

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Wood, James Crouch

1893 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

REPORT OF INTERMENT												NAME OF CEMETERY NATIONAL, ARLINGTON, VA.			
TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.												EMBLEM (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) WOOD, James C.												SERVICE DATA (Company, Regiment, Division, or other organization, and basic arm of service) 50th Co. NSN.			
RANK Pvt.						SERIAL NUMBER									
STATE						<input type="checkbox"/> WW I <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> WW II									
DATE OF BIRTH			DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE LOC.			DATES OF SERVICE			
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	SEC. OR GRAVE PLOT	OR LOT NO.	ENLISTMENT	DISCHARGE	DIED ON A. D.	RETIREMENT	
			Feb	5	1918				W Bup	888					
REMARKS (Authority for interment, pension, or claim number, disinterment, etc.) Grave #7, Row 1, 154 Kilnaughton Cemetery, Port Ellen, Islay Argyll, Scotland. Date of burial Nov. 5, 1920. Info. taken from Old Card 6-1-54-ab.												HEADSTONE OR MARKER ORDERED Tate, Georgia May 29, 1934.			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON												SHIPPING POINT FOR HEADSTONE			
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WOOD, JAMES CROWICH		X c- 7006
Pvt	Army	RS-
		RH-
Sa.	Died 2/6/18	V-
Born 5/29/93		N-
Enl.	Dis.	T- 456 781
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		H-
		I- 77 06

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James O Wood

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TEXAS WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Wood, James O.		Pvt	165 Depot Bnlg 50 Co Feb 5/18 Camp Travis Det #2 Overseas Casuals	

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Wood, James C NSN * White * Colored.
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Yantis Wood TEXAS
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Winsboro Tex on Nov 10, 19 17
 Place of birth: Paris Tex Age or date of birth: 24 6/12 yrs
 Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
 165 Dep Brig 50 Co Camp Travis Det 2 Overseas Casuals to death
 Grades, with date of appointment:
 Pvt
 Engagements:
 Sinking of Tuscania
 Served overseas from † to † death, from † to †
 Killed in action Feb 5, 1918
 Other wounds or injuries received in action: None
 Person notified of death: Mrs S E McElroy (If none, so state) Mother
 (Name) (Degree of relationship)
 (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 Remarks:
 Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
 Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7386

NSN – “no serial number” - TX, WWI military record -

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Life:

Following are the Texas and Oklahoma men unaccounted for:

James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas.

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

Home Addresses of Those Laid to Rest in Scotland

Associated Press.

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

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

Paul John C. Wood, may be Private James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas.

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

Some Confusing Errors.

The list of those buried, sent by cable, contains a number of confusing errors and a number of names which cannot be transcribed with certainty, including Paul John C. Wood (may be private James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas.)

In the cabled list also are W. Hardey, E. O. Peca and Claud W. Walker. These names are not on the list which remains after removing from the passenger list all those reported as survivors and those lost.

"El Paso Herald" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 2

200 Unaccounted For.

The war department's report of survivors still is far from complete. More than 200 men remain unaccounted for.

The ten names that did not appear on the list of dead buried on the Scottish coast, include the following Texans:

Pvt. William A. Dinter, Cuero, Tex.
 Pvt. Roy W. May, Lindale, Tex.
 Pvt. Henry Oxford, Turnerville, Tex.
 Pvt. Otto Ray, Coleman, Tex.
 Pvt. James F. Sparkman, Frisco, Tex.
 Pvt. James C. Wood, Yantis, Tex.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 5

Six More Texans Are With Tuscania's Dead

(Associated Press Report.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ten names which did not appear in the original list of soldiers who died when the transport **Tuscania** was torpedoed were made public by the war department Friday night. **Six** Texans are included in the number.

The additional list of names include: Corporal Clea Bargerstock, Marienville, Pa.; Private Russell F. Bennett, Plainfield, Wis.; Private Franklin A. Church, Providence, R. I.; Private William A. Dinter, Cuero, Texas; Private Roy W. May, Lindale, Texas; Private Henry Oxford, Turnersville, Texas; Private Otto Ray, Coleman, Texas; Private James F. Sparkman, Frisco, Texas; Private Bell M. Williams, Glenwood, Ark.; and Private James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas.

No new estimate of the total number of dead was made at the department Friday night. It has been believed here that the total would not exceed 170, but the above 10 apparently bring the list of known dead up to 174.

"Houston (TX) Post" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 4

SIX TEXANS KNOWN AMONG THE DEAD IN SCOTCH GRAVES

Washington, Feb. 15.—Eighty-two names of known dead among the American soldiers who were aboard the torpedoed liner Tuscania were received by cable tonight at the war department. An Associated Press dispatch last Tuesday announced that 164 soldier victims had been buried on the Scottish coast and gave the names of 131 who were identified but tonight's message was the first official partial list to reach the department. Ten names that did not appear in the list of dead and buried on the Scottish coast are given in the dispatch. Among them are:

Private William A. Dinter, Cuero, Texas.

