

# TUSCANIA

**Wade, Benjamin Franklin (Sr.)**  
**1866 OH – 1953**



Benjamin Franklin Wade – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Name	Benjamin Franklin Wade
Gender	Male
Race	White
Age	51
Birth Date	30 Nov 1866
Birth Place	Conneaut, Ohio
Residence Place	Laurel, Prince Georges Co.
Military Year	1917-1919
Military Place	Maryland, USA
Comments	ORC 10/4/17 maj Engr C, 20 Engrs 10/5/17; 2 Engr Tng Regt Camp Humphreys Va. 1/2/19, Hon disch 1/15/19, Overseas 1/24/18 to 12/22/18

## Benjamin Franklin Wade

in the Maryland Military Men, 1917-1918

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MINNESOTA 1898

# The Minnesota Society OF THE THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*Benjamin Franklin Wade*

DESCENDANT OF

*Jamies Wade*  
*Nehemiah Hubbard; Walter Dean*

Application examined and approved

*Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1898*  
*Frederic M. Jayne*  
State Registrar.

Accepted by the State Board of Management

*December 12<sup>th</sup> 1897*  
*Edwin S. Chittenden*  
State Secretary.

### DATES.

Application filed with State Secretary,..... 189

Notification of election,.....

Fees paid,.....

Duplicate sent to Registrar General,.....

Approved and registered by Registrar General,.....

Certificate of Membership delivered,.....

Badge delivered,.....

*March 16 1898* *A. Howard Clark*

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

National Number \_\_\_\_\_ State Number 473  
 ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Jan 29 1898

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
 THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY  
 OF THE  
 SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, Benjamin Franklin Wade, being of the age of twenty-one years  
 and upwards, to wit, of the age of thirty one, hereby apply for membership in this  
 Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from James Wade  
 who was born in Medford Mass on the sixth day of June 1790  
 and died in Andover Ohio on the nineteenth day of May 1891  
 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Conneaut County of Ashtabula  
 State of Ohio on the 30th day of November 1876

I am the son of James F. Wade and  
Clara Lyon his wife, and  
 grandson of Benjamin F. Wade and  
Caroline M. Rosieraus his wife, and  
 great-grandson of James Wade and  
Mary Upham his wife, and  
 great-great-grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his wife, and  
 great-great-great-grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his wife, and  
 great-great-great-great-grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his wife

and he, the said James Wade is the ancestor who assisted in  
 establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of sergeant in 37th  
Regiment of Foot Colony D Massachusetts, etc

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of  
 the Society: E. S. Chittenden

Signature of applicant: B. F. Wade  
 Residence: Ludington, Mich  
 Occupation: Lumber Business

National Number..... State Number 473

Applications are to be made in duplicate and sent to the Secretary of the State Society who will forward one copy, when approved, to the Registrar General of the National Society.

**The Minnesota Society**  
OF THE  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

*Benjamin Franklin Wade*

DESCENDANT OF

*William H. Hutt*

Application examined and approved  
*Feb 7<sup>th</sup>* 1898  
*Frederic H. Payne*  
State Registrar.

Accepted by the State Board of Management  
*Feb 7 1898*  
*Edwin S. Chittenden*  
State Secretary.

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ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY  
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

I, Benjamin Franklin Wade, being of the age of twenty-one years  
and upwards, to wit, of the age of thirty one, hereby apply for membership in this  
Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from Col. Nehemiah Hubbard  
who was born in Middleton Conn. on the 10th day of April, 1757  
and died in \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1836  
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Connecticut County of Ashtabula  
State of Ohio on the 30th day of November, 1866

I am the son of James F. Wade and  
Elena Lyon, his wife, and  
grandson of Benjamin F. Wade and  
Calvin M. Rosecrans, his wife, and  
great-grandson of Deputy Rosecrans and  
Sarah Hubbard, his wife, and  
great-great-grandson of Nehemiah Hubbard and  
Cornelia W. Phillips, his wife, and  
great-great-great-grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ and  
great-great-great-great-grandson of \_\_\_\_\_ and

and he, the said Nehemiah Hubbard, is the ancestor who assisted in  
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of 2nd Lieut. & Paymaster  
Deputy Q.M. Genl. for State of Conn.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of  
the Society:

E. S. Chittenden

Signature of applicant,

B. F. Wade  
Residence, Ludington Mich  
Occupation, Lumber Business



## ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the direct descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer either of one of the Colonies or States or of the national government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 16, 1893.

When the applicant derives eligibility of membership by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, the history of each of said ancestor's services and the intermediate generations of the pedigree may all be written upon these pages; but it is desired that the history of each ancestor shall be written upon a separate blank when possible.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestor if known.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

2nd Lieut and Paymaster of Barnalls Comp State  
Regt. 31 July 1776 to Jan 1777.  
In May 1777, was appointed by Gov Greene  
Deputy Q.M. Genl. for State of Conn, which place  
he filled until the resignation of Genl Greene  
as Q.M. Genl. Was afterwards in the Q.M. Regt.  
with Wadsworth and Carter who supplied the  
French Army, and present with that army  
at the Siege of Yorktown and Surrender of  
Cornwallis. In this department of service he  
was one of the most efficient officers in  
the army.

The following are references to the authorities for the above statements:

Historical Register, Officers Continental  
Army Heitman.  
Heitman History of Middlesex County Conn.  
Hyde Genealogy

(Signature of applicant)

B. G. Wade

(Also to be signed at bottom of second page.)

(The following form of acknowledgment is required.)

STATE OF Connecticut }  
COUNTY OF Hartford }  
Personally appeared Benjamin Franklin Hyde  
S. Dated, February 2d, 1894.

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief before me.

Official Signature,

C. H. Hamilton  
Secretary



National Number ..... State Number 473

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**The Minnesota Society**  
OF THE  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

*Proposed*  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*Benjamin Franklin Wade*

DESCENDANT OF

*Capt. Walter Dean*

Application examined and approved

*Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1898*  
*Fremont D. Jaynes*  
State Registrar.

Accepted by the State Board of Management

*December 7<sup>th</sup> 1898*  
*Edwin S. Chittenden*  
State Secretary.

DATES.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

National Number 12345 State Number 473  
 ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF MANAGERS.

