

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Williams, Paul Amos

1895 KS – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

WILLIAMS PAUL A		IC 12 202
Pvt 165 DB 54 Co		K
Pueblo Colo		A
Su	Died 2/6/18	T 4 73 582
Born 11/22/95		R
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 1300—Rev. Sept., 1925		INDEX CARD

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Paul A Williams

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

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COLORADO WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Wilkins, Ralph	2,179,345	Pvt	Hq Co 38 Inf	July 17/18
Williams, Paul A.		Pvt	165 Dep Brig 54 Co Camp Travis Det #2 Overseas Casuals	Feb 5/ 18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K9FK-R?cc=2996059&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPH4-T8JR>

Paul A Williams

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

Name	Paul A Williams
Rank	Private
Residence Place	Colorado
Military Branch	U.S. Army
War	World War I
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Plot Number	A
Cemetery Row	4
Cemetery Section	Grave: 3
Cemetery	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place	Brookwood, England

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30097950:9170?ssrc=pt&tid=68726059&pid=48262551396>

Form 1 11-77 REGISTRATION CARD		No. <u>39</u> <u>26</u> <u>21</u>
1	Name in full <u>Paul Amos Williams</u> (Given name) (Family name)	
2	Home address <u>Hickory</u> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	<u>Okla</u>
3	Date of birth <u>November 22</u> <u>1894</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Born</u>	
5	Where were you born? <u>Hutchinson Kans</u> <u>USA</u> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Labor</u> <u>30</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>Jack Parsons</u> Where employed? <u>Hickory Okla</u>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>no wife</u>	
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>no</u> ; branch <u>no</u> years <u>no</u> ; Nation or State <u>no</u>	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>no</u>	
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.		
<u>P. A. Williams</u> (Signature or mark)		<u>ca</u> If person is of African descent, trace all this

35-3-41-A
REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Tall</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Slant</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Blue</u> Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

R. H. Clifton
(Signature of registrant)

Precinct Ellendale
City or County Woodward
State Ohio

June 1917
(Date of registration)

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6482/images/005152267_02872?pld=2477555

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 13. — With 164 of the American soldiers on the Tuscania known to be dead and buried on the Scottish coast, an unofficial estimate today placed the total loss of American troops at 267.

In the list of those buried in Scotland appears the name of William Williams who may have been Paul A. Williams of Pueblo, Colo., although it is impossible to
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taken from the Associated Press list of unaccounted for and then checked with the Tuscania's passenger list includes:

William I. Broogs, Mount Idaho, Ida.

Fred M. Unger, Parstown, S. D.

John C. Robinson, Potlatch, Ida.

"Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel" 13 Feb 1918 p 1 & 6

It was established by an official announcement issued by the War Department at Washington that Roy Muncaster, a Denver boy, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Muncaster, Paul A. Williams, son of J. N. Williams, Pueblo, were on board the Cunard liner Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland. In addition to definitely establishing the fact that Muncaster and Williams were on the Tuscania, their names appear in an official list given out by the government of those whose names do not appear on the list of soldiers rescued and accounted for.

"Colorado Statesman" (Denver CO) Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 3

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The casualty list given out today contains fifty-five names, twenty-five of them soldiers lost on the Tuscania. These bodies were identified by finger prints. The list follows:

Tuscania Victims.

Privates George A. Altwein, Temple, Tex., Verner C. Branland, Joe Cochran, Lawton, Okla., Leonard H. Dethman, Rosendo Diez, Elson L. Edmondson, Florenzo Erras, Edward C. Freyer, Sixton Flores, Gladulpe Garza, Edward Grahamer, Frank Kossalath, Joseph Marlin, Checotah, Okla. Roy Muncaster, Denver, Colo., Ben B. Owens, Canadian Tex., Clarence Paul, Cook Clyde C. Pelley, Privates Juan A. Perez, Ondis Powell, Sasakwa, Okla., Cirilo Rodriguez, Richard Schultz, Arthur Straach, Patrick H. White, Paul A. Williams, Pueblo, Colo., Joseph E. Varra.