Private Roy W. May, Lindale, Tex.

Private Henry Oxford, Turnersville.

Private Otto Ray, Coleman.

Private James S. Sparkman, Frisco.

Private James C. Wood, Yantis.

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"Paris (TX) Morning News" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 1

Mother:

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

4500 46
STATE FILE NO. 30794 ✓

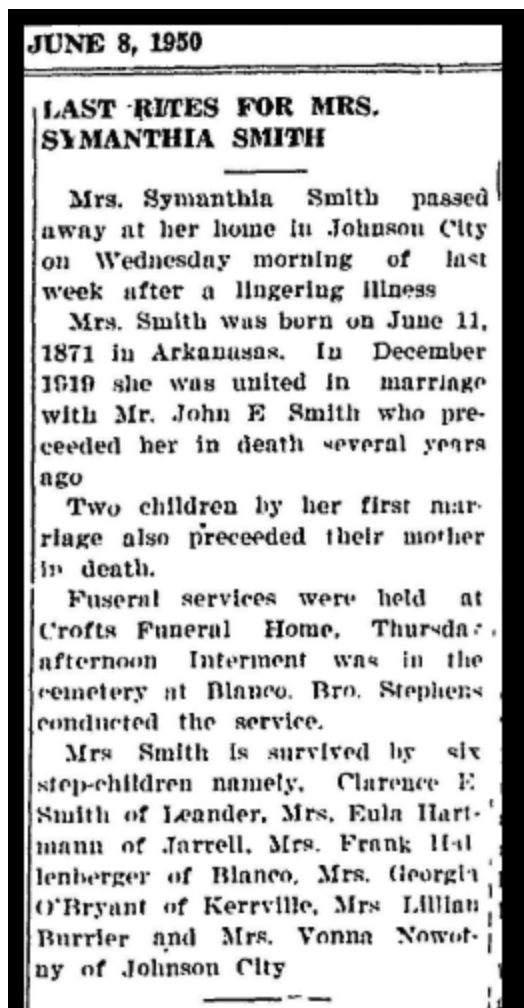
016-0-0-1-016-0-0

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Blanco.		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission). a. STATE Texas. b. COUNTY Blanco.	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Johnson City.		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Johnson City.	
d. FULL NAME (If not in hospital or institution, give street address and city) Johnson City.		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) Symantha E. Smith. b. (Middle) E. c. (Last) Smith.		4. DATE OF DEATH May 31, 1950.	
5. SEX Female.	6. COLOR OR RACE White.	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Widowed.	8. DATE OF BIRTH June 11 1871.
9. AGE 78	10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Home Maker.	11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Arkansas.	12. FATHER'S NAME N. K.
13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME N. K.	14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes or unknown) (If yes, give war or date of service) No.	15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Mrs. Elbert Nowotney. (step-daughter)
17. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) Anterior Sclerosis Sensitivity		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 1937	
18a. DATE OF OPERATION		18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
19a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)		19b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office, Mdg., etc.)	
20a. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) April 1, 1950		20b. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from April 1, 1950 , to May 31, 1950 , that I last saw the deceased alive on May 28, 1950 and that death occurred at 6:15 a.m. , from the causes and on the date stated above.		22a. SIGNATURE John F. Flannery, M.D.	
22b. ADDRESS Johnson City, Texas.		22c. DATE SIGNED	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATORY, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial.		23b. DATE June 1, 1950.	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Blanco, Texas.		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Blanco Cemetery.	
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Crofts Funeral Home. By J. H. Crofts		25. REGISTAR'S SIGNATURE McLennan	
25a. REGISTAR'S FILE NO. 223		25b. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 6-17-1950	

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

TX death record of mother Symantha -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062368-02488?pld=23987349



Obituary of Symantha --- Wood McElroy Smith – published in the “Johnson City (TX) Record Courier” Thursday 8 Jun 1950 – Find A Grave 43026081

John C Wood

in the Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965

Name	John C Wood
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	22 Aug 1889
Marriage Place	Lamar, Texas, United States
Spouse	Samantha E Connor
FHL Film Number	1293617

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/924691:60183?tid=62453637&pid=44088729244&queryId=726dd024e401e5ee72bd8b1c6d102706&_phsrc=hFB70773&_phstart=successSource

S E Wood

in the Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1837-1965

Name	S E Wood
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	7 Feb 1897
Marriage Place	Red River, Texas, USA
Spouse	J C McElroy

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/25760453:9168?tid=&pid=&queryId=2ece82e24ccf80a098651e861b98d181&_phsrc=hFB70800&_phstart=successSource

S E Mc Elroy

in the Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965

Name	S E Mc Elroy
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	14 Dec 1919
Marriage Place	Blanco, Texas, United States
Spouse	J E Smith
FHL Film Number	979781