January 29 1898  
 TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

**THE MINNESOTA SOCIETY  
 OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

I, Benjamin Franklin Wade, being of the age of twenty-one years  
 and upwards, to wit, of the age of thirty one, hereby apply for membership in the  
 Society by right of blood descent in the following line from Capt. Walter Dean  
 who was born in New London, Conn. on the 5th day of Sept 1781  
 and died in Putnam, New York on the 1st day of Sept 1857  
 and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Cincinnati County of Ashtabula  
 State of Ohio on the 3rd day of November 1866

I am the son of James F. Wade  
 grandson of Robert B. Lyon  
 great-grandson of Clarissa Kellogg  
 great-great-grandson of Amos Kellogg  
 great-great-great-grandson of Paulina Dean  
 great-great-great-great-grandson of Capt. Walter Dean  
 great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Abigail Adams

and he, the said Capt. Walter Dean is the ancestor who assisted in  
 establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of

Recommended and recommended by the undersigned members of  
 the Society E. S. Whittemore Signature of applicant B. F. Wade  
Ed. Whittemore Residence Lansing, Mich.  
 Occupation Land Surveyor

### ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.

"Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or over, and a citizen of good name in the community, is the direct descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times entitled by his loyalty to and rendered actual service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or militia man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a Officer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer either of one of the Colonies or States or of the national government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service by every act of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Declaration of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 4, adopted June 25, 1892.

When the applicant derives eligibility of membership by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, the history of each of said ancestor's services and the intermediate generations of the pedigree may all be written upon these pages; but it is insisted that the history of each ancestor shall be written upon a separate blank when possible.

From July sixth documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestor is shown:

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

2nd Lieut. 13th Mass. Jan. 1st 1777; 1st  
Lieut. 25th Oct. 1777; Capt. Lieut.; transferred to 5th  
Mass. Jan. 1st 1781; Capt. - 1781; transferred to  
12th Mass. Jan. 1st 1782; retired Jan. 1st 1783.  
Original Member Society of the Cincinnati.

**ANCESTOR'S SERVICE.**

"Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society, who, being of the age of twenty-one years or more, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the blood descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times uniting in the struggle to end permanent slavery to the race of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, mariner, militiaman or volunteer, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a civil officer of one of the Colonies or States or of the national government; or as a recognized patriot, who performed actual service in event of rebellion to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. A. S., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 18, 1829.

When the applicant desires eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, the history of each of said ancestor's services and the intermediate generations of the pedigree may all be written upon these pages; but it is insisted that the history of each ancestor shall be written upon a separate sheet when possible.

Since fully such documentary or sufficient authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestor's father.

My ancestor's services in uniting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

*James Wade: Appears with rank of Sergeant in Company Return of Capt. Hall's Co., Lt. Col. Bondi (late Sanderson) Regt., dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 6, 1775. Residence, Medford. Reported: 97 Regt. of Art.*

*Vol. 56, p. 209.*

*James Wade: Appears among signatures to an Order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in money, due for the Eight Months Service in 1775, and Lieut. Capt. Brooke (late Isaac Hall) Co. Col. Wm. Bondi (late Col. Sanderson) Regt., dated Prospect Hill, Dec 23, 1775. Payable to Lieut. Brooke.*

*Vol. 57, file 26.*

*James Wade: Appears with rank of Seaman upon a List of Prisoners to be secured in exchange for British prisoners sent to Halifax in Capt. Bng Swift as returned by Robert Liverpool, Commissary Exchange for British prisoners, Thomas Governor, Seaman. Dated Oct. 9 1777.*

*Vol 5 p 120*

The following are references to the authorities for the above statements:

*Historical Register, Officers Continental Army  
Hestonau*

(Signature of applicant) *B. F. Wade*  
(Date or to be signed on reverse of second page)

(The following line of attestation is required.)

STATE of *Massachusetts* }  
COUNTY of *Suffolk* }  
Personally appeared *Benjamin Franklin Hestonau*  
signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief before me.

Official Signature, *G. J. Hamilton*  
*Notary Public*

[L. S.]

The following are references to the authorities for the above statements:

*Dudley and Hyde Genealogies  
Certified Abstract from the Record Index to  
the Revolutionary War Archives, Commonwealth  
of Mass.*

(Signature of applicant) *B. F. Wade*  
(Date or to be signed on reverse of second page)

(The following line of attestation is required.)

STATE of *Massachusetts* }  
COUNTY of *Barnes* }  
Personally appeared *Benjamin Franklin Hestonau*  
signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief before me.

Official Signature, *G. J. Hamilton*  
*Notary Public*

[L. S.]

Listing his 3 Revolutionary War ancestors - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/105238:2204>

DAWES

April 16, 1918.

From: 1st Lieut. Arnold Joerns, Sig. R. C., A. S.  
 To: Chief Signal Officer - via. Lt. Col. H. H. Byllesby.  
 Subject: Boat Drills on Army Transports.

1. I was on the troop transport "Tuscania" when she was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine, while carrying United States Troops, on the night of February 5th, 1918; was traveling unattached, casual; and was in command of life boat No. 12.

**Neglect on Tuscania.**

2. Referring to pamphlet published September 20th, 1917, No. 16, Headquarters, A.E.F., entitled "Boat Drills on Army Transports" embodying report made by Colonel Chas. G. Dawes, Engineers, National Army, the following observations are made:

**Commandant of U. S. Troops**

✓ (a) It was stated to me by Captain O. K. Sattler, Signal Corps, after the sinking of the Tuscania, that Major Benjamin Wade, Engineers, Reserve Corps, in command of the troops on this transport, deserted his command and his troops by departing on the first life boat that was launched.

**No Mess Boat Drills**

(b) Paragraph 10 part "A" of Colonel Dawes' above mentioned report was totally disregarded as no boat drills at mess time were given. This neglect might have had a most serious consequence as the ship was torpedoed a few minutes before six o'clock P.M. immediately after the enlisted personnel had messed and immediately prior to the usual time for the officer's mess.

**No Life Belts Instruction**

(c) Paragraph 11 part "A" of Colonel Dawes' report dealing with the proper use of life belts, wearing of adequate clothing, etc. was also disregarded. The substance of advice contained therein was given on his own initiative to the man assigned to life boat No. 12, by the writer, commanding life boat. The failure of this advice having been given the troops generally throughout the ship might account for the frequent reports observed after the catastrophe to the effect that men were seen floating in their life preservers, head down and feet up - the result of wrong adjustment of the life belt.

**No Night Boat Drills**

(d) No night boat drills were given; in fact the boat drills consisted merely of each man finding his way to his proper boat location at two o'clock each afternoon, standing there for from 5 to 20 minutes and then being dismissed.



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No Caution of Quietness

(e) No advice was given to my knowledge regarding the caution of quietness, as suggested in Paragraph 7, Supplement "B" of Colonel Dawes' report. Consequently much needless shouting and noise filled the air, adding to the confusion of individuals and making the giving or receiving of proper commands a matter of great difficulty.

No Advice from Ship's Officers

(f) No Official cooperation between the ship's officers and the troops was noticeable at any time during the trip as effecting boat drill and as per the recommendations of Colonel Dawes.

No Complete Boat Drill.

