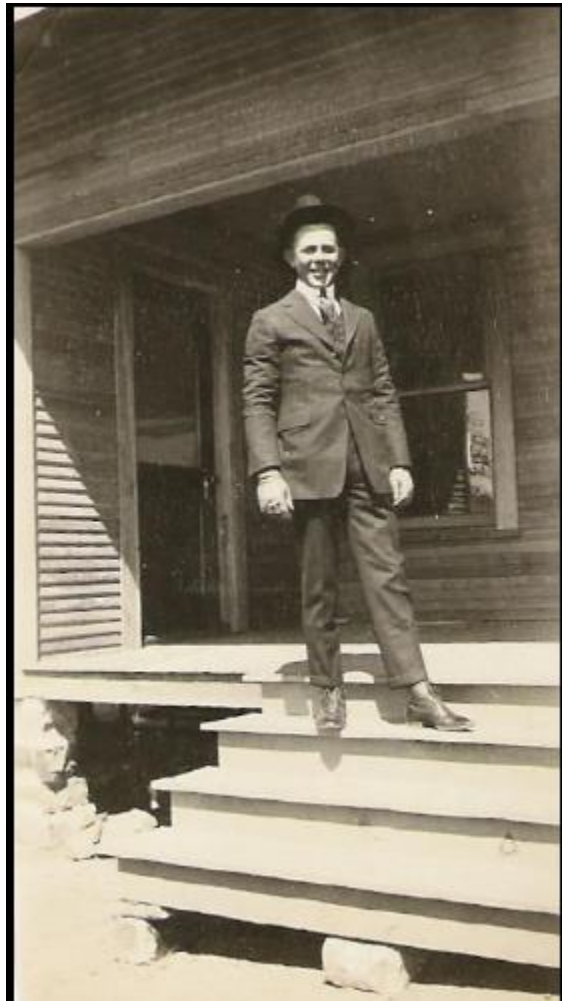


# TUSCANIA

**Left behind in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**

**Taff, Rufus Welch**

**1895 TX – 1959 TX**



Rufus Welch Taff – Find A Grave 5499336



Both versions of this photograph are on the Find A Grave record of mother Spicie Minerva Powers Taff (6232550) – one version is a clearer version & the other is captioned.

Rufus Welch Taff is the child sitting on his father Thomas Davis Taff's lap, front row, left

Captioned: front row, left to right: Rufus on lap of father Thomas Taff, Rilla, Elmer on mother Spicie's lap

Back row: left to right: Mary (to left of father's head), William (right of father), Myrtle (taller girl to right of mother), Mattie (right of mother)



"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Thursday 12 Nov 1959 p 16

014-1-3-2. 047-0-0      CERTIFICATE OF DEATH      4200 25      59457

STATE OF TEXAS      STATE FILE NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Bell</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (When deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Comanche</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Temple</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Gustine</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Veterans Administration Center</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>Box 31h</b>	
e. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <b>3 days</b>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
f. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Rufus</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>11-10-59</b>	
(a) First <b>W.</b> (b) Middle <b>Taff</b> (c) Last <b>Taff</b>		5. SEX <b>Male</b> a. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>2-26-95</b>		7. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>64</b>	
8. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		9. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <input type="checkbox"/> Days <input type="checkbox"/> Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes <input type="checkbox"/>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Farmer</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Texas</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>T. D. Taff</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Spicey Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>Yes</b> (If yes, give year or dates of service) <b>WW I</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>Unknown</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Official Veterans Administration Records</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Infarction of myocardial, acute</b> DUE TO (b) <b>Arteriosclerotic heart disease</b> DUE TO (c) <b>2-3</b>	
19. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>Six days</b>		20. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)	
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/>		20d. PLACE OF INJURY (a.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
20e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Temple, Texas</b> STATE <b>Texas</b>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>November 7</b> 19 <b>59</b> to <b>November 10</b> 19 <b>59</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		22. ADDRESS <b>VA Center, Temple, Texas</b> 22c. DATE SIGNED <b>11-10-59</b>	
23a. SIGNATURE <b>Warren B. Smith, M.D.</b> (Degree or title) <b>Chief, Medical Service</b>		23b. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY	
23c. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Removal</b>		23d. DATE <b>11-10-59</b>	
23e. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Comanche, Texas</b> (State) <b>Texas</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Comanche Funeral Home, Comanche, Texas</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>613</b>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>11-10-59</b>	
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Claude H. Thompson</b>		25d. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

VS-112 REV. 1/58

TX death record of Rufus Welch Taff - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/23464443:2272>



**ORIGINAL**

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) <b>Taff, Rufus Welch</b>			<b>APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER</b> (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>Oct. 8, 1917</b>		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <b>May 28, 1919</b>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW (Star of David) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
4. SERVICE NO. <b>59244</b>		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. <b>C 1 325 519</b>		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
6. STATE <b>Texas</b>	7. GRADE <b>Corporal</b>	8. MEDALS <b>P. H.</b>			
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP <b>Co. D 325th Inf. 82nd. Div. U. S. Army</b>			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) <b>Porter B. Franks, 501 West Grand, Comanche, Texas</b>		
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <b>Feb. 26, 1895</b>			11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <b>Nov. 10, 1959</b>		
15. FREIGHT STATION <b>Comanche, Texas</b>			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) <b>Eastlawn Memorial Park, Brownwood, Texas</b>		
DO NOT WRITE HERE			17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY.		
RECEIVED <b>NOV 20 1959</b>			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <b>Mrs Eula L. Taff, P. O. Box 314, Gustine, Texas</b>		
VERIFIED			19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.		
B/L <b>5834 JAS. H. MATHEWS CO. PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <b>Eula L. Taff</b>		
ORDERED <b>DEC 21 1959</b>			DATE <b>11/16/1959</b>		

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**11/10/59. Ew J Co**

**TAFT RUFUS WELCH**  
**TAFF RUFUS WELCH**  
**Corp Co D 325 Inf**

**San Saba Texas**

**Ssn 59 244** **Died 11/10/59** **A 1 578 203**  
**T 543 554**

**Born 2/26/95** **R**

**Enl 10/8/17** **Dis 5/28/19** **Cl 3 564 606**  
**I**

**U. S. VETERANS BUREAU**  
**MAIL AND RECORDS**  
**Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926**

**INDEX CARD** ... 2-13010

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:WQRH-9WMM>

923 - Taff, Rufus W. 59,244 \* White \* Colored 9  
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)  
 Residence: San Saba Shawbend - San Saba - TEXAS  
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)  
 \* Enlisted \* R. A. \* N. C. \* E. R. C. \* Inducted at San Saba Tex on Oct 8, 1917  
 Place of birth: Shawbend Tex Age or date of birth: 22 8/12 years  
 Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 31 Co 8 Bn 165 Dep Brig to Jan 10/18; Co 2 Jan Aut  
Repl Draft Camp Travis Tex to July 18/18 Co D 325 Inf  
 Grades, with date of appointment: to disch  
Pvt 1st Feb 14/17; Corp Mch 13/19  
 Engagements: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wounded in action (degree and date) Slightly Oct 16, 1918  
 Served overseas from Feb 19/18 to May 11/19, from † to †  
 \* Honorably discharged on demobilization: May, 28 19  
 (If separated for other cause give reason)  
 In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.  
 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

TX WWI record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89MN-Z3WF-N?cc=2202707&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-JDFX>

Life:

*Special to The Star-Telegram.*  
**WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.**—Fort Worth had five men on the Tuscania, the transport which was sent down by a German submarine. They are Garland V. Howard, S. E. Landrum, J. W. Martin, Elmer Holden and James W. Abram. It probably will be several more days before the survivors are known.  
 Following is a complete list of Texans on the ship: Victor A. Monneer,

Excerpt:

W. Stone, Nocona; Daniel W. Trobridge, Strawn; Rufus W. Taff, San Saba; Eugene Tomlinson, Bishop; S. J. Tullos, Goldthwaite; George E. Vaught, Denton; William A. Venable,

“Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 8

# TEXANS MISSING--- TUSCANIA DISASTER

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SO FAR 345 PERSONS ON ILL-  
FATED TRANSPORT ARE UN-  
ACCOUNTED FOR.