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/654827:60183?tid=&pid=&queryId=aac9469903d6417a2eb5758997616f28&_phsrc=hFB70801&_phstart=successSource



Yantis, Wood County TX – east of the Dallas/Fort Worth area -

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Yantis,+TX+75497/@32.737266,-96.7671384,9z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x864987c25309c999:0xdbbca0109090bca3!8m2!3d32.9303985!4d-95.5749558!16zL20vMDEwY2Qy?entry=tту>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: James Crouch Wood

Name variations: middle name also found as Crontch

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 50th Co - private

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

Entered service from: Yantis, Wood TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: James C. Wood

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. S.E. McElroy, Alba TX

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 7, as J.C. Wood

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

Body listed on return ship as: J.C. Wood

Rank & unit on return ship: private, Cas. Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as James C. Wood – [b. 29 May 1893 Paris TX; res: Yantis, Wood TX. Single. Farmer for Jim McGlothen. Claimed exemption from draft: “rheumatism and heart failure.” Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: middle name Crontch

Enlisted: no date listed

Discharged:

Address: not provided

Rank/unit: private, Army

Birth & death:

Born: 29 May 1893 Paris, Lamar TX

Died: 5 February 1918 Tuscania

Has two Find A Grave records:

Find A Grave: 49338023 – burial – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Texas Pvt 165 Depot Brigade

Find A Grave: 53187693 – memorial, not a burial – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone: 53187693 (TX - memorial)

Father: John Crouch Wood, 3 Jun 1859 Washington, Cedar MO – 27 Mar 1896 Lamar Co. TX. Crouch was his paternal grandmother's maiden name. Son of the Rev. Samuel Wilburn Wood (1831-1906, F: 148436772) & Emily Adeline Wright (1829-1901, F: 148436936). In the 1860 census, John C. Wood (age 1, b. MO) lived with parents S.W. & E.A. Wood in Washington, Cedar MO. In the 1870 census for Beat 1, Lamar County TX, Washington, Cedar MO, J. C. Wood, age 12 MO, lived with his siblings & parents Samuel W. Wood (38) & Emily (41). The Wood family lived in Lamar County TX in the 1900 census also. John's first wife was Margaret J. Cass. They married 3 Oct 1883 in Lamar Co. TX. Find A Grave:

Mother: Symantha E. – Connor Wood McElroy Smith, 11 Jun 1871 AR [according to TX death record but all census records indicate a birth in Texas] – 31 May 1950 Johnson City, Blanco TX. Her birth surname is unclear. Here parents' names are listed as unknown on her TX death certificate.

She reported in the 1930 census that her 1st marriage occurred when she was age 16 (ca. 1887). As Samantha E. Connor, she married John C. Wood in Lamar Co. TX 22 Aug 1889. Mrs. S.E. Wood married James C. McElroy on 7 Feb 1897 in Clarksville, Red River TX & lived with him in the 1900 & 1910 census, along with her son James Wood. She reported in the 1910 census that her marriage to McElroy was her second marriage. She became the 2nd wife of John Edwin Smith in Blanco Co. TX on 14 Dec 1919.

In the 1930 census for Precinct 1, Blanco Co. TX, John E. Smith (58 TX, father b. PA, mother b. TX, farmer, general farm), age 21 at 1st marriage, lived with wife "Matter" Smith, 58 TX, father b. IN, mother b. TN, age 16 at 1st marriage.

John Edwin Smith was born 31 Mar 1872 Blanco, Blanco TX & died 27 Jan 1947 Johnson City, Blanco TX. His 1st wife was Susannah (Susan) Elizabeth Cravatt (1876-1912).

Buried in Blanco Cemetery, Blanco, Blanco Co. TX

Find A Grave: 43026081

Parents' marriage: 22 Aug 1889 Lamar Co. TX

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- An additional child is listed in the 1910 census, when his mother Symantha says she has given birth to 2 children, 1 of whom is living. In Symantha's obituary on Find A Grave, it reports she had 2 children predecease her.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 5, Delta Co. TX

Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/43245196:7602>

James McElroy, 47 IN, Mar 1853, parents b. IN, married 3 years, farm laborer

Semanth McElroy, 29 TX, Jun 1871, father b. AL, mother b. TN, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living [wife]

James Wood, 9 TX, May 1893, father b. MS, mother b. TX [son]

1910 Justice Precinct 6, Delta Co. TX

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/27839952:7884?tid=&pid=&queryId=7bed90002fbb4f7bcb1a8a3bca66075a&_phsrc=hFB70769&_phstart=successSource

James C. McElroy, 58 IN, father b. Ireland, mother b. IN, in 1st marriage, married 13 years, painter, house

Symantha, 39 TX, father b. IN, mother b. TN, in 2nd marriage, did not answer questions on number of children born & number of children living

James Wood, 16 TX, father b. IN, mother b. TX, labor, odd jobs [stepson]