

# TUSCANIA

**Woodson, John Mortimer**  
**1894 OK – 1987 TX**



John Mortimer Woodson – Oklahoma State University (Stillwater OK), 1916 yearbook -  
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John Mortimer Woodson – “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) 3 Mar 1918 p 25

WOODSON, MORTIMER		C- 1 329 223
2nd Lt FARC 1st Lt FA		RS-
2222 Garrett Ave.,		RH-
Dallas, Texas		A- 2 786 504
Sn.	Died	V-
Born 10/22/94		T- 463 497
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Life:

# OKLAHOMA YOUTH INSPECTS SUBS

**Former Aggie Athletic Star  
Has Responsible Position  
With Government.**

**IS AN ELECTRICAL EXPERT**

**Passes on Equipment Installed  
in Uncle Sam's Under-  
water Fighters.**

*Special to The World.*

WALTER, Okla., Sept. 22.—An Oklahoma young man is telling Uncle Sam whether the electrical equipment of his new submarine has been properly installed. A graduate of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stillwater, a postgraduate of an eastern mechanical college, Clay Woodson, son of Judge B. M. Woodson, editor of the *Walter New Era*, has advanced to an important post with the government, being headquartered at Pittsburgh, Pa., and having as his territory that in which numerous plants in Pennsylvania and adjoining states are filling contracts for the United States.

The position is one of the most responsible coming under jurisdiction of the shipbuilding board, for should the slightest part of electrical mechanism be improperly placed it might mean not only destruction of the submarine, but a loss of American seamen. The duty of young Woodson is to be on hand when a submarine is completed, and if it passes his inspection it is ready for service.

## A Star Athlete.

Woodson while a student in the A. & M. college became one of its star athletes and bore the distinction of being the first student in that school to break into some enviable records held by the university. After completing his course he was sent by the government into northwestern states to inquire into the cause of explosions in threshing machines. Frequency of such explosions caused the charge to be made that enemies of the government of the manufacturing company putting out the threshers were responsible.

After examining a few threshers and witnessing some explosions Woodson found that the cause lay in a vacuum formed between a metal barrel rim and the cylinder that revolved in the center, the explosion being due to the accumulation of dust. He remedied the defect in mechanism and had his device patented.

The Westinghouse Electrical company learned of his genius and sent for him to come east. He was given a position with that company and retained it for several years, resigning only a few months ago to enter the employ of the government. He was married a few months ago to a young woman of Hollis, Okla., who was a boyhood sweetheart.

## Likes Farm Life.

"Clay has done well," says Judge Woodson, "yet he is not satisfied. He was reared in the open and wants to get back to it. He likes the freedom of the west and its farm life."

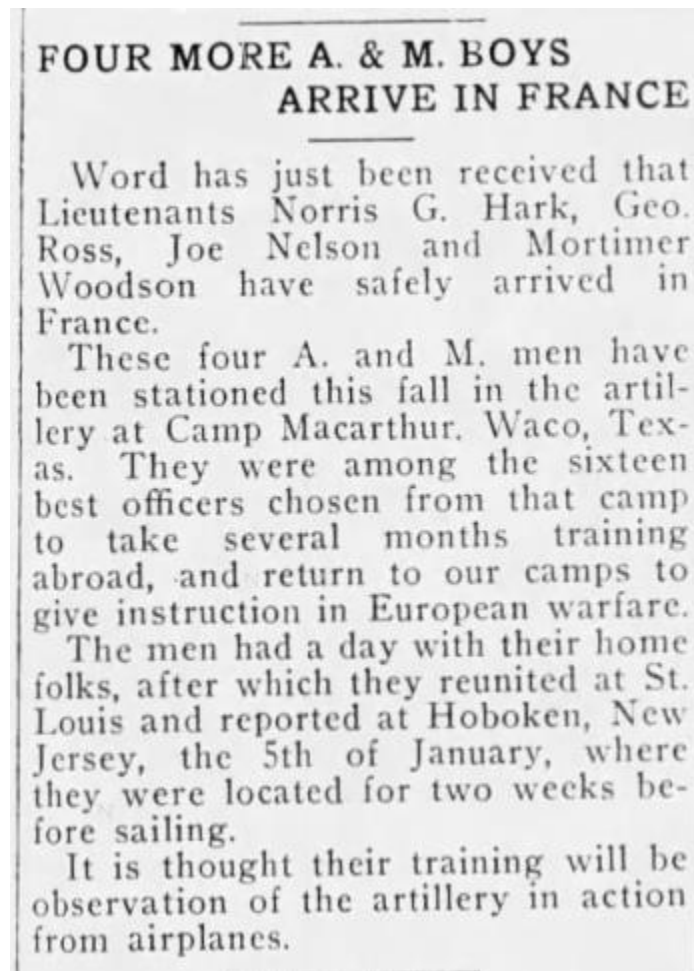
Mortimer Woodson, youngest son of the *Walter* editor, whom a good many western Oklahoma people will remember as a lieutenant of his father during the time the latter was experimenting in agriculture near Altus a few years ago, has a commission as second lieutenant in the army and is stationed at Waco, Texas.

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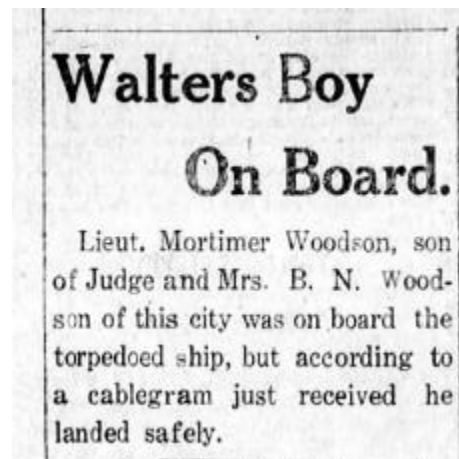
Judge Woodson's farm experience was an interesting thing. After having been county judge, a member of the territorial senate and a prominent lawyer for several years, he left the bright lights and hid himself on a farm that boasted of a dugout for a house. For two years he and Clay and Mortimer were practical farmers. Every clear night thru a crack in the wall came the light of a little star. It was their star of hope, they said. It may have proved so. Judge Woodson sold the farm for \$6,000 cash, realizing a nice profit, and his companions have risen to conscientious and responsible positions in their country's service.



"Tulsa (OK) World" Thursday 1 Jan 1918 p 2



False report that Mortimer Woodson was in France – he was aboard Tuscania the day this was published and 3 days away from its sinking – "O'Collegian (Orange & Black)" Saturday 2 Feb 1918 p 1



"Cotton County Democrat" (Walters OK) Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

## OKLAHOMANS ON TUSCANIA

The Oklahoman says the following Oklahomans were on the Tuscania. Whether any of them were lost is not known. They were in the 100th aero squadron. In addition to these it is thought Lieut. C. K. Jones, formerly of the University, and Douglass Soutar, brother of Prof. R. G. Soutar of the University, may have been on the vessel. The Oklahoman's list is as follows:

Frank Ackerson, Ochiltree.  
 Ralph S. Adams, Oilton.  
 Olank E. Armstrong, Cement.  
 Arthur F. Austin, Callsby.  
 Jack Brackett, Woodward.  
 Herzsche O. Baird.  
 Silas J. Bumpass, Corrine.  
 Joe E. Bagby, Chickasha.  
 Louis D. Baker, Okarche.  
 Grover W. Craft, Rufe.  
 Henry Curtwright, Bismarck.  
 Ed Cain, Ruth.  
 Hamby Cheek, Miami.  
 Mac Dailey, New Wilson.  
 Leslie A. Dale, Ponca City.  
 Lloyd L. Eckels, Indianoma.  
 A. I. Farris, Alva.  
 Melvin E. Hagans, Bismarck.  
 Boot M. Hammers, Crum Creek.  
 First Lieut. Ora Hemphill, Tyrone.  
 Jesse H. Long, Spiro.  
 Captain Leo P. LeBron, Guthrie.  
 L. C. McDaniels, Bellsome.  
 Walter Albert McClain, Octavia.  
 Oscar McCollom, Lone Wolf.  
 Clyde Niblack, Howe.  
 Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow.  
 Cecil Rhine, Bismarck.  
 John Ridge, Pleasant Hill.  
 Andrew Springer, Paden.  
 Frank Tallen, Independence.  
 Roy Ussery, Hayworth.  
 William W. Wright, Bismarck.  
 Mortimer Woodson, Walters.

