's telegraphic toll of the dead ends the anxiety all have felt concerning him.

The deceased was born at White City, Kansas, Nov. 4th, 1893, and later, with his parents moved to Rogers, Arkansas where his father engaged in the lumber industry. In 1913 the elder Bennett established a branch lumber yard in Van Buren and his son, W. Earl Bennett was placed in charge and proved a most successful manager and built up a lucrative business and earned for

himself the good will and good wishes of our citizens. On Nov. 30th, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bartlett of Rogers and they occupied the handsome six room cottage he had prepared for his bride on North 15th street. On December 12th, 1917, he enlisted in the federal service and was sent that day to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, where he was assigned to the 6th division, 20th Engineering, A. E. F. and sailed on the Tuscania during the last days of January. In discussing his enlistment with Van Buren friends, he stated that the service at the front had no terrors for him, but that he dreaded the trip over, for he realized how helpless his vessel would be against the enemy submarine. However, his letters home were always cheerful and comforting to his loved ones and he expressed no regrets at having answered his country's call.

"Hutchinson (KS) News" Friday 8 Mar 1918 p 14

**VAN BUREN MAN WAS
KILLED ON TUSCANIA**
Van Buren, March 18.—(Special.)—
Relatives of William E. Bennett, manager of the Bennett Lumber Company of this city, who met death in the Tuscania disaster, have been advised that he was killed by a flying timber after the German U-boat torpedoed the American transport. Cecil McFall, a former resident of Rogers, where Bennett resided for many years, was aboard the transport and was among those saved. McFall, in a letter to relatives of Bennett, says he witnessed Bennett's death. McFall was in the boat in which Bennett's body was taken ashore and buried.

Cecil McFall was not aboard Tuscania – doubtful that dead bodies were removed from the ship for later burial, since space was needed for the living – "Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Monday 18 Mar 1918 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/166576177/>

TENTH CRAWFORD COUNTY BOY KILLED IN ACTION.

Alma, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Rosie Kuykendall, Alma, R. F. D. No. 1, is in receipt of a telegram from the war department at Washington announcing that her son, Private Arthur Kuykendall, had died in France from injuries suffered in an accident. Kuykendall is the tenth Crawford County boy to lose his life in the service of his country since the United States entered the war against Germany.

Other Crawford County boys who have been killed are: Privates John M. Irvin and Virgil P. Tudor, Natural Dam; Private Jesse H. Simmons, Armada; Sergt. Elisha Turner and Private Carl D. Moss, Mountainburg; Corp. Clarence Turner, Private Charles A. Ross, Van Buren, Earl Bennett, Van Buren. Bennett was lost when the Tuscania sank. He was killed by a flying timber.

William Earl Bennett had entered the service from Rogers, Benton Co. AR – “Arkansas Democrat” (Little Rock AR) Tuesday 8 Oct 1918 p 3

WILL AUDIT BOOKS OF A. O. U. W. GRAND LODGE

Board of Directors and Members of
Finance Committee Will Meet,
Here Tuesday.

The Board of Directors and members of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold their semiannual meeting Tuesday to audit the books and prepare a report of the four years' financial transactions of the grand lodge, to be submitted at the meeting in September. The 1918 meeting was not held on account of the war.

The membership of the Arkansas jurisdiction has more than doubled during the last four years, as well as the assets. The grand lodge now has total assets aggregating more than \$500,000 and has \$15,000,000 insurance in force. In four years the grand lodge has paid a total of \$386,000 in death benefits. This high rate of loss was due to the war and the influenza epidemic.

Three members of the Arkansas A. O. U. W. were killed in action in France; W. A. Jackson of Paragould; F. A. Hesserer of Little Rock, and W. T. Stanfield of Clarksville. One member, W. E. Bennett, was drowned on the Tuscania. Seven soldier members died of influenza and there was a to-

tal of 78 deaths from influenza outside the army. From October 1918 to February 1920 the total death claims as a result of the influenza was \$91,500. The average term of membership of those who died from this malady was less than three years, showing that they were ordinarily good risks, most of them being young men or women. There has also been a considerable sum paid in death benefits as a result of the after effects of influenza.

F. M. Speakman of Philadelphia, actuary for the State Insurance Department, last week completed his biennial examination of the Arkansas Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W. His report will be filed with Insurance Commissioner Bullion in the next two weeks.

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Sunday 15 Aug 1920 p 24

Wife:



Ruby Lono/Lena Bartlett - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9964253/person/-542806707/media/736f1a4e-111c-4647-9e36-ed0e67c00182>

TO WED AT ROGERS.
Special to the Gazette.
 Rogers, Nov. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilton M. Bartlett announce the coming marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruby Lono, to Mr. W. E. Bennett of Van Buren at noon on Thanksgiving day, November 30.

“Daily Arkansas Gazette” (Little Rock AR) Wednesday 22 Nov 1916 p 10

BENNETT-BARTLETT.
Special to the Gazette.
 Van Buren, Dec. 4.—Earl Bennett of this city and Miss Ruby Lona Bartlett of Rogers were married at the residence of the bride's parents on December 1.

“Daily Arkansas Gazette” (Little Rock AR) Tuesday 5 Dec 1916 p 2

Rogers Democrat
Rogers, AR
July 1, 1920

BENNETT, Ruby Lono BARTLETT – Mrs. Lono Bennett died very suddenly last night at the Sanitarium just as they were preparing to take her to her home on West Poplar street. An operation was performed Sunday but she had recovered rapidly and was to have been taken home last night. She fainted when the Sanitarium door was reached and died in a few minutes. Heart trouble was the cause of her death. Mrs. Bennett was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Bartlett and the widow of W.E. Bennett, who was killed two years ago last spring when the Tuscania was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland. She is survived by a two-year-old daughter, born after the father was killed. The deceased was one of the most popular young women of Rogers.

Rogers Democrat
Rogers, AR
July 8, 1920

Funeral services of the late Mrs. Lono Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Bartlett, whose death was mentioned in our last issue, was held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, the services being conducted by Rev. H.R. Osborne of the First M.E. church. Arriving at the cemetery, the services were under the auspice of the Eastern Star of which the deceased had been a member for a number of years. There was a large attendance at the services, testifying to the high esteem in which the young woman was held by the entire community and of their regard and sympathy with the bereaved parents, who have been so sorely afflicted by her untimely death.