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Following is the list of Texas boys  
on board the Tuscania, who so far  
have not been reported among the  
survivors:

Rufus W. Taff, San Saba, Tex.

“Bonham (TX) Daily Favorite” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

The safety of 21 more troopers who sailed on the Tuscania was assured by announcement of men taken from the ship at Halifax because they were ill. The names of the 21 men removed for this cause from the list of missing reduces the number of unreported to 304. The men at Halifax are: Rupert A. Davis, Frisco, Texas; Albert Diaz, Mission, Texas; Henry E. Forshoe, Hayward, Okla.; William T. George, Waverly, Tenn.; Fred J. Groomer, Horseshoe Bend, Iowa; Carl V. Jacobson, Elk City, Ore.; Jefferson Davis Jones, Winfield, Texas; Jesse Robert Kime, Deer Park, Wash.; Roderick D. Macdonald, R. F. D. No. 2, Belilingham, Wash.; Jacob W. Martin, 2015 Clinton avenue, Fort Worth, Texas; Stephen F. Mead, Reed, Ore.; Howard W. Menely, Sasakwa, Okla.; Erven Miller, Anselmo, Neb.; Ward F. Parker, 403 West D street, Grant's Park, Ore.; Theodore Pollak, Adkins, Texas; Roy E. Powelson, Mill City, Ore.; Archie D. Roberts, 1267 Laurel avenue, Salem, Ore.; George R. Rogers, R. F. D. No. 2, Dallas, Wis.; Elvin O. Stephens, Springfield, Ore.; Rufus W. Taff, San Saba, Texas, and Joe L. Taylor, 608 Avenue C, San Antonio, Texas.

“Houston (TX) Post” Wednesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1



## Eight More Texans Added to List of Tuscania Survivors

*Special to The Star-Telegram.*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Eight Texans and four Oklahomans, previously listed among the missing in the sinking of the transport Tuscania, were reported as safe Tuesday afternoon.

Nine Texans and Oklahomans were among the twenty-one soldiers removed from the Tuscania at Halifax before sailing on account of illness, one of whom was Jacob W. Martin of Fort Worth. The others were: Rupert A. Davis, Frisco; Albert Diaz, Mission; Henry E. Forshee, Hayward, Okla.; Jefferson Davis Jones, Winfield; Edward W. Menely, Shawnee, Okla.; Theodore Pollack, Adkins; Rufus W. Taff, San Saba, Texas, and Joe L. Taylor, San Antonio, Texas.

The following additional survivors of the Tuscania were announced late Tuesday: Private John Kemper, Fairfax, Okla.; Private Virgil J. Roberts, El Reno, Okla.; Private Benjamin Birmingham, Corpus Christi, Texas.

“Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 7

### SAN SABA REPUBLICANS MEET

SAN SABA, July 27.—The first republican primary ever held in San Saba was held here Saturday. In the precinct convention the republican state organization was unqualifiedly endorsed. Delegates selected for the county convention were: Dr. J. L. Dally, W. T. Taff, J. H. Starr, Rufus W. Taff, W. L. Oldham.

“Austin (TX) American” Wednesday 28 Jul 1926 p 3

Misses Hazel Hibler of San Saba and Gladys Edgerton spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Taff.

“San Saba (TX) News & Star” Thursday 16 Jan 1930 p 4



County superintendent Pierce, with the school trustees of the Fairview district, went to Austin last week on business with the department of education. The trustees are Claude Golden, J. W. Edgerton and Rufus Taff. They were accompanied by Misses Gladys Edgerton and Naomi Edwards.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 27 Mar 1930 p 3

### List of Trustees of County Common School Districts

Following is a complete personnel of the school trustees for the schools of San Saba county, excluding the independent districts of San Saba and Richland Springs, with Post Office address:

Fairview—Clyde Taylor, Claude Golden, Rufus Taff, Rt. 2, San Saba.

"San Saba (TX) Thursday 19 Oct 1933 p 1

Homer Smith, Rufus Taff and their families were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hibler.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 26 Jan 1939 p 2

Shirley Ruff Hibler is the tiny seven and one-fourth pound new member of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hib-

ler's family of Fairview. She is the name sake of her uncle, Rufus Taff, having been born on his birthday. If she sings as well as the other Hibler song birds, Chris is going to profit by installing a radio station and running for governor. The Hibler children are well known in this and surrounding communities for their remarkably beautiful voices. Doris Faye who is only two years old; knows several little songs and sings them beautifully.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 2 Mar 1939 p 8

Misses Ruby Johnson and Judine Couch were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson Friday. And as the old saying goes, "It never rains but what it pours." Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson and sons, Herman and Therman, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Saturday night. They also visited over the week-end in the homes of Homer Smith, Rufus Taff and Chris Hibler.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 8 Apr 1939 p 8

### Planning Barbecue

Several from this community attended the community meet at Live Oak school house Friday. It was decided by those in attendance and sanctioned by several who could not attend the meeting, to have a barbecue at Live Oak May twenty-sixth. Since both the Fairview school and Live Oak school will close at that date, nothing preventing, there will also be a program with each school participating, on Thursday night before the barbecue.

The following committees were appointed to attend to certain duties concerning the barbecue: Finance and meat committee, Bill Darley, Arthur Lowe, Clyde Taylor, George Taylor, Allen Sutton, Loye Barker.

Committee for getting lumber for stands, S. J. Thornton and Rufus Taff; committee to get tea, coffee, bread, pickles, ice and sugar, Arthur Walker, Bob Barker, Floyd Smith, John Perry; to haul the meat and wood to ground, Clarence Roy.

It is sincerely hoped that we can get Duey Berry or his brother, Macie Berry, to cook the meat. It is Mr. Roberson's opinion, and certainly the unanimous opinion of all concerned, that the Berry boys can cook the best barbecue in San Saba County—maybe in Texas, or even perhaps in the United States. And I know what I am talking about.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 4 May 1939 p 5

Relatives of Casey Hibler from Fairview were visitors here Sunday. Rufus Taff with his music entertained the jolly crowd.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 10 Aug 1939 p 6

For the coming week Rufus Taff, Ermer Goode and Homer Smith are to build a tank on the Nelson Manley ranch.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 19 Oct 1939 p 8

Speaking of snakes, this is a snakey country. Five rattlers have been killed on the Darley place since last spring and one large one got away. Byron Smith has killed two near his yard; Rufus Taff killed an enormous rattler near his place; Mrs. Will Johnson killed a small one in her yard, and Mrs. Johnnie Blair killed a small one.

