

# Tuscania casualty Williams, Bill Mack 1891 AR – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

Caddo Gap Cousins Give
Their Lives in Great Cause



#### BILL WILLIAMS.

Two cousins of Caddo Gap have died in service overseas. Bill M. Williams died as the result of the sinking of the Tuscania, February 3, 1918. He was among 57 who drifted to the shore. He was buried on the Scottish coast. His grave is known as No. 26. The body will be brought back to Caddo Gap for burial after the war. He is survived by one brother, Steve Williams, now in France, and by two sisters, Mrs. J. R. O'Neale of Little Rock and Mrs. C. B. Shockey of Emmet. Clark B. Coffman of Caddo Gap,

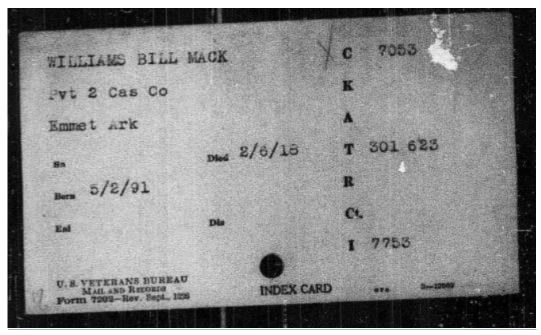
a cousin of young Williams, died from wounds August 17. He enlisted in the First Arkansas in June, 1917. He was transferred from Little Rock to Alexandria, La., for training and had been in France about three months when he wr- wounded. He is survived by his father, ore brother and three sisters.

Correction: The Tuscania sank 5 Feb 1918 – "Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Thursday 22 Aug 1918 p 8 - https://www.newspapers.com/image/143060878/

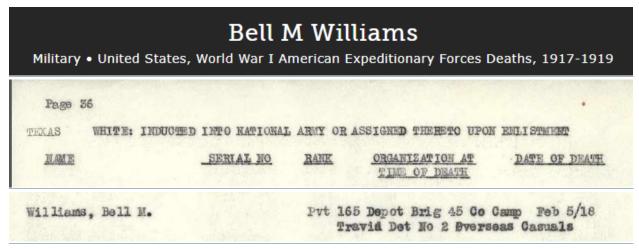
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Not yet reported saved – "Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

Six Arkansans who were on board are among those not yet accounted for. There names may be added later to the list of survivors.

The missing Arkansans are:
William F. Bennett, Rogers.
Nathan B. Short, Stepehns.
Claude Bradley, Swatty.
James R. Potillo, Huntington.
Sterling Collon, St. James.
Bell M. Williams, Glenwood.

"Newport (AR) Daily Independent" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 4

W. J. ("Bill") Williams brother of Mrs. J. R. O'Neal, 214 Ferry street, is believed to have been among the victims of the U-boat that sank the Tuscania. His name appeared in theolist of those missing. The last heard from him was a letter written January 16 from an Atlantic port, in which

he said he was soon to sail. He was with Camp Travis Detachment No. 2, which was on the Tuscania.

Here identified as W.J. ("Bill") Williams - "Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock) Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 8

# TUSCANIA ESTIMATE NOW PLACED AT 174

Washington, Feb. 15.—No new estimate of the total number of Tuscania was made at the war department tonight. It has been believed heer that the total would not exceed 170. But apparently the list, of known dead has been brought up to 174. Ten names that did not appear on the list of the dead buried on the Scottish coast are given in the department's dispatch, received tonight. They included Private Bell M. Williams, Glenwood, Ark.

"Pine Bluff (AR) Daily Graphic" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 5

# ARKANSAN AMONG TUSCANIA VICTIMS

#### Bell M. Williams of Glenwood in List of 82 Names of Known Dead.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Eighty-two names of known dead among the American soldiers who were on board the torpedoed liner Tuscania were received by cable tonight at the War Department. An Associated Press dispatch last Tuesday announced that 164 soldier victims had been buried on the Scottish coast, and gave the names of 131 identified, but tonight's message was the first official partial list to reach the department.

Ten names that did not appear on the list of dead buried on the Scottish coast, are given in the department's dispatch.

They are: Corporal Clea Bargerstock, Marienville, Pa.: Private Russell F. Bennett, Plainfield, Wis.; Private Franklin A. Church, Providence,
R. I.; Private William A. Dinter,
Cuero, Tex.; Private Roy W. May,
Lindale, Tex.; Private Henry Oxford,
Turnesville, Tex.; Private Otto Ray,
Coleman, Tex.; Private James F.
Sparkman, Frisco, Tex.; Private Bell
M. Williams, Glenwood, Ark., and Private James C. Wood, Yantis, Tex.