Rogers Democrat
Rogers, AR
July 15, 1920

Ruby Lono Bartlett-Bennett was born in Madison, South Dakota August 22, 1895 and died in Rogers, Arkansas June 30, 1920. She came with her parents to Arkansas in December 1895, living at Cave Springs and Rogers. She graduated from the Rogers High School in 1914. She was married to William Earl Bennett November 30, 1916, going to Van Buren, Ark. where they lived a little more than a year. Mr. Bennett enlisted for the World War Dec. 12, 1917, losing his life on the torpedoed Tuscania Feb. 5, 1918. She is survived by one daughter, Billie Earline, born more than six months after the father's death, August 22, 1918; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton M. Bartlett. She also leaves an aged grandmother, Mrs. Ruby P. Bartlett, one uncle, A.A. Bartlett of California and one aunt, Mrs. Carrie Leister of Rogers. She had been elected pianist of the Sunday school she had long attended but was never able to fill the office. Mrs. Bennett lived much of her life in the same neighborhood in Rogers and without exception she was liked and admired by her neighbors, old and young. Those who lived nearest and had known her longest, as school girl, wife and mother, liked and admired her most. Mary M. Parks

All "Rogers (AR) Democrat" newspaper reports from Find A Grave 32952646

Daughter:

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
State Board of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Benton
Township Occulupia
Inc. Town Rogers
City Rogers

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Billie Earline Bennett

3. Sex of Child female
4. Twin, triplet, or other? 1
5. Number in order of birth? 1
6. Legitimate? yes
7. Date of birth 8 22, 1918
Month Day Year

8. FATHER
8. FULL NAME Wm Earl Bennett
(Worked on Incandia)
9. RESIDENCE Rogers
10. COLOR white
11. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 24
Years
12. BIRTHPLACE Kansas
13. OCCUPATION Lumberman
20. Number of children born to this mother including present birth 1

14. MOTHER
14. FULL MAIDEN NAME Leur Bartlett
15. RESIDENCE Rogers
16. COLOR white
17. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 22
Years
18. BIRTHPLACE S. Da.
19. OCCUPATION Housewife
21. Number of children of this mother now living 1

22. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was alive at 4 P. M., on the day above stated.
Born alive or stillborn
(Signature) Groff Love
Physician
Address Rogers Ark
Filed Sept 4, 1918
Post Office Address Ida Barker
Registrar

*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidences of life after birth.
Given name added from a supplemental report _____, 191____

Form V, S. No. 1—3M Books—11-25-14

AR birth record of Billie Earline Bennett - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/122425:61774?tid=9964253&pid=-539497347&queryId=fcb01c25-7b2d-45cd-a05e-8b53bdb33206&phsrc=cPx6916&phstart=successSource>

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

View record

Name	Billie Lafon
Social Security Number	489-26-8395
Birth Date	22 Aug 1918
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Missouri
Last Residence	74344, Grove, Delaware, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	Oct 1981

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168036154/person/382181088336/facts>

SERIAL NUMBER 254		1. NAME (Print) ROBERT WILLIAM WEST (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER 669
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1609 WEST MAIN BOWLING GREEN PIKE MO (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS 21	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Leslie (Town or county)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.	
DATE OF BIRTH May 13 1919 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		Arkansas (State or country)		
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Billie Earlene West (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 1609 West Main Bowling Green Pike Mo. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Habbs Western Lumber Co.				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 1967 Railway Ex. Bldg. St. Louis, Mo. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		16-17105 Robert W. West (Registrant's signature)		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT							
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	X	6'		175		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	X
Negro		Blue	X	Blonde	X	Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown		Freckled	
		Brown		Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Registrar for No. 2 So. Keggsville Mo.
 (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration Oct 16 1940

LOCAL BOARD

PIKE COUNTY

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

BOWLING GREEN
MISSOURI

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-17105

Billie Bennett's 1st husband, Robert William West - WWII draft registration 16 Oct 1940 -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2238/images/44020_05_00046-05203?pld=15686165

ROBERT W. WEST

Robert William West, 51, of Carroll died about 12:50 a.m. Friday, July 17, at St. Anthony Hospital. He has been ill since March.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twit Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Ernest F. Martin, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. The casket then will be taken to Rogers, Ark., where interment will take place at 10 a.m. Monday. Friends may call at Twit's after noon on Saturday.

died on Saturday.

Mr. West had been a chef at the Derby Restaurant. He was born May 13, 1919, at Leslie, Ark., a son of Vernon Sr. and Georgia Huckleby West. His marriage to Mary Ellen Bryan took place June 15, 1959, in Omaha. They came to Iowa in 1968 and to Carroll in November, 1969, residing in the Wernimont Apartments above the Derby. Mr. West was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Carroll.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Robert William Jr., 10, and a daughter, Suzanne, 5; also his father and a brother, Vernon West Jr., both of Rogers, Ark.

Obituary of Robert William West – "Carroll (IA) Daily Times Herald" Friday 17 Jul 1970 p 10

Father:

WILL OPEN LUMBER YARD.
 Special to the Gazette.
 Rogers, June 17.—R. P. Bennett, proprietor of the Bennett Lumber Company, has just returned from a trip to Van Buren and announces his intention of opening a lumber yard at that place at once. Mr. Bennett will take personal charge of the plant at Van Buren, but will retain his yard here and it will be in the hands of some of his present office force. His family will remain in Rogers.

Robert Pugh Bennett – “Daily Arkansas Gazette” (Little Rock AR) Wednesday 18 Jun 1913 p

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R. P. Bennett has sold his stock and farming implements and, with his family, will move to town, where they formerly lived while Mr. Bennett was engaged in the lumber business.

