

# TUSCANIA

**Wiggin, Gilbert Henry**  
**1887 MN – 1960 TX**



Gilbert Henry Wiggin – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 10 Feb 1918 p 2



Gilbert Henry Wiggin, University of Minnesota yearbook, 1913 –  
[https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/39757573/person/232201424764/media/14ef6232-de61-4127-a480-ee7d68b81535?\\_phsrc=hFB68841&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/39757573/person/232201424764/media/14ef6232-de61-4127-a480-ee7d68b81535?_phsrc=hFB68841&_phstart=successSource)



GILBERT H. WIGGIN,  
Minneapolis.  
Forestry East High  
Forestry Club—Athenian Literary  
Society—Gopher Staff.  
*Used to be a student,—but  
alas what a fall!*

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# Gilbert Henry Wiggin

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Name **Gilbert Henry Wiggin**  
 Birth Date **1 Aug 1887**  
 Birthplace **Hassan, Hennepin, Minn**  
 Father's Name **None None**  
 Father's Sex **Male**  
 Father's Birthplace **United States**  
 Mother's Name **H C Wiggin**  
 Mother's Sex **Female**  
 Mother's Birthplace **England**  
 Spouse's Name **Mabel H Wiggin**  
 Event Type **Military Service**  
 Event Place **Minnesota, United States**

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QY74-5NPZ>

WIGGIN GILBERT HENRY		11-18-60 XC 14 885 075	
1st Sgt 17 Co 20 Eng		K 242 792	
Tower Minn		A 3 293 044	
Ssn 250 680	Died 11-14-60	T 532 756	
Born 8/1/87		R	
Enl 12/13/17	Dis 6/8/19	Cl. 2 357 350	
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## Graveside Rites Set For Wiggin

Graveside funeral services for Gilbert Henry Wiggin, 73, of 900 N. Adrian, are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Wiggin was found slumped in his automobile about 1:15 p.m. Monday in the 3100-block of Amherst. Justice of the Peace Raymond Land gave an inquest verdict of death due to a heart attack.

Officiating at funeral services will be the Rev. David Zacharias, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Burial will be under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

A native of Minnesota, Wiggin had worked for several years at the University of Kentucky at an experiment station.

He is survived by a daughter, Alice Wiggin, of the home.

Obituary of Gilbert Henry Wiggin - "Lubbock [TX] Avalanche-Journal" Wednesday 16 November 1960, p 4



STATE OF TEXAS *153-01-3 153-01* CERTIFICATE OF DEATH *4344 26* STATE FILE NO. *67333*

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Lubbock</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Lubbock</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Lubbock</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Lubbock</b>	
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <b>2 Yrs.</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>906 Adrian St.</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>D.O.A. West Texas Hospital</b>		e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <b>Gilbert</b> (b) Middle <b>Henry</b> (c) Last <b>Wiggin</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>Nov. 14, 1960</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Aug. 1, 1887</b>
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>73</b>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done, even if retired) <b>Forrester</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done, even if retired) <b>Forrester</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>State Experiment Sta. Minn.</b>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>U. S. A.</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U. S. A.</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Jonathan D. Wiggin</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Heddie T. Parslow</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, give date of service) <input type="checkbox"/> (No, give date of service) <input type="checkbox"/>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>Elizabeth Wiggin</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Elizabeth Wiggin</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Heart Attack</b> DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____	
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a) <b>NO</b>		19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? <b>NO</b>	
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18) <b>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REC'D DEC 16 1960 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b>	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <b>1:15</b> Minute <b>XX</b> Month <b>11</b> Day <b>14</b> Year <b>60</b>		20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>Lubbock</b>		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Lubbock</b>	
20g. COUNTY <b>Lubbock</b>		20h. STATE <b>Texas</b>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from on <b>dead 11-14</b> 19 <b>60</b> Death occurred at <b>1:15 P</b> m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		22. ADDRESS <b>Old Courthouse, Lubbock</b>	
22a. SIGNATURE <b>J.P. Sanders</b> (Degree or title) <b>J.P.</b>		22b. DATE SIGNED <b>11-17-60</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>		23b. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>City of Lubbock Cemetery</b>	
23c. DATE <b>Nov. 16, 1960</b>		23d. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Sanders Funeral Home</b>	
23e. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Lubbock</b>		23f. STATE <b>Texas</b>	
24a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>978</b>		24b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>NOVEMBER 23, 1960</b>	
24c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Laveria Law - Esq. A.R.C.</b>		24d. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Laveria Law - Esq. A.R.C.</b>	

TX death record of Filbert Henry Wiggin - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/771482559:2272>

Life:

# Board Accepts O'Bannon Note

## U. K. Trustees Order No Change In His Status

Members of the University of Kentucky board of trustees at their meeting in the offices of President Frank L. McVey accepted the apology of Prof. Lester S. O'Bannon in regard to the University's recent building program, but made no change in his status as a member of the Experiment Station faculty.

Professor O'Bannon, in a letter sent the board two weeks ago, expressed regret at the choice of words in a previous letter and asked that he be restored to "my rightful place in the College of Engineering."

The trustees today also approved several appointments, made several promotions, granted several leaves of absences and accepted several resignations.

Among the resignations was that of Miss Bess Parry, secretary to the dean of men, who will be succeeded by Miss Jean Abel of Lexington, a University graduate.

Miss Evelyn Merrell, former advertising manager in a store here and more recently similarly engaged at Nashville, was appointed to the registrar's staff and will return to Lexington to reside.

Miss Kathleen Shedd, Smith College graduate, was named head resident at Boyd hall, U. K. women's dormitory. No successor has yet been chosen for Miss Jeannette Scudder, who resigned as director of University residence halls to become dean of women at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.

Dr. John W. Manning, of the political science department, was granted leave of absence for the 1940-41 school year in order that he may do special research with the National Institute of Public Affairs at Washington, D. C. Leave also was granted Miss Laura Deephouse, of the home economics department, for the next school year.

New appointments included: Mary Miller, Campbellsville, reviser in the library science department of the University library; Mrs. Katherine O. Martin, Louisville, part-time graduate assistant in social work; Irwin T. Sanders, assistant professor of psychology; Frances Ray, clerk in the Department of Farm Economics; Charles M. Aull, F. W. Atkinson, C. V. Lyle, Robert F. Anderson, A. L. Bertrand, Wendell C. Binkley, Robert Booton, Daniel E. Clark, Albert I. Eads, Samuel J. Orr Jr., Robert W. Rudd, Julian L. Smith, Edward Webster, graduate assistants in marketing; C. M. Clark, assistant professor in markets; G. H. Wiggin, instructor in forestry.

Edmond S. Hodge, who this summer will receive his doctorate from Ohio State University, assistant chemist and spectroscopist in the

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"Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader" Friday 7 Jun 1940 p 5

# Thar's Timber Gold In Our Wastelands

**Experimentation of 15 years,  
on eroded hills too steep to  
farm, points road to profits**

**By GERALD GRIFFIN**

**F**IFTEEN years of experimentation on a 15,000-acre tract in the mountains have proved that valuable hardwood timber can be grown in Kentucky on cutover land that is too steep for cultivation.

All the grower has to do is keep the livestock and fires out of his forest.

This has been demonstrated in the reforestation project carried on in the forest tract of the Robinson Agricultural Sub-station. The headquarters and experimental farm of the sub-station are at the village of Quicksand, three miles east of Jackson, where turbulent Quicksand Creek flows into the North Fork of the Kentucky River.

The main part of the forest, about 12,500 acres, is located on Buckhorn Creek, in Breathitt County. Besides this, there are other smaller tracts, including 500 acres of cutover woodland at Quicksand.

