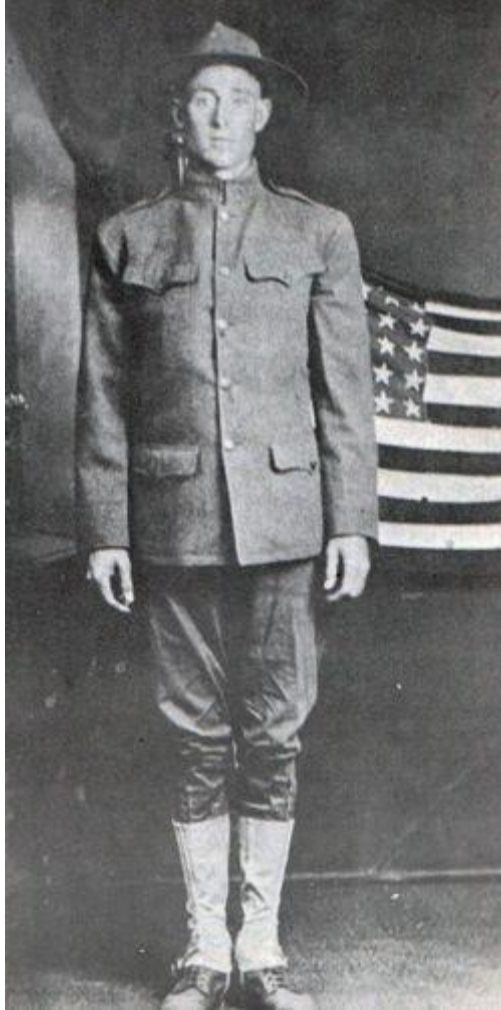


TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Wright, William Wylie

1890 OK – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



William Wylie Wright – Find A Grave 57194940

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William W Wright

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OKLAHOMA. INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT .

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Woodard, Ephriam H.	2,506,780	Pvt 1st	Co G 357 Inf	Sept 18/18
Woolridge, William	2,243,100	Pvt	Co M 125 Inf	Aug 4/18
Wren, Max M.	2,805,876	Pvt	Co L 358 Inf	Sept 12/18
Wright, William W.		Pvt	Co F 6 Bn 20 Engrs	Feb 5/18
Yochis, Micheal	1,506,074	Pvt	Co I 141 Inf	Oct 9/18
Young, Charles Ed	2,218,107	Wag	Sup Co 357 Inf	Sept 22/18
Zoellner, Roy G.	2,218,784	Corp	Co D 357 Inf-	Sept 12/18

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William Wylie Wright memorial in Wright City – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Life:

OFFICIAL LIST OF OKLAHOMA MEN ON SHIP

Washington Bureau
of The Oklahoman
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Thirty-five
Oklahoma men were on the Tuscania,
according to lists of the transport's
passengers, made public tonight by the
committee on information. Whether
any of them was lost is not known.
All of the men were in the Engineers'
corps of the 100th aero squadron. The
list follows:

A

Frank Ackerson, Ochaltree.
Ralph S. Adams, Oilton.
Olank Anderson, Vinson.
Will E. Armstrong Cement.
Arthur F. Austin, Callsby.

B

Jack Brackett, Woodward.
Herschel O. Baird, Wagoner.
Silas J. Bumpass, Corrinne.
Joe E. Bagby, Chickasha.
Louis D. Baker, Okarche.

C

Grover W. Craft, Rufe.
Henry Curtwright, Bismark.
Ed Cain, Ruth.
Hamby Cheek, Miami.

D

Mac Dailey, New Wilson.
Leslie A. Dale, Ponca City.

E

Lloyd L. Eckels, Indianahoma.

F

A. I. Farris, Alva.

H

Melvin E. Hagans, Bismark.
Boot Milburn Hammers, Crum Creek.
First Lieut. Ora L. Hemphill, Tyrone.

I

Jesse H. Long, Spiro.
Captain Leo P. LeBron, Guthrie.

M

L. C. McDaniels, Bellsome.
Walter Albert McClain, Octavia.
Oscar McCollom, Lone Wolf.

N

Clyde Niblack, Howe.

O

Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow.

R

Cecil Rhine, Bismark.
John Ridge, Pleasant Hill.

S

Andrew Springer, Paden.

T

Frank Tallen, Independence.

U

Roy Ussery, Hayworth.

W

William W. Wright, Bismark.
Mortimer Woodson, Walter.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Thirty-Five Oklahomans' Names Are Still Among Missing With List of Survivors Incomplete

Washington Bureau
of The Oklahoman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Names of 106 Oklahoma men who were aboard the submarined Tuscania appear in a list of the names of 1,741 survivors cabled from "An Irish Port" to the war department today.

This leaves thirty-five Oklahoma men known to have been aboard the boat unaccounted for. The names of three Oklahomans not included in the first lists of those reported on board showed up today in the list of survivors. They are Arthur G. Berry of Orlando, Howard J. Piper of Enid and Edward J. McMann of Prague. That makes a total of 141 Oklahomans known to have been aboard the vessel when she was torpedoed.

Relatives of men known to have been on the Tuscania and whose names do not appear in the list of survivors should feel reassured in the fact that the names of many survivors are yet to be received. They are coming in very slowly and there is no assurance when the list will be complete.

Three hundred and forty-five are still unaccounted for from the cabled list, but no official report has reached the war department to change the estimate that all except 113 of the men were saved.

The following is a list of the Oklahoma men whose names have not been placed definitely among the survivors:

FRANK T. ALLEN, Independence.	CAPTAIN LEO P. LEBRON, Guthrie.	GEORGE C. PERRY, Lone Wolf.
HERSCHEL O. JAIRD, Wagoner.	JOSEPH MARLIN, Checotah.	JAMES C. PRICE, Boise City.
HOWARD E. BOWMAN, Rocky.	L. C. McDANIELS, Belton.	JOHN RODGE, Pleasant Hill.
JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster.	JOHN F. McDONNELL, Hinton.	JESSIE M. RHOADES, Halbert.
JOE COCHRANE, Lawton.	HOWARD W. MENELEY, Sasakwa.	LLOYD L. REKELS, Weleetka.
LOUIS CARRANTO, Coalgate.	BURLEY C. NALL, Carlington.	VIRGIL J. ROBERTS, El Reno.
HENRY E. FORSHEE, Hayward.	LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow.	OSCAR ROEBUCK, Soper.
JOHN C. GALE, Stillwater.	FLETCHER D. PLEDGER, Norman.	JESSE D. SMITH, Coleman.
BENJAMIN GEORGE, Talequah.	ONDIS POWELL, Sasakwa.	HERMAN STOSS, Hennessey.
RAYMOND T. HURST, Stillwater.	RICHARDSON PETERS, Ravina.	TULLA B. THOMPSON, Madill.
JOHN KEMPER, Fairfax.		GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno.
ERNEST LINTHICUM, Oklahoma City.		ETHAN WHITE, Arnett.
		WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1



Twelve Oklahoma boys, including Capt. Leo P. LeBron of Guthrie, rest today beneath the ground on the rugged coast of Scotland, where they were buried after succumbing in the attack on the United States transport Tuscania, which was taking them, as soldiers of America, to France.

Their names are contained in a list of 171 Americans who were buried at scattered points after their bodies had been recovered. The list was forwarded by the Associated Press from a Scotch port, and included in this list were the following sons of this state:

CAPT. LEO P. LEBRON, Guthrie, Okla., Mrs. L. P. LeBron, wife.
RAYMOND T. HURST, Pocasset, Okla., R. Hurst, father.
WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark, Okla., J. H. Wright, brother.
JESSE M. RHOADES, Halbert, Okla., J. M. Rhoades, father.
GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno, G. W. Tomlina, father.
ETHAN ALLEN WHITE, Arnette, Okla., Mrs. Lucy White, mother.
TULLA B. THOMPSON, Madill, Okla., Mrs. Alice Thompson, mother.
FLETCHER D. PLEDGER, Norman, Okla., Miss D. Pledger, sister.
JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster, Okla., Mrs. Sarah Bishop, mother.
LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow, Okla., Mrs. M. L. Glenn, mother.
WILLIAM V. SMITHPETER, Fort Cobb, Okla., W. G. Smithpeter, father.
JAMES A. PRICE, Boise City, Okla., Ernest Price, brother.

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

Our Dead

Go bury them slowly,
By the beat of the drums
Go bury them softly—
They were our sons,
Your sons and my sons—
They were your own.
First to be sacrificed,
They died alone.

Place on them flowers,
Those heroes so true.
They died for their country—
For me and for you.
In honor we'll rest them,
So beat softly the drums;
They that were sacrificed—
~~They were our sons.~~

More still shall follow—
They are not all;
Only the first ones
Fated to fall.
So beat the drums slowly,
And soft be their bed;
Your sons and my sons,
Our honored dead.

"Oklahoma City (OK) Times" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1

OKLAHOMA BOYS AT REST ON SCOTTISH SOIL

Twelve Oklahoma boys, including Capt. Leo P. LeBron of Guthrie, rest now beneath the ground on the rugged coast of Scotland, where they were buried after succumbing in the attack on the United States transport, Tuscania, which was taking them, as soldiers of America, to France.

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J. H. Wright, brother.

Jesse M. Rhoades, Halbert, Okla.,
J. M. Rhoades, father.

George W. Tomlins, El Reno, G. W.
Tomlins, father.

Ethan Allen White, Arnette, Okla.,
Mrs. Lucy White, mother.

Tull B. Thompson, Dill City, Okla.,
Mrs. Alice Thompson, mother.

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John B. Bishop, Foster, Okla., Mrs.
Sarah Bishop, mother.

Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow,
Okla., Mrs. M. L. Glenn, mother.

William V. Smithpeter, Fort Cobb,
Okla., W. G. Smithpeter, father.

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Ernest Price, brother.

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

One week from the sinking of the Tuscania, the bodies of 171 Americans had been laid to rest at different points on the Scottish coast. A number of the bodies were not identified.

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"Okfuskee County News" (Okemah OK) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

THEY HOPED IN VAIN FOR LOVED ONES

Washington Bureau
of The Oklahoman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—While no announcement has been made by the war department of the names of any of the men who lost their lives when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed, the report of the Associated Press today giving identification of 164 bodies that have been recovered and buried, including the bodies of twelve Oklahoma men, is generally accepted here as correct.

The Oklahoma dead are:

CAPT. LEO. P. LEBRON, Guthrie.

RAYMOND T. HURST, Pocomoke.

WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark.

JESSE M. RHOADES, Halbert.

GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno.

ETHAN ALLEN WHITE, Arnett.

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JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster.

LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow.

WILLIAM V. SMITHPETER, Fort Cobb.

JAMES A. PRICE, Boise City.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Only Brother, Too, Is Dead.

BISMARCK, Okla., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—J. H. Wright, the Bismark man who was listed as the nearest relative of William W. Wright, a Tuscania victim, did not live to hear of his brother's fate in the service of America. J. H. Wright died more than a month ago. No other immediate relatives are living, it is said.

Erroneous report – his father James Marion Wright had died in Dec 1917 – his next-of-kin brother Joseph Herman Wright dies in 1977 – and William has many surviving relatives:

siblings, half-siblings & their children - "Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/899763080/>

ment, has moved to Arkansas.
J. H. Wright of Bismark, brother of William W. Wright and listed in war department records as nearest relative, did not live to hear of his brother's fate. He died at his home in Bismark six weeks ago.

The erroneous story is repeated by other OK newspapers & once again in the "Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 17

NINE OKLAHOMA SOLDIERS DIE
These Oklahoma soldiers have floated ashore from the ill-fated Tuscania and their bodies have been buried on the Scottish shore.
Capt. Lee P. Lebron, Guthrie.
Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow.
William W. Wright, Bismark.
John B. Bishop, Foster.
Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset.
Fletcher D. Pledge, Norman.
Tulla B. Thompson, Madill.
George W. Tomlinson, El Reno.
Ethan White, Arnett.

"Vinita (OK) Leader" Thursday 21 Feb 1918 p 1

BISMARCK TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

As we go to press we learn that Bismark, the large saw mill town seven miles east of us, is to change its name. We hope this is so. Not that we have anything against the people of that town, for the place is known for its yolayltin for its loyalty in every move made to win this war, but its names has stood as a barrier and has discounted in a measure, the many things done by the good people of the town, hence the move to change.