Rogers AR news: “Daily Arkansas Gazette” (Little Rock AR) Sunday 26 Aug 1917 p 30

R. T. Bennett, father of William E. Bennett of Rogers, Ark., one of the Tuscania victims, is now living in Drumright.

“Drumright (OK) Weekly Derrick” Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 5

ed with interest.
The School Board
 Here is the tug of war.
 In Ward 1, R. P. Bennett, Republican, and N. W. Warner, Republican, are the only aspirants for the place. Mr. Bennett is the bookkeeper of the Clark Lumber Co. He has been a resident of Oilton for about two years. He came here from Cushing. He has one child in school.

“Oilton (OK) Gusher” Tuesday 15 Mar 1923 p 1

ASKS JUDGMENT AGAINST BOARD

CLAIMS OILTON SCHOOL BOARD
OWES LARGE SUM TO
TRUSTEE.

A judgment has been asked by R. P. Bennett, trustee of the board of education of the city of Oilton, independent school district number 12, for \$60,985.10, which he claims is due him from the board for indebtedness on warrants and for building bonds and as attorney fees. Streeter Speakman of this city is counsel for Bennett who asks an attorney fee in the case of \$6,691.13.

Of the \$60,985.10 asked in the petition which was filed yesterday in the district court, \$31,893.97 is claimed as indebtedness on warrants, and \$22,500.00 as funds for building bonds which are unpaid.

"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" Tuesday 23 Jun 1925 p 1

Former Resident's Funeral Held This Morning in Oilton

Mrs. L. H. Owen, Mrs. E. M. Owen and Mrs. Ed Pearce attended the funeral of Robert Bennett, age 74, in Oilton this morning. Bennett, who is a former resident of Cushing, died at his home in Oilton Saturday.

Following the funeral, the body was taken to Tulsa to be interred in the Rose Hill cemetery. Bennett is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

"Cushing (OK) Daily Citizen" Monday 30 Oct 1933 p 1

SERVICES HELD

Body of Robt. P. Bennett, Formerly of Drumright, Buried at Tulsa

The body of Robert P. Bennett, 73, Oilton, was taken to the Memorial cemetery at Tulsa for burial on Monday afternoon, following funeral services at the Methodist church in Oilton Monday morning.

Bennett, a resident of Drumright about 10 years ago, died Saturday of acute dialation of the heart.

Surviving relatives include his wife, three sons and three daughters.

He was connected with the Clark Lumber company at Oilton and had been in the lumber business the last 30 years.

"Drumright (OK) Weekly Derrick" Monday 30 Oct 1933 p 1

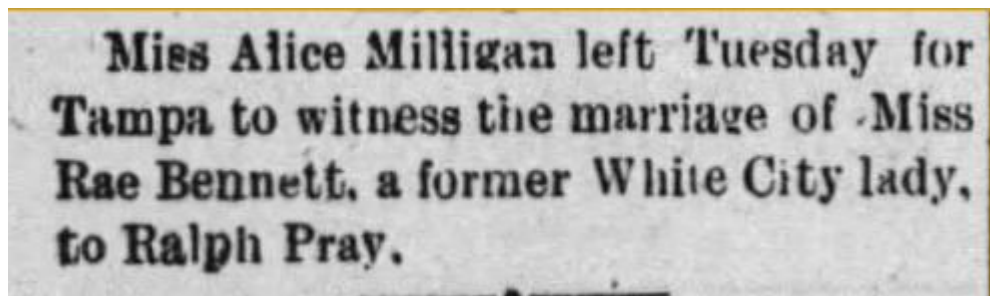
Siblings:

California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

Name	Rachel B Pray
Social Security #	515057873
Gender	Female
Birth Date	23 Jul 1883
Birth Place	Indiana
Death Date	18 Feb 1977
Death Place	San Diego

Sister Phoebe Rachel Bennett Pray (1883-1977) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/174938486/person/302269944660/facts>



Marriage of Phoebe Rachel Bennett - "White City (KS) Register" Friday 3 Jun 1904 p 3

Michigan, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1822-1940

[View record](#)

Name	Clyde R. Bennett
Gender	Male
Age	24
Birth Date	abt 1886
Marriage Date	22 Sep 1910
Marriage Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father	Robert Bennett
Mother	Elizabeth Bennett
Spouse	Helen M. Fitzgerald
Film Number	001377651

Marriage of brother Clyde Robert Bennett (1885-1917) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/174938486/person/302269944673/facts>

PLACE OF DEATH		Indiana State Board of Health		125
County of <u>Dare</u>	16683	CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registered No. <u>962</u>
Township of <u>North</u>				
Town of <u>E Chicago</u>	<u>3812 Hemlock</u>	St. <u></u>	Ward <u></u>	(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name, instead of street and number.)
(If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE give facts noted for under "Special Information.")		FULL NAME <u>Clyde R Bennett</u>		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
SEX <u>M</u>	COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>	DATE OF DEATH <u>May 22</u> 19 <u>17</u>		
MARRIAGE STATUS <u>Married</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>May 15 1917</u> to <u>May 22 1917</u>		
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Helen M Bennett</u>		that I last saw him alive on <u>May 22 1917</u>		
DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov 19</u> 18 <u>85</u>		and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>2018</u> N.		
AGE <u>31</u> years, <u>6</u> months, <u>3</u> days		The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:		
OCCUPATION <u>Foreman Steel Mill</u>		<u>Acute Endocarditis</u>		
PLACE OF DEATH <u>Home</u>		Contributory <u>General Bacteremia</u>		
NAME OF FATHER <u>Robert P Bennett</u>		(Signed) <u>W. E. Bensenhiser</u> , M. D.		
BIRTHPLACE <u>Indiana</u>		<u>May 23 1917</u> (Address <u>Ind Harbor</u>)		
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>E. Shunkleberger</u>		Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?		
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <u>Pa.</u>		Former or Usual Residence		
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Hammond</u>		
(Informant) <u>Mrs Helen Bennett</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>May 25 1917</u>		
(Address) <u>3812 Hemlock</u>		UNDERTAKER <u>J. E. Burns + Co.</u>		
Date <u>5-24-17</u>		WAS THIS BODY EMBALMED? <u>Yes</u>		
Name and Address of Health Officer or Clerk <u>W. H. McHenry</u>		ADDRESS <u>Ind Harbor</u>		
		EMBALMER'S LICENSE No. <u>1144</u>		

IN death record of Clyde Robert Bennett -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/44494_351760-00440?pld=453367524



Sister Margaret Lillian Bennett O'Hara (1888-1963) – Find A Grave 55724711

Mrs. Margaret O'Hara, has as her guest ,her mother, Mrs. R. P. Bennett, of Oilton, who arrived Sunday.