The agricultural work of the sub-station is directed by the superintendent, Roger W. Jones. The reforestation, which is recognized as the main project of the lands, is under direction of a trained forester, G. H. Wiggin, who loves to work with trees and to talk about them.

The sub-station was created by an act of the 1924 Kentucky General Assembly. Funds for its operation are appropriated biannually by the General Assembly. The land, with all but 100 of the 15,000 acres in cutover forest land, was donated by the

There was a time, during the heyday of the logging industry in the Kentucky mountains, when Quicksand was a thriving community. The sound of the woodsman's ax and saw rang through the hardwood forests all around it. Quicksand was a busy town of nearly 3,000, and 500 of these were employed by the Mowbray-Robinson Lumber Company, which operated one of the largest hardwood lumber mills in the South where now the agriculturalists carry on experiments in the growing of crops for the benefit of farmers in the hill country.

## **Soil into river**

'This company operated for fourteen years, snaking big logs out of the virgin forests and hauling them to the Quicksand mill on its own thirty-mile narrow gauge railroad. The company paid its help well, but when it had harvested all the marketable timber the tract was practically worthless except for the slow process of reforestation. The land that had supported majestic hardwood trees for centuries was on slopes too steep for cultivation, and the soil itself was thin.

Once the trees were all cut down in some areas of the forest, and mountain farmers tried to grow corn on the hillsides they found that frequent plowing caused rapid erosion. After a few crops the rich



other sections of the country, despite the fact that the tract already contained approximately seventy varieties of trees native to the section. These experiments were successful, but after a few years it was agreed that the introduction of new species was not necessary because, if left to itself and protected from forest fires, the cutover land would reproduce itself with the same kinds of trees that were growing there in abundance when Columbus first landed on San Salvador.

### ***Native trees best***

These were, in the main, hardwood trees—the white, red, yellow and scarlet oaks, the tulip trees, the black walnuts and many others. And these hardy hardwoods, resistant to disease and insects, are a clannish lot, given to choking out the softwoods from their midst. That is why the slash pine, grown successfully in the South for the manufacture of newsprint paper, has a hard time reaching maturity in the Eastern Kentucky forests. Experimentation has shown that the native trees are best for the mountains, because they need no encouragement and can reproduce themselves on the scanty, sloping soil.

These experiments also showed that the forests are no good for grazing of cattle and sheep. A few years ago, during the drouth that threatened the big Western cattle herds, many head of cattle were shipped into the area and turned out in the woods to forage, but they nearly starved to death. Then sheep were turned into the

timber in the mountains, Mr. Wiggin said, even if the cream has been removed by the lumber companies, but Eastern Kentuckians need a co-operative association to handle the marketing of it.

Among the non-native trees that have been introduced to the reforestation tract, the ones that have done best were the Japanese pine, the Norway pine from the Lake States, the short-leaf and the white pine, and the foresters now are studying a few cypress trees they have coaxed to grow in the headquarters plot at Quicksand. Still, as the years pass, they are more convinced that there is no use introducing new varieties when the native trees will grow and flourish if given a chance.

One of the most valuable of the native trees that flourish in the Kentucky mountains is the noble tulip tree, often confused with the poplar although it is no kin at all, the tulip being a member of the cucumber, or magnolia family. The poplar, a member of the willow family, is not considered of any commercial value by foresters. The tulip tree, which gets its name from its yellow blossom which resembles that flower, grows fairly fast with a tall, straight trunk.

### ***Biggest in forest***

Tulip trees grow to great size when left to mature and the largest trees in the few small tracts of virgin timber left in Kentucky are members of this family. Like most commercially valuable trees the tulips do better—grow taller and straighter—

timber tracts, but they ate up the seedlings and prevented the reproduction of trees.

The project has shown that even abandoned and worn-out lowland fields have a timber-producing value with a quicker return than the cutover timber lands. Sassafras trees, which are quick-growing, have a habit of springing up in these abandoned fields. In fact, you can hardly keep them from starting there. But these have a market value because they produce fence posts just as good as locust posts, according to the forester, if they are allowed to grow.

There is still plenty of merchantable

in a dense forest kept free from fires and grazing livestock.

Whereas most of the Robinson tract is given over to forestry, the agricultural part is doing a valuable job for the mountain farmers. It shows them how they can have good pastures on their denuded hillsides, if these are not too steep, and how they can grow more corn on fewer acres by means of crop rotation and adequate fertilizing on their bottom lands.

This department is proving to the farmers that they can grow more corn on three acres of land properly treated than they have been growing on twelve acres handled

in the old-time way; that purebred poultry is far more profitable; that purebred dairy cattle produce more and richer milk, and that purebred hogs make a greater return than can be obtained from scrub stock.

Encouraging farmers in this area along those lines, the sub-station has established a practice of trading purebred poultry for scrubs, which are killed and marketed; and of allowing the farmers, free of charge, to breed their sows to the station's purebred boars. There was a time when the station gave free service of purebred Jersey bulls, but this has been discontinued because of many diseased cows that have been brought into the mountains since the highways opened up the section.

"Louisville [KY] Courier-Journal" Sunday 20 October 1940 p 75

Wife Mabel Odell:

### **Married at Granite Falls.**

The marriage of Miss Mabel Helen Odell, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Odell, to Mr. Gilbert H. Wiggin, took place at Granite Falls Tuesday, August 5. The groom is a returned soldier who has a position with the forestry department, and the newly-weds will make their home at Cloquet after Oct. 1. The bride is a sister of Harry, Elmer and E. P. Odell, of this city. Many Willmar friends congratulate.

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"Willmar (MN) Tribune" Wednesday 6 Aug 1919 p 6

—Mrs. G. H. Wiggin left Tuesday for Cloquet after a months visit at the home of Mrs. Carrie Odell in this city.

"Willmar (MN) Tribune" Wednesday 3 May 1922 p 2

## PIONEER WOMAN HAS PASSED AWAY

**Earthly Remains of Mrs. P. A.  
Odell Laid Away Saturday  
at Fairview**

Mrs. Carrie Odell, widow of former Sheriff P. A. Odell, well known and respected resident of Kandiyohi county since the pioneer days, has passed to her eternal reward. For the past ten years she has suffered more or less from ill health. Recently she contracted pneumonia and death came to her relief last Wednesday, August 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Johnson of Willmar, where she has made her home a large part of the time in recent years and where she has had her daughter's tender care. Her age was 69 years, 9 months and 27 days.

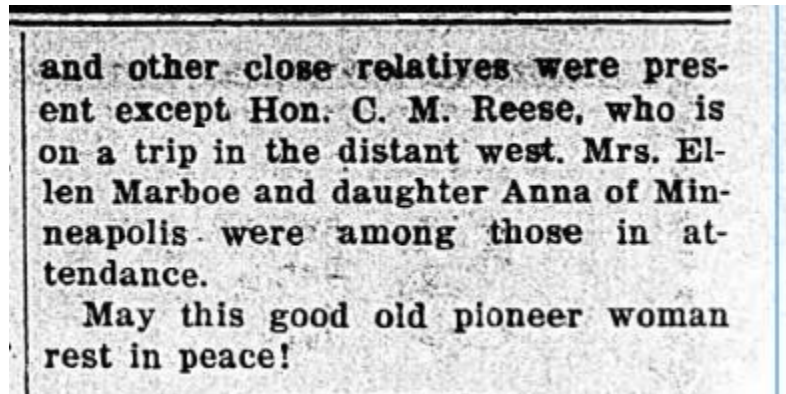


Mrs. Karen Mathea (Reese) Odell was born in Lillestrom, near Christiania, Norway, on the 5th of October, 1852, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Reese. At fifteen years of age she came with the family to America, 1867, living two years at St. Cloud and in 1869 moved to Lake Andrew in this county. She was married in 1871 to Peter A. Odell. When the latter was elected sheriff of Kandiyohi County in 1879, they moved to Willmar, where the deceased has made her home ever since.

