

# TUSCANIA

**Waits, Silas Lee (Sr.)**  
**1890 AR – 1973 KS**

## **SILAS L. WAITS, SR.**

Silas L. Waits, Sr., 83, of 3323 Wyandotte, died yesterday at Veterans Administration Center, Wadsworth. He was born in Warren, Ark., and had lived here 50 years. He was a retired truck driver. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a member of the Irwin Kirkwood American Legion Post. He was an Army veteran of World War I. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Betty Waits, and a son, William Waits, both of the home; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lorraine Powell, Prairie Village, and a sister, Mrs. Lena Lewis, Sacramento. Friends may call after 6 p.m. Monday at the Newcomer Chapel, Brush Creek and The Paseo.

Life:

<b>HARVEY COUNTY ARMY MUSTER ROLL</b> (Continued from Monday's daily.)	214—Lute J. Dillon, Whitewater 629—Silas L. Waits, Walton 647—Benj. F. Freese, 716 Plum
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“Newton (KS) Evening Kansas-Republican” Tuesday 24 Jul 1917 p 4

**New Army Recruits.**  
 The following men enlisted in various branches of the army at the local army recruiting station Thursday afternoon:  
 Robert B. Outing, Fort Smith; ...

Excerpt:

Gean E. Henry, Fort Smith; William E. Bennett, Fort Smith; Silas L. Waits, Fort Smith; James E. Shoptaw, Fort Smith; Benton A. Green, Fort Smith; Alfred C. Sipes, Hot Springs; John L. Braden, Jonesboro; Walker F. McCarty, Jonesboro; George Tolbert, Helena. Thomas W. Lewis, Texarkana; James D. Cook, Texarkana; Charles O. Morton, Texarkana; Joseph Hartmeier, Little Rock; Jesse M. Hagus, Little Rock;

“Arkansas Democrat” (Little Rock AR) Friday 14 Dec 1917 p 21

**MORE ARKANSANS SAVED.**

(From the Gazette's Correspondent.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Committee on Public Information at Washington has announced the following survivors of the Tuscania disaster, in addition to the list published in yesterday's Gazette:

Silas L. Waits, Amity.

Lef Jackson, Celito.

Alvin P. Cherry, Crowley.

John Richardson, Junction City.

Velvin R. Herndon, Lewisville.

Russell H. Rowe, Lepanto.

Ralph A. Kramer, R. F. D. No. 3, Alma.

Horace Cox, Babell.

Grover C. Edington, Milner.

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

## REPORT ARRIVAL OF ARKANSANS

According to a report issued from the New York office of the War Camp Community Service, 34 Arkansans have arrived at Debarkation Hospital No. 3, Atlantic Division, from overseas since June 1. Their names and addresses are:

Sergeant Robert A. Adams, Republic; Corporal Earl Moore, Clarksville; George W. Chrisp, Augusta; William T. Vinson, Grubbs; James P. Thomas, Pine Bluff; Marshall Thomas, R. F. D. No. 7, Little Rock; Marvin C. Balcom, Prairie Grove; Henry Smith, Washington; Orville Armstrong, Draft; Luther Boone, Bricks; James Rogers, El Dorado; Howard Smith, Waldo; Joseph T. Sarr, Mayflower; Joseph H. Reed, Horatio; Mark Noble, Crossett; Ross V. Hall, Rogers; James M. Harper, White; Jeff Starnes, Barton; Walter Sinks, Lepanto; Clifford Millard, Belleville; Harris Poe, Henter; Sam Hendrix, Biscoe; John R. Darter, Fisher; Grady Darnhart, Morrilton; William F. Wilson, Denton; Henry Weidner, Stuttgart; John White, Grady; Silas Waits, Amity; Hollis Cowan, Pangburn; Homer Bullard, Wanniger; George W. Jones, Seranton; Floyd Hatches, Marion, and James Schmid, Jonesboro.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Monday 9 Jun 1919 p 8

## ◆ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS ◆

*(List of Warranty Deeds filed for record, reported daily by Greer Abstract Company.)*

B E. Schriener to C. F. Roberts, 80 A. in 17-14-28, \$1 and exchange.

Henry C. Porter to Silas L. Waits et ux, 10 A. in 6-16-30, \$2500.

"Fayetteville (AR) Daily Democrat" Thursday 10 Jul 1924 p 6

## **BOY DROWNS IN SPRING.**

**Missing From Home Two Hours.  
He Is Found in Shallow Water.**

Stilwell, Kas.—Wayne Wesley Powell, 2-year-old boy, Friday was found drowned in a small spring two hours after he had wandered away from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Powell, who live on a farm two and a half miles from here. The spring is in a meadow of the farm.