4. When the Tuscania awaited the assembling of convoy in the quiet harbor of Halifax for 24 hours an opportunity could have been exercised to practice a complete boat drill, to wit: the actual lowering and occupation of the life boats by the ship's crew and our troops, and the actual "getting away" of the life boats. It is suggested that such practice be adopted whenever possible and in spite of the objections that will undoubtedly be raised by the ship's officers and crew if they are foreign because such practice is not only the expenditure of effort, but is likely to disclose the possible criminal physical condition of such life boats and the machinery for lowering them, plus the inexperience of the crew itself in such matters.

Bad Condition of Ropes.

5. It is suggested that in the absence of rope ladders, all life lines to be used for the purpose of lowering the troops from decks to life boats be hereafter provided with knots tied therein at intervals of 24 inches so as to make sliding down the ropes safe and expeditious as it is absolutely impossible for the average landsmen to perform this feat without practice.

Suggestions.

6. It is suggested that troops being transported be fully and repeatedly warned by competent authority after embarkation, of the following pertinent facts:-

(a) A torpedoed ship heavily loaded often floats a long time.

(b) When a ship is torpedoed the destroyers doing the rescue work will give their attention first of all to men in life boats and last (if at all) to individual men who have jumped into the water. They cannot usually do otherwise.

(c) Because destroyers may be able to approach the side of the torpedoed ship and take troops directly off, it is usually far better for a man to stay with the ship until the ship actually sinks provided he cannot get into a life boat, or directly on a destroyer.

(d) Of course, the necessity of wearing all the clothes possible should be emphasized. Two suits of wool underwear, two pairs of wool socks, and all available shirts and sweaters in addition to usual clothes and

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shoes, worn day and night throughout the danger zone is not unwise, and may save a life if one should be thrown into the water for a period of hours. (This rule to hold during designated temperatures).

Poor physical condition of life boats on Tuscania.

7. More care should be taken regarding the physical conditions of life boats. On the Tuscania it was reported that two life boats were loaded and lowered with their plugs out. It was reported that one filled with water and sunk and that the other was only saved by men holding their thumbs in the plug holes. No. 12 life boat collected water to our shoe tops in one hour.

Mechanical Difficulties.

(8) It was evident also that the method of or machinery for lowering life boats was inefficient and dangerous in the case of the Tuscania. Life boats loaded with men were reported as lowering faster at one end than another. the occupants of one life boat were thus spilled into the sea. This condition was also verified by the writer's personal experience with boat No. 12 which was already tilting when he reached it by means of a rope about 15 feet below "B" deck. This life boat failed to lower at the bow and continued to lower at the stern until the dangerous angle of 45 degrees was attained. Then the ropes were cut by my orders to prevent a catastrophe in that boat, similar to the fate of another boat that previously spilled its contents bodily under same conditions. It is therefore suggested that the methods of lowering life boats be studied and prompt steps taken to depreciate future risks.

Value of using troops who have had sea experience.

9. Splendid service in handling the oars was rendered on life boat No. 12 by an enlisted man considerably over the draft age, who had served in a U.S. Life Saving Station for 7 years. It is therefore suggested that a canvass of the troops aboard each transport be made immediately upon embarkation to locate the men who have had naval or life-saving or sea-faring experience, and that these men be distributed equally among the various life boats, in charge of the oars and that their sleeping quarters be changed so that they will be with the troops assigned to the boat to which they are assigned.

Poor Crews Possible.

10. If troops are transported on ships that are manned by a crew that is not American (as was the case of the Tuscania) it is suggested that too much faith be not placed in the heroism, experience or ability of these men inasmuch as all of our Allies are hard pressed for man power at this period and often desirable, reliable men are not to be secured for this kind of work. Rigid inspection and drill is therefore especially essential.

Life Rafts.

11. It is suggested that more life rafts be provided on Army transports for the following reasons:-

(a) Rafts are easily and certainly launched by being merely thrown overboard, or float away when the ship sinks.



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(b) Individuals in the water can easily concentrate themselves on these rafts, thereby making it worth while for a destroyer or other rescue ship to pick them up enmass, a succor that would be far less likely in the case of an individual floating in a life preserver because of the lurking submarine danger to the destroyer or rescue ship.

Need for Trained Transportation Officer in Command of Troops.

12. That the loss of life on the Tuscania was not many times greater is due to a combination of three forces; the splendid individual morale of our enlisted men and their officers; the bravery and efficiency of the British Destroyers; and sheer luck. The toll would have been smaller if the Commander of the troops on board had been competent in this capacity. It is therefore suggested that an American Naval Officer (or an Army Officer trained to the required duties) be assigned to permanent duty as officer in command of the American troops being transported on each vessel used for this purpose. I discovered that the British have adopted this policy in transporting troops across the Irish Sea and English Channel.

13. Judging from the practical experience of being torpedoed every suggestion made in Colonel Dawes' report is worthy of enforced Adoption together with such additions and supplements as the Tuscania experience and other occurrences future thereto may indicate, rather than being merely "recommended as guidance."

Positioning Life Rafts.

