

# TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Wilson, William Riley

1890 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania

WILSON WILLIAM RILEY		IC	7 050
Pvt Co C 12 Bn 165 DB		K	
Grand Saline Tex		A	4 293 562
Se	Died 2-5-18	T	462 172
Born 11-19-90		R	
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		I	7 750

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Wilson, William R. (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) \* White \* Colored

Residence: Route 7, Canton Van Zandt TEXAS  
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

\* Enlisted \* R. A. \* N. G. \* E. R. G. \* Inducted at Wills Point Tex on Sept 16 17  
Place of birth: Texas Age or date of birth: 26 10/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:  
Co. C 12 Bn 165 Dep Brig to 165 Depot Brig #7 Co  
Camp Travis Det 2 Overseas Casuals

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt.

Engagements:

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † Feb 5/18, from † to †

Killed in action February 5, 1918 in sinking of Tuscania

Other wounds or injuries received in action:

Person notified of death: Mrs. Ethel W. Wilson (If none, so state) Wife  
R. F. D. #7 (Name) Canton (Degree of relationship) Tex.  
(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Remarks:

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. \* Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.  
Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7300

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William R Wilson, "United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919"

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

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Willis, J. D.	2,809,858	Pvt	Co D 360 Inf	Nov 4/18
Wilson, Charles B.	2,809,779	Medic	Co F 369 Inf	Sept 26/18
Wilson, Edward F.	3,111,466	Pvt	314 Amb Co 304 San Tr	Sept 29/18
Wilson, William E.	2,237,363	Pvt	Co E 315 Engr	Sept 14/18
Wilson, William Marvin	1,481,434	Pvt	Co E 142 Inf	Oct 10/18
Wilson, William R.		Pvt	165 Depot Brig 47 Co Feb 5/18 Camp Travis Det #2 Overseas Casuals	

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He sought no exemption, and while he was not strong physically he felt that if the board and examiners passed him he should accept their decision. When he reached Camp Travis, Lieut. Boaden told him that he was not strong enough for the strenuous work of the training camp. He was placed in the agricultural department and was sent to France for that purpose. He had suffered from stomach trouble for a number of years, having spent some weeks in Mineral Wells in 1916 for the relief of same. He had never entirely recovered from that trouble.

At the time of his registration, he was making his home with W. S. Mills, a Baptist minister at Mill Creek. When he received his papers to fill out, he certified to same. He was advised not to do anything as he could not possibly pass the examination and he would not seem a "slacker" and having so much confidence in the friend who gave this advice he

He was a quiet reserved man, had no bad habits and always attended to his own business. He never refused to aid his friends in any way that he could.

His wife was prostrated by the sad news and it has cast a gloom over the entire county. He will be missed from his circle of friends, but he has gone to his reward and it is a great consolation to his wife and friends to know that he died as he had lived, not shirking his duty to his country, but answering the call to the colors with the same courage that he had met the rebuffs of the world, as a Christian and a true man. He had so builded in this life, and always said in his letters to his wife that should they not meet again on this earth, that he wanted her to so live she would meet him in the other world. Such lives as these should be examples to help us make each day more worth while and be better people by having known such men.

He had planned to build them a home on his farm near town and

they had made plans for a bright and happy future, but the God who "Knoweth and doeth all things well," knew best and took him home where there is no more parting and no sorrows for those who lived as he had, in the "Fear and admonition of the Lord."

Mrs. Wilson's father, Mr. Underwood, died in November, 1917, and about two weeks later her brother, a young man in the aviation corps, was crushed to death in the wreck of his machine at Palestine, Texas.

## NAMES OF 1,832 SURVIVORS ON TUSCANIA RECEIVED BY U. S.; 345 MEN NOT ACCOUNTED FOR

Ethan White, Arnett, Okla.  
Walter L. Whittington, Sherman, Texas.  
Bell M. Williams, Glenwood, Ark.  
William R. Wilson, Canton, Texas.  
James C. Wood, Yantis, Texas.  
Jose Ybarra, Laredo, Texas.  
Edward F. Young, Gilmer, Texas.  
Patrick H. White, Dallas, Texas.  
Rosendo Diaz, Najama, Texas.

