

# TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Talley, Milton Charles

1891 TN – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

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Form 5 7000 REGISTRATION CARD No. 27

1 Name in full: *Milton Talley* (Print name) (Last, first, middle)

2 Home address: *2004 St Charles New Orleans* (Street, city, state, and zip)

3 Date of birth: *July 28, 1891* (Month, day, year)

4 How you (1) acquired your citizenship: (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared none: *Natural Born Citizen*

5 Where were you born: *Union City Tenn* (City, state, and country)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Lawyer*

8 Do you work for? *Dr. J. B. Jones & Co.*

9 Where employed? *New Orleans, Louisiana*

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, who is dependent on you for support (specify which)? *None*

11 Married or single (specify which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *Caucasian*

12 What military service have you had? (State, branch, and dates) *None*

13 Do you have any other military service? (State, branch, and dates) *No*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Milton Talley* (Signature)

17-1-10. New Orleans No. 9 "X"

1 Full name, or name (specify which): *Belum* (Print name, or name (specify which))

2 Color of eyes: *Brown* Color of hair: *Brown* Build: *Medium*

3 Has person lost one, two, three, four, or five eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *No*

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*L. B. Jones* (Signature)


7-10 Ward *NO*


City or County *NO*


State *LA*

June 5/17 (Date of registration)

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223 S 2nd St  
Union City, TN 38261



Namesake of Milton Talley American Legion Post in Union City, Obion TN –

<https://www.yellowpages.com/union-city-tn/mip/american-legion-530022618>

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TENNESSEE				
WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.				
<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Talley, Milton		Pvt	20 Engrs 6 Bn Co F	Feb 5/18

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*Tuscania Disaster.*

*Bowmore, Station*  
*25-12-18*

Look up your notes re the above and let me know what property, if any, was found on the body of Milton C. Talley No. 35 Kilnaughtan.

Can you remember how many of those buried in Kilnaughtan were put into coffins?

I have just had a most pathetic letter from this man's mother saying she had already written to Mr. Copeland? (Mr. Campbell probably) but rec'd no answer.

*Sgt. Malcolm MacNeill, Sergt.*

Sgt. Malcolm MacNeill of Bowmore, isle of Islay, Scotland asks a constable on 25 Dec 1918 about the personal effects found on the body of Milton Talley & if he was coffined, in response to a "most pathetic letter" from Milton's mother, which "Mr. Copeland" ("Mr. Campbell probably") had not answered – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Port Ellen Station  
16<sup>th</sup> December 1918.

S<sup>r</sup>.

With reference to the information asked for overleaf  
I beg to inform You that the property found on the  
body of Minton, (J. Talley victim of Lusitania disaster  
and buried N<sup>o</sup> 36 in Kilnaughton, is as follows:-

{ One gold ring.  
one cigarette case.  
one watch.

So far as I remember only 37 of those  
bodies buried in Kilnaughton were coffined.

Your obedient servant,  
Alexander Maclean,  
Constable.

To Sgt. MacNeill,  
Bowmore.

Letter from constable Alexander Maclean on the isle of Islay in Dec 1918 to Sgt. MacNeill at Bowmore, Islay, Scotland - noting the effects found on the body of Milton Talley were one gold ring, one cigarette case and one watch. He was buried in Kilnaughton cemetery on the isle of Islay and was in a coffin. - Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



## FOUR TENNESSEANS ARE AMONG MEN UNREPORTED

Probably More Than 200 of  
Troops Enumerated Are  
Safe in Ireland.

The names of four Tennesseans appeared in the list of 345 missing from the ill-fated Tuscania given out Sunday night by the War Department.

Lambert H. Mocker of Nashville was one of those four. Mr. Mocker was a brother of Frank Mocker of Stumb-Mocker and was a member of Company D, Twentieth Engineers, and enlisted early in December. The other three were:

William T. George of Waverly.

Milton Talley of Union City.

Hugh Alexander of Cumberland Gap, a brother of R. L. Alexander, 917 Sixteenth avenue, south, this city. He was a member of the 100th Aero Squad. He enlisted at Knoxville last August.

The name of Joe Gillespie, another Nashville boy, who was known to have been on the ship did not appear, and is evidence that he is among the survivors.

## UNION CITY BOY VICTIM.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Union City is stricken with grief tonight upon receiving intelligence that Private Melton Talley, Eighty-eighth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers, was a victim of the torpedoed Tuscania. The information came through M. Krauss, prominent lumberman of New Orleans, with whom Private Talley worked for several years before enlisting in the forestry regiment. Upon notice that Private Talley had been a passenger on the ill-fated British transport, Mr. Krauss set the wires from his office to Washington humming to find some trace of the young soldier. Communication this afternoon from him to Charles Talley, father of the lost boy, was as follows:

"Wire from Adj. Gen. McCain, Washington, states no further information about Melton except his dead body identified and buried on the Scotch coast."

It was feared that Mrs. Talley, who is very frail and has been prostrated since the news of the ship's sinking, would be completely overcome, but she bore the news bravely. A constant stream of friends are calling on the stricken family and there is not a dry eye in the community. Melton was a great favorite here and was 26 years old. Besides his mother and father, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Tom Reynolds and Threse Talley, and four brothers, Private Thurman Talley of the Millington aviation school, and James, Charles and Eugene Talley.

Union City.—In memory of Private Milton Talley, the most impressive ceremony ever held here was observed. All business was suspended and for 20 minutes a complete silence settled over the town. Pedestrians stood with uncovered heads while taps was sounded by two buglers and a salute of guns was fired. Flags on the government buildings and other places fluttered at half-mast.

“Jonesborough (TN) Herald & Tribune” Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1 –  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/584876519/>

#### **HONOR TALLEY'S MEMORY.**

UNION CITY, Tenn., Feb. 14.—In memory of Private Milton Talley, the most impressive ceremony ever held here was observed today. At 2 o'clock all business was suspended and for 20 minutes a complete silence settled over the town. Pedestrians stood with uncovered heads while taps was sounded by two buglers and a salute of guns was fired.

At the public school the children remained in position for 20 minutes following a talk on patriotism by Superintendent Newt.

Flags on the government buildings and other places fluttered at half-mast and the doors of the Elks' lodgeroom were draped in crepe and the colors, as were the office door of the county courtroom, where Private Talley's father is clerk.

“Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal” Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 16

## Byrns Seeks Information On Fate of Mocker

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Representative Byrns today had the State Department cable abroad for definite information as to the fate of Lambert W. Mocker of Nashville, who was on the sunken Tuscania.

The daily lists of survivors has been scanned for news of the Nashville boy. No news of any character has been obtained concerning him. Mocker and Hugh Alexander of Cumberland Gap are the only Tennesseans aboard the Tuscania not yet accounted for.