"San Saba (TX) News & Star" Thursday 26 Oct 1939 p 8

### Forty-two Party

On Friday evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hibler, several enjoyed a pleasant time playing 42, popping popcorn and playing music, the bees-wax is still on Ike Watkins' violin, and it "just won't run." Caramel cake, hot chocolate and coffee were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Taff, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Watkins, Miss Eunice Watkins, Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Jess Yarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Crockett, Margie Taff, Juanita, Nadine, Pauline, Doris Faye and Anna Laura Hibler, Billy Tate, Pencie Dean Taff and Olin Rasdall Crockett.

Rufus, Eula & children Margie & Pencie Dean attend - "San Saba (TX) News & Star"  
Thursday 9 Nov 1939 p 9



# McCoury Heads San Saba AAA

**SAN SABA, Dec. 20 (SC) —**James E. McCour of Star Route, San Saba, is chairman of the new AAA Committee for 1947, with O. M. Taylor of Richland Springs, vice-chairman, and W. H. Darley of San Saba, a regular member. Miss Betty Carter, secretary to Ben H. Ray, who is in charge of the AAA work in the county, has informed.

The following are the new community chairmen: A, W. W. Longmire, Rufus W. Taff, Clovis E. Ledbetter; B, H. D. Edmonson, Ward L. McKee, and Horace W. Shahan; C, C. C. Ellis, Emmett J. Alderman, John W. Yancy; D, Sherman M. Millican, J. A. Mays and Arthur Neely; E, R. B. Singleton, Shelly Boultinghouse, W. C. Davis; F, L. W. Horne, C. A. Maxey, and Sam B. Rainbolt; G, R. B. Ware, John D. McLean, J. F. Shoemake; H, W. E. Smith, Geo. W. Pool and W. E. Carroll.

“San Angelo (TX) Standard-Times” Saturday 21 Dec 1946 p 9

Wife:

**TAFF, Eula Lee, 78, of Llano, died Sunday. Services 10 a.m. Wednesday at Waldrope Funeral Home in Llano. Graveside services 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eastlawn Memorial Park in Brownwood. Survivors: daughter, Margie Matthews of Llano; sons, Alfred Taff of Canoga Park, Calif., Dean Taff of Mammoth Lake, Calif.; sisters, Ellen Spears of Wharton, Esther Gunter of Guspine, Hazel Johnson of Goldthwaite; brother, F.H. Hibler of San Saba; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.**

Obituary of Eula Lee Hibler Taff – “Austin (TX) American-Statesman” Tuesday 21 Jun 1977 p

STATE OF TEXAS 158-81-1 158-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 2381 STATE FILE NO. 44744

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Llano</u>		7. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Texas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Llano</u>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Llano</u>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Llano</u>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>704 E. Tarrant Street</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If none, give location) <u>704 E. Tarrant Street</u>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. First <u>Eula</u> b. Middle <u>Lee</u> c. Last <u>Taff</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>20 June 1977</u>	
5. SEX <u>female</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>Cauc.</u>	7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>15 Sept. 1898</u>
9. AGE (In years (last birthday) <u>78</u> )		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <u>  </u> Days <u>  </u> Hours <u>  </u> Minutes <u>  </u>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>housewife</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>home</u>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Bertram, Texas</u>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>U.S.A.</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>W. W. Hibler</u>		14. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME <u>Annie Laura Tay Lon</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, unknown) (If yes, give dates of service) <u>No</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>454 12 4547</u>	
17. IMPROBANT <u>Mrs. Margie Matthews (dau)</u>			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a) (b) and (c).)			
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>History of a brain tumor</u> (b) <u>men.</u>			
DUE TO (a) <u>  </u> DUE TO (b) <u>  </u>			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (a) (b) (c) <u>Brain surgery in 1975 and 1976</u>			
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
20. INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18)			
21. PLACE OF INJURY (a) <u>  </u> (b) <u>  </u> (c) <u>  </u>			
22. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE			
23. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) <u>Anna Sancier (Clerk)</u>			
24. DATE SIGNED <u>6-24-77</u>			
25. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>East Lawn Memorial Park</u>			
26. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>Edward L. Johnson</u>			
27. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Mrs. James Sancier</u>			
28. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>6-24-1977</u>			
29. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <u>49</u>			

TX death record of Eula Lee Hibler Taff – “history of a brain tumor” -

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9 **Mrs. Smith  
In San Saba**

SAN SABA (SC) — Services for Mrs. Homer N. Smith, 54, of San Saba, are set for 3 p.m. today in Howell-Doran Funeral Chapel with burial in China Creek Cemetery.

She died at 2:40 a.m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Bobby Spinks in San Saba.

She was born Minnie Hibler at Sept. 23, 1905, in Burnet. She was married Jan. 3, 1925, in Brownwood. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, H. N. Smith Jr., of Liberal, Kan., and Sammy Smith of Austin; three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Edgerton, Mrs. Spinks, both of San Saba, and Mrs. Leo Johnson of Goldthwaite; and four brothers, Chris, Fieldon and Casey Hibler, all of San Saba and John Hibler of Muleshoe; four sisters, Mrs. Rufus Taff and Mrs. Guy Gunter, both of Gustine, Mrs. Leon Johnson of Lometa and Mrs. Ellen Spears of Wharton and six grandchildren.

Eula Hibler Taff's sister Minnie Hibler Smith d. 9 Nov 1959, the day before Eula's husband Rufus Taff d. (10 Nov 1959) – "San Angelo (TX) Standard-Times" Tuesday 10 Nov 1959 p 2



## Eula Lee Taff Dies At Home

Eula Lee Taff, 78, of Llano died Sunday night in her home.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Waldrope Funeral Home and graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the East Lawn Memorial Park in Brownwood.

Mrs. Taff was born Sept. 15, 1898 in Bertram. She was married to Rufus W. Taff and he died Nov. 11, 1959 at Gustine. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Margie Matthews of Llano; two sons, Alfred Taff of Conoga Park, Calif. and Dean Taff of Mammoth Lakes, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Spears of Wharton, Mrs. Esther Gunter of Gustine and Mrs. Hazel Johnson of Goldthwaite; one brother, F.H. Hibler of San Saba; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

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Obituary for wife Eula Lee Taff - "Llano (TX) News" (Llano TX) 23 Jun 1977 p 12  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/10606590/?focus=0.86344665%2C0.3350718%2C0.9885323%2C0.5060876&xid=3355>

Children:

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## Taff-Champa Wedding Is Revealed Here

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Miss Eleanor Champa of Inglewood, Calif., became the bride of Alfred Taff, son of R. W. Taff of Fairview, on Sunday, July 26, at Las Vegas, Nevada, it has been announced.

The bridegroom, a recent graduate of San Saba High School, is a defense worker at the North American Aircraft Factory, Inglewood, Calif.