"Cushing (OK) Citizen" Thursday 12 Oct 1922 p 8

Mrs. R. P. Bennett of Howard, Kansas is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret O'Hara. Mrs. Bennett expects to spend two weeks in Cushing.

"Cushing (OK) Daily Citizen" Monday 22 Mar 1926 p 3

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

11194 403
REGISTRAR'S NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Bexar
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. San Antonio NO. 215 STREET Porter
IF IN AN INSTITUTION, GIVE NAME OF INSTITUTION INSTEAD OF STREET AND NO.

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Frank D. Bennett
RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED NO. 215 STREET Porter CITY San Antonio STATE Texas

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE Married 6. WIDOWED Divorced 7. MARRIED Married (WRITE THE WORD)

8A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED
HUSBAND OF Ruth Bennett
WIFE OF

9. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) August 6, 1895

10. AGE 42 YEARS 6 MONTHS 6 DAYS OR IF LESS THAN 1 DAY, HRS. MIN.

11. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. Salesman

12. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SILK MILL, SAW MILL, BAKERY, ETC. Automobiles

13. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (MONTH AND YEAR)

14. TOTAL TIME (YEARS) SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION

15. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) White City, Kansas

16. NAME Robert Bennett

17. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Indiana

18. MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth Dunkourger

19. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Indiana

20. INFORMANT Mrs. Ruth Bennett

21. ADDRESS 215 Porter Street

22. BURIAL PLACE Marv's Cemetery March 4, 1938

23. UNDERTAKER Zizik-Kearns Undertaking Co.

24. ADDRESS 802 E. Houston St. George J. Kearns

25. SIGNATURE AND FILE DATE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR Mar 4 1938

26. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) March 2, 1938

27. I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM 193 TO 193

28. I LAST SAW HIM LIVE ON 193 DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 12:00 P.M. THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

29. MULTIPLE CAUSE OF DEATH: Myocardial Infarction
Coronary Atherosclerosis

30. NAME OF OPERATION DATE OF

31. WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

32. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING:

33. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE

34. DATE OF INJURY

35. WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? SPECIFY CITY OR TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE

36. SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN INDUSTRIAL OR DOMESTIC PLACE

37. MANNER OF INJURY

38. NATURE OF INJURY

39. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED?

40. IF SO, SPECIFY

41. (SIGNED) J. N. Gordon M.D.

42. (ADDRESS) San Antonio, Texas

IF NON-RESIDENT, BE CAREFUL TO GIVE THE COMPLETE RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED, STATING BOTH CITY, COUNTY AND STATE. THE RESIDENCE IS THE USUAL PLACE OF ABOVE.

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TX death record of brother Frank D. Bennett (1898-1961) -

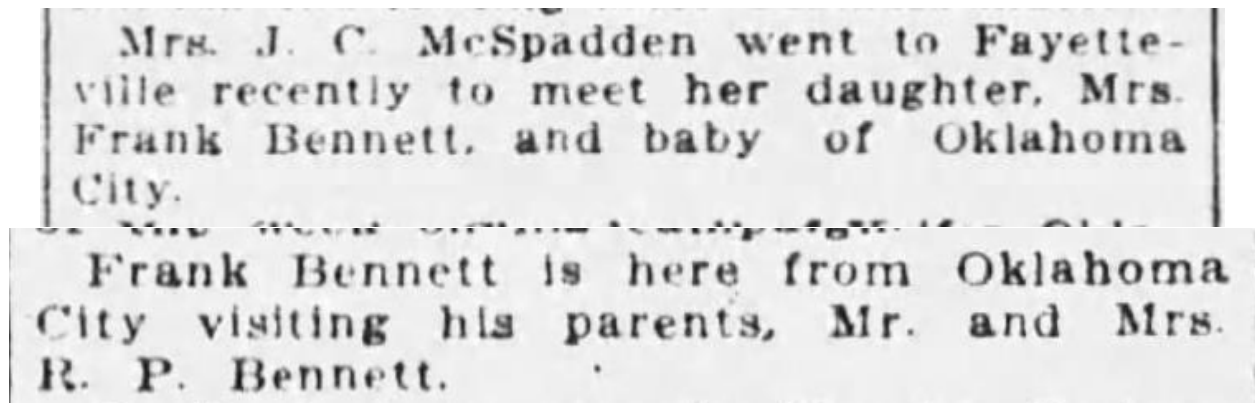
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Joel E Bennett

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name	Joel E Bennett
Gender	Male
Age	20
Birth Year	abt 1898
Residence	Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Spouse's Name	Agnes Marie Wilson
Spouse's Gender	Female
Spouse's Age	19
Spouse's Residence	Rogers, Benton, Arkansas
Marriage Date	22 May 1918
Marriage License Date	22 May 1918
Marriage County	Benton
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1034663

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90001:2548>



Rogers AR news: "Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 31

**Mrs. Agnes Bennett, Former
Cleveland Resident, Dies**

Mrs. Agnes Marie Bennett, 63, a former Cleveland resident, died Monday in Tulsa where she had lived for the past five years.

She was the widow of Joe E. Bennett, a steamfitter, who died last May. Born in Rogers, Ark., she had also lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., Mannford, and Sand Springs. She was a member of the Epworth Methodist church of Tulsa.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Betty Marie Bennett of the home, a brother and two sisters.