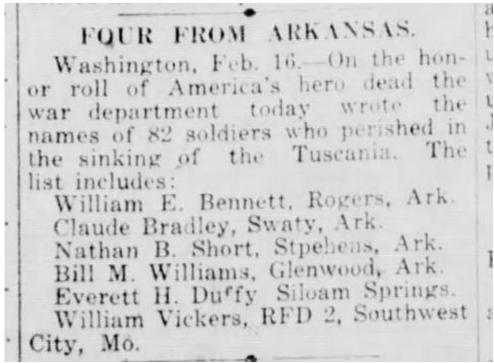
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Franklin A. Church was reported in the cablegram from the Scottish coast as E. F. Church, and James C. Wood was reported as Paul John C. Wood. The Scottish coast list gave the name William O. Williams. The passenger list shows Bell M. Williams, now repried dead in the department's cable, and Paul A. Williams, who has not been reported list, although his name has not yet appeared on a list of survivors.

The War Department's report of survivors still is far from complete. More than 200 men remain to be accounted for.

The Bell M. Williams referred to in the above dispatch is probably "Bill" Williams, brother of Mrs. J. K. O'Ne. 214 Ferry street, Little Rock. Mrs. O'Neal says her brother usually signed his name "Bill" Williams, but that the War Department records evidently had it Bell Williams, as eards addressed to him. notifying him to appear for examination under the draft were addressed to him as "Bell." Williams was selected among men at Camp Travis, Tex., for service abroad early in the year. The last word Mrs. O'Neai had from him was in January, when he was at Newport, R. I., expecting to embark soon for France.

Usually signed name Bill – War Department listed him as Bell - "Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 1



"Springdale (AR) News" Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 1

Mitchell County Public Library, 340 Oak St., Colorado City TX 79532

#### Father:



Father Jesse William Williams, twin brother of William Jasper Williams - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/117382967/person/170190452538/media/a96fd36a-07a4-49e0-9de2-3f4d3bf2cd38

#### Mother:

# View record Name Julina Coffman Parents William Henderson Coffman, Elizabeth Jane White Birth Place Montgomery, Caddo Gap, AR Birth Date 1862 Marriage Place Caddo Gap, Montgomery, AR Marriage Date 1 Jan 1885 Death Place Hooper, Montgomery, AR Death Date 1896

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/117382967/person/170195583129/facts

#### Siblings:



Sister Clarisa Bell Williams Logan Shockey (1885-1962) https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/tree/117382967/person/171000951234/media/fb59f4d1-7395-48f0-b7700c835b82ef44

## Clarissa Williams

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name	Clarissa Williams
Gender	Female
Age	17
Birth Year	abt 1885
Residence	Caddo Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Alfred J Logan
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	21
Spouse's Residence	Caddo Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Marriage Date	19 Oct 1902
Marriage License Date	18 Oct 1902
Marriage County	Montgomery
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1011073

Marriage of Clarisa Bell Williams to Alfred J. Logan on 19 Oct 1902 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2076780:2548?tid=117382967&pid=171000951234&queryId=cdad4c3f02a15d98a5d57197b6dc4c3f&\_phsrc=hFB67744&\_phstart=successSource

## Clarissa B Logan

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name	Clarissa B Logan
Gender	Female
Age	27
Birth Year	abt 1886
Residence	Caddo Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	C H Shockey
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	34
Spouse's Residence	Glenwood, Pike, Arkansas
Marriage Date	23 Mar 1913
Marriage License Date	21 Mar 1913
Marriage County	Montgomery
Event Type	Marriage
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Marriage of Clarisa Williams Logan to Charles Homer Shockey in 1913 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2077850:2548

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AR delayed birth record of Clarisa Belle Williams Logan Shockey - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-

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# **Mary Williams**

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name	Mary Williams
Gender	Female
Age	18
Birth Year	abt 1886
Residence	Caddo Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	James R Oneal
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	25
Spouse's Residence	Caddo Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Marriage Date	9 Oct 1904
Marriage License Date	8 Oct 1904
Marriage County	Montgomery
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1011073

Sister Mary Elizabeth Williams (1888-1982) – marriage to James Rudolph O'Neal in 1904 https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-

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# Mary Elizabeth Oneal in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Mary Elizabeth Oneal [Mary Elizabeth Williams]
Social Security#	549363900
Gender	Female
Birth Date	12 Aug 1888
Birth Place	Arkansas
Death Date	12 Jan 1982
Death Place	San Bernardino
Father's Surname	Williams