The deceased is mourned by the following children: Mrs. Mary Ahlborne, Harry W. Odell, Edw. P. Odell, Elmer S. Odell and Mrs. O. F. Johnson of Willmar; Mrs. C. O. Hedlund of Kerkhoven; Mrs. Aug. C. Johnson of Pennock; and Mrs. G. H. Wiggin of Cloquet. There are seventeen grandchildren. She is also mourned by the following brothers and sisters: Hon. C. M. Reese and Mrs. Ellen D. Marboe of Minneapolis and Arnt P. Reese and Julia Reese of Willmar.

The funeral took place at the home of Harry W. Odell at 819 Litchfield Ave. W., Saturday, Aug. 5. Rev. G. A. Youngstrom of the Mission church officiated. Songs were rendered by the Mission quartet and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Eben E. Lawson. There was a profusion of floral tributes. The pall bearers were the three sons and sons-at-law. Interment took place at the Fairview cemetery. All the children





Obituary of Mabel's mother - "Willmar Tribune" Wednesday 9 Aug 1922 p 4

Note: The Honorable Charles M. Reese had served in the MN state legislature as a representative in 1885 and 1887. When he died at age 73 on 27 June 1924 in NYC, he had been a Minneapolis resident for 45 years and the Minnesota state weighmaster for 13 years.

Wife Mary Elizabeth Hampton:



PHOTOS BY THOMAS V. MILLER, JR.  
**THE BREATHITT** County Cancer Committee. From left, Mrs. G. H. Wiggin, field nurse; Mesdames Grannis Bach, J. L. Slusher, D. C. Sparks, R. M. Van Horne (chairman), Price Sewell, Jr., F. C. Lewis, Allie Y. Watkins, Estill Sloan, R. W. Jones, H. M. Holliday, Jr., and Dr. M. E. Hoge, a physician in Jackson.

"Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal" Sunday 25 Apr 1948 p 114

U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-2015	
<a href="#">View record</a>	
Name	Elizabeth Wiggin
Gender	Female
Death Age	95
Birth Date	23 Dec 1910
Birth Place	Granville, OH
Marriage Date	1942
Marriage Place	Kentucky
Death Date	6 Nov 2006
Death Place	Abilene
Burial Date	8 Nov
Obituary Date	8 Nov 2006
Obituary Place	Granville, Licking, Ohio, USA
Spouse	Gilbert Henry Wiggin

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/39757573/person/232201412573/facts>

Elizabeth Hampton Wiggin vs.  
G. H. Wiggin, for divorce on  
grounds of drunkenness and cruel  
beating, for custody of child and  
\$150 a month maintenance, for  
order of attachment and for re-  
straining order. (30674).

"Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader" Tuesday 7 May 1946 p 16

## Cancer Society Picks Director



**MRS. G. H. WIGGIN**

Mrs. Elizabeth Wiggin, wife of G. H. Wiggin, University of Kentucky forester at the Quicksand substation, and a registered nurse, today had assumed her duties in this area as field supervisor for the Kentucky Army, American Cancer Society. She will work out of the Lexington headquarters, attending all cancer clinics held at the Good Samaritan hospital and serving in a territory embracing 17 Eastern and Central Kentucky counties.

Mrs. Wiggin, former Louisville resident, was graduated from the Johns Hopkins Nurses School at Baltimore. She previously did public health work in Breathitt county, and is the first of a number of field supervisors the cancer society hopes to support in Kentucky. Charles E. Tucker of Lexington and Louisville, state educational director, announced.

"Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader" Thursday 18 Jul 1946 p 13

## Elizabeth Wiggin

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Obituary: not sourced – died 5 Nov 2006 Abilene TX nursing home. Born 23 Dec 1910 in Granville OH to Irvine S. & Florence (Forwood) Hampton. She married Gilbert Henry Wiggin in 1942 in KY; he predeceased her. She was a graduate of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton TX and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in Baltimore MD. During her early nursing career, she served 43 counties in eastern Kentucky as a public health nurse for the American Cancer Society. After moving to Lubbock TX in 1956, she was a private duty nurse until the late 1970s. She moved to Abilene TX in 2005. She is survived by one daughter, Alice Saunders of Cisco TX, and 5 grandchildren. The memorial service will be held at a future date by the family, in Corry IN. – could not relocate this record when attempted Jul 2023

## Elizabeth Wiggin

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



Name	Elizabeth Wiggin
Gender	Female
Birth Date	23 Dec 1910
Death Date	5 Nov 2006
Claim Date	13 Sep 1975
SSN	455488289

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Children by Mabel Odell:

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ENLISTMENT DATE July 21, 1943		SERIAL No. 855 69 53	
DISCHARGE DATE May 7, 1946		PENSION No. C-10 597 390	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Wiggin, John Odell		STATE Minn	RANK Av. Mechanist Mate 2/c
		COMPANY V6 USNR	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) February 18, 1922		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION V6 USNR 5-7	
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 8/22/1954			
NAME OF CEMETERY Anchorage City Cemetery		LOCATION (City and State) Anchorage, Alaska	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) Am. Legion, Jack Henry Post #1		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) Anchorage, Alaska	
POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE P.O. Box 16, Anchorage, Alaska			
DO NOT WRITE HERE FOR VERIFICATION ORDERED SEP 29 1954 GREEN MOUNTAIN MARBLE CO. WEST RUTLAND, VT. R/L WY 2466249 SHIPPED 8 DEC 1954		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE 1401 Clayton Street, Borger, Texas DATE OF APPLICATION 9/22/54	

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Son John Odell Wiggin (1922-1954) -

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Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002

[View record](#)

Name	G H Wiggin
Record Type	Death
Death Date	12 Jun 1928
Death Place	Dakota, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1928
Certificate Number	003293
Record Number	512116

Daughter Stella Wiggin d. 1928 - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/15145402/person/219360625/facts>



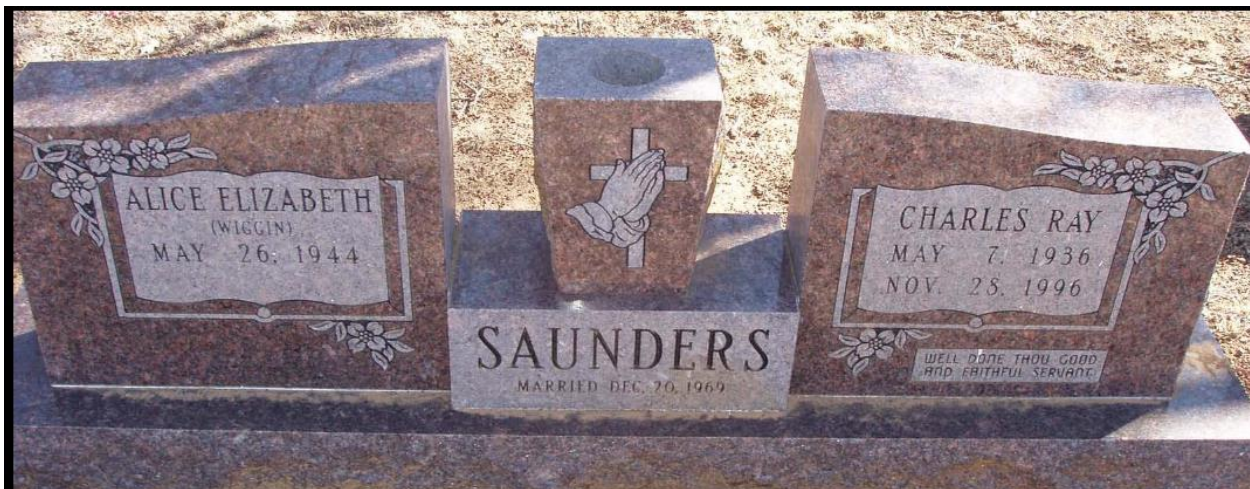
Son Edwin Parslow Wiggin (1924-1943) – Find A Grave 154933327

In 1942, the Lexington KY city directory listed Edwin and John as students at the University of Kentucky, residing in Breckenridge Hall. Their father was listed as an instructor at the University of Kentucky.

