

# TUSCANIA

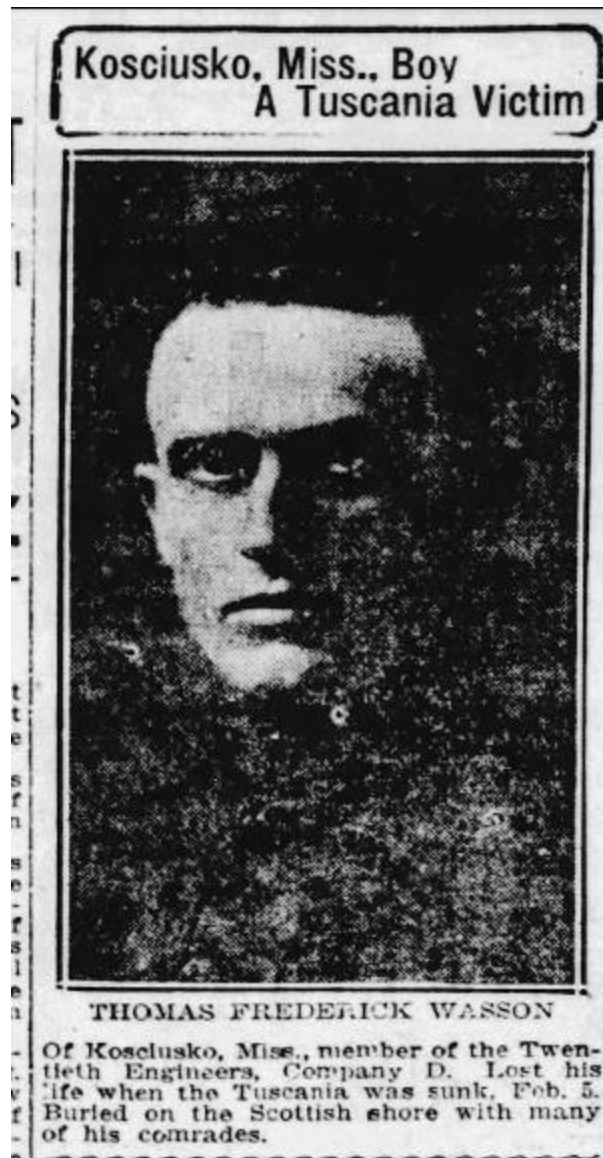
**Tuscania casualty**

**Wasson, Thomas Frederick**

**1889 MS – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Thomas Frederick Wasson (casualty) – Find A Grave 15162695



"Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Sunday 10 Mar 1918 p 13



Thomas Frederic Wasson  
1889–1918

Thomas Frederick Wasson – left:

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*Seated:* Mary Florence Reeves  
 Wasson, '60-'52; *Left to Right:*  
 Lena D. Wasson Wallace, '91-;  
 Queen Andromeda Wasson Miller, '79-  
 '55; Samuel Newton Wasson, '83-'67;  
 Lilly B. Wasson Hand, '91-; Naomi  
 Elizabeth Wasson Bell, '72-'56;  
 Joseph Alexander Wasson, '84-'57;  
 Asthenia Jane Wasson Thompson,  
 '70-'42; Perry Reeves Wasson, '86-  
 '68; Hettie Edna Wasson Bain, '93-

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Honored guests at the 40th anniversary celebration of the American Legion here Thursday night, during which a portrait of Fred Wasson was unveiled were sisters and a brother of Wasson, who was the first Attala county casualty of World War I, and for whom the Attala Post is named. They are (l to r): Sam Wasson, Kosciusko; Mrs. O. K. Power and Mrs. Ella W. Turner, Kosciusko, Mrs. Fred Hand, West, Mrs. Harvey Wallace and Mrs. Berryman Clegg, all of Kosciusko. Unable to attend the celebration was Dr. P. R. Wasson and Mrs. R. R. Bain. The portrait was presented the Attala Post by Fred Wasson's nephew, James Clegg.—Photo by James Clegg.

## PORTRAIT OF FRED WASSON UNVEILED

# Legion Recalls Achievements of 40 Years At Anniversary Celebration

A highlight in the history of Fred Wasson Post 44 of the American Legion was the observance of the post's fortieth birthday by Attala members at the National Guard Armory here Thursday night.

Featured in the program was the unveiling of a portrait of Fred Wasson, first Attala County casualty in World War I, for whom the post is named, also the unveiling of the framed charter of the Post.

Other features included the presentation by Gary Moore of Winona Department Commander of the state of Mississippi, of gold lapel buttons and certificates to three prominent veterans for 40 years continuous membership. They are: Stokes Sanders, editor of the Star-Herald and past post commander; and David H. Glass, Attala legislator and Kosciusko attorney; James T. Crawley, past Post Commander, past Department Commander, also a Kosciusko attorney.

**HONOR GUESTS** were sisters and brothers of Fred Wasson: Mrs. Ella W. Turner, Mrs. Harvey Wallace, Mrs. O. K. Power, Mrs. Berryman Clegg, Sam N. Wasson, all of Kosciusko, and Mrs. Fred Hand of West. Unable to attend were Mrs. R. R. Bain of New Orleans and Dr. P. R. Wasson of Lyon. Other special guests were charter members of the Post, and its first Commander, Aaron M. Storer, of Jackson, associated with State Highway Department.

Principal speaker of the occasion was Thomas Hal Phillips, public service commissioner of the northern district of Mississippi, who was introduced by W. S. Fowler, past Post Commander.

Paying tribute to the American Legion, Phillips stressed that no organization was prouder of Am-

erica's progress and achievements, and none was more aware of the problems facing this country today.

He praised the nation's strides in industrial development, agricultural achievements, and said that

in the past 20 years the growth of the South had been phenomenal in new businesses, factory payroll increases, rural development and other phases.

The speaker emphasized however that it is important to see not only these details but the total design of national life. He said it is important to know what is in the hearts and minds of the nation's people, that their problems are still the same through the years. Some are happy, some unhappy — some have too much of life's good things — some have too little.

"No one knows the answer", he said, "But the solution of the problem will be through the work of such organizations as the Legion, with members of this patriotic group striving to better conditions for all people."

**ALSO A SPEAKER** was James T. Crawley, classmate and close friend of Fred Wasson while both were attending Ole Miss. In a eulogy of Wasson, he quoted lines of famous poets, "great men leave behind them foot prints in the sands of time", and "the paths of glory lead but to the grave." He also read the article which he wrote and was published in the student newspaper at Ole Miss and in this newspaper shortly after Wasson made the supreme sacrifice for his country on Feb. 5, 1918 when the USS Tuscania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland.

About 200 members of the Legion and Legion Auxiliary were assembled for the important occasion. A

dinner was served preceding the program. Welcoming guests and visiting officials was Commander Elmo Chapman. Serving as master of ceremonies was William R. Ford Kosciusko attorney.



“Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Thursday 30 April 1959 p 1.-  
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Work Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_

County Attala  
 City or Twp. HOME KOSCIUSKO, Miss. Cemetery at Sea  
 Name Thomas Wasson F  
 (First) (Last) (Middle)

## (A) FIELD CHECK

1. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Block No. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Marker: Flat \_\_\_\_\_ Upright \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_
3. Information on Marker: (Copy Exactly) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Field Foreman)

## (B) CEMETERY RECORD DATA

4. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ Block No. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks Went down with the Tuscarora, torpedoed.
6. Book No. 2-5-1918 Page No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Clerk)

## (C) DEATH CERTIFICATE DATA

- Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Kosciusko Miss  
 (Street) (City or Town) (State)
  8. Date of Death 2-5-1918 Place at Sea Cause Drowned
  9. Date of Birth 1891 Place Beth Miss
  10. Next of Kin Mary F. Wasson Kosciusko Miss, (mother)  
 (Name) (Address)

(Clerk)

## (D) SERVICE RECORD

11. Date Enlisted 11-21-1917 Date Discharged 2-5-1918 Serial No. NSN
12. Branch of Service Army (W. W.) Rank Pvt
13. Company, outfit or ship Co. 10. 20th Engrs to Hqs.
14. Sources Newspaper, e

(Clerk)

Sources: (a) Inspection of burial plot (b) Section or cemetery record (c) Death certificate or burial permit (d) Patriotic organization (name) (e) Official U. S. records (f) Other (specify).

Form No. 3- The American Legion

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Attala Co. Serial # NSN W  
 Wasson, Thos F. Pvt. V  
 Born. age 27 1/2 yrs Ethel. Miss.  
 Died. 2-5-1918. Killed in action  
 Enlisted. 11-21-1917  
 Mary F. Wasson. Kosciusko. Miss.  
 mother

MS state archives - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GP33-92NM?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQJB7-TB54&action=view&groupId=TH-1951-20793-11739-73>

## Thomas S. Wasson

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

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MISSISSIPPI - WHITE; INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT.

NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Wasson, Thomas S.		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engrs	Feb 5/18

Erroneously listed as Thomas S. Wasson -

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**Life:**

Mr. Fred Wasson and Miss Lillie, who are attending the High School at Kosciusko, visited home folks Sunday last.

“Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 3 Feb 1911 p 1

**Misses Nina Price and Lilly Wasson spent Saturday with home folks.**  
**Mr. Fred Wasson, of Starvation Ridge, who is attending the Kosciusko High School, visited home folks Saturday last.**  
**Mrs. Mollie Wasson, of Starvation Ridge, was a prominent business visitor to Ethel Friday last.**

Siblings Thomas Frederick & Lilly & mother Mollie Wasson – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 10 Feb 1911 p 12

**The friends of Mr. Fred Wasson congratulate him upon receiving the medal for oratory at the closing of the Kosciusko High School last week. Fred is coming to the front.**

“Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 31 May 1912 p 8

We wish to congratulate our friend, Fred Wasson upon his capture of one of the medals offered by the faculty of the University of Mississippi for oratory, at which institution he is a student. Kosciusko and Attala boys are constantly doing something worth mentioning.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 22 May 1914 p 5

**Mr. Fred Wasson has returned from the University and will spend the vacation with his folks in this city.**

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 5 Jun 1914 p 5

**Mr. Fred Wasson from Kosciusko, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his brothers, S. N. and J. A. Wasson.**

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 10 Jul 1914 p 8

Mr. Fred Wasson, who has been attending the University of Mississippi, returned home Wednesday.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 28 May 1915 p 9

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday

Mr. T. F. Wasson, Ethel route 2, was added to our fast growing list of subscribers Wednesday.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 23 Feb 1917 p 5

**SWEATER FUND FOR ATTALA  
COUNTY SOLDIERS AND A LIST  
OF THOSE WHO HAVE RE-  
CEIVED SWEATERS.**

Amount collected	\$230 77
Sweaters made	148
Spent for wool	\$273 96
Paper & string for wrapping	.65
Postage	\$3 38
Express	.75
Postage	\$1 50
Total paid out	\$281 98

We have sent a sweater to every Attala soldier whose address was turned in, which makes a hundred and twenty one so far. We did not send when we knew the boy already had a sweater. There are still a few on hand and we would like to get the address of any Attala soldier who hasn't a sweater, as we want to make the last shipment next week.

This was a gift from Attala County to her soldiers and there was a most generous response from the men and women of the country to the call for money and knitters. Even the school children helped, turning in enough money to send a sweater from each grade.

The Committee wishes to thank those who collected the fund; Miss Amma Cain, Mrs. Watts and Dr. Lacey, also the ladies who so kindly helped wrap and address the packages; Mrs. Chestnutt, Mrs. Dud Oldham, Mrs. C L Anderson Mrs. Fannie Coleman, Mrs. Quit Ousley, Mrs. Sophia Portwood, Miss Alice Brown.

Florence Potts.  
Mrs. J F Allen.

Following is the list of boys who have been sent sweaters:

L J Hand, Vincent Cook, Eugene Fleming, C K Yates, Houston Hines, Sam Thompson, Jim Gunter, Jack Smithson, Louis Gregory; Loftin Steed, T W McAtee, Isaac Loewenberg, David Cain, Millard Cagle, P H Carr, Al B McDaniel, Will Jeffries, Lt Adjer Russell, Ben Moore, McMillan Hines, Clifton Lucas, Coleman Carlisle, H T O'Brian, Barey Fancher, J H Hines, 27 sweaters to Co. K for distribution by Capt. Sanders, Jim Lee Clark, Fred Thornell, Sam Frazier, Tiny Terry, J J Leith, Irby Sanders, Joseph Sanders, Phillips Terry, Carl Drake, T Roy Thomas, Walter Gunter, J R Hines, J D Bailey, W H Hollingsworth, Lt. W C Riley, W L Walton, Fred Roberts, K C Williams, Munson Waugh, Clayton Miller, Otis McElroy, Robt A Taylor, Dewitt Black, W F Ray, Clark Sudduth, William L Turner, Marvin P white, Jim Lester Thweatt, Scott Theriot, Willie O Davis, Lt. R W Sanders, John H Dickerson, T F

Wasson, Julius Nason Taylor  
 (France), Lt. Sidney Williams  
 (France), Victor Crosby, Earle  
 W. Boyett, Charlie W. Malone  
 (France) James B. Flint, Lt. E. C.  
 King, Jim Black, Charlie Simp-  
 son, Julius Mills, Earl Mills.  
 John E. Foy, H. P. Savage, Neal  
 Dowd, Clyde P. Neaves, R. R.  
 Steele, Roy Bell, Ennis Sullivan,  
 Earnest Brown, Geo. W. Burrell,  
 Victor Cummings (France) Sid-  
 ney Odom, Eugene Graham,  
 Robert Blain, Asa Allen, Jesse  
 Morgan, Clarence Sanders, Tom  
 Doty, Geo. P. Edwards, Chas.  
 Miller, Emmett Doty, George  
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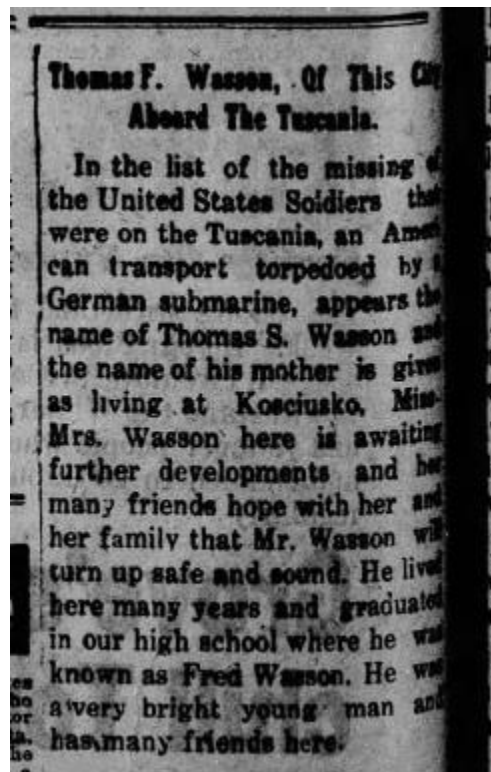
T.F. Wasson will never get his sweater – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 25 Jan 1918 p

### Two Attala Boys Lost.

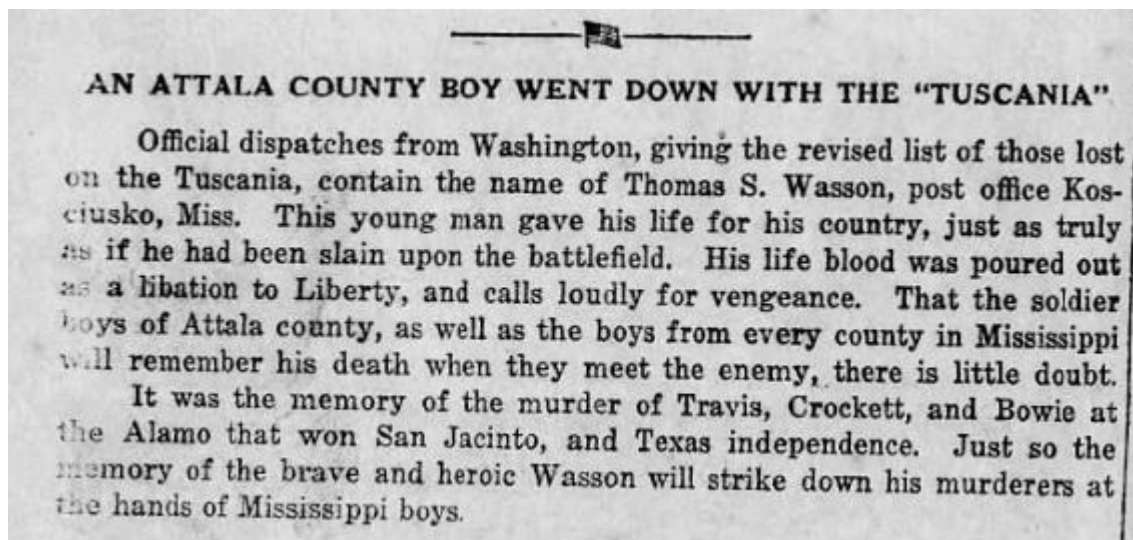
The hearts of our people were made sad the first part of the week when the news reached us through the newspapers that two Attala county boys were reported missing after the sinking of the transport *Tuscania*, off the coast of Ireland. Their names are Thomas F. Wasson and Homer Pullin. Mr. Wasson is a son of Mrs. M. F. Wasson, of Kosciusko. He had been enlisted in the service of the government only a few months. Few people, if any, besides his family, knew that he was on the *Tuscania*. Mr. Pullin is from the neighborhood of French Camp. We do not know to which of the Pullin families he belongs, since there are several families of that name in the northern part of the county.

The sympathies of the entire citizenry of the county are with the grieved families of these two noble young men who have given their lives for their country as truly as though they had been killed in line of battle.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star Ledger" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1 - (mistakenly) says 2 Attala Co. boys have died, Fred son of Mrs. M.F. Wasson of Kosciusko (Pullin did not sail)



"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 4



"Kosciusko (MS) Star Ledger" Friday 1 Mar 1918 p 4



## Resolutions on the Death of Mr. Fred Wasson.

Whereas, it has been ascertained that Mr. Fred Wasson, beloved son of our sister, Mrs. M. F. Wasson, lost his life recently when the British transport Tuscania went down at the hands of a German submarine, we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, Kosciusko, Miss., of which the deceased was a faithful member, and in memory of his life and expressive of our appreciation of him and sympathy for his mother and sisters, we offer the following resolutions:

(1). That while we deplore his untimely death, we rejoice in the heroic and self-sacrificing spirit which prompted him to spare not himself in such noble service. It has been truly affirmed that "We are as near Heaven by sea as by land."

