

TUSCANIA

Wills, James Irvin
1887 MO – 1960

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WILLS JAMES IRVIN
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Life:

161 WILL GO TO NATIONAL ARMY

**Complete List of All Who
Have Gone or Are Certi-
fied to Go Septem-
ber 20.**

Owing to the slowness of other Oklahoma boards Washington county will be required to send 161 men to the national army cantonment on the morning of September 20, instead of the 119, which was the pro rata quota of this county. The board notified about 120 of the men whose names are published below and will notify about forty more tomorrow to finish the 161. The men will leave on the 9:55 train Thursday morning and go to Camp Travis via Tulsa and Dallas. The list below includes all who have gone or who have been certified to go up to and including September 20. It does not include the extra forty that will be notified today:

Bert McCalle, B'ville.; Ray P. Triplette, Ramona; Frank Pyle, Dewey; James I. Wills, B'ville.; Leslie B. Landerback, B'ville.; Harrison W. Brady, B'ville.; Wesley Jones, B'ville.; Homer

"Bartlesville (OK) Morning Examiner" Saturday 15 Sep 1917 p 5

On The Tuscania.—Another soldier, formerly of Montgomery county, who was on the ship, Tuscania, when it went down, was James I. Wills, a former well known resident of Caney. At the time of his enlistment Wills was employed at Bartlesville. Friends at Caney yesterday received a telegram from Washington saying that Wills had landed safely and was none the worse for his thrilling experience.

"Independence (KS) Daily Reporter" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 6

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"Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

CANEY MAN IS SAVED.
 The name of James I. Wills of Caney appears in the list of those saved on the Tuscania. It was not known before that he was on the boat. The name of Tom Ashby of Liberty does not appear although it is certain that he was saved.

"Independence (KS) Daily Reporter" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

Jim Wills Tuscania Survivor
 One of the Tuscania survivors, according to the reports received here is James I. Wills, who was one of the Washington county drafted men sent to Camp Travis September 20, last. He was later selected to go with one of the units bound for France. He roomed at 211 Cheyenne avenue when he was in Bartlesville.

"Bartlesville (OK) Morning Examiner" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 3

CANEY SOLDIER ON TUSCANIA

JAMES I. WILLS WAS RESCUED FROM WRECK

State Department Informs Relatives
by Telegram—Another Mont-
gomery County Boy
Also Saved

* * * * *

* Mrs. Kate Wills, *
* Caney, Kansas. *
* Officially reported that James *
* I. Wills was saved from Tus- *
* cania. *
* McCain, the Adj. General *
* * * * *

A Caney boy was on the Tuscania wrecked vessel last week. Jim Wills, who lived here with his brother A. T. Wills was the man but he was among the number saved.

For some time after the vessel was torpedoed and before any definite information could be obtained it was suspected by his mother, Mrs. Kate Wills, and also the brother that he was on the destroyed vessel but of course had no definite way of telling. Then came the news in a Kansas City paper that he was among the missing and they were in deep sorrow.

They were on the point of sending a telegram to the department at Washington, when Sunday morning the above telegram was received. Art was so happy that he cried and could hardly tell people that his brother was safe.

James Wills worked here last winter for Connelly and Owea and also for his brother. From here he went to Bartlesville and there he registered and was drafted. He was sent to San Antonio, Texas to a training camp and a short time ago was sent to Washington. From there he wrote home that he probably would not be heard from for some time and of course the censorship was not allowed to tell more.

He will be remembered here as a well built man weighing over 200 pounds and considered a very strong man physically. This may have accounted for his being saved.

At the Sunday evening services in the High School auditorium the telegram was read and from the clapping heard it must have been with degree of satisfaction that the townspeople received the fact that the kaiser's sea dogs had failed of another of its intended victims.

"Caney (KS) Chronicle" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1 – the "brother" is actually James's half-brother Arthur T. Wills

Wife:

(First published in the Caney News
August 11th, 1922.)

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

The State of Kansas to the Defendant John Gains:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by Esther Gains, plaintiff, who did on the 18th day of July, 1922, file her petition for divorce against you in the District Court of Montgomery County, Kansas, praying for an absolute divorce and for the care and custody of her minor child, Floyd Gains.

You are further notified that you must answer said petition filed against you on or before the 25th day of September, 1922, or the same will be taken as true and a judgment rendered against you granting the plaintiff an absolute divorce and the care and custody of her minor child, Floyd Gains, and such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

ESTHER GAINS, Plaintiff.
By Emil H. Koehl, Attorney.
Attest:—Gilbert Blackford, Clerk
District Court.

"Caney (KS) News" Friday 25 Aug 1922 p 4

MARRIAGE RECORD

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Washington County.