The child was missed shortly after 10 o'clock and his mother and grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Waits, Stilwell, searched for him until shortly after noon, when he was found face downward in the spring. He had drowned in less than a foot of water. The family moved to the farm November 3.

Drowning death of Silas's step-grandson – "Weekly Kansas City (MO) Star" Wednesday 25 Nov 1936 p 3

### **TO HELM OF LEGION POST.**

**George W. Wampler Is Kiely-Kaney Commander.**

New officers of the Kiely-Kaney post of the American Legion are George W. Wampler, commander; Jack S. Cooke, Albert F. Morton and Silas L. Waits, vice-commanders; Manford Rogers, adjutant; Paul Abrahams, finance officer; Terrance W. Imes, chaplain; Lawrence W. Kelley, sergeant at arms, and Charles C. Carroll, historian.

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Thursday 13 Jul 1950 p 15

Wife Laura Mae Roop Willis:

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Logan COUNTY, IN COUNTY COURT.

To Any Person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. John Willis of Logan County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma, aged 27 years, and  
 Miss Mae Roop of Logan County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma, aged 21 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, at Logan in said County, this 9th day of March  
 A. D. 1914

\_\_\_\_\_  
 County Judge.

J. H. Polgreen  
 Clerk County Court.

Recorded this 9 day of March 1914

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**CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Logan COUNTY, ss.

I, J. A. Reed Justice of the Peace  
 of Logan County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify  
 that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 10th day of  
March A. D. 1914, at 8 o'clock A.M. in Logan County, State of  
 Oklahoma, in the presence of W. B. Antney of Logan  
 and J. A. Roop of Logan

J. A. Reed J.P.

Returned and Recorded this 10 day of March 1914

J. H. Polgreen  
 Clerk



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## MARRIAGE RECORD.

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, LeFlore COUNTY, IN COUNTY COURT.

I, Sam Willis, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to  
 M Sam Willis, aged 27 years, whose residence is Oklahoma  
 State of Okl. and Mae Mae Roof, aged 21 years, whose  
 residence is Leaving, State of Okl., and for the purpose of procuring the same, do solemnly  
 swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly  
 and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation,  
 nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 27 years of age, and reside at  
Oklahoma, County of LeFlore, State of Okl.  
Sam Willis Applicant.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March 1914  
W. H. Polge County Judge.  
W. H. Polge Clerk County Court.

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, named in the above  
 application as being of the age of \_\_\_\_\_ years, do hereby consent to \_\_\_\_\_ marriage to \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ Oklahoma, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian.


STATE OF OKLAHOMA, \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ss.  
 BEFORE ME, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ in and for said County  
 and State, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is me known to be the identical  
 person who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the same as \_\_\_\_\_ free  
 and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.  
 WITNESS my hand and official seal, the day and date above written.  
 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Marriage of Laura Mae Roof to Sam Willis 10 Mar 1914 Le Flore Co. OK -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61379/images/TH-1-159393-902678-43?pld=963377242>

Wife Betty Downey

**BETTY F. WAITS**

Betty F. Waits, 83, passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2007 in Boonville, Mo. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 26 at Newcomer's White Chapel, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. at the chapel. Burial in Fort Leavenworth Cemetery. (Arr. Newcomer's White Chapel 816-452-8419)



Obituary of Betty Downey Waits – "Kansas City (MO) Star" Thursday 25 Oct 2007 p 23

Children:

**SILAS WAITS, JR.**

Silas Lee Waits, jr., 22, of 3323 Wyandotte, died Monday at St. Luke's hospital. He was a lifelong resident here. He was a senior at the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in business administration. Mr. Waits was a member of Calvary Baptist church. He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas L. Waits, sr., and a brother, William F. Waits, all of the home, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Downey, 5611 Woodland. Services will be at 1 o'clock Friday at the Newcomer chapel, Brush Creek and the Paseo; burial in Memorial Park cemetery.

Obituary of son Silas Lee Waits, Jr. - "Kansas City (MO) Times" Thursday 8 Feb 1968 p 63





**TWO BOYS WERE GRADUATED** last night from the R. J. DeLano school for handicapped youngsters. Gerald Allen Dearing (left) and Silas Lee Waits, jr., received their diplomas in wheelchairs.

### Win DeLano Diplomas.

Two students from the R. J. DeLano school for crippled chil-

dren also were graduated during Central's ceremonies.

They were Gerald Allen Dearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Dearing, 7535 Charlotte street, and Silas Lee Waits, jr., whose parents live at 3323 Wyandotte street.