William T. George of Waverly, for whom fears were entertained, was taken off the ill-fated transport at Halifax, Nova Scotia, along with a number of other soldiers, and was not on the ship when it was torpedoed.

Milton Talley of Union City is the only

Tennessean listed among the identified dead.

"The Tennessean" (Nashville TN) Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 57



### Resolutions.

Whereas, it has been the will of Almighty God to call from us Milton C. Talley, a member of our church, a boy who was loyal and true to his country; therefore be it resolved,

First; That we cherish his memory and bow in humble submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Second; That to the bereaved family and host of sorrowing friends, the church and Sunday school extend their heartfelt sympathy and pray that the Master whom they love will help and comfort them in their sorrow.

Third; That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, be spread on the minutes of the church book, and to each of the Union City papers.

J. L. HOLT.

MRS. HARRY NAYLOR.

MRS. ARCH BARHAM.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 8 Mar 1918 p 8

Col. Morris Miles showed us a copy of Current Literature with illustrations of the Tuscania, one of them showing the graves of American soldiers in Scotland, beautifully plotted, turfed and decorated with flowers. The American and British flags are waving over these graves, and there is where our own young friend, Milton Talley, sleeps.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 24 May 1918 p 8

**HONOR NAME OF MILTON TALLEY.**

**Gov. Fred D. Gardner Writes Mr. Walker About Naming Street.**

St. Louis, May 23.—My Dear Friend: I am in receipt of the petition from Union City in regard to naming one of the streets in St. Louis "Talley Street" in honor of Milton Talley, who gave his life for our country on the battlefield of France. I will do everything I can to bring about this much to be desired compliment to this brave soldier boy.

Of course, you understand that the city of St. Louis is a municipal corporation, and the naming of the streets is left to the Municipal Assembly. However, the Mayor is a warm personal friend of mine and I have taken the liberty of sending the petition to him with the request that he give it every consideration.

May I ask that you kindly post this letter in the proper place that those persons who signed the petition may know it has received my personal attention.

With warmest greetings to my friends in Union City, and hoping they feel a degree of interest and satisfaction in the administration of Missouri State affairs under one of their former boys, I am,

Faithfully yours,  
**FREDERICK D. GARDNER,**  
Governor.

Governor of TN, Frederick D. Gardner, responds to request to name street in St. Louis after Milton Talley – "Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 31 May 1918 p 1

Relatives here have been notified of the shipment from France of the bodies of Milton Talley and a young man named Williams, who lived a short distance west of this city. The date of arrival has not been announced but may be expected soon.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 30 Jul 1920 p 3

Mr. Chas. S. Talley has been notified that the remains of his son, Milton Talley, removed from the military burying grounds in Scotland, have arrived in New York and will be here in a few days, at which time announcement will be made of funeral and burial.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 8 Oct 1920 p 11

## Lost on Torpedoed Vessel.

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 13.—(Special.) —Charley Talley of this city has been notified that the remains of his son, Milton, who lost his life when the vessel on which he was crossing was sunk in the Atlantic, has been removed from the burying grounds in Scotland and is on the way home.

Milton Talley was among the first of the Obion county boys who gave up his life for his country, and was a most popular young man of this city.

"Nashville (TN) Banner" Wednesday 13 Oct 1920 p 17

## MILTON TALLEY'S BODY BURIED IN OBION TODAY

Union City, Tenn., Oct. 16.—(Special.)

—The remains of Milton Talley, the soldier who lost his life on an ill-fated transport during the war, reached here Friday. Talley lost his life on Feb. 23, 1918. Several weeks ago the body was disinterred in Scotland and brought to New York, arriving there about a week ago and was forwarded to this city. The body was attended by a couple of soldiers. Many relatives and friends were at the depot to meet the body.

Young Talley was 26 years old, reared here and was the son of Charley Talley, a popular business man of this city. He was himself one of the most popular young men of the city.

The funeral will be preached Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at Beulah, north of here, by the Rev. W. E. Waters of Jackson. The interment will be at the cemetery near the church. He was a model young man. The American Legion of this city will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

"Nashville (TN) Banner" Sunday 17 Oct 1920 p 5

### Milton Talley.

The body of Milton Talley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cnas. S. Talley, arrived here under military escort last Friday, the 15th inst., and was turned over to the family.

It is remembered that Milton Talley and one hundred and sixty-five other Americans lost their lives on February 5, 1918, on the ill-fated British transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed on the Irish Sea near the coast of Scotland by a German submarine. The bodies were buried on the Scottish coast at Port Islay.

Milton C. Talley was the eldest son of Mr. and Mr. C. S. Talley. He was born July 28, 1891, in District Number Two near Union City. He embraced the religion of Christ and became a member of the Baptist Church at the age of fifteen. When quite a boy he developed unusual executive ability and was entrusted by his father with many important business transactions, which were successfully executed. He attended the Union City Training School graduating from that institution in 1911, being second and all but winning the honors in an oratorical contest at that time.

The family moved to Union City in the year 1910 and Milton Talley began work with the Union City Lumber Co., where he remained until the year 1917. He then went to New Orleans, engaging with the Krauss Bros. Lumber Co. of that city. The lumber business seemed to have a special appeal to him and he so conducted himself and succeeded with his work that promotion would have been tendered him by the company the following year but for the war.

Patriotism stirred his heart and during the latter part of the year 1917 Milton Talley enlisted as a volunteer with Company F, 20th Engineers of Forestry, and after a few days visit home started for encampment at Washington, D. C. He sailed on the 24th of January 1918.

The Milton Talley Post, No. 20, American Legion, an organization of ex-service men, escorted the body to Beulah with a large funeral train. The casket, draped with the American flag was taken to the church and services were held with a tribute by Rev. H. E. Watters, of Jackson, the pastor of this church many years ago



Rev. Watters recited the tragic death of Milton Talley and many of the incidents of war, especially that of the victorious arms of American marines at Chateau Thierry. He recalled the prophetic declaration that the world is to be saved for democracy and the signing of the peace covenant pledging the allied powers to preserve peace. It remains for these pledges to be redeemed in November or the ten millions who were slain on the battlefields will have lost their lives in vain.

After a beautiful song service the Lodge of Elks paid a tribute to the remains, carrying out the ritual of the order to one of its departed members.

The service was dismissed and the body was moved to the cemetery with the Legion escort. The pall bearers were Cecil Moss, W. T. Harris, E. P. Wade, J. C. Harris, Curtis Verhine, Louis McAdoo. When the grave had been filled the firing squad responded to the regulation signal. Taps were sounded and the minister consigned the body to the silent city of the departed.