IN COUNTY COURT

I, James I. Wills the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
 M. James I. Wills aged 35 years, whose residence is Bartlesville
 State of Oklahoma and M. Mr. Esther Gine aged 20 years,
 whose residence is Bartlesville State of Oklahoma and for the purpose of procuring the same,
 do solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are truly and
 correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage relation, nor are they re-
 lated to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 35 years of age, and reside at Bartlesville
 County of Washington State of Oklahoma
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of February, 1923
 By Jessie M. Couble Deputy. T. H. Reese, Jr. Court Clerk
 I, the undersigned, _____ of _____
 named in the above application as being of the age of _____ years, do hereby consent to _____ marriage to

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Washington County.

IN COUNTY COURT

To any person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony—Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. James I. Wills
 of Bartlesville County of Washington State of Oklahoma
 aged 35 years, and M. Mr. Esther Gine
 of Bartlesville County of Washington State of Oklahoma
 aged 20 years. And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, at Bartlesville in said County, this 7th day of
February, A. D. 1923
 By Jessie M. Couble Deputy. T. H. Reese, Jr. Court Clerk.
 Recorded this 7th day of February, 1923
 By Jessie M. Couble Deputy. T. H. Reese, Jr. Court Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Washington County, ss.

I, Robert D. Waddell Judge County _____
 of Bartlesville (Name) (Official Designation) (Court or Congregation)
 in Washington County, State of Oklahoma do hereby
 certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 7th day of
February, A. D. 1923, at Bartlesville in Washington County, State of Oklahoma.
 In the presence of C. H. Musselman of Bartlesville, Okla.
 and Jessie M. Couble of Bartlesville, Okla.
Robert D. Waddell
 County Judge
 Returned and Recorded this 7th day of February, 1923
 By Jessie M. Couble Deputy. T. H. Reese, Jr. Court Clerk.

Marriage 7 Feb 1923 Bartlesville OK - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/64364659:61379>

Esther Trimble

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

Name	Esther Trimble
Social Security Number	515-20-5761
Birth Date	2 Jan 1903
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Kansas
Last Residence	67025, Cheney, Sedgwick, Kansas, USA
Death Date	Nov 1985

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/63212980:3693>

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd J. Gains,
3431 N. St. Francis, announce the
birth of a son, John Julian, Feb.
17, in St. Francis Hospital. Grand-
parents are Mrs. Esther I. Trim-
ble, Wichita, and Mr. and Mrs.
P. E. Mersereau, Oak Valley, Kan.
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“Wichita (KS) Beacon” Tuesday 28 Feb 1956 p 8

(947) (Published in The Wichita
Beacon on November 1, 1966)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS
THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, a
municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VICTOR TRIANA; PAULA TRIANA;
GRACE PILGRIM HOLINESS
CHURCH; SYLVIA E. DIRKSEN; AR-
THUR DIRKSEN; BETTY JUNE ENTS-
MINGER; EDNA CROW; MID-KAN-
SAS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION; M. L. BARNHART;
DORA BARNHART; HERB SANDERS;
RICHARD K. CHILDS; MANUEL BOR-
EN; ROBERTA I. BOREN; JESUS C.
MORENO; ELOISE MORRIS McMUR-
TY; CAROLYN MORRIS KAUFF-
MAN; MARY MARGARET MORRIS
BOYD; PEARL O. WINTERS; JACK
D. BUCKLEY; MARILYN E. BUCK-
LEY; ANDREW LAVERN TILFORD;
NANCY EILEEN TILFORD; MAUDE
DECKER; MRS. R. H. LANGHOVER;
THE WICHITA HOME IMPROVEMENT
COMPANY; CARLTON LAEMELLE
RHODD; FELIX MINOZ; WINSTON A.
HANEY; MARLOWE M. HANEY;
DELBERT C. PARRISH; MARVELLE
L. PARRISH; ——— WIGGINS;
JAMES MAXWELL; THE CHAPPLE
INVESTMENT COMPANY; ESTHER
IRENE TRIMBLE; WICHITA WHOLE-
SALE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY;
JERRY FRIEDMAN; IKE FRIED-
MAN; FANNIE FRIEDMAN; HAROLD

Article continues

Case No. C-9758-66
 Division No. 1
**NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS
 IN EMINENT DOMAIN**
 The City of Wichita to the above named
 defendants and all persons Concerned:
 You are hereby notified that the City
 of Wichita, Kansas, has filed a petition
 for proceedings in eminent domain in the
 District Court of Sedgwick County, Kan-
 sas, for the purpose of constructing, main-
 taining, and repairing sewer pipes and a
 sewer system over, across, and through
 the real property described as follows:

Also, a temporary construction ease-
 ment described as the east twenty (20)
 feet of the west twenty-eight (28) feet
 of Lots 22 and 23, Block 27, Jones Park
 Addition, except that portion occupied by
 a permanent structure. Said temporary
 easement shall expire upon completion of
 the sewer.
 Owner: Esther I. Trimble
 Address: 3051 North Market,
 Wichita, Kansas

“Wichita (KS) Beacon” Tuesday 1 Nov 1966 p 19

NELLIE M. (MRS. ERNEST)
 DAVIS, 85, of 2717 N. Market, em-
 ploye of the former Culiver's Restau-
 rant, services at 1 p.m. Monday in
 Cochran Mortuary She died Wednes-
 day. Survivors include her sister,
 Mrs. Esther Trimble, Wichita.

Esther's sister Nellie - “Wichita (KS) Beacon” Friday 12 Sep 1975 p 13

Esther Potter

in the Arkansas, Marriage Certificates, 1917-1972

Name	Esther Potter
Race	White
Marriage Age	46
Record Type	Marriage
Birth Date	2 Jan
Birth Place	Kansas
Marriage Date	6 Nov 1951
Marriage Place	Mountain Home, Baxter, Arkansas, USA
Spouse	Ralph Trimble
Certificate Number	1253

STATE OF ARKANSAS
County of **Baxter**

STATISTICAL TRANSCRIPT OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
Coupon to be Detached by County Clerk and Forwarded to State Registrar Vital Statistics, State Capitol

Place of Marriage: County **Baxter** City or Town **Mtn. Home, Ark.** **1253**

Date of Marriage **Nov. 6, 1951** Title of Person Officiating **J. P.**

GROOM
Full Name **Ralph Trimble**
Residence State **Ark.** County **Baxter**
Age Last Birthday **45** Color or Race **W** City or Town **Advance**
Birth Date **25 Jan.** Birth Place **Ark.** State or Country
Usual Occupation **Defence Work** Industry or Business

BRIDE
Maiden Name **Esther Potter**
Residence State **Kan.** County **Sedwick**
Age Last Birthday **46** Color or Race **W** City or Town **Wichita**
Birth Date **Jan. 2** Birth Place **Kansas** State or Country
Usual Occupation Industry or Business

Date License Issued **Nov. 6** 19**51** Deputy County Clerk **QUINBY SMITH,** County Clerk

Esther Potter Gains Wills married Ralph Trimble 6 Nov 1951 Mountain Home, Baxter AR -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91128187:61775?tid=&pid=&queryId=e7c0ac08e4b3f2dcbbc28c3d9f89081e&_phsrc=hFB69875&_phstart=successSource

Anna Watts

in the Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911

Name	Anna Watts
Gender	Female
Age	24
Birth Date	abt 1866
Marriage Date	2 Nov 1890
Marriage Place	Chautauqua, Kansas, USA
Spouse	George Potter
Film Number	002404329

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.

State of Kansas, Chautauqua County, ss.

In the Probate Court of said County and State.

George Potter , who now here makes application for Marriage License,
addressed to any person authorized by law to join in Marriage *George Potter*
the said *George Potter* , aged 24 years,
and *Anna Watta* , aged 24 years.

being by me first duly sworn, doth say, that they have the unqualified consent of their parents to their marriage, and that neither of said parties have been divorced by the decree of any Court within six months last past.

And that they, the said George Potter and Anna Watts,
are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of
either the one-half or the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins, and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.



In Testimony Whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Chautauque County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have herunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office, this First day of November 1896

No. 233

Filed. 1st

day of *November*

Richard Speed Putah Judge

Richard Speed

Probate Judge.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF KANSAS.

Chautauque County.

Sedan Karwas Member 1st A. D. 1890

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN IN MARRIAGE.

George Potter, of *Achantunga Co., Harwar*, aged *27* years,
and *Anna Watts*, of " " " " , aged *24* years,
and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

Richard Speed

Probate Judge.

State of Kansas, *Chautauqua* County, ss.

I, H. H. Wilson, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 2^d day of November, A. D. 1898, at my office in said County, join and unite in Marriage the above-named George Potter and Assma Watts.

Witness my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Attest: Richard Speed H. W. Wilson Justice of the Peace
Private Judge.

Filed, 10th day of November

Richard Speed

P. oblate Judge.

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900183574:61371>

MARRIED—At the residence of H. W. Wilson, November 2nd, 1890, Mr. George Potter to Miss Anna Watts, both of Hendricks township, Chautauqua county, Kansas. This couple are well known in this county both having lived here for several years. Good wishes of all for happiness and success in life is theirs. H. W. Wilson officiating.