"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7

### Texas Heroes Dead in Scotland

WILLIAM R. WILSON, Canton, Texas.  
HENRY H. PAGE, Saratoga, Texas.  
EDWARD F. YOUNG, Gilmer, Texas.  
LUTHER B. REEDER, Broadus, Texas.  
THOMAS ST. CLAIR, Junction, Texas.  
BEN BARKER, FOULSBURG, Texas.  
MARTIN C. HILL, Wimberly, Texas.  
DANIEL W. TROBRIDGE, Strawn, Texas.  
EDGAR C. BARNES, Ranger, Texas.  
OSCAR L. SMITH, Winters, Texas.  
ANGEL PEREZ, San Antonio, Texas.  
WALTER L. WHITTINGTON, Sherman, Texas.  
GEORGE MORENO, Pearsall, Texas.  
ARTHUR W. COLLINS, Appleby, Texas.  
CLAYTON B. WEST, Baxter Springs, Texas.  
LEWIS ROBERTS, Nacogdoches, Texas.  
WILLIAM KEOWN, Sand Springs, Texas.  
JENNINGS B. CROW, Appleby, Texas.

"Austin (TX) American" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

## **List of Victims of the Ill Fated Tuscania Sunk in North Sea by Submarine**

William R. Wilson. Mrs. Ethel  
W. Wilson, wife, R. F. D. No. 7, Can-  
ton, Tex.

"Waco (TX) Times-Herald" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 14

Wife:



STATE OF TEXAS 057-03-2 057-03 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 2041 STATE FILE NO. 74684

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Dallas</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Texas</b> b. COUNTY <b>Dallas</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Garland</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Garland</b>	
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Sr. Citizen's Nursing Home</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>2844 Larry Dr.</b>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE 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) <b>ETHEL</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>October 18, 1976</b>	
5. SEX <b>Female</b> 6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. <b>Anderson</b>	
8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>July 12, 1895</b>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>81</b>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>Home</b>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Mobile, Alabama</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>U.S.A.</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Eugene Morgan</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Not Available</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>450-17-5992</b>	
17. INFORMANT <b>Mrs Katherine Williams (Daughter)</b>		18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: a. <b>Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia</b> b. <b>Cardiac Coronary Arteriosclerosis</b> c. <b>Cardiac Coronary Arteriosclerosis</b>	
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>June 1968</b> to <b>October 18, 1976</b> and last saw the deceased alive on <b>October 18, 1976</b> . Death occurred at <b>6:45 P.M.</b> on the date stated above and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		22. ADDRESS <b>2339 Gus Thomasson Rd Dallas, Texas 75228</b>	
23a. BURNAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Removal</b>		23b. DATE <b>Oct. 21, 1976</b>	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Rose Hill Cemetery</b>		23d. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Williams Funeral Directors</b>	
23e. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Wills Point Texas</b>		23f. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Theresa Ward</b>	
24a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>409</b>		24b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <b>10-28-76</b>	

TX death record of Ethel Maude Morgan/Underwood Wilson Anderson -  
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Texas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1817-1965

View record

Name Ethel Underwood  
 Gender Female  
 Marriage Date 12 May 1917  
 Marriage Place Van Zandt, Texas, USA  
 Spouse W R Wilson  
 Film Number 001578920

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/103526498/person/102282400939/facts>

Daughter:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } 65312  
County of Dallas.

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED To Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony between Nolan Marcus Williams,  
and Miss Willie Kathrine Wilson, and make due return to the County Clerk of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS My official signature and seal of office, at office in Dallas, this 22nd, day of JUNE, A. D. 1946.  
ED H. STEGER, County Clerk.

(L.S.) By O. H. Crossett Deputy.  
I, Rev. Henry C. Rogers, hereby certify that on the 29 day of JUNE, A. D. 1946,  
I united in Marriage Nolan Marcus Williams, and  
Miss Willie Kathrine Wilson the parties above mentioned.

WITNESS My hand, this 29th, day of JUNE, A. D. 1946.  
Rev. Henry C. Rogers,

Returned and filed for record the 2 day of JULY, 1946 and recorded the 2 day of JULY, 1946.  
ED H. STEGER, County Clerk.

How disposed of: 5404 Garland Ave., Dallas by [Signature] Deputy.