Gerald, who suffers from cerebral palsy, entered the school in 1948, and Silas entered in 1955 after his legs were paralyzed by an accidental gunshot.

Both boys received their diplomas in wheelchairs.

"Kansas City (MO) Times" Thursday 6 Jun 1963 p 8

## The Pupils Wait for His Order to Cross.



**T**OO young to go to the George B. Longan school is this youthful volunteer patrolman, Silas L. Waits, Jr., 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas L. Waits, 3318 Robert Gillham road. Completely outfitted with a policeman-type cap, badge, whistle and toy pistol, the boy has been on the job for more than a year as an unsolicited assistant to W. P. Kanally, 3316 Harrison street, patrol-

man assigned to the intersection at Thirty-fourth street and Gillham. Weather is no barrier to Silas who makes his appearance three times a day throughout the winter months despite any extreme cold or snowy conditions. As shown here, Silas holds back the children on the sidewalk until the traffic thins out a little. Then, with Kanally, he stands in the middle of the intersection, whistle in his

mouth and both arms outstretched in a protective manner as the youngsters cross the street. He remains at the post during the morning rush hour, at noon when the children go home to lunch and again in the afternoon when school is out. "I want to be a policeman when I grow up," the boy said today—(Kansas City Star photograph).

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Friday 23 Sep 1949 p 5

## BULLET WOUNDS BOY.

**Silas Waits, Jr., 9, Injured at Home of a Friend.**

A 9-year-old boy suffered a bullet wound in the right part of his chest shortly before noon while visiting with a friend at 225 East Thirty-third street.

Critically injured was Silas Waits, jr., 3318 Robert Gillham road. He was at the home of Freddy Lindsey, 11, of 225 East Thirty-third street. Silas was taken to the General hospital.

Freddy told Kenneth Clark, patrolman, he was handling a .38-caliber pistol while talking with Silas in the living room of his home. He said the weapon accidentally discharged a single bullet.

Mrs. Martin Newberg, the mother of Freddy, said the pistol had been kept in the living room as a precaution against prowlers. Her husband works at night.

Mrs. Newberg and her husband were at a neighborhood drug store when the injury occurred. Freddy called police and an ambulance.

Parents of Silas Jr.'s friend Freddy Lindsey left their 11-year-old son & 9-year-old Silas alone in house with a loaded pistol in the living room – Silas Jr. was paralyzed from gunshot wound to the chest – “Kansas City (MO) Star” Saturday 18 Aug 1954 p 1

**FEAR FOR BULLET VICTIM.****Silas Waits, Jr., Still Is in a  
Critical Condition.**

Silas Waits, jr., 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Waits, 3318 Robert Gillham road, who was shot in the chest Saturday while he was playing at the home of a young friend, remained in critical condition today at the General hospital.

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Monday 30 Aug 1954 p 3

*United Campaign Helps Your Neighbors.*  
**He Walks Again After a Crippling  
 Gunshot at Play.**

**T**HREE years ago 12-year-old Silas Waits, jr., and a friend were playing with a .38 caliber revolver and it was accidentally discharged. The bullet pierced the boy's spinal cord and he lost the use of his legs. Through the weary months since then he has had to learn to walk again, to get up when he falls down and to climb up and down stairs with his waist-high braces and crutches. The United Campaign has aided him through the Rehabilitation Institute, 3600 Troost avenue. Silas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Waits, 3318 Robert Gillham plaza, is shown being helped down a practice flight of shallow steps at the institute by Daryl Conger, a physical therapist. The 116 agencies aided by the United Campaign cover all types of assistance. The agencies:

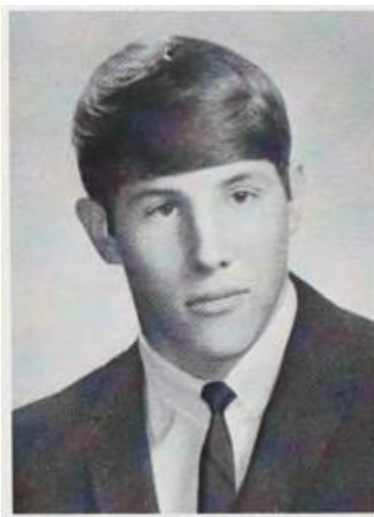


"Kansas City (MO) Star" Friday 1 Nov 1957 p 11



**MAKING A CERAMIC ASH TRAY** at the Rotary camp near Lake Jacomo is Silas Waits, jr., 3323 Wyandotte street, who is confined to a wheel chair because of a weapons accident several years ago. His instructor (left), is Donald Halbert, 5107 East Twenty-third street, an Eagle Scout although he is a polio victim. Watching are Michael Gough, 7504 Robinson street, Overland Park, who is deaf, and Burt Davis, 4035 Prospect avenue, another instructor.