“Sedan (KS) Republican” Wednesday 12 Nov 1890 p 3

Divorce was granted to plaintiff in the following cases: Alta Thomas vs. Lee Thomas, Josephine E. Goff vs. Robert B. Goff, Anna Potter vs. George Potter, J. N. Carr vs. Hattie Kirby Carr, F. E. Rowley vs. M. E. Rowley, Lulu Clark vs. George Clark, Fanny Green vs. Moses Green.

Her mother? Sedan KS is in Chautauqua Co. KS – “Sedan (KS) Freeman’s Lance” Thursday 29 May 1902 p 1

Mrs. Anna Potter, 54, is dead at Caney.

Death of mother – “Coffeyville (KS) Daily Journal” Wednesday 8 Mar 1922 p 4

HARPER — Esther Trimble, 82, retired nursing home owner and operator, former Wichitan, died Thursday. Service 2 p.m. today, Wichita Park Cemetery. Elliott Funeral Home.

“Wichita (KS) Eagle” Friday 15 Nov 1985 p 6

Stepson:

Floyd Gains

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

Name	Floyd Gains [Julian Floyd Gains]
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	30 Jun 1921
Birth Place	Pawhuska Osa, Oklahoma
Death Date	Jan 1980
Father	John Gains
Mother	Esther I Potter
SSN	510305940
Notes	Mar 1950: Name listed as FLOYD GAINS; 20 Sep 1978: Name listed as JULIAN FLOYD GAINS

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IMPORTANT: Read the instruction sheet before completing this form. Type or print in caps (except signatures).

Form Approved
OMB No. 76-RO668

1. NAME OF DECEASED EXACTLY AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See Item 1 of Instructions regarding options)			13. APPLICANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, and State)		ZIP CODE
FIRST FLOYD	MIDDLE JULIAN	LAST GAINS	MARY A. GAINS 6231 INDEPENDENCE WICHITA, KS 67219		67219
2. HIGHEST RANK; AND BRANCH OF SERVICE IN WHICH HELD Pvt., U.S. Army Air Force			14. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. 316-744-0591		15. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED WIFE
3. WAS THE DECEASED AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			I accept responsibility for placement of the headstone or marker at no expense to the Government. I certify that all statements made are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.		
4. WARS DURING WHICH DECEASED SERVED WWII			16. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Mary A. Gains		
5. YEAR OF BIRTH 6-30-1921			17. DATE 1-7-1980		
6. YEAR OF DEATH 1-5-1980			18. SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS (No. and street, city, and State)		
7. TYPE OF HEADSTONE OR MARKER REQUESTED (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER			COCHRAN MORTUARY 1411 N. BROADWAY WICHITA, KS 67214		
8. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM DESIRED (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LATIN CROSS (Christian) <input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Jewish) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in item 23 on reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE			19. AREA CODE AND PHONE NO. 316 7624422		
9. NAME DECEASED USED DURING SERVICE (First, middle, last) Floyd Julian Gains			20. SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE Cochran Mortuary 134 E. 9th St. Wichita, KS		
10. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 510 30 5940			21. DATE 1-7-1980		
11. PENSION NO. OR VA CLAIM NO. C# 510-30-5940			22. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF CEMETERY Raymond E. Division		
12. PLACE OF BURIAL (Name of cemetery, city, and State) KECH. DEM. KECH. KS			23. DATE 1-9-80		
FOR USE OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION					
INSCRIPTION DATA PVT US ARMY/WWII					
B/L NO. MAZ-11276		ORDERED APR 7 1980	CONTRACTOR Vaz Mon. Service		

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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

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FLOYD J. GAINS, 58, of 6231 Independence, custodian for Cloud Elementary School, died Saturday.

Survivors: wife, Mary; sons, Daniel at home, John of Wichita; daughter, Irene Gains, mother, Esther I. Trimble, both of Wichita. Cochran Mortuary.

Obituary of Floyd Julian Gains – "Wichita (KS) Beacon" Monday 7 Jan 1980 p 15

Father:

George Washington Wills

George Washington Wills, oldest son of Thomas and Barbara Wills, was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, June 26, 1849. He moved with his parents to Montgomery County, Indiana in 1863. In 1869 they removed to Henry County, Missouri. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 19 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Clinton, Missouri, of which church he was still a member at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Addaline Wright in April of 1873. Three children blessed this union; Willie who died at the age of 4; A. T. Wills of Caney, Kansas; and Mrs. Seletia Slack of Tulsa, Okla. The death angel visited the home and took the wife and mother, March 31, 1881. About four years later Mr. Wills was united in marriage to Miss Kate Meeks of Norris, Missouri, the date being July 14, 1885. Three children were born: James Wills of Weiser, Idaho; Mrs. Barbara Lair

of Lone Rock, Iowa; and Eugene Wills of Caney, Kansas, who came here recently with his parents from the home on the farm near Vista, Missouri.