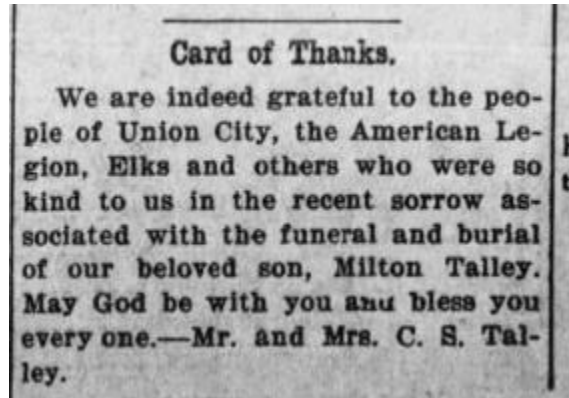
The firing squad was as follows: Dixon Williams, Norman Stone, Ollie Dahnke, Melvin Watson, Meeks Meadow, Fred Nailling, Fern Bludworth, Edwin Shuck.

Funeral in TN of Milton Charles Talley – "Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 22 Oct 1920 p

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Mrs. Roy Cummings, of Paducah, was in the city last week visiting home while the remains of her brother, Milton Talley, were here, and was here Sunday for the funeral at Beulah.

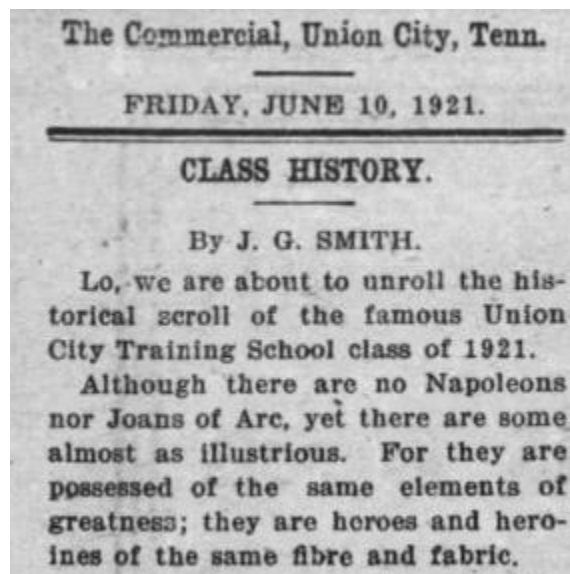
"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 22 Oct 1920 p 7



"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 22 Oct 1920 p 3



"Nashville (TN) Banner" Sunday 6 Mar 1921 p 2



[from the Union City (TN) Training School]

In the past World's War, our service flag bore eloquent tribute to the U. C. T. S. Four and forty of our boys entered the service of their country, and to their country committed their talents, their energies, and their lives. They were all heroes, and as such we honor them, and each of them; for they have honored and still honor us. Of this number, one was a Major General, one is a Major and another is a Captain in the United States Army.

But listen! I hear the bugle blast! Call the roll! The heroes answer: Here! Here! Here! And then I hear the name of William Marshall Wright. No answer comes! The silent dead speak but in mute appeal! And then I hear a voice that thrills my soul! It is the voice of sweet, sunny Italy! "Beneath our sacred sod lies William Marshall Wright. Each day the warm radiance of an Italian sun basks o'er his honored grave. Each night the stars vie as proud sentinels o'er this hallowed mound. He is our friend—our comrade—our brother."

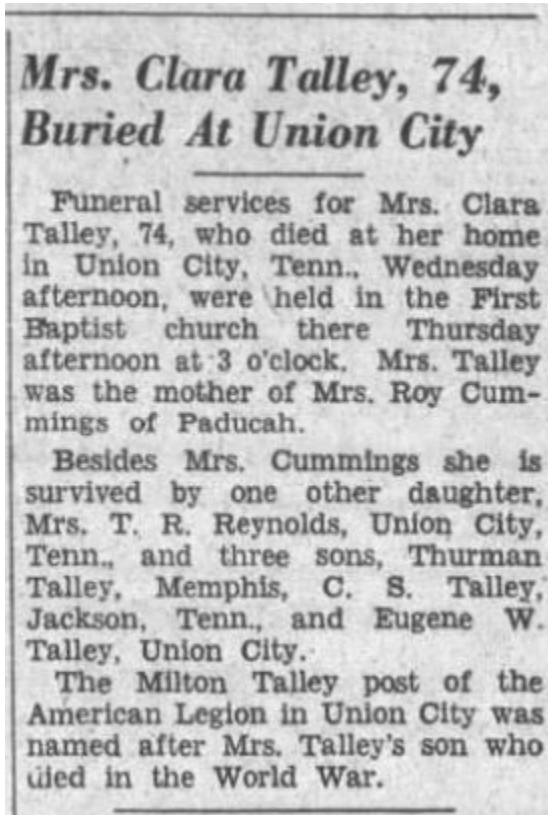
And then I hear the name of Milton Talley! No answer comes! The silent dead see not, neither do they hear! But I hear the voice of Bonnie Scotland, as she says: "America, the cowardly fiends of hell, under cover of the sea, have slain thy son. The sea, in her wrath, and the winds, in their fury, revolted, and cast thy dead on a friendly shore. Tenderly, lovingly and in sorrow, we buried him on Scotland's soil. Thus honored, we gave him back to you." And to-day, Milton Talley sleeps in the land of the brave and true.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 10 Jun 1921 p 8

## LEGION AUXILIARY FORMED.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 2.—An auxiliary of the Milton Talley Post, American Legion was formed yesterday afternoon in this city by mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Obion County men who served in the United States army and navy. About 50 women were enrolled as charter members, with Mrs. R. A. Napier president and Miss Clare Parks secretary. Charter has been applied for.

Mother:



Obituary of mother Clara Huddleston Talley – "Paducah (KY) Sun-Democrat" Sunday 10 Mar 1940 p

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Siblings:

#### Closing Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Union City Training School were held at the opera house on Friday night last. The house was crowded before the program was begun.

The graduating class was composed of eight young ladies and seven young men and surely there was never a finer and brighter looking class than this one. Each member of the class delivered a short address on a chosen topic, no address exceeding four minutes and to have decided upon the best address would have been a very hard task as each member certainly did their part excellently. After the essays, which were interspersed with selections by Wagner's Orchestra, Prof. J. P. Moore addressed the class.

Hon. Seid Waddell delivered the medal to Miss Ernestine Talley, after which Prof. W. R. Moore presented her with a four years scholarship to Tulane College, New Orleans. The occasion was a most pleasant and enjoyable one, and we feel that every one present felt entirely repaid for their presence there.

Sister Ernestine Talley Reynolds (1887-1976) – graduate of Union City (TN) Training School 1905 –  
“Union City (TN) Commercial Courier” Friday 9 Jun 1905 p 8

#### Reynolds-Talley.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Tom Reynolds, one of the most prominent young planters of this neighborhood, was married this afternoon at the home of the bride to Miss Ernestine Talley, one of the prettiest and most highly respected young ladies of Obion county.