"Hutchinson (KS) Gazette" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 26

Wife:

Paul A. Williams

in the U.S., Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index, 1800s-current

Name	Paul A. Williams
Gender	Male
Age	21
Birth Date	abt 1894
Residence Place	Hutchinson
Marriage Date	Abt 1915
Spouse	Edith B. Clevenger

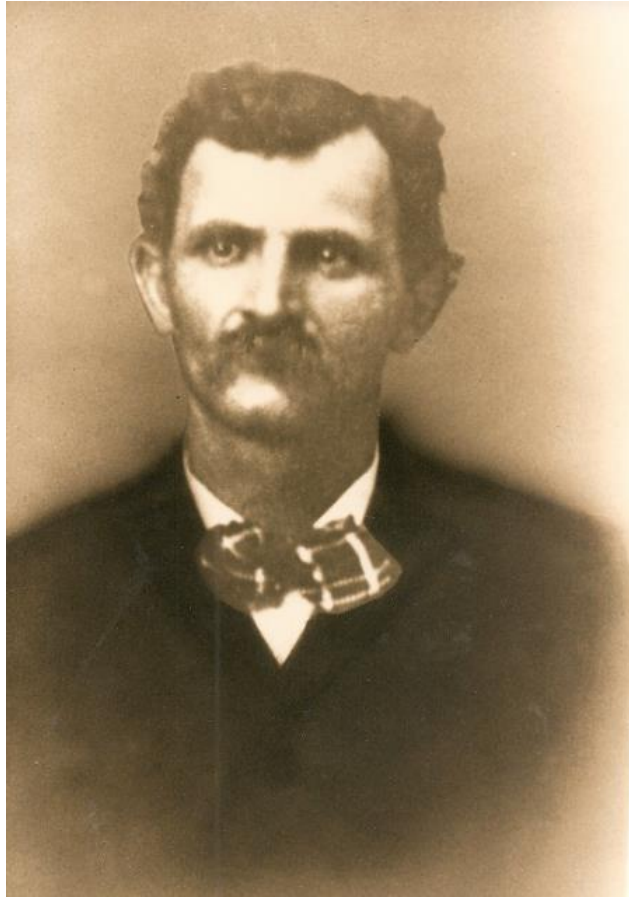
MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Paul A. Williams, Hutchinson, 21,
and Edith B. Clevenger, Hutchinson, 20.

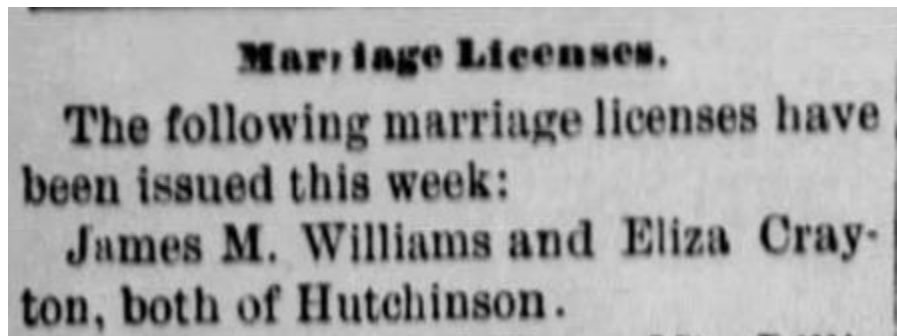
“Hutchinson (KS) Gazette” Wednesday 29 Sep 1915 p 4 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/418887498/?article=4727937b-3445-4090-b9da-d016cbcbf851/2aa7b25b-becc-4e16-9853-e3c5153e20ee&focus=0.19349684,0.7637905,0.31754223,0.7873914&xid=3398>

Father:



James Monroe Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/68726059/person/48262551393/media/e009046e-2c3b-4a88-b710-ff6af8b97307>



"Hutchinson (KS) Semi-Weekly Gazette" Thursday 7 Dec 1893 p 8

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

State of Kansas,
RENO COUNTY.