CA Death Index of Mary Elizabeth Williams O'Neal - <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/14196957:5180">https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/14196957:5180</a>



J.R. O'Neal store in Caddo Gap AR – "Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Monday 16 Apr 1917 p 4

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"Daily Arkansas Gazette" Monday 17 Jun 1918 p 7 - Bill's sister Mrs. O'Neal has an address of 214 Ferry St., Little Rock AR

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Gender	Female
Residence Age	26
Birth Date	Abt 1882
Birth Place	Montgomery County Arkansas
Spouse	J. M. O'Neal
Child	Earl Ezra O'Neal

Mary Elizabeth Williams O'Neal's son Earl Ezra O'Neal -

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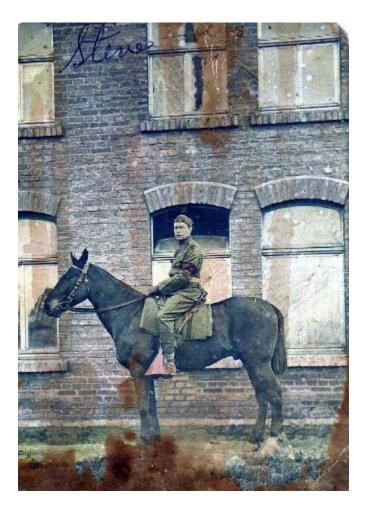
TX death record of Mary Williams O'Neals son Ezra - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryuicontent/view/772826743:2272

# Mary Williams Oneal in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Mary Williams Oneal [Mary Williams Williams]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	12 Aug 1888
Birth Place	Caddo Gap, Arkansas
Father	Jessie Williams
Mother	Julina Coffman
SSN	431289643
Notes	Sep 1941: Name listed as MARY WILLIAMS ONEAL

Mary Elizabeth Williams O'Neal - <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12508993:60901">https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12508993:60901</a>

Mary Elizabeth Williams – family tree at: <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/170541577/person/352214151092/facts?\_phsrc=hFB67739&\_phstart=successSource">https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/170541577/person/352214151092/facts?\_phsrc=hFB67739&\_phstart=successSource</a>



#### Brother Stephen (Adalee Stephen) Williams (1893-1971) in WWI -

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Steve Williams in the U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current		
Name	Steve Williams	
Birth Date	1893	
Death Date	1971	
Cemetery	Oak Grove Cemetery	
Burial or Cremation Place	Caddo Gap, Montgomery County, Arkansas, USA	
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Removed from Find A Grave but record still available on Ancestry.com -

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AR delayed birth record of brother Steve Williams -

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Abbreviations:

b = born
d = died
F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Bill Mack Williams

Name variations: Bell M. Williams

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 47th Co.

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the

sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Bill died without a number.

Entered service from: Glenwood, Pike AR (residence of his sister, Mrs. J.R. O'Neal) but was

inducted in Colorado, Mitchell Co. TX.

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Bell M. Williams

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister Mrs. J.R. O'Neal, Glenwood AR

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 26, as Bill

J. Williams

Body returned from war: from Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7

Aug 1920

Body listed on return ship as: Bill M. Williams Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Casual Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as Bill W. Williams, but signed Bill M. Williams - b. 2

May 1899 Caddo Gap [written as Caddogap] AR; res: Colorado, Mitchell TX. Single.

Farming for self, 5 miles north of Colorado TX. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: date not listed

Born: 2 May 1891 Died: 6 Feb 1918 Address: Emmet AR

Rank/unit: private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Casual Co.

#### Birth & death:

Born: 2 May 1891 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 182819962 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR

Cemetery: Oak Grove

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Arkansas Pvt. US Army

Father: Jesse William Williams, 4 Nov 1861 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AL – 11 Nov 1895 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AL. Son of Joshua Williams & Phoebe (Pheby) Arabella Jenkins. Twin brother of William Jasper Williams (4 Nov 1861 AR – 2 Jun 1930, F: 182820417, buried in the same cemetery). Buried as Jess Williams in Oak Grove Cemetery, Caddo Gap, Montgomery AL.

Find A Grave: 182820178

Mother: Julina Dian Coffman Williams, 1866 Montgomery Co. AR – 18 Dec 1895 Hooper, Montgomery AR. Her death date often appears as 1896 in online genealogies, but her tombstone is inscribed 1895. She then died 1 month after her husband.

Daughter of William Henderson Coffman (1830-1917) & Elizabeth Jane White (1834-1904). Buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR.