(2). That it is the sense of this body that the town of Kosciusko has lost one of its most exemplary young men; that the First Methodist Church, has lost a devoted, consistent, and appreciated member, and that the cause of humanity has lost one of her most worthy and fearless heroes. He fell in the path of highest duty.

(3). Be it resolved that we extend to Sister Wasson and her family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and assure them of our love and prayerful interests.

(4). In that we share with them as far as we may, this tremendous loss, the statement that "death loves a shining mark," was abundantly verified when the body of Fred Wasson sank beneath the turbulent waves, but Fred gave his life unselfishly for all that is dear and sacred to our institutions, our homes, our Christianity, and our civilization, and the Great Father who doeth all things well, has only permitted this life to ascend into the higher and fuller realities, where there are happiness and reward.

(4). Resolved, also, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of Sister Wasson, one each to the papers of this city, and one to the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

"He needs no wreath nor marble's sheen,  
To keep his blessed memory green;  
In hearts that loved him 'twill abide  
Until time's latest eventide."

MRS. E. H. CUNNINGHAM,  
MRS. CLARA ATKINSON,  
MRS. SAM GILLILAND,  
MRS. R. U. GALLAWAY,

Committee Women's Missionary Society  
First Methodist Church, Kosciusko,  
Miss.

February 25, 1918.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 8 Mar 1918 p 1 -

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<h1>DELINQUENT POLL TAX</h1> <h2>DELINQUENT POLL TAX LIST FOR 1917.</h2> <p>List of Poll Taxes unpaid in Attala County, Mississippi, on or before Feb. 1st, 1918, published as required by Section 4316, Code of 1906:</p> <h3>CITY OF KOSCIUSKO.</h3> <p>Eb Bell (c), A. L. Bearman  Bob Burt (c) Wm. A. Brown  C. M. Coleman, S. A. Coleman  S. M. Collins, A. M. Denton  V. H. Dagenhardt, C. E. Morgan  Arthur Newell (c), Rich. Rimmer (c)  J. C. Spain, J. Winbush (c)</p>	<h3>LIBERTY CHAPEL.</h3> <p>Ike Adams (c), Savage Adams (c)  Cicero Adams (c), Archie Adams (c)  Emmett Adams (c), Chas. Bullock (c)  W. M. Bridges (c), Houst. Bridges (c)  Henry Carr (c), J. H. Conner  Clarence Carr (c), D. D. Coffey (c)  Walter Dotson (c), Sonnie Dabbs (c)  Jno Dabbs (c), Cleny Dotson (c)  G. Ferguson (c), O. Ferguson (c)  Allen Fondren (c), Harve Fondren (c)  M. Fondren (c), Homer Grantham (c)  Louis Grantham (c), Lou Hearon (c)  Ernest Hughes (c), R. H. Hays  Owen Hull (c), Sy Howell (c)  Will Harrison (c), H. E. Irving  William Kimbrough (c), E. E. Irving  M. Kimbrough (c), D. Kimbrough (c)  Archie Moore, C. V. McElroy  Wm. Nance, Irving Prince (c)  W. H. Shumaker, Philmore Seaward  Henry Thompson (c), Burt Teague (c)  Joe Thompson (c), Victor Zeazey (c)  Dolphus Veazey (c), Mart. Veazey (c)  W. L. Whatley, S. N. Wasson  T. F. Wasson, Geo. Walker  Newt. Wasson.</p>
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Thomas has not paid his poll tax to vote, and never will – also delinquent is his brother Samuel Newton Wasson – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 8 Mar 1918 p 3

## LOST HIS LIFE IN DE- FENSE OF COUNTRY

### Resolutions On the Death of Fred Wasson by Kosciusko Methodist Sunday School.

Whereas, having learned of the death of Mr. Fred Wasson, beloved son of Mrs. M. F. Wasson, of this city, who recently lost his life in the sinking of the British transport as a result of the ruthless submarine campaign conducted by the Germans, we the members of the Methodist Sunday School, of Kosciusko, Miss., of which the deceased was a regular attendant, consecrated and devoted Christian member, and in memory of his membership, his presence, his life, his helpful and beneficial influence, and sympathy for his mother and sisters, we submit the following resolutions:

(1). That while we do greatly regret the unexpected and untimely death of one who seemed to have such a firm grasp on life's pendulum with a bright and shining future before him, we do now, pay due credit to the noble spirit and manly way in which he responded to his country's call, by offering the dearest thing that he possessed, his life, for his country.

(2). That in the loss of the life of Fred Wasson, the Methodist Sunday School of Kosciusko, Miss., lost one of its most admirable Christian members, a character, noble, true and brave, not only in the cause of his country, but like the fearless and Christ-like Paul, he was bold enough to confess the Savior and accept Him as his guidance and comforter in all times of stress.

(3). Be It Resolved, That we extend to his mother and sisters our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and desire to express our fullest interest and prayers, that in their hour of sorrow we are constantly with them in our prayers.

(4). That the Methodist Sunday School and his class has lost a noble life, but in God's wisdom and goodness has left his lasting and beneficial influence to light the pathway of the future for us who are left behind, in order that we may see more clearly our path of duty.

(5). Resolved, also that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of Mrs. Wasson, and to be published in the county papers and to be spread on the minutes of the Sunday School.

MRS. J. C. SMITH,  
E. C. COLEMAN,  
B. G. WEBB,

Committee Methodist Sunday School,  
Kosciusko, Miss.  
March 8, 1918.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 1

At the preaching hour at the Methodist church next Sunday morning, the resolutions of respect on the death of Mr. Fred Wasson will be presented to the congregation. These come from the Missionary society. Last Sunday resolutions were presented from the Sunday school.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 5

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the Memory of Thomas Frederick Wasson adopted by the Hermaean Literary Society.

Whereas during the years 1913, 1914, 1915, Frederick Wasson was a member of Hermaean Literary society of University, Miss. and,

Whereas; As he was a promising and influential member of Hermaean and whereas on Feb. 5th 1918 he lost his life on the ill fated Tuscania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland and,

Whereas; He was the first volunteer member of Hermaean to lay down his life in defense of his country at the hands of the Germans. Therefore be it resolved by Hermaean Literary society of the University of Miss.

First: That the Hermaean Society in the death of this member has suffered an irreparable loss; yet his death not only reflects honor upon himself and family, but also upon the Hermaean Literary Society.

Second: His worth example of sacrifice and patriotism stands out as a lasting monument to Hermaean Literary Society and The University of Miss.

Therefore be it resolved that

Therefore be it resolved that Hermaean Literary Society spread these resolutions upon its minutes, and that a copy be given to the Mississippian, the Kosciusko Herald, and Star-Ledger and that a copy be sent to his family.

Signed D. R. Jobeson,  
James T. Crawley  
C. L. Hester  
Committee.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star Ledger" Friday 22 Mar 1918 p 1 -  
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**Notice To Creditors.**  
**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO**  
**CREDITORS OF T.F. WASSON**  
Letters of administrator having been  
granted on the 13th day of April, 1918,  
by the Chancery Court of Attala County,  
Mississippi, to the undersigned upon  
the estate of T.F. Wasson, deceased,  
notice is here by given to all persons  
having claims against said estate to  
present the same to the clerk of said  
Court for probate and registration  
according to law within one year from  
this date, or they will be forever barred.  
This the 17th day of April, 1918.  
Mrs. M.F. WASSON.  
Administratrix.

Estate – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 19 Apr 1918 p 8

### THOMAS FREDERICK WASSON

We gladly give space to the following letter from the Capt. of Fred Wasson's Company to his mother here.

Peace to the ashes and a nation's gratitude to the noble boy, and sympathy to his loved ones especially his mother.

Head Q. Co. D, 6th Bn. 20 Engrs  
A.E.F. — April 9, 1918.

To the Parents of Thomas Fred Wasson:

It is with deep regret and heavy heart that I write you regarding the death of your patriotic son Fred, who was a member of Co. D, 6th Bn 20th Engineers.

As you know we were aboard of the ill-fated steam ship Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland at 5:50 P.M. Feb. 5, 1918.

On this particular day Fred was well and in fine spirits and when we were struck, marched to his life boat station with coolness, got off in the boat assigned to him, and got safely away from the ship. All went well with the boat until the shores of the Isle of Islay, were reached, just off the Scottish coast.

By this time the sea had become very rough, and being dark about 2:00 a.m. of Feb. 6th, the boat was broken to pieces on the rocks before the occupants realized their danger. Though all were equipped with, and had on life belts, they were of little use on such a rocky coast.

Fred's body was recovered the next day and, together with others, were buried with military honors by the survivors, assisted by the Scottish authorities and the people of the island. The kind Scottish people were very tender in their care of both the living and the dead, and lavished a profusion of flowers on the caskets of those who are no longer with us. Poor fellows, now sleeping this last sleep with the solemn music of the ocean, beating against the sturdy rock cliff; this will be their requiem. Gone but not forgotten by loved ones at home and comrades abroad.



Further information may be obtained from Colin Campbell H. C. W., No. 7 Charlott St., Port Ellen, Islay, Scotland. this gentle man stated that he would be very glad to learn from the people of the men who rest in Port Ellen, and that no expense would be spared to grant their wishes so far as possible.