Obituary of Agnes Marie Wilson Bennett, wife of Joe Edward Bennett – "Cleveland (OK) American" Thursday 17 May 1962 p 6

SNOWDEN

Jane Suella, died April 20, 1995, she was born January 10, 1901 in White City, Ks to Robert P. Bennett and Elizabeth Jane Dunkelburger. Married to Charles Steven Snowden and preceded in death by her parents and spouse. Survivors are sons, Charles Stephen Snowden Jr. of Fayetteville, N.C., Robert Frank Snowden of OKC; daughter, Jimmy Lee Lindquist of Columbus Falls, Me; 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

VONDEL L. SMITH
& SON MORTUARY
13125 N. MacArthur 720-1439

Sister Jane Suella Bennett Snowden (1901-1995) – “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK)
Monday 24 Apr 1995 p 24

**A Loving Tribute
To
Mrs. Alice Bennett Whipple.**

Gracious memories of one, well beloved by many, came to us these calm autumn days as we have watched the passing of Mrs. Alice Bennett Whipple. We have seen this young wife, with her noble husband, planning life with much anticipation, but suddenly she turns aside, and at the call of death calmly crosses the great divide.

Though her lot has been very pleasant in life she goes uncomplainingly on that great adventure which is thought by the greatest of minds to hold many happy surprises for those who have lived nobly and worthily here.

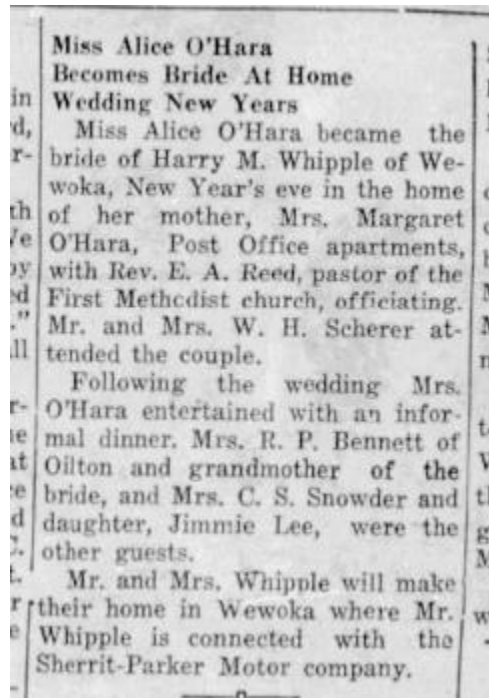
Alice Elizabeth was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bennett and was born, Dec., 29, 1904, at Topeka, Kan. Several years ago the family moved to Oilton where Alice graduated from the High School with the class of 1925. On May, 20, 1925 she was united in marriage with Mr. Harry Whipple, and soon afterward moved to Bristow where they lived until her death.

Besides her husband and parents, Mrs. Whipple is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R. J. Pray, Abeline, Kans., Mrs. Margaret O'Hara, Cushing, Okla.; Mrs. Jane Snowden, of Shideler, Okla., two brothers, Frank Bennett of Simenole, Okla., and Joe Bennett of Rogers, Ark.

Funeral services were held last Friday in the M. E. Church of Oilton. Rev. Denton R. Woods officiated, assisted by Rev. Tomlin. Funeral services were attended by many sympathetic and appreciative friends from many parts of the state, and from out of the state.

Alice will long be remembered as one of God's best gifts to earth, and may her memory ever live to bless those who have loved her.

Sister Alice Elizabeth Bennett Whipple (1904-1930) – "Drumright (OK) Weekly Derrick"
Wednesday 30 Nov 1927 p 6



"Seminole (OK) Evening Register" Wednesday 2 Jan 1935 p 4

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: William Earl Bennett

Name variations: Will Bennett, Earl Bennett

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. HQ - private

Serial number: not assigned when died

Entered service from: Rogers, Benton AR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William E. Bennett

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. W. Earl Bennett, Rogers AR (Ruby Lono Bartlett Bennett)

Burial on isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried at Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 21, as William F. Bennett

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

Listed on return ship as: E. Bennett

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: NOK not noted on this list, private, Co. HQ, 6th Bn, 20th Engrs.

World War I draft registration (1917): b. 11 Nov 1893 White City KS; res: N. 15, Van Buren, Crawford AR. Managing lumber business, Bennett Lbr. Co., Van Buren. Wife – married. Exemption from draft claimed: “yes – supporting wife”

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment date not given

Discharge date not given [death]

Address: Rogers AR

Rank/unit: private, HQ Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 4 Nov 1893 White City, Morris KS (or 11 Nov 1892)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 5577255 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Rogers, Benton AR

Cemetery: Rogers

Tombstone:

Father: Robert Pugh Bennett, 22 Jan 1859 Kokomo, Howard IN – 28 Oct 1933 Oilton, Creek OK. Son of Henry P. Bennett & Phoebe Hudkins. Claimed in 1910 census that he was in his 2nd marriage. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Tulsa OK.

Find A Grave: 84790561

Mother: Elizabeth Jane (“Lizzie”) Dunkelburger (Dunkburger/Dunkleberger) Bennett, 3 Apr 1861 PA – 14 Mar 1948 Oilton, Creek OK or Tulsa, Tulsa OK. Daughter of Joseph Dunkelberger & Phoebe Rachel Litel (also found as Little & Lytle).

Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Tulsa OK.

Find A Grave: 84790513

Parents’ marriage: 1882. “White City (AR) Register” 4 Jul 1907 p 1 – the “Hutchinson News” reported on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Bennett of Partridge KS, formerly residents of White City.

Spouse: Ruby Lono Bartlett Bennett, 22 Aug 1895 Madison, Lake SD - 30 Jun 1920 Rogers, Benton AR. Daughter of Wilton Mortiryee (1862-1929) & Addie H. Bartlett.

In 1880 her father was living in Sumner, Fillmore MN. In 1910 her father, mother, Ruby & Wilton’s mother Ruby resided in Esculapia, Benton AR. “Rogers (AR) Democrat” 1 Jul 1920 – Ruby died at the Sanitarium as she was preparing to go to her home on W. Poplar St., She had an operation last Sunday & recovered rapidly, but fainted at the door of the Sanatarium & died in a few minutes of heart trouble. She was the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Bartlett & widow of Tuscania casualty, W.E. Bennett. She is survived by a two-year-old daughter, born after W.E.’s death. One of the most popular young women of Rogers. “Rogers Democrat” 8 Jul 1920, funeral held at Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star services, large attendance showed the high esteem in which she was held. “Rogers Democrat” 15

Jul 1920 – b. Madison SD on 22 Aug 1895, died 30 Jun 1920 Rogers, Benton AR. She came to AR in Dec 1895, residing in Cave Springs & Rogers. Graduate of Rogers High School 1914. Married William Earl Bennett 30 Nov 1916, and the couple went to live in Van Buren AR, where they lived a little over a year. William enlisted 12 Dec 1917 & died on the Tuscania. Survived by daughter, Billie Earline Bennett, born more than 6 months after William's death.