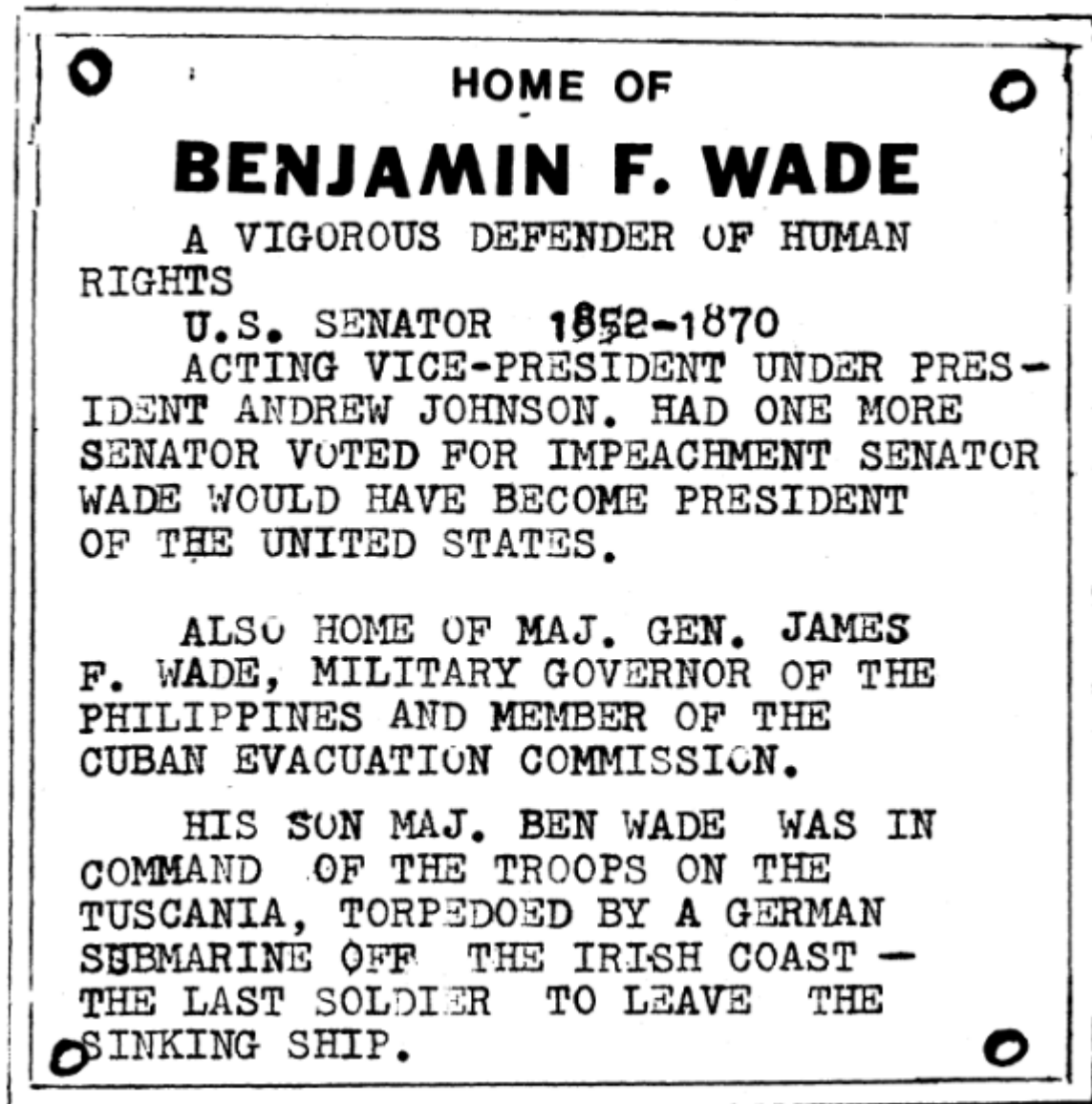
14. Throughout the "danger zone" all life boats on davits should be lowered to position on deck at which they are to take their load, this provided predicted weather conditions of the submarine zone vicinity permit. This was not done in the case of the Tuscania. It was done on the American Liner "St. Paul" returning.

15. At the time the Tuscania was torpedoed, well within the submarine zone, between the Mull of Kintyre and Rathlin Island, she was a part of a convoy consisting of two additional troop ships, eight merchantmen, one cruiser and eight destroyers, totalling twenty. The Tuscania, capable of doing 17 knots was only doing possibly nine due to the necessary slowness of such a convoy. It is suggested that hereafter troop ships in slow merchant convoys be separated from said slow merchant ships upon entering the submarine zone and be enabled under destroyer escort to proceed at full speed through said submarine zone.

ARNOLD JOERNS

1st Lieut, S.R.C.A.S.

Claim stated by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Arnold Joerns about the testimony of Otis K. Sadtler that "Major Benjamin Wade, Engineers, Reserve Corps, in command of the troops on this transport, deserted his command and his troops by departing on the first life boat that was launched."



This family plaque was provided by Steven Schwartz of Renton WA – Major Wade was not the last soldier off the ship



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NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON Mr. Benjamin F. Wade, Jr. 6809 Pineway, College Hgts, Md.										GREEN MOUNTAIN, VT. 6591146			
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**WADE, BENJAMIN F., SR.** On Saturday, January 10, 1953, **BENJAMIN F. WADE, Sr.**, of 6809 Pineway, College Park, Md., beloved husband of the late Helen T. Wade and father of Helen Wade Henderson and Benjamin F. Wade, jr. Graveside services and interment at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, January 16, at 3 p.m. 15

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Wednesday 14 Jan 1953 p 18

Life:

Christian Rath, formerly captain of the Seventeenth Michigan Infantry, brevet lieutenant-colonel, of Jackson, Mich.: Ben F. Wade, of Ludington, son of Col. James F. Wade, of the Fifth United States Cavalry, and Charles Wendell Bristol, of Detroit, son of Jacob Bristol, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, were elected members of the Loyal Legion last evening.

"Detroit Free Press" Friday 9 Jan 1891 p 5



**MAJOR BENJAMIN F. WADE.**  
Who was in charge of camp headquarters at American University, was among the officers on the Tuscania.

## MAJ. B. F. WADE, OF LAUREL, MD., WAS ON TUSCANIA

Major Benjamin F. Wade, fifty years old, of Laurel, Md., and well known in Washington, camp headquarters commander of the Twentieth Engineers, was aboard the torpedoed transport Tuscania, American University camp headquarters, where Major Wade was stationed before sailing, made this announcement today.

Mrs. Wade, wife of Major Wade, living at the home of Lieut. Col. John Wade, 1827 S. street northwest, told The Times today that up until 1 o'clock she had received no official word from the War Department as to the safety of her husband. Lieutenant Colonel Wade, a brother of Major Wade, is attached to the adjutant general's office of the War Department.

### **An Expert Lumberman.**

Major Wade, who is an expert lumberman and forester, was engaged in the lumber business at his home at Laurel, Md., before receiving a commission in the army. Naturally when he was commissioned he was attached to the regiment of foresters and woodmen, the Twentieth Engineers.

For the last few days close friends, not seeing Major Wade, were confident that he had received his sailing orders. Even his brother, Lieutenant Colonel Wade, was ignorant of the fact that he had sailed aboard the *Tuscania*, however.

Mrs. Wade closed her Laurel home and came to Washington to live with her brother and sister-in-law at 1827 N. street northwest.

### **Stationed at Belvoir.**

Major Wade received his commission around the first part of October. For a few weeks he was stationed at Belvoir, Va., but since November at the American University camp, where he became camp headquarters commander of the Twentieth Engineers.

The Wades are a fighting family. Besides his brother, who is a lieutenant colonel attached to the adjutant general's office, Major Wade has a son at Camp Lee, Va. His father, General Wade, fought in the civil war.

"Washington (DC) Times" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1 - photo - in charge of camp HQ at American U, 50 years old, commander of 20th Engineers, since Sep 1917 at Camp American University - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/83766672/>

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## **Maj. B. F. Wade Of Laurel, Md., On Ill-Fated Tuscania**

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Safety of Maj. Benjamin F. Wade, of Laurel, Md., who was on board the Tuscania when she was strck by a German torpedo and sunk, had not been assured late last night. Mrs. Wade, his wife, who is living in Washington at the home of Lieut. Col. John Wade, brother of Maj. Wade, 1827 S street northwest, said late last night no word had been received from any source regarding the fate of her husband.