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Parents' marriage: 1 Jan 1885 in Montgomery Co. AR. Jesse was age 24, Julina was 16.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

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Marriage:
Children:
<ul> <li>Clarisa Bell Williams Logan Shockey, 18 Oct 1885 Montgomery Co. AR – 29 Dec 1962 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. – Clarisa Williams married Alfred Jones Logan (Jun 1881 AR – Jan 1911) on 19 Oct 1902 in Montgomery Co. AR when he was age 21 &amp; she age 17. In the 1910 census, Alfred J. Logan, 29 AR, parents b. AR, a farmer, lives with wife Clarice (24 AR, parents b. AR) &amp; their 3 children in Gap, Montgomery AR. Alfred was the son of Austin Stevenson Logan &amp; Julia Missouri Sloan &amp; is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR, F: 182684661. – Clarisa Logan married Charles Homer Shockey (1878-1963, F: 85940011) on 23 Mar 1913 in Montgomery Co. AR. She was age 27, he age 34. Clarisa Shockey is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles Co. CA. F: 85940012</li> <li>Mary Elizabeth Williams O'Neal, 12 Aug 1888 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR – 12 Jan 1982 San Bernardino Co. CA. Married on 9 Oct 1904 in Montgomery Co. AR to James Rudolph O'Neal, he 25 years old, she 18, a resident of Caddo Gap AR. James was born 1 Mar 1879 Polk Co. AR &amp; died 20 Jun 1947 Logan Co. AR. Mary is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR. F: 59305736</li> <li>Steve (Adalee Stephen) Williams, 16 Nov 1893 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR – Jun 1971 Norman, Montgomery AR. Served in WWI. Steve signs for his brother Bill's veteran tombstoneMarried 24 Sep 1927 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR to Julia Ena McLean (1908-1988) Husband of Thursa (1886-1945, F: 182820272) Buried as Steve Williams in Oak Grove Cemetery, Caddo Gap, Montgomery AR. F: 59305736.</li> </ul>
Notes:
Family tree at: <a href="https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/117382967/person/171000952531/facts?_phsrc=hFB67741&amp;_phstart=successSource">https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/117382967/person/171000952531/facts?_phsrc=hFB67741&amp;_phstart=successSource</a>
Also found as William. On Ancestry.com family trees, identified as William J. or William Joshua Williams, but then identified with a man who died in 1918 in Peoria IL.
Pre-war:
Wartime:
Post-war:
Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Gap township, Montgomery Co. AL – with maternal grandparents after being orphaned

William N. Coffman, 42 MO, Feb 1868, father b. TN, mother b. GA, farmer Missouri, 37 AR, Feb 1863, father b. AL, mother b. AR, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living James W., 9 AR, Nov 1890, father b. MO, mother b. AR Stella I., 6 AR, Feb 1894, father b. MO, mother b. AR Clark B., 2 AR, Aug 1897, father b. MO, mother b. AR Lida L., 5 months AR, Dec 1899, father b. MO, mother b. AR & nephew William J. Williams, 9 AR, May 1891, parents b. AR

Name	William J Williams
Age	9
Birth Date	May 1891
Birthplace	Arkansas, USA
Home in 1900	Gap, Montgomery, Arkansas
Sheet Number	7
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation	128
Family Number	135
Race	White
Gender	Male
Relation to Head of House	Nephew
Marital Status	Single
Father's Birthplace	Arkansas, USA
Mother's Birthplace	Arkansas, USA
Neighbors	View others on page
Household Members (Name	) Age Relationship
William N Coffman	42 Head
Missouri Coffman	37 Wife
James W Coffman	9 Son
Stella I Coffman	6 Daughter
Clark B Coffman	2 Son
Lida L Coffman	5/12 Daughter
William J Williams	9 Nephew

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1900 Caddo Gap, Montgomery AL – 2 of his siblings living with their father's twin brother William J. Williams, 38 AR, farmer

Thursa A., 34 AR

& their 4 children, plus:

Clarisa D. Williams, 14 AR, Nov 1885, parents b. AR [niece]

Adalee S. Williams, 6 AR, Nov 1893, parents b. AR [niece]

1910 Oil Trough, Independence AR – Band Rd.

E.C. Williams, 32 AR, parents b. TN, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 11 years, farmer, general farm Ollie B. Williams, 26 AR, parents b. AR, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living Hershel, 9 AR

Clarence, 6 AR

Della, 4 AR

Perle, 1 year 8 months OK

William Williams, 21 AR, parents b. AR, single, farm laborer, working out [cousin]