To stand as a silent monument to one who has given his life that the town might remain a decent place in which to live, the good people have selected the name of Wright, in honor of William W. Wright, who went down with the Transport Tuscania. We are told that this young man left no immediate relatives, which is to

be regretted, inasmuch, that the move shows that the memory of the young man is held in fond remembrance by those for whom he went forth to fight.—Valliant Tribune.

Another erroneous report about his lack of relatives – “McCurtain (OK) Gazette” Saturday 1 Jun 1918 p 3

Don't Want German Name

Bismark, which is one of the three Oklahoma towns having German names, is going to shake off that hint of the Hun. If the approval of the postoffice department is given, it will be known in the future as Wright, renamed in honor of the first Bismark boy to lose his life in the great war.

A telegram has been sent to the department asking that the change be made.

There were four boys from Bismark on the transport Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine. Three of them were saved, but William W. Wright was lost and now lies in a little graveyard on the coast of Scotland.

"Yale (OK) Democrat" Thursday 13 Jun 1918 p 10

Oklahoma Village Drops Alien Name

WRIGHT, Okla., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The postoffice department at Washington has granted the petition of the people of this village to change its name from Bismark to Wright, according to telegraphic advices received here today. The change from German to a name of good American stock is made in honor of William W Wright, the first local boy lost in the war, who went down with the Tuscania. Wright is a lumber camp in McCurtain county.

“Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 12 Jan 1919 p 15

Hereafter address your mail to Wright, Oklahoma. Bismark is gone.

The change from the German to the American name is in honor of William W. Wright, the first young man from that place to make the supreme sacrifice, who went down with

the ill-fated Tuscania on February 5, 1917. As a monument of loving memory to this highly respected McCurtain County citizen, his neighbors and friends are erecting their homes and building their town on the spot he once and for years called "Home." He was born at Eagletown in 1892. Today his body lies where buried with his comrades along old Scotland's shores, a land that offers its rugged bosom as the final resting place to many others like him who offered and gave their lives for the sacred cause of liberty.

His brother, Jack Wright, of this place, naturally holds this act of gratitude as life's most cherished memory, and most generally appreciates this last deed of the citizens of Wright.—Broken Bow News.

"McCurtain (OK) Gazette" Wednesday 22 Jan 1919 p 1

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itude as life's most cherished memory, and most generally appreciates this last deed of the citizens of Wright.—Broken Bow News.

Getting Acquainted With Our Neighbors

WRIGHT CITY

Wright City, formerly known as Bismark until 1917, was founded in May, 1909. After the United States became involved in the World War, the name was then changed to Wright City in honor of William Wright, of that city, who was among the first of the American soldiers to lose his life in defense of his country.

Wright City, as it is now known is owned by the Choctaw Lumber Company, which is a subsidiary of the Dierks Lumber and Coal Co., of Kansas, City, Mo., and was one of the first of a number of mills to be put into operation in Oklahoma by that company. S. B. McCartney, who is now a resident of Valliant, was the first Superintendent of the Wright City mill. A few months after operations had begun, he resigned and C. U. Allbaugh took charge of the operations and remained in that capacity until January 1917, at which time Floyd Thompson was made General Manager of the mills at Broken Bow, Wright City and Dierks, Ark., with J. D. Jones as Superintendent at Wright City. Mr. Jones still holds this responsible position.

The large mill at Wright City, under normal conditions, has an average daily output of 100,000 ft. with maximum capacity of 150,000 ft. and employs 500 men who earn approximately \$40,000 monthly.

its employees.

The Wright City School system, beginning with a one-room building in 1909, has grown to an ultra-modern system comprising twelve grades, with nine teachers. The faculty is composed of Fred Craig, Supt.; M. L. Kennedy, Principal and Athletic Director; R. K. Ausley; M. A. Shelton; Misses Beth Moore; Ruth Culberson; Hazel Rhoten; and Cornelia Reader and Mrs. Vivian Maxwell. The Board of Education is composed of James Dawson, Director; E. E. Brasfield, Clerk; S. S. Grammer, Member.

In athletics, Wright City has always been an outstanding contender in Southeastern Oklahoma.

Wright City supports three churches, namely: the Methodist Episcopal with Rev. H. M. Cosby as Pastor; Baptist with Rev. J. C. Boatwright as Pastor; and the Church of Christ with the Rev. H. A. Riggs as Pastor. The majority of the population is church going and they can be depended upon at all times to support their respective churches loyally.

While it is the policy of the employees of the Choctaw Lumber Company at Wright City to do their trading in the local commissary, a great deal of trade comes to Valliant where a greater variety of merchandise is offered. Wright City has been isolated and marooned from the out-

L. P. Bonnette, who moved to Wright City in 1911, has been in constant service with the Choctaw Lumber Co. since that time and is now Manager of the Wright City office.

The commissary is one of the most modern stores in this part of the country, with James Dawson as General Manager and J. O. Crook as Asst. Manager. The store contains hardware, furniture, grocery, market, dry-goods, ready-to-wear, drug and other mercantile divisions which might be found in any city. Only first class merchandise is handled and is priced at consistently low prices.

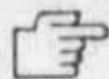
The company maintains free medical service to its employees and hospitalization at special prices to those needing such benefits. A nominal insurance charge is made, which is carried in a blanket policy by the company, covering all accidents occurring while in the employ of the company. This is one of the many worthwhile features of the Dierks Industries toward

side world during the rainy season since its establishment due to the condition of the roads. The good citizens of that community have pleaded for good roads to connect with state highways but have been neglected in the past. If present plans are fulfilled, Wright City citizens will be given an outlet to Valliant at all times. Little River was spanned two years ago with a splendid bridge structure and Commissioner Felkers informs us that a bridge will be placed across Cypress Creek during the summer of 1932.

Valliant has always been the popular trading point of Wright City citizens for their immediate needs which cannot be purchased at home. Valliant merchants are cognizant of the amount of business coming from Wright City and may be expected to show every possible courtesy toward a continuation of this appreciated trade.

Next Week Millerton

"Valliant (OK) Tribune" Friday 11 Mar 1932 p 2



Oklahoma Trivia

Wright City, in McCurtain County, was named for William W. Wright, first county soldier killed in World War I. It was called Bismark from 1910 until 1918 and Wright until 1920.

"Tulsa (OK) World" Sunday 18 Dec 1988 p 5

The day begins early for several hundred cyclists awaiting the start of the 16th annual ride across the state. Officially beginning at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Broken Bow city park, cyclists will gather en masse to await the start.

As cyclists begin their week-long trek out of Broken Bow, they will first encounter the unincorporated town of Golden.

A post office was established from 1902 to 1903 in Golden and the name was selected by the townsite developer to infer that gold was to be found in the vicinity.

Next, is Wright City, population 836. The town was established in 1910 by the Dierks Lumber Company and named Bismark to honor the Cherman chancellor. After World War I, the new name of Wright City was chosen. It was named for soldier William W. Wright, the first soldier from McCurtain County killed in the war.

“Tulsa (OK) World” Friday 6 May 1994 p 64

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TULSA WORLD

Logging towns were literally on the move

Their names remained the same, but the towns' locations shifted — depending on where a growth of timber was to be cut — in early-day southeastern Oklahoma logging.

• Loggers and their families lived in the same houses and did only minimal packing of household goods when they moved. The houses were cut in half, loaded onto wagons, trucks or railroad cars and hauled to their new sites.

It was a way to provide the comfort of home for the loggers who worked in the forests of southeastern Oklahoma — instead of packing up and moving to new houses in new towns, the lumber company moved the towns, lock, stock and house and even post office.

The traveling timber towns was the idea of J.C. Leeper, the chief engineer for Choctaw Lumber Co. operated by the Dierks family. Choctaw Lumber Co. later became Dierks Forest Inc. Dierks' operation was sold to Weyerhaeuser Co. in 1969.

Wright City in honor of William W. Wright, the first McCurtain County soldier killed in the war.

As loggers cut enough timber to keep their mills running efficiently, the new timber available for harvest was farther and farther away from the mills and the lumber camps.

That's when Leeper's idea was born. The company would provide mobile communities or lumber camps for workers to live in the middle of the forests — where the trees were. Otherwise, it would have required hours every day for the loggers to reach the harvest areas.

The system is described in a book, "The Traveling Timber Towns" by Fayrene Benson, Jimm Jacobs and Bob Burke. Benson taught school in two of the traveling towns, and her husband, James Benson, grew up in the timber camps. Jacobs is a native of McCurtain County and an author. Burke, a native of Broken Bow, is an Oklahoma City attorney and the author of many books.

Four German brothers — Hans, Herman, Peter and Henry Dierks — had organized the Dierks Lumber and Coal Co. in Nebraska in the 1880s. The company expanded into southeastern Oklahoma in 1898, buying lumber from the Choctaw Indians who owned the land and the timber.

The Dierks brothers named their first McCurtain County lumber mill town Bismark in honor of their German ancestral hero, Otto von Bismarck, the Prussian prime minister in the 1860s. But because of anti-German sentiment during World War I, the name was changed in 1918 to Wright and in 1920 to

To facilitate the moving towns, the company built small frame houses that cost \$12 to \$15 each and were constructed so they could be sawed in half and the pieces reattached at the next site. The company provided its own lumber and had to buy only nails, hardware for the doors, glass for the windows and tar paper for the roofs.

The timber towns also had a company store, a post office and a boarding house for single workers, according to the book. Cooks prepared large breakfasts for the workers who left camp for the woods long before dawn.

The company, concerned about children's education, built

schools and hired teachers. But in later years it shared the costs with the local school districts. Lumber workers were charged 50 cents per month per child attending school.

The sameness of the houses and their new locations sometimes caused problems. The book tells of one sawyer who came home to his house in a new location, patted the woman inside on the rear and discovered he was in the wrong house.

The two traveling towns were named Alikchi and Clebit, although Alikchi also had a couple of other names — 18-Mile and Asberry Brannon. Clebit was believed to be a corruption of the French word Chalybeate, the French word for describing iron content or taste in water, which described the water from a spring at the first Clebit site.

At one location, Clebit was called the Camp in the Hole because it was in a hole in a valley.

The population of the traveling lumber camps varied, sometimes being as large as 800.


"There was no shortage of friends and neighbors," former resident Gladys Damron Brock recalled. "It was a very friendly place to grow up, even though the rest of the world would probably look down on us as backward and poor."

Although the traveling towns are no longer traveling, they can be seen in a People of the Forest Exhibit. Other forest events

include the Festival of the Forest on June 14-16 and the Beavers Bend Folk Festival and Craft Show on Nov. 9-11. Information is available at the Forest Heritage Center at (580) 494-6497.

"Tulsa (OK) World" Thursday 17 May 2007 p 4

The town named for him:

Wright City, Oklahoma	
Town	
	
Location of Wright City, Oklahoma Coordinates:  34°03'53"N 95°00'26"W	
Country	United States
State	Oklahoma
County	McCurtain
Area ^[1]	
• Total	0.89 sq mi (2.30 km ²)
• Land	0.89 sq mi (2.29 km ²)
• Water	0.00 sq mi (0.01 km ²)
Elevation ^[2]	404 ft (123 m)
Population (2020)	
• Total	616
• Density	696.05/sq mi (268.59/km ²)
Time zone	UTC-6 (Central (CST))
• Summer (DST)	UTC-5 (CDT)
ZIP code	74766
Area code	580
FIPS code	40-82200 ^[3]
GNIS feature ID	2413514 ^[2]

Wright City is a town in [McCurtain County, Oklahoma](#), United States, along the [Little River](#). The population was 762 at the 2010 census, a decline of slightly more than 10 percent from the figure of 848 recorded in [2000](#). Wright City hosts one of the oldest continuous rodeos in Oklahoma, known as Little Cheyenne, held each July 1 through 4. In 1933 a few local cowboys started it as a rodeo, barbecue, and dance. Since 1935, the American Legion, William Wright Post Number 74, has sponsored the event.^[4]

Wright City was once home to a [Weyerhaeuser](#) plant; it closed permanently in mid March 2009 due to the slowed [lumber](#) industry. The company sold its cardboard product line to International Paper Corporation. Weyerhaeuser was Wright City's [economic](#) power engine, and its closing affected 165 employees.

Founding [\[edit \]](#)

Wright City, formerly known as Bismark and Wright, is located 10 miles (16 km) northeast of Valliant and 2 miles (3.2 km) north of Little River on [State Highway 98](#) in western McCurtain County. The Choctaw Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the Dierks Lumber and Coal Company, founded the town *circa* 1909 as the site for a major processing plant that utilized abundant timber harvested from the region's virgin forests.^[4]

At the time of its founding, the community now known as Wright City was located in [Towson County](#), a part of the [Apukshunnubbee District](#), one of three administrative super-regions comprising the Choctaw Nation.