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## Willie Kathrine Williams

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

Name	Willie Kathrine Williams
Social Security Number	467-24-2867
Birth Date	5 Apr 1918
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	75181, Mesquite, Dallas, Texas
Death Date	8 Mar 2011

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/89748826:3693>

Father:

NOTE WELL—INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE.  
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

Where Burial is given as cause of Death, the birth certificate. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Wangardt  
City Hills Point Texas R.R. # 4  
St. W Registered No. 78  
2 FULL NAME W.M.G. Wilson 3195-916-50M  
Date of Death occurred in hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
Bureau of Vital Statistics  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS	
3 SEX <u>male</u>	4 Color of Hair <u>white</u>	5 MARRIAGE <u>Married</u> (If ever the wife)	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Oct 15 1957</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Oct 15 1957</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 191... to 191... that I last saw him alive on 191... and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at... m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:	
7 AGE <u>67</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. <u>4</u> ds. If less than 2 years state if breast fed If less than 1 day Yes No hrs. mins.			(Duration yrs. mos. ds.)	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Farmer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Farming</u>			Contributory (Secondary) (Duration yrs. mos. ds.)	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Illinois</u>			(Signed) _____, M. D. 191... (Address) _____	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Wap known</u>			*Use International List of Cause of Death—State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, State (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>" "</u>			18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. In the State yrs. mos. ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence.	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>" "</u>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Edgewood Texas</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Feb 15 1958</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>" "</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>W. High</u> ADDRESS <u>myrtle Springs</u>	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>W. High</u> (Address) <u>Hills Point Texas R.R. # 4</u>				
15 Filed <u>3</u> <u>100 22 L. 2222</u> Registrar				

TX death record of William (W.M.G.) Wilson -

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Obituary of W. M. G. Wilson

Wills Point Chronicle, 19 February 1920, Van Zanddt County, Texas

Wills Point

#### TRAGIC DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN

Sheriff Carpenter and County Attorney Greer were called to the W.M.G.Wilson home, near Myrtle Springs, to investigate the death of that old citizen Saturday morning. The word that came to the sheriff's office was to the effect that Mr. Wilson had shot and killed himself, but on investigation the officers decided that circumstances surrounding his death were such as to warrant full investigation of the tragic occurrence and accordingly Mrs. Wilson, her sister, Mrs. Pool, and a man named Isham, with the latter's 13 year-old daughter, were arrested charged with the murder.

On going to the place, Wilson was found lying on the side of a neighboring road, leading away from his home. He was lying face down with a pistol in his left hand and a bullet wound behind the right ear. There was a deep gash at the point where the bullet entered and the skull showed to have been beaten with an instrument of some kind. Physicians opened the skull and found the bullet directly opposite the point of entrance, this leading officers to doubt that Wilson could have held the pistol in such a position to shoot himself.

Further enquiry led to the information that Wilson and his wife had separated and that at her request Isham, who lived on the Wilson farm, had come over to move her things out. It is the belief of the officers that a general row and perhaps fight occurred in the yard and while this was in progress one of the women knocked him down. The officers have it that at one time Wilson drew his gun on Isham and that the latter ran behind the wagon, preventing the enraged man from shooting him.

The parties under arrest concur in the statement that Wilson shot himself, after leaving the house, and that they saw him commit the act. The little girl states they all went to the place of shooting after hearing the shot fired and found him in the position he was when the officers arrived. The little girl was first to leave the scene and states that she was first to phone about the tragedy. She thinks she heard a shot after leaving, but of course has no idea who fired it or for what purpose. Officers and physicians are of the opinion that he was knocked insensible and that the pistol was then placed in the wound and fired.

Mrs. Wilson was the divorced wife of a man named Jackson who was tried in district court at Canton last year on a charge of bigamy, she having married Wilson, after Jackson had married another woman in the county. Recently Wilson was beaten by "white caps," this occurrence having been investigated by the recent grand jury, with what result we are not informed.

Deceased formerly resided in either the Tundra or Jackson community and was well known. Burial took place at Edgewood. He was 60 years of age and Mrs. Wilson is his junior by about twenty years.