“Norman (OK) Daily Transcript” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4

### Was Aboard Tuscania

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"Blackwell (OK) Times-Record" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3



## Many Thanks to All

It was a most trying and distressing experience for ye editor and wife Thursday, February 7, 1918, when we had the first intimation that our son, and youngest child, Lieutenant Mortimer Woodson, was aboard the army transport Tuscania, that was torpedoed and sunk off the North coast of Ireland at 6 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, February 5th, 1918. We had an idea only that he was en route to France from New York and the suspense was terrific and words cannot adequately express it. We waited for further news and at 3:30 o'clock p. m. on February 7th, a call from the Rock Island railroad station in Walters said, "cablegram." The first words, "Landed safely; telegraph Clay" (his brother who is working for the government at Pittsburg, Pa.,) and signed "Mortimer Woodson," were the sweetest words we ever heard. We received an official confirmation of his safety from the Adjutant General Saturday night, so we now know all is well with him and

John E. Dinwiddie, who were the only Walters boys on this ship. We scan every newspaper for bits of news concerning this fearful work of war, and we are sure that he is well cared for and that every comfort and necessity for those brave boys are provided. We have had no other direct news from him as yet and likely will not have for many days. Everybody knows the facts concerning the sinking of this ship so we pass that up now and will give all inside information as soon as we get it. From what we can learn all the Oklahoma boys acted like well trained soldiers and brave men.

Since recovering from the shock we have and do feel so thankful for his rescue that we cannot find time nor will power to hate anything or anybody. Everyone has been unsparing in their good wishes and congratulations, and they are coming by telephone, telegraph and letters, and from almost everywhere. So we take this opportunity to extend to all friends and good wishers, our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kind words and assurances which we know are true and sincere.

This editorial in the "Warner (OK) New Era" was written by the editor – who was Mortimer Woodson's father – Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 4



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"Blackwell (OK) Times-Record" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

## LIENTENANT WOODSON IS TUSCANIA SURVIVOR

A Special Detail From Local Batteries Was Scheduled for the Tuscania.

Lieutenant Mortimer Woodson, nephew of C. C. Cockerill, 605 West Kansas, is a Tuscania survivor. Lieutenant Woodson sent a cablegram from "an Irish port" telling of his safe arrival. The message was sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Woodson, at Walters, Okla., where Mr. Woodson is a publisher of the Walters Era. Lieutenant Woodson enlisted in the army when the war was declared. He was stationed for a long time at Waco, Texas, but his parents did not know he was on his way to France until the message was received this week telling of his rescue from the torpedoed liner.

Word has been received that a special detail from Batteries C and D was to have sailed on the ill-fated liner and only escaped by a countermanding order because the ship was loaded to capacity. It is reported that the detail had orders to go east and embark on this ship. Among those in the detail were: Lieutenant Charles Fisher, Sergeant Cecil Wolf, Fred Buehre, Edward Wilson and Ben Fuller.

"Pittsburg (KS) Sun" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 1



Headline is in error – Burley Nall also survived - “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK)  
Sunday 3 Mar 1918 p 17 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/899768909/>

## Letter From Lieutenant Woodson Who Was Aboard the Tuscania



American Camp in England,  
February 13, 1918.

Dear Father:

I suppose you wonder why I have not written before this, but you see as soon as I landed my Captain went to London and left me with 108 shipwrecked soldiers to clothe, feed and house, besides make out a thousand different records about every one of them. I thought that I had worked a little before in my life, but I found out that I had never seen anybody that had ever worked. I never sleep and seldom eat.

I was sailing on the fated ship, Tuscania. It was a fine ship and we had a nice voyage—as far as it went. We saw land that afternoon about four o'clock. It looked so good that it inspired me to write some

letters. I had just written a letter to you and was about half way through with another when Fritz got us.

Our life boat got away safely and we were on the water about three hours before being picked up. There was quite a sea running and at times I felt like the negro of the ship's crew who walked out on to the deck beside me. He looked out into the water for a few moments and then said, "Oh, for old Tennessee!"

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## **Lieut. Woodson Writes Letter From England**

(Continued from page one)

footed in Northern Ireland in February? The people in Larne treated us the finest a person could be treated; in fact the British officers and citizens have treated us wonderfully since our informal arrival.

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I hope no one else will ever have to go through such an experience. Personally, I suffered nothing but the loss of \$400.00 worth of equipment, but I saw much suffering.

This country of England is a great country—for the traveler. I do wish you could see its castles, cathedrals, etc.

Well, I am tired so will close. Please send this letter to Clay until I can write to him. Tell all my friends that I had written them a letter but it is on the bottom of the North Channel. There is a lot more that I can tell you when I get back to the States. I hope that I will not have to go back before it is all over, over here, because I owe Fritz a debt and I want to pay it before I leave.

I will write you my address later. I hope you got my cablegram O. K. and that everything is fine at home.

Affectionately your son,  
**MORTIMER WOODSON.**

## Walter Lieutenant Tells of Tuscania

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"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 24 Mar 1918 p 19



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Three letters from our son, Mortimer, from somewhere in France states that he is greatly in love with the country and splendid, generous people, who seem to never tire in their efforts to please the Americans. Anyone wishing to write to him may address as follows: "Lieut. Mortimer Woodson, A. P. O. 727, A. E. F., France." He will appreciate your letters.

"Walters (OK) New Era" Thursday 2 May 1918 p 5

### From Tuscania to France

A. P. O. 718, France, June 1, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Kent: In the last letter I received from McNeely he enclosed your letter of March 23. It was certainly a treat to me. I had heard no news from the school or any of my friends since I left Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, on January 1 this year. I was shifted around so much before I finally reached here that I practically had no address.

You may possibly be interested in some of my maneuvers since I left the good ship Tuscania one evening last February. I spent three hours "joy riding" in a lifeboat on a high sea. I was picked up by a trawler and taken into port at Larue, Ireland. The people there sure treated us fine. The town was ours, and practically everything was free. I hated to leave that place. We came across to Winchester, England, where we "rested" for eight weeks. While I was resting I had to make out new service records, new insurance allotments and about a thousand other things, for every man in my company. I took time out and went to London five days, and several other places, beside this I had one square meal in England, so you see the time was not all lost. After I came over to France and got rid of my company I spent about a month dodging "swivel chair" soldier jobs and got here to school. Geo. Ross, Joe Nelson and Norris Harp, who came east with me last winter, had been here and were just finishing up. We put on a party. During the evening we stood up and sang "O. A. M. C." and gave a boom-erah. Possibly the school never thought of having "O. A. M. C." sung in this French village.

I was interested in what you said about war brides. I sure think you are right. As for French war brides, tell 'em all they need not worry. I don't think a sane American will marry over here unless he is drunk or suffering from shell shock. The American girl is the ONLY girl in this world.

I was glad to hear that a number of our boys made good in the third camp. I hope they don't have to wait long for their commissions. You are right, a commission means a whole lot to a person. An American officer's uniform is a passport to any society in the world. This is sure valuable to a person sometimes.

I will be through school here in about three weeks. I will sure be glad. I like this school and this is a beautiful country, but I want to do something. I think I have about served my time going to school. We go from here to the front. I may be able to write you something of interest later.

I hope you have a nice summer and also hope that the school doesn't turn into a kindergarten. Please give my best regards to my friends. I would enjoy hearing from you. As ever,

MORTIMER WOODSON,

A. P. O. 718, American E. F.

"O'Collegian (Orange & Black)" Tuesday 9 Jul 1918 p 2

### A SONG OF HOME

I am singing a song to the boys today  
 A song of the home that is far away.  
 And I know that an echo the word is  
 waking,  
 In many a heart that is secretly ach-  
 ing.  
 Yes, almost breaking, thinking of  
 Home, dear Home.  
 But thought, you know, is a carrier  
 dove  
 And it flies straight into the hearts  
 you love.  
 You picture the days of your youthful  
 joys,  
 The old home circle, the girls and  
 boys,  
 You know in that wonderful world of  
 pleasure  
 When life danced on to a lilting meas-  
 ure;  
 Each scene you measure, thinking of  
 home, dear home  
 And here is a thought that is sweet  
 and true—  
 The ones you long for, are longing  
 for you.  
 You picture the day when the war is  
 done.  
 The duty accomplished, the victory  
 won.  
 And over the billows our ships go  
 leaping,  
 Into our beautiful Harbor sweeping,  
 And with laughter and weeping, you  
 go back Home, Home, Home.  
 On the walls of your heart, you must  
 hang with care,  
 This beautiful picture, framed in a  
 prayer.