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Marriage of [son Alfred Terrell Taff \(1921-2005\)](#) to Eleanor Madeline Ciampa – “San Saba (TX) News & Star” Thursday 20 Aug 1942 p 5

Margie Ruth Matthews, 83, died Nov. 18, 2010. She was born Oct. 2, 1927, in San Saba to Eula Lee Hibler and Rufus Welch Taff.

She married Charles Everette Matthews March 26, 1949, in Comanche. She was Baptist.

Her life was spent taking care of family and other people.

Survivors include daughter Ramona Peters and husband Mike of Lone Grove; son Charlie Matthews Jr. of Llano; grandchildren Shenell and Scott Peters, Jaime and Daniel Foster and Christian Matthews; great-grandchildren Clayton, Peyton, Tristan, Sheridan, Avianna, Claceir, Nathalee and Larissa; brother Dean Taff of Mammoth Lake, Calif.; and sisters-in-law Ellie Taff of Oxnard, Calif., and Helen Sibley of Hurst.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and older brother Alfred Taff.

A graveside service was Nov. 21 at Llano City Cemetery with the Rev. Clyde Dodson officiating.

Memorials may be made to breast cancer research at Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244 or the Llano County Library, 102 E. Haynie Street, Llano, TX 78643.

E-mail condolences can be sent to [whhfuneral1@verizon.net](mailto:whhfuneral1@verizon.net) or log on to [www.whhfuneralhome.com](http://www.whhfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.

Arrangements are by Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes Inc., 307 E. Sandstone in Llano, (325) 247-4300.



Obituary of **daughter Margie Ruth Taff Matthews (1927-2010)** -  
<https://www.dailytrib.com/2010/11/22/margie-ruth-matthews/>

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

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County of *Dan Deben* Registration District No. *14* File No. *14*  
City *Dan Deben* (No. *14*) (Ward) *14*  
(10) FULL NAME OF CHILD *Margia Ruth Taff*  
(11) Sex of Child *Female* (12) Date of Birth *Feb 24 1936*  
(13) FATHER: (14) MOTHER: *Eula Lee Hibler*  
(15) RESIDENCE: *San Saba* (16) RESIDENCE: *San Saba*  
(17) COLOR: *White* (18) BIRTHPLACE: *San Saba Tex*  
(19) OCCUPATION: *Farm* (20) OCCUPATION: *Housewife*  
(21) Number of children born to this mother, including present birth: *2*  
(22) CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE:  
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive at *3 A. M.* on the date above stated.  
(Signature) *John S. Hibler*  
(Physician or Midwife)  
Address *San Saba Tex*  
Filed *Jun 30 1936* Registrar *John S. Hibler*  
1936

TX birth record of Margie (Margia) Ruth Taff – their 2<sup>nd</sup> child -

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939K-7736-YQ?i=1225&cc=1803956>

**Pencie Dean Taff**  
in the Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997

Detail Source

Name: Pencie Dean Taff  
Gender: Male  
Birth Date: 24 Feb 1936  
Birth Place: San Saba, Texas, USA  
Father: Rufus W Taff  
Mother: Eula Hibler  
Roll number: 1936\_0007

TX birth record of son Pencie Dean Taff (1936) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2752348:8781>

Father:



**NOTE WELL—INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE**  
**WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD**  
 Where Stillborn is given as cause of Death, the birth Certificate, Every item of information should be carefully supplied.  
 AGE should be given in full. EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

Reg. Dis. No. 1 B. O. V. S. FORM **D**  
 Registered No. 22283 Ward

**1 PLACE OF DEATH**  
 County Bell  
 City Temple (No. Temple Sanitarium St.; )

**2 FULL NAME** T. D. Taff (a) **RESIDENCE** No.        St.         
 (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred        yrs.        mos.        ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth?        yrs.        mos.        ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

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

**6 DATE OF BIRTH**  
 (Month)        (Day)        (Year)       

**7 AGE** About 60 yrs.        mos.        ds.  
 If less than 2 years state if breast fed        If less than 1 day         
 Yes        No        hrs.        mins.

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

**9 BIRTHPLACE** (State or country) Texas

**10 NAME OF FATHER** Dr. T. Taff

**11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER** (State or country) Don't Know

**12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER** "

**13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER** (State or country) "

**14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE**  
 (Informant) Dr. P. Taff  
 (Address) San Baba Texas

**15** Filed 10-1-22 T. D. Brunkley Registrar

**MEDICAL PARTICULARS**

**16 DATE OF DEATH** Aug 6 1922  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

**17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from** 8-5- 1922, to 8-6- 1922  
 that I last saw him alive on 8-6- 1922  
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 10:30 m.  
 The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Intestinal Obstruction  
 (duration)        yrs.        mos.        ds.  
 Contributory (Secondary)         
 (duration)        yrs.        mos.        ds.

**18 Where was disease contracted**  
 if not at place of death? San Baba, Texas  
 Did an operation precede death? Yes Date of 8-5-22  
 Was there an autopsy? No  
 What test confirmed diagnosis? Operation  
 (Signed) V. M. Longmire, M. D.  
8-15-22, 1922 (Address) Temple Tex.

\*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for State Statutes.)

**19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL** Golthwaite Texas **DATE OF BURIAL** Aug 7 1922

**20 UNDERTAKER** Wright and Co. **ADDRESS** Temple Tex

Form 31b-T36-2-21-100

TX death record of father Thomas Davis Taff -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b061893-02799?pld=22734656](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b061893-02799?pld=22734656)

Mother:

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		50351
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <u>San Saba</u>		
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>San Saba</u>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Mrs. Spicie Taff</u>				
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE <u>50</u> YEARS MONTHS DAYS (SOCIAL WHERE DEATH OCCURRED) SECURITY NO.				
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (STREET AND NO.) <u>San Saba</u> CITY <u>San Saba</u> COUNTY <u>San Saba</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX <u>Female</u>		4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>		
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Widow</u>				
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>March 20, 1881</u>				
7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY				
8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Housewife</u>				
8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u>Her home</u>				
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Tyler, Texas</u>				
10. NAME <u>William Powers</u>				
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>No record</u>				
12. MAIDEN NAME <u>Miss Mary Bell</u>				
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>No record</u>				
14. SIGNATURE <u>Spicie Taff</u>				
ADDRESS <u>San Saba, Texas</u>				
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>San Saba County</u>				
DATE <u>November 27</u> 194 <u>2</u>				
16. SIGNATURE <u>R. O. Doherty</u>				
ADDRESS <u>San Saba</u>				
20. FILE NUMBER <u>50</u> FILE DATE <u>12-11</u> 194 <u>5</u>				
SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Joel Summers</u> POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u>San Saba</u> TEXAS				
17. DATE OF DEATH <u>November 28</u> 194 <u>2</u>				
18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>Aug 1933</u> TO <u>Sept 1945</u>				
I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON <u>Sept 1945</u>				
THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT <u>San Saba</u> TEXAS				
THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: <u>Hypertension</u>				
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE: <u>1. Catitis</u>				
<u>2. Chronic cholecystitis</u>				
<u>3. Senility</u>				
IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY: <u>RECEIVED</u>				
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE <u>JAN 9 1946</u>				
DATE OF OCCURRENCE <u>TEXAS</u>				
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE				
MANNER OR MEANS				
IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY				
SIGNATURE <u>R. O. Doherty</u>				
ADDRESS <u>San Saba</u>				