Marriage of Ernestine Talley to Thomas Richard Reynolds – “Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal”  
Thursday 28 Dec 1905 p 7



### **Reynolds-Talley.**

Mr. Tom R. Reynolds and Miss Ernestine Talley were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, four miles north of the city, last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The ceremony was said by Elder Gentry Reynolds in a few impressive sentences. The bride and groom left immediately on the south-bound train for Mobile and New Orleans for a few days' visit.

The bride is the pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Talley. She is one of the favorites of the community in which she resides, accomplished and worthy of the esteem of her friends. Mr. Reynolds is an influential citizen of that country and a gentleman of the highest character. He is one of the county's best agriculturists and his home an attractive one.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, this city and Mr. Knox Harper and wife, of Rives, were present besides a number of neighbors and friends.

Marriage of Ernestine Talley & Thomas Richard Reynolds – "Union City (TN) Commercial Courier"  
Friday 29 Dec 1905 p 11

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1 PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF TENNESSEE	
County <u>Obion.</u>		STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Bureau of Vital Statistics	
Civil Dist. <u>13th,</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
or Village _____		Registration District No. <u>673</u>	File No. <u>88</u>
or City <u>Union City, Tenn.,</u> (No. _____, St.; _____ Ward)		Primary Registration District No. <u>26713</u>	Registered No. _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)			
2 FULL NAME <u>Mrs Ruth Talley Brevard.</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Married.</u>	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>May</u> <u>5th</u> <u>1889</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			
7 AGE <u>25</u> yrs. <u>7</u> mos. <u>26</u> ds. If LESS than 1 day, .... hrs. or .... min.?			
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer). <u>Own Home.</u>			
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Tennessee.</u>			
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Chas Talley.,</u>			
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Tennessee.</u>			
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Vies Hulleston.,</u>			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Tennessee.,</u>			
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>T. R. Reynolds.,</u> (Address) <u>Union City, Tenn.,</u>			
15 <u>Filed</u> <u>1/15/15</u> <u>1915</u> <u>RECEIVED</u>			
Form V.S. No. 4—200M. * PRINTED & FORWARDED BY, NASHVILLE			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan</u> , <u>5th</u> , <u>1915</u> , 191 (Month) (Day) (Year)			
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Dec 5</u> 191 <u>4</u> , to <u>Jan 4</u> , 191 <u>5</u> , that I last saw h <u>im</u> alive on <u>Jan 4</u> , 191 <u>5</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>2</u> m.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows: <u>Acute Lobes Pneumonia</u> <u>1918</u>			
Contributory <u>Ac. For Deleterious Complicating</u> (Condition) <u>Chronic Bronchitis</u> (Duration) <u>20</u> yrs. <u>20</u> mos. <u>20</u> ds. (Signed) <u>W. A. Blanton</u> , M. D. <u>1/5/15</u> , 191 <u>5</u> (Address) <u>Union City,</u>			
* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from <u>CHANCE</u> CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.			
18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death <u>20</u> yrs. <u>20</u> mos. <u>20</u> ds. In the State <u>20</u> yrs. <u>20</u> mos. <u>20</u> ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____ Former or usual residence _____			
19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL <u>Beulah Church,</u> <u>1/15th/15</u> , 191 <u>5</u>			
20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS <u>Home Furn Co.,</u> <u>Union City,</u> <u>Tenn.,</u>			

TN death record of sister Ruth Elizabeth Talley Brevard (1889-1915) -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/616518:2376>

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Talley have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth, to Mr. Cyrus Winslow Brevard at home on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21.

Marriage of Ruth Elizabeth Talley to Cyrus Winslow Brevard – “Union City (TN) Commercial Courier”  
 Friday 16 Feb 1912 p 7

### Death of Mrs. C. W. Brevard, Jr.

Mrs. Ruth Brevard, who has been very ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Talley, in the city for two weeks or more, died Monday night at 12 o'clock, Jan. 4, 1915, her illness being complicated with pneumonia.

Mrs. Brevard was twenty-five years of age, and was married three years ago in February to C. W. Brevard, Jr. She professed religion at the age of fourteen and became a member of the Baptist Church at Beulah. After the election of her father as County Court Clerk she came with the family to Union City and graduated at the Union City Training School. Here she also became active in Sunday school and church work, and filled the most important post of Deputy County Court Clerk for some time for her father. Mrs. Brevard was particularly admired for the charm of modesty and refining influences of sweetest girlhood and womanhood. She was devoted to home, a loving daughter, a sweet companion, and separation comes with its burden of sorrow and grief.

Deceased is survived by her husband and parents, and her brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. Ernestine Reynolds, Milton, Thurman, Teresa, Chas. S., Eugene and James.

A short burial service was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Revs. Drake and Zwingle, and concluded at the grave by Rev. H. E. Waters, of Martin.

#### Kill His Dog.

Thurman Talley, son of Chas. Talley, living in the Oak Grove vicinity, accidentally shot his pet dog while pranking with a gun. A far more serious accident than this might have happened had the boy, who is about ten years of age, pulled the trigger a few minutes before he killed the dog. He did not know the gun was loaded, and had pointed it at his sister. Afterwards he trained it on the dog and this time he pulled the trigger. The dog was torn to pieces with the discharge. The same old story—he didn't know the gun was loaded. A gun is not a very useful or ornamental toy. It is a business proposition altogether. If you want to hunt take your gun and handle it carefully. If not it is a good thing to leave in its place. Many a man has carried with him to the grave the pangs of remorse through the innocent practice of pranking with a gun.

Brother Thurman Spencer Talley (1895-1948) – “Union City (TN) Commercial” Friday 11 Jan 1907 p 2

Mr. Thurman Talley, Deputy County Court Clerk and one of the best qualified and most accommodating young men in Union City, was a visitor in the city of Chicago last week.

Thurman Spencer Talley - “Union City (TN) Commercial Courier” Friday 10 Apr 1914 p 10

## BOUND TO ENLIST.

**Patriotic Young Farmers of Obion  
County Endure Hardships.**

UNION CITY, Dec. 18.—Distressed because they thought they would be too late to volunteer for service in the navy, Gus Calhoun and Leslie Poarch, two young farmers from near Troy, after making their way here through almost impassable roads, boarded a Memphis train at midnight and reached that city just in time to enter their names on the navy lists. There were no enlistments for the navy here, but the recruiting office was kept busy enlisting volunteers for the army. Several members of the home guard decided at the last minute that they would volunteer and in spite of the fact that some red tape is attached to the discharge from the guard before entrance into other military service is effected, they got in by the skin of their teeth. El Pardue, brother of Private Peirce Pardue, at Fort Greble, R. I., Louis McAdoo and Thurman Talley, nominee for circuit court clerk here, were among the volunteers.