Thinking of home, you are blazing a  
 trail  
 For that glorious day when our ships  
 shall sail.  
 Where the Goddess of Liberty, lights  
 the water  
 To guide you back from the fields of  
 slaughter.  
 Fair freedom's daughter, who wel-  
 comes us Home, Home, Home.  
 So hold your vision, and work and  
 pray;  
 For that glorious hour that will come  
 some day.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

(Ed. Note—This poem was sent to  
 our son, Lieutenant Mortimer Wood-  
 son by the author, who with her trav-  
 eling companion, Mrs. Randell, met  
 him and spent the day together this  
 spring while inspecting objects of in-  
 terest in France, a chateau near Chi-  
 non was one of their most interesting  
 runs inspected, a kodak picture of the  
 party was taken and sent to us.)

N. Y., 11-11-18—7:15 A. M.

B. N. Woodson, Walters, Okla.

"Greetings:" Mortimer Woodson.

The above laconic telegram was from our soldier son, Mortimer, who has been in New York a few days waiting for orders to sail to France a second time on a hurry up call. He will hardly go now, we think. The telegram was short, but meant volumes as all the world at that moment was wild with joy over the signing of the armistice by the Germans. To say it was a joyous greeting is meagerly described.

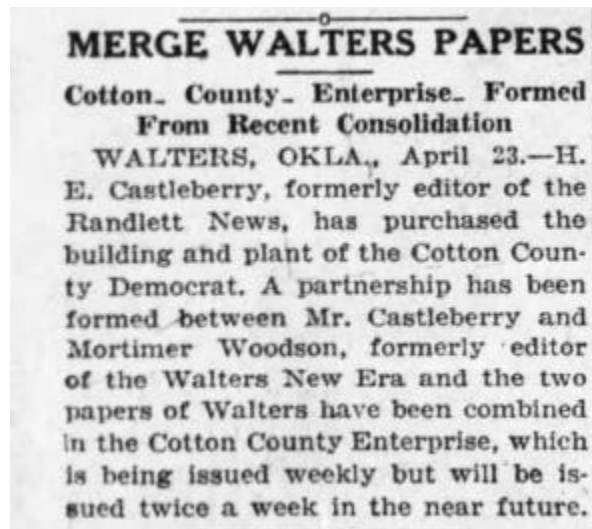
He was in New York City on the 7th of November, when the world went wild over the fake announcement of peace; nothing could describe the delight, the frenzy and abandon of the people over the joyful news.

Mortimer was in NYC when the Armistice was declared, apparently waiting for a call to return to France – "Walters (OK) New Era" Thursday 14 Nov 1918 p 4

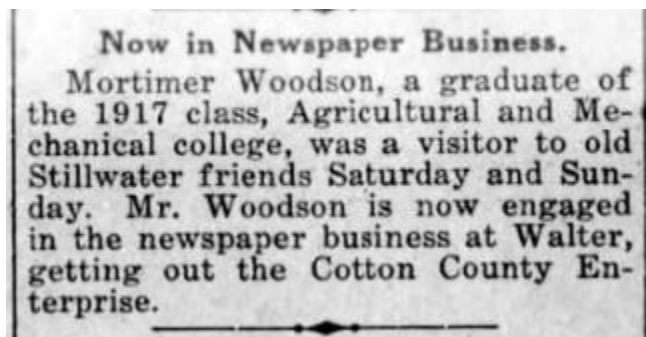
### **OUR SON IS HOME FOR 10 DAYS**

Lieutenant Mortimer Woodson is at home with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Woodson on a ten days leave. He is monarch of all he surveys at home now as this is his first visit home since he didn't drown when the Germans torpedoed his ship, the Tuscania, last February. He and parents spent Christmas day with his sister, Mrs. G. E. Dork, in Duncan.

"Walters (OK) New Era" Thursday 26 Dec 1918 p 8



"Wichita (KS) Daily Eagle" Saturday 24 Apr 1920 p 1



"Stillwater (OK) Gazette" Friday 4 Jun 1920 p 1 –  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/582522040/>

## WILL TEACH AGRICULTURE

### Disabled Soldiers May Be Tutored by Special Representative.

Disabled soldiers of eastern Oklahoma who are learning to be agriculturists under the tutelage of the United States veterans bureau now have a special representative to look after their needs in Mortimer Woodson, agricultural specialist re-

cently added to the staff of the Tulsa subdistrict bureau. Agriculture comes next to mechanics in the favor of vocationally handicapped veterans who take up training with the bureau. Lonnie Riley is another new member of the staff with industrial cases as his particular field.

The Tulsa subdistrict office now has a staff of 19 with an increase by three secretaries in the near future probable. W. Grady Harris, subdistrict manager, stated Monday. The office lost one member to the fascination of a political career, Wilburn Cartwright, former rehabilitation assistant, having resigned to make the congressional race in the third district. Harris has just returned from a vacation spent at his home in Mt. Calm, Texas and other points in Texas.

"Tulsa (OK) World" Tuesday 16 May 1922 p 6

Noted in Texas newspapers as vocational rehabilitation & education office, US Veterans Administration, out of Waco TX 1943-1946

Wife:



STATE OF TEXAS *059-01-2 059-01* **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** *F888X 00* STATE FILE NO. **33565**

1 NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First (b) Middle (c) Last  
**Anita P. Woodson**

2 SEX **Female** 3 DATE OF DEATH **May 5, 1980**

4 RACE **White** 5a WAS THE DECEDENT OF SPANISH ORIGIN? **NO** 5b IF YES, SPECIFY MEXICAN, CUBAN, PUERTO RICAN, ETC.

6 DATE OF BIRTH **9-25-99** 7 AGE (In years birthday) **80** IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days IF UNDER 24 HRS. Hours Minutes

8a PLACE OF DEATH - COUNTY **Dallas** 8b CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **Dallas** 8c NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION **Presbyterian Hospital** 8d INSIDE CITY LIMITS? **Yes**

9 MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) **Married** 10 BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) **Tennessee** 11 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? **USA** 12 WAS DECEDENT EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? **No** 13 SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) **Mortimer Woodson**

14 SOCIAL SECURITY NO. **456-84-5764** 15a USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) **Homemaker** 15b KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY **Home**

16a RESIDENCE - STATE **Texas** 16b COUNTY **Dallas** 16c CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, show rural) **Dallas** 16d STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) **6706 Northport** 16e INSIDE CITY LIMITS? **Yes**

17 FATHER'S NAME **John T. Price** 18 MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Nettie Hickman** 19 SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT *Mortimer Woodson* **Mortimer Woodson**

20 PART I IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), (c))  
 (a) **Complications of fracture of hip** Interval between onset and death  
 (b) **DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:** Interval between onset and death  
 (c) **DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:** Interval between onset and death

21 AUTOPSY? **No**

22a ACC. SUICIDE, HOM. UNDET. OR PENDING INVEST. (Specify) **Accident** 22b DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.) **4-29-80** 22c HOUR OF INJURY **Unknown M.** 22d DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED **Fell to floor**

22e INJURY AT WORK (Specify yes or no) **No** 22f PLACE OF INJURY - At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify) **Residence** 22g LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE **6706 Northport Dallas, Texas**

23a To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title)  
**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**REC'D JUN 12 1980**  
**BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS**

23b DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) **May 5, 1980** 23c HOUR OF DEATH **10:30 A. M.**

24a On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the cause(s) stated (Signature and Title)  
**Vincent JM DiMaio, M.D.**  
**Medical Examiner**

24b DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.) **May 5, 1980** 24c HOUR OF DEATH **10:30 A. M.**

24d PRONOUNCED DEAD (Mo., Day, Year) **ON 5-5-80** 24e PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) **AT 10:30 A. M.**

25a BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) **Burial** 25b DATE **5-9-80** 25c NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY **Hillcrest Memorial Park**

25d LOCATION (City, town, or county) **Dallas Texas** 25e SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR *James M. Sparkman* **Sparkman/Hillcrest, Northwest Hwy**

27a REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. **3684** 27b DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR **MAY 8 - 1980** 27c SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR *Johnnie P. Willis*

TX death record of Anita Price Woodson - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/46462520:2272>

Daughter:



**WOODSON, REBECCA,** Highlights 1937-'40, Zoology  
Club 1938, Four-Year Linz Pin 1940, '1

Rebecca Ruth Woodson – Highland Park High School (Dallas TX) 1940 yearbook -  
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## Rebecca Tesch

in the Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000

Name	Rebecca Tesch
Death Date	29 Sep 1993
Death County	Dallas
Gender	Female

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## Rebecca Ruth Yeager

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Rebecca Ruth Yeager [Rebecca Ruth Ellis] [Rebecca Tesch] [Rebecca Ruth Woodson]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	31 Oct 1922
Birth Place	Tulsa, Oklahoma
Death Date	29 Sep 1993
Father	John M Woodson
Mother	Sarah A Price
SSN	452523551
Notes	Sep 1951: Name listed as REBECCA RUTH YEAGER; Oct 1958: Name listed as REBECCA RUTH ELLIS; 04 Mar 1980: Name listed as REBECCA ELLIS TESCH; 30 Oct 1993: Name listed as REBECCA E TESCH

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## MARRIAGE RECORD

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } 26450  
County of Dallas.