Death came at the home of his son, A. T. Wills, in Caney, Kansas, April 3, 1915, at 1 P. M., caused by a complication of trouble with the heart, throat and lungs. His age was 65 years, 8 months, and 27 days.

Besides the widow and the above named children, the deceased leaves three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Amanda Paxton. Mrs. Julia Ragland and Thomas Wills of Harrison, Ark. and Mrs. Fannie Drake, Center

View, Missouri.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held in the Methodist church of this city, conducted by the minister, A. Frank Johnson Jr., at 3:30 P. M. Sunday, April 4th. Interment was made in the Sunny Side cemetery at Caney, Kansas.

"Caney (KS) News" Friday 9 Apr 1915 p 6

The obituary of George Washington Wills appeared in the "Caney Chronicle" (Caney KS), on 9 April 1915 on p. 4.

The aged father of A.T. Willis [Arthur T.] has died. Arthur is known as the "apple man" locally.

A.T. visited his father in Missouri, and finding him old (over 65) and in poor health, he decided to bring his father, and his father's wife and son to live with him in Caney. Preparations were made but it was too late. G.W. died of complications of diseases of the throat, heart & lungs on Saturday, 3 April 1915.

The funeral was held 4 April 1915 at the Methodist Church, with interment in Sunnyside Cemetery. The full text of the obituary was read at his funeral.

George Washington Wills, the oldest son of Thomas & Barbara Wills, was born in Nicholas County KY on 26 June 1894 [tombstone reads 6 June]. He moved with his parents to Montgomery County IN in 1863. In 1869 the family moved to Henry County MO. He professed his faith in Christ at age 19 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Clinton MO, where he was still a member at the time of his death.

He married Miss Adeline Wright in April 1873. They had three children: Willie (died at age 4), A.T. Wills (Caney KS) and Mrs. Selethia [sic/Seletia] Slack (Tulsa OK). Adeline died 31 Mar 1881.

He married Miss Kate Meeks of Norris MO on 14 July 1885. [Their marriage license spells her name Catharine.] George & Kate had three children: James Wills (Weiser ID), Mrs. Barbara Lair (Lone Rock IA) & Eugene Wills (Caney KS). Eugene came here with his parents from their home on a farm near Vista MO to live with A.T.

G.W. died at the home of his son A.T. Wills in Caney KS on 3 April 1915 at 1 p.m., at the age of 68 years, 8 months, 27 days. He is survived by his widow and six children, plus three sisters & 1 brother: Mrs. Amanda Paxton (Harrison AR), Mrs. Julia Ragland (Harrison AR), Thomas Wills (Harrison AR) & Mrs. Fannie Drake (Center View MO).

Contributor: [Islay](#) (48898746)

[View Memorial](#)

Siblings:

ORIGINAL
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State Index No. *5864*

County *Maricopa* District *1* County Registrar No. *519*

Town or City *Phoenix* No. *15 mi W. of City* St. Local Registrar's No. *14632*

(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its name instead of street and number)

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

FULL NAME *Barbara J. Lair*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX *F* COLOR OR RACE *White* SINGLE ☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☐ OR DIVORCED ☐

DATE OF BIRTH *Aug 21 - 22*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

AGE *31* yrs. mos. days hrs. or min.

OCCUPATION *Housewife*

(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work

(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

BIRTHPLACE *Mo* *31*
(State or country)

NAME OF FATHER *Geo. Wills*
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER *Ky.*
(State or country)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Rob. Knacon*
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER *Ark.*
(State or country)

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.
(Informant) *D. E. Lair*
(Address)

Place of Burial or Removal *Greenwood Cem* Date of Burial or Removal *4-10-1922*
Undertaker *P. L. Moore* Address *7 Lane 329th Adams*

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH *April 8 - 22*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I hereby certify, that I attended deceased from *March 7* 1922 *April 8th*, 1922; that I last saw him alive on *March 7*, 1922, and that death occurred on the date stated above at *9:10 A. M.* The DISEASE OR INJURY causing death was as follows: *Pulmonary Tuberculosis.*

(Duration) yrs. mos. days

Was disease contracted in Arizona? *No.*

If not, where? *Missouri.*

CONTRIBUTORY (Duration) yrs. mos. days

(Signed) *Louise Report*, M. D.
April 8th 1922 (Address) *16 E. Monroe*

*In deaths from Violent Causes, state: (1), Means of Injury; and (2), Whether: Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE

At place of death *1* years *3* months *days*

In Arizona *in valley* years *11* months *days*

Former or Usual Residence *Kansas*

Filed *April 8, 1922* *Elizabeth Burney* Local Registrar.
A True Copy

Filed *April 18, 1922* County Registrar.