TX death record of mother Spicie Minerva Powers Taff -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b062281-02195?pld=22617529](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062281-02195?pld=22617529)

Siblings:



Sister Myrtle Elizabeth Taff Oldham (1883-1973) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/100905961/person/230005736406/media/26a1f8d9-b3ac-4f07-af73-1eaaed49b016>

STATE OF TEXAS 125-01-2 025-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4379 40 STATE FILE NO. 26401	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Brown</b> b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Brownwood</b> c. LENGTH OF STAY in l.h. <b>10 years</b> d. NAME OF (if not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Brownwood Community Hospital</b> e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Brown</b> c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Brownwood</b> d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>1317 Avenue C</b> e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <b>Myrtle</b> (b) Middle <b>Elizabeth</b> (c) Last <b>Oldham</b> 4. DATE OF DEATH <b>April 24, 1973</b>	
5. SEX <b>Female</b> 6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b> 7. Marital Status: Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> 8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Oct. 22, 1883</b> 9. AGE (in years, last birthday) <b>89</b> 10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <b>0</b> Days <b>0</b> Hours <b>0</b> Minutes <b>0</b>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Bell County, Texas</b> 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>T.D. Taff</b> 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Minerva Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>No</b> 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>461-16-1389-D</b> 17. INFORMANT <b>Mrs. Vivian Hall (Daughter)</b>	
18. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Cerebral Vascular Accident</b> (b) <b>Cerebral Arteriosclerosis</b> (c) <b>Enlarged Arteriosclerosis</b> 19. DUE TO (a) <b>Fracture Rt. hip with Hip Prosthesis</b> (b) <b>Apparently Fell and Broke Hip - this Accident precipitated her demise.</b> 20. ACCIDENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> 21. TIME OF INJURY: Hour <b>Unknown</b> a.m. <b>Unknown</b> p.m. <b>Unknown</b> 22. INJURY OCCURRED: WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Home</b> 24. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Brownwood Brown Texas</b> 25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>4/24</b> to <b>4/24</b> 26. Death occurred at <b>6:00 P.</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated. 27. SIGNATURE <b>James B. Neely</b> 28. ADDRESS <b>Box 878 Brownwood Tex</b> 29. DATE SIGNED <b>4/27/73</b>	
30. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b> 31. DATE <b>April 26, 1973</b> 32. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CRIMATORY <b>Eastlawn Memorial Park</b> 33. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Brownwood Texas</b> 34. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Davis-Morris Funeral Home-Wendell Dodds</b> 35. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>103</b> 36. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>4-30-73</b> 37. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Chapman</b>	

TX death record of Myrtle Elizabeth Taff Oldham -0 <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/270489:2272>



STATE OF TEXAS *109-27-2 109-00* CERTIFICATE OF DEATH *410930* STATE FILE NO. **18921**

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Hill</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Hill</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Itasca</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Itasca</b>	
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <b>6 Yrs</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>409 S. Files</b>	
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Itasca Nursing Home</b>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. First <b>Mary</b> b. Middle <b>Ada</b> c. Last <b>McWhorter</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>March 3, 1974</b>	
5. SEX <b>Female</b> 6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Jan. 21, 1885</b>	
8. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>89</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Retired</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>Thomas Taff</b>		14. MOTHER'S M maiden name <b>Minerva Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>x 123456789</b>	
17. CAUSE OF DEATH (a) Immediate Cause <b>Myocardial Infarction</b> (b) Intermediate Cause <b>arteriosclerotic Heart Disease</b> (c) Remote Cause <b>5 yrs</b> <b>10 yrs</b>		18. INFLUENTIAL FACTORS <b>5 yrs</b> <b>10 yrs</b>	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I.			
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>			
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18)			
21. TIME OF INJURY Hour <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. Month <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Year <input type="checkbox"/>			
22. INJURY OCCURRED While at home <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at home <input type="checkbox"/>			
23. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)			
24. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/>			
25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>23 September 68</b> to <b>3 March 74</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>28 February 74</b> . Death occurred at <b>4:00 PM</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.			
26. SIGNATURE <b>Ada G. Allen, M.D.</b>			
27. ADDRESS <b>P.O. Box 147 Itasca, Texas</b>			
28. DATE SIGNED <b>5 March 74</b>			
29. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>			
30. DATE <b>March 5, 1974</b>			
31. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Big Valley Cemetery</b>			
32. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Clayton Kay Funeral Home</b>			
33. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Mills County Texas</b>			
34. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>739</b>			
35. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>2-7-74</b>			
36. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>W. B. Galt</b>			

TX death record of sister Mary Ada Taff McWhorter (1885-1974) -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154\\_b062914-03432?pld=133280](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b062914-03432?pld=133280)



### **Mrs. McWhorter, 88**

GOLDTHWAITE (BBC)—Services for Mrs. Mary Ada McWhorter, 88, of Itasca were to be at 4:30 p.m. today at Wilkins Funeral Home in Goldthwaite with Porter Simmons of Lometa officiating. Burial was to be in Big Valley Cemetery.

She died late Sunday afternoon at Itasca.

Mrs. McWhorter was born Jan. 21, 1885, in San Saba County and married William S. McWhorter, who died in 1938. She was a Baptist, and has lived in Goldthwaite most of her life.

Survivors include a son, Gordon McWhorter of Milford; five daughters, Mrs. J. C. Scroggins of Houston, Mrs. James Harvey and Mrs. Bill Dobsen, both of Dallas, Mrs. V. D. Tyson of Fort Worth and Mrs. Dueward Kelly of San Angelo; three sisters, Mrs. Horace Potter of Athens, Mrs. Welby Oldham of Brownwood and Mrs. Homer Miller of Big Spring; and 14 grandchildren.



Brother William Terrell Taff (1888-1964) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/100905961/person/230006688666/media/d96b39cb-22ca-4785-87a8-47afb5a9d3be>

STATE OF TEXAS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NO.	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>SAN SABA</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <b>TEXAS</b> b. COUNTY <b>SAN SABA</b>		59492	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>SAN SABA</b>		c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <b>1 week</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>PRECINCT 1</b>	
d. NAME OF (if not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>SAN SABA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>SHAW BEND COMMUNITY-precinct-1</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. First <b>WILLIAM</b> b. Middle <b>TERRELL</b> c. Last <b>TAFF</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>AUGUST 16, 1964</b>			
5. SEX <b>MALE</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>WHITE</b>		7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>JAN. 24, 1888</b>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>76</b>		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days Hours Minutes	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done) 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY (during most of working life, even if retired) <b>STOCK FARMER AND CARPENTER</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>TOM TAFF</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>MINERVA WHEAT</b>			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>NO</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>458-24-3875</b>		17. INFORMANT <b>PETE OLDHAM</b>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c). PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Carcinoma of Pancreas</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last: DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>7</b>			
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) _____		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of certificate) <b>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b> <b>REC'D OCT 1 1964</b> <b>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>		<b>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b> <b>REC'D SEP 16 1964</b> <b>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour a.m. p.m. Month Day Year		20d. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)		20e. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>8-7</b> to <b>8-16</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>8-16</b> at <b>24</b> Death occurred at <b>12:05 A.M.</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		22a. SIGNATURE <b>M. D. Taff</b>		22b. ADDRESS <b>San Saba, Tex 76864</b>	
23a. MODE OF CREMATION (Burial, cremation, etc.) <b>BURIAL</b>		23b. DATE <b>AUG. 17, 1964</b>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>SHAW BEND CEMETERY</b>	
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>SAN SABA COUNTY</b>		23e. STATE <b>TEXAS</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>I. A. HOWELL</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>443</b>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>Aug. 18 - 1964</b>		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Haskell J. Brown</b>	

TX death record of William Terrell Taff -

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## Rites Held For William T. Taff

Funeral rites for William Terrell (Bill) Taff, 76, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, in Howell-Doran Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Moody Smith, with burial made in Shaw Bend Cemetery.