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas--

GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED To Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between John W. Yeager and Miss Rebecca Woodson and make due return to the County Clerk of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS My official signature and seal of office, at office in Dallas, this 1st day of Nov - A. D. 1940.

ED H. STEGER, County Clerk.

I, John T. Price hereby certify that on the 2nd day of Nov - A. D. 1940.

I united in Marriage Mr John W. Yeager and Miss Rebecca Woodson the parties above mentioned.

WITNESS My hand, this 2nd day of November - A. D. 1940.

John T. Price Pastor Presbyterian Church Rockwall, Texas

Returned and filed for record the 6 day of Nov - 1940, and recorded the 6 day of Nov 1940.

ED H. STEGER, County Clerk.

How disposed of 5871 Hillcrest Dallas By W. H. Crissett Deputy, 6 Nov 1940.

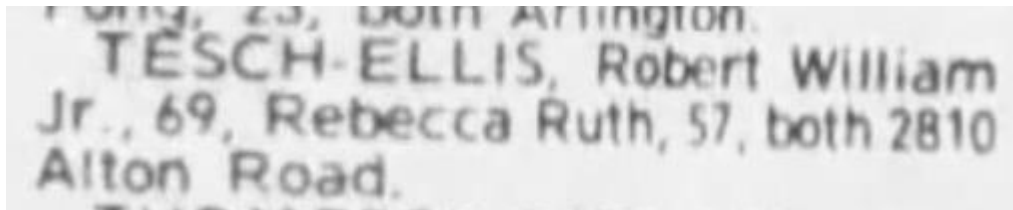
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## Rebecca Ruth Ellis

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

Name	Rebecca Ruth Ellis
Gender	Female
License Date	4 Jan 1980
License Place	Tarrant, Texas, USA
Marriage Date	17 Jan 1980
Marriage Place	Tarrant, Texas, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Robt Wm Tesch</a>
Document Number	M180082879

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/924199669:9168>



“Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” Friday 11 Jan 1980 p 52

## Rebecca Tesch

in the Texas, U.S., Divorce Index, 1968-2015

Name	Rebecca Tesch
Gender	Female
Divorce Age	64
Birth Date	1924
Marriage Date	9 Jan 1980
Divorce Date	18 Mar 1988
Divorce Place	Tarrant, Texas, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Robert W Tesch</a>
Number of Children	0
Case Number	019298

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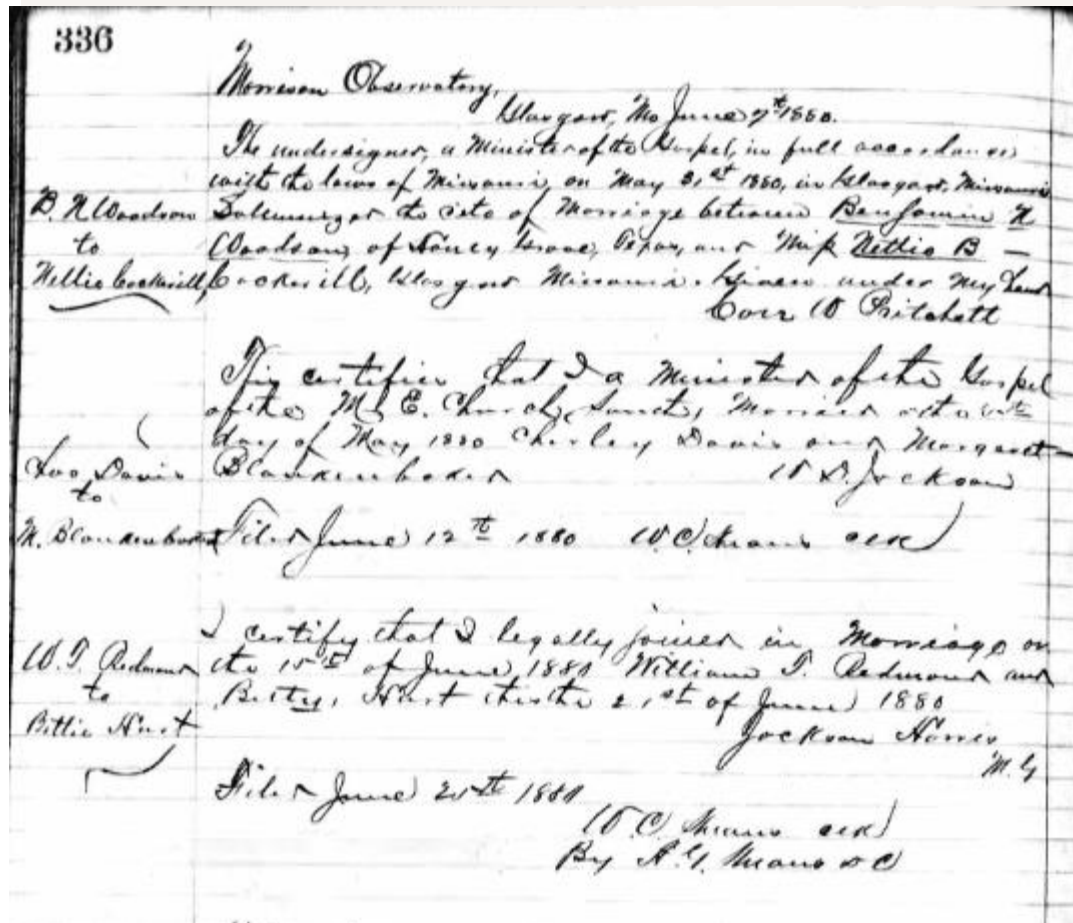
Father:



The Woodson family – standing is mother Nellie Bly Cockerill Woodson, seated father Benjamin Nelson Woodson Sr., boy at left Marion Merle Woodson, girl in middle Lalla Almond Woodson (Keithly) & on father's lap Benjamin Nelson Woodson Jr. (b. May 1886) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/81572712/person/240159379195/media/8f9bc074-80a5-4a11-89b5-9e9eee6c89d3>

## Missouri, U.S., Marriage Records, 1805-2002 for Benjamin N Woodson

Howard &gt; Record Images For Howard &gt; 1838-1885



Name	Benjamin N Woodson
Marriage Date	31 May 1880
Marriage Place	Howard, Missouri, USA
Spouse	Nettie B Cockerill

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/90221804/person/262010030019/facts>

Benjamin Nelson Woodson belongs to a family which originated in England and came to the Virginia Colony in 1620. He received his preliminary education in the public school at Honey Grove, Fannin County, Texas, and was subsequently graduated from Pritchett College, Glasgow, Missouri, in 1875, receiving the degree of proficiency. Later he entered the law department of the University of the City of New York, where he was graduated in 1876, at which time Ulysses S. Grant, Junior was sworn in, although a graduate of Columbia University. Returning to Honey Grove, Texas, Mr. Woodson engaged in the practice of law, and was elected state's attorney for



Fannin County, an office he retained for two terms. On April 22, 1889, he removed to Oklahoma City and engaged in the practice of his profession, remaining there for five years with a full measure of success. He was the representative of Texas on the famous committee of fourteen that was selected at the mass meeting in Oklahoma City to survey and lay off the city into lots and blocks, streets and alleys, and took an active part in all the public affairs of the city until he left for Kay County. He was chairman of the committee that settled the contest on the Gault 80 of the city. In 1893 he went to the Cherokee Strip, where he was appointed county judge by Governor Renfrow, a capacity in which he acted to the end of the term and lived there for seven years, and in 1901 came to Kiowa County, Oklahoma, where he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Hobart. While there he was honored by election to the last Territorial Senate, the twelfth session, in which he represented Kiowa and Washita counties, in 1904. After five years in Kiowa County, Mr. Woodson removed to a ranch and proved up a homestead in the south end of Greer County, which afterwards became Jackson County, this property being situated nine miles from Altus. He was there elected county judge in 1911 and served as such two years, and January 1, 1913, came to Walters and purchased the Walters New Era, a democratic organ which had been founded in 1901 by J. A. Stockton. The success which has been attained by Mr. Woodson in his journalistic work would seem to prove, as claimed by many, that editors, like poets, are born, not made. The qualities which make a successful journalist are inbred and no amount of study can supply the lack of a keenness of observation, acute perceptions of the tastes of the public, and accurate judgment on matters treated in various newspaper departments. While it has a respectable foreign list, the New Era circulates principally in Cotton and the neighboring counties, and is the democratic organ of Cotton County, as well as the official city paper of Walters. The commodious and well-equipped offices are located on Broadway, and are fitted with all appliances and machinery to found in the modern newspaper and printing office. A stalwart democrat from the time of attaining his majority, Mr. Woodson was secretary of the first democratic organization ever established in Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City. He was likewise chairman of the county central and territorial central committees there, has helped to organize the party in five different counties in Oklahoma, and has been very active in all state and county conventions. He is both a forcible writer and eloquent speaker, and his voice and pen are always at the service of his party; as they are also at the command of movements which promise advancement and progress in the affairs of his city, county and state. Mr. Woodson has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday school. His various fraternal connections

include membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. Of recent years he has disposed of all his farming interest, and now devotes himself unreservedly to his journalistic duties and his political activities. Mr. Woodson was married in May, 1880, at Glasgow, Missouri, to Miss Nellie COCKRELL, who was born at Glasgow, Missouri, daughter of the late Maj. H. Clay Cockrell, who was a major of reserves in the Union army during the Civil war. Mrs. Woodson, a graduate of Pritchette College and of the Southwestern Conservatory of Music, has been prominent in club, religious, charitable and social work, and is at present secretary of the Oklahoma L.T.L. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodson: Lalla is the wife of John KEITHLEY, a banker and agriculturist of O'Fallon, Missouri. Marion Marle, a graduate of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Stillwater, Oklahoma, is now a commercial salesman, with Lexington, Kentucky, as his home. He was for a number of years at the head of the demonstration department of agriculture of the State of Oklahoma, and as such in charge of the exhibits of the state in the Dry Farming Congress in Lethbridge Exhibition, in Canada, in 1912.

Benjamin Nelson, Jr., is manager for the Emerson-Brantingham Implement Company at Kansas City, Missouri. James Clay graduated May 28, 1915, from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Oklahoma with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Genelle Attended the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is now a teacher in Walters public schools, and John Mortimer will graduate from that institution with the class of 1917.

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Mother:



Obituary of Nellie Bly Cockerill Woodson - "Oklahoma News" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 17 Oct 1937 p 2



Reverend John Thompson Price  
1866-1951

By Ronald McClure

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Gare's mother, Rebacca Ruth **Woodson** Yeager, is standing behind her. Gare's grandmother and grandfather, Anita Price **Woodson** and John Mortimer **Woodson**, are standing on the right side of the picture. This was taken in the **Woodson's** home ...

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Siblings:

John Keithly, of O'Fallon, Mo., and Miss Lalla Woodson were married at 9 a. m. Thursday at the home of the bride's parents; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Woodson, South Main street, Hobart, Rev. Willingham officiating.

Marriage of sister Lalla Almond Woodson to John Milton Keithly 28 Jun 1905 – "Wichita (KS) Eagle" Sunday 2 Jul 1905 p 10

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.

AGE 82 1932

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				Do not use this space.	
<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b> County <u>Callaway</u> Registration District No. <u>104</u> Township <u>Fulton</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>3008</u> City <u>Fulton</u> (No. <u>4</u> St. <u>          </u> Ward <u>          </u> )				File No. <u>22134</u> Registered No. <u>153</u>	
<b>2. FULL NAME</b> <u>Lalla Almond Keithly</u> (a) Residence, No. <u>Warrenton, Mo</u> St. <u>          </u> Ward <u>          </u> (Usual place of abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>6</u> yrs. <u>8</u> mos. <u>22</u> ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
<b>3. SEX</b> <u>Female</u>		<b>4. COLOR OR RACE</b> <u>White</u>		<b>5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word)</b> <u>Divorced</u>	
<b>5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF</b> <u>John M. Keithly</u>					
<b>6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)</b> YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. min. <u>50</u> <u>—</u> <u>—</u> <u>          </u> <u>          </u> <u>          </u>					
<b>7. AGE</b> YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. min. <u>50</u> <u>—</u> <u>—</u> <u>          </u> <u>          </u> <u>          </u>					
<b>8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.</b> <u>Housework</u>					
<b>9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.</b> <u>          </u>					
<b>10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)</b> <u>          </u>					
<b>11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation</b> <u>          </u>					
<b>12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)</b> <u>Unknown</u>					
<b>13. NAME</b> <u>No information</u>					
<b>14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)</b> <u>Unknown</u>					
<b>15. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)</b> <u>Unknown</u>					
<b>16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY)</b> <u>Unknown</u>					
<b>17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS)</b> <u>Records of State Hosp #1</u> <u>Fulton, Mo.</u>					
<b>18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE</b> <u>O'Fallon, Mo.</u> DATE <u>July, 25th, 32</u>					
<b>19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS)</b> <u>Herndon-Taylor Furn-Co,</u> <u>Fulton, Mo.</u>					
<b>20. FILED</b> <u>July 25, 1932</u> <u>W. C. Crowe</u> Registrar					
<b>21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR)</b> <u>July 25, 1932</u>					
<b>22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from</b> <u>July 21, 1932</u> <b>to</b> <u>July 25, 1932</u> last seen or alive on <u>July 25, 1932</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>9:00 AM</u> The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Vincent's Angina</u> <u>Bronchopneumonia</u> <u>Demential Process (Parasit)</u>					
<b>23. Name of operation</b> <u>Circumcision</u> Date of <u>          </u> <b>What test confirmed diagnosis?</b> <u>Circumcision</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u>					
<b>24. If death was due to external causes (fatalities) fill in the following:</b> Where did injury occur? <u>          </u> (Specify city or town, county, and State) Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. Manner of injury <u>          </u> Nature of injury <u>          </u>					
<b>24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?</b> <u>no</u> If so, specify <u>          </u> (Signed) <u>C. Crowe</u> M. D. (Address) <u>Fulton, Mo.</u>					

MO death record of Lalla Almond Woodson Keithly -  
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***Quite a Surprise.***

The many friends of Miss Lala Woodson were surprised to hear that at the hour of 8 o'clock, by the Rev. Geo D. Willingham at the home of her parents, she was united in marriage to J. M. Keithly, Jr., of O'Fallon, Missouri.

Miss Woodson has since the opening of Hobart been employed as one of the teachers in the schools here, and was considered a very efficient teacher. They will go from here to St. Louis on their bridal tour, after which they will settle down in O'Fallon, the home of the bridegroom.

May you be happy and prosperous is the wish of The Pointer

"Hobart (OK) Weekly Pointer" Thursday 29 Jun 1905 p 1



### Conservatory Commencement.

The first annual commencement of the Newkirk Branch of the Western Conservatory of Music, was held in the Christian Church last Saturday evening.

After the invocation the first number was a choice selection by the Conservatory Superba string band.

The piano duet by Miss Effie Weislogel and Mrs. Woodson was well rendered.

Miss Aline Neff's piano solo "Happy Birdling" showed much study and practice on the part of Miss Aline.

The Violin duet by Mrs. Endicott and Will Norton received hearty applause.

Miss Lalla Woodson, the graduate, rendered several choice Piano selections in her usual pleasing manner and was heartily enquired. Miss Lalla graduated with highest honors and was very highly complimented by Prof. E. H. Scott, of Chicago, Illinois, who presented her the diploma.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodson are to be congratulated on having such an accomplished daughter.

Mrs. Woodson, the teacher, has just cause to feel proud of her class and which reflects with great credit for her musical ability.

"Newkirk (OK) Democrat" Wednesday 13 Jun 1900 p 5

**League Literary Meeting.**

The Epworth League of the M. E. church, South, met in regular literary session last evening at the nice and pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton. The program had been fully prepared, and was rendered in an excellent and profitable manner. After the opening song and prayer our study of Lord Bunyan was opened in an ex-

quisite and charming manner, by a solo "The Brook," rendered by Mrs. Woodson, in her usual accomplished style. Rev. Parks then gave an interesting talk on the life of Tennyson — an interesting sketch of his life, character and disposition, from early youth thro' all his literary life. After many interesting quotations from the great man's work, revealing his true life and soul, the lesson, "In Memoriam," was read by Frank Stewart, in which we found room for deep thought in trying to discuss the many noble truths contained therein.

We were then favored by a recitation from Tennyson by Miss Lalla Woodson in her modest, refined and cultivated style, which together with the sentiment made it very impressive. A song was then rendered by Mr. Moritz in an effective and expressive manner, doing full justice to the beautiful composition.

The League will be entertained next Thursday evening at Hotel Whittington. An interesting program will be prepared and we hope for another profitable as well as pleasant meeting.