"Kansas City (MO) Star" Friday 29 Jun 1962 p 4





Son William Freemont Waits (1949-2021) – Westport High School yearbook 1967 (Kansas City MO) - [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/554110141:1265?tid=&pid=&queryId=96a932413da707d967dbe820cac1adc6&\\_phsrc=hFB65627&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/554110141:1265?tid=&pid=&queryId=96a932413da707d967dbe820cac1adc6&_phsrc=hFB65627&_phstart=successSource)

Stepdaughter:

## G. INMAN OBITUARY

**G.** Lorraine (Powell) Inman, 94, went to be with her Lord, March 7, 2011 at Blue River Care Center. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday, March 11 at Park Lawn Funeral Home, 8251 Hillcrest Rd. Private graveside services will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Lorraine was born October 16, 1916 in Page, OK to Sam Willis and Laura Mae Roope Willis. She lived most of her life in the Kansas City area and was a member of Prairie Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by son, Wayne Jr., husbands Wayne Wesley Powell and Donald Inman. She leaves her children, Debbie Powell O'Hare and husband Gail, Jim Powell and wife Cheryl, Jerry Powell and wife Carole and Janet Fleener; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-three great grandchildren and one on the way and seven great-great grandchildren. (Arrangements: Park Lawn Funeral Home 523-1234).

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obituary of stepdaughter Gola Lorraine Willis Powell  
Inman <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/kansascity/name/g-inman-obituary?id=4408366>

# Gola Lorraine Powell

## in the Indiana, U.S., Marriage Certificates, 1960-2012

Name:	Gola Lorraine Powell [Gola Lorraine Willis]
Gender:	Female
Age:	72
Birth Date:	abt 1917
Birth Place:	Oklahoma
Marriage Date:	10 Jun 1989
Marriage Place:	Bloomington, Monroe, Indiana, USA
Marriage Registration Date:	1989
Description:	Marion-St. Joseph
Reference Number 1:	Bx1448
Reference Number 2:	Tr8527
Father:	<a href="#">Sam Willis</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Laura Willis</a>
Spouse:	<a href="#">Donald Eugene Inman</a>
Box Number:	3h
Volume Number:	NA
Certificate Number:	89-019272

[https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61009&h=900814309&tid=&pid=&queryId=2c384b8ce3607579e4c3e046ebc764f3&usePUB=true&\\_phsrc=hFB65623&\\_phstart=successSource](https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=61009&h=900814309&tid=&pid=&queryId=2c384b8ce3607579e4c3e046ebc764f3&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB65623&_phstart=successSource)

Father:

## OBITUARY

W. F. Waits

W. F. Waits, age 82 years, died at his home in Amity Thursday morning. He had been a citizen of Amity 30 years and was formerly in the timber business for the Caddo River Lumber Company, of Bosboro. He is survived by his wife, four sons, C. R. Waits, Little Rock, S. L. Waits of Kansas City, Mo. H. C. Waits of Kilgore, Texas, R. W. Waits of Havenor, Okla. one step-son S. E. Woodard of Glenwood, two daughters, Mrs. James Penick, Mobile, Ala., Mrs. M. L. Grover, Sacramento, Calif., one step-daughter, Mrs. L. D. Williams, Forester. Aick Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon in charge of the Rev. John A. Newell, pastor of the M. E. Church and the Rev. A. S. Whitlow, pastor of the Amity Baptist church. Burial was in Jones Cemetery.

We join a host of friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Obituary of father William Fillmore Waits – Find A Grave 13898138

Siblings:

Registration District No. 529 ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
Primary Registration District No. 313 **CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** 58 000930

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
a. COUNTY Pulaski  
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION FEB 3 1958  
c. Little Rock  
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 614 Ash  
e. IN PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission)  
a. STATE Arkansas  
b. COUNTY PULASKI  
c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Little Rock  
d. STREET ADDRESS 614 Ash  
e. IN RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☐ f. IN RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☐

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First C. Middle Randolph Last Waites  
4. DATE OF DEATH Month January Day 20 Year 1958  
5. SEX male 6. COLOR OR RACE white 7. Married ☐ Never Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐  
8. DATE OF BIRTH 10-16-1886 9. AGE (in years, months, days) If Under 1 Year: Months 10 Days 16 If Under 24 Hours: Hours 10 Min. 16

10a. Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Oil Dealer 10b. Kind of Business or Industry Warren, Arkansas 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) USA 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