Pallbearers were W. L. Oldham Jr., Harry Hall, Bill Davidson, Frank Busby, Melvin Hector and Wyatt Berry.

Arrangements were in charge of Howell-Doran Funeral Home.

Taff, a stock farmer and carpenter, died Sunday, Aug. 16, in San Saba Memorial Hospital.

A bachelor, he was born Jan. 24, 1888, in San Saba county, the son of Tom Taff and Minerva Wheat. He was a lifetime resident of Shaw Bend community. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, E. M. Taff of Mertzon; five sisters, Mrs. C. H. Karnes of Goldthwaite, Mrs. Myrtle Oldham of Brownwood, Mrs. Rilla Potter of Athens, Mrs. Homer Miller of Big Spring and Mrs. Ada McWhorter of Fort Worth.



Sister Martha Juanita (Mattie) Taff Karnes (1889-1967) & husband Cleveland Holmes  
Karnes – Find A Grave 5655407



STATE OF TEXAS *206-01-2 206-01* CERTIFICATE OF DEATH *331X 22* STATE FILE NO. *61184*

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>San Saba</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>San Saba</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>San Saba</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>San Saba</b>	
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 h. <b>52 years</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>101 E Brown St.</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>San Saba Memorial Hosp.</b>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Mrs Mattie Jaunita Karnes</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>Sept. 7, 1967</b>	
5. SEX <b>Female</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. Marital Status Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Jan. 9, 1889</b>
9. AGE (in years last birthday) <b>78</b>		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <b>7</b> Days <b>18</b> Hours <b>34</b> Minutes <b>00</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>Tom Taff</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Manerva Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>454-424385</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Mrs Jaunice Davidson</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>massive cerebral hemorrhage 34 hours</b> DUE TO (b) <b>Hypertension</b> DUE TO (c) _____ CONDITIONS, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE: _____			
19. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION 20a. ACCIDENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED, (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18) <b>Fell on floor in bath room</b> 20c. TIME OF INJURY: Hour <b>7:45</b> a.m. <b>9</b> 16 67 20d. INJURY OCCURRED: WHERE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHERE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Home</b> 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION: <b>San Saba, Texas</b> COUNTY <b>Texas</b> STATE <b>78677</b> 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>9-6-</b> to <b>9-7-</b> 19 <b>67</b> and last saw the deceased alive <b>8:45</b> p.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated. 22a. SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b> (Degree or title) <b>MD</b> 22b. ADDRESS <b>2001 Commerce San Saba, Texas</b> 22c. DATE SIGNED <b>9-9-67</b>			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		23b. DATE <b>Sept. 9, 1967</b>	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>San Saba City Cemetery</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>John F. Brown</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>675</b>		25b. DATE RECD BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>Sept 13 1967</b>	
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Haskell J. Brown, J.P.</b>		25d. _____	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

TX death record of Martha Juanita taff Karnes -

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death certif RILLA POTTER age 85 died 12:10PM Sat 19 Nov 77  
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 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

STATE OF TEXAS 107-01-2 107-01		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 5699		FILE NO. 94246	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Henderson		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Henderson			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Athens		c. LENGTH OF STAY 46 Yrs.		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Athens	
d. NAME OR (If not in hospital, give street address) HENDERSON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 3000 Valle Vista			
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) RILLA BURNS POTTER		4. DATE OF DEATH 19th November 1977			
5. SEX Female		6. COLOR OR RACE White		7. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done, if any, during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife		9. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Home		10. DATE OF BIRTH 2-5-1892	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.			
13. FATHER'S NAME Thomas Taff		14. MOTHER'S MARRIAGE NAME Bessie Powers			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? No		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 457-05-2992 D		17. MARRIAGE Mrs. Hazel Sweeten - Daughter	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL BLEEDING approx 10 hrs DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) ASCVD					
19. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE 20. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)					
21. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REC'D DEC 27 1977 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS					
22. INJURY OCCURRED		23. PLACE OF INJURY (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____		24. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE	
25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from approx 1963 time of death 12:10 PM on 19 November 1977 and last saw the deceased at 12:10 PM on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.					
26. SIGNATURE Helen W. Giddie MD		27. ADDRESS Athens, Texas		28. DATE SIGNED 19 Nov 77	
29. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMAINS (Specify) Burial		30. DATE November 22, 1977		31. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Athens City Cemetery	
32. LOCATION Athens, Texas		33. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE FOSTER & BROWN Thomas L. Brown #6273			
34. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 182		35. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 11-21-77		36. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Naomi Bristle	

TX death record of sister Rilla Burns Teff Potter (1892-1977) -

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Brother Elmer Mitchell Taff (1893-1971) – Find A Grave 6232540

Brother Elmer Mitchell Taff, wife Lillie Mae Crawford Taff & children – Find A Grave 6232544



STATE OF TEXAS 236-01-2 118-00 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 492X 47 STATE FILE NO. 52708

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Tom Green</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Irion</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>San Angelo</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Mertzon</b>	
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <b>5 Days</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>Box 453</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Clinic Hospital Foundation</b>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <b>ELMER</b> (b) Middle <b>MITCHELL</b> (c) Last <b>TAFF</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>July 11, 1971</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>October 14, 1893</b>
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>77</b>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Salesman</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>Thomas David Taff</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Minerva Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>Yes</b> (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>World War I</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>452-20-4669</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Mrs. E. M. Taff</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) <b>Cardiac arrest</b> <b>Coronary artery disease.</b> <b>Pulmonary emphysema.</b>	
19. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>Seconds</b>		20. DUE TO (a) <b>9 years</b> (b) <b>12 years</b> (c) <b>12 years</b>	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH (BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I) <b>Rheumatoid arthritis. Obstruction of the cardio-esophageal juncture due to peptic inflammatory disease</b>			
21. TIME OF INJURY Hour a.m. p.m.		22. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)	
23. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		24. PLACE OF INJURY (a.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
25. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>San Angelo, Texas</b>		26. COUNTY <b>Irion</b>	
27. STATE <b>Texas</b>		28. DATE <b>July 13, 1971</b>	
29. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Mertzon Cemetery</b>		30. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>5161</b>	
31. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>423</b>		32. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>JUL 19 1971</b>	
33. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Ruth K. Nicholson</b>		34. DATE SIGNED <b>7-14-71</b>	