Hatchinson, Kas, December 28 A. D. 1893

any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony. Greeting,

You are Hereby Authorized to Join in Marriage

Wm Williams of Hatchinson aged 39 years,
Eliza Grayton of Hatchinson aged 17 years,
of this license you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

State of Kansas, Reno County, ss.

Wm R Fuller do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization
the within License, I did on the 28 day of December A. D. 1893, at
the of Bride in said county, Join and Unite in Marriage the above-named
Wm Williams and Eliza Grayton.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Recorded

Dec 28 1893

Attest:

Ja. G. Gorton

PROBATE JUDGE.

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Mother:



Although identified online as Paul's mother Eliza Ellen Critchton Williams, does not seem to fit a pre-1918 photo - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/68726059/person/48239219474/media/cba8f981-1e65-454a-a96d-f583f5ec0c97>



Mother Eliza Ellen Crichton Williams - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/60564042/person/34362288643/media/e10fbf3b-2eb6-463b-884b-24a435b0ba99>

Siblings:



Children of James Monroe Williams- ca. 1950 Wichita KS – James Andrew is at far right in back row (this photograph was used in his obituary) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/68726059/person/48262551399/media/a96489e2-7a61-4b06-b014-1740d11c3e6a>

Siblings:



Sister Josephine Ellen Williams Thompson Hedman (1898-1960) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui->

[viewer/tree/60564042/person/34362232422/media/7ef2676d-5b47-401d-a6cf-47f30b3da9f2](#)

Two Marriage Licenses—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by Probate Judge Charles Fulton to James G. Wilson, 24, and Bernice Phillips, 23, both of Hutchinson, and to Charley Leroy Thompson, 22, and Josie Ellen Williams, 17, Hutchinson.

"Hutchinson (KS) Gazette" Sunday 28 Mar 1915 p 6

TO PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE—IMPORTANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
Complete the original certificate and the certificate on separate card, stationery form and within three days after the ceremony file both, with license, with the Recorder, City Clerk and County Auditor. If the person named in the license is not a resident of this county, the person named must be identified with names to be known. "One or more" witnesses are required and are required to sign the card and stationery certificate.

ORIGINAL FILED FOR RECORD APR 30 1938 C. L. LOGAN, RECORDER, BY DEPUTY

MARRIAGE LICENSE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NO. LB-698
1508 120
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

TO ANY JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, JUDGE OF ANY POLICE COURT, CITY RECORDER, PRIEST OR MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ANY DENOMINATION:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED TO SOLEMNIZE, WITHIN SAID COUNTY,
THE MARRIAGE OF

CARL O. HEDMAN, NATIVE OF UTAH, COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 37 YEARS, RESIDING AT DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA, AND
JOSIE E. THOMPSON, NATIVE OF KANSAS, COLOR OR RACE WHITE
AGED 40 YEARS, RESIDING AT DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

THE DULY VERIFIED WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE TO THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR
BEEN PRESENTED TO AND FILED BY ME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON THIS
April 29th 1938
L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK AND EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.
BY Helara M. Dunkel, DEPUTY.

(This License May Be Used at Any Time But Only in Los Angeles County)

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ORIGINAL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THE 29th DAY OF April, 1938
At Long Beach, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
UNDER AUTHORITY OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY L. E. LAMPTON, COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY, I, THE UNDERSIGNED,
AS Judge of the Superior Court, JOINED IN MARRIAGE
Carl O. Hedman AND Josie E. Thompson
IN THE PRESENCE OF E. L. Schroeder, RESIDING AT Long Beach
California, AND Elfrieda J. Cooley, RESIDING AT Downey
California, WHO WITNESSED THE CEREMONY.
Jerey Light
SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE.

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Brother Donald Edward Williams (1900-1997) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/68726059/person/48262551397/media/c36cfd12-bec7-456c-9805-048686ac879d>

James Williams Funeral Pending

Funeral services were pending Tuesday evening for James Andrew Williams, 55, of 2626 Arkansas, who died Monday evening at a local hospital.