AZ death record of sister Barbara Jane Wills Lair (1890-1915) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/155740:8704>

64804 *Eugene Wills* 34 5-8 150 *med* *Bro* *Mar Bky* *160 Church St* *10 yrs* *and* *now*

now *no* *no* *0* *1896* *no* *ala* *no* *laborer* *Sept 8, 1930* *felony theft* *7 years* *Jefferson*

Beaumont Shanty *Sept 24, 1930* *9-8-1932* *Dise 12-10-31.*

TX prison record of Eugene ? - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/223076:2143?tid=1983314&pid=362312949941&queryId=00a5f9c71bc7ab5cf444233e201aacb3&_phsrc=hFB69829&_phstart=successSource

Eugene G Wills

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Eugene G Wills
Social Security #	527103072
Gender	Male
Birth Date	22 Feb 1896
Birth Place	Missouri
Death Date	29 Jul 1961
Death Place	Los Angeles

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/7963665:5180?tid=1983314&pid=362312949941&queryId=00a5f9c71bc7ab5cf444233e201aacb3&_phsrc=hFB69830&_phstart=successSource

WILLS

Funeral services for Eugene Wills, 65, who died last Saturday Monday in Highland Park.

Rev. Paul E. Johnson officiated. Interment was at Valhalla Cemetery.

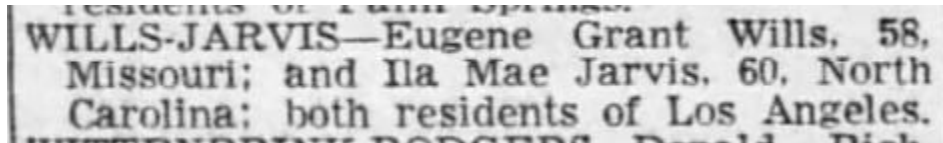
Born in Missouri, Mr. Wills had lived here 20 years, residing at 209 N. Ave. 56. He was an elevator operator and maintenance man for the National Oil Building.

He is survived by his wife, Iva-dell Wills; and a sister.

"Lincoln Heights Bulletin-News" (Los Angeles CA) Thursday 3 Aug 1961 p 17

STATE OF ARKANSAS		MARRIAGE LICENSE COUPON		'62 015576
HOWARD		<small>(COUPON TO BE DETACHED BY COUNTY CLERK AND FORWARDED TO STATE REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS, STATE CAPITOL.)</small>		
MARRIAGE: COUNTY <u>Howard</u>		CITY OR TOWN <u>Nashville</u>		
MARRIAGE <u>December 15, 1942</u>		TITLE OF PERSON OFFICIATING <u>J. D. Brewer, J. P.</u>		
GROOM		BRIDE		
<u>Eugene Grant Wills</u>		FULL NAME <u>Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mower</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>	COUNTY <u>Marcopa</u>	RESIDENCE STATE <u>Arkansas</u>	COUNTY <u>Pike</u>	
COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>Phoenix</u>	AGE LAST BIRTHDAY <u>42</u> YEARS	COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>Murfreesboro</u>
BIRTH PLACE _____		BIRTH PLACE _____		
INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____		INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____		
STATE OR COUNTRY _____		STATE OR COUNTRY _____		
<u>December 31, 1942</u> <u>Jennie B. Cheshin</u> DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK.		<u>C. H. Ross</u> COUNTY CLERK.		

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/752263:61775>



“San Bernardino (CA) County Sun” Tuesday 6 Jul 1954 p 23

Eugene G Wills

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959

Name	Eugene G Wills
Gender	Male
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1896
Age	63
Marriage Date	3 Mar 1959
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Ivadell E Brown
Spouse Age	43

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/740102:5186>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: James Irvin Wills

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,905

Entered service from: Caney, Montgomery KS

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: James I. Wills

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Kate Wills, Caney KS

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: James I. Wills

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Kate Wills, N. Wood St., Coney KS (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as James Irvin Wills - b. 8 Apr 1887 Clinton MO; res: Bartlesville, Washington OK. Single. Dependent mother. Teamster, Prairie Oil & Gas Co., Bartlesville OK. Claimed exemption from draft: "dependence" [sic/dependents] Tall & stout

World War II draft registration (1942): as James I. Wills - b. 8 Apr 1887 Clinton MO; res: 3020 N. Fairview, Wichita, Sedgwick KS. NOK Bentley Burr, 3038 N. Fairview, Wichita KS. No employment. Height: 5'11" – 214 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 19 Sep 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: 36 Marguerite St., Bartlesville OK

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Apr 1887 Clinton, Henry MO

Died: 3 Aug 1960 (location?)