Thurman Talley - "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Wednesday 19 Dec 1917 p 11

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1918.**

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**Democratic Ticket**

Chancellor—V. H. HOLMES  
Circuit Judge—R. A. ELKINS  
County Judge—JOEL B. WADDELL  
Attorney General—THOS. O. MORRIS  
County Court Clerk—R. H. BOND  
Circuit Court Clerk—THURMAN TALLEY  
County Trustee—T. J. EASTERWOOD  
County Register—R. B. MILNER  
Sheriff—J. M. HICKMAN

Thurman Talley - "Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 18 Jan 1918 p 4



## A CARD.

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### To the Voters of Obion County:

At the Democratic Primary Election, July 28, 1917, I was nominated as the Circuit Court Clerk of Obion County. Since that time I have enlisted in the Army. Several of my friends have advised me that it is rumored that I will not be a candidate in the regular election. I will be a candidate and hope that my friends will not forget me during my absence. If I am elected and the war is not over by the time that I would go into office, I expect to come home and qualify and then turn the office over to some competent man to act as my deputy until I return. It is not anticipated that I will have an opponent, as that has seldom occurred in the case of a Democratic nominee in Obion County, but should someone oppose me I will expect my friends to look after my case.

I wish to again thank the voters for the majority given me in the primary, and it is a great desire that when the votes are counted in the regular election, that those for me will be of such a great number that my election will be considered almost unanimous.

THURMAN TALLEY.

Park Field Aviation School, 87th Aero Squadron, Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Thurman Talley writes home to his parents and friends that he has been promoted to Sergeant, First-class. He had been expecting the rank of sergeant but was surprised with a little better promotion. Sergeant, First-class, Talley is with the Aviation Signal Corps at Millington, and congratulations are extended.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 12 Apr 1918 p 5

J. N. Ruddle of the southern part of Obion county has been appointed by Judge Elkins, Circuit Court Clerk in the place of Thurman Talley, who was elected but had to resign on account of being in the service of Uncle Sam. Mr. Ruddle was endorsed for the place by the county executive committee as he was next to Mr. Talley in the primary held in the early spring. He is well qualified for the place.

"The Parisian (Paris TN) Friday 20 Sep 1918 p 2

Mr. Thurman Talley, who has been connected with the Union City Lumber Co. for a number of years, and highly esteemed in social, fraternal and local business and public affairs, leaves soon for Memphis, where he will be located in partnership with W. F. Babin as wholesale commission lumber dealers, with offices in the Bank of Commerce Building to be opened January 1, 1922. Mr. Talley has sold his interests here to his partner, T. R. Reynolds, who will continue as heretofore with the lumber yard and the woodwork and blacksmith shops. Mr. Talley is one of our foremost young men, a fine, wholesome character, and he will be a valued addition to anybody's town and business. We tender our kindest wishes.

"Union City (tn) Commercial Courier" Friday 25 Nov 1921 p 10

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Talley, of Memphis, were here this week visiting in the home of Mr. Talley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Talley.

"Union City (TN) Commercial Courier" Friday 17 Nov 1922 p 3

Mr. Thurman Talley, of the Babin-Talley Lumber Company, of Memphis, Tenn., spent the weekend in the city with his sister, Mrs. Roy Cummings, and Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Cummings in The Ellis.

"Paducah (TN) Sun-Democrat" Monday 19 Jun 1922 p 12

**Burch-Talley  
Marriage.**

Miss Alma Rea Burch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Burch, of Paris, Tenn., and Mr. Thurman Spencer Talley, of Memphis, were united in marriage Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummings in The Ellis. The Reverend James D. Jenkins, pastor of the Third Street Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was beautifully gowned in platinum charmeuse with overskirt of silk net embroidered in platinum wool and silver. Her hat and other accessories harmonized and she carried a French bouquet of violets, valley lilies, and rosebuds.

Immediately after the ceremony attended by relatives and a few intimate friends, a wedding supper was served. Mr. Talley and his bride left later for a visit in St. Louis before going to Memphis to make their home.

Mr. Talley formerly resided in Union City; he is a member of the firm of the Babin-Talley Lumber Company of Memphis and is a brother of Mrs. Roy Cummings of this city. The bride has been studying voice in Memphis and is prominent in musical circles there.

Marriage of Thurman Spencer Talley to Alma Rea Burch, at the home of his sister Mrs. Roy Cummings, in Paducah KY – "Paducah (KY) Sun-Democrat" Tuesday 6 Mar 1923 p 7

# Thurman Talley, Lumber Dealer

## Prominent Memphian Dies at Hospital

Thurman Talley, prominent Memphis lumberman, partner in Talley Bros. Lumber Co., died at 1:10 p.m. today at Methodist Hospital. He had been ill since last November and was admitted to the hospital March 4.

Mr. Talley came to Memphis from Union City, Tenn., and had taken an active part in the city's business, social and cultural life. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club, the University Club and the Lumberman's Club and had been active in the Beethoven Club and other musical organizations. He lived at 316 Hawthorne.

He leaves his wife and his daughter, Nancy Talley of Memphis; his brother, Charles Talley of Memphis, and another brother, Eugene Talley, Union City.



## Thurman S. Talley Services Wednesday

Services for Thurman Spencer Talley of Memphis, brother of Charles Talley of Jackson, were conducted from the National Funeral Home in Memphis Wednesday afternoon. Burial was in Memorial Park.

Mr. Talley, prominent Memphis lumberman and partner in the Talley Brothers Lumber Co., died Tuesday at 1:10 p.m. at Methodist Hospital. He was 52.

Mr. Talley was born at Union City and went to Memphis in 1921. In 1936 he and his brother, Charles, founded the Talley Brothers firm, which has offices in the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Building and a branch office in Jackson. For a number of years Mr. Talley traveled through the Mid-South and was widely known throughout the section, particularly among lumbermen with whom he dealt.

Surviving other than the brother here are his widow; a daughter, Nancy Talley of Memphis; two sisters, Mrs. T. R. Reynolds of Union City and Mrs. Theresa Cummings of Paducah, and another brother, Eugene W. Talley of Union City.

Obituary of Thurman Spencer Talley – “Jackson (TN) Sun” Thursday 5 Aug 1948 p 3

**PADUCAH — Mrs. Theresa Robinson, 81, died here Saturday. Her husband, Robert, survives. Funeral, 1 p.m. Monday, Roth Funeral Home here.**

Obituary of [sister Theresa Mildred Talley Cummings Robinson](#) (1898-1979) – “Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal” Monday 24 Dec 1979 p 9

## **TALLEY--CUMMINGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer Talley of Union City, Tenn., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Theresa, to Mr. Roy L. Cummings, the wedding to take place in April.