He was born Oct. 11, 1903, in Hutchinson, Kan. He had been a resident of Wichita for the past 31 years, having come here from Hutchinson. He had been employed at Beech Aircraft Corp. as a sheet metal assembler.

Mr. Williams was a member of the West Side Christian Church and Masonic Lodge. He married Katherine Swank May 10, 1934, in Wichita.



J. WILLIAMS

Survivors besides his wife include five sons, James A. Jr., U.S. Navy, stationed on Guam, Donald, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Norman B., Ronald Lee and John Thomas, all of the home; a stepson, Sgt. Richard E. McKay, U.S. Army, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; two daughters, Miss Nelie Williams, of the home, and Mrs. Barbara Nunn, 315 E. Dewey; three sisters, Mrs. Florence Gahman, 1720 S. Meridian, Mrs. Otie Towles, 618 N. Hoover, and Mrs. Josie Hedman, Downey, Calif.; two brothers, Donald Williams and J. T. Williams, both of Pueblo, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be announced by Byrd-Snodgrass Funeral Home.

Obituary of **brother James Andrew Williams (1903-1958)** – “Wichita (KS) Eagle” Wednesday
12 Nov 1958 p 3 -

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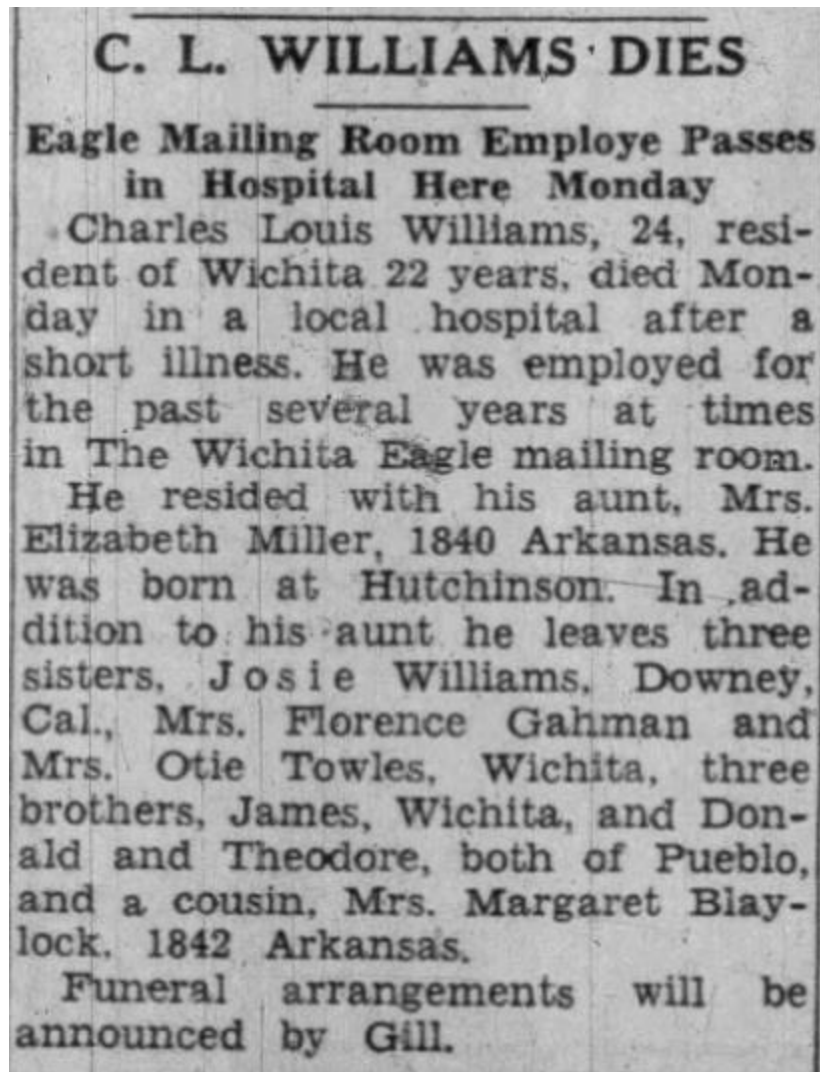
MRS. RUFUS GAHMAN

Services for Mrs. Florence A. Gahman, 64, of 1716 S. Meridian, will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Broadway Mortuary. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. She died Tuesday in Hillsboro, Wis., where she had been visiting.