13. FATHER'S NAME William F. Waites 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Mary Alice Woodard  
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) 16. Social Security No. 17. INFORMANT Mrs. Mattie W. Waites, Little Rock

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Note: only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)  
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:  
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral thrombosis  
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) Cerebral thrombosis DUE TO (c) -  
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Contributing to death but Not Related to the Terminal Disease Condition Given in Part I (a) Arteriosclerosis  
20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED: (State nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) 25  
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour 25 Month 25 Day 25 Year 25  
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE ☐ NOT WHILE ☐ AT WORK ☐ 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about house, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) 25  
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Little Rock, Arkansas COUNTY CLARK STATE AR

21. I attended the deceased from May 55 to 12-20-58 and last saw him alive on 12/20/58  
Death occurred at home on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.  
22a. SIGNATURE John L. Smart (degree or title) 22b. SIGNATURE John L. Smart 22c. DATE SIGNED 1/24/59

23a. Burial, cremation, removal, (Specify) Burial 23b. DATE 1-22-58 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Roselawn 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Little Rock, Arkansas (State)  
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Drummond Funeral Home, Little Rock ADDRESS 2-3-58 25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. 2-3-58 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE John L. Smart (State)

AR death record of brother **Charles Randolph Waites (1886-1958)** -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61777/images/61777\\_01\\_00240-00918?pld=730980](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61777/images/61777_01_00240-00918?pld=730980)

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
(Coupon to be Detached by County Clerk and Forwarded to State Registrar Vital Statistics, State Capitol)

State of Arkansas  
County of Clark  
I, Martin L. Grover of Amity  
County of Clark State of Arkansas  
Age 26 Nationality American and  
I, Lena C. Waits of Amity  
County of Clark State of Arkansas  
Age 21 Nationality American  
1st day of July 19 18.

T.H. Smart County Clerk  
CC Stoker Deputy County Clerk

Marriage of **sister Lena Claire Waites (1898-1977)** to 1<sup>st</sup> husband, Martin Lewis Grover -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/48610:61775?tid=&pid=&queryId=844656fc7ed081e9201f51a02b41a048&phsrc=hFB65619&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/48610:61775?tid=&pid=&queryId=844656fc7ed081e9201f51a02b41a048&phsrc=hFB65619&_phstart=successSource)



Lena Claire Waites & Martin Lewis Grover - [https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/170618335/person/212212270400/media/0e326c1e-91a5-4755-a292-8054a11be980?\\_phsrc=hFB65620&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/170618335/person/212212270400/media/0e326c1e-91a5-4755-a292-8054a11be980?_phsrc=hFB65620&_phstart=successSource)



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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

**DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE** (Do Not Write in This Space)

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County Pike Co  
City or Town Pike City  
Street No. or Rural Route \_\_\_\_\_

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH Lena Claire Waites

3. Is Child Male or Female? Female 4. What is Child's color or race? White 5. What was date of Child's Birth? Sept 21 1898  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

6. Father's Full Name W F Waites 11. Mother's Maiden Name Mary Alice Holloway  
7. Where was Father living at the time of this birth? Pike City 12. Where was Mother living at the time of this birth? Pike City  
8. What is Father's color? White 9. What was Father's age at time of birth? 41 yrs. 13. What is Mother's color? White 14. What was Mother's age at time of birth? 39 yrs.  
15. In what State or Country was Father born? Arkansas 16. In what State or Country was Mother born? Arkansas  
17. Number of Children born to this Mother up to and including this child? 10

**AFFIDAVIT**  
State of Arkansas  
County of Pike

I hereby swear under oath in full knowledge of the penalties of the law for false statement that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as Brother  
(Attending physician, midwife, parent, or person at least twelve years older having knowledge of birth) and my present age is 70 years.  
(Signed) S E Woodard  
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1951  
Bugman B. Roberts  
(Notary Public or Other Official Empowered to Administer Oaths)

My Commission Expires October 4, 1953  
(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Filed May 21 - 1951 J. J. Herron, M.D. State Registrar

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
This is a permanent record and must be written in UNFADING INK. Certificates in pencil will be REFUSED.  
ALL THE QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.  
IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE to make a false statement on this Record Form VS-840

AR delayed birth record of Lena Claire Waites -

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Half-siblings:





Half-sister Effie Lula Woodard Williams (1878-1952) & husband Louis Delliott Williams -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/10973184/person/1603578460/media/f53e065f-d42f-443b-a7fa-744588512dfd>

*D. J. W. Kennedy*

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. *85* STATE FILE NO. *6347*