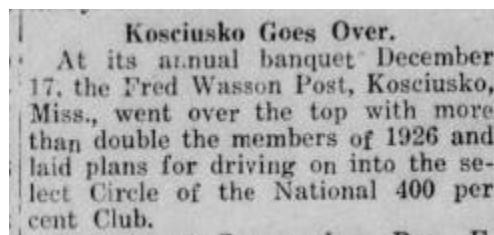
In extending you my sympathy for your loss, I wish you to take comfort in the noble cause in which your son lost his life, and his patriotism in offering himself to his country in her hour of need. We who survived will not forget those who were lost, and while our time may come later; we hope that we may be spared until we can render some payment to the pirates who caused so many to go prematurely.

Yours very truly,  
D.D. Hall, Capt. 20th  
Engineers, N.A. Comg CoD 6Bn.

"Kosciusko (MS) Star Ledger" Friday 17 May 1918 p 1 – this was the standard language written by officers to all casualties' relatives



“Jackson (MS) Daily News” Monday 7 Apr 1919 p 5



“Yazoo (MS) Herald” Friday 31 Dec 1926 p 4

## CEREMONIES AT ARMORY . . .

# Fred Wasson Post 44 to Mark 40th Birthday Here Thursday

The fortieth anniversary of the organization of the Fred Wasson Post No. 44 of the American Legion will be celebrated by the Attala post Thursday night, April 23, at 7:30 at the National Guard Armory here.

In charge of arrangements for the outstanding event are Elmo Chapman, commander, and W. S. (Monk) Fowler, membership and program chairman.

Preceding the program, dinner will be served, with members of the American Legion Auxiliary, directed by Mrs. E. B. Goza, president, in charge. Serving as master of ceremonies for the event will be William R. Ford, Kosciusko attorney. Welcome will be extended by Commander Elmo Chapman.

**FEATURED** in the program for the evening will be the unveiling of a portrait of Fred Wasson, first Attala casualty of World War I, for whom the post is named, and unveiling of the charter for the post which was issued Jan. 6, 1920. The portrait of Fred Wasson was presented the post by James Clegg, local photographer, who is a nephew of Wasson.

Principal speaker for the evening will be Hal C. Phillips of Kosuth, public service commissioner for the northern district of Mississippi, whose address will be based on the American Legion, and the principles for which it stands. Also a speaker will be James T. Crawley, former commander of the Fred Wasson post, also former Department Command-

er for the State of Mississippi and a veteran of World War I, who will give a resume of the life of Fred Wasson.

**Special guests for the evening will be brothers and sisters of the late Fred Wasson. They are: Sam N. Wasson, Mrs. Ella W. Turner, Mrs. Harvey Wallace, Mrs. O. K. Power, Sr., Mrs. Berryman Clegg, all of Kosciusko; Dr. P. R. Wasson, of Lyon; Mrs. Fred Hand of West, and Mrs. R. R. Bain of New Orleans. Also invited as a special guests are the first commander of the post, A. M. Storer of Jackson and all charter members.**

Also a feature of the evening will be the presentation of gold lapel buttons to three Attala Legionnaires for 40 years of continuous membership. They are: Lucien Stokes Sanders, David H. Glass, and James T. Crawley.

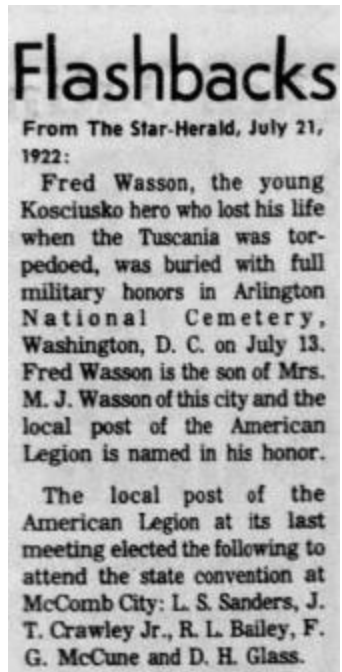
**OTHER** distinguished guests who will attend the celebration are Gary Moore, Department Commander of Winona, and Henry Coleman, Fourth District Commander of Weir.

Listed as charter members of the organization are: L. S. Sanders, Charles B. Clark, John C. Lucas, S. A. Coleman, D. H. Glass, A. M. Storer, Jr., J. W. Riley, David E. Crawley, H. R. Carter, C. E. Morgan, Sr., Bryce Cain, Percy B. Brewer, E. W. Sullivan, F. C. Jenkins and W. H. Cain.

**Commander Chapman is issuing an invitation to all Legion members, eligible members and Auxiliary members to attend the celebration.**

The Attala Legion post now has

a membership of 262 veterans, the largest number enrolled in recent years, and is staging a strong membership drive to aid the Mississippi Department to lead the parade at the national convention.



"Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" 20 Jul 1972 p 4 - article from 21 Jul 1922 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/304790234/>

Father:



Dr. James Alexander Wasson – Find A Grave 21138591



<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847097/media/b8512d85-b2bd-440b-8ea6-685534ef7631>

**JAMES ALEXANDER  
WASSON**

1840-1909

James Alexander Wasson was born June 14, 1840, Green County, Georgia, the son of John Alexander and Eliza Bush Copeland Wasson, who were married May 16, 1833, in Green County, Georgia. He received his medical degree from Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

James Alexander Wasson lived in Attala County from about 1860, and practiced medicine in Attala County for approximately 40 years, until his death December 19, 1909. He also served as dentist for some of his patients.

He was a Mason, a steward in the Methodist Church at Liberty Chapel and later in the Methodist Church at Ethel. He was superintendent of the Sunday school at McCord School.

During the Civil War he served in the family Tan Yard, making shoes and harness for Army use in Confederate Army.

He was first married to Ella G. Smith on October 12, 1865, and to this union were born the following children: Ellen, who died in infancy;

John Housman, who received his medical degree from Tulane; Jane (Thompson); Naomie Elizabeth (Bell); Nellie Bush (Little); William James, who married Mattie Lucile Brooks; Queen Adrameda (Miller); and Dr. Ulysses Smith Wasson who married Annie Mae Dean.

His second marriage was to Mary Florence Reeves on June 23, 1882. To this union were born the following children: Samuel Newton; Joseph Alexander, who married Jimmie Clairenda Bell; Dr. Perry Reeves Wasson who married Laura Irving; Ella Wasson who married first Swinton Turner

and second William L. Turner; Thomas Frederick Wasson, killed in WWI; twins Lena, who married Harvey Wallace, and Lilly, who married Fred Hand; Hettie Eden who married Robert Bain; Annie Kate Wasson who married Oliver K. Power, and Mary Helen who married Berryman Clegg.

“Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Thursday 23 Sep 1976 p 27 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/315194719/>



**Dr J A Wasson**

Dr. J. A. Wasson was born in Green County Ga., June 14th 1840, and died near Ethel, Miss, Dec. 12th, 1909. He was 69 years, 5 months and 28 days of age. He lived to a ripe old age. We laid him to rest in the Liberty cemetery to await the resurrection morn. He was married to Miss Ella J. Smith, Oct 12, 1865, to them were born 8 children and he was married the second time to Miss Mary Reeves, June 23, 1882, to them were born 10 children. He has practiced medicine in this vicinity for 40 years. He will be greatly missed as a doctor. He was converted at Liberty Chapel at the age 14. He was a Steward of Liberty Chapel for a long time and at Ethel. He was a great Sunday School worker. He was a man that loved God, and night and morning he held his family devotion. He has gone from us never to return. He called all of his family around him before he died and advised them to live a good life and to meet him in heaven. The large crowd that attended his burial, showed that he had many friends. The Masons took charge of him and buried him with Masonic honors, which is a solemn and impressive occasion. May God's richest blessings abide with the dear ones to whom he was so near and dear.

W. A. CLARK.

Obituary of father James Alexander Wasson – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Friday 17 Dec 1909 p 9

Last Will and testament of Dr J. A. Wasson, deceased

I Dr J. A. Wasson, a citizen of Attala County, State of Mississippi, being of Sound Mind, Memory and understanding, do make, publish and declare this instrument to be my last Will and testament, and dispose of my worldly effects as follows, to wit:

First: I will and direct that all just demands against my estate be paid by my executor hereinafter named as soon as practicable after my death.

Second: After the payment of my debts, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary Florence Wasson, all of my estate, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description, in full.

Third: I herein constitute and appoint my said wife, executor of this my last Will and testament, and require that she be not required to execute any bond as such executor and that she be not required to make any report or render any account to the Court as such executor, and that no appointment be made of my estate.

In witness whereof, I have signed, published and declared this instrument as my last will and testament at the said County of Attala and State of Mississippi, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March A.D. 1909.

Dr J. A. Wasson

Dr J. M. Wasson

The State of Mississippi }  
County of Attala } The said Dr J. A. Wasson, in the County of Attala and State of Mississippi, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1909, signed the foregoing instrument, and published and declared the same in our presence, as his last Will and testament.

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and we, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other on said date have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses thereto.

Ralph Wainwright

M. S. Rowie

Edwin Sawyer

Filed December 17<sup>th</sup> 1909 and recorded December 21<sup>st</sup> 1909

J. H. Oliver clerk

By J. P. Ramsdale &c.