Born in Hutchinson, Kan., she moved to Wichita in 1920.

Survivors include her widower, Rufus; five sons, David A., Leslie E., William O., Kenneth E. and Gerald L., all of W i c h i t a .; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Sharnow, Union Center, Wis., and Mrs. Elsie Forker, in Louisiana; two brothers, Ted and Don Williams, both of Pueblo, Colo., and a sister Mrs. Odie Towles, Wichita.

Obituary of **sister Florence Adele Williams Gahman (1907-1971)** – “Wichita (KS) Eagle”
Saturday 1 Jan 1972 p 20



Obituary of brother Charles Louis Williams (1916-1940) – “Wichita (KS) Eagle” Tuesday 10 Sep 1940 p 5

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Paul Amos Williams

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 54th Co.- private
 Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Paul died without a number
 Entered service from: Pueblo, Pueblo CO
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Paul A. Williams
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Eliza E. Williams, 3009 Court St., Pueblo CO
 First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 35, as Paul A. Williams
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Paul Amos Williams b. 22 Nov 1895 Hutchinson KS; res: Haskew OK. Married, with wife. Labor, Jack Parrone, Haskew OK. Date on card is Jun 1917, no day of the month.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted: date not listed
 Discharged:
 Address: Pueblo CO
 Rank/unit: private, 165th Depot Brigade, 54th Company

Birth & death:

Born: 22 Nov 1895 Hutchinson, Reno KS
 Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania
 Find A Grave: 56504031 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower
 Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England
 Cemetery: Brookwood American Military
 Tombstone: veteran cross: Pvt US Army Colorado

Father: James Monroe Williams, 5 Jun 1856 KS – 3 Feb 1920 Pueblo Co. CO. Son of John Harrison Williams (1823 KY – 1902 MO, F: 51411020) & Nancy C. James (1822 IN – 1872 MO, F: 51411929).

In the 1910 census, James says he is in his 2nd marriage, while Eliza is in her 1st marriage.
 Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, Pueblo CO.
 Find A Grave: 91628349

Mother: Eliza Ellen Crichton/Creighton Williams, Nov 1876 Lexington, McLean IL – 20 Nov 1918 Pueblo, Pueblo CO. Died 1 day after an infant child who died 19 Nov 1918. Daughter of James Creighton/Crichton (1828-1884, buried in Crichton, F: 16973083) & Phoebe Elizabeth (Lizzie) Whitman, buried as Phebe E. Crichton (1845-1906, F: 39845526). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, Pueblo CO.
 Find A Grave: 91628311
 Parents' marriage: 3 Dec 1893 Hutchinson, Reno KS.

Spouse: Edith B. Clevenger Williams, ca. 1895. Was age 20 in Sep 1915 when Paul A. Williams, age 21 & she applied for a marriage license in Hutchinson, Reno KS. Paul said he was married when he registered for the WWI draft in Jun 1918 (card not dated).

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: an additional sibling died between the 1900 & 1910 census