TX death record of Elmer Mitchell Taff -

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STATE OF TEXAS 114-01-2 114-01		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 1830		STATE FILE NO. 76763	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Howard</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if not residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. CITY <b>Big Spring</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Big Spring</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Big Spring</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Big Spring</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>1723 Purdue</b>	
d. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Katie Belle Miller</b>		e. LENGTH OF STAY in 1b. <b>27 Yrs.</b>		f. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Malone-Hogan Hospital</b>		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) <b>Katie Belle Miller</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>August 30, 1978</b>		5. SEX <b>Female</b>	
6. COLOR OR RACE <b>Caucasian</b>		7. MARRIAGE STATUS <b>Never Married</b>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Oct. 9, 1896</b>	
9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>		10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Homemaking</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>San Saba, Texas</b>	
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>		13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Thomas D. Taff</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Minerva Powers</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>455-25-8121</b>		17. INFORMANT <b>Katheryne Barrington (Daughter)</b>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>CA of Ovary</b> DUE TO (b) <b>One year</b>		19. CONDITION, if any, which gave rise to above cause by stating the underlying cause last.		20. PART II: OTHER CAUSE OF DEATH (If not related to the terminal disease condition given in Part I) <b>None</b>	
21. TIME OF INJURY <b>Aug 30 1978</b>		22. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>		23. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>	
24. INJURY OCCURRED <b>Accident</b>		25. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>		26. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Big Spring, Texas</b>	
27. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>July 1978</b> to <b>Aug 30 1978</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>Aug 30 1978</b> at <b>7:25 P.M.</b>		28. ADDRESS <b>1501 W. 11th. Pl. Big Spring, Texas</b>		29. DATE SIGNED <b>9/6/78</b>	
30. SIGNATURE <b>S. Griffin, M.D.</b>		31. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Trinity Memorial Park</b>		32. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Nalley-Pickle: James C. Pickle</b>	
33. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		34. DATE <b>Sept. 1, 1978</b>		35. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>James C. Pickle</b>	
36. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Big Spring Howard Texas</b>		37. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>358</b>		38. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>Sept. 7, 1978</b>	

TX death record of sister Katie Bell Taff Miller (1896-1978) -

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Doc (Rimmer) Taff and Miss Ettie Funderburg of the Shaw Bend community were happily married the evening of July 14, at the home of Justice Clyde Smith in San Saba. These are two of the well known and popular young people of this community and will have the good wishes and congratulations of their many friends.

Marriage of brother Samuel Rimmer Taff (1900-1947) to Ettie Funderburg – “San Saba (TX) News & Star” Thursday 31 Jul 1930 p 7

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1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		48353	
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <u>Tom Green</u>		CITY OR PRECINCT NO <u>San Angelo</u>	
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Samuel Rimmer Taff</u>		SHANNON HOSPITAL		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED <u>3</u> YEARS <u>0</u> MONTHS <u>0</u> DAYS (SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____)		RESIDENCE OF DECEASED <u>1222 Culberson</u> CITY <u>San Angelo</u> COUNTY <u>Tom Green</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>			
3 SEX <u>Male</u> 4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>		17. DATE OF DEATH <u>November 22, 1947</u>			
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Married</u>		10. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>15</u> <u>hr</u> <u>1947</u> TO <u>22</u> <u>hr</u> <u>1947</u>			
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>January 19, 1900</u>		I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON <u>21</u> <u>hr</u> <u>1947</u>			
7. AGE <u>47</u> YEARS <u>10</u> MONTHS <u>3</u> DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY _____ HOURS _____ MIN		THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT _____ M.			
8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Laborer</u>		THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS:		DURATION	
8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED		<u>Acute pulmonary edema</u>		<u>days</u>	
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>San Saba County, Texas</u>		CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE <u>Congestive heart failure</u>		<u>weeks</u>	
10. NAME <u>Tom Davis Taff</u>		<u>Pulmonary tuberculosis, inactive</u>		<u>years</u>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Tennessee</u>		IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE SPECIFY WHETHER			
12. MAIDEN NAME <u>Spicy M. Powers</u>		ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE			
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Tyler, Texas</u>		DATE OF OCCURRENCE			
14. SIGNATURE <u>Mrs. S. R. Taff</u>		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE			
ADDRESS <u>San Angelo, TEXAS</u>		MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY			
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>San Saba, TEXAS</u>		SIGNATURE <u>Samuel Rimmer Taff</u>		M.D. COR. _____	
DATE <u>November 22, 1947</u>		ADDRESS <u>San Angelo, TEXAS</u>			
16. SIGNATURE <u>Cox Funeral Home #2398</u>		20. FILE NUMBER <u>11-26-</u> 1947		SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>J. W. Patterson</u>	
ADDRESS <u>San Angelo, TEXAS</u>		POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u>San Angelo, TEXAS</u>			

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

TX death record of Samuel Rimmer Taff -  
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**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Rufus Welch Taff**

Name variations: Taft variation listed on Veterans Administration Military Index

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 59,244

Entered service from: San Saba, San Saba TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Rufus W. Taff

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Tom Taff, San Sabs [sic/Saba] TX

Removed from "Tuscania" on 26 Jan 1918 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, due to illness.

Sailed as Rufus W. Taff on "DeKalb" 19 Feb 1918 or as Rufus W. Taff, perhaps on "Pastores" (which sailed 23 Sep 1918)

Next-of-kin: mother Minerva Taff, San Sava [sic] TX

Returned on: "De Kalb" 1919

Listed on return ship as: Rufus W. Taff

Rank & unit: 48th Casual Co.

Also listed as Rufus W. Taff, returning on "Alaskan" Apr 1919, with NOK father Tom Taff, San Saba TX (cpl, Co D, 325th Inf)

Returned from war on:

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as Rufus Welch Taff - b. 26 Feb 1895 San Saba TX; res: San Saba, San Saba TX. Single. Farmer for self, San Saba TX. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Rufus Welch Taff - b. 26 Feb 1895 San Saba TX; res: Rte 2, San Saba, San Saba TX. NOK Mrs. Eula Lee Taff, same address. Self-employed, Fairview Community, San Saba, Saba TX. Height: 5'9" – 135 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: name variation: Taft

Enlisted: 8 Oct 1917

Discharged: 28 May 1919

Address: San Saba TX

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. D, 325<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 26 Feb 1895 Shaw Bend, San Saba TX

Died: 10 Nov 1959 Temple, Bell TX (at Veterans Administration Center)

Find A Grave record: 5499336 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Early, Brown TX

Cemetery: Eastlawn Memorial Park

Tombstone: veteran flat: Texas Cpl Co D 325 Inf 82 Div WWI PH [Purple Heart]

Father: Thomas Davis Taff, 10 May 1863 Jefferson Co. TN – 6 Aug 1922 Temple, Bell TX. Son of William Asbury Taff & Elizabeth Shrader/Schraeder. Buried in Shaw Bend Cemetery, San Saba, San Saba TX.