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Death of W.M.G. Wilson from Find A Grave 82372831

### Mother:

Name	Nannie Kane
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	24 Apr 1879
Marriage Place	Van Zandt, Texas, USA
Spouse	W M G Wilson
Film Number	001578918

**Nannie Kane**

in the Texas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1817-1965

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900972585:61383>

Siblings:

STATE OF TEXAS 057-04-2 057-04 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4412 421 16592

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
a. COUNTY Dallas  
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Irving  
c. LENGTH OF STAY 18 years  
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Irving Community Hospital  
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission)  
a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Dallas  
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Irving  
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 922 Sam Hill Dr.  
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)  
(a) First Charles (b) Middle Franklin (c) Last Wilson  
4. DATE OF DEATH 3/21/71

5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐  
8. DATE OF BIRTH 10/13/1888 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 82 10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days Hours Minutes  
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

13. FATHER'S NAME William M. Wilson 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Nancy Kane  
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) yes (If yes, give number, dates of service) WW I 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 449-30-3474 17. INFORMANT Mrs. Jim Beggs, (Daughter)

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)  
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) RUPTURED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM  
(b) ATHEROSCLEROSIS & AORTIC ANEURYSM  
(c) 8 HOURS AT LEAST 2 YEARS  
FURTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (a)

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☒ NO ☐

20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐  
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)  
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year  
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHERE AT WORK ☐ NOT AT WORK ☐  
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)  
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 3/21/71 to 3/21/71 and last saw the deceased alive on 3/21/71 at 7:00 P.M. in the state stated above and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.  
22a. SIGNATURE [Signature] 22b. ADDRESS 2120 MAE ARTHUR, IRVING, TEX 22c. DATE SIGNED 3/23/71

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Removal 23b. DATE 3/23/71 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Restland  
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE [Signature] 3219  
25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE [Signature]

26a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 56 26b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR MAR 23 1971

TX death record of brother Charles Franklin Wilson (1888-1971) -

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**CHARLES F. WILSON**

Funeral services are pending at Colonial Funeral Home for Charles Franklin Wilson, 82, of 922 Sam Hill, who died in Irving Community Hospital Sunday.

An aircraft industry worker, Wilson retired in 1957 and has been an Irving resident since that time. He was born Oct. 13, 1888 in Myrtle Springs, Tex. He had been subject of a front page story in the Irving Daily News October, 1963 when 75 guests commemorated his 75th birthday. During World War I he was a member of the Company C of 144th Regiment of the 36th Division. He was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge and Veteran of World War I Irving Barracks No. 1637.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jim Beggs of Irving; a granddaughter, Mrs. Wanda Neatherly of Shreveport, La.; two brothers, Jess Wilson of Wills Point and Joe Wilson of Grand Saline; and a sister, Mrs. Rosa Lee Hatcher of Dallas.

## **Mrs. Alva Wilson**

MYRTLE SPRINGS — Services for Mrs. Alva Hester Wilson, 90, Dallas, formerly of Myrtle Springs, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in Eubank Funeral Home chapel in Canton with the Rev. Marvin Clark officiating, assisted by E.J. Johnson.

Burial will be in Haven of Memories Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson died Thursday in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 4, 1898, in Canton. She lived most of her life in the Highland Community and the last 15 years in Dallas. Her husband, Jess Wilson, preceded her in death in June 1973 and a son Woodrow Wilson in 1988.

Survivors include two sons, Virgil M. Wilson, Wills Point; Ross H. Wilson, Dallas; two daughters, Ruth Finley and Rosa Mae Moore, both of Dallas; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers will be Mike Wilson, James Ray Wilson, Rickey Wilson, Eric Wilson, Randy Wilson, Billy Ray Baker, Robert Carnes, Kenneth Bates and Butch Carnes.

Obituary of Charles's wife Alva Hester Bussey Wilson — "Tyler (TX) Morning Telegraph"  
Saturday 15 Oct 1988 p 8

STATE OF TEXAS 129-01-2 234-00 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 485X 45 47028

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
a. COUNTY Kaufman  
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Terrell  
c. LENGTH OF STAY in l. b. 98 days  
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Terrell State Hospital  
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission)  
a. STATE Texas  
b. COUNTY Van Zandt  
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Wille Point  
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) Route 4  
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☒ NO ☐

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)  
a. First Jesse  
b. Middle V.  
c. Last Wilson  
4. DATE OF DEATH 6-7-73

5. SEX male  
6. COLOR OR RACE white  
7. MARRIAGE STATUS Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐  
8. DATE OF BIRTH 1-26-1895  
9. AGE (In years last birthday) 78  
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Farmer  
11. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Agriculture  
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.

13. FATHER'S NAME William Wilson  
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Nancy Cain  
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)  
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 451-62-6412  
17. INFORMANT Records, Terrell State Hospital

18. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) acute heart failure  
INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH minutes  
(b) bronchopneumonia weeks  
DUE TO (c) Senile dementia.