Daughter by Mary Elizabeth Hampton:



Alice Elizabeth Wiggin Westerbrook Saunders – left: Lubbock (TX) High School yearbook 1961 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/565786703:1265> and right: sophomore - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/561392978:1265>



Charles Ray Saunders – Find A Grave 65900284, with Alice Elizabeth Wiggin Saunders, born 26 May 1944, married 20 Dec 1969 – Find A Grave 65900284

Name	Charles R Saunders
Gender	Male
Age	33
Birth Date	abt 1936
Marriage Date	20 Dec 1969
Marriage Place	Lubbock, Texas, USA
Spouse	Alice E Wiggin
Case Number	33201969132973

**Charles R Saunders**  
in the Texas, U.S., Marriage Index, 1824-2019

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10300435:8795>

# Cisco school superintendent succumbs to bone cancer

CISCO — The Cisco school system lost a leader Thursday when its superintendent of 11 years, Charles "Ray" Saunders, died in an Abilene hospital after a two-year battle with bone cancer.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First Presbyterian Church with the Revs. Duane "Dutch" Bazil and Bruce Stovall officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in Kendrick Cemetery in the Anton community in Callahan County, directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Mr. Saunders, 60, who had been hospitalized for about three weeks, was born in Petersburg and married Alice Wiggin in 1969 in Plainview. He graduated from Texas Tech University with his bachelor's and master's degrees. He was a principal and coach at Cotton Center. He also was a principal and superintendent at Anton, north of Lubbock, for 10 years before moving to Cisco in 1985.

"You couldn't ask for a better man," said Cisco school trustee Dianne Hefner. "He was a good man who always showed concern for our children and made our district into the best run district in the state."

School district business manager Martha Davis, who worked with Saunders since he took the superintendent's job, concurred.

"He loved the kids," Davis said. "He had four of his own, but he loved all the ones at the school and was concerned for them. He was well known, respected and his absence will be greatly noticed both in the school system and the community."

During his tenure at Cisco, Saunders witnessed the construction of two elementary and junior high campuses, a new gymnasium, renovation of the high school, and the launching of a new alternative education program. The elementary school was recently given a 4-star rating in *Texas Monthly* — the highest rating possible.

He was a member of the Texas State Teacher's Association, and Texas and American associations of School Administrators. He was a past president of the Anton Lions Club and was a former member of the Texas High School Coaches Association. He was an elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, of Cisco; four daughters, Stacey Saunders and Amy Saunders, both of Houston, and Amanda Saunders and Emily Saunders, both of Cisco; one sister, Thelma Lemond of Abilene; two brothers, Kenneth Saunders and Gary Saunders, both of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to the Ray Saunders Memorial Scholarship Fund, First National Bank, Cisco 76437; or a favorite charity.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today in the funeral home.



<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/565786703:1265>

## Alice E Wiggin

in the Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1379695:8788?tid=&pid=&queryId=6ee49db1ae009f8d35a2d3965c8126f6&\\_phsrc=hFB68879&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1379695:8788?tid=&pid=&queryId=6ee49db1ae009f8d35a2d3965c8126f6&_phsrc=hFB68879&_phstart=successSource)  
KY birth record of daughter Alice E. Wiggin

## Alice Elizabeth Wiggin

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

Name	Alice Elizabeth Wiggin
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	22 Nov 1966
Marriage Place	Lubbock, Texas, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Michael Fontaine Westbrook</a>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/26773093:9168>

## Alice Elizabeth Wiggin

in the Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997

Name	Alice Elizabeth Wiggin
Gender	Female
Spouse	<a href="#">Charles Ray Saunders</a>
Child	<a href="#">Amy Catherine Saunders</a>

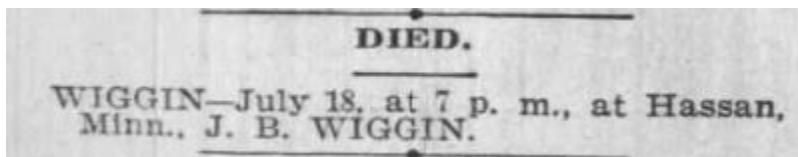
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/311880697:8781>

Father:





Father Jonathan Beede Wiggin - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/26308293/person/212431308051/media/f215e348-1409-435c-8cf9-1058d4f6b649>



Death notice of father Jonathan Beede Wiggin – “Minneapolis Daily Times” Monday 20 Jul 1896 p 5

### Father's 1<sup>st</sup> wife Sarah Carman Swift

Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988



[View image](#)  
[View record](#)

Name	Sarah C Swift
Record Type	Birth
Birth Date	11 Aug 1829
Birth Place	Falmouth, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Silas Swift
Mother	Chloe

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4497058/person/24068888186/facts>

Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002

[View record](#)

Name	Mrs Sarah C Swift
Record Type	Death
Death Date	17 Jan 1918
Death Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1918
Certificate Number	022284
Record Number	233681

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/4497058/person/24068888186/facts>

### U.S., Quaker Periodicals, 1828-1929 for Sarah C Swift

The American Friend > 1918 Jan - 1918 Dec (Vol 6)

**Swift**—Sarah C. Swift was born in West Falmouth, Massachusetts, in 1829, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Murtfeldt, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 17, 1918. For twenty-five years she was treasurer of the Northwestern Hospital of Minneapolis, and closely identified with philanthropic work. She was a lifelong Friend and for many years an elder in Minneapolis Meeting.

"The American Friend" 21 Feb 1918 p 163 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4933:3714>

## Mrs. Sarah C. Swift Buried at Lakewood

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah C. Swift, 89, and for many years a prominent philanthropic worker in Minneapolis, were conducted today at 2:30 p.m. from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Murtfeldt, 3429 Nicollet av.

Mrs. Swift, who died Thursday, was for 25 years treasurer of Northwestern hospital and prominently identified with the Friends church, of which she was an elder and a lifelong member. She was born in Massachusetts in 1829.

Samuel Haworth, pastor of the Friends church, conducted the service. The interment was in Lakewood cemetery.