Maj. Wade is fifty years of age. He was commissioned in October and assigned to duty with the Twentieth Engineers, a regiment of foresters. He was an expert lumberman and was engaged in the lumber business in Laurel when commissioned.

The fact that he was one of those on board the Tuscania was made known yesterday by authorities at Camp American University, where he was stationed before his departure for France. Previously he was on duty at Belvoir, Va.

Three members of Maj. Wade's family are in the army and his father, Gen. Wade, fought in the civil war. Lieut. Col. John Wade is on duty in the office of the Adjutant General. Maj. Wade has a son at Camp Lee, Va.

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"Washington Herald" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3



**Major Shows Emotion.**

Major Benjamin F. Wade of Washington, who commanded an American contingent on the Tuscania, was dining with brother officers tonight when he was handed a message of sympathy from the town council. The major was affected deeply and there were tears in his eyes as he struggled hard to conceal his emotion. He finally broke down and sobbed like a child for several minutes, while the others tried to comfort him.

"Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 2

*Safety of Commander Wade  
Relief to Distressed Men*

*Special to The Inquirer.*

The correspondent of the Press Association at an Irish port says the survivors of the *Tuscania* who are there were greatly relieved to hear of the safe arrival elsewhere of Major Benjamin F. Wade, of Washington, commander of a contingent of the steamer, and hundreds of other American troops.

The only two women on board, the correspondent's account says, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Parsons, went down a rope into a lifeboat. The former said that when their boat left the *Tuscania* many of the troops had been thrown out in lowering the next boat.

"We were immediately surrounded by men in the icy water wearing lifebelts," she said. "We had only two men in our boat who could manage the oars. They did their best, and as we came across a swimming or floating man we gathered him into the boat. Soon the boat was very full. We witnessed many distressing scenes. Eventually we got on board a destroyer. I don't remember a harder bit of work."

#### **Praise for Stewardess**

A soldier who heard Mrs. Collins, a stewardess, tell the story, said:

"Yes, and you did as much as the best man in the world could have done. I was in your boat and saw it."

A young officer, answering a question as to what the soldiers did while waiting for the destroyers after the first excitement was over, said:

"Oh, we soon steadied down, lounged about and smoked, but we didn't venture below to gather up our belongings for fear the ship would suddenly capsize. We talked about the misfortune of crossing the Atlantic only to be caught in the last lap. We cheered the first destroyer which came alongside

and its men cheered us. Their work was magnificent, and only when they saw they could save no more lives did they leave the scene. It was thought well to make for different ports, and here I am among people who have overwhelmed us with kindness."

A young trooper, when asked what he thought of the experience, said he would not have missed it for anything.

"I was on deck talking to my chum," he went on, "when I heard a bang, and up went a whole heap of wreckage and water over our heads. I was drenched to the skin. Nobody screamed, but you can imagine how it felt to stand shivering in the darkness, not knowing when we would get another shot that would send the boat to the bottom."

### McLean Was the Captain

The captain of the Tuscania was Peter McLean, not J. L. Henderson, the Times says. Captain McLean last month was awarded the Order of the British Empire on the recommendation of the board of trade. He has been in the service of the Anchor Line for twenty years and during the war has carried many cargoes of munitions and foodstuffs safely through the danger zone.

An official statement issued early Thursday afternoon said that Captain J. L. Henderson was in command of the Tuscania.

Major Benjamin F. Wade, of Washington, who commanded an American contingent on the Tuscania, was dining with brother officers last night at an Irish port, a dispatch says, when he was handed a message of sympathy from the Town Council. The Major was affected deeply and there were tears in his eyes as he struggled hard to conceal his emotion. He finally broke down and sobbed like a child for several minutes while the others tried to comfort him.

## Washington Man Last to Leave Ship

Major Benjamin F. Wade of Washington was the last soldier to leave the torpedoed transport Tuscania.

News dispatches today declared that Major Wade, who was in charge of the 2,000 fighting men, remained calm throughout the trying minutes that followed the explosion.

Major Wade upheld the American tradition that the commanding officer must be the last man to leave the scene of a disaster.

"Washington (DC) Times" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – not the last soldier to leave Tuscania



MAJ. B. F. WADE

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Maj. Benjamin F. Wade of Washington was senior military officer on board the Tuscania. Meager dispatches from the scene of the transport's sinking have told of his coolness and of the fact that he was about the last to leave his ship.

"Wisconsin Tobacco Reporter" (Edgerton WI) Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 3



Not the last to leave Tuscania – “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 24 Feb 1918 p 37



"Washington (DC) Post" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 3 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/29001133/>

Mrs. Benjamin F. Wade has closed her home at Laurel, Md., and has taken an apartment at 1316 New Hampshire avenue, where her daughter, Miss Helen Wade, has been with her for the holidays. Miss Wade will return to Vassar this week. Maj. Wade, who sailed on the Tuscania for France, in January, 1918, with the 20th Engineers, arrived at Newport News on the Zelandia December 21, and joined his family here for Christmas. The major has been ordered to Camp Humphreys.

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Sunday 5 Jan 1919 p 39



## Frank Aubrey Dies; To Bring Body Here

Frank Aubrey, former prominent Ludington resident died Saturday morning at his home in West Allis, Wis., according to a telegram received from Mrs. Aubrey by F. B. Olney.

Mr. Aubrey was at one time in partnership with Ben Wade in a shingle mill, located where the Lunde boat livery now stands. Mr. Wade was a nephew of J. S. Stearns. Later Mr. Aubrey was in business for himself.

Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters.

The body will be brought to Ludington for burial Tuesday morning. (

"Ludington (MI) Daily News" Sunday 5 Jul 1931 p 1

And from the July 26, 1900, issue:  
"A party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearns and Mrs. Stearns sisters, the Misses Freeman, Miss Jane I. Burns and her brother Harry spent a few days at Gatke's resort and report a delightful time—we won't say how many fish.

"Ludington (MI) Daily News" Friday 10 Jul 1953 p 2 - reprinted from 26 Jul 1900 issue

## *70 Years of Marine History Stored in Mind of Albert Lunde*

Excerpt:

Recalling some of the neighboring industries of the Lunde shipyard along the waterfront, Mr. Lunde told of Rasmussen & Loppenthien who operated a big bark dock on the present Jebavy location by the Washington avenue bridge. They were commission men, he said, buying peeled hemlock bark from the farmers who brought it in to them. The bark was shipped out to tanneries, some of it carried in a vessel owned by the Rasmussen & Loppenthien firm. Next to them was Alex Betters, who specialized in masts for sailing vessels. He bought the long pine logs which were then chained together and towed to Chicago for resale. Ben Wade & Frank Foster operated a shingle mill on the present site of the Lunde Boat works east of the bridge and across the bayou, north from them, was the big Smith pin mill. The bridge was then a swing bridge which opened to let vessels in and out from the mill docks.