Primary Registration District No. *2048*

1. PLACE OF DEATH & COUNTY <i>Clark</i>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <i>Ark</i> b. COUNTY <i>Clark</i>	
3. CITY (if outside corporate limits, give township) <i>Arkadelphia</i>	4. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place)	5. CITY (if outside corporate limits, give township) <i>Arkadelphia</i>	6. STREET ADDRESS (if rural, give location) <i>617-93rd St</i>
7. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <i>Clark Memorial</i>		8. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <i>June 8-1952</i>	
9. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) <i>Effie Lula Woodard Williams</i>		10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) <i>Feb 16/1878</i>	
11. SEX <i>Female</i>	12. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	13. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <i>Married</i>	14. AGE (Months) (Days) (Hours) (Min.) <i>74</i>
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work, omitting most of morning hours if retired) <i>Housewife</i>		16. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <i>Waver Ark</i>	
17. FATHER'S NAME <i>William Woodard</i>		18. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <i>Mary Alice Lion</i>	
19. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service)		20. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
21. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)  *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		22. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* <i>Cerebral Hemorrhage -</i> II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Antecedent Causes <i>Respiratory Failure</i> <i>Bacteremia</i>	
23. DATE OF OPERATION		24. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
25. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE (Specify)	26. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	27. CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP (County) (State)	28. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Minute) OF INJURY <i>1940</i>	30. INJURY OCCURRED AT a. While At Work <input type="checkbox"/> b. Not While At Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? <i>Heart</i>	
32. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <i>3-2</i> TO <i>Death</i> , AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT <i>3-2</i> H. FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.			
33. SIGNATURE <i>D. J. W. Kennedy</i>	34. NAME OF CERTIFIER OR CREMATORY <i>W. H. Crawford</i>	35. ADDRESS <i>Arkadelphia, Ark</i>	36. DATE SIGNED <i>6/8/52</i>
37. BURIAL (Name) <i>Buried</i>	38. DATE <i>6/9/52</i>	39. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <i>Rose Hill</i>	40. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <i>Arkadelphia, Clark, Ark</i>
41. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <i>7-14-52</i>	42. SIGNATURE <i>Baruch Lion</i>	43. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Murray's</i>	44. ADDRESS <i>Arkadelphia, Ark</i>

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AR death record of Effie Lula Woodard Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/641014:61777>

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Waits, Silas Lee (Sr.)**

Name variations: Waites

**Military:**

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

Serial number: 250,902

Entered service from: Amity, Clark or Howard Co. AR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Silas L. Waits

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. M.A. Waits, Amity AR

Returned from war on: "Saxonia" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Silas Waits

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. S. Waits, Amity AR (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Silas Lee Waita/Waits - b. 5 Mar 1891 Warren AR; res: Walton, Harvey KS. Single. Teamster, Mrs. T.L. Campbell, Warren AR. Claimed exemption from draft: "broken arm" – tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Amity AR

World War II draft registration (1942): as Silas Lee Waits - b. 5 Mar 1891 Warren AR; res: 5814 Prospect, Kansas City MO. NOK Lara May Waits, same address. Employed by Emery Bird Thayer, 11<sup>th</sup> & Walnut at its "warehouse," 16<sup>th</sup> & Walnut. "shattered right elbow" – height: 6' – 180 lbs.



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emery,\\_Bird,\\_Thayer\\_Dry\\_Goods\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emery,_Bird,_Thayer_Dry_Goods_Company)

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917  
 Discharged: 12 Jun 1919  
 Address: Amity AR  
 Rank/unit: private, 18<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Mar 1890 (tombstone) or 5 Mar 1891 (WWI draft) Warren, Bradley AR  
 Died: 29 Jun 1973 Wadsworth, Leavenworth Co. KS (Veterans Administration)  
 Find A Grave record: 3666451 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text  
 Burial location: Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth KS  
 Cemetery: Fort Leavenworth  
 Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Arkansas Pvt US Army WWI

Father: William Fillmore Waites, 16 Feb 1857 Bradley Co. AR – 31 May 1939 Amity, Clark AR. Son of James W. Waites & Amanda Minerva Reynolds. Buried in Jones Cemetery, Amity, Clark AR.  
 Find A Grave: 13898138

Mother: Mary Alice Holloway Woodard Waites, 31 Dec 1859 Bradley Co. AR – 9 Jan 1940 Amity, Clark AR. Daughter of George W. Holloway & Rebecca Hickman.  
 First married to William Edward (Billy) Woodard, on 30 Aug 1874 Bradley Co. AR. William was born 1856 in Warren, Bradley AR & died 1884. He was the son of Stephen Clark Woodward (F: 232259754) & Mary Elizabeth Hairston. William & Mary's son was Stephen Woodard (1880-1952).  
 Buried in Jones Cemetery, Amity, Clark AR.  
 Find A Grave: 13898125  
 Parents' marriage: 3 Dec 1882 Warren, Bradley AR