Proof  
of  
Will

State of Mississippi }  
County of Attala } In in Chancery Court before the Clerk of said Court: In vacation, December 21<sup>st</sup> 1909.  
In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Dr J. A. Wasson, deceased.

Be it remembered that, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December AD 1909, personally appeared before me, W. Oliver, Clerk of the Chancery Court of the County of Attala, State of Mississippi, at my office in the Court House of Said County, M.S. Bowie, a Subscribing witness to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Dr James A. Wasson, deceased, late of Said County bearing date the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March AD 1904, who having been first duly sworn, depose and Say that the Said Dr James A. Wasson signed, published and declared Said instrument as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of the Said deponent and in the presence of the other two Subscribing Witnesses thereto, namely, Ralph Wainwright and Edwin Sawyer, on the day of the date thereof that Said Testator was then of Sound, disposing Mind and Memory, and more than twenty one year of age, and that this deponent and the other Said two Subscribing Witnesses Subscribed Said instrument of writing as Witnesses thereto at the instance and request, and in the presence of Said Testator, and also in the presence of each other, on the day and year aforesaid.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December AD 1909.  
 M.S. Bowie  
 W. Oliver Clerk  
 By J.P. Laws del &c

Filed December 21<sup>st</sup> 1909 and Recorded Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1909.  
 Proof State of Mississippi & In the Chancery Court of Said County  
 County of Attala & Before the Clerk in Vacation

Will I, Mrs Mary Florence Wasson, do swear that the writing exhibited by you is the true Last Will and Testament of Dr James A. Wasson, as far as I know and believe, and that I, as executrix, will well and truly execute the Same according to its tenor, and discharge the duties required by law, So help me God

Mary Florence Wasson  
 Subscribed and Sworn to before me on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1909  
 W. Oliver, Chan. Clerk  
 By J.P. Laws del &c

Filed Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1909 and Recorded Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1909  
 W. Oliver Clerk  
 By J.P. Laws del &c

Last will & testament of James Alexander Wasson -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8995/images/005838638\\_00322?pld=4865732](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8995/images/005838638_00322?pld=4865732)

Mother:



Mother Mary Florence Reeves/Reaves Wasson - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847208/media/7de09a64-8d5b-48fb-89f0-8ef9ca15030c>





Mary Florence Reeves Wasson - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LQRF-K22/mary-florence-reeves-1860-1952>

## Mrs. J. A. Wasson Dies In Kosciusko

KOSCIUSKO — Services for Mrs. Mary Florence Reaves Wasson who died at the Montfort Jones Memorial hospital here Friday will be held Saturday at 11 a.m., at the Jordan Funeral home. The Rev. W. M. Jones and the Rev. E. L. Jackson will officiate. Burial will be in the Kosciusko cemetery. Mrs. Wasson was 92.

Both Mrs. Wasson and her husband, Dr. J. A. Wasson who died in 1909 were pioneer Attala residents. She was a member of the Methodist church, Eastern Star, American Legion auxiliary and was a gold star mother (WW1). Fred Wasson Post N. 44 of the American Legion in Kosciusko was named in memory of her son.

She leaves six daughters, Mrs. Harvey Wallace, Kosciusko; Mrs. R. R. Bain, New Orleans; Mrs. O. K. Power, Sr., Kosciusko; Mrs. B. Clegg, Kosciusko; two step daughters, Mrs. Arthur Miller, Kosciusko and Mrs. George Bell, Ethel and three sons, S. N. Wasson, Kosciusko; J. A. Wasson, Ethel and Dr. P. R. Wasson, Lyon.

Obituary of mother Mary Florence Reaves/Reeves Wasson – “Clarion (MS) Ledger”  
Saturday 29 Nov 1952 p 14

Siblings:



**REGISTRATION CARD**

SERIAL NUMBER 184 ORDER NUMBER 547

1. Name Sam N Wasson

2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Kosciusko Attala Miss

Age in years 36 Date of Birth March 26 1883

RACE

White ☒ Negro ☐ Oriental ☐ Indian ☐ Citizen ☐ Sanitary ☐

U. S. CITIZEN ☒ ALIEN ☐

Native Born ☒ Naturalized ☐ Citizen by Father's Declaration ☐ Declared ☐ Non-declared ☐

15. If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16. PRESENT OCCUPATION Saw Milling EMPLOYER'S NAME

17. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Kosciusko Attala Miss

18. NEAREST RELATIVE: Mrs M F Wasson

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

3. M. C. O. Sam Wasson

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**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
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19. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.) Hard of hearing and deficient in speech.

20. 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:

D. L. Ford

Date of Registration Sept. 12, 1915

Local Board for the County of Attala,  
State of Miss., Kosciusko, Miss.

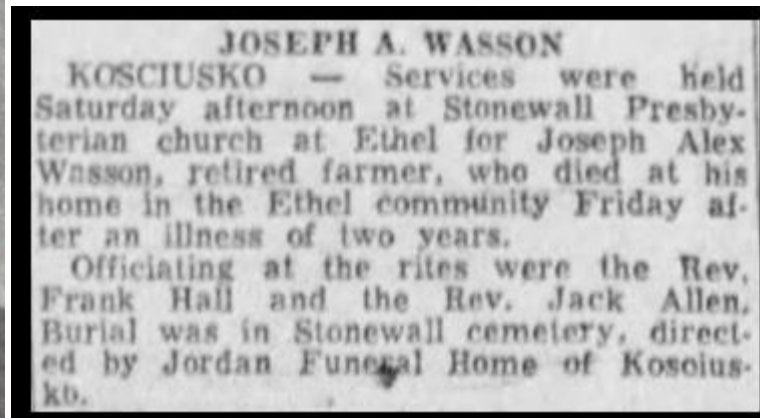
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WWI draft registration of **brother Samuel Newton Wasson (1883-1967)** - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/KZH8-MMZ/samuel-newton-wasson-1883-1967>



**Brother Joseph Alexander Wasson (1884-1957)** - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847430/media/976e6198-5293-4f76-934a-1ceaef8ecc85>



Brother Joseph Alexander Wasson (1884-1957) – Find A Grave 15310850 – clipping from  
“Jackson (MS) Clarion Ledger” 1 Sep 1957 p 8



Brother Dr. Perry Reeves Wasson (1886-1968) – Find A Grave 9745388

## **DR. PERRY WASSON**

**CLARKSDALE**—Services for Dr. Perry R. Wasson, 81, a practicing physician at Lyon for 53 years, will be held Wednesday at McInnis-Porter Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Stonewall Cemetery at Ethel.

A native of Ethel, Dr. Wasson came to Lyon 53 years ago. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Laura Irving Wasson; and five sisters, Mrs. O. K. Powell of Kosciusko, Mrs. Fred Hand of Tchula, Mrs. Ella Turner of Ethel, Mrs. Hettie Bain of New Orleans, and Mrs. Harvey Wallace of Dallas.

“Clarion (MS) Ledger” Wednesday 28 Feb 1968 p 3

## **Ella W. Turner**

**KOSCIUSKO** — Mrs. Ella Wasson Turner, 94, died Sunday in the Attala County Nursing Home. She was the widow of Swinnton W. Turner.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Jordan Funeral Home chapel and burial will follow in Stonewall Cemetery in Kosciusko.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. O.K. Power Sr. of Kosciusko and Mrs. Lena Wallace of Brownwood, Tex.

Obituary of **sister (Mary) Ella Wasson Turner Turner (1887-1981)** – “Clarion (MS) Ledger”  
Tuesday 27 Oct 1981 p 17



Mary Ella Wasson Turner Turner - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/KCVQ-JDB/mary-ella-wasson-1887-1981>



Mary Ella Wasson Turner - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1680975/person/145534392/media/7d50f382-67e5-4c3c-a342-ad17845b7863>



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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH

STATE OF TENNESSEE 319

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

County SHAW 182

Civil Dist. Memphis Registration District No. 2000 File No. 2222

Village Memphis Primary Registration District No. Baptist Mem Hosp Registered No. 2222

City Memphis (No. Ward)

2 FULL NAME Swinton W. Turner

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

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

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

7 AGE 36 yrs. mos. da. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or mins.

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Miss

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER John P. Turner

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Miss

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Irwin

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Miss

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) Ella W. Turner (Address) Memphis

15 Filed 8/14 1923 REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Aug. 3 1923 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 8/2 1923 to 8/3 1923, that I last saw him alive on 8/2 1923, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at Memphis M. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Gun shot wound of 197 stomach Homicide

Contributory Stomach (Duration) hrs. mos. da.

Secondary Stomach (Duration) hrs. mos. da.

Signed W. H. H. H. H. M. D. 8/3 1923 Address Memphis

\* State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS) At place of death hrs. mos. da. In the State hrs. mos. da. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence Season Miss

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL 197 Miss 1923

20 UNDERTAKER Stewart ADDRESS Memphis

TN death record of Ella Wasson Turner's 1<sup>st</sup> husband, Swinton Waugh Turner – homicide - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/399331:2376>



## Mrs. Lena W. Wallace

Services for Mrs. Lena Wasson Wallace, 99, of Brownwood, Tx., were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Jordan Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Kosciusko City Cemetery.

Mrs. Wallace, a native of the

Shady Grove Community of Attala County, died April 13, 1991 at Brownwood Regional Hospital in Brownwood following a brief illness.