"Minneapolis Journal" Saturday 19 Jan 1918 p 7

Mother:



Mother Hester Cowley Parslow Wiggin - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/26308293/person/212431307814/media/deb9d60b-1ff5-42bc-8713-3d56bbd925e8>

Form T. B. 1-4  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Bureau of the Census

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
Department of Health  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. **26513**  
Registrar's No. **79**

Registration District No. **130** Primary Registration District No. **4325**

1. PLACE OF DEATH:  
(a) County **BREATHITT**  
(b) City or town **QUICKSAND**  
(c) Name of hospital or institution:  
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)  
(d) Length of stay: in hospital or community **3-4** (years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:  
(a) State **KENTUCKY** (b) County **BREATHITT**  
(c) City or town **QUICKSAND** (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)  
(d) Street No.:  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. **85 1/2** years

3(a) FULL NAME **HESTER COWLEY WIGGIN**  
(b) If veteran, Name war No. (c) Social Security No.  
4. **FEMALE** 5. Color or race **WHITE** (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced **WIDOWED**  
(b) Name of husband or wife **JOHNATHAN B. WIGGIN**  
(c) Age of husband or wife if alive:  
7. Birth date of deceased **DEC 7 1852** (Month) (Day) (Year)  
8. AGE: Year **86** Month **10** Day **30** If less than one day, in min.  
9. Birthplace **ENGLAND**  
10. Usual occupation **AT HOME**  
11. Industry or business:  
12. Name **SEPTIMUS PARSLow**  
12. Birthplace **ENGLAND**  
14. Maiden name **CATHERINE S. HAWKINS**  
15. Birthplace **ENGLAND**  
16(a) Informant's own signature **G.H. WIGGIN**  
(b) Address **QUICKSAND KY**  
17. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL:  
Place **MINNEAPOLIS Minn** Date **Nov. 8, 1939**  
18(a) Signature of funeral director **RAY Y BLAKE**  
(b) Address **JACKSON KY**  
19(a) **Nov. 7, 1939** (Date received by local registrar) (b) **May 14, 1940** (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  
22. DATE OF DEATH **Nov 6 1939**  
23. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **Nov 6 1939** that I last saw **her** alive on **Nov 6 1939**, and that death occurred on the date stated above at **8:45 P.M.**  
Immediate cause of death **Coronary thrombosis**  
Due to **45**  
Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)  
Major findings:  
Of operation:  
Of autopsy:  
22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)  
(b) Date of occurrence  
(c) Where did injury occur? In or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place)  
While at work? (a) Means of injury **4994**  
23. Signature **M.E. Hoggan** (M.D. or other)  
Address **Jackson, Ky.** Date signed **Nov. 7, 1939**

IN. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so it may be properly classified. Exact status of OCCUPATION is very important.

REMARKS RESERVED FOR BINDING

KY death record of Hester Cowley Parslow Wiggin -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/555851:1222?tid=15145402&pid=219380384&queryId=b2c4a09b5744171ce457d771e1fae72&phsrc=hFB68853&phstart=succesSource>

**MRS. HESTER C. WIGGIN**

Funeral services for Mrs. Hester C. Wiggin, mother of City Attorney Richard S. Wiggin, will be at 11 a. m. tomorrow in St. John's Episcopal church at Hassan, Minn. Mrs. Wiggin, 87 years old, died Monday night at Quicksand, Ky. She was born in England, and came to Hassan, in rural Hennepin county, with her family in 1855. She was graduated from St. Cloud normal school in 1876. Survivors, in addition to Richard S. Wiggin, are another son Gilbert, member of University of Kentucky faculty; a brother, W. S. Parslow, Hassan, and four grandchildren.

Obituary of mother Hester Parslow Wiggin – "Minneapolis Star Tribune" Wednesday 8 Nov 1939 p 7



## Nettie C Parslow

in the Minnesota, U.S., Marriages Index, 1849-1950

Name	Nettie C Parslow
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	12 Apr 1879
Marriage Place	Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota
Spouse's Name	Jonathan B Wiggin
Spouse Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1380422

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/845865:2561>

### Siblings:

#### Minnesota, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980

[View record](#)

Name	Stella Catharine Wiggin
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	30 May 1880
Birth Place	Hassan, Hennepin, Minnesota
Father	Jonathan Wiggin
Mother	Hettie Wiggin
FHL Film Number	1309389

Sister Stella Catherine Wiggin (1890-1891) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/26308293/person/212431308052/facts>

## R. S. Wiggin, Former City Attorney, Dies

Richard S. Wiggin, 65, Minneapolis city attorney from 1928 to 1947, died at 8:45 a.m. today in his home, 1707 Penn avenue N.

He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Wiggin was identified with public service in Minneapolis for much of his life.

Even after his retirement last summer, at the statutory age limit, he continued to visit the city hall and take part in public matters.

Born June 8, 1882, in Hassan, rural Hennepin county, Mr. Wiggin attended the Minnesota School of Business, Minnesota Normal school and University of Minnesota law school.

While attending the university, where he got bachelor of laws de-



**RICHARD S. WIGGIN**  
*As most city hall workers  
knew him*

gree in 1907, he worked in the office of the clerk of district court here.

He was employed in this office from 1905 to 1913 and at one time was deputy clerk.

Mr. Wiggin served as assistant county attorney in 1913 and 1914. In January, 1915, he was appointed assistant Minneapolis city attorney.

Upon resignation of City Attorney Neil M. Cronin in July, 1928, Mr. Wiggin was elected his successor by the city council. He held this position for 19 years.

Following his retirement, he was succeeded briefly by his first assistant, John O'Donnell, and later by John F. Bonner, appointed by the city council.

Mr. Wiggin used to express pride in the fact that he could get along with both factions in the city council.

He was a supporter of organized labor and maintained his membership in the City Laborers' union local 363 (AFL).

Although hesitant about committing himself on the question of charter reform, he opposed any decrease in the size of the city council, such as provided in early drafts of the proposed new city charter.

This provision, however, was dropped later.

Surviving Mr. Wiggin are his wife, Alice, and two children by a former marriage: Richard G. Wiggin, an architecture instructor at University of Minnesota, and Gladys A., a faculty member at the University of Maryland.

Also surviving is a brother, Gilbert, Quicksand, Ky.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Welander-Quist north chapel, with burial at Hassan.

## **RICHARD WIGGIN IS NAMED AS ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

Richard S. Wiggin, former Assistant County Attorney has been appointed Assistant City Attorney by Charles D. Gould, to succeed Henry Flannery, who resigned in December to accept a position under Lyndon A. Smith, State Attorney General. The appointment was confirmed by the City Council. The position pays \$2400 a year.

Of ten attorneys who took the civil service examination for the place, only five obtained a place on the eligible list. Mr. Wiggin stood first with 84 points out of a possible 100, and his nearest competitor was six points below him.

Mr. Wiggin graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1907. For eight years he was a deputy in the office of the Clerk of the District Court and in 1913 he was named Assistant County Attorney by James Robertson. He is 32 years old.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Saturday 23 Jan 1915 p 15

## WIGGIN COLLAPSES AT COURT HEARING

Richard S. Wiggin, assistant city attorney, suffered a heart attack and collapsed in Hennepin county district court today when he appeared to defend the new city milk ordinance against a legal attack opened by 11 Hennepin county dairymen. He was revived quickly, however, but was forced to ask continuance of the case. The dairymen are attacking the constitutionality of the new ordinance, under which they would be required to pay \$20 inspection fees before being permitted to sell milk in Minneapolis.

"Minneapolis Star" Thursday 1 Sep 1932 p 2

# WIGGIN SLATED TO BECOME NEW CITY ATTORNEY

Council Action on Successor  
to Neil Cronin Is Expected  
This Morning.

Lawyer Who Served Minneap-  
olis Since 1921 to Enter  
Private Practice.

## SELECTION AS CITY ATTORNEY ASSURED



Richard S. Wiggin.



Richard S. Wiggin, assistant city attorney since 1914, is slated to head the city's legal department by city council action Friday morning.

His selection as successor to City Attorney Neil M. Cronin was declared virtually assured late Thursday after a series of conferences among conservative and liberal-labor aldermanic factions and after Mr. Cronin had informed the aldermanic body that his resignation was final.