"Ludington (MI) Daily News" Thursday 6 Sep 1957 p 8

Wife:

ARMY CIRCLES will be interested to know that the marriage of Benjamin F. Wade, son of the noted Ohio statesman, and Miss Helen Naomi Thomas, daughter of Captain E. D. Thomas of the Fifth Cavalry, will occur at Fort Sill, Oklahoma Territory, on Dec. 18. The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. Emily Church of this city, and niece of Mrs. R. S. Cantine.

Marriage on 18 Dec 1890 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma Territory – “Los Angeles (CA) Evening Express” Friday 12 Dec 1890 p 4

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**FORT SILL, OK.**

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**The Brilliant Wedding of Mr. Ben F. Wade  
and Miss Helen N. Thomas.**

The marriage at Fort Sill of Mr. Benjamin F. Wade to Miss Helen Naomi, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Earl D. Thomas, Fifth Cavalry, was the most brilliant event in the history of this frontier post. The post chapel, where the ceremony took place, was most beautifully decorated with evergreens and mistletoe, while the stars and stripes and crossed muskets and sabers added to the beauty of the scene. At one end of the chapel an arch was formed of evergreens and mistletoe, under which the bridal party stood during the ceremony, which was that of the Episcopal service. The guests had all arrived when, at the appointed time (8 o'clock p. m.), the bridal party entered in the following order: The groom, with his brother as best man; the bride on the arm of her father, followed by Miss Georgie Thomas, the bride's young sister, who acted as maid of honor. Next came the groomsmen, Lieutenants May, Jones, Jenkins and Wilkinson, followed by Miss Mollie Thomas, cousin of the bride; Miss Patterson of Chicago and Miss Wade, sister of the groom, and Miss

Hays, acting as bridesmaids. As the party entered the orchestra of the Fifth cavalry band from Fort Reno played the wedding march. The impressive ceremony concluded, congratulations and dancing were indulged until 11:30, when all repaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, awaited the guests.

The presents were numerous and elegant, consisting of everything that a housewife could desire. Troop D, Fifth cavalry, commanded by the father of the handsome young bride, presented her with a case of silver consisting of forks, soup ladle, pie knife, etc. The guests were: Colonel James F. and Mrs. Wade, Fifth cavalry, the parents of the groom, who, by the way, is the grandson of the late Hon. Benjamin F. Wade of Ohio; Colonel and Mrs. Carlton, Fifth cavalry; Major Cooke, Thirteenth infantry; Captain Ellis, Thirteenth infantry; Captain and Mrs. Bell, Seventh cavalry; Captain and Mrs. Schuyler, Fifth Cavalry; Lieutenant and Mrs. Scott, Thirteenth infantry; Lieutenant and Mrs. Adair, Fifth cavalry; Chaplain and Mrs. McWatty, and Lieutenants Wilhelm and Clark and the young officers named as grooms, the Misses Wade, Miss Hays and Miss Janie Mumford.

The bride was costumed in a heavy white silk with tulle veil, diamond ornaments and a beautiful bouquet of white roses and hyacinths.

The bridesmaids all wore white of some soft, clinging material. Mrs. Wade wore gray silk; Mrs. Thomas Lavender, silk; Mrs. Carlton, brocaded silk; Mrs. Schuyler, old gold silk, square neck and half sleeves; Mrs. Baldwin looked very pretty in an imported gown of pink silk, low neck and short sleeves. Mrs. Adair, a bride of a year, looked beautiful in her bridal dress of heavy corded silk en train, square neck and half sleeves; Mrs. Bell, cream colored satin, covered with lace, low neck and short sleeves; Mrs. McWatty, in black satin covered with beautiful black lace, and Mrs. Scott, lace skirt and blue waist cut half low, short sleeves.

Several ladies of the garrison were prevented from attending owing to illness and recent death in their family.

The Reno party, with bride and groom, left for Fort Reno at 6 o'clock the following morning, where the happy couple will remain as guests of Colonel and Mrs. Wade for some time. Mrs. Wade gives a german tonight—Tuesday—to Mr. and Mrs. Wade, the bridal couple, and several young couples from here have gone to attend.



# Mrs. B. F. Wade Dies in East

Ludington friends have received word of the death Dec. 31, 1948, at College Park, Md., of Mrs. Helen Thomas Wade, former Ludington resident.

Mrs. Wade resided here while her husband, Benjamin F. Wade, retired Army major, was affiliated with the Stearns Motor Co. Mrs. Wade was the daughter of the late Brig. Gen. Earl D. Thomas.

Surviving are her widower; a son, Benjamin F. Wade Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Helen W. Henderson, and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Alexander and Mrs. Charles Symonds.

Obituary of Helen Thomas Wade – "Ludington (MI) Daily News" Wednesday 19 Jan 1949 p 3

Children:

WADE, BENJAMIN F., Jr. On Thursday, August 14, 1958, BENJAMIN F. WADE, Jr., of 4508 Fordham lane, College Park, Md., brother of Helen Wade Henderson. Graveside services at 2 p.m., Friday, August 22, at Arlington National Cemetery. Relatives and friends will meet at the Memorial Gate by 1:50 p.m., thence to graveside.



Obituary of son Benjamin Franklin Wade III/Jr. – “Washington (DC) Evening Star” Thursday  
21 Aug 1958 p 30 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/869785127/>

192	Oct	18	1898	Helen Wade	✓	Female	White	Budington
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MI birth record of daughter **Helen Wade, 18 Oct 1898** -

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DC73-S3C?personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3ANQXG-KVL>

## Helen Wade

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

Name	Helen Wade
Social Security Number	289-38-9388
Birth Date	30 Mar 1898
Issue year	1959-1961
Issue State	Ohio
Last Residence	44074, Oberlin, Lorain, Ohio, USA
Death Date	Jul 1984