Spouse: Laura Mae Roop/Roope Willis Wade Shanahan, 8 May 1892 Talihinia, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory [later OK] – 2 Aug 1974 Heavener, Le Flore OK. Daughter of Abner Fulton Roop & Mary Bell Lowrimore.  
 Mae Roop married Sam Willis on 10 Mar 1914 in Le Flore Co. OK. She was age 21. Sam Willis was born 7 Aug 1886 in Polk Co. AR & died 16 May 1951 in OK. He was the son of Andrew Tobias & Sarah Willis.  
 Married Samuel Maurice Shanahan (Shannahan). Buried as Laura Mae Shanahan in Memorial Park Cemetery, Heavener, Le Flore OK.  
 Spouse Find A Grave: 64675415  
 Marriage: As Silas Waites, married Mrs. L.M. Willis on 31 May 1920 in Polk Co. AR. Both were residents of Amity, Clark AR. Silas was age 29, she was age 26.

Spouse: Betty F. Downey Waits, 19 Feb 1924 Adrian, Bates MO – 23 Oct 2007 Boonville, Cooper MO. SSN 496-24-8828. Daughter of Ralph Fremont Downey (1902-1976, F: 107804497) & Opal Waunita Kelley (1905-1968, F: 107804746). In the 1940 census, Silas's future wife Betty is still living with her parents.

Surviving widow of Silas. Buried in Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Leavenworth KS.

Spouse Find A Grave: 72727295

Marriage:

Children: by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Betty Downey

- Silas Lee Waits, Jr., 7 Jun 1945 Kansas City, Jackson MO - 5 Feb 1918 Kansas City, Jackson MO. Died at age 22, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of Tuscania, while a senior at the University of MO, Columbia, majoring in business administration. He had paraplegia, having been shot 13 years before his death. Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson MO. F: 198852099
- William Freemont Waits, 6 Mar 1949 MO – 17 Oct 2021. Captain in the US Marine Corps in Vietnam. Buried in Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Leavenworth KS. F: 233653860
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Stepdaughter: child of Silas's wife Laura Mae Roop by her 1<sup>st</sup> husband, Sam Willis

- Gola Lorraine Willis (Waites) Powell Inman, 16 Oct 1916 Page, Le Flore OK – 7 Mar 2011 Kansas City, Jackson MO. Married in 1935 to Wayne Willis Powell (1916-1973, F: 234231228). – Gola Lorraine Powell married 10 Jun 1989 in Bloomingdale, Monroe IN to Donald Eugene Inman. – Buried as G. Lorraine Willis Inman in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson MO. F: 66628922

Siblings:

- James Oscar Waites, 10 Nov 1885 Warren, Bradley AR – 5 Mar 1939 Fort Smith, Sebastian AR. – Married 19 Aug 1908 in Hot Spring AR to Maude A. Law (1890-1921). - Married 27 May 1923 in Sevier Co. AR to Anna Jane Mitchell Waites Cramer (1900-1967, F: 99292325). – Buried in Lodi Cemetery, Pike Co. AR. F: 46731623
- Charles Randolph Waites, 16 Oct 1886 Warren, Bradley AR – 20 Jan 1958 Little Rock, Pulaski AR. Resident of Little Rock AR when his father died in May 1939. Married 27 Jun 1909 in Pike Co. AR to Mattie Winnie Baker. Buried in Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock, Pulaski AR but not on Find A Grave as of 24 May 2023.
- Willie E. Waites, 1888 AR – 1889. According to her tombstone, “died from a burn.” Buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Warren, Bradley AR. F: 112951009
- Herbert Clyde Waites, 19 Sep 1892 Warren, Bradley AR – 3 Apr 1967 Shreveport, Caddo Parish LA. WWI veteran. Married 18 Sep 1922 in Pike Co. AR to Alma Gertrude Campbell (1900-1974, F: 39720354), the daughter of John Lovett Campbell & Mary Ellen Barentine. Buried in Bear Creek Cemetery, Kirby, Pike AR. F: 39720292
- Estha (“Ester”) Waites Penick, 7 Dec 1894 Bradley Co. AR – 6 Aug 1985 Mobile, Mobile AL. AR birth record lists her name as Carl Estha, the 8<sup>th</sup> child of her mother. Married James Eagle (“Jim”) Penick Sr. (1890-1953 VA), son of John E. Penick & Cordelia Thomas, whom she married 27 Dec 1914 in Prescott Co. AR. James died of

multiple burns near Eastville, Northampton VA when his “house burned down with him in it.” He is buried in Johnsontown Cemetery, Johnsontown VA but is not on Find A Grave. – She is listed as Mrs. James Penick of Mobile AL in her father’s May 1939 obituary. Buried in Pine Crest Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile AL. F: 48486985