- Josephine Ellen (Josie) Williams Thompson Hedman, 23 Feb 1898 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 19 Mar 1960 Downey, Los Angeles CA. Married in 1918 in KS to Charles LeRoy Thompson (1893 MO – 1974 MO). They had 5 children. Was the 2nd wife of Carl Otto Hedman (1901 UT – 1971 CA, F: 146390193) whom she married in Long Beach, Los Angeles CA on 29 Apr 1938. Buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, Long Beach, Los Angeles CA. F: 73415163
- Donald Edward Williams, 4 Apr 1900 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 1 Mar 1997 Pueblo, Pueblo CO. A resident of Pueblo CO in WWI draft registration. Married 11 Mar 1922 in Pueblo, Pueblo CO to Mary Elizabeth Boland (1898-1988, F: 144917483). Buried in Imperial Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Pueblo CO. F: 144917142.
- James Andrew Williams, 11 Oct 1903 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 10 Nov 1958 Wichita, Sedgwick KS. Married Francis Kathrine/Katherine Swank (1911-1976, F: 202275864) on 10 May 1934 in Wichita, Sedgwick KS. Buried in Wichita Park Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. F: 202275865
- Jay Theodore/Ted Williams, 1 Apr 1905 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 9 Oct 1986 Pueblo, Pueblo CO. Known as “Ted.” Married 8 Nov 1930 in Pueblo, Pueblo CO to Josephine Mary Tezak (1909-1981, F: 38861352), the daughter of Joseph N. Tezak (1876-1935, F: 108528787) & Mary Siehar (1876-1945, F: 108528794). Buried in Imperial Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Pueblo CO. F: 38861366
- Florence Adele Williams Gahman, 13 Sep 1907 Hutchinson, Reno KS – 28 Dec 1971 Hillsboro, Vernon WI (while visiting there). Wife of Rufas A. Gahman (1904-1980, F: 23809322) whom she married 8 Sep 1925 (date inscribed on tombstone) or 8 Sep 1926 (claimed by maintainer of Find A Grave record). Buried in Highland Cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. F: 23809319
- Otie Mathilda Williams Rand Towles, 11 Feb 1910 Buffalo, Harper OK – 2 Oct 1995. Married to Donald Gale Rand (1907 KS – 1980 CA, F: 105669834). Their daughters were born in 1927 & 1929. - Married in 1932 to Charles Bryan Towles (1914 MO – 1973 KS, F: 51765294). Buried in Wichita Park Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. F: 51885870
- Charles Louis Williams, 28 Jun 1916 KS – 9 Sep 1940 Wichita, Sedgwick KS. Employed in the mailroom of the “Wichita Eagle” newspaper at the time of his death. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. F: 23819440

- Infant Williams, birth date unknown – 19 Nov 1918, presumably in CO. The child's mother, Eliza, died the next day (20 Nov 1918). Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, Pueblo CO. F: 91628340

Notes:

Charles A. Miller 6 Mar 1852-21 Mar 1937, F:23814018, Wichita, Sedgwick KS &
Elizabeth A. Miller 16 Oct 1867-21 Feb 1952, F:23814026.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Wichita, Sedgwick KS – living with his mother's sister Maria Elizabeth (Lizzie) Crichton Miller – conducted 7 Jun 1900

Charles A. Miller, 49, TN, Mar 1851 TN, parents b. Germany, married 8 years, butcher
Lizzie Miller, 32 IL, Oct 1867, father b. Scotland, mother b. NY, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living [wife]

Maggie E. Miller, 2 KS, Jan 1898, father b. TN, mother b. IL [daughter]

Eliza Williams, 24 IL, Nov 1876, father b. Scotland, mother b. NY, married, married 6 years, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living [sister-in-law]

Paul Williams, 4 KS, Nov 1895, father b. KS, mother b. IL [nephew]

Josephene, 2 KS, Feb 1898, father b. KS, mother b. IL [niece]

Donald Williams, 2 months KS, father b. KS, mother b. IL [nephew]

1905 KS state census – Hutchinson, Reno KS

J.M. Williams, 52 KS, salt man

Aliza, 28 IL

Paul, 9 KS

Josie, 7 KS

Donald, 5 KS

Baby boy, 1 month KS [i.e. Jay Theodore]

1910 Good, Harper OK

James M. Williams, 58 KS, father b. MO, mother b. NY, in 2nd marriage, married 17 years, farmer, general farm

Eliza E., 33 IL, father b. Scotland, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 7 are living

Paul A., 14 KS, laborer, home farm

Josie E., 12 KS

Donald E., 10 KS

James A., 7 KS

Theodore J., 5 KS

Florence A., 2 KS

Matilda O., 8 months OK