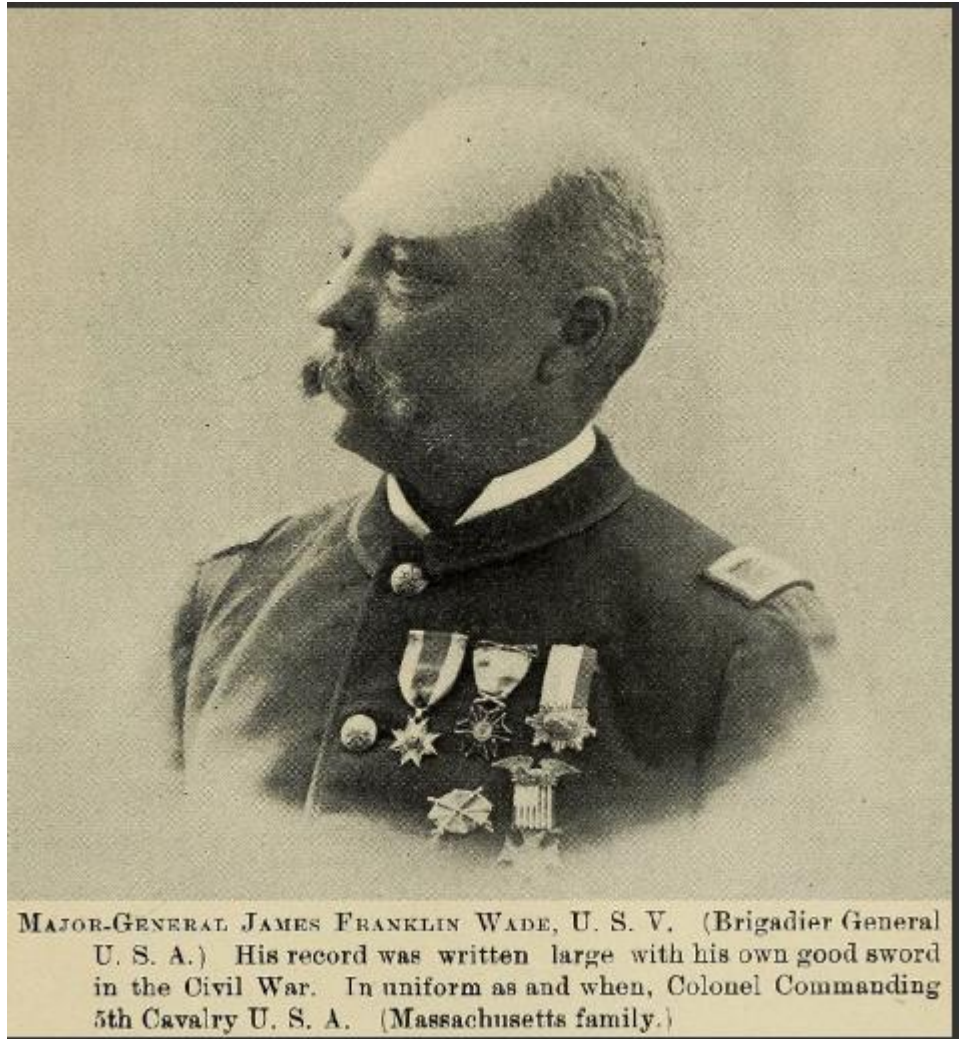
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/64825460:3693?ssrc=pt&tid=24129506&pid=26676880011>

## Helen E Wade

in the Ohio, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018

Name	Helen E Wade
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	86
Birth Date	Est 1898
Birth Place	Michigan, USA
Residence Place	Oberlin, Lorain, Ohio, USA
Death Date	11 Jun 1984
Death Place	Oberlin, Lorain, USA
Inquest Hospital	Long-Term Care Facilities
Registrar's Certificate Number	044974
Inquest Questions	Certifier: Physician; Autopsy Performed?: Yes, used for certification;

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1358317:5763>



Father James Franklin Wade - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/64630873/person/77015823583/media/3be44553-c37e-476c-a6e8-1b0472157ae9>

Mother:

ASHTABULA, O., April 8.—(A)—Mrs. Clara L. Wade, 84, widow of the late Major General James F. Wade, United States army, was dead here today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Crosby. Two sons survive also. They are Col. John P. Wade and Major B. F. Wade, both of Washington. Funeral will be tomorrow afternoon.

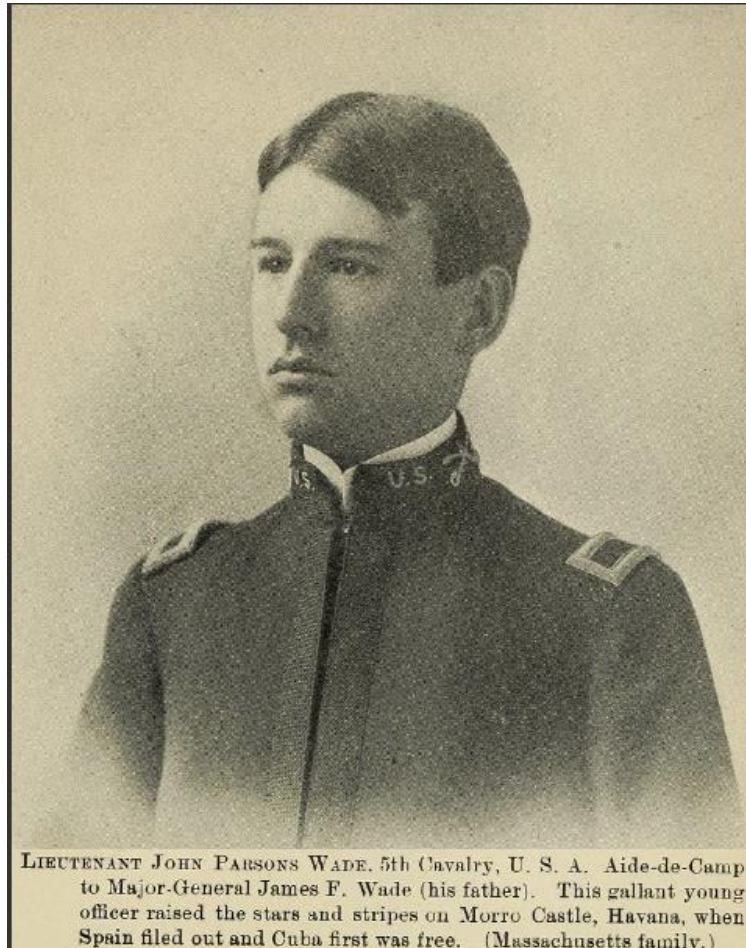
obituary of mother Clara Lyon Wade - "Zanesville (OH) Times Recorder" Tuesday 9 Apr 1929 p 2

Paternal grandfather:



U.S. Senator Benjamin Franklin Wade – who missed becoming the President of the US by one impeachment vote – Find A Grave 4979

**Siblings:**



LIEUTENANT JOHN PARSONS WADE. 5th Cavalry, U. S. A. Aide-de-Camp to Major-General James F. Wade (his father). This gallant young officer raised the stars and stripes on Morro Castle, Havana, when Spain fled out and Cuba first was free. (Massachusetts family.)