- Lena Claire Waites Grover Lewis, 21 Sep 1896 Pike City, Pike AR – 5 Sep 1977 Contra Costa Co. CA. – Married Martin Lewis Grover (1891-1950, F: 139355671) on 1 Jul 1918 in Clark Co. AR. As Mrs. M.L. Grover, was a resident of Sacramento CA in her father’s May 1939 obituary. – Married George F. Lewis (1892-1972, F: 167870520). Buried with surname Lewis in Camellia Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Sacramento, Sacramento CA, F: 167870567.
- Roy Wilson Waits, 11 Feb 1900 Pike Co. AR – 19 Sep 1944 Fort Smith, Sebastian AR. Resident of Heavener OK when his father died in May 1939. – Married 17 Jun 1923 in Sevier Co. AR to Helen Birdie Snell (1908 AR – 1981 CA). Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Heavener, Le Flore OK. F: 65988571

Half-siblings: by his mother’s 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to William E. Woodard

- Stephen Edward (Steve) Woodard, 9 Jun 1880 Bradley Co. AR – 30 Apr 1952 Glenwood, Pike AR. Resident of Glenwood AR in May 1939. Married to Amy. Died of a gunshot wound to the chest. Buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Glenwood, Pike AR. F: 81219685
- Effie Lula Woodward Williams, 16 Feb 1878 Warren, Bradley AR – 8 Jun 1952 Glenwood, Pike AR. – Married to Louis Dellott (DeElliott) Williams (1878-1959, F: 6862395) whom she married 25 Aug 1897 in Warren, Bradley AR. Listed as Mrs. L.D. Williams, stepdaughter living in Forester AR, in William Waites’s May 1939 obituary. – Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Arkadelphia, Clark AR. F: 6862399

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 487-01-7701

Censuses:

1900 Pike, Pike AR – conducted 13 Jun 1900

William WEIGHTS, 42 AR, Feb 1858, parents b. AR, married 17 years, day laborer, saw mill



Alice, 40 AR, Dec 1859, parents b. AR, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living  
 Osker, 19 AR, Jun 1880, day laborer, saw mill  
 Randolph, 13 AR, Oct 1886, at school  
 Silors, 9 AR, Mar 1890, at school  
 Hurbert, 7 AR, Sep 1892, at school  
 Ester, 5 AR, Dec 1894  
 Lena, 3 AR, Sep 1896  
 Roy, 3 months AR, Feb 1900

1910 Amity, Clark AR  
 William Waites, 52 AR, father b. AL, mother b. AR, married 24 years, contractor, logs for mill  
 Mary, 51 AR, parents b. AR, gave birth to 11 children, 9 are living  
 Roy, 11 AR  
 Lena, 13 AR  
 Ester, 15 AR  
 Herbert, 17 AR, laborer, log camp

1920 Amity, Clark AR  
 W.F. WATTS, 63 AR, parents b. AR, marshal, Army  
 Mary, 62 AR, parents b. AR  
 Silas L., 29 AR, single, team foreman, saw mill

1930 census Kansas City, Jackson MO – 606-608 W. 32<sup>nd</sup>  
 Silas Waits, 36 AR, father b. AR, mother b. AL, age 25 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, chauffeur, dry goods company, WWI veteran  
 Laura M., 35 OK, father b. IN, mother b. AL, laundress, coat factory  
 Loraine, 13 OK, father b. AR, mother b. OK [listed as daughter but Gola Loraine Woodard is his stepdaughter]

1930 Amity, Clark AR – Hickory St. – parents & sister  
 William F. Waites, 72 AR, father b. AL, mother b. AR, gardener, private home  
 Mary A., 71 AR, parents b. AR [wife]  
 Martin L. Grover, 37 MI, age 27 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, mechanic, shop [son-in-law]  
 Lena C. Grover, 32 AR, age 21 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [daughter]  
 & 2 Grover children

1940 Kansas City, Jackson MO – 5814 Prospect Ave. – same place in 1935  
 Silas Lee Waits, 50 AR, driver, department store  
 Mae, 48 OK

1950 Kansas City, Jackson MO – 3218 Giftham Plaza  
 Silas L. Waits, 59 R, lift truck operator, plant (?) concrete blocks  
 Betty F., 26 MO

Silas L., 4 MO

William F., 1 month MO