Overtures to Mr. Cronin in an effort to have him remain were launched in the forenoon and reached their finale when he was asked to attend a conference of conservative councilmen. There he informed the aldermen that he had given "a good deal of thought" to the step he had taken, and having taken it, "that ended it." Thereupon the aldermen wanted to know whom he would recommend as his successor.

"I am recommending three men in my office, each with the title of assistant city attorney," was the answer he is reported to have given. "They are R. S. Wiggin, John O'Donnell and Thomas B. Kilbride."

Both conservative and liberal groups agreed at once that the post should go to someone in the city attorney's office already familiar with municipal litigation now pending. And subsequent caucuses indicated approximately 20 votes in Wiggin's behalf.

Mr. Wiggin received his law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1907. Subsequently he entered the office of the clerk of district court and remained there until 1912. In 1912 he was named attorney for the Hennepin county board and served in that capacity for two years.

In 1914 there was a vacancy on the staff of the city attorney, and Mr. Wiggin won the place through competitive examination. He has been in the city attorney's office ever since. He is 51 years old.

The Cronin action Thursday morning came as a complete surprise to

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members of the city council, and during the rest of the day he was deluged with calls, both personal and by telephone, as to his reasons for resigning. His answer in each instance was that he had decided to enter private practice, and that he was planning to "hang out the shingle" immediately.

In some quarters his resignation was attributed to the fact that he received but 15 votes when he was recently re-elected for another two-year term, and that the political complexion of the council gave indication of two years of "considerable wrangling." He himself declined to offer comment that would elaborate on the reasons he gave in his letter of resignation.

The formal communication, scheduled for consideration by the aldermanic body Friday morning, said:

"Since my re-election by your honorable body, opportunities for returning to private practice have become such that I am impelled to take this step.

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me by the members of the council, and of the confidence reposed in the legal department by your honorable body during my term."

Mr. Cronin received his law degree from the University of Nebraska, his native state, in 1907 and was admitted to the bar in Minnesota the following year. Until the war he was associated with Charles M. Bracelen, now general counsel for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., in the law firm of Brac-

len and Cronin. During the conflict he was captain of the 350th U. S. Infantry and served as regimental adjutant, participating in a number of major engagements at the front.

When he returned to the United States C. D. Gould was city attorney, and when the latter was named district judge the city council during a reorganization battle that went through 110 ballots elected him head of the city's legal department.

Outstanding cases he has handled for the city included the long-drawn street railway rate case that ran from 1921 through 1924, the gas rate case that went into federal court in 1926, and the litigations by which the city was enabled to collect \$26,000 from the American Mexican Refining Co. and its sureties because of breach of oil contract, as well as \$60,000 from the Republic Creosoting Co. for failure to deliver paving blocks as provided in the contract with the city.

Mr. Cronin is 33 years old, unmarried, and resides at the Buckingham hotel.

## Insistent Demands of Cupid Shatter License Man's Health



Richard Wiggin.

License clerk in the office of the clerk of the district court, who has been transferred to lighter duties in the county building pending recovery from overwork.

Hard Work of Issuing Marriage Permits Results in Breakdown.

Richard Wiggin Leaves Post in Love Office for an Easier Job.

CUPID in Minneapolis has been dealt a cruel but not necessarily fatal blow. Richard Wiggin of the office of the clerk of the district court, who for the last five years has been at his post of duty to issue licenses both night and day, has been assigned to work with Judge Steele until he shall have recovered from his recent illness brought on partially by answering Cupid's midnight calls to issue marriage licenses.

During his work on the license desk Mr. Wiggin has responded to calls at any hour that he has been asked, often rising from his bed to accommodate those who wished an immediate license. These hours and the loss of sleep attendant, proved too much for his health and he has been ordered to take a rest.

Minneapolis has the reputation of being the only large city in the country where marriage licenses can be obtained after office hours, any night in the year, and the reason is the accommodating disposition of "Dick" Wiggin. During his service on the desk he has accommodated hundreds who reached the office door too late.

It is a matter of history that no one ever went to Mr. Wiggin after hours for a license without being given consideration, although oftentimes he has been compelled to refuse the license on

grounds that the applicants were too young or were non-residents.

Many peculiar experiences have come to Mr. Wiggin in the performance of his work. Not many months since a University of Minnesota football star came to him and after swearing him to secrecy, made arrangements to come down and get the license. Mr. Wiggin gave the gridiron hero time to think the matter over with the result that the license was never issued.

Upon several occasions Mr. Wiggin has been dragged from his bed to issue licenses for persons who have come from distant ends of the country to wed here. At one time he was called upon by a man who came from Seattle to meet a young woman from Detroit. Their trains were late and the office closed, but after locating Mr. Wiggin and finding him willing to accommodate they sent a motor for him and got their much-wanted paper.

Two young Minneapolitans recently applied for a license, going to the Wiggin home to consult the clerk. While he was making arrangements with the minister and getting ready to go downtown he left the couple alone in his parlor. When he finally was ready to go to the office he was advised by the young couple that they had changed their minds and were not going to be married.

"Their parents are among the most

prominent residents of the city," said Mr. Wiggin, "but they have never heard of the elopement that nearly materialized.

"One man came to me one night, bringing the girl with him. He was insistent that he get a license at once and sent for a car to take me to the office. While we were waiting for the motor I asked him why he had not come during the day.

"Well, you see," he said, "I never met the girl until this morning and we spent the whole day making up our minds to get married."

"One of the latest licenses I ever issued was to a couple who wanted to get out of the city on the 1 a. m. train. When we finally got around to issue the license and have the ceremony performed they had to make a rush to get to the station in time. They tried to find me early enough, but I was at the show and no one knew which show, so they had to page all the theaters until they got the right one."

According to Mr. Wiggin, those who come to him at night differ materially from those who come by day. The night applicants usually tell him their life history. He says they crowd into a two-minute conversation all about their meeting, courtship and plans for the future.

#### Gets Supper Invitation.

On one occasion the bridegroom became so friendly that he wanted the clerk to go downtown to a supper, offering to permit him to escort the bride's sister.

One of the amusing features of the performance, Mr. Wiggin says, is the fact that nearly every applicant feels that he is under obligation to effusively thank the clerk, and upon many of them securing the license they push across an extra quarter of a dollar, which is as promptly pushed back. One Duluth maiden lady of uncertain years, who came here to meet her fiancé, was so happy over getting the license after the office was closed

that she forced Mr. Wiggin to accept a \$10 bill. The usual tip offered for getting out of bed and making out the license is 25 cents, and upon rare occasions someone springs the ante to half a dollar.

Asked whether he had ever exercised his prerogative of kissing the bride, Mr. Wiggin declared that he had not and that no prospective husband had ever suggested that he do such a thing.

At present there are more than forty babies bearing the name of Richard Wiggin.