Marriage of Theresa Mildred Talley to Roy L. Cummings – "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal"  
Sunday 7 Mar 1920 p 40

## UNION CITY

An event of social importance was the marriage last Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church of Roy S. Cummings of Fulton, Ky., and Miss Theresa Talley. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion in ferns, amallax and Easter lilies. The wedding music was given by Miss Nannie Beck, pianist, Mrs. Carlton and Miss Ruth Griffin, vocalists. The bride entered with her maid of honor, Miss Mary Howard Turner. The groom entered on the right with Sherrill Clemmons, and the minister, Rev. H. E. Waters, came down the center aisle meeting at the altar. The bride was gowned for the ceremony in a traveling suit of blue tricotine with hat to harmonize. Miss Turner wore a French model of blue taffeta. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Talley and is one of Union City's most popular girls. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings will be at home in Fulton after a wedding trip to New Orleans.—Mrs. Louise McAdoo was the hostess of a bridge party Wednesday afternoon, honoring Miss Theresa Talley. The place cards were miniature brides. Miss Talley was presented with a handsome luncheon set.—Miss Talley was the honoree of a miscellaneous shower given by Miss Mary Howard Turner, Thursday afternoon. The gifts were presented by little Miss Leila Ruth Gibbs, dressed as Bunny Rabbit. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the writing of good wishes and advice by the bride-elect's girl friends in a heart-shaped book.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S.

"The Tennessean" (Nashville TN) Sunday 18 Apr 1920 p 18

Mrs. Roy Cummings returned home Tuesday after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Talley, of Union City.

"Paducah (KY) News-Democrat" Wednesday 22 Mar 1922 p 5

## **Mrs. Robinson funeral today**

Services for Mrs. Theresa M. Robinson, 81, a resident of 458 N. 36th St., were held today at 1 p.m. at Roth Funeral Home.

The Rev. Bob Kersey officiated and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Haley Hook, Herman Boyd, Robert Wrenn and B. R. Burger.

Honorary pallbearer was Tom Taylor.

Mrs. Robinson died Saturday at 9:30 p.m. at Parkview Convalescent Center in Paducah. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a native of Union County.

She is survived by her husband, Robert H. Robinson; one son, Roy Lee Cummings, Paducah; one brother, C. S. Talley, Memphis, Tenn., and several nieces and nephews.

Obituary of Theresa Mildred Talley Cummings Robinson – "Paducah (KY) Sun" Wednesday 24 Dec 1979 p 23

Helen and Charlie Talley spent a grand Thanksgiving week end with friends and relatives in Kentucky and Southern Illinois. Helen was the houseguest of Charlie's sister, Mrs. Theresa Cummings at Paducah, while Charlie hunted in Southern Illinois with friends. On Saturday evening at the conclusion of the hunt, the ladies joined the "hunters" in Metropolis, Illinois, for a grand game dinner. About twenty people enjoyed the meal, which brought to a close a successful hunt. The Talleys returned to Jackson last evening.

"Jackson (TN) Sun" Tuesday 30 Nov 1948 p 5

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STATE OF TENNESSEE

BIRTH NO. DEATH NO. 61-15927

1. NAME Ray Lee Cummings 2. DATE OF DEATH June 29 1961

3. COLOR OR RACE W 4. SEX M 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) M 6. DATE OF BIRTH Jan. 7, 1894 7. AGE (IN YEARS) 67 8. IF UNDER 1 YR. MONTHS DAYS 9. IF UNDER 24 HRS. HOURS MIN.

8. PLACE OF DEATH 9. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (When Deceased Died, If Institution, Reside (Before Admission))

A. COUNTY Shelby B. CIVIL DISTRICT Tennessee C. CITY OR TOWN Memphis, Tennessee D. LENGTH OF STAY IN THIS PLACE Memphis, Tennessee E. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

C. CITY OR TOWN Memphis, Tennessee D. LENGTH OF STAY IN THIS PLACE Memphis, Tennessee E. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

F. STREET ADDRESS (OR LOCATION) 170 N. Hollywood Apt. E. 2 G. CIVIL DISTRICT Memphis, Tennessee

10. USUAL OCCUPATION Unemployed 11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 452 12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? YES ☐ NO ☒

13. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Tennessee 14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S. 15. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Mrs. Corinne Cummings

16. FATHER'S NAME Virgil B. Cummings 17. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary P. Clammons 18. INFORMANT ADDRESS 170 N. Hollywood Apt. E. 2, Memphis, Tenn.

19. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (A), (B), (C))

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) Subarachnoid Hemorrhage 330

Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (A): stating the underlying cause last

DUE TO (B) Ruptured Cerebral Artery 452

DUE TO (C)

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (A)

20. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE ☐ ☐ ☐ 21b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 19)

21c. TIME OF INJURY: HOUR MO. DAY YR. 7:10 P.M.

21d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 21e. PLACE OF INJURY (In or About Home, Farm, Factory, Street, Office Building, etc.) Methodist Hosp. 21f. PLACE OF INJURY CITY, TOWN OR RURAL COUNTY STATE Jackson, Tenn.

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DECEASED DIED ON THE DATE AND FROM THE CAUSE STATED ABOVE

SIGNATURE Frank A. Boone M.D. D.O. OTHER (SPECIFY) Methodist Hosp. DATE 6-29-61

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) Removal 23b. DATE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL 7-1-61 23c. NAME OF Cemetery or Crematory Hollywood 23d. LOCATION CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY STATE Jackson, Tenn.

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR National Funeral Home--Memphis ADDRESS 791 25. REGISTRATION DIST. NO. 791 26. DATE SIGNED BY JUL 3 1961 27. REGISTRAR SIGNATURE Theresa Jones - 2nd Deputy

TN death record of husband Roy Lee Cummings (1894-1961) -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1583461:2376>

**Football Game.**

The Union City High School team took their first victory of the season from Huntingdon last Friday, but it was at the cost of a broken collar bone, sustained by Manager C. S. Talley, Jr. The score was 28 to 7, and the game was a fast one.

Brother Charles Spencer Talley Jr. (1901-1986) – “Union City (TN) Commercial Courier” Friday 6 Dec 1918 p 3

TALLEY—Mrs. Edna W. Talley, wife of Mr. C. S. Talley of Memphis, Tenn., passed away here Thursday afternoon. The body was taken by her husband on train No. 4 Thursday night to Union City, Tenn., for interment. The Exter Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

death of Charles Jr.'s 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Edna M. Wilbanks Talley – “Albuquerque (NM) Times” Friday 12 Nov 1937 p 13



# **Mrs. Chas. Talley Dies Following Lengthy Illness**

**Well Known Former Resident of This City Be  
Buried at Union City**

Mrs. Edna Wilbanks Talley, 36, wife of Charles Talley of this city, passed away Thursday at noon in the Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had gone for her health three months ago. Mrs. Talley was a native of Union City, but had resided in Jackson for some seven years and had a wide circle of close friends in this city who will learn of her passing with deep regret.