Buried in Rogers Cemetery, Rogers, Benton AR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 32952646

Marriage: 30 Nov 1916 (Thanksgiving Day) AR

Children:

- Billie Earline/Erline Bennett West LaFon, 22 Aug 1918 Rogers, Benton AR – Oct 1981. William's daughter was born after his death. Billie was orphaned 30 Jun 1920 when William's widow Ruby Lono died at age 24. - In the 1920 census, Billie A. Bennett, age 1, b. AR, father b. KS, mother b. SD, was living with her maternal grandparents, Wilton M. Bartlett (57 WI) & H. Addie Bartlett (51 IA), her widowed mother Ruby L. Bennett (24 SD) & her maternal great-grandmother Ruby B. Bartlett (82 CT) in Esculapia, Benton AR. The census was conducted 17 Jan 1920. Wilton died 31 May 1929 in Benton Co. AR. - In the 1930 census, Addie H. Bartlett, 61 IA, widow, was living with Billie Erline B. Bartlett, 11 AR, in Esculapia, Benton AR. [By that census, both Billie's maternal grandfather Wilton Bartlett & Billie's mother Ruby were dead. Addie Bartlett died 4 Feb 1934 in Benton Co. AR.] – Married ca. 1938 to Robert William ("Bob") West (13 May 1919 AR – 17 Jul 1970), who is buried in Benton County Memorial Park, Rogers, Benton AR, F: 36881149). Robert was the son of Vernon T. West Sr. (1887-1975) & Georgia Ann Huckleby (1892-1966). Their son was Robert Gail West (1939 WA – 1997), who changed his surname to LaFon. – In the 1940 census, Robert West, wife Billy & son Bobby lived with his parents, Vernon & Georgia West, in Bowling Green, Pike AR. – Billie married Edward Gillispie LaFon (1 Feb 1918 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 25 Dec 2001, F: 18676039), the son of Hubert Lafayette LaFon (1880-1918) & Elsie Agnes Gillispie (1879-1953). One of their children was Earlene LaFon (who married Gene M. Leach in 1955). – The bodies of Edward & Billie were donated for medical study & then buried. Their names are listed on a plaque which reads: "In grateful remembrance of those who are laid to rest here. They bequeathed their mortal remains to further medical education and research in Oklahoma." The remains of Edward & Billie Lafon are buried in Resthaven Gardens Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Cleveland Co. OK. F: 18835974

Siblings: survived by 2 brothers & 4 sisters; brother Clyde had died in 1917]

- Phoebe Rachel Bennett Pray. 23 Jul 1883 White Co. IN – 18 Feb 1977 Lakeside, San Diego CA (also found as 1976). Also found spelled as Phebe; used the name Rachel or Rae. By 1905 was married to Ralph J. Pray with a daughter & living in Detroit MI. Wife of Ralph Joseph Pray (1 Feb 1879 KS – 2 Mar 1970 KS, F: 19000506) whom she

married in 1903 in Tampa, Marion KS. The son Joe mentioned in newspapers is Joe Robert Pray (22 Apr 1905 – 19 Jun 1997 KS, F: 53678621). Not on Find A Grave as of 18 Jan 2024.

- Clyde Robert Bennett, 19 Nov 1885 White City, Morris KS – 2 Mar 1917 East Chicago, Lake IN. On 22 Sep 1910 in Detroit, Wayne MI, Clyde married Helen Margaret/Margaret Helen Fitzgerald (1888 Canada – Aug 1972 Detroit, Wayne MI) on 22 Sep 1910 Detroit, Wayne MI. Margaret was the daughter of John J. Fitzgerald & Margaret Helen Johnston. Obituary: "White City (KS) Register" 31 May 1917 p 1. Oldest son of Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Bennett, died 2 Mar 1917. A resident of Chicago IL, working in the steel mills. Survived by wife (unnamed) & daughter. His wife is well-known in White City, having lived here some years ago & a graduate of White City High School. – Following Clyde's death, Margaret Bennett married Charles Randall Walters (1887-1968) on 21 Mar 1925 in Detroit, Wayne MI. – Clyde died of acute endocarditis. Was a steel mill foreman at the time of his death. - Clyde is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Hammond, Lake IN. F: 78017194
- Margaret Lillian ("Maggie") Bennett O'Hara, 6 Jan 1888 White City, Morris KS – 17 Apr 1963 Bartlesville, Washington OK. Was resident of Cushing OK in 1926. Wife of Don Asa O'Hara (1887-1918, F: 55724694) on 22 Dec 1910 in Benton Co. AR. Don's obituary: "Arlington (KS) Enterprise" 13 Dec 1918 p 4 – Don Asa O'Hara, son of Mr. & Mrs. H.C. O'Hara of Partridge KS, born Reno Center, Reno KS 8 Jul 1887, died Gary IN on 2 Dec 1918 at age 31. Lived with his parents in Partridge until Jan 1910 when he moved to South Chicago, then moved to IN about a year ago. Married Margaret Bennett in Rogers AR on 22 Dec 1910. Survived by his wife and their only child, daughter Alice Mildred O'Hara, about 5 ½ years old. Buried in Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson, Reno KS. F: 55724711.
- Frank D. Bennett, 6 Aug 1895 White City, Morris KS – 2 Mar 1938 San Antonio, Bexar TX. Resident of Oklahoma City OK in Feb 1918. Resident of Drumright, Creek OK in 1920. – Married Ruth Elvera Conan/McSpadden Bennett (1898 NY-1989 IA, F: 103281019), later wife of Edwin Moehrig (1895-1965, F: 3035924). Born Elwiera Martina Wilhelmina Conan, "Ruth" was the daughter of Julian Conan (born France) & Anna Johnson. After her father vanished & her mother died, Elwiera & her sister Esther were put on an "orphan train" by a NY orphanage and sent west. Neither girl spoke English when orphaned. Elwiera/Elvera was adopted by a minister who renamed her "Ruth" but after his wife grew ill, he put the sisters back on an orphan train 6 months later. Ruth was adopted by Mr. & Mrs. J.C. McSpadden & Esther by Mr. & Mrs. Jess McFaddin, both of Rogers AR. - Buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar TX. F: 156162189
- Joe Edward Bennett, 30 Jan 1898 (draft cards) but 1899 on tombstone White City, Morris KS – 19 May 1961. - When he registered for the WWI draft on 10 Sep 1918, Joe lived at 202 N. 8th St., Rogers AR, and was employed in West Tulsa OK. When he registered during WWII, he resided in Cleveland, Pawnee OK; he was left-handed. – Husband of Agnes Marie Wilson (1899-1962, F: 77153608) whom he married 22 May 1918 in Benton Co. AR. Their daughter was Elizabeth Marie Bennett, b. 14 Sep 1919