Half-sister:

## Abby Wiggins

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name	Abby Wiggins
Marriage Date	2 Oct 1889
Marriage Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">George Sherman Murtfeldt</a>
Certificate Number	440438
URL	<a href="https://moms.mn.gov/">https://moms.mn.gov/</a>

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91256147:70873>



## **A UNIQUE WEDDING.**

### **A Niece of R. J. Mendenhall Wedded at the Society of Friends.**

One of the prettiest social affairs that has graced the West hotel for months was the reception given last night by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mendenhall in honor of the marriage of their niece, Miss Abby J. Wiggins, to George S. Murtfeldt. The wedding occurred at the little church of the Society of Friends, at the corner of Hennepin avenue and Eighth street. The little auditorium had been prepared for the occasion. Vases of the richest green smilax and palms made up the decorations. At 8 o'clock the church was filled with an audience, made up of people high in Minneapolis society. The wedding was to be held in genuine Quaker fashion, the second of the kind

known in the annals of the city. The assembly was supposed to represent a meeting of the society. The ceremony was opened by the entrance of the bridal party. The overseers were the first to enter. On the right of the church, acting in this capacity, Mr. and Mrs. William Pettit preceded, followed by the groom accompanied by the best man, Percy Mendenhall, a cousin of the bride. Elvia McMillan and Asa L. Black, the other two groomsmen followed. Simultaneously with this entrance Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Webb preceded the bride, who was accompanied by her maid of honor, Miss Louisa Murtfeldt, a sister of the groom. Miss Annie Wright and Miss Gertrude Pettit, the other bridesmaids, followed. Arriving at the altar a selection of Scripture was read by Dr. A. V. Talbert. The vital portion of the ceremony then followed. It was simple and unique in the

extreme, and the more impressive because of it. No clergyman took part in it. The groom, taking the hand of the bride in his own, said:

"In the presence of the Lord and before this assembly, I take Abby J. Wiggins to be my wife, promising, with divine assistance, to be a loving and faithful husband unto her until death shall separate us."

On his concluding, the bride repeated the same words, inserting the name of her betrothed in place of her own and wife for husband. The certificate of marriage was then read by Benjamin Webb, clerk of the evening's ceremonies.

A prayer was offered by Rev. J. P. Pinkham and Mrs. Van Cott offered the benediction.



benediction.

The bridal party then passed out of the church. Then, according to the custom of the society, the elders and ministers, who occupied a seat at the front of the church facing the audience, joined hands, which is the signal for the close of the meeting. The congregation took up the hand shaking and the wedding was over—the meeting at a close. The party took carriages which awaited them and repaired immediately to the West hotel for the reception of this evening. The ushers at the church were John Long, C. W. Coffin, C. M. Parry, H. W. Garton, Alfred Owre. The marriage certificate was signed by all of witnesses of the wedding, the relatives and close friends affixing their names to the left—the others to the right of the manuscript. Taking it altogether it would be hard to imagine a prettier or more unique wedding.

The reception at the West hotel was

The reception at the West hotel was attended by two hundred friends. The whole second floor was thrown open to the party. The parlors were most beautifully decorated with flowers. In the one apartment adjoining the grand parlor three magnificent bouquets of velvety red roses brightened the room; in the other, the very symbolical design of a vessel of flowers, with silken sails spread, floated on a sea of roses. In the grand parlor a handsome collection of palms formed a graceful heap, and in this room Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall, the bride, who is to them as daughter, the groom and the others of the bridal party stood and received the guests. The bride was attired in a rich costume of white corded silk with velvet brocade, duchesse lace and diamonds. In her hand she carried an exquisite bouquet of Madagascar orchids and tropical flowers, such as never before graced the hand of



a Minneapolis bride.  
 Without Danz's orchestra filled the corridors with music. A banquet was served in connection with the reception. Flowers decked the boards, and it was a model wedding feast.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Murtfeldt leave soon on a tour through Wisconsin, after which they go to their future home at St. Louis.

Wedding of Abby Junius Wiggin & George Sherman Murtfeldt – note the absence of any mention of anyone named Wiggin -“St. Paul (MN) Globe” Thursday 3 Oct 1889 p 4

## Abby J Wiggin

in the Massachusetts, U.S., Birth Records, 1840-1915

Name	Abby J Wiggin
Gender	Female
Birth Date	14 May 1856
Birth Place	Eastham, Massachusetts, USA
Father	Jonathan Wiggin
Mother	Sarah Wiggin

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7250928:5062>

Miss Abby J. Wiggin, who has been spending a few weeks in the eastern cities, returned on Friday's train, well satisfied with Minneapolis.

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Children Jonathon B Wiggin  
and Sarah C his wife  
Abby J. born May 14 1856

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### U.S., Quaker Periodicals, 1828-1929 for Abby J Wiggin

The Christian Worker > 1894 Jan - 1894 Jul (Vol 24)

MENTFELDT George S of St Louis, Mo, m Abby J Wiggin, mbr Minn MM, 10 2 1889 at Frds Mtg, Minneapolis, Minn by orde: (10 24 1889)

MEREDITH David of Lynnville, Ia, m Hattie Hunt of Whittier, C 1890 at res of Jonathan Bailly, will live Lynnville, I 1890

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/425227:3714>

<http://spotidoc.com/doc/50098/nov-%E2%80%93dec-obits-2006--november-obits-for-wednesday-novembe...> page 41

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: Gilbert Henry Wiggin**

Name variations: Wiggins

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E – sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> class

Serial number: 250,680

Entered service from: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Gilbert H. Wiggin

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: brother R.S. Wiggin, 1501 Russell Ave. N., Minneapolis MN

Returned from war on: “Santa Paula” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Gilbert H. Wiggin

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Richard S. Wiggin, 1501 Russell Ave., North Minneapolis MN (1st sgt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Gilbert Henry Wiggin b. 1 Aug 1887 Hassan MN; res: Cloquet, Carlton MN. Single. Assistant superintendent, forestry station, Knife Falls MN. Has dependent mother. Medium height & build. Note on 2<sup>nd</sup> page reads: "support and care of mother"  
National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Quicksand KY

World War II draft registration (1942): as Gilbert Henry Wiggin b. 1 Aug 1887 Hennepin Co. MN; res: Quicksand, Breathitt KY. Contact Roger W. Jones, Quicksand KY. Employed as a forester with the U of KY, Breathitt Co. KY. Height: 5'6" - 145 lbs.

#### Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Tower MN

Rank/unit: sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> class, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

#### Birth & death:

Born: 1 Aug 1887 Hassan, Hennepin MN

Died: 14 Nov 1960 Lubbock, Lubbock TX (found dead slumped in his car in the 3100 block of Amherst around 1:15 p.m., inquest delivered verdict of heart attack)

Find A Grave record: 8604875 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Lubbock, Lubbock TX

Cemetery: City of Lubbock

Tombstone: veteran flat: Texas 1st Sgt 17 Co 20 Engineers WWI

Father: Jonathan Beede (Bede) Wiggin. 1832 [or 14 Jul 1831] Sandwich, Carroll NH – 18 Jul 1896 Hassan, Hennepin Co. MN. Son of Richard Wiggin & Mehitable Beede.

His first wife was Sarah Carman Swift, whom he married 12 Jul 1854. They had a daughter, Abby Junius Wiggin, in 1856 or 857.

Presumably divorced, as Sarah lived to 1918, reverting to the surname of Swift, and Jonathan married Hester Parslow in 1879.

Buried in Saint John's Episcopal Cemetery, Rogers, Hennepin MN.

Find A Grave: 32376586

Family tree at: [https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/18539085/person/18545634918/facts?\\_phsrc=hFB68844&\\_phstart=succ\\_essSource](https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/18539085/person/18545634918/facts?_phsrc=hFB68844&_phstart=succ_essSource)

Mother: Hester (Hetty) Cowley Parslow Wiggin, 7 Dec 1852 Dursley, Gloucestershire, England – 6 Nov 1939 Quicksand, Breathitt KY. Daughter of Septimus Parslow & Catherine Sarah Hawkins. Buried in Saint John's Episcopal Church Cemetery, Rogers, Hennepin MN.

Find A Grave: 32376563

Parents' marriage: 12 Apr 1879 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

#### Father's 1<sup>st</sup> wife:

Sarah Carman Swift Wiggin, reverted to Swift – or never changed it to Wiggin?, 11 Feb 1829 Falmouth, Barnstable MA – 17 Jan 1918 Hennepin Co. MN.

Daughter of Silas Swift & Chloe Bowerman.