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐  
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)  
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year  
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐  
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)  
20f. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 6-7-1973 to 6-7-1973 and last saw the deceased alive on 6-7-1973. Death occurred at 11:45 p.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.  
22a. SIGNATURE Lou F. Henderson M.D.  
22b. ADDRESS Box 70, Terrell, Texas.  
22c. DATE SIGNED 6-12-1973

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Removal  
23b. DATE 6-7-1973  
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Unknown  
23d. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Anderson-Clayton Bros. - Billy Clayton  
23e. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE  
23f. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 5121  
23g. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 6-12-1973  
23h. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

TX death record of brother Jesse V. Wilson (1895-1973) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/750081548:2272>

**Rosa Hatcher**

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



Name	Rosa Hatcher
Social Security Number	462-05-7957
Birth Date	2 May 1899
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	75227, Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA
Death Date	Apr 1986

**Sister Rosa Lee Wilson Hatcher (1899-1986)** - [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/26187865:3693?tid=103526498&pid=102282400113&queryId=766f88eae6b95cfc7d0f6c9f167cda54&\\_phsrc=hFB70002&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/26187865:3693?tid=103526498&pid=102282400113&queryId=766f88eae6b95cfc7d0f6c9f167cda54&_phsrc=hFB70002&_phstart=successSource)

### Rosa Hatcher in the Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000

Name	Rosa Hatcher
Death Date	11 Apr 1986
Death County	Dallas
Gender	Female

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2281737:4876?tid=103526498&pid=102282400113&queryId=146eccfe4696fbdb0e29955b236e5fbb&\\_phsrc=hFB70003&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2281737:4876?tid=103526498&pid=102282400113&queryId=146eccfe4696fbdb0e29955b236e5fbb&_phsrc=hFB70003&_phstart=successSource)

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: William Riley Wilson**

Name variations: Willie Wilson

#### Military:

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

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so William died without a number

Entered service from: Canton, Van Zandt TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William R. Willson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Ethel W. Wilson, RFD #7, Canton TX

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 22, as W.R. Wilson

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Riley Wilson - b. 18 Nov 1890 Wills Point TX; res: Canton, Van Zandt TX. Married, with wife. Farm laborer for W.S. Mills on farm near Canton TX. Tall, medium build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: date not listed

Discharged: date not listed

Born: 19 Nov 1890

Died: 5 Feb 1918

Address: Grand Saline TX

Rank/unit: private, Co. C, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 165<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade

#### Birth & death:

Born: 18 Nov 1890 Wills Point, Van Zandt TX (according to a local history: 26 Nov 1891)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave: 56504052 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: buried as W.R. - veteran cross: Pvt US Army Texas

Father: William M. / W.M.G. Wilson, 15 Oct 1852 TN [Oct 1855 in 1900 census] – 14 Feb 1920 Van Zandt Co. TX. His mother's 1<sup>st</sup> name was Emily; in the 1860 & 1870 censuses, he is listed with her but no father. Found dead with a gunshot wound to the head. He & William Riley's mother Nancy were divorced. She had married a Jackson but then claimed he had committed bigamy. Jackson was tried for bigamy in Canton TX district court in 1919. W.M.G. had married Nancy Thorp/Tharp [also found with first name Mincy in the 1920 census; he age 62 & she age 36). With the help of a man named Isham, Nancy was moving items from her previous household. At some point, W.M.G. had a gun & Isham hid behind a wagon for protection. W.M.G. was then found dead on the road with a gun in his hand. William Riley's 13-year-old sister Rosa Lee said her father was dead in the road, as did the other witnesses – Nancy, Nancy's sister Mrs. Pool & Mr. Isham – but then said she heard a shot after she had left the scene. The sheriff & coroner thought the bullet was in the wrong place for suicide & arrested them all. No further details could be located.

His 2nd wife Nancy Thorp (ca. 1886 TX) was the daughter of Joseph F. Thorp & Nancy Barbara Essery.

W.M.G.'s TX death certificate lacks much information – cause of death as well as parents.

W.M.G. is buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Edgewood, Van Zandt TX.

Find A Grave: 82372831

Mother: Nancy (Nannie) A. Kane/Cane/Cain Wilson, Oct 1861 AL – 1912. Married a man named Jackson after her divorce from W.M.G. but then brought action because he had committed bigamy.