Besides her husband, who was formerly connected with a local lumber concern, Mrs. Talley is survived by a brother, Arthur Wilbanks of Los Angeles, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. C. F. Teetsell of Little Rock, Ark.

The remains will be brought to Union City and the funeral and interment will be held there on Sunday. A number from here will go to Union City for the funeral, it was said today.

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**MISS HELEN JONES  
WEDS MR. TALLEY  
AT HOME TONIGHT**

Miss Helen Jones will wed Charles S. Talley at 8 o'clock this evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Jones, in Senatobia, Miss. Only members of the immediate families will be present for the occasion, and the couple will leave immediately following ceremony for a southern honeymoon. On returning to Jackson, the couple will be at home in the Memorial Apartments.

"Jackson (TN) Sun" Wednesday 16 Sep 1942 p 5

**CHARLES S. TALLEY**, 85, of 1039 Audubon, retired owner of Talley Brothers Lumber Co., died Monday afternoon at his home. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Memorial Park Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park. Mr. Talley was a director of the Federal Express-St. Jude Golf Classic and was a member of Colonial Country Club. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Union City (Tenn.) Masonic Lodge. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Helen Jones Talley.

Obituary of Charles S. Talley – "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Wednesday 20 Aug 1986 p 20

**TENNESSEE**

**BROWNSVILLE** — Mrs. Mary Lou Thomas Outlaw, 79, widow of Dewey S. Outlaw.  
**BRUCETON** — W. C. Howe, 74, retired grocery store owner..  
**CAMDEN** — Mrs. Belus Ward, 76.  
**HENDERSON** — Mrs. Reesie C. Armour, 76, widow of German C. Armour.  
**HOLLADAY** — Floyd M. "Sonny" Stokes Jr., 46, retired employe of Reynolds Aluminum Co.  
**OBION** — Marvin O. Hamilton, , retired farmer and landowner.  
**PARIS** — Claude Andrews, 87, retired farmer.  
**TRENTON** — Martin Alexander, 65, retired motor vehicle inspector for the State of Tennessee.  
**UNION CITY** — Eugene Watters Talley, 73, retired service station owner.

Death notice of **brother Eugene Watters Talley (1905-1978)** – "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal"  
 Sunday 10 Sep 1978 p 34

UNION CITY — Mrs. Emalyn Schleifer Talley, 79, retired certified public accountant, died Wednesday at her home after a short illness. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at White-Ranson Funeral Home with burial in East View Cemetery. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Talley, the widow of Eugene Talley, leaves two sons, James Talley of Tampa, Fla., and Eugene Talley Jr. of Memphis; two brothers, Grover Schleifer Jr. and David Schleifer, both of Union City, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Obituary of Emalyn Schleifer Talley, widow of Eugene Talley – “Union City (TN) Commercial Courier” Friday 3 Jun 1989 p 11

## SO'WESTERN ATHLETE IS DEAD OF INJURIES

James Talley, 21, Union City,  
Victim of Auto Crash.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 25.—James Talley, 21, member of a prominent family here and a junior and football player at Southwestern, Memphis, who was injured Friday afternoon when his car struck a telephone pole on the Union City-Fulton Highway, died today as a result of his hurts.

He was home for the Christmas vacation and was en route here from a short trip to Fulton when the accident occurred.

He was a junior at Southwestern and substitute center on the football team, where he won his "letter" the past season.

Coach Jimmy Haygood of Southwestern and several of Talley's friends at college will arrive here tomorrow morning to attend funeral services at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Talley is survived by his mother, Mrs. C. S. Talley, Union City, and five brothers and sisters: Thurman Talley, Memphis; C. S. Talley, Jr., Jackson; Gene Talley, Union City; Mrs. S. R. Reynolds, Union City, and Mrs. Roy Cummings, Williamsport, Pa.

## James H. Talley, Hurt In Accident, Dies

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 26—(Special) —James Huddleston Talley, 22, son of Mrs. C. S. Talley, a Southwestern University student, died in a local hospital Sunday the result of internal injuries received Friday afternoon when his car overturned several times near Fulton as he was crowded from the highway by another car. He was being brought home Saturday not thought seriously injured, there being no broken bones and no bruises. He grew worse at 3 p. m. and was removed to the hospital. An emergency operation Sunday was of no avail. The funeral was held today at the Baptist Church by the Rev. J. G. Hughes. He is survived by his mother, three brothers, Gene, Union City; Thurman, Memphis, and Charles, Jackson, and two sisters, Mrs. T. R. Reynolds, Union City, and Mrs. Roy Cummings, Williamsport, W. Va. He was in his third year at Southwestern, and a star baseball and football player.

Death of brother James Huddleston Talley (1911-1932) – left: "Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Monday 26 Dec 1932 p 9 and right: "Nashville (TN) Banner" Monday 26 Dec 1932 p 12

Size 10 1/2 x 14 1/2

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Form V. S. No. 4

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County Obion  
Civil Dis. I3th  
Village or City Union City  
Registration District No. 613  
Primary Registration District No. 761.2  
St. 13 Ward 13  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the NAME instead of street and number)  
(If death occurred in a foreign birth, give the NAME of the foreign birth)

2. FULL NAME James Talley  
(a) Residence: No. 400 St. 13 Ward 13  
(If place of abode)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) Single  
6. If married, widowed, or divorced (a) WIFE of Single  
7. AGE (month, day, and year) 21 11 17 If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.  
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as engineer, lawyer, bookkeeper, etc. School boy  
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.  
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)  
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Obion County  
13. NAME C. S. Talley  
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Tennessee  
15. MOTHER NAME Clara Huddleston  
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Kentucky  
17. INFORMANT Thurman Talley  
Union City, Tenn.  
18. BIRTHAL, CREATION, OR REMOVAL (Address) Union City, Tenn.  
19. UNDERSTANDING (Address) Union City, Tenn.  
20. FILE 19/20/31 10 19/20/31

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Division of Vital Statistics  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
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File No. 83  
Reg. No. 83