in Rogers, Benton AR. – In the 1940 census for Cleveland, Pawnee OK, Joe E. Bennett (441 KS, gager in an oil field) lived at 212 N. Vine with wife Mrs. Joe Bennett (37 AR) & daughter Betty Marie Bennett (18 AR). – Buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. F: 77153634

- Jane Suella (“Jennie”) Bennett Snowden, 10 Jan 1901 White City, Morris KS – 20 Apr 1995 Yukon, Canadian Co. OK. In 1930 resided in Wichita, Sedgwick KS, in 1935 in Seminole OK, in 1940 in Wichita City KS. Wife of Charles Steve/Steven Snowden Sr. (28 Sep 1901 AR – 20 May 1968 Tucker GA). Obituary of Charles Steve Snowden in “Atlanta (GA) Constitution” 21 May 1968 p 28 – of 4073 Lake Erin Ct., Tucker GA, d. 20 May 1968. Survived by wife (unnamed), 2 sons & 1 daughter. Body taken to Tulsa OK for funeral & interment.
- Alice Elizabeth Bennett Whipple, 29 Dec 1904 (also found on tombstone as 1905) Topeka KS – 23 Nov 1930 OK. Wife of Harry Melvin (“Happy”) Whipple (1903-1964, F: 108450027) whom she married in 1925. Her infant son Harry Joe Whipple was born & died 5 days before his mother’s death on 23 Nov 1930 (baby b/d 18 Nov 1930, F: 128876914) so presumably her death was linked to childbirth. Obituary: “Drumright (OK) Weekly Derrick” 30 Nov 1927 p 6 “A loving tribute to Mrs. Alice Bennett Whipple” – young wife & noble husband. Alice Elizabeth was the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Bennett, b. 29 Dec 1904 Topeka KS. Several years ago the family moved to Oilton OK where Alice graduated from Oilton High School in 1925. On 20 May 1925 she married Harry Whipple, and the couple moved to Bristow where she lived until her death. She is survived by her parents, 3 sisters: Mrs. R.J. Pray (Abilene KS), Mrs. Margaret O’Hara (Cushing OK) & Mrs. Jane Snowden (Shidler OK) & 2 brothers: Frank Bennett (Seminole OK) & Joe Bennett (Rogers AR). “One of God’s best gifts to earth.” – Alice is buried in Highland Cemetery, Oilton, Creek OK. F: 128876728

Notes:

Cole family:

MARRIED.—At the residence of J. C. Halferty, on Turkey creek, near Haddam, Feb. 8, 1887, by Rev. A. A. King, Mr. James E. Cole and Miss Anna E. Burton, both of Kimeo township.

After the ceremony the happy bride accompanied the groom to the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cole, where on the 9th inst. an infair was held which was attended by a large number of friends of the young couple who were the recipients of numerous presents. The I.-J. congratulates its young friends upon the step they have taken and hope that their pathway through life may be ever pleasant, their joys numerous and their sorrows few and far between.

“Greenleaf (KS) Journal” Thursday 17 Feb 1887 p 2 – James E. Cole marries Anna E. Burton. She is the “aunt” listed as his Tuscania next-of-kin - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/489385107/>

Obituary.

Laura W. Cole was born in Seneca county, New York, Oct. 19, 1834, and died Aug. 31, 1914, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 12 days. She lived in New York until she was 15 years of age when she moved with her parents to Rives, Mich. On May 10th, 1855, she was married to James F. Cole, and to this union four children were born—James E., Chauncey N., Winnie G. and Mellie E. Winnie died in infancy and Mellie E., died Aug. 23, 1911.

Two sons, fourteen grandchildren and a brother, who lives in Chicago, live to mourn her loss.

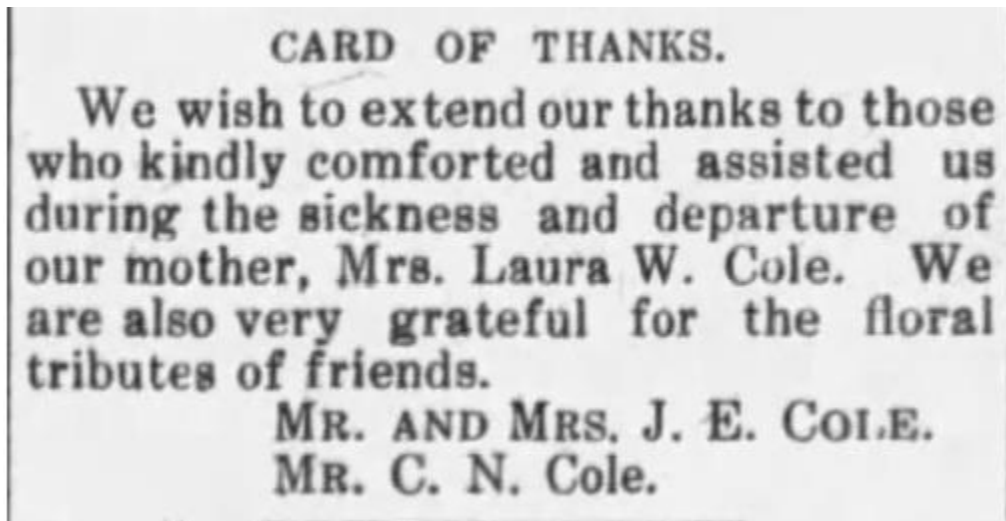
She moved to Washington county with her family in 1870. She was converted in Michigan at an early age, uniting with the Baptists and remained a consistent member until her death.