## The First Broken Link

We are pained to chronicle the death of our little grand daughter Alberta Keithly, of O'Fallon, Mo., our daughter Lalla Keithly's child, who died in a hospital in St. Louis, Sunday, Mar. 16th. This is the first death in our family. We have raised six children, four boys and two girls. Mortimer, our baby boy is all that is now with us, three children married and three single.

Mrs. Woodson is now with our daughter to afford all possible comfort in this hour of sorrow and uncontrollable grief. The end came suddenly, tho' not unexpected. All that loving and devoted souls could do was done to save her life but to no avail. Such is the great tragedy of this life. Death seems to leave a shining mark, and is no respecter of persons.

The dear little one gave promises of a happy and useful life. Surrounded by devoted Christian parents and relation, with all the comforts and conveniences of life necessary for the good of any one, with loving hands to administer to every want and necessity, hopeful parents with fond anticipations of many days of happiness and pleasure in her development into full fruition of this life. While she leaves some little sisters to mourn her loss, no parents ever have one to spare, and the lost ones seems to be

the most loved ones in the family. No little spirit ever took its flight to the brighter world surrounded by more devout Christian influences and loving hearts. We are sure God in his tender mercies will soon heal the broken hearts and comfort the bereaved ones in this hour of grief.

“Walter (OK) New Era” Thursday 20 Mar 1913 p 1

Our son-in-law John Keithly from O'Fallon, Mo., surprised us last Sunday by stopping over night with us on his way home from the Texas oil fields where he had been on a prospecting tour. He was shown all over the Walters field Monday morning and was greatly astonished and most favorably impressed with its magnitude and evident success. He is anxious to get in down here, and will perhaps. He owns some fine oil leases in Kansas that will absorb all his attention at present. He left for home Monday on the 12:30 south bound R. I. R. R., in order to go by Duncan to visit G. L. Dark and family for a short time. He will return on his first opportunity as he was so well pleased.

“Walter (OK) New Era” Thursday 18 Sep 1919 p 1

Brother Marion Merle Woodson (1882-1933) –


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Name	Marion Marle Woodson
Birth Year	1879
Death Year	1933
Has Photo	No
Source	A Dictionary of North American Authors Deceased before 1950. Compiled by W. Stewart Wallace. Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1951. (DoNAA)

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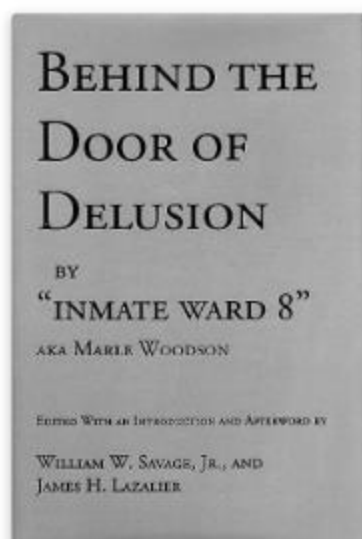
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Name	M Marle Woodson
Gender	Male
Age	29
Birth Date	abt 1883
Marriage Date	16 Jun 1912
Marriage Place	Canadian, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Dora B Morris
Film Number	001398649

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## Behind the Door of Delusion: By "Inmate Ward 8" Hardcover – January 1, 1994



by Marle Woodson (Author), William W. Savage, Jr. (Author), & 1 more

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Behind the Door of Delusion is the memoir of a journalist whose friends committed him to an Oklahoma mental hospital in the early 1930s in a desperate attempt to cure him of alcoholism. It is a powerful and uncommon social commentary on Depression-era America that provides insight into political and economic forces affecting a neglected underclass.

First published in 1932, the book was attributed to "Inmate Ward 8," posing few problems for eastern book reviewers who cared nothing about the author but wished merely to attack or defend modern psychiatric practices. West of the Mississippi, however, the identity of "Inmate Ward 8" was better known, inasmuch as journalists who reviewed the book recognized the author as one of their own. The inmate was Marle Woodson, a brilliant scholar and versatile athlete in college, a man who became one of the nation's youngest college presidents before launching an impressive journalism career.

For all its merit as a social document, its value as history or literature, Beyond the Door of Delusion mirrors tragedy in more ways than one - through Marle Woodson's vignettes of fellow inmates and through Woodson's reflection on his own life and the prospects for his future.



Barbara C

★★★★★ **Engrossing and very strange!**

Reviewed in the United States on August 30, 2019

**Verified Purchase**

I loved this book. What an incredible read and published in 1932. Depressing and startling; interesting main character with so many problems -- but not unusual for many people. Brilliant author!

One person found this helpful

Helpful

Report



Diane E. Johnson

★★★★★ **A person just like you or me**

Reviewed in the United States on September 6, 2003

Marle Woodson's book reminds the reader that we are all human beings, with the same hopes and dreams, whether we are on the "inside" or the "outside" of the hospital walls. His story describe his stay in an Oklahoma hospital as a last resort to defeat his alcoholism. The book is not a sensationalist tale, but rather a telling record of his days spent on Ward 8. What I found compelling was his honesty as he contemplates his existence in the past, the present, and the future. His words are touching and sometimes humorous. I wish I could have met Mr. Woodson. This is a book for readers who are interested in how other people think.

10 people found this helpful

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## **BRILLIANT WRITER DIES**

VINITA, Okla., Oct. 6. (U. P.)—Marlon Marle Woodson, brilliant writer, died late yesterday in the Eastern Oklahoma Hospital, where he had himself committed two years ago to recover from dipsomania. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow. Woodson, who was 54, lost his life to cancer of the arm and lung, after having regained his mental health and established one of the few existing libraries for inmates of the mental asylums.

"Bakersfield (CA) Californian" Friday 6 Oct 1933 p 5

## **WOODSON TO MARRY.**

Oklahoma City, July 1.—Cards have been received by members of the state administration, announcing the marriage at El Reno, June 16, of Miss Dora Morris, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Manchester, to Marlon Marle Woodson, superintendent of the demonstration farm department of the state board of agriculture. Mr. and Mrs. Woodson will be at home in Oklahoma City at 20 1-2 W. Fifth street, after July 12.

"Muskogee (OK) Times-Democrat" Monday 1 Jul 1912 p 1

“Miami (OK) Daily News-Record” 6 Oct 1933, p. 4 – noted author of “Behind the Doors [sic/Door] of Delusion” – funeral 7 Oct with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Mortimer Woodson, brother of the writer, has been here from Dallas TX since learning of the seriousness of his brother’s illness. Marle had cancer.

“Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City) 6 Oct 1933 p 4 – Marion Merle Woodson, age 54, author & newswriter, who spent most of the last 3 years battling insanity in the Eastern Oklahoma Hospital in Vinita, died 5 Oct 1933. He waged war and won against mental disorders, including dipsomania. He died of an incurable growth just 7 months after a Tulsa judge restored him to full citizenship. He was a feature writer for the “Tulsa World” in 1931 when he had his friends commit him to the hospital. His book, “Beyond the Door of Delusion,” was published anonymously as the work of “Inmate, Ward 8.” It is used in college sociology classes.

He broke his arm last summer while on a brief holiday with one of the hospital’s doctors. When it failed to heal, it was discovered that he had a sarcoma of the arm, shoulder & lungs. Although he was in intense pain, he was not despondent. His hope was that the Marle Woodson Library at the asylum would be completed. It is composed only of used books but it is the only library in an Oklahoma institution for mental patients. He spent a year acquiring books and developed a simple lending system; it now has several thousand volumes. Marle was a graduate of Agricultural & Mechanical College. He was the head of the Connell School of Agriculture at Helen at age 29 – the youngest college president in Oklahoma history. He was on the Associated Press staff as a correspondent during the Balkan Wars & in India, and worked at numerous newspapers in the US. His burial was in the Oklahoma City Cemetery.

He was survived by his mother Mrs. Nellie Woodson, brother Mortimer Woodson of Dallas and sister Mrs. Glen Dark of Oklahoma City.

#### From Find A Grave:

Known in journalistic circles and better known as the author of “Behind the Door of Delusion” – died in the Northeast Oklahoma Hospital after being ill several weeks. Survived by his mother Nellie Woodson & brother Mortimer Woodson of Dallas. [Some of his other siblings were still alive/]

## Woodson, Print Shop Owner Here, Dies

Benjamin N. Woodson died Sunday at his home, 82 Drake Court. Mr. Woodson was the owner of the Woodson Printing Company, which he founded in 1937.

Survivors: Wife, Mary Ola; son, Benjamin N. Woodson, Jr., of Louisville, Ky.; daughters, Mrs. E. A. Mader and Miss Josephine Woodson, both of Omaha.