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Dec. 25, 1932  
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec. 24 to Dec. 25, 1932  
I last saw him in Dec. 25, 1932 death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 11:30 A.M.  
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:  
General peritonitis  
Ruptured intestine - small  
Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:  
Automobile accident  
Ruptured intestine  
None of operation Date 2/10/31  
What test confirmed diagnosis? Was there an autopsy?  
23. If death was due to external cause (violence) fill in also the following:  
Accident, suicide, or homicide accident injury 12/28/32  
Where did injury occur? near Fulton, Ky  
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, at home, or in public place.  
Manner of injury Automobile accident  
Nature of injury Ruptured intestine  
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? No  
If so, specify Ind. Accident M. D. Union City, Tennessee

TN death record of brother James Huddleston Talley -

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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: Milton Charles Talley**

Name variations: family biographies list as Charles Milton Talley

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

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

Entered service from: Union City, Obion TN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Milton Talley

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father C.S. Talley, Union City TN

First buried on isle of Islay Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland, grave 35, as Milton Tully

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

Body listed on return ship as: Milton Talley

Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Co F, 20th Eng

World War I draft registration (1917): as Milton Talley - b. 28 Jul 1891 Union City TN; res: 2004 St. Charles St., New Orleans LA. Single. Lumberman, Krauss Bros. Lumber Co., New Orleans LA. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: name variations: Talley & Tully

Born: 28 Jul 1891

Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Discharged: date not listed

Address: Union City TN

Rank/unit: private, Co. h [sic], 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Jul 1891 Union City, Obion TN

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 175941951 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location:

Cemetery: Union City, Obion TN

Tombstone: inscription: he gave his life for his country

Father: Charles Spencer Talley II (later Sr.), 19 Feb 1860 Obion, Obion TN – 1 Apr 1924 Union City, Obion TN. Son of Charles S. Talley I & Terresa M. --- . Buried in Beulah Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN.

Find A Grave: 147127708

Mother: Clara Huddleston Talley, 13 May 1864 Union City, Obion TN – 6 Mar 1940 Union City, Obion TN. Daughter of Milton C. Huddleston & Elizabeth D. Corum. Buried in Beulah Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN.

Find A Grave: 147127728

Parents' marriage: 4 Mar 1885 Fulton, Fulton KY

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Milton Charles was the 3<sup>rd</sup> child



- Ernestine Talley Reynolds, 20 Mar 1887 Union City, Obion TN – Oct 1976 Union City, Obion TN. Graduate of Union City (TN) Training School in 1905. Married 27 Dec 1905 in her parents' home in Union City, Obion TN to Thomas Richard ("Tom") Reynolds (1871 TN-1953 TN, F: 71094212). Tom, widowed, had married his first wife, Estelle Clay (1870-1903) in 1892. Ernestine is buried in East View Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN. F: 210676565.
- Ruth Elizabeth Talley Brevard, May 1889 TN – 4 Jan 1915 Union City, Obion TN. Graduate of Union City (TN) Training School. Served as deputy county clerk under her father. Married 21 Feb 1912 in Union City, Obion TN to Cyrus Winslow Brevard (1887-1957, F: 210516655). Died of lobar pneumonia. Buried in Beulah Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN. F: 210516671
- Thurman Spencer Talley, 16 Oct 1895 Union City, Obion TN – 2 Aug 1948 Memphis, Shelby N. Ran for election as deputy county clerk during WWI, was elected, enlisted in Army, then a substitute was named while he served. Husband of Alma Rae Burch (1902-1985, F: 185134232) whom he married 5 Mar 1923 in Paducah, McCracken KY. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby TN. F: 109114502
- Theresa Mildred Talley Cummings Robinson, 17 Jul 1898 Union City, Obion TN – 22 Dec 1979 Paducah, McCracken KY. – Married in Apr 1920 in TN to Roy Lee Cummings (7 Jan 1874 Rives TN – 29 Jun 1961 Memphis, Shelby TN). Roy was the son of Virgil B. & Mary F. Cummings. According to his obituary, Roy is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Jackson, Madison TN but is not on Find A Grave as of 2 Mar 2023. – Married to Robert Robinson (1892-1983, F: 62592608). Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Paducah, McCracken KY. F: 69262154
- Charles Spencer Talley III (later Jr.), 14 Sep 1901 Union City, Obion TN – 18 Aug 1986 Memphis, Shelby TN. Married on 30 Dec 1923 in Obion Co. TN to Edna M. Wilbanks (ca. 1903 TN – 11 Nov 1937 Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM, F: 79082610) where they had gone in hopes of recovering her health. Edna was the daughter of Hiram Wilbanks (F: 79082610) & Martha Viona Hall (F: 79082666). – Married Helen Jones (1919-1992, F: 183804197), who survived him. – Owner of Talley Brothes Lumber Co. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby TN. F: 86302362
- Eugene Watters ("Gene") Talley, 2 Jun 1905 Union City, Obion TN – 9 Sep 1978 Obion, Obion TN. Husband of Emalyn Schleifer (1909-1989, F: 68192848). Eugene is buried in East View Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN. F: 68192861
- James Huddleston Talley, 8 Jan 1911 TN – 25 Dec 1932 TN. A star baseball & football athlete at Southwestern College in Memphis TN, he died at age 21 when the car he was driving hit a telephone pole on the Union City TN-Fulton KY highway. His car had been crowded off the road & overturned several times. Apparently uninjured, with no broken bones or bruises, he went home, but his small intestine had been ruptured & he died of peritonitis. Buried in Beulah Cemetery, Union City, Obion TN. F: 147127674

Notes:

Namesake of the American Legion Post in Union City, Obion TN.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Jonesborough (TN) Herald & Tribune" 21 Feb 1918 p 1 - "most impressive ceremony ever held here" in Union City - all business suspended, 20 minutes of complete silence, pedestrians stood with uncovered heads, "Taps" played by 2 buglers, gun salute, flags at half-mast for Talley

Censuses:

1900 Civil District 2, Obion Co. TN – surname is indexed as Toiby (Ancestry.com) & Tolby (FamilySearch) but appears to read Tally or Tolly

Chas. S. Tally, 40 TN, Jul 1860, father b. TN, mother b. VA, married 15 years

Clara, 35 TN, May 1865, parents b. TN, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Ernestine, 13 TN, Mar 1887

Ruth, 11 TN, May 1889

Milton, 8 TN, Jul 1891

Thurman, 4 TN, Oct 1895

Teresa, 1 TN, Jul 1898

& servant Neal McMillan, 56 TN, Nov 1849, parents b. TN, single, Black, farm laborer

[no one in the Talley family has an occupation – the majority of families on this page are Black]

1910 Woodland Mills, Obion TN

Chas. S. Talley, 50 TN, father b. TN, mother b. VA, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 25 years, farmer, farming

Clara, 44 TN, parents b. TN, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Ruth, 20 TN, school teacher

Milton, 18 TN, at school

Thurman, 15 TN

Thresa, 12 TN

Chas. S. Jr., 8 TN

Eugene, 4 TN