Brother John Parsons Wade - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/64630873/person/77015823591/media/2765e8ef-8fe1-4e26-858b-d138312fff31>

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Benjamin Franklin Wade (Sr.)**

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. HQ - major

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

Entered service from: Laurel, Prince George's Co. MD

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Benjamin F. Wade

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Benjamin F. Wade, 827 "S" St. [handwritten: NW], Washington DC

Returned from war on: "Zeelandia" Dec 1918

Sailed on return ship as: Benjamin F. Wade

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. B.F. Wade, Laurel MD (major, Engineers)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939):

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 6 Oct 1917

Discharged: 20 Jan 1919

Address: Laurel MD

Rank/unit: major, Corps of Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 30 Nov 1866 Conneaut, Ashtabula OH

Died: 10 Jan 1953 **location?** [resident of MD, may have died in VA]

Find A Grave record: 43409521 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Ohio Major 20 Engineers WWI

Father: James Franklin Wade, 14 Apr 1843 Jefferson, Ashtabula OH – 23 Aug 1921

Jefferson, Ashtabula OH. Son of U.S. Senator & president pro tempore of the US Senate,

Benjamin Franklin ("Bluff") Wade (F: 4979) & Caroline Marie Rosecrans (F: 61219238).

Major-general in the US Army, Civil War. Buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Jefferson, Ashtabula OH.

Find A Grave: 61220696

Mother: Clara (Clarissa) Lyon Wade, 26 Oct 1843 Conneaut, Ashtabula OH – 1929

Ashtabula Co. OH. Daughter of Robert Bond Lyon & Clarissa Kellogg. Her genealogy chart is on her Find A Grave record. Buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Jefferson, Ashtabula OH.

Find A Grave: 61220523

Parents' marriage: 27 Feb 1866



Spouse: Helen Naomi Thomas Wade, 19 Apr 1870 NE - 31 Dec 1948 VA. Daughter of Brigadier General Earl Dennison Thomas (West Point graduate) & Clara Medora Church. Buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Jefferson, Ashtabula OH.

Spouse Find A Grave: 43409828

Marriage: 1891.

#### Children:

- Benjamin Franklin Wade III (or Jr.), 13 Jan 1892 Reno, Canadian Co. OK - 14 Aug 1958 [resident of MD]. Served as a 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant in the US Army, WWI. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington VA. F: 116690149
- Helen E. Wade Henderson, 18 Oct 1898 Ludington, Mason MI – 11 Jul 1984 Oberlin, Lorain OH. – Married Robert Price Henderson Sr. (1925 CT – 1999 MD). - In the 1930 census for Lockport, Niagara NY, Helen Henderson (31 MI) lived with husband Robert Henderson (29) & son Robert P. Henderson (5). Her son Robert Price Henderson Jr. graduated from Yale University & served 3 years in the US Navy. Buried in Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin, Lorain OH. F: 47343616

#### Siblings:

- Robert Wade, b. & d. 1869
- John Parsons ("Jack") Wade Sr., 14 Jun 1872 Conneaut, Ashtabula OH – 3 Nov 1942 Washington DC. Graduate of West Point Military Academy, 1896. Fought in the Spanish-American War, in Cuba. Colonel in US Army in Washington DC in Apr 1929 when his mother Clara died. – Married 16 Dec 1896 to Maud Saxton Tracy (1872-1938, F: 124574301). Buried in U.S. Military Academy Post Cemetery, West Point, Orange NY. F: 128707807
- Clara Lyon Wade Jenkins Crosby, 11 Sep 1873 Ringgold, Montague TX – Jan 1954 Ashtabula, Ashtabula OH. Married 23 Jun 1891 in Canadian Co. OK [then Indian Territory] to Major General John Murray Jenkins (1863-1958, F: 24169992). They had 4 children between 1892 & 1901. – Married 15 Nov 1911 to Captain Charles C. Crosby, MD (1877-1962, F: 62767297). Buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Jefferson, Ashtabula OH. F: 62767405.

#### Notes:

#### Pre-war:

#### Wartime:

Commander of the troops aboard Tuscania, although he was a lumberman, not a career Army soldier.

His son also served in WWI.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1870 Fort Stockton, Presidio TX

Jas. F. Wade, 27 OH, C.O., US Army [presumably commanding officer]

Clara L., 26 OH, at home

Benj. F., 3 OH, at home

1880 Carondelet, St. Louis MO

James F. Wade, 37 OH, father b. MA, mother b. NY, officer, US Army

Clara, 36 OH, father b. NY, mother b. MA, keeping house

Benjamin, 13 OH, attending school

John P., 7 OH, attending school

Clara, 6 TX, attending school

1900 Ludington, Mason MI

Benjamin F. Wade, 33 OH, Nov 1866, parents b. OH, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 9 years, lumberman

Helen T., 30 NE, Apr 1870, father b. IL, mother b. OH, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Benjamin F., 8 OK, Jan 1892, at school

Helen L., 1 MI, Oct 1898

& 2 servants, doing housework:

Margaret Nelson, 27 MI, Nov 1870, widow, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Anna Nelson, 18 MI, May 1882, single

1910 Ludington, Mason MI

Ben F. Wade, 43 OH, parents b. OH, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 19 years, lumberman, office

Helen, 39 NE, father b. IL, mother b. OH, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Ben F. Jr., 18 OK

Helen, 11 MI

1920 Laurel, Prince George's MD

Benj. Wade, 53 OH, parents b. OH, lumberman, general dealer

Helen, 49 NE, father b. IL, mother b. OH

Benj. Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 27 OK, architect, general service

Helen, 21 MI

& son-in-law [actually father-in-law] Earl Thomas, 73 IL, father b. VT, mother b. NY, US

Army, general

& mother-in-law Clara Thomas, 72 OH, parents b. NY

& nurse for private family Eva Robinson, 49 VA, parents b. VA

1930 Riverdale, Prince Georges MD – College Heights

Benjamin F. Wade, 63 OH, parents b. OH, age 25 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, occupation not decipherable: --- expert bet. --- Cont. office, WWI veteran

Helen T., 59 NE, father b. IL, mother b. OH, age 20 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, house wife

Benjamin F. Jr., 36 OK, accountant

1940 Prince George's Co. MD – Pine St. – same house in 1935 for the Wades – Helen

Henderson & son in Henderson, Lockport CT in 1935

Benj. F. Wade Sr., 73 OH

Helen T. Wade, 69 NE [wife]

Benj. F. Wade Jr., 48 OK, single, manager, restaurant [son]

Helen W. Henderson, 42 MI, divorced, clerk, personal, US Treasury Department [daughter]

Robert P. Henderson, 15 CT [grandson]

1950 University Park, Prince George's Co. MD – 6809 Pixewary

Benjamin F. Wade, 53 OH, widowed

Benjamin F. Wade Jr., 58 OK, never married, accountant, Red Cross [son]

Helen W. Henderson, 51 MI, divorced, manager of offices, loan company