Etymology [\[edit \]](#)

On March 24, 1910, a post office charter was issued for Bismark, a name chosen by the Dierks brothers, the company founders, for a Nebraska town where they formerly operated a lumber outlet. The name of the town and post office changed to Wright during [World War I](#) because of public association of the Bismark name with that of the former German chancellor, [Otto von Bismarck](#), despite the discrepancy in spelling.^[a]

The new name was chosen to honor William Wiley Wright, the county's first war casualty. On May 18, 1920, the name was altered to Wright City.^[4]

Company town [\[edit \]](#)

The "company town" included a sawmill, planer, railroad maintenance shops, housing stores, a bank, hotel, The Choctaw motion picture theater, a high school with athletic teams known as the LumberJax, an ice factory, and provision for fire and police protection. The lumber conglomerate also provided land for construction of a school and churches. The company, then known as Dierks Forests, Inc., divested itself of residential and other properties unrelated to the primary mission on August 13, 1965. In 1966 the town incorporated and elected its first officials. No longer just a "mill town," citizens took the initiative to create an independent, distinctive municipality. A business district was developed, utilities were upgraded and expanded, and new schools, a community building, and a medical center were built.^[4]

In 1969, the Weyerhaeuser Company of Tacoma, Washington, purchased the Dierks's holdings, including the Wright City production complex and continued the operations, which remained the primary economic base of the community until March 2009 when all operations of the mill ceased due to low demand for lumber and the worsening economy. The town population initially was included in a large census tract and not counted separately until 1950 when the residents numbered 1,121. In the 1920s the population was estimated to be less than five hundred. In 1980 the count stood at 1,168 but by 1990 had decreased to 836.^[4] At the turn of the twenty-first century the town had 848 residents. The 2010 census showed a further decline to 766.

"Pig tale" [\[edit \]](#)

In 1956, events in the city raised the eyebrows of newspaper readers around the country. A drought drove pig-herding squatters from nearby hills to release seven or eight hundred hogs - all of them "rail thin" and starving - to graze near the city. Razorbacks ate flower gardens and had to be kicked out of the drugstore. In the Methodist Church, a sermon was stopped by the noise of nine pigs fighting in the basement.^[6]

Geography [\[edit \]](#)

According to the [United States Census Bureau](#), the town has a total area of 0.8 square miles (2.1 km²), all land.

Demographics [\[edit \]](#)

As of the [census](#)^[3] of 2000, there were 848 people, 302 households, and 233 families residing in the town. The population density was 1,017.6 inhabitants per square mile (392.9/km²). There were 326 housing units at an average density of 391.2 per square mile (151.0/km²). The racial makeup of the town was 46.93% [White](#), 7.31% [African American](#), 38.44% [Native American](#), 0.24% from [other races](#), and 7.08% from two or more races. [Hispanic](#) or [Latino](#) of any race were 2.24% of the population.

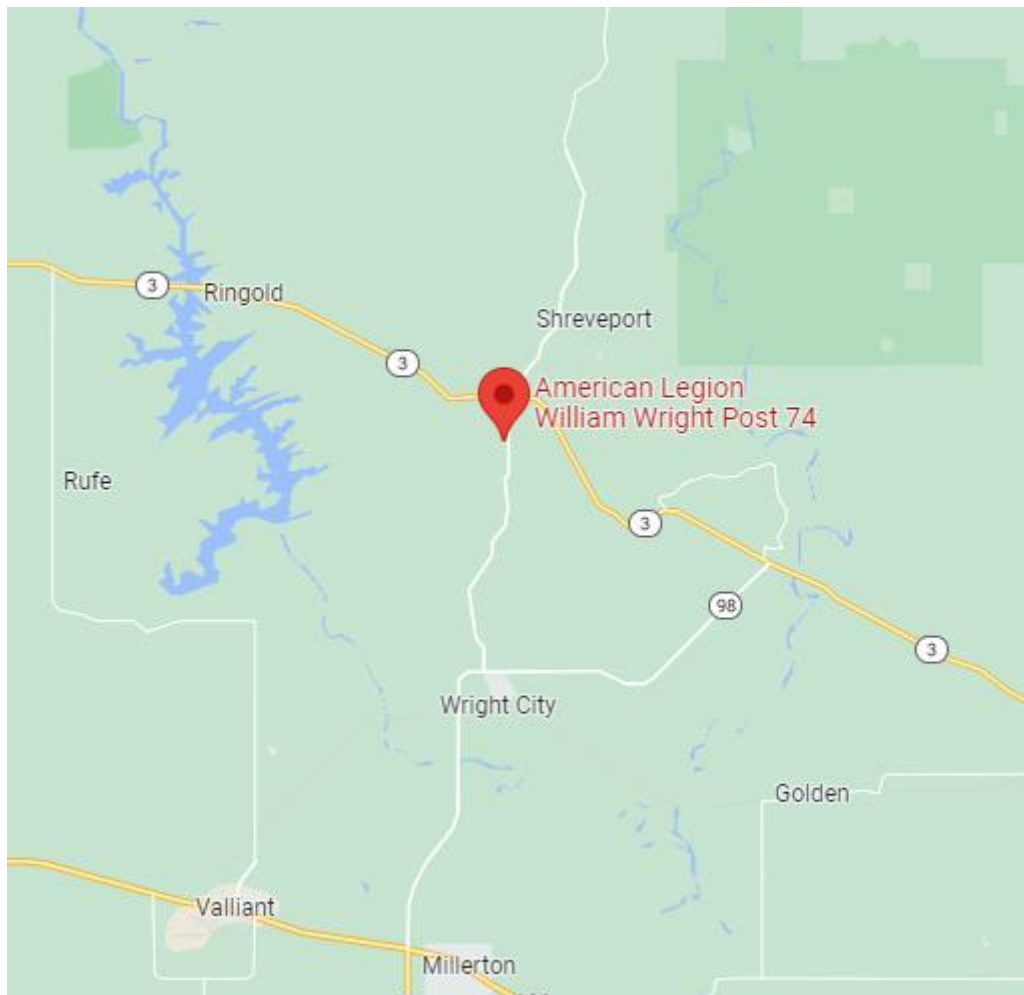
There were 302 households, out of which 39.4% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 51.3% were [married couples](#) living together, 18.5% had a female householder with no husband present, and 22.8% were non-families. 21.9% of all households were made up of individuals, and 9.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.81 and the average family size was 3.28.

In the town, the population was spread out, with 32.2% under the age of 18, 6.8% from 18 to 24, 27.4% from 25 to 44, 22.1% from 45 to 64, and 11.6% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 33 years. For every 100 females, there were 91.9 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 87.9 males.

The median income for a household in the town was \$29,196, and the median income for a family was \$31,917. Males had a median income of \$30,694 versus \$13,667 for females. The [per capita income](#) for the town was \$13,032. About 18.2% of families and 19.6% of the population were below the [poverty line](#), including 24.7% of those under age 18 and 22.6% of those age 65 or over.

Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1950	1,121	—
1960	1,161	3.6%
1970	1,068	−8.0%
1980	1,168	9.4%
1990	836	−28.4%
2000	848	1.4%
2010	762	−10.1%
2020	616	−19.2%
U.S. Decennial Census ^[7]		

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wright_City,_Oklahoma



American Legion William Wright Post 74

📍 1035 Rodeo Grounds Rd, Wright City, OK 74766

☎ (580) 208-8099

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/American+Legion+William+Wright+Post+74/@34.0083936,-95.0899097,11z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x86355f09d6e0991b:0xe285eefbf4588fcc!8m2!3d34.136898!4d-95.0013275!16s%2Fg%2F11rh06nw83?entry=ttu>



About This Post

Post Namesake

PVT William Wylie Wright WWI Veteran

<https://centennial.legion.org/oklahoma/post74>

William Wylie Wright, son of James Marion Wright and Louiza Jane Blackwood Wright, was born September 27, 1890 in Jensen, Arkansas. He grew up in the McCurtain County area, working in the logging industry. On June 5, 1917, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Trained in Ft. Travis Texas, he was assigned to the 20th Engineers. Wright was aboard the U.S. troop ship Tuscania headed for France when a German submarine torpedoed and sank the ship off the coast of Islay, Scotland, Feb. 5, 1918. Wright was among those who perished. The bodies of the casualties were recovered by the townspeople of Islay and buried on the island. In 1920 he was re-interred in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. To honor this fallen hero of World War I the town of Bismark, Oklahoma was renamed Wright City.

Wright, William W.: from Bismarck, Oklahoma Private - 20th Engineer, 6th Battalion, Company F (18th Co.) Brother: J. H. Wright of Bismark, OK

DATE OF DEATH: 02/05/1918

Buried in Kilnaughton, Islay

February 9, 1918.

Body exhumed and relocated to America, 1920.

Final Resting Place:

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY DATE OF Internment: 11/05/1920

Plot No.: SECTION WHITE, SITE 927

What Makes this Post Unique

One of the oldest continuous rodeos around to date started July 1 through the 4th in 1933, known as Little Cheyenne. Since 1935 The American Legion William Wright Post #74 has sponsored the event.

TEMPORARY CHARTER

The American Legion

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Charter for WILLIAM WRIGHT Post, Department of OKLAHOMA, No. 74

This is to Certify, that the National Executive Committee of THE AMERICAN LEGION hereby grants a charter to

<u>Louis R. Monroe</u>	<u>Lee O. Vinson</u>	<u>A. R. Andee</u>
<u>Albert Duncan</u>	<u>Bruce Stanley</u>	<u>Bernie B. Elliott</u>
<u>Clarence O. Fireman</u>	<u>Lee Monroe</u>	<u>B. S. Nunally</u>
<u>J. B. McCartney</u>	<u>W. M. Blackburn</u>	<u>D. S. Lee</u>
<u>Tom McGough</u>	<u>Tom Williford</u>	<u>J. J. Harbin</u>
<u>Charles D. Dodson</u>		

for the formation of a Post of THE AMERICAN LEGION at WRIGHT CITY, Department of OKLAHOMA, under the name of WILLIAM WRIGHT Post, Department of OKLAHOMA, No. 74

This charter is granted on the recommendation of the Department Organization and on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of the above named Post are recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.
2. The above named Post shall uphold the declared principles of THE AMERICAN LEGION and shall conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Department Organization and of the National Executive Committee, or other duly constituted national governing body of THE AMERICAN LEGION.
3. This charter is subject to revocation by the National Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Department Organization, or by such authority that may hereafter be established by the National Convention.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this Thirteenth day of September, 1935

Amos L. Drake
Department Commander.

Mill Phillips
Department Adjutant.

Frank N. Bulgrano Jr.
National Commander.

Frank E. Samuels
National Adjutant.

<https://centennial.legion.org/oklahoma/post74?p=about>



1 MINUTE READ

4th of July brings 4 nights of the Wright City Rodeo

from **Polk County Pulse** -
June 28, 2023

by **The Pulse**

By Patrick Massey

WRIGHT CITY, Okla. — Rodeo lovers get ready because the 89th Professional Championship Rodeo & Homecoming is gearing up to present four nights of professional rodeo entertainment July 1-4 in Wright City, Oklahoma.

Sponsored by the William Wright American Legion Post No. 74 and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the

https://issuu.com/mypulsenews/docs/polk_county_pulse_june_28_2023/s/27252349

Mother:

Mrs. Louiza J. Wright Buried at Wright City

HUGO, Oct. 28.—Members of William Wright Post No. 74, American Legion at Wright City, Sunday afternoon paid homage to the memory of the mother of the man for whom the post was named.

Mrs. Louiza J. Wright, 79, mother of the late William Wright, died at 3:50 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home here of a daughter, Mrs. Nova Collins. Funeral services were held in Wright City Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. F. Murrell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hugo. Members of the post attended in a body and participated in committal services at the cemetery.

Mrs. Wright is survived by two sons, Lear Gray and Joe Wright, of Wright City, and three daughters, Mrs. Lona Collins, Mrs. Nova Collins and Mrs. Florence Collins, all of Hugo.

Obituary in "McCurtain (OK) Gazette" Saturday 28 Oct 1944 p 2

Mrs. Louisa J. Wright Died Saturday After Five Year Illness

Mrs. Louisa Wright died at her home, 501 East Brown street at 3:30 Saturday afternoon following an illness of five years.

Mrs. Louisa Jane Wright was born in Cepter Point, Ark., on Feb. 3, 1865, and was the widow of the late James M. Wright, who was well known here.