Mr. Woodson came to Omaha in 1924 as manager of the Emerson Brantingham Implement Company. He later was state manager of the Union National Life Insurance Company of Lincoln.


Services, 2 p. m., Tuesday, at the Crosby-Meyer Mortuary.

Obituary of [brother Benjamin Nelson Woodson Jr. \(1886-1947\)](#) – published in the “Omaha (NE) World-Herald” Monday 13 Jan 1947 – on Find A Grave 73062204

**Life Underwriters**

The president of the American General Life Insurance companies, Houston, will speak at a meeting of the Life Underwriters association Thursday noon at the Red Door room. He is Benjamin N. (Woody) Woodson, who is widely known for his writings on insurance and has been given the John Newman Russell award for his insurance achievements.

Several Kansas City women will be honored at the meeting for their accomplishments in the insurance field.



**Benjamin N. Woodson**

[https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/50094825/person/172469790587/media/20d1e493-39a9-48e0-ab87-41208d04e727?\\_phsrc=hFB70907&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/50094825/person/172469790587/media/20d1e493-39a9-48e0-ab87-41208d04e727?_phsrc=hFB70907&_phstart=successSource)



## **B. N. WOODSON TO BE MARRIED.**

**A Former Altoona Young Man to be Married at Hobart, Oklahoma.**

The following is the invitation that was received by several Altoona persons last Wednesday morning:

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Burke  
invite you to be present  
at the marriage of their daughter,  
Ola  
to

Mr. Benjamin Nelson Woodson  
Tuesday, August Twentieth  
nineteen hundred and seven  
at eight thirty o'clock  
at the First Baptist Church  
Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. Woodson is well and favorably known in Altoona and vicinity and his many friends are pleased to learn of the coming event and wish him much happiness. They will be at home in Iola after September 25th.

"Altoona (KS) Tribune" Thursday 8 Aug 1907 p 1

**B. N. Woodson, Jr. and family of Carnegie, Okla. is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. B. N. Woodson of Alfalfa.**

"Altus (OK) Weekly News" Thursday 24 Mar 1910 p 6

MISSOURI DIVISION OF HEALTH - STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE									
Registration District No. <b>38</b>		Primary Registration District No. <b>3006</b>		Registrar's No. <b>896</b>		STATE FILE NUMBER <b>63-047051</b>			
FILED JAN 6 1964									
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Boone</b>		b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, give TOWNSHIP only) <b>Columbia</b>		Length of stay in 1b <b>6 Years</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, Residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Missouri</b> b. COUNTY <b>Boone</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN <b>Columbia</b>	
c. FULL NAME OF (If NOT in hospital, give location) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Boone County Hospital</b>		Inside Limits Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		d. STREET ADDRESS <b>917 College Ave.</b>		(If outside, give location)		Reside on farm Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <b>JAMES</b> Middle <b>CLAY</b> Last <b>WOODSON</b>				4. DATE OF DEATH Month <b>December</b> Day <b>31</b> Year <b>1963</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>11-24-1891</b>		9. AGE (last birthday) <b>72</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Retired Electrical Engineer</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Electrical Engineer</b>		11. BIRTHPLACE (City and state or country) <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <b>U.S.A.</b>			
13a. FATHER'S NAME <b>Benjamin Nelson Woodson</b>				13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Nelle C. Cockerill</b>		14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <b>Eula Tice</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>286-03-0133</b>		17. INFORMANT Address <b>Mrs. James C. Woodson, Columbia, Mo.</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>arteriosclerotic heart disease</b>									
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) <b>perforated duodenal ulcer</b>									
PART III. If deceased was female was there a pregnancy in last 90 days: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown									
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 item 18.)									
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <b>9:20</b> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)									
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Columbia, Mo.</b>									
20g. COUNTY <b>Boone</b> STATE <b>Missouri</b>									
21. I attended the deceased from <b>8/23/63</b> to <b>12/31/63</b> and last saw <b>alive on 12/31/63</b> Death occurred at <b>9:20 p.m.</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.									
21a. SIGNATURE <b>B. A. Mossburn II</b>				(Degree or title) <b>M.D.</b>		21b. ADDRESS <b>Columbia, Mo.</b>		21c. DATE SIGNED <b>1/2/64</b>	
22a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		22b. DATE <b>Jan. 4, 1964</b>		22c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Memorial Park Cemetery</b>		22d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Columbia, Mo.</b>			
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <b>Parker Funeral Service, Columbia, Mo.</b>				ADDRESS <b>Boone 2 1964</b>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Mrs. R.E. Palmer</b>			

MO death record of brother James Clay Woodson (1891-1963) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/63355681:60382>

Editor B. N. Woodson and wife, of Walters, were here Tuesday to attend the wedding of their son, Clay Woodson to Miss Eula Tice.—The Harmon County Tribune.

"Walters (OK) New Era" Thursday 21 Jun 1917 p 8

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Tuesday, June 12, the wedding of Eula Tice and J. Clay Woodson took place at the home of the bride at Hollis, Oklahoma. Both are well remembered at A. and M., having graduated with the 1915 class. Mr. Woodson was a member of the Delta Sigma Fraternity, and the bride a member of the Alpha Theta Sorority.  
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“O’Collegian” (Orange & Black) Wednesday 20 Jun 1917 p 2

### A Wedding of Interest.

The following item taken from the Cotton County, Okla., Democrat, is of local interest, as Mr. Dark is a brother of Mrs. A. L. Heck of this city, and Mrs. A. C. Fluber of Richards, Mo.:

Mr. Glenn Dark and Miss Genelle Woodson were married at the home of the bride's parents in Walters, Ok., yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in the presence of a few immediate relatives and friends, Rev. B. M. Nelson of the Methodist church officiating.

Mr. Dark is one of our most promising young business men. About five years ago he started with the Oklahoma State Bank as bookkeeper. By honesty, efficiency and strict attention to business he won promotions until he is now cashier. Few young men in this or any other county are more highly respected and admired than is Mr. Dark. He is sober, industrious, morally clean, a Christian young man, possessed of all the qualifications that go to make a good husband and a good citizen.

Miss Woodson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Woodson. Since coming here a few years ago she has won a host of friends who have come to love her for her many noble traits. She is intelligent, accomplished and refined and seems to possess a cheerful, sunny disposition which is so much desired. She has taken an active part in the church work of the town and is a member of several of the social clubs. She has been one of the able and efficient teachers of the county.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dark were driven to Lawton by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dark.

~~and they will possibly visit New Mexico~~  
They will possibly visit New Mexico and Colorado and return home via Kansas City within ten days or two weeks.

The Democrat joins with a host of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Dark a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Marriage of sister Genelle Woodson to Glen Lanier Dark - "Fort Scott (KS) Daily Tribune & Fort Scott Daily Monitor" Tuesday 6 Jun 1916 p 5



STATE OF TEXAS 091-01-2 091-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 410X (STATE FILE NO.) 26909

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Grayson		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE Texas		b. COUNTY Grayson	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Sherman		c. LENGTH OF STAY in b. 11 Months		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Sherman	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION MEDICAL PLAZA		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 1102 W. McGee			
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) MRS. GENELLE [initials]		4. DATE OF DEATH April 7, 1979		5. SEX Female	
a. COLOR OR RACE White		b. DATE OF BIRTH April 11, 1892		c. AGE (In years last birthday) 86	
d. MARRIAGE STATUS Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		e. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Okla. City, Okla.		f. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Retired		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Okla. City, Okla.	
12. FATHER'S NAME Judge Benjamin Nelson		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Nelle Cockerill			
13. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) No		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 447-44-7116D		17. INFORMANT Mrs. Nelle Dark Stevens	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c). PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Terminal Bronchial Pneumonia 2 days DUE TO (b) Myocardial Infarction = VPC's + other arrhythmia 4-5 days DUE TO (c) Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease ? several years PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) Chronic Brain Syndrome (Arteriosclerotic)					
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 item 18.)					
21. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REC'D MAY 11 1979 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS August 21 1979					
22a. SIGNATURE Stanley E. Morrow, Sr MD 22b. ADDRESS 600 N. Highland Sherman, Tex 22c. DATE SIGNED 4-10-79					
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		23b. DATE 4-11-79		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Memorial Cemetery	
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE DANIEL & HORTON Cliff Horton 3595			
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 79-139		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 4-23-79		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Jack Spence	

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/60929691:2272>

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name:** John Mortimer Woodson

Name variations: used the name Mortimer Woodson

**Military:**

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade, then 35th Field Artillery – 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant

Serial number: US Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Walters, Cotton MI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Mortimer Woodson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Benjamin N. Woodson, Walter OK

Returned from war on: could not locate (still in US Army as of 1933)

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as Mortimer Woodson - b. 22 Oct 1894 Newkirk OK; res: Walter, Cotton OK. Single. Student, Training Camp, U.S. Gov't, Ft. Logan H. Roots, Ark. Medium height, slender build. Registered 25 May 1917, ahead of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 3505 Potomac, Dallas TX (listed as Mortimer)

World War II draft registration (1942): as Mortimer Woodson - b. 22 Oct 1894 Newkirk OK; res: 3614 Fort Ave., Waco, McLennan TX. NOK wife Mrs. Mortimer Woodson, same address. Employed by US Veterans Administration. Height: 5'9" – 180 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 8 May 1917

Discharged: 30 Jan 1919

Address: 2222 Garrett Ave., Dallas TX

Rank/unit: 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant, FARC; 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant Field Artillery

#### Birth & death:

Born: 22 Oct 1894 Newkirk, Kay OK

Died: 17 Dec 1987 Fort Worth, Tarrant TX (death recorded as Mortimer Woodson)

Find A Grave record: 253099875 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Dallas, Dallas TX

Cemetery: Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Benjamin Nelson Woodson Sr., 25 Feb 1850 Hustonville, Lincoln KY – 14 Nov 1924 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.