Find A Grave: 6232549

Mother: Spicie Minerva Powers Taff, 28 Mar 1861 Tyler Co. TX – 28 Nov 1945 San Saba, San Saba TX. Daughter of William B. Powers & Mary Elizabeth Belt. Gave birth to 9 children in 17 years. Buried in Shaw Bend Cemetery, San Saba, San Saba TX.

Find A Grave: 6232550

Parents' marriage: 1882 San Saba Co. TX

Spouse: Eula Lee Hibler Taff, 15 Sep 1898 Bertram, Burnet TX – 19 Jun 1977 Llano, Llano TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 5499333

Marriage: 18 Apr 1920

#### Children:

- Alfred Terrell Taff, 17 Aug 1921 San Saba, San Saba TX – 17 Apr 2005 Oxnard, Ventura CA Married 26 Jul 1942 in Las Vegas, Clark NV to Eleanor Madeline Ciampa (9 Feb 1923 MA – 5 Jan 2021 CA), the daughter of Fred Guy (Florentino) Ciampa & Maria Susan Tucci. Not on Find A Grave as of 1 Mar 2023.
- Margie Ruth Taff Matthews, 2 Oct 1927 San Saba Co. TX – 18 Nov 2010 Llano, Llano TX. Her first name is spelled Margia on her TX birth record. Wife of Charles Everette Matthews (1918-2007, F: 52460562) on 26 Mar 1949 in Comanche Co. TX. According to her obituary, she is buried (as is Charles) is buried in Llano City Cemetery, Llano, Llano TX but Margie is not on Find A Grave as of 1 Mar 2023.
- Pencie Dean Taff, 24 Feb 1936 San Saba Co. TX - . Usually found as "Dean." Resident of Mammoth Lake, Mono CA in Jun 1977 when his mother died. In 2023, living in Mammoth Lake, Mono CA.

Siblings: Rufus was the 7<sup>th</sup> of 9 children.

- Myrtle Elizabeth Taff Oldham, 22 Oct 1883 Bell Co. TX – 24 Apr 1973 Brownwood, Brown TX. Married 29 Jan 1910 in San Saba Co. TX to Welby Lucious Oldham (1887-1962, F: 104101450). Buried in Eastlawn Memorial Park, Early, Brown TX. F: 74125665

- Mary Ada Taff McWhorter, 21 Jan 1885 San Saba Co. TX – 3 Mar 1974 Itasca, Hill TX. Wife of William Samuel McWhorter (1877-1938, F: 73244078). Buried in Big Valley Cemetery, Goldthwaite, Mills TX. F: 73195846
- William Terrell Taff, 24 Jan 1888 San Saba Co. TX – 16 Aug 1964 San Saba, San Saba TX. Never married. Died of pancreatic cancer. Buried in Shaw Bend Cemetery, San Saba, San Saba TX. F: 74126616
- Martha Juanita (Mattie) Taff Karnes, 9 Jan 1889 San Saba Co. TX – 7 Sep 1967 San Saba, San Saba TX. Married 8 May 1908 in Goldthwaite, Mills TX to Cleveland Holmes Karnes (1885-1966, F: 5655403). They had 12 children. Buried in San Saba City Cemetery, San Saba, San Saba TX. F: 5655407
- Rilla Burns Taff Potter, 5 Feb 1892 San Saba Co. TX – 19 Nov 1977 Athens, Henderson TX. Married 13 Jul 1913 in Mills Co. TX to Horace Greely Potter (1890-1954, F: 61831688). Buried in Athens Cemetery, Athens, Henderson TX. F: 61832177
- Elmer Mitchell (“Mitch”) Taff, 14 Oct 1893 Bell Co. TX – 11 Jul 1971 Tom Green Co. TX. Served in WWI as a corporal in Battery A, 345<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. Married 28 Oct 1922 in San Saba Co. TX to Lillie Mae Crawford (1903-1981, F: 6232544). They had 2 children. Buried in Mertzon Cemetery, Mertzon, Irion TX. F: 6232540
- Katie Bell Taff Miller, 9 Oct 1896 San Saba Co. TX – 30 Aug 1978 Big Spring, Howard TX. Wife of Homer Vivian Miller (1896-1974, F: 137136028) whom she married 27 Jun 1918 in Goldthwaite, Mills TX. Died of ovarian cancer. Buried in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Howard TX. F: 137136028
- Samuel Rimmer (“Doc”) Taff, 19 Jan 1900 San Saba Co. TX – 27 Nov 1947 San Angelo, Tom Green Co. TX. Married 14 Jul 1940 to Ettie Fay Funderburg (19 Jul 1909 – 22 Mar 1993 TX, F: 176149219) who later married Rev. Walter Hollis Parker (1902 TX – 1993 TX, F: 176149044). Samuel is buried in Shaw Bend Cemetery, San Saba, San Saba TX. F: 52012763

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 1, San Saba Co. TX – conducted 28 Jun 1900  
T.D. Taff, 37 TN, May 1863, parents b. TN, married 18 years, farmer

S.M., 40 TX, Mar 1860, father b. AL, mother b. TX, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living  
 Myrtle, 16 TX, Oct 1883, at school  
 Ada, 15 TX, Jan 1885, at school  
 William, 13 TX, Jun 1887, at school  
 Mattie, 11 TX, Jan 1889, at school  
 Riller, 9 TX, Feb 1891, at school  
 Elmer, 9 TX, Oct 1892  
 Rufus, 6 TX, Feb 1894  
 Katie, 3 TX, Oct 1896  
 Rimmer, 5 months TX, Jan 1900

1910 Justice Precinct 1, San Saba Co. TX

Thomas B. Taff, 47 TN, parents b. TN, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 27 years, farmer, general farm

Spicey, 50 TX, father b. AL, mother b. TX, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living  
 Myrtle E., 24 TX, farm laborer, home farm  
 William L., 23 TX, farm laborer, home farm  
 Oriles B., 18 TX, farm laborer, home farm [Rilla]  
 Elmer R., 16 TX, farm laborer, home farm  
 Rufus W., 13 TX  
 Katie M., 12 TX  
 Samane R., 10 TX [Samuel Rimmer]  
 [all the children are single]

1920 Justice Precinct 1, San Saba Co. TX

Tamas D. Taff, 57 TN, parents b. TN, farmer, general farm  
 Spice, 58 TX, father b. AL, mother b. TX  
 William T., 32 TX, single  
 Elmer M., 26 TX, single  
 Rufus W., 24 TX, single  
 Samuel R., 20 TX, single  
 [for wife & children: occupation: none]

1930 Justice Precinct 1, San Saba Co. TX

R.W. Taff, 35 TX, father b. TN, mother b. TX, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran  
 Ida, 30 TX  
 Alford, 9 TX  
 Margie, 2 TX

1940 San Saba Co. TX – same house in 1935

Rufus W. Taff, 48 TX, farmer, farm  
 Eula, 41 TX  
 Alfred T., 18 TX  
 Margie, 12 TX



Pencie D., 4 TX

1950 Comanche Co. TX

Rufus W. Taff, 55 TX, contractor, tile layer

Eula L. Taff, 50 TX [wife]

Pencie D. Taff, 14 TX [son]

Charles E. Matthews, 32 TX, married, stockstarter, livestock dealer [son-in-law]

Margie R. Matthews, 22 TX, married [daughter]