She and her family moved to Hugo from McAlester ten years ago and during her long residence here she was known to many of our residents. She was a life-long member of the Baptist church and was active in the work of the church until her health failed five years ago.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lear Gray, Wewoka; Joe Wright, DeQueen, Ark.; Mrs. Lona Thomas, Wright City; Mrs. Florence Collins, Gresham, Oregon, and Mrs. Nova Collins of Hugo.

Thirty-six grand children, twenty-seven great grand children and one great-great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Wright City cemetery at 3:30 o'clock today with the Coffey Funeral home in charge and Dr. J. F. Murrell officiating.

The American Legion of Wright City, which was named for the son of Mrs. Wright, will attend in a group and have a part in the funeral services.

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Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
View record	
Name	James M Wright
Gender	Male
Age	29
Birth Year	abt 1856
Residence	Jordan Brook, Sevier, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Jane Blackwood
Spouse's Gender	Female
Spouse's Age	20
Spouse's Residence	Jordan Brook, Sevier, Arkansas
Marriage Date	13 Jul 1885
Marriage License Date	13 Jul 1885
Marriage County	Sevier
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1007942

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11837801/person/-387799523/facts>

Father's 1st wife Susan Brown

Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
View record	
Name	J M Wright
Gender	Male
Age	20
Birth Year	abt 1854
Residence	Sevier, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Susan Brown
Spouse's Gender	Female
Spouse's Age	20
Spouse's Residence	Sevier, Arkansas
Marriage Date	18 Feb 1874
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1007941

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11837801/person/-387799523/facts>

Siblings:



Caption reads: Lona Lear, Joseph, Wright Blackwood -

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Above photo cropped from larger photograph captioned: "Lona Lear and Jo Wright old home place" – ca. 1950 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/68565008/person/400082092670/media/5e1f8c3c-0457-49a9-b92d-973020e6ed19>

Martha A Wright**in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957**

Name	Martha A Wright
Gender	Female
Age	17
Birth Year	abt 1888
Residence	Grannis, Polk, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	John L Claiborn
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	30
Spouse's Residence	Grannis, Polk, Arkansas
Marriage Date	11 Jan 1905
Marriage License Date	3 Jan 1905
Marriage County	Polk
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1009387

Marriage of **sister Martha Adeline Wright (1885-1936)** to John Lafayette Claiborn -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3002521:2548>

FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY P. M. FOR MRS. CLAYBORN

Mrs. Martha Clayborn, age 50, died Thursday at her home at Holly Creek, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Holly Creek church, Rev. May Byrne officiating. Interment in Holly Creek cemetery under direction of Coffey Funeral Home.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. May Brewer, Misses Maude and Pauline Clayborn of Holly Creek; five sons, Curtis Clayborn, Caney, Clarence Clayborn, Lordsburg, New Mexico; Jess, Elmer and Jim Clayborn of Holly Creek; mother, Mrs. J. Wright, of Hugo; four sisters, Mrs. Lee Gray of Wewoka; Mrs. Lonnie Thomas of Wright City, Mrs. Florence Collins of Valliant, Mrs. Nona Collins of Hugo and two brothers, Joe Wright of McNary, Arizona, and Jack Wright of Highland Park, Illinois.

Funeral Held Friday for Mrs. Clayborn

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Obituary of Martha Wright Clayborn – "McCurtain (OK) Gazette" Saturday 30 Jan 1937 p 1
and "Broken Bow News" Thursday 4 Feb 1937 p 1

Laura Wright in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
Name	Laura Wright
Gender	Female
Age	18
Birth Year	abt 1889
Residence	Mineral, Sevier, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Abb Boatner
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	21
Spouse's Residence	Mineral, Sevier, Arkansas
Marriage Date	3 Mar 1907
Marriage License Date	2 Mar 1907
Marriage County	Sevier
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1007945

Marriage of sister **Laura Alameda Wright (1888-1926)** to Abb Boatner on 3 Mar 1907 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2919091:2548?ssrc=pt&tid=79287480&pid=340005785507>

Laura Boatner in the Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995	
Name	Laura Boatner
Gender	Female
Age	32
Birth Date	abt 1889
Marriage Date	31 Jul 1921
Marriage Place	Pittsburg, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	F J Bryant
Film Number	001292989

Marriage of Laura Wright Boatner to F.J. Bryant on 31 Jul 1921 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/963853429:61379>

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued the past week as follows: Cresofera Garza and Petra de Garza, Pittsburg; John Molinrieniz, Hartshorne, and Mary Plinta, Pittsburg; Joel Tomasi and Mrs. Emley Tomasi, Adamson; Jim Jones and Lillie Rutherford, Adamson; F. J. Bryant and Mrs. Laura Boatner, McAlester; D. B. Killebrew and Gertie Jackson, McAlester; David Dobbs and Leona Abbott, North McAlester; Jesse Thomas and Bertha Minker, Leflore; Terry Martin, Savanna, and Myrtle Needham, Haywood; Jim Nail and Mrs. Minnie Nelson, Savanna.

"McAlester (OK) Democrat" Thursday 4 Aug 1921 p 8

Bloomington War Veteran Succumbs

Francis Jasper Bryant, a world war veteran, died yesterday morning at his home, 157 North Cedar street, Bloomington, at the age of 45 years. His wife preceded him in death, but there are five children surviving.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Bryant came to Bloomington 14 years ago.

With the Rev. H. F. Williams of the Pasadena Nazarene church officiating, funeral services will be held at the Knopsnyder chapel in Colton Monday at 2 p. m. Interment will be made in Hermosa cemetery.

"San Bernardino (CA) County Sun" Sunday 11 Jan 1933 p 15

Form BH-41a-35M-3-42-79248-C-McB

CERTIFICATE
(USED FOR BIRTH WHICH OCCURRED PRIOR TO 1914)
STATE OF ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Clark
Township _____
Inc. Town or _____
City Gilliam (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Clara Annie Boatner
(ALL DATA IN CERTIFICATE MUST BE AS OF DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS CHILD)

3. Sex <u>Female</u>	4. If Plural Births _____	5. Twin, Triplet or other _____	6. Premature <u>yes</u>	7. Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	8. Date of Birth <u>Sept 10</u> 19 <u>42</u> (Month, Day, Year)
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FATHER		MOTHER	
9. Full Name <u>Abk. Boatner</u>	10. Full Maiden Name <u>Laura Wright</u>		
11. Residence <u>Gilliam Ark.</u>	12. Residence <u>Gilliam Ark.</u>		
13. Color <u>White</u>	14. Father's age <u>22</u> years (at time of this birth)	15. Color <u>White</u>	16. Mother's age <u>19</u> years (at time of this birth)
17. Birthplace <u>Alabama</u>	18. Birthplace <u>Jordan Brook Ark.</u>		
19. Occupation <u>Farmer</u>	20. Occupation <u>Housewife</u>		

21. Number of children born to this mother up to and including this child 4. Total number living at time of this birth (including this child) 4.

I hereby certify that I was present at the birth of this child, who was born alive at 3-9 M on the date above stated, and know the facts of _____
(Signed) W. J. Brewer _____
or (Signed) Louisa Lane Wright _____
or (Signed) Neva Collins _____
older relative or other older person having knowledge of this birth.

(Address) Hiaco Villa - 501 - East Brown
Date certificate signed 9-3 1942 Filed 11-13 1942 W. J. Brewer
State Registrar

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, MIDWIFE, PARENT, NEAREST RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THIS BIRTH
(The signature must be attested by an officer qualified to administer oaths)

"SEAL" STATE OF Alabama COUNTY OF Cherokee
The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, states that the information given in the above certificate is true and correct.
Signature Louisa Lane Wright (Grandmother)
(Same as above)
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 3 day of Aug 1942
My Commission Expires Nov. 1, 1944 W. J. Brewer
Notary Public

AR birth record of Laura's daughter Clara Annie Boatner -

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/300651043:61774?tid=79287480&pid=340005785507&queryId=64b6a3945449981a29b521023ff041c7&_phsrc=hFB71221&_phstart=successSource)

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MARRIAGE RECORD

AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, IN COUNTY COURT

Pushmataha County.

I, J. W. Gray the undersigned, hereby
 apply for a MARRIAGE LICENSE, to be issued to M E. D. Gray
 aged 19 years, whose residence is Nashoba State of Ark. and
 Miss Lucy Wright
 aged 17 years, whose residence is Nashoba State of Ark. and
 for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages, and places
 of residence of said parties are truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the
 marriage relation, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 25 years of age and reside at
Nashoba County of Tushimota State of Ark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of Sept 1912 Applicant.

seal

I, the undersigned father of E. D. Gray and Lucy Wright
 named in the above application as being of age of 19 years, do hereby consent to this marriage to
each other

Dated at Nashoba, Oklahoma, this 21 day of September 1912

State of Oklahoma, Pushmataha County, ss.

BEFORE ME, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County and State, on the 21 day of September 1912, personally
 appeared E. D. Gray, son of J. W. Gray and Lucy Wright, daughter of J. W. Wright
 to me known to be the identical person, who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged
 to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and
 purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.

My commission expires

1912

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,)
Pushmataha County.)

IN COUNTY COURT

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Eli Dorsey Gray
of Nashoba, County of Pushmataha State of Oklahoma aged 19 years, and
Miss Essie Wright of Nashoba
County of Pushmataha, State of Oklahoma, aged 17 years. And of this License you will make due return
to my office within thirty days from this date.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 2nd day of September, A. D. 1917
seal

Recorded this 2nd day of September, 1917
J. Attaway
Clerk of the County Court County Judge.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

State of Oklahoma, Pushmataha County, ss.

I, J. C. Hughes,
Justice of the Peace, Finley Township, Nashoba J.P. District
Official Designation Court or Congregation
of Nashoba in Pushmataha County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons
named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 2nd day of Sept, A. D. 1917, at
Eli Dorsey Gray in Pushmataha County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of
Essie Wright of Nashoba, Okla.
and A. D. Means of Nashoba, Okla.

J. C. Hughes
Justice of the Peace
County, Oklahoma.

My Credentials are recorded in Book.....page.....

Returned and recorded this 26th day of September, 1917
J. Attaway
Clerk of the County Court

Marriage of **sister Lear Essie Wright (1894-1966)** to **Eli Dorsey Gray** -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1971-29868-40547-66?pld=1413882237>

Lear Gray

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

Name	Lear Gray
Social Security Number	447-22-1870
Birth Date	29 Oct 1894
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Oklahoma
Last Residence	73108, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	Jun 1968

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/23506061:3693?ssrc=pt&tid=11837801&pid=-387779754>

LEAR GRAY

Lear Gray, 72, of 1417 S Youngs, died Tuesday at University Hospital. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel of the Roses, Resthaven Cemetery, with burial there directed by Hunter Funeral Home.

Gray was born in Gilham, Ark., and came to Wewoka as a child. He had lived in Oklahoma City since 1931 and was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include five sons, George, Wewoka; Curtis, Peoria, Ariz.; Edsel, Carnegie; Zane and Jim, of the home; three daughters, Agnes Leitwisch, 1423 S Youngs; Mary Cress, 617 SW 48, and Sarah Valdez, Peoria, Ariz.; three sisters, Mrs. Lonnie Thomas, Valiant; Mrs. Florence Collins, Salem, Ore., and Mrs. Nova Collins, Denton, Texas, and a brother, Joe Wright, Sweethome, Ore.

According to this obituary, Lear is a man – "Daily Oklahoman (Oklahoma City OK)
Wednesday 15 Jun 1966 p 6

ELI DORSEY GRAY

Eli Dorsey Gray, 67, a retired Wewoka farmer, died Friday morning in his home at 712 SE 14 following an extended illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of Roses at Resthaven Cemetery, with burial there under direction of the Hunter Funeral Home.

Gray was born in Wewoka. He had been a resident of Oklahoma City for the past nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Lear, of the home; five sons, George, Wewoka; Curtis, El Mirage, Ariz.; James, Lamonte, Calif.; Edsel and James, both of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Agnes Leftwich, 1423 S Youngs; Mrs. May Van Zant, Briartown, and Mrs. Sarah Valdez, El Mirage, Ariz.; three brothers, Walter, Hartshorne; John, Deming, N. M., and Charlie, Huntington Park, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Burchfield, Seminole, and Mrs. Mary Templeton, Wewoka; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Joe Wright

SWEET HOME — Graveside services for Joe H. Wright, 80, 3011 Jefferson St., who died Friday in Eugene, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Gilliland Cemetery. The Rev. Jim Davis will officiate. Tracewell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Dec. 13, 1896 in Canadian Switch, Okla. and farmed in many states before coming to Oregon in 1953.