Son of James Patrick Woodson & Mary Willie Ison.

Was a lawyer, the Fannin Co. TX county attorney, Kay Co. OK probate judge, county judge in Altus OK & newspaperman on "Walter's New Era." He served one term in the OK state senate.

Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Honey Grove, Fannin TX.

Find A Grave: 84189155

Mother: Nelle [Nellie Bly] Cockerill Woodson, 16 Jan 1858 Glasgow, Howard MO [or Platte City, Platte MO] – 14 Oct 1937 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK. Daughter of Henry Clay Cockerill (1831-1910, F: 63186872) & Lavinia ("Lallie") Esther Almond (1837-1866, F: 63186914). Buried in Washington Cemetery, Glasgow, Howard MO.

Find A Grave: 234214168

Parents' marriage:



Spouse: Sarah Anita Price Woodson, 25 Sep 1899 Bell Buckle, Bedford TN – 5 May 1980 Dallas, Dallas TX.

Daughter of Rev. John Thompson Price (1866-1951) & Nettie (Hickman) Price, residents of Bedford County TN in 1900. They had married 13 May 1894. They moved to Texas in 1912.

Nettie died 24 June 1943 Rockwall, Rockwall Co. TX

Her family history & photo at age 3 in – plus emotional story about Sarah's marriage to Mortimer and birth of daughter:

[https://books.google.com/books?id=8KGX9rNV5V4C&pg=PA88&lpg=PA88&dq="sarah+anita+price"&source=bl&ots=SDDKeOAqhb&sig=ACfU3U3hvixFTYqZB2GNicLnxCclqT0OQw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiH48nruqvlAhVS5awKHdRjAQAQ6AEwAHoECAQQAQ#v=onepage&q=sarah&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=8KGX9rNV5V4C&pg=PA88&lpg=PA88&dq=)

Buried in Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 253099906

Marriage: 31 Dec 1921

#### Children:

- Rebecca Ruth Woodson Yeager Ellis Tesch, 31 Oct 1922 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – 29 Sep 1993 Dallas, Dallas TX. Rebecca Ruth Woodson married John William Yeager 2. Nov 1940 in the Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Dallas TX; she was a resident of Dallas TX. Their daughter Anita Garnet Yeager was born 5 Oct 1941 in Dallas, Dallas TX. In the 1950 census, John W. Yeager (31 TX, architect, architect office) lived with wife Rebecca R. (27 OK) & daughter Anita G. (8 TX) in Grand Prairie, Dallas TX. – Married to Ellis. Social Security names a surname change to Ellis in Oct 1958. – As Rebecca Ellis, she married in Tarrant Co. TX on 9 Jan 1980 to Robert William Tesch Jr. (1910-1989, F: 147554076). They divorced in 1988. – Rebecca Tesch is buried in Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 253099724

#### Siblings:

- Lalla Almond Woodson Keithly, Mar 1881 (1900 census) – 25 Jul 1932 Fulton, Callaway MO. Her middle name Almond is the maiden name of her maternal grandmother. Married John Milton Keithly Jr. (1877-1951, F: 15589427) on 28 [or 22?] Jun 1902 in Hobart, Kiowa OK. They had 5 children. On her MO death record, she is listed as divorced. Her MO death record reports she was buried in O'Fallon, St. Charles MO but there are several cemeteries in O'Fallon,
- Marion Merle ("Marle" Woodson, 23 Jul 1882 Honey Grove, Fannin TX – Oct 1933 Vinita, Craig OK (in Northeast Oklahoma Hospital). Known in journalistic circles in Oklahoma; author of "Behind the Doors of Delusion." – Married Dora B. Morris on 16 Jun 1912 in Canadian Co. OK. – In the 1920 census for Reno, Washoe NV, Merle M. Woodson, 36 TX, stock broker, resided with wife Dora (33 Fort Worth TX). Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Vinita, Craig OK. F: 88879231
- Benjamin Nelson Woodson Jr., 1 May 1886 Bonham, Fannin TX – 12 Jan 1947 Omaha, Douglas NE. Husband of Mary Ola Burke (1887-1982, F: 73062210), whom he married in Hobart, Kiowa OK on 20 Aug 1907. Son Benjamin Nelson (Woody)

Woodson (III) born 5 Jun 1908 Altoona KS – d. 17 Jul 2001. This son's F: 179392560. Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha, Douglas NE. F: 73062204

- James Clay Woodson, 24 Nov 1891 OK – 31 Dec 1963 Columbia, Boone MO. He is known as Clay; this was the middle name of his maternal grandfather. Husband of Eula Tice (1895-1975, F: 119464556) whom he married on 12 Jun 1917 in Hollis, Harmon OK. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Columbia, Boone MO. F: 119464568
- Genelle Woodson Dark, 11 Apr 1892 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK – 7 Apr 1979 Sherman, Grayson TX. Married in Jun 1916 to Glen Lanier Dark (1891-1968, F: 53842055). Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK. F: 52819373

#### Notes:

There are hundreds of articles available on Newspapers.com, found by searching "Mortimer Woodson" in Texas or Oklahoma.

#### Pre-war:

Was a junior at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK, in 1916.

#### Wartime:

#### Post-war:

In WWII era was vocational rehab & education officer in Waco for US Veterans Administration (1943-1946 references in TX papers)

#### Obituary:

Social Security number: 457-76-4126

#### Censuses:

1890 Oklahoma Territory census

Benjamin N. Woodson, 40 KY

Nellie C., 32 MO

Lalla A., 9 TX

Marion M., 8 TX

Benjamin N., 4 TX

1900 Newkirk, Kay OK

Ben I. (?) Woodson, 51 KY, Feb 1894, parents b. KY, married 20 years, lawyer

Nellie B. 42 MO, Jan 1868, parents b. VA, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Marion M. 19 TX, Jul 1881, at school  
 Ben N., 14 TX, b. May 1886, at school  
 James C., 9 OK, Nov 1891  
 Geneva N., 7 OK, b. Apr 1893  
 John M., 5 TX, Oct 1894  
 Lalla A., 19 TX, Mar 1881, saleslady [added on at end of list – misindexed as Salla]

1910 Navajo, Jackson OK  
 Benjamin N. Woodson, 60 KY, father b. NC, mother b. KY in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 29 years, farmer, general farm  
 Nellie C., 52 MO, parents b. MO, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living  
 James Clay, 18 OK  
 John Mortimer, 15 OK

1910 Cookeville, Putnam TN – Mortimer's future wife  
 John T., 44 TN, married 15 years, minister/pastor work  
 Nettie 45 TN, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living [had a stillborn daughter before Sarah)  
 Sarah A. 10 TN  
 Roberta 6 TN

1930 Highland Park, Dallas TX – 3505 Potomac  
 Mortimer, 33 OK, father b. VA, mother b. MO, age 25 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, chairman, claims, US Veterans Bureau, WWI veteran  
 Anita 30 TN, parents b. TN, age 22 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage  
 Rebecca, 7 OK

1940 Highland Park, Dallas TX – same house in 1935  
 Mortimer Woodson, 45 OK, rating specialist for Veterans Administration  
 Anita, 40 TN  
 Rebecca, 17 OK

1950 Dallas, Dallas TX – 5102 ---  
 Mortimer Woodson, 54 OK, office work, Veterans Administration  
 Anita, 50 TN  
 & father-in-law John T. Price, 84 TN, widowed