She died a member of the First Baptist Church at Washington, to the support of which she has always been a cheerful and generous contributor.

Sister Cole was a faithful wife and mother and a true and steadfast friend. Her loss will be felt not alone by her immediate family and church but by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Cole died at the home of her son, James E. Cole, four and one half miles southeast of Washington.

Her funeral was held at her son's residence, conducted by her pastor, F. E. Fisher, and the burial was at Mt. James cemetery, two miles north of Greenleaf.



Obituary of Laura W. Cole – “Washington (KS) Palladium” Friday 4 Sep 1914 p 8 – Find A Grave 69960038 & <https://www.newspapers.com/article/washington-palladium-obituary-for-laura/98649417/>

U.S., Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1861-1904 for John F Cole

Cole, John F.

Pvt. Co. H 24th Regt.

Mo. Inf.

Cemetery Township

at Greenleaf, Kans.

Grave _____

Date of death Aug-12-1897

Headstone supplied by _____

Stockbridge Marble Co., Mass.

Contract 29, 1900.

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Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Rogers (AR) Democrat” 21 Feb 1918

William Earl Bennett, “Van Buren’s first hero to fall in what might be called actual service against the enemy,” had told several friends after he enlisted that he had no fear of the enemy but felt sure his troopship would have trouble with a submarine. Son of Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Bennett, b. White City KS 4 Nov 1893. About 7 or 8 years ago the family moved to Rogers AR. Graduate Rogers High School 1913. About that time, his father established a lumberyard at Van Buren & Will became manager. Enlisted in Army on 12 Dec 1917 at Fort Smith AR & left the same day for Jefferson Barracks MO, where Co. D, 20th Engineers, was concentrated. Married 30 Nov 1916 to Miss Lono Bartlett of Rogers AR. Survived by his widow, parents, 2 brothers & 4 sisters. Buried in Scotland with other casualties.

“Rogers (AR) Democrat” 21 Feb 1918 – Frank Bennett of Oklahoma City OK came to Rogers to attend the memorial service of his brother, Earl Bennett, on Sunday.

“Rogers (AR) Daily News” 21 Feb 1933 – “Fifteen Years Ago”

Memorial services for the late Earl Bennett were held Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church where he had been a member, with a sermon preached by the Rev. G.G. Yeoman.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1895 KS state census – Morris Co. KS

Robert Bennett, 36 IN

E.J., 33 PA

A.R., 12 IN [apparently Phebe Rachel]

Clyde, 8 KS

Maggie, 6 KS

W.E., 1 KS

1900 Rolling Prairie township, White City, Morris KS

Robert Bennet [sic], 41 IN, Jan 1859, parents b. VA, married 17 years, clerk (hardware)

Elizabeth J., 39 PA, Apr 1861, parents b. PA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Phebe R., 16 IN, Jul 1883, at school
 Clyde R., 14 KS, Nov 1885, at school
 Maggie L., 12 KS, Jan 1888, at school
 Earl W., 6 KS, Nov 1893, at school
 Frank B., 4 KS, Aug 1895
 Joe E., 2 KS, Jan 1898

1905 KS state census – Reno Co. KS

R.P. Bennett, 46
 Elizabeth, 44
 Rae, 21
 Clyde, 19
 Maggie, 17
 Earl, 11
 Frank, 9
 Joe, 7
 Jennie, 4
 Baby girl, 3 months

1910 Center township, Reno Co. KS

Found at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRVR-SNJ?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AM2Z4-691&action=view>

R.P. Bennett, 50 IN, parents b. WV, in 2nd marriage, married 28 years, lumber man, manager salesman
 E.J., 49 PA, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living [wife]
 M.E., 22 KS [daughter]
 W.E., 16 KS [William Earl – son]
 F.R., 14 KS [Frank D. - son]
 Joe, 12 KS [son]
 J. Annie, 9 KS [Jane Suella - daughter]
 Alice, 5 KS [daughter]

1920 Esculapia, Benton AR - his widow & daughter with Ruby's parents – conducted 17 Jan 1920; Ruby Bartlett Bennett died 30 Jun 1920

Wilton M. Bartlett, 57 WI, father b. VT, mother b. CT, agent, real estate
 H. Addie Bartlett, 51 IA, parents b. NY [wife]
 Ruby B. Bartlett, 82 CT, parents b. CT, widow [Wilton's mother]
 Ruby L. Bennett, 24 SD, father b. WI, mother b. IA, widow
 Billie A. Bennett, 1 year 4 months AR, father b. KS, mother b. SD [granddaughter]
 Carrie L. Leister, 53 IA, parents b. NY, widow [sister-in-law]

1930 Esculapia, Benton AR – orphaned daughter with her maternal grandmother –
conducted 21 Apr 1930

Addie H. Bartlett, 61 IA, parents b. NY, widow, farmer, general farm

Billie Erline B. Bartlett, 11 AR, father b. KS, mother b. SD

1940 Bowling Green, Pike MO – his daughter Billie

Vernon West, 46 TN, piece work, railroad [next work unintelligible]

Georgia West, 44 AR [wife

Robert West, 20 AR [son]

Billy West, 21 AR [daughter-in-law]

Bobby West, 1 AR [grandson, later Robert Gail LaFon]

In 1935, Billy had lived in Fort Smith, Sebastian AR, son Bobby was not yet born & Vernon,
Georgia & Robert lived in Rogers, Benton AR.

1950 Independence, Jackson MO – daughter Billie remarried

Edward G. Lafon, 32 KS, mechanic, TWA Air Line

Billie E., 31 AR

Robert G., 11 AR [listed with surname Lafon]