He was a World War I veteran.

Survivors include two sisters, Florence Collins of Salem and Nova Collins of Atlanta, Ga.

Obituary of [brother Joseph Herman Wright \(1896-1977\)](#) - "Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald"
Monday 22 Aug 1977 p 7

PUT US ARMY/WWI

Form Approved
OMB No. 76-R0668

IMPORTANT: Read the instruction sheet before completing this form.

1. NAME DECEASED USED DURING SERVICE (Last, first, middle) Wright, Joe H.		15. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
2. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 526-05-3650	3. PENSION NO. OR VA. CLAIM NO.	16. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, State, and ZIP CODE) dorothy Holder 3011 Jefferson Sweet Home, Or. 97386	
4. LAST PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY (See item 27 on reverse) BRANCH OF SERVICE: Army SERVICE NO.: 4860974		17. PHONE NO. (Include area code) 503-367-2563	18. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Friend
DATE ENTERED (Month, day, year) Sept. 5, 1918		DATE RELEASED (Month, day, year) Jan. 17, 1919	
5. CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WHICH APPLY <input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED DIED ON ACTIVE DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> IN RESERVE <input type="checkbox"/> IN RETIRED <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH			
6. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM DESIRED (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LATIN CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in item 28 on reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
7. NAME OF DECEASED EXACTLY AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER Joe H. Wright		8. STATE Ore.	
9. HIGHEST RANK AND BRANCH OF SERVICE WHERE IT WAS HELD Pvt. Co. D.			
10. WARS DURING WHICH DECEASED SERVED W.W. #1			
11. WAS THE DECEASED AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NO NOV 29 1977			
12. YEAR OF BIRTH 1896		13. YEAR OF DEATH 1977	
14. PLACE OF BURIAL (Name of cemetery, city, and State) Gilliland - Sweet Home, Ore.			
19. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Dorothy Holder</i>		20. DATE 8-21-77	
21. CONSIGNEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, State, and ZIP CODE) 3011 Jefferson St Sweet Home, Ore. 97386		22. PHONE NO. (Include area code) 503-367-2563	
I request that a Government headstone or marker be furnished for the unmarked grave or unmarked memorial plot of the deceased. I accept responsibility for proper placement of the headstone or marker at no expense to the Government. I certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.			
I have agreed to take the headstone or marker to the cemetery.			
23. SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE <i>Robert Smith</i>		24. DATE 8-21-77	
A headstone or marker of the type checked in item 15 will be permitted at the grave or memorial plot.			
25. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF CEMETERY <i>F.B. Smith District Supervisor</i>		26. DATE 10-3-77	

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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

Oct 18 1977

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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE

PRIOR 61 002482

(Do Not Write In This Space)

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County Sebastian
City or Town Jenison
Street No. or Rural Route _____

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH Lona May Wright

3. Is Child Male or Female? Female 4. What is Child's color or race? White 5. What was date of Child's Birth? May 8 1899
(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER MOTHER
6. Father's Full Name Jim Wright 11. Mother's Maiden Name Louisa Jane Blackwood
7. Where was Father living at the time of this birth? Jenison, Ark. 12. Where was Mother living at the time of this birth? Jenison, Ark.
8. What is Father's color? White 9. What was Father's age at time of birth? 40 yrs. 13. What is Mother's color? White 14. What was Mother's age at time of birth? 24 yrs.
15. In what State or Country was Father born? U.S.A. 16. In what State or Country was Mother born? U.S.A.
17. Number of Children born to this Mother up to and including this child? 6

AFFIDAVIT

State of Oklahoma ss.
County of McCurtain

I hereby swear under oath in full knowledge of the penalties of the law for false statement that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as Brother
Brother (Attending physician, midwife, parent, or person at least twelve years older having knowledge of birth) and my present age is 79 years
(Signed) Samuel J. Wright
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 27 day of March 1961
Lucy Mae Smith
(Notary Public or Other Official Empowered to Receive Oaths)

My Commission Expires 7/23/61

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Filed March 29 1961 J. T. Henson, reg. State Registrar

OK delayed birth certicaae of **Lona Mae Wright Thomas (1899-1971)** -
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Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995



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Name Lona Wright
 Gender Female
 Age 18
 Birth Date abt 1900
 Marriage Date 29 Nov 1918
 Marriage Place McCurtain, Oklahoma, USA
 Spouse John Thomas
 Film Number 001412724

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE
IN COUNTY COURT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCurtain County.

I, John Thomas, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
M.A. John Thomas aged 24 years, whose residence is Camp Stanley
State of Tex and M.A. Miss Long Wright aged 18 years, whose
residence is Bismark State of Okl and for the purpose of procuring the same do
solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly
and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor
are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 24 years of age, and reside at
Camp Stanley County of McCurtain State of Tex
J.C. Cantrell Applicant.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29 day of Nov 1918.

By J.M. Broome Court Clerk.
Chas Caldwell Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE
IN COUNTY COURT.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCurtain County.

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY—GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. John Thomas
of Camp Stanley County of Tex State of Tex
aged 24 years, and M.A. Miss Long Wright
of Bismark County of McCurtain State of Okl
aged 18 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Idabel, in said County, this 29 day of Nov A. D. 1918.

By J.M. Broome Court Clerk.
Chas Caldwell Deputy.

Recorded this 29 day of Nov A. D. 1918
By Chas Caldwell Deputy. J.M. Broome Court Clerk.

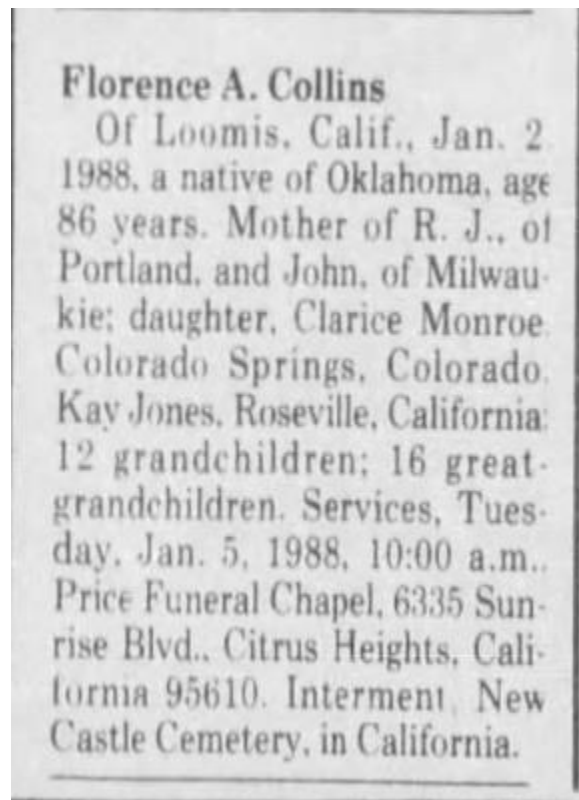
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCurtain County, ss.

I, L.C. Lilly Minister of M.E. Church South
Name Official Designation Court or Congregation
of Bismark in McCurtain County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify
that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 29 day of
Nov A. D. 1918, at Home of Parents in McCurtain County, State of Oklahoma,
in the presence of Family & others of Bismark
and Mrs. Wright of Bismark
L.C. Lilly Minister
My Credentials are Recorded in Minister's Credentials
Book _____ Page _____
of _____ County, Oklahoma Official Designation _____

Returned and recorded in Marriage Record No. 7 Page 149 this 6 day of Jan 1919
By Chas Caldwell Deputy. J.M. Broome Court Clerk.

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Obituary of **sister Florence Abigail Wright Collins (1901-1988)** - "Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal" Tuesday 5 Jan 1988 p 8 -

Florence Abigail Collins

September 24, 1901 — January 2, 1988

Visitation services will be held today from 1 to 9 p.m. at Price Funeral Chapel, 6335 Sunrise Blvd., in Citrus Heights for Florence Abigail Collins, 86.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Price Chapel. Burial will follow at the Newcastle District Cemetery.

Mrs. Collins was a native of Oklahoma, and lived in Loomis

since 1982. She was an apartment house manager for McMahon Inc. for three years.

She is survived by her children Kay Jones of Roseville, R.J. Collins of Portland, Ore., John Collins of Milwaukie, Ore., and Clarice Monroe of Colorado Springs, Colorado; 12 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Florence Abigail Wright Collins – “Roseville (CA) Press-Tribune” Monday 4 Jan
1988 p 4

Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995



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Name Florence Wright
Gender Female
Age 22
Birth Date abt 1901
Marriage Date 7 Nov 1923
Marriage Place McCurtain, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse Homer Collins
Film Number 001412726

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MARRIAGE RECORD NO. 10

INDEXED,

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.

IN COUNTY COURT

I, _____, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
M Homer Collins (Color), aged 20 years, whose residence is Slim
State of Okla., and M iss Florence Wright (Color), aged 22 years, whose
residence is Slim, State of Okla. and for the purpose of procuring the same, do
solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and
correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they
related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am _____ years of age, and reside at Slim,
County of McCurtain, State of Okla.

Dev Collins

Applicant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of Nov. 1923

By W W Morris Deputy, Bacon Comer Court Clerk.

MARRIAGE LICENSE			
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.		IN COUNTY COURT	
To any Person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony, GREETING:			
You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. <u>Harmon C. Green</u>			
of <u>Idabel</u>	County of <u>McCurtain</u>	State of <u>Okl.</u>	
aged <u>20</u>	years, and Mrs. <u>Flourice Wright</u>		
of <u>Idabel</u>	County of <u>McCurtain</u>	State of <u>Okl.</u>	
aged <u>22</u>	years. And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.		
Witness my hand and official seal, at Idabel, in said County, this <u>7</u> day of <u>Nov.</u> A. D. 19 <u>23</u>			
By <u>M. N. Morris</u>	Deputy.	<u>Barrow Coker</u>	Court Clerk.
Recorded this <u>7th</u> day of <u>November</u> 19 <u>23</u>			
By <u>M. N. Morris</u>	Deputy.	<u>Barrow Coker</u>	Court Clerk.
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE			
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.			
I, <u>E. R. Green</u>	<u>Justice of the Peace</u>		
of <u>N. L. Township</u>	County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined		
in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the <u>7th</u>	day of <u>November</u>		
A. D. 19 <u>23</u> , at <u>Idabel</u>	In McCurtain County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of		
<u>G. S. Armstrong</u>	of <u>Idabel, Okla.</u>		
and <u>Mrs. G. R. Green</u>	of <u>" "</u>		
My credentials are recorded in Ministers' Credentials Book _____ Page _____ of _____ County, Oklahoma.			
Official Designation <u>E. R. Green</u>			
Returned and recorded in Marriage Record No. <u>10</u> , page <u>580</u> , this <u>21</u> day of <u>Nov.</u> 19 <u>23</u>			
By <u>W. B. Barrett</u>	Deputy.	<u>Barrow Coker</u>	Court Clerk.

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DIVORCE RETURN

STATE OF OREGON
State File Number 3716

County Deschutes
Docket Number 7849

Name of Husband Homer Collins Maiden name of Wife Florence Collins

Residence of Husband Clackamas Residence of Wife Bend, Ore.

Date of Marriage Nov. 7th 1923 Cause for which divorced desertion
Month Day Year

Date of final decree Sept. 19th 1950 Number of children affected by decree one
Month Day Year

Who was plaintiff? Wife Divorce granted to Wife

OCT 6 1950
Signed Helen M. Dacy
County Clerk

VS-5 1/49

Divorce 19 Sep 1950 Deschutes Co. OR -

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FEE: \$7.00 THREE DAY WAITING PERIOD

COUNTY OF CLARK, }
STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss. **AFFIDAVIT OF MALE APPLICANT
FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Re Marriage
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the male applicant for the issuance of a marriage license by the County Auditor of Clark County, State of Washington. I am not feeble-minded, imbecile, insane, a common drunkard, we are not related, and I am not afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages nor with contagious venereal disease.

Age 69 Birthdate Feb. 26, 1903 Birthplace Valiant Oklahoma

Single _____ Divorced 1 Widowed _____ Under control of guardian _____

Occupation Retired Address 5227 E. Thomas
Number and Street

Signature Homer Collins Quincy, Calif.
City and State

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day
of April 1952

E. H. H. (H. H. H.)
Deputy

COUNTY OF CLARK,
STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.