Jonathan Wiggin & Sarah Swift had daughter Abby Junius Wiggin (later Murtfeldt). In the 1895 MN state census, Mrs. S.C. Swift (66 MA) lived at 519 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN with Geo. S. Murtfeldt (37 IL, florist), his wife Mrs. G.S. Murtfeldt [i.e. Abby Wiggin Murtfeldt] & their 2 children, Sarah E. (5 MN) & Gertrude #. (10 months MN).

Sarah C. Swift is buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.  
Find A Grave: 33508482

Spouse: Mabel Helen Odell Wiggin, 31 October 1891 Willmar, Kandiyohi MN [1900 census] – 13 Jun 1928 Castle Rock, Dakota Co. MN, the day after the death of her daughter Stella.  
Daughter of Peter August Carlson Odell (F: 43353040), who served as sheriff of Kandiyohi Co. MN & Carrie (Karen Mathea) Reese (Riis) (F: 43353068).

In the 1900 census for Willmar MN, Mabel Odell b. Oct 1891 MN, has a father born Sweden, & mother Carrie born Norway.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 5 Aug 1919 Yellow Medicine Co. MN

Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Hampton Wiggin, 23 Dec 1910 Granville, Licking OH – 5 Nov 2006 Abilene, Taylor TX. SSN 455-48-8289

Daughter of Irvine Sullivan Hampton (F: 186557538) & Florence Forwood (F: 124622885).  
A nurse. She lived in Lubbock TX 1956-2005.

She is not mentioned as a survivor in Gilbert's obituary.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 1942 in KY. In May 1946, Mary Hampton Wiggin filed for divorce against Gilbert Henry Wiggin, charging drunkenness and "cruel beating" & asking for custody of their child, \$150 a month and a restraining order. But she continues to appear in newspaper articles, identified as his wife.

Children: by wife Mabel Odell

- Gilbert Henry Wiggin, 1920 MN - 5 May 1920 Knife Falls, Carlton County MN.
- John Odell Wiggin, 18 Feb 1922 Hennepin Co. MN - 21 Aug 1954 [probably Alaska]. Married - In 1950 census, John O. Wiggin, 27 MN resided with wife Bernice E., 25 MN & 3 children in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN where he was a draftsman for flour mill manufacturing. Buried in Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery Anchorage, Anchorage Borough AK. F: 67343853
- Edwin Parslow Wiggin, 9 June 1924 MN [not Quicksand KY as indicated on Find A Grave] - 11 Mar 1943 in the North Atlantic in World War II. Edwin had left his studies at the University of Kentucky & entered the Merchant Marine Academy. He was aboard the Liberty ship "William C. Gorgas" when it was torpedoed 10 Mar 1943 in the North Atlantic. The ship had been struck by a torpedo from a German U-boat amidships – just like the "Tuscania." It is believed Edwin was initially saved by the British ship "HMS Harvester," which picked up 51 survivors – but five hours later, "Harvester" was torpedoed twice & sank. Only 12 of the 51 "Gorgas" survivors survived the "Harvester" sinking. Edwin did not survive. He was age 18. Lost at sea. F: 154933327

- Stella (Estella) Catherine Wiggin, 30 May 1880 Hassan, Hennepin MN - 12 Jun 1928 Dakota Co. MN. Perhaps named after Gilbert's sister who had died as a child. Her mother Mabel Wiggin died the day after Stella died, on 13 Jun 1928, in Dakota Co. MN.

Children: by wife Elizabeth Hampton

- Alice Elizabeth Hampton Westbrook Saunders, 26 May 1944 Fayette Co. KY. Resident of Cisco TX in Jul 2023. Married 22 Nov 1966 in Lubbock, Lubbock TX to Michael Fontaine Westbrook (4 Jul 1944 TX – 17 Sep 2013 TX, F: 117310333), who later married Sharyn Ann Nicholas on 7 Jun 1969. – Married Charles Ray Saunders (7 May 1936 TX – 1996 TX, F: 65900284) on 20 Dec 1969.

Siblings:

- Stella Catherine Wiggin, 1880 – 1891. Buried in Saint John's Episcopal Cemetery, Rogers, Hennepin MN. F: 32376625
- Richard Septimus Wiggin, 8 Jun 1892 MN - 6 Feb 1948 Hennepin Co. MN. Attorney. In the 1910 census had been married 4 years to Anna S. Wiggin, age 27 MN (ca. 1893) - Married to wife Alice at the time of his death. Buried in Saint John's Episcopal Cemetery, Rogers, Hennepin MN. F: 234630480

Half-sister: by his father's 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, to Sarah Carman Smith

- Abby Junius Wiggin Murtfeldt, 14 May 1856 either Falmouth MA, or Eastham, Barnstable MA [MA birth records differ] – 26 Jul 1931 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Married on 2 Oct 1889 in a Quaker ceremony in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to George Sherman Murtfeldt (1857-1940, F: 83300154). Buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 83300052

Notes:

Pre-war:

Gilbert Henry Wiggin received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota College of Forestry in 1915.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 466-48-3071

Censuses:

1880 Hassan, Hennepin MN – conducted 18/19/21 Jun 1880

Jonathan B. Wiggin, 47 NH, parents b. NY, farmer/schoolteacher



Hettie C., 27 England, parents b. England, keeping house  
 Stella Catherine, 2 months MN, b. May 1880  
 & sister Huldah Ann Wiggin, 44 NH, parents b. NH, housekeeping

1900 Hassan township, Hennepin Co. MN

Hetty C. Wiggin, 48 England, Dec 1852, parents b. England, emigrated 1855, in US for 45 years, citizenship status unknown, widow, teacher, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living.  
 Richard S., 18, MN, Jun 1892, father b. NH, mother b. England, farmer  
 Gilbert H., 13 MN, Aug 1887, father b. NH, mother b. England, at school

1905 MN state census – Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Mrs. Hattie C. Wiggin, 52 England, parents b. England  
 Richard S., 23 MN, parents b. England, student deputy clerk  
 Gilbert H., 17 MN

1910 Hassan, Hennepin MN

Hettie C. Wiggin, 57 England, parents b. England, widow, emigrated 1855, was married 31 years, gave birth to 3 children, 2 are living  
 Gilbert H., 32 MN, father b. NH, mother b. England, single, student, university  
 & 2 roomers

The previous census entry was for Hettie's other son:

Richard S. Wiggin, 27 MN, parents b. England, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 4 years, Hennepin County deputy district clerk  
 Anna S., 27 MN, father b. Austria (German), mother b. Austria (Bohemia), pharmacist, retail drug store, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living  
 Gladys A., 2 MN

1930 Cloquet, Carlton MN – son Edwin

Edwin Wiggin, 5 MN, boarder with:  
 Roy G. Spurbeck, 40 MN  
 Ruby, 36 MN  
 George, 11 MN  
 Ruth, 5 MN

1930 Cloquet, Carlton MN – son John

John Wiggin, 8 MN, lodger with:  
 Carl & Madeline Sandstrom

1930 Cloquet, Carlton MN

G.H. Wiggin, 42 MN, father b. NH, mother b. England, widowed, camp auditor, laborer, WWI veteran

1940 Quicksand, Breathitt KY – same house in 1935

Gilbert Wiggin, 52 MN, widowed, forester, University of Kentucky, Rusk Experimental Station

John O., 18 MN [son]

Edwin P., 15 MN [son]

1950 Borger, Hutchinson TX

Gilbert H. Wiggin, 62 MN, census enumerator, US census

Elizabeth, 39 OH, registered nurse, Phillips Medical Center

Alice E., 5 KY

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