She was a former resident of Kosciusko where she was a clerk for the Jackson-Wallace Company for 23 years. She was a member of the Brownwood First United Methodist Church and the Eastern Star.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Love Wallace of Brownwood; a grandson, John D. Harkey Jr. of Dallas, Tx.; a number of nieces and nephews.

Dr. Jack Nabors officiated.

Pallbearers were James Clegg, James Leonard Clegg, George Swinton Clegg, John Thompson, Bobby Thompson and Bill Jordan.

KOSCIUSKO — Mrs. Lena Wasson Wallace, 99, of Brownwood, Texas, formerly of Kosciusko, retired clerk for Jackson-Wallace Co., died Saturday at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Jordan Funeral Home with burial in Kosciusko City Cemetery. She was a member of Brownwood First United Methodist Church and a former member of Order of the Eastern Star in Kosciusko. Mrs. Wallace, the widow of George Harvey Wallace, leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Love Wallace Harkey of Brownwood, and a grandson.

Obituary of Lena Bell Wasson Wallace – “Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal” Monday 15 Apr 1991 p 2

## Lena W Wallace

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

Name	Lena W Wallace
Gender	Female
Birth Date	1 Nov 1891
Death Date	13 Apr 1991
Claim Date	4 Oct 1965
SSN	430889281

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/808939959:60901>



sister Lilly Bell Wasson Hand (1891-1980) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1680975/person/6976829939/media/5c7ddf4d-1b57-49eb-a9d3-e1e743faa852>



Lilly Bell Wasson Hand - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/K8Y2-Y3R/lilly-bell-wasson-1892-1980>

## Hand-Wasson.

A wedding of interest to a large circle of friends was quietly solemnized Sunday afternoon, when Miss Lillie Belle Wasson, the daughter of Mrs. M. F. Wasson, of Kosciusko, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Hunter Hand, of West, Miss.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's mother and was performed by Rev. S. A. Brown, of the Methodist church. On account of the illness of the bride's mother only the near relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Hand are at home to their friends near West. The Herald extends congratulations and best wishes to this happy young couple.

marriage of Lilly Bell Wasson to Frederick Hunter Hand – “KJosciusko (MS) Star-Herald”  
Friday 24 Nov 1916 p 1

## Mrs. Lillie Hand

TCHULA — Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Hand, 88, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tony Mansell, in Starkville, were conducted Tuesday at Jordan Funeral Home in Kosciusko.

Born in Attala County, she had been a resident of Tchula for the past 13 years. She was a member of the Tchula Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by two sons, Fred Hand Jr. of Huntsville, Ala., and Hunter Hand of Memphis; another daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Thompson Jr. of Tchula; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Ella W. Turner and Mrs. O.K. Power, both of Kosciusko, and Mrs. Lena Wallace of Brownwood, Texas.

Pallbearers were Bill Johnson, Crawford Logan III, Marvin Smith, Sam Hutton, Guy Duke and E.J. Hines Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. C.W. Campbell, Tommy Gelston and Jim Bowie.

The Rev. John Long and the Rev. E.L. Jackson officiated at services. Burial was in Brister Cemetery in Attala County.



## Lilly Hand

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

Name	Lilly Hand
Social Security Number	587-02-7162
Birth Date	1 Nov 1892
Issue year	1973
Issue State	Mississippi
Last Residence	39169, Tchula, Holmes, Mississippi, USA
Death Date	Dec 1980

The birth dae of 1 Nov 1892 should read 1 Nov 1891 -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/25220538:3693>

### Bain--Wasson

A pretty but quiet home wedding was consummated at the home of Mrs M. F. Wasson on Sunday, Dec 30th, when Miss Hettie Wasson became the bride of Mr. Robert Bain. Rev. W. A. Roper performed the ceremony. Miss Wasson is one of the city's most beautiful and popular young ladies. She has been employed as saleslady for the Jackson-Wallace Co., during the mid-winter season and proved a very efficient clerk. She is a native of this county, the daughter of the late Dr. J. A. Wasson and his wife Mollie Reeves. Mr. Bain will be pleasantly remembered here as having been in the employ of Potts-Oliver Co. and Leonard & Fleming in recent years. He is now holding a good position at Deemer, Miss.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left on the eight o'clock train for their future home at Deemer, followed by the good wishes of a host of friends.

Marriage of sister **Hettie Edna Wasson** (1894-1977) to Robert Bain - "Kosciusko (MS) Star-Ledger" Friday 4 Jan 1918 p 4



Hattie Edna Wasson Bain - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657855315/media/000aa392-d0c8-4705-a2be-5ea0b41d7a45>



Obituary of Hettie Edna Wasson Bain, published in the "Greenwood (MS) Commonwealth" Thursday 10 Mar 1971 p 5

<p><b>Mrs. Bain's Services Set</b></p> <p>Mrs. Hettie Wasson Bain, 82, of New Orleans died Monday following an apparent heart attack.</p> <p>Funeral services for the</p>	<p>native Attalan were to be held today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at Jordan Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was to be in the City Cemetery.</p> <p>Mrs. Bain, a resident of New Orleans for a number of years, was the widow of</p>	<p><b>The Star-Herald, Kosciusko, Miss., March 10, 1977 17</b></p> <p>Robert R. Bain. She was a Baptist.</p> <p>She leaves a son, Robert R. Bain Jr. of Metairie, La.; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Kate Power, Mrs. Ella Turner of Kosciusko, Mrs. Lillie Hand of Tchula, Mrs. Lena Wallace of Brownwood, Texas; and three grandchildren.</p> <p>The Rev. Erskine Jackson was to be the officiating minister.</p>
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Obituary of Hettie Edna Wasson Bain – “Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald” Thursday 10 Mar 1977 p 17



Sister Annie Kate Wasson Power (1896-1990) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847703/media/4fca07e5-46c0-413d-9297-e42e63119250>

## MISSISSIPPI DEATHS

**Mrs. Carrie Chapman**, 89, homemaker, Tallulah, La., 10:30 a.m. today, Crothers Funeral Home, graveside services, 2 p.m., Lula Baptist Church cemetery, Pocahontas.

**Mrs. Dixie Rose Daniels**, 47, homemaker, Vaughn, 10 a.m. today, Breeland Funeral Home, Canton.

**Mrs. Ira Templeton Douglas**, 90, homemaker, Natchez, 2 p.m. Saturday, Center Grove Baptist Church, Welch Funeral Home, Starkville.

**Ed Gaddis**, 62, business owner, Forest, 2 p.m. today, Ott & Lee Funeral Home.

**Claude Darwin Jackson**, 71, retired office manager, Leland, 3 p.m. Friday, Leland Church of Christ, Boone Funeral Home.

**Arnold McDaniel**, 74, retired carpenter, Anguilla, 11 a.m. Friday, Boone Funeral Home, Hollandale.

**Wallace Weir Neblett Jr.**, 81, retired civil engineer, Greenville, 11 a.m. today, St. James Episcopal Church, Boone-Wells Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Annie Kate W. Power**, 93, retired office manager and bookkeeper, Kosciusko, 10 a.m. today, Jordan Funeral Home.

**E.L. "Dock" Tingle**, 84, retired farmer, Philadelphia, 2 p.m. today, McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

**Lester Enoch Travis**, 63, retired merchant, Jayess, 2 p.m. today, Wilson Funeral Home, Monticello.

**L.J. Warren**, 82, retired farmer and carpenter, Philadelphia, 11 a.m. Friday, McClain-Hays Funeral Home.

Death of Annie Kate Wasson Power – "Clarion (MS) Ledger" Thursday 18 Jan 1990 p 14



Sister Mary Helen Wasson Clegg (1902-1962) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1680975/person/25775370993/media/88e2c60f-b2cc-49fe-b5d4-8d9aafef9241>



Mary Helen Wasson Clegg - <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/K6QR-6ST/mary-helen-wasson-1898-1962>



## Mary Clegg Dies, Rites Set Today

KOSCIUSKO—Services for Mrs. Mary Wasson Clegg, retired school teacher and church leader, who died early Wednesday morning at Montfort Jones Memorial hospital here, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 at First Methodist Church. She was 59.

Officiating will be the Rev. J. C. Christian and the Rev. Carl Wasson. Burial will be in the Kosciusko cemetery directed by Jordan Funeral Home.

Mrs. Clegg was born at Ethel, but lived in Kosciusko 50 years. She was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. James A. Wasson of Ethel. She graduated from Kosciusko high school and from University of Mississippi. She began her teaching career at Moorhead, for a one year term and for 28 years she was a member of the faculty of Kosciusko schools as science and home economics instructor. Beloved by the student body, Mrs. Clegg was honored this year by the High School Annual staff in the dedication of the year book, "The Whippet", to her.

She had been in ill health for over a year and retired last year from her teaching duties. Active in church work, she was a member and Sunday School teacher for many years of First Methodist church, teaching the Kittie Allen Sunday School class. She was active in other departments of church work.

She leaves her husband, Berryman Clegg, former city clerk and alderman, of Kosciusko; two sons, James Clegg, Kosciusko photographer, and Swinton Clegg of Mobile, Ala.; two brothers, Sam N. Wasson of Madison, and Dr. Perry Wasson of Lyon; five sisters: Mrs. Ella Turner, Mrs. Annie Kate Power, both of Kosciusko, Mrs. Fred Hand of West, Mrs. Hettie Bain of New Orleans and Mrs. Lena Wallace of Fayetteville, Ark.