**AFFIDAVIT OF FEMALE APPLICANT
FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows: That I am the female applicant for the issuance of a marriage license by the County Auditor of Clark County, State of Washington. I am not feeble-minded, imbecile, insane, a common drunkard, we are not related, and I am not afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis in its advanced stages.

Age 69 Birthdate Sept 24 1902 Birthplace Miller, Oklahoma
Single _____ Divorced 1 Widowed _____ Under control of guardian _____
Occupation Retired Address 1095 N.E. 5th
Salem, Oregon
Signature Florence A Collins City and State
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day
of April, 1972 Deputy

COUNTY OF CLARK,
STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.

**Homer Collins & Florence A. Collins
AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS**

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That Homer Collins
Name of Male Applicant
of Salem, Oregon who is 69 years of age; and
Name of Female Applicant
Florence A. Collins of Salem, Oregon
City and State
who is 69 years of age, are known to me personally; that neither of said persons is a habitual criminal or related and I know of no legal impediment to their being joined in marriage.
Signature R. J. Collins Address 6409 S.E. King Rd.
Milwaukie, Oregon
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day
of April, 1972 Deputy

Date of application APR 24 1972 Date license issued APR 27 1972

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Remarriage license application -

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Certificate of Marriage

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
County of Clark

B 29172

I Hereby Certify. That on the 27th day of April
in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and Seventy Two
at Vancouver In the County and State aforesaid, I, the undersigned, a
minister., by authority of a Marriage License bearing date, the 27th
day of April A. D., 1972, and issued by the Auditor of the County of Clark, State of Washington

Did Join in Lawful Wedlock

Homer Collins of the County of Fresno State of California and
Florence A Collins of the County of Marion State of Oregon.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Rip J. Collins Witness
James L. Brightwell Witness

Robert D. Raley
Clergyman or Official

Signed: Homer Collins GROOM Date of birth Feb. 21 1903
Mo. Day Year
Signed: Florence A Collins BRIDE Date of birth Sept 24 1902
Mo. Day Year

CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY

STATE OF WASHINGTON, } ss.
County of Clark

I, Don Bonker, hereby certify that I am County Auditor of Clark County, Washington, and as such officer am custodian of the official records of said county; that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Marriage Certificate with the original thereof, and that the foregoing is a complete, true and correct transcript of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this _____ day of _____ 1972

DON BONKER, Clark County Auditor

By _____ Deputy Auditor

This Certificate to be returned to Clark County Auditor, Vancouver, Washington, within ten days of the date of marriage.

FILE
MAY - 1 1972
Auditor, Clark Co.
Deputy

Married 27 Apr 1972 -

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Homer Collins

Homer Collins, 72, a former Oregon resident who had been living in Fresno, Calif., for 20 years, was found dead in his apartment there Monday, following a long illness.

Born in Oklahoma, he came to Oregon in 1940 and was a farmer in the Gresham and Portland areas.

Surviving are his widow, Florence, Salem; sons, Rip, Portland, and John, Milwaukie; daughters, Clarice Monroe, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kaye Jones, Salem; and 10 grandchildren.

Services and interment were today in Fresno.

Obituary of Homer Collins – “Salem (OR) Capital Journal” Thursday 30 Sep 1976 p 23

Homer Collins

Graveside services for Homer Collins, 73, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the IOOF Cemetery. He died Monday.

Collins was born in Oklahoma where he was a farmer and had lived in Fresno 13 years.

He is survived by his widow, Florence; two daughters, Mrs. Sammie Kay Jones of Salem, Ore., and Mrs. Clarice M. Monroe of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sons, John D. and Rip J. Collins of Portland, Ore.; a sister, Mrs. Georgia Burton of Valiant, Okla.; a brother, Hugh Collins of Valiant; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren^{7/8}

The Harry Palm Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Nova O. Collins

Services for Mrs. Nova O. Collins, 78, of Atlanta will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at A.S. Turner & Sons Chapel, burial in Floral Hills Memory Gardens. Mrs. Collins, a former practical nurse at the Wesley Woods Health Center, died Monday. She was a member of Clairmont Hills Baptist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Bennie Lou Shelton of Atlanta; and sister, Mrs. Florence Collins of Salem, Ore.

Obituary of [sister Nova Ola Wright Collins \(1904-1982\)](#) - "Atlanta (GA) Constitution"
Wednesday 3 Mar 1982 p 10

Nova Wright of McAlester, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Homer Collins.

"Valliant (OK) Tribune" Friday 30 Mar 1928 p 4

Mrs. Nova Wright and little daughter, Bennie Lue, and niece, Clara Beatner, have returned to their home at McAlester after a two weeks visit here with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Homer Collins.

Note she is Mrs. Nova Wright – "Valliant (OK) Tribune" Friday 6 Apr 1928 p 3

Mrs. Nova Wright and little daughter, Bennie Lue, and niece, Clara Beatner, have returned to their home at McAlester after a two weeks visit here with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Homer Collins.

"McCurtain (OK) Gazette" Wednesday 11 Apr 1928 p 5

Auto Accident Is Reported South Of Shady Grove

While Hanford Boatner was driving south in a Chevrolet coach, about two and a half miles north of Shady Grove, at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Raymond Raper in an old Ford coupe, crashed into the rear of his coach, according to a statement made to County Attorney Watson by occupants of the car.

In the car were Miss Clara Boatner of Chicago and Miss Pearl Boatner, sisters of the driver, and Mrs. Nova Wright, their aunt, and little daughter, Bennie Wright.

Hanford Boatner stated to the county attorney that he was driving about 25 miles an hour when the car driven by Raper rammed the rear of his car.

The boy said he did not know how fast Raper was going, as he did not see him, but that Raper stated he "had her wide open," and it was nobody's business but his won. He was attempting to pass Boatner.

was attempting to pass Boatner.

Mrs. Wirght said Raper declared they could put him in jail if they wanted to but he could get out.

They took him to his home near Shady Grove as he said he would have to go there to write out a check to pay for the damage.

The Boatner family resides four miles from McAlester on Route 7.

"McAlester (OK) News-Capital" Monday 13 Jul 1931 p 1

Miss Nova Wright of Hugo
was here the first of the week
visiting her sister, Mrs. Homer
Collins.

“Valliant (OK) Tribune” Friday 18 Nov 1934 p 8

Nova O Collins

in the Georgia, U.S., Death Index, 1919-1998

Name	Nova O Collins
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	78
Birth Date	abt 1904
Residence Place	DeKalb, Georgia, USA
Death Date	1 Mar 1982
Death Place	DeKalb, Georgia, USA
File Date	4 Mar 1982
Certificate Number	005171

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Shelton-Collins Marriage Takes Place At Hugo



Mrs. Theodore E. Shelton

HUGO, Okla. (Special) — The marriage of Miss Bennie Lou Collins, daughter of Mrs. Jess C. Collins and the late Mr. Collins, to Theodore Ernest Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ernest Shelton, took place Sunday morning at 8 o'clock in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. R. B. Jones. Dr.

J. F. Murrel, pastor of First Baptist Church, read the marriage rites.

Miss Mary Nell Johnson lighted the candles as recordings of wedding music were played.

The bride wore a white wool suit with brown and white accessories, and carried a white covered Bible topped with an orchid and white satin ribbons. Mrs. Jones, her only attendant, wore an aqua wool suit and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Ralph Kuehl, Davenport Iowa, was best man.

The ceremony took place before the fireplace, where flower baskets with regal lilies and white candles in tall candelabra were arranged.

Following the ceremony, the bride cut the two-tiered cake, with bridal figurines, and Miss Helen Ruth Holton served punch.

Following a trip to Shadow Lake near Noel, Mo., the couple will be at home at 215 Kirk St. here.

Both the bride and groom were graduated from the high school here in 1943. Since then, Mrs. Shelton has been secretary to R. C. Newton, president of the Security State Bank. Since joining the Navy in 1943, the groom served as a petty officer, on duty in the Solomons and Philippines. He was discharged in February and plans to attend Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater this fall to study engineering.

Bennie Shelton



SHELTON (COLLINS), Bennie Lou Mrs. Bennie Lou Collins Shelton, age 93, celebrated her homegoing on Friday morning, Feb. 21, 2020.

She was born in McAlester, OK, and spent her childhood in Hugo, OK. She graduated with honors from Hugo High School and was a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. Bennie Lou married her high school sweetheart and returning WWII veteran in 1946. His career led them across the country to California, Texas, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia. In each place, Bennie Lou put down roots and made a beautiful home for her family while continuing her successful career as an executive assistant in the banking industry, city government and higher education, finally retiring from Emory University after many years of service. She was a loving mother to her twin daughters, Alice and Jane, and was devoted to every aspect of their lives at school, at church and among their friends. She was especially instrumental in the development of their music education, focusing on excellent piano instruction for

them through the years. Bennie Lou accepted Christ as her Savior at the tender age of 9. Her faith, the hallmark of her life, was shown in tireless devotion to her family and church, Clairmont Hills Baptist. She taught Sunday School, led Bible studies, visited the sick, and volunteered wherever needed. She will be missed deeply by both family and friends. Bennie Lou is survived by her daughter Jane Vale and husband Shannon, grandsons Ben Harris and wife Megan, Joshua Vale, Matthew Vale and wife Beata, and great-grandchildren Addie and Jackson Harris and Elias Vale. She was predeceased by her daughter Alice Shelton Bailey and grandson William Harris. A funeral service officiated by Pastor Larry Burgess will be held at 2 PM, on Saturday, Feb. 29, at Floral Hills Funeral Home, Tucker, GA with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Shelton's honor to Bridgepoint Church at Toco Hills, Decatur, GA.



Published by Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Feb. 27, 2020.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/atlanta/name/bennie-shelton-obituary?id=16968008>

Form BH-114-10036-1-48-140481-C-McR.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE **PRIOR**

61 005423

(Do Not Write In This Space)

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County Sevier
City or Town Gillham
Street No. or Rural Route _____

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH Nova Ola Wright

3. Is Child Male or Female? Female **4. What is Child's color or race?** White **5. What was date of Child's Birth?** Feb. 15 1905
(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER
6. Father's Full Name James M. Wright
7. Where was Father living at the time of this birth? Gillham, Ark.
8. What is Father's color? White **9. What was Father's age at time of birth?** 50 yrs.
10. In what State or Country was Father born? Mississippi

MOTHER
11. Mother's Maiden Name Louiza Jane Blackwood
12. Where was Mother living at the time of this birth? Gillham, Ark.
13. What is Mother's color? White **14. What was Mother's age at time of birth?** 70 yrs.
15. In what State or Country was Mother born? Center Point, Ark.

16. Number of Children born to this Mother up to and including this child? 8

AFFIDAVIT

State of Oklahoma
County of McCurtain

I hereby swear under oath in full knowledge of the penalties of the law for false statement that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as Brother
Brother (Attending physician, midwife, parent, or person at least twelve years older having knowledge of birth) and my present age is 73 years.
(Signed) J. T. Herron
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 12 day of April 1961
Louise Mae Smith
(Notary Public or Other Official Empowered to Administer Oaths)

My Commission Expires 7/23/61

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Filed April 18, 1961 J. T. Herron, Jr. State Registrar

Delayed AR birth certificate of Nova Ola Wright Collins -

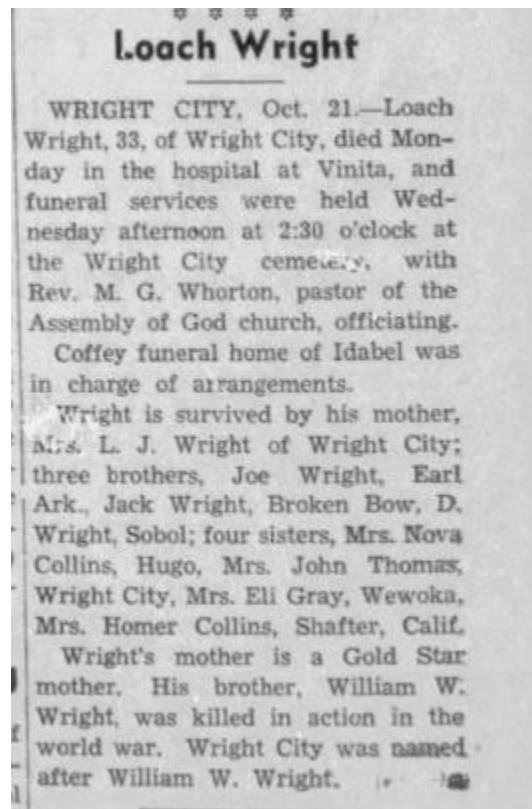
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61774/images/61774_01_00522-02455?pld=150956058

LOACH WRIGHT
HUGO, Okla., (Special). — Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at Wright City for Loach Wright, 33, who died Monday at Vinita. The body is being returned Tuesday by the Coffey-Baker Funeral Home, of Hugo.
Survivors include the mother, Mrs. L. J. Wright, and a sister, Mrs. Nova Collins, both of Hugo.