Find A Grave record: 78639527 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Caney, Montgomery KS

Cemetery: Sunnyside

Tombstone: veteran symbol on tombstone

Father: George Washington Wills, 6 Jun 1849 Nicholas Co. KY – 3 Apr 1915 Caney, Montgomery KS. Son of Thomas & Barbara Wills. Moved from KY with his parents to Montgomery Co. IN in 1863, then in 1869 to Henry Co. MO.

First married to Sophinah Adeline Wright in Apr 1873. They had 3 children: Willie (died at age 4), Arthur T. & Seletia. She died 31 Mar 1881.

His next marriage was to Catharine/Catherine Kate Meeks in 1885. They had 3 children: James, Barbara & Eugene.

Arthur visited his father in KS & finding him in poor health, took George home to live with him at his farm near Vista MO, where George died at age 68. He was survived by his widow & 6 children.

Buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, Caney, Montgomery KS.

Find A Grave: 113476378

Mother: Catherine (Kate) Meeks Wills, Mar 1862 MO – 1924 Caney, Montgomery KS.

Daughter of Josiah Meeks (1842-1862, F: 104195958) & Cynthia Jane Cummins (1837-1914), who later married William K. Hornberer/Hornbarger Sr. (spelling varies in sources). Kate was born 7 months before her father, serving in the Confederate States of America Army, 6th Regiment, MO Infantry, died 9 Oct 1862 in Corinth, Perry MS of wounds received in the Battle of Corinth on 3 Oct 1862.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 14 Jul 1885 Henry Co. MO – G.W. Wills

Spouse: Esther Irene Potter Gains Wills Trimble, 2 Jan 1903 KS – 14 Nov 1985.

Her father was George Potter, b. Jun 1866 Canada. Her mother was Anna Watts, born Jun 1866 KS (also found as MO). Her parents married 2 Nov 1890 in Chautauqua Co. KS. Anna Potter died at age 54 in Mar 1922 & is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, Caney, Montgomery KS, F: 113477696.

Sued John Gains for divorce on 18 Jul 1922 in KS. Their son, Floyd Julian Gains, had been born 30 Jun 1921 in OK.

Married James Irvin Wills in 1923.

At age 46 (so listed), Esther Potter (so listed) married Ralph Trimble, age 45, b. AR, defense worker, on 6 Nov 1951 in Mountain Home, Baxter AR.

This may be Ralph H. Trimble, b. 23 Jan 1908 Advance, Baxter AR, son of Robert Harrison Trimble & Margaret Ett Rambo, who died 16 Jun 1993 in Gassville, Baxter AR. He is buried in Burnt School House Cemetery, Lone Rock, Baxter AR, F: 39062375. He had been married from 1928-1943 to Jewell Beavers. He was arrested for moonshining in Dec 1954 in Mountain Home, Baxter AR.

In the 1952 Kechi KS census, Esther I. Trimble lives at 3020 Wellington Place. There are 4 in her family. At 3015 Wellington Place lives Herbert H. Trimble, with 14 in his family.

In the 1959 Kechi KS city directory, Esther I. Trimble lives at 3051 N. Market in Kechi.

Died with surname Trimble, being mentioned in her son Floyd's obituary in Jan 1980 as his surviving mother, Mrs. Esther Trimble of Wichita KS.

Buried in Wichita Park Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wichita, Sedgwick KS.

Spouse Find A Grave: 202276133

Marriage: 7 Feb 1923 Bartlesville, Washington Co. OK

Children:

Stepchild:

- Floyd Julian Gains, 30 Jun 1921 Pawhuska OK. – 5 Jan 1980. In the 1940 census & in the WWII draft, Floyd is listed as Floyd Gains Wills. Husband of Mary Ann (1916-1993, F: 5664216). Her surname not located. Married 12 Mar 1955. Buried in Kechi Township Cemetery, Park City, Sedgwick KS. F: 5664222.

Siblings:

- Barbara Jane Wills Lair, Aug 1890 MO – 8 Apr 1922 Maricopa Co. AZ. Mrs. Barbara Lair was a resident of Lone Rock IA in Apr 1915 when her father died. Married Daniel Ebenezer Lair (1884-1959, F: 58876287) on 24 Dec 1911 in Osceola, St. Clair MO. She died of tuberculosis 15 miles west of Phoenix AZ leaving her husband & 2 young children. Buried in Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, Maricopa AZ. F: 194779650
- Eugene Grant Wills, 22 Feb 1896 Clinton, Henry MO – 29 Jul 1961 Los Angeles Co. CA. When he registered for the WWI draft in 1917, he was a smelter worker at American Zinc Co., Caney KS & reported he had a "crippled foot." In 1942 when he registered for the WWII draft, he was employed at the Person Hotel in Phoenix, Maricopa AZ. His marriages apparently include 1) 15 Dec 1942 Howard Co. AR to

Mary Elizabeth Mower. He was a resident of Phoenix, Maricopa AZ, age 46. 2) 1954 in San Bernardino Co. CA to Ila Mae Jarvis. 3) in Los Angeles Co. CA on 3 Mar 1959 to Ivadell E. Brown (who survived him). According to his obituary, Eugene is buried in Valhalla Cemetery, North Hollywood, Los Angeles CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 3 Aug 2023.