Obituary of Mary Helen Wasson Clegg – "Clarion (MS) Ledger" Thursday 23 Aug 1962 p 11

Half-siblings:



Half-brother John Houseman Wasson (1868-1946) – Find A Grave 21245539



Half-sister Athenia Jane Wasson Thompson (1870-1942) – Find A Grave 15191322



Athenia - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847758/media/35bc1eb4-cfd8-42dd-81cf-e9e3dfd6c8bf>



Half-sister Naoma Elizabeth Wasson Bell (1872-1956) – on right with husband George Davis Bell – Find A Grave 27131346



*Front Row, left to right:*  
 Felix Amos Bell, 1910-  
 George Davis Bell, 1862-1941  
 Naomi Elizabeth Wasson Bell,  
 1872-1956  
 Perry Woodrow Bell, 1915-  
*Second Row:*  
 Jason Wasson Bell, 1906-  
 Mary Eunice Bell Edwards, 1901-  
 Georgie Esther Bell Sullivan, 1898-  
 Elizabeth Bell Gordon, 1896-  
 Noice Dane Bell Barber, 1908-  
 Rosa Ella Bell Edwards, 1895-  
 Urbane Coy Bell, 1899-1963

Sister Naoma Elizabeth Wasson Bell is seated in the front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left, dark dress with white collar. Her husband George Davis Bell is next to her, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left,  
[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35652600?p=12775787&returnLabel=Naomi%20Elizabeth%20Wasson%20\(KH6N-FRC\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKH6N-FRC](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35652600?p=12775787&returnLabel=Naomi%20Elizabeth%20Wasson%20(KH6N-FRC)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKH6N-FRC)

## Mrs. Naomi Bell Dies At Ethel

KOSCIUSKO — Services were held at Stonewall Presbyterian church at 2 p.m. Thursday, for Mrs. Naomi Wasson Bell, resident of Ethel for many years. The Rev. James F. Richardson, Methodist pastor, officiated. Burial was in Stonewall cemetery under the direction of Jordan Funeral home.

Mrs. Bell, who was 83, died at her home after an illness of two years. She was the daughter of the late Dr. J. A. and Mrs. Ella Smith Wasson, and was a native of Attala county. She was the widow of George Davis Bell. Her husband died in 1941.

Mrs. Bell was a member of the Ethel Methodist church and was the last living charter member.

She leaves four sons: Jason Bell of Jackson; Felix and Perry Bell of Pascagoula; five daughters: Mrs. Rosa Edwards of Chicago; Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon of Ethel; Mrs. Goergia Sullivan of Glasgow, Ky.; Mrs. Eunice Edwards of Memphis, and Mrs. Noice Strickland of New Orleans; six half-sisters: Mrs. Ella Turner, Mrs. Annie K. Power, Mrs. Lena Wallace, Mrs. Mary Helen Clegg all of Kosciusko; Mrs. Lillie Hand of West and Mrs. Hettie Bain of New Orleans; three half-brothers; Sam Wasson of Kosciusko, Alex Wasson of Ethel and Dr. Perry Wasson of Lyons; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of Naoma Elizabeth Wasson Little (1872-1956) – "Clarion (MS) Ledger" Friday 15 Jun 1956 p 8

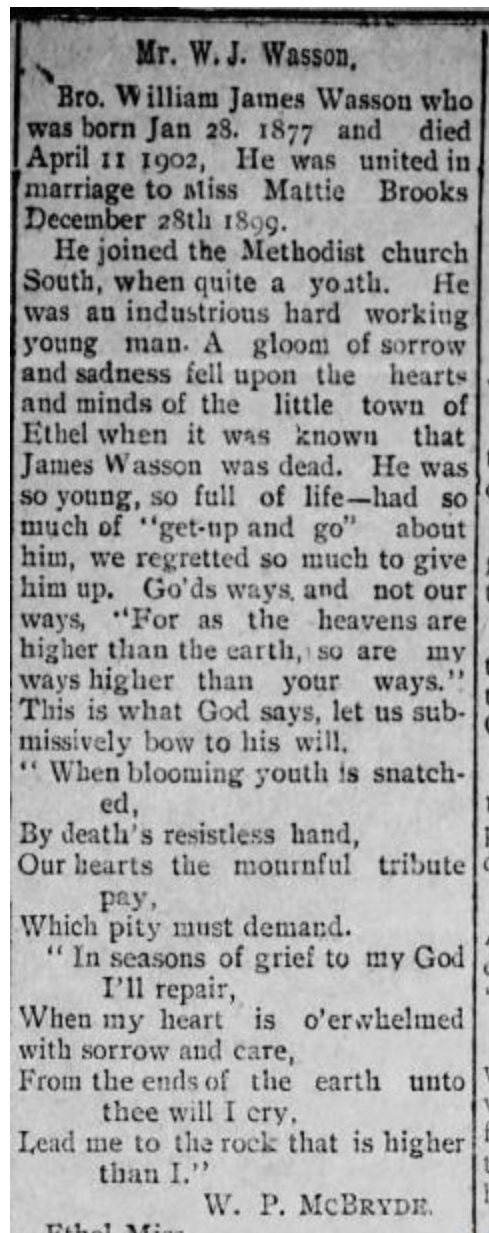


Henry Garrett Little,  
1873-1955

Nellie Bush Wasson  
Little, 1875-1939  
Wiley Thornton, Jr.

Half-sister **Nellie Bush Wasson Little (1875-1939)** with husband Henry Garrett Little -  
[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35655011?p=12776470&returnLabel=Nellie%20Bush%20Wasson%20\(K4VR-DBV\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FK4VR-DBV](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35655011?p=12776470&returnLabel=Nellie%20Bush%20Wasson%20(K4VR-DBV)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FK4VR-DBV)





Obituary of half-brother William James Wasson (1877-1902) – "Kosciusko (MS) Star-Herald" Friday 16 May 1902 p 5



Half-sister Quennie (Queen) Andromeda Wasson Miller (1879-1955) -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/34534902/person/18657847803/media/31089265-ba65-4ab8-bde3-b3bd67c171a9>



Half-brother Dr. Ulysses Smith Wasson (1880-1939) -

[https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35591358?p=12753912&returnLabel=Dr%20Ulysses%20Smith%20Wasson%20\(K4L3-M2Y\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FK4L3-M2Y](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/35591358?p=12753912&returnLabel=Dr%20Ulysses%20Smith%20Wasson%20(K4L3-M2Y)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FK4L3-M2Y)



Attala County, Mississippi - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosciusko,\\_Mississippi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosciusko,_Mississippi)



Kosciusko, Attala Co. MS - <https://www.kosciusko.ms/>

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[https://www.taxexemptworld.com/organizations/kosciusko\\_ms\\_39090.asp](https://www.taxexemptworld.com/organizations/kosciusko_ms_39090.asp)

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Thomas Frederick Wasson**

Name variations: nickname: Fred – Thomas S. Wasson

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

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

Entered service from: Kosciusko, Attala MS

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Thomas **S.** Wasson

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. M.F. Wasson, Kosciusko MS

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: in Kinnabus, Islay, Scotland - grave 28, as T.S. Wassore

Body returned from war on: could not locate

Body listed on return ship as:

Rank &amp; unit on return ship:

World War I draft registration (1917): b. 12 Dec 1889 Ethel MS; res: Ethel, Attala MS

## Veterans Administration Military Index:

Born: 12 Dec 1889

Enlisted: 21 Nov 1917

Died: 5 Feb 1918

Address: Kosciusko MS

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 12 Dec 1889 Ethel, Attala MS

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 15162695 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone:

Father: James Alexander Wasson, 14 Jun 1840 Greene Co. GA – 12 Dec 1909 near Ethel, Attala MS. Son of John Alexander Wasson & Eliza Bush Copeland. Physician; also performed as a dentist. Had 8 children with 1st wife Ella Jane Smith & 10 with 2nd wife Mary Reaves (Thomas's mother). Graduate of the medical school at Tulane University. Called “Big Alex” or “Uncle Alex.” Came to Attala Co. MS circa 1860. During the Civil War,



his family's tan yard produced shoes & harness for the Army of the Confederate States of America. Appointed US postmaster, Wells, Attala MS on 26 Aug 1870. Buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS.

Find A Grave: 21138591

Father's 1<sup>st</sup> wife: Ella Jane Smith Wasson, 24 Oct 1844 Greene Co. GA – 26 Feb 1881 Attala Co. MS. Daughter of Reuben C. Smith & Sarah Kimbrough. Ella & James had 8 children. Ella died when their youngest, Ulysses, was 2 months old. Buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS.

Find A Grave: 17060907

Marriage: 12 Oct 1865

Mother: Mary Florence ("Molly") Reeves/Reaves Wasson, 3 Aug 1860 Berea MS – 28 Nov 1952 Kosciusko, Attala MS. Daughter of Thomas Hudson Reaves/Reeves & Elizabeth Alabama Stone. Mary & James had 10 children. Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS.

Find A Grave: 14986799

Parents' marriage: 23 Jun 1882

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Thomas's Find A Grave record lists 9 siblings.