Loach Wright died in the Vinita Mental Hospital – “Paris (TX) News” Tuesday 24 Oct 1939 p

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https://www.newspapers.com/article/8169488/great_uncle_loach_wrightdied_in_vinita/?xid=637



“McCurtain (OK) Gazette” Wednesday 25 Oct 1939 p 5

Half-siblings:

George N. Wright, Rufe Lumberman, Dies Tuesday

George Nelson Wright, 66, Rufe, died at his home there at 7:25 a. m. Tuesday following an illness of 10 days.

A lumberman for the past 50 years, he had resided at Rufe 21 years. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Masons.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at his home with Rev. Joe Hawthorne, Sobol, officiating. Arrangements and interment in the Wright City cemetery were under direction of Coffey funeral home.

Survivors include his widow; sons, Guy and Willard Wright, Vancouver, Wash.; Marion Wright, Sobol; and Jordan and Winston G. Wright, both in the U. S. Navy; daughters, Mrs. Mae Owen, Broken Bow, and Mrs. Theresa Cogburn, Rufe; sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Benson, Antlers; Mrs. Susie Wilson, Texarkana; Mrs. Lona Thomas, Rufe; Mrs. Florence Collins, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Nova Collins, Hugo; brothers, Jack Wright, Highland Park, Ill., and Joe Wright, DeQueen, Ark., and 13 grandchildren.

Bearers were George Gipson, Hugh Long, John Foster, Carl Speck, George Christopher and Jim Gamble.

Obituary of half-brother George Nelson Wright (1876-1942) – "McCurtain (OK) Gazette"
Wednesday 7 Oct 1942 p 1



Half-brother George Nelson (Dee or D) Wright (1876-1942) – Find A Grave 139562344

Form BH-414-30M-4-23-79667-C-Mch.

CERTIFICATE
(USED FOR BIRTH WHICH OCCURRED PRIOR TO 1914)
STATE OF ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1889

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Falk
Township _____
Inc. Town or _____
City Vandervoort (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number)

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Pearl Lorene Benson
(ALL DATA IN CERTIFICATE MUST BE AS OF DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS CHILD)

1. Sex <u>female</u>	2. If Plural Births _____	3. Twin, Triplet, or other _____	4. Premature _____	5. Legitimate? <u>yes</u>	6. Date of Birth <u>Jan. 24 - 1905</u> (Month, Day, Year)
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FATHER			MOTHER		
9. Full Name <u>William Clayborn Benson</u>	10. Residence <u>Vandervoort Ark.</u>		11. Full Maiden Name <u>Mary Elizabeth Wright</u>	12. Residence <u>Vandervoort</u>	
13. Color <u>White</u>	14. Father's age <u>25</u> years (At time of this birth)	15. Color <u>White</u>	16. Mother's age <u>27</u> years (At time of this birth)		
17. Birthplace <u>Dulka, Mississippi</u>	18. Occupation <u>Lumber Workman</u>	19. Birthplace <u>Lacksburg Ark.</u>	20. Occupation <u>Housewife</u>		

21. Number of children born to this mother up to and including this child 3 Total number living at time of this birth (including this child) 3

I hereby certify that I was present at the birth of this child, who was born alive at 8 a.m. on the date above stated.
attended
Know the facts of

(Signed) _____ M. D. or Midwife
or (Signed) Rala Jane Benson Shaffield Sister
older relative or other older person having knowledge of this birth
(Address) Mona, Arkansas.

Date certificate signed 6-4, 1942, Filed 6-4, 1942 W. B. Harrison M.D. State Registrar

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, MIDWIFE, PARENT, NEAREST RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THIS BIRTH
(The signature must be attested by an officer qualified to administer oaths)

"SEAL"
STATE OF Arkansas COUNTY OF Cleaveland

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, states that information given in the above certificate is true and correct.

Signature Rala Jane Benson Shaffield
(Same as above)

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of June, 1942

My Commission Expires 2/26/44

L. J. Spencer
Notary Public

Half-sister Mary Elizabeth Wright Benson (1878-1959) – AR birth record of her daughter Pearl Lorene Benson - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/300614456:61774?tid=&pid=&queryId=692e4a25b816394d3f7fd3aa80d2ed24&phsrc=hFB71180&phstart=successSource>

Mary E. Benson Buried Saturday

Services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Benson of Antlers were held at 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 26, in the First Baptist church. The Rev. M. H. Oglesby, pastor, officiated. She was 81.

Coffey funeral home made burial in the City cemetery.

Bearers were Levi Higgins, J. A. Holt, T. L. Witherspoon, Rupert Jones, Clarence Harris, Joe Stamper.

Mrs. Benson died Dec. 24 in Pushmataha hospital. She was born Oct. 8, 1878, at Jordan Brook, Ark. She held membership in the Baptist church, and had lived here the last 29 years.

Survivors are her husband, William C. Benson, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Lela J. Shuffield, Norwalk, Calif.; Mrs. Pearl L. Millsaps, North Little Rock; Mrs. Estene B. Tackett, Bald nob, Ark.; one son, Harold C. Benson, Dallas; ten grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; six sisters and brothers.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)		ORDER NUMBER
U 120	SAMUEL JACKSON WRIGHT <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)			
929 S. ST. JOHN'S AVE. HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE ILL. <small>(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)</small>			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS			
SAME <small>(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)</small>			
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH	
47 H.P.	60	LOCKSBURG	
<small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	DATE OF BIRTH	<small>(Town or county)</small>	
	FEB. 3, 1882 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	ARIZONA <small>(State or country)</small>	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
E.M. PALMER 429 S. ST. JOHN'S AVE.			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
SAME			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
SAME HIGHLAND PARK, LAKE ILL. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		16-21630-2 <i>S. J. Wright</i> <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5-10	140	Sallow
			Light
Negro	EYES	HAIR	Ruddy
			Blonde
Oriental	Blue	Red	Dark
			Gray
Indian	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
			Brown
Filipino	Black	Gray	Light brown
			Bald
			Dark brown
			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.

lost ARM

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

S. J. T. Buckmaster
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board

 1 LAKE ILL.
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration APRIL 27, 1942

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LAKE COUNTY BOARD No. 1

CENTRAL AVE.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.

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

16-21630-1

WWII draft registration on 27 Apr 1942 of **half-brother Samuel Jackson Wright (1882-1964)** -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1002/images/30955_166015-03275?pid=10215489

Lillie Hollingsworth in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
Name	Lillie Hollingsworth
Gender	Female
Age	18
Birth Year	abt 1888
Residence	Grannis, Polk, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Jack Wright
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	23
Spouse's Residence	Grannis, Polk, Arkansas
Marriage Date	27 Oct 1906
Marriage License Date	26 Oct 1906
Marriage County	Polk
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1009387

Marriage of Jack Wright to Lillian H. Hollingsworth -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3006098:2548?tid=3975323&pid=24888148679&queryId=02f0a04b9be4b9d22ec06fded31e46f7&_phsrc=hFB71184&_phstart=successSource

Mrs. Lillian Alston Is Buried Friday

Mrs. Lillian Alston, 64, Broken Bow, was found dead at her home at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday. She is presumed to have died about 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Born in Texas September 12, 1889, she had resided at Broken Bow since 1912, moving from Arkansas. She was a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Helen Hollingsworth, Stockton, Calif.; one son, Jimmie Wright, Ponca City; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Lewis, New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Speck Pate, Broken Bow; one step-son, Forest Alston, Broken Bow; three brothers, Charley Hollingsworth, Arizona; Edgar Hollingsworth, Stockton, and Willis Hollingsworth, West Lake, La.; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Brewer, Stockton; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p. m. Friday at the Broken Bow Baptist church with Rev. Forest Wicks and Rev. R. A. Highsmith officiating.

Arrangements and burial in Broken Bow cemetery were under direction of Coffey funeral home.

Obituary of Lillian Hollingsworth Wright Alston - "McCurtain (OK) Gazette" Saturday 11 Sep 1954 p 2

Susan Wright Wilson

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

Name	Susan Wright Wilson [Susan Wright Wright]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	3 Jun 1884
Birth Place	Lockesburg S, Arkansas
Father	James Wright
Mother	Susan Brown
SSN	463031314
Signature on SSN Card	Sue F Wilson
Relationship of Signature	Signature name differs from NH's name.
Notes	Jun 1937: Name listed as SUSAN WRIGHT WILSON

Social Security record of **half-sister Susan (Susie) Frances Wright Wilson (1884- 1961)**
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/9275813:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=3975323&pid=-693169740>

STATE OF TEXAS *019-01-1 019-01* CERTIFICATE OF DEATH *4201 215* STATE FILE NO. *25824*

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Bowie		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Bowie	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Texarkana		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Texarkana	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 619 Robbins		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 619 Robbins	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) Susie Frances Wilson		4. DATE OF DEATH May 5, 1961	
5. SEX female	6. COLOR OR RACE white	7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH June 3, 1884
9. AGE (in years last birthday) 76		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR IF UNDER 24 HRS Months 11 Days 2 Hours 0 Minutes 0	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Locksburg, Ark.		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA	
13. FATHER'S NAME Jackson Wright		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME unknown	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
17. INFORMANT Mrs. Irene Chittim			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) acute myocardial infarct DUE TO (b) Hypertensive CVD DUE TO (c) Sen arteriosclerosis PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (If any) TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS			
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. DATE OF INJURY OCCURRED 2-2-59			
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour 5-5 a.m. 61 p.m.			
20d. INJURY OCCURRED 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 2-2-59 to 5-5-61 and last saw the deceased alive on 5-5-61 Death occurred at 619 main on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.			
22a. SIGNATURE John Griffin, M.D.		22b. ADDRESS 619 main	
22c. DATE SIGNED 5-8-61			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) burial		23b. DATE May 6, 1961	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Courtland			
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Cass County, Texas		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE C. H. Malone	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 99		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 5-11-61	
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Mary Virginia Young			

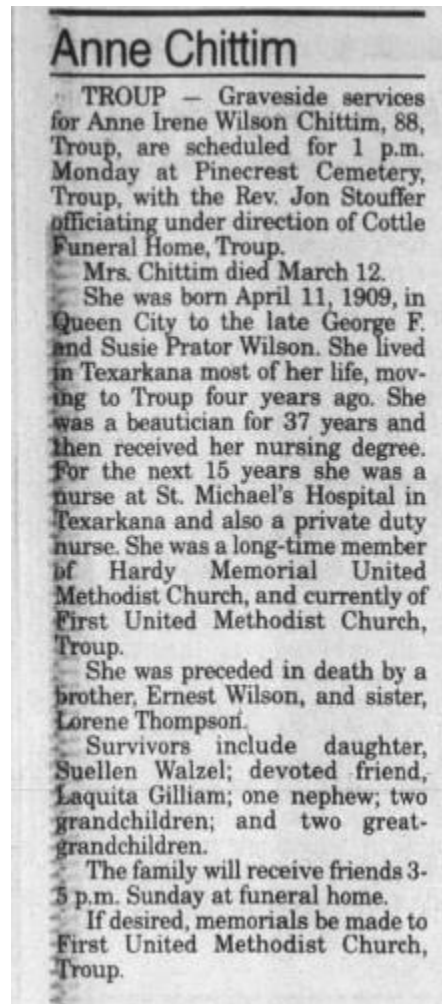
TX death record of Susan Frances Wright Wilson - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/23642022:2272>

Susie Prator

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

Name	Susie Prator
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	8 Mar 1905
Marriage Place	Cass, Texas, United States
Spouse	Geo F Wilson
FHL Film Number	1301834

Marrige of Susie Wright Prator to George F. Wilson on 8 Mar 1905 in Cass Co. TX -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/408395:60183>



This obituary of Susie Wright's daughter Anne Irene Wilson Chittim refers to her mother as "Susie Prator Wilson" – "Tyler (TX) Courier-Times" Sunday 15 Mar 1998 p 30

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: William Wylie Wright

Name variations: middle name spelled Wyley on his WWI draft registration

Military:

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

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

Entered service from: Bismark, McCurtain OK – The town of Bismark was renamed Wright City in 1921, in honor of William Wylie Wright, and to rid itself of associations with Germany.