Half-siblings: by his father's 1st marriage, to

- Willie Wills. Died at age 4.
- Arthur T. ("Artie") Wills, 26 Jul 1876 Clinton, Henry MO – 1961 Caney, Montgomery KS. Husband of Daisy Ann Allison (1878-1947, F: 55574369), daughter of Henderson A. Allison & Menerva J. Martin. Arthur & Daisy are buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, Caney, Montgomery KS. F: 55574385
- Seletia Wills Slack, 6 Dec 1878 – 29 Aug 1967. Wife of James F. Slack (d. 20 Jun 1948 OK, also buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, F: 10187099), a veteran of the Spanish-American War. Seletia Slack is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. F: 77662048

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

1939 Wichita KS city directory:

As Jas. I. WELLS, wife Esther I., laborer, resident of 3020 Fairview Ave.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 512-05-2740

Censuses:

1900 Doyal, St. Clair MO

George Wills, 48 KY, Jun 1851, parents b. KY, married 15 years, farmer

Kate, 38 MO, Mar 1862, father b. IL, mother b. TN, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

James, 13 MO, Apr 1887, day laborer

Barbara, 10 MO, Aug 1890, at school

Eugene, 4 MO, Feb 1896

1900 Hendricks, Chautauqua KS – his future wife's family; Esther not yet born

George Potter, 33 Canada, Jun 1866, parents b. England, emigrated 1867, in US for 32 years, naturalized, married 9 years, blacksmith

Anna, 33 KS, Jun 1866, parents b. MO, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Nellie, 8 KS, Aug 1891

Willie, 7 KS [here identified as son]

May, 2 Oklahoma Territory

1910 Doyal, St. Clair MO

George Wills, 56 KY, father b. VA, mother b. KY, in 2nd marriage, married 25 years, farmer, home farm

Kate, 48 MO, father b. IL, mother b. TN, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

James, 23 MO, single, farm laborer, working out

Barbara, 19 MO

Eugene, 14 MO

& mother-in-law Cynthia Hornburger [Hornbarger], 72 TN, father b. KY, mother b. TN, widow, own income

1910 Hendricks, Chautauqua KS – his future wife

Ann Potter, 42 KS, parents b. MO, widow, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living, occupation: serving

Willie, 18 KS [daughter]

William H., 16 KS [son]

Mamie, 12 KS [daughter]

Esther, 7 KS [daughter]

[for the children: father b. Canada, mother b. KS]

1915 KS state census – Hendricks, Chautauqua KS – his future wife

Anna Potter, 34

May, 17

Esther, 12

1920 Caney, Montgomery KS

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/86693692:6061?tid=1983314&pid=362312949939&queryId=fc11891086f3b316edd228660a36e376&_phsrc=hFB69839&_phstart=successSource

Kate WALES, 60 TN, father b. IL, mother b. TN, widow

James I., 32 MO, single, father b. KY, mother b. TN, labor, smelter

Eugene, 23 MO, single, father b. KY, mother b. TN, labor, smelter

& housekeeper Ella Button, 46 IL, widow

& Ella's daughter Evelyn Button, 8 OK

1920 Caney, Montgomery KS – his future wife

Annie Potter, 52 MO, parents b. MO, widow, dressmaker, own house

Esther, 17 KS, father b. Canada, mother b. MO

1930 Kechi, Sedgwick KS – Armstrong Ave. Rd.

James Wills, 42 MO, father b. KY, mother b. MO, age 35 at 1st marriage, odd job laborer, WWI veteran

Esther, 27 KS, age 17 at 1st marriage (so not to James), father b. England, mother b. US [wife]

Floyd J. Gaines, 8 OK, father b. MO, mother b. KS [stepson]

1940 Kechi, Sedgwick KS – 3020 W. 29th – same place in 1935

James I. Wills, 53 MO, laborer, W.P.A.

Esther, 47 KS [wife]

Floyd WILLS, 18 OK [son]

1950 Caney, Montgomery KS

James I. Wills, 63 MO, divorced, farmer, farm