- Samuel Newton Wasson, 26 Mar 1883 Attala Co. MS – 18 Apr 1967 Madison, Madison MS. Resident of Kosciusko MS who attended portrait donation to American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 16159814
- Joseph Alexander Wasson, 18 Mar 1884 Attala Co. MS – 30 Aug 1957 Attala Co. MS. Husband of Jennavive ("Jimmie") Clairenda Bell (1892-1980, F: 153111104), the daughter of James Gordon Bell & Laura Clemintine Thompson. Joseph & Jimmie married 6 Feb 1910 in Ethel, Attala MS. Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 15310850
- Perry Reeves Wasson, 2 Jan 1886 Ethel, Attala MS – 27 Feb 1968 Lyon, Coahoma MS. Physician. Dr. P.R. Reeves was unable to attend the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Physician. Married in 1911 to Laura I. Irving (1894-1981, F: 9745394), the daughter of Richard Jones Irving & Jennie Turner. Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 9745388
- Mary Ella Wasson Turner, 9 Jul 1887 Ethel, Attala MS – 25 Oct 1981 Kosciusko, Attala MS. Listed as Mrs. Ella W. Turner of Kosciusko MS at the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Wife of Swinton Waugh Turner (1886-1923, F: 133671369), whom she married 29 Nov 1909 in Attala



Co. MS. Swinton was the son of John Propst Turner & Mary Ella Irving. His father John Probst Turner was the son of John W. Turner & Nancy L. Kennedy. Although Swinton's death was ruled a homicide – being killed by a gunshot wound to the stomach in Memphis TN – could not locate a newspaper report in MS or TN about his death. - Married 19 Oct 1940 to William Lammey Turner (1879-1942, F: 79495244), the son of James Alexander Turner & Mary Ester Hanna. William's father James Alexander Turner was the son of John W. Turner & Nancy L. Kennedy. So, Ella's two husbands were each other's first cousin. - Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 133671697

- Lena Dell Wasson Wallace, 1 Nov 1891 Ethel, Attala Co. MS – 13 Apr 1991 Brownwood, Brown TX. Twin of Lilly Bell Wasson. Listed as Mrs. Harvey Wallace of Kosciusko MS at the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Wife of George Harvey Wallace (1877-1941, F: 50079654) whom she married 31 Jan 1931 in Kosciusko, Attala MS. Her obituary indicates she was age 99 at time of death, which would confirm her birth year as 1891. Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 72964286
- Lilly Bell Wasson Hand, 1 Nov 1891 [not 1892 as on her tombstone & Social Security] Attala Co. MS – 7 Dec 1980 Starkville, Oktibbeha MS. Twin of Lena Della Wasson. Listed as Mrs. Fred Hand of West MS at the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Wife of Frederick Hunter ("Fred") Hand 1895-1962, F: 51016812) whom she married 19 Nov 1916 in Kosciusko, Attala MS. Buried in Brister Cemetery, Rocky Point, Attala MS. F: 51016813
- Hettie Edna Wasson Bain, 6 May 1894 Ethel, Attala MS – 7 Mar 1977 New Orleans, Orleans Parish LA. Mrs. R.R. Bain was unable to attend the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Married to Robert Russell Bain (Sr.) (1895-1945, F: 18842078) on 30 Dec 1917 in MS. Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 18842142
- Annie Kate Wasson Power, 27 Aug 1896 Attala Co. MS – 16 Jan 1990 Kosciusko, Attala MS. Listed as Mrs. O.K. Power of Kosciusko MS at portrait donation to American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Married 15 Sep 1925 in Kosciusko, Attala MS to Oliver Kenneth Power (Sr.) (1884-1940, F: 21160375) who was earlier married to Katie W. Bowie (1888-1925, F: 21176444). His wife Katie had died 9 Apr 95 & he married Annie 5 months later. Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 16155516
- Mary Helen Wasson Clegg, 11 Nov 1902 Ethel, Attala MS – 22 Aug 1962 Kosciusko, Attala MS. Listed as Mrs. Berryman Clegg of Kosciusko MS at the portrait donation to the American Legion post in Kosciusko MS in Apr 1959. Married in Kosciusko, Attala MS on 1 Aug 1925 to Berryman Clegg (1900-1994, F: 71355687). Buried in Kosciusko City Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 49994503

Half-siblings: Thomas's Find A Grave record lists 8 half-siblings. By his father James Wasson's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to Ella Smith:

- Ellen Center Wasson, 21 Apr 1866 Attala Co. MS – 17 Sep 1868 Attala Co. MS. Buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 17037707
- John Houseman Wasson, 1 Oct 1868 Attala Co. MS – 25 Apr 1946 Pendleton, Bell TX. Physician; received his medical degree from Tulane University. Died while visiting his aunt, Sally R. Moore. Buried in Pendleton Cemetery, Pendleton, Bell TX. F: 21245539
- Athenia Jane (“Thinnie”/”Jane”) Wasson Thompson, 30 Oct 1870 Attala Co. MS – 13 Oct 1942 Ethel, Attala MS. Wife of William Allison (“Alst”) Thompson, 1857-1936, F: 15176231, whom she married 29 Jan 1899 in Attala Co. MS. Athenia was William’s 2<sup>nd</sup> wife. He was earlier married to Alma Missouri (“Nancy”) Wilson with whom he had 6 children. William & Athenia had 3 children. Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 15191322
- Naoma Elizabeth Wasson Bell, 30 Nov 1872 Attala Co. MS – 12 Jun 1956 Ethel, Attala MS. First name also found spelled Naomi. Wife of George Davis Bell (1862-1941, F: 133782131), whom she married 16 May 1894 in Attala Co. MS. Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 27131346
- Nellie Bush Wasson Little, 3 Feb 1875 Ethel, Attala MS – 5 Mar 1939 Attala Co. MS. Wife of Henry Garrett Little (1872-1955, F: 35871435) whom she married 25 Dec 1898 in Attala Co. MS. Buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, McCool, Attala MS. F: 35871891
- William James (“Jim”) Wasson, 28 Jan 1877 Attala Co. MS – 11 Apr 1902 Attala Co. MS. Husband of Mattie Louise Brooks (1871-1913, F: 15152810), the daughter of James Milton Brooks & Sarah E. Gregory, whom he married 28 Dec 1899 in Attala Co. MS. Buried in Stonewall Cemetery, Ethel, Attala MS. F: 15152837
- Quennie (“Queen”) Andromeda Wasson Miller, 4 Feb 1879 Ethel, Attala MS – 26 Feb 1955 Kosciusko, Attala MS. Married in Attala Co. MS on 24 Oct 1901 to Arthur Garfield Miller (1881-1942, F: 14821054). Buried in Marvin Chapel Cemetery, Kosciusko, Attala MS. F: 14821045
- Ulysses Smith Wasson, 10 Dec 1880 Attala Co. MS – 12 May 1939 Indianola, Sunflower MS. Physician. Married in Ethel, Attala MS on 25 Dec 1904 to Annie May Dean (1885-1976, F: 170807297). Buried in Moorhead Cemetery, Moorhead, Sunflower MS. F: 170807296

Notes:

Family tree at: <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/K4VF-BVG/thomas-frederic-wasson-1889-1918>

Dr. James Alexander Wasson was 25 years old when his oldest child, Ellen Center, was born and 62 years old when his youngest child, Mary Helen, was born in 1902. He became a father 18 times, over the course of 36 years.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

namesake Fred Wasson Post American Legion No. 4, Kosciusko MS, 1st Attala Co. soldier to die in war

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Northeast, Attala MS

James A. Wasson, 39 GA, father b. NC, mother b. GA, physician

Ella J., 36 MS, parents b. MS, keeping house

John H., 11 MS, at home

Asthenia J., 9 MS, at home

Naoma E., 7 MS, at home

Nellie B., 6 MS, at home

James W., 3 MS, at home

Queen A., 1 MS, at home

& servant Thomas Harrison, 19 MS [white]

1900 Liberty Chapel, Attala MS

James A. Wasson, 59 GA, Jun 1840, father b. NC, mother b. GA, married 18 years, physician & farmer

Mary F., 39 MS, Aug 1860, father b. GA, mother b. AL, gave birth to 10 children, 10 are living

Queenie, 21 MS, Feb 1879

Ulissis, 19 MS, Dec 1880, at school [i.e. Ulysses]

Samuel N., 17 MS, Mar 1883 -sic], at school

Alexander, 16 MS, Mar 1882 [sic],, at school

Perry R., 14 MS, Jan 1886, at school

Ella, 12 MS, Jul 1887, at school

Fred, 10 MS, Dec 1889, at school [i.e. Thomas Frederick]

Leana D., 8 MS, Nov 1891 [twin]

Lilly B., 8 MS, Nov 1891 [twin]

Hattie E., 6 MS, May 1894

Anna C., 3 MS, Aug 1896

Mary H., 1 MS, Nov 1898

& hired hand Verge Adam, 18 MS, Jul 1881, parents b. MS, male, Black, farm laborer

1910 Beat 2, Attala Co. MS

Mary F. Wasson [but indexed as WARREN], 49 MS, parents b. SC, widow, farmer, general farm, gave birth to 10 children, 10 are living

Perry R., 24 MS, physician, general practice

Fred, 20 MS, farm laborer, home farm

Lena, 18 MS

Lillie, 18 MS

Hattie, 16 MS

Annie, 13 MS

Mary, 11 MS

& hired man Andy Gaston, 28 MS, parents b. MS, Black

[all the children are single – father b. GA, mother b. MS]