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: William W. Wright

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: brother J.H. Wright, Bismark OK

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 51, as W.W. Wright

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

Body listed on return ship as: W.W. Wright

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

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Wyley Wright - b. 27 Sep 1892 Eagle Town OK; res: Bismark, McCurtain OK. Single. Logger for N.H. Phillips. Has dependent mother & father. Claimed exemption from the draft: “mother & father” – Tall & slender.,

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: date not listed

Discharged: not listed

Address: Bismark OK

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

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Sep 1890 Eagletown, McCurtain OK (27 Sep 1892 according to WWI draft & Veterans Administration Master Index records) (born in Jenson, Sebastian AR according to Find A Grave)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 57194940 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Oklahoma Pvt 20 Engrs

Father: James Marion (Jim) Wright, 17 Dec 1855 GA - 27 Dec 1917 Wright City [formerly Bismark], McCurtain OK. Son of Wylie J. Wright & Martha Ann Jordan. Find A Grave record says he claimed to be 1/4 Cherokee Native American. Buried in Wright City Cemetery Old, Wright City, McCurtain OK.

Find A Grave: 139561693

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/11837801/person/-387799523/facts>

Mother: Louiza Jane Blackwood Wright, 3 Feb 1865 Pike Co. AR – 21 Oct 1944 Hugo, Choctaw OK. Daughter of John M. Blackwood & Elizia Stinnett. She died at the home of her daughter, Nova Wright Collins.

Find A Grave: 137178925

Parents' marriage: 13 Jul 1885 Sevier Co. AR

Father's 1st wife: Susan C Brown Wright, ca. 1852 AR - likely in AR, died on or after 3 Jun 1884 when she gave birth to Susan Frances Wright but presumably (unless she divorced) by 13 Jul 1885 when James married Louiza Blackwood.

Daughter of Berry Brown (b. 27 Nov 1812 AL) & Elizabeth Austin (1814-1880, probably buried in Piney Grove Cemetery, De Queen, Sevier AR, F: 59669058.

Find A Grave:

Father's 1st marriage: 13 Feb 1874 Sevier Co. AR

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Martha Adeline [Adelaide] Wright Clayborn, 7 Sep 1885 AR – 28 Jan 1936 Holly Creek, McCurtain OK. Wife of John Lafayette Clayborn (1874-1932, F: 9696878) whom she married 11 Jan 1905 in Polk Co. AR. Buried in Holly Creek Cemetery, Broken Bow, McCurtain OK. F: 9696880
- Laura Alameda Wright Dudley Bryant, 30 Oct 1888 Jordan Brook AR – 13 Jul 1926 [according to an Ancestry.com family tree but not confirmed]. Married Abner Dudley (Abb/Ab) Boatner (28 May 1885 AL – 29 Apr 1918 AR) on 3 Mar 1907 in Sevier Co. AR. They had 6 children. – Laura Boatner married F.J. Bryant on 31 Jul 1921 in Pittsburg Co. OK. – This appears to be Francis Jasper Bryant, b. 17 Mar 1888 Chickasaw Co. OK, died 10 Jun 1933 in San Bernardino Co. CA. In the 1920 census for Bucklucksy, Pittsburg OK is an entry for Francis J. Bryant, 32 OK, single. In the 1930 census for Hollis, Harmon OK, Francis J. Bryant, 43 OK, is widowed. He is buried in Hermosa Gardens Cemetery, Colton, San Bernardino CA, F: 44648049. Her death information not traced.
- Lear Essie Wright Gray, Oct 1892 OK [then Indian Territory] – Jun 1966 [last residence Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK], Married Eli Dorsey Gray Jr. (1893-1960) when she was age 17 & he 19, so both needed the permission of both their fathers, on 24 Sep 1912 Sequoyah, Pushmataha OK. Both were residents of Nashoba, Pushmataha OK; her name was spelled Leer on the marriage license. Surviving "son" of her mother in 1944. – In the 1940 census for Wewoka, Seminole OK: Eli D. Gray, 47 OK & Lear Gray, 47 OK. - Eli Dorsey Gray d. 15 Apr 1960 in Wewoka, Seminole OK. Eli Dorsey Grey is buried in Resthaven Gardens Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK but is not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2023.

- Joseph Herman ("Joe") Wright, 13 Dec 1896 Canadian Switch OK – 19 Aug 1977 Eugene, Lane OR. Served as a private in the US Army in WWI. Resident of Wright City OK in 1944. Resident of DeQueen AR in Oct 1942 when his half-brother George Wright died. Husband of Vinnie Leona Hindman (1903-1940) who was also married to Vivian ("Zip") Brown (1897-1980, F: 83439438). Buried in Gilliland Cemetery, Sweet Home, Linn OR. F: 145477510
- Lona Mae ("Lonie") Wright Thomas, 8 May 1899 Jenson, Sebastian AR – 1 Mar 1971 Idabel, McCurtain OK. Her birth certificate says she is the 6th child born to her mother. Resident of Hugo OK in 1944. Wife of John William Thomas (1896-1956, F: 29118033) whom she married on 29 Nov 1910 in Bismark, McCurtain OK. Listed as Mrs. Lona Collins in her mother's 1944 obituary. Listed as Mrs. Lona Thomas of Rufe, McCurtain OK when her half-brother George Wright died Oct 1942. Buried in Wright City Cemetery Old, Wright City, McCurtain OK. F: 29118174
- Florence Abigail Wright Collins, 24 Sep 1901 McCurtain Co. OK – 2 Jan 1988 Placer Co. CA. Her birth record says she is her mother's 8th child. Resident of Hugo OK in 1944. Resident of Salem OR in Aug 1977. Listed as Mrs. Florence Collins of Portland OR when her half-brother George Wright died in Oct 1942. – Married on 7 Nov 1923 in Idabel, McCurtain OK to Homer H. Collins (21 Feb 1903 Okfuskee Co. OK – 27 Sep 1976 Fresno Co. CA). In the 1880 census, he lived in Paden, Okfussee OK with his parents, George & Eliza Collins. Homer is buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Fresno, Fresno CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2023. – The couple divorced in Deschutes Co. OR on 19 Sep 1950; Florence had petitioned for divorce on the charge of desertion. On 24 Apr 1972, Homer Collins & Florence A. Collins applied for a marriage license in Clark Co. WA. It was granted on 27 Apr 1972 & they remarried. - Florence is buried in Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, Placer CA. F: 112384573
- Nova Ola Wright Collins, 15 Feb 1904 Gillam,, Sevier AR – 1 Mar 1982 GA. Resident of Hugo OK in 1944. Listed as Mrs. Nova Collins of Hugo OK in Oct 1942 when her half-brother George Wright died. Resident of Atlanta GA in Aug 1977 & Mar 1982. – Nova had a daughter Bennie Lou, born 15 May 1926 in McAlester, Pittsburg OK. When Bennie Lou marries Theodore Ernest ("Ted") Shelton (1925-2017, F: 182589538) on 2 Jun 1946 in Hugo, Choctaw OK,, her surname is Collins & her father is listed as the late Jess C. Collins. Ancestry.com links to a Jesse James Collins (b. & d. TN) do not seem accurate. But newspaper reports from the early 1920s list her mother as Mrs. Nova Wright (or even Miss Wright) & Bennie's surname is not included. – As of Nov 1934, she is Miss Nova Wright in the newspaper. - The 1930 census lists Nora Wright as single with daughter Benny L. Wright, living with her widowed mother Louiza. In the 1940 census for Hugo, Choctaw OK, Nova Collins & her daughter Bennie Lou Collins live with her widowed mother Louisa Wright. - Bennie Lou divorced Theodore Shelton. - Nova is buried in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Tucker, DeKalb GA. F: 1708326035
- Loach Mack Wright, 23 Jul 1906 AR – 23 Oct 1939 Vinita, Craig OK. He died in the Eastern State Hospital (originally the Eastern Hospital for the Insane). – In the 1930

census for Craig Co. OK, Loach Wright, 23 AR, single, father b. MO, mother b. AR, is a patient in the Eastern OK Hospital. His entry is on line 19. - Buried in Wright City Cemetery, Wright City, McCurtain OK but not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2023.

Half-siblings: by his father James's 1st marriage, to Susan Brown

- George Nelson ("Dee" / "D") Wright, 15 Feb 1876 White township, Polk Co. AR or Lockesburg, Sevier AR – 6 Oct 1942 Rufe, McCurtain OK. Married Laura Edith Green (1881 TX – 1957) in 1899 in Polk Co. AR. When he registered for the WWI draft on 12 Sep 1918, George resided in Bismark, McCurtain OK with wife Laura & worked for the Choctaw Lumber Co. In 1940, they lived in Kiamichi, Pushmataha OK where George was the proprietor of a saw mill. On 24 Aug 2023, his Find A Grave entry was headed "DG.N. Wright." Buried in Wright City Cemetery, Wright City, McCurtain OK. F; 139562344
- Mary Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Wright Benson, 6 Oct 1878 Jordan Brook AR – 24 Dec 1959 Antlers, Pushmataha OK (in Pushmataha Hospital). Wife of William Clayborn Benson (1880-1965, F: 107554385) whom she married in 1898. Mrs. Lizzie Benson lived in Antlers OK in Oct 1942 when her brother George died. Buried in Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers, Pushmataha OK. F: 107554453
- Samuel Jackson Wright, 3 Feb 1882 Lockesburg, Sevier AR – 15 Dec 1964. "Jack" Wright was a resident of Highland Park IL in Oct 1942 when his brother George died. – Married Lillian H. ("Lillie") Hollingsworth on 27 Oct 1906 in Polk Co. AR. Lillie (12 Sep 1889 Morgan, Bosque TX – 7 Sep 1954 Broken Bow, McCurtain OK) died as the wife of George Metard Alston (1882-1951) & is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Broken Bow, McCurtain OK, F: 10972151). – On his WWII draft registration, on 27 Apr 1942, Samuel Jackson Wright lived at 929 S. St. Johns Ave., Highland Park, Lake IL. Samuel is buried as S. Jack Wright in Broken Bow Cemetery, Broken Bow, McCurtain OK. F: 20034560
- Susan (Susie) Frances Wright Prator Wilson, 3 Jun 1884 Lockesburg, Sevier AR - 5 May 1961 Texarkana, Bowie TX. SSN 463-03-1314. Mrs. Susie Wilson was a resident of Texarkana in Oct 1942 when her brother George died. Wife of George F. Wilson (1875-1941, F: 83867647). Her surname was Prator when she married George on 8 Mar 1905 in Cass Co. TX. Susie & George are buried in Courtland Cemetery, Queen City, Cass TX. F: 83867655

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Jefferson, Sevier AR

James M. Wright, 24 MS, parents b. AL, farmer

Susan, 28 SC, parents' birthplaces left blank

De, 5 AR [son George Nelson – AKA Dee]

Lizebeth, 2 AR

1900 Township 3, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory [now Oklahoma] – conducted 2 Jun 1900

James M. Wright, 44 MS, Dec 1855, father b. SC, mother b. GA, married 16 years, farmer

Louisa, 35 AR, Feb 1865, father b. AL, mother b. TX, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Martha A., 13 AR, Sep 1886

Laura A., 11 AR, Oct 1888

William W., 10 Indian Territory, Jan 1890, farm laborer

Lean A., 7 Indian Territory, Oct 1892

Joseph H., 4 Indian Territory, Feb 1896

Lena M., 7 months AR, Oct 1899

1900 cannot locate

1920 Sulphur, McCurtain OK

Louizie Wright, 56 AR, father b. TN, mother b. US, widow

Florence, 18 OK

Nora, 16 AR

Loach, 13 AR

[for the children, father b. GA, mother b. AR – no one has an occupation]

1930 Alderson, Pittsburg OK

Louisa J. Wright, 55 AR, father b. TN, mother b. AR, 1st married at age 19, widow, farmer

Nova Wright, 26 AR, father b. AL, mother b. AR, single

Hanford Boetner [Boatner], 20 AR, father b. MS, mother b. AR, laborer [grandson – the son of Laura Wright Boatner Bryant]

Pearl Boetner [Boatner], 16 AR, father b. MS, mother b. AR [granddaughter – the daughter of Laura Wright Boatner Bryant]

Benny L. Wright, 3 OK, father b. OK, mother b. AR [granddaughter – the daughter of Nova Wright]