Arrested for murdering her husband in 1920.  
 Buried in Cana Cemetery, Cana, Van Zandt TX.  
 Find A Grave: 36890065  
 Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Ethel Underwood [Morgan] Wilson Anderson, 12 Jul 1895 Mobile, Mobile AL – 18 Oct 1976 Garland, Dallas TX. Daughter of Eugene Underwood/Morgan [not determined the reason for the two surname choices]. Married in 1922 to Claude Powell Anderson (1895-1963, F: 39752408). Although TX death certificate says she was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Wills Point TX, she is buried in White Rose Cemetery, Garland, Dallas TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 39777014

Marriage: W.R. Wilson married Ethel Underwood in Van Zandt Co. TX 12 May 1917. She was a resident of Birmingham AL. The officiant was Baptist minister W.S. Mills, listed as William's employer on his 5 Jun 1917 WWI draft registration & with whom he had lived after leaving home at age 17.

#### Children:

- Willie Kathrine Wilson Williams, 5 Apr 1918 Van Zandt Co. TX – 8 Mar 2011 Dallas, Dallas TX. SSN 467-24-2967. She was born exactly 2 months after her father William died on Tuscania. On 29 Jun 1946 in Dallas Co. TX, Willie married Nolan Marcus ("Mark") Williams (1916-2004, F: 23763293), the son of Henry Lee Williams & Imogene Seely Manning. He is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX & shares a tombstone with Willie, whose birthdate but not death information is on his Find A Grave headstone photograph.

Siblings: In the 1900 census, his mother Nancy said she had given birth to 9 children, 5 of whom were living: Charley, Willie, Jesse, Buddie & "Sissie" (Rosa). In 1910, she claimed to have given birth to 5 children, 5 of whom were living.

- Mary J., Wilson, Mar 1880 TX. Listed in 1880 census.
- Charles Franklin (Charley) Wilson, 13 Oct 1888 Myrtle Springs, Van Zandt T – 21 Mar 1971 Irving, Dallas TX. SSN 449-30-3474. Husband of Levada E. Vernon (1878-1955, F: 98861306). Veteran of WWI. Worked in aircraft maintenance. Buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 98861484
- Jesse Virgil Wilson, 26 Jan 1895 TX [Nov 1894 in 1900 census] – 7 Jun 1973 Terrell, Kaufman TX., SSN 451-62-6412. Married 12 Nov 1916 in Van Zandt Co. TX to Alva Hester Bussey (1898-1988, F: 59564273). Resident of Wills Point TX in Mar 1971. Died of heart failure & pneumonia; also had senile dementia. Buried in Haven of Memories Cemetery, Canton, Van Zandt TX. F: 59564186
- Joe Buddie Wilson, 17 Dec 1896 Van Zandt Co. TX – 1 Sep 1987 Grand Saline, Van Zandt TX. Married 20 Jan 1918 in Van Zandt Co. TX to Belle Belva Jewell Miller (1899-1982, F: 151861495). Resident of Grand Saline TX in Mar 1971. Buried in Sand Flat Cemetery, Grand Saline, Van Zandt TX. F: 57315025
- Rosa Lee Wilson Hatcher, 2 May 1899 TX – 11 Apr 1986 Dallas, Dallas, TX. Wife of Harry Ross Hatcher; their son was Ross Hatcher. Harry was born 9 Feb 1894 in



China Springs TX & died 1 Sep 1972 in Kerrville TX, married to Frances. He is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Bexar TX, F: 765169. In the 1930 census for Dallas, Dallas TX, Ross Hatcher (35 TX, father b. TX, mother b. IL, owner of a taxicab company) lived with wife Rosa Lee (30 TX, father b. TN, mother b. AL) & their 4-year-old son Ross (b. TX). - Rosa Hatcher is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 98821455

Notes:

Pre-war:

According to the newspaper obituary copied above, William left home at age 17. Although not strong, he was drafted but found not strong enough at training camp so assigned to an agricultural department. He had health issues with his stomach prior to the war. When he registered for the draft, he was living with Baptist minister W.S. Mills at Mills Creek. He had married Ethel Underwood on 12 May 1917.

William told Ethel, who was living in San Antonio TX, to leave there & return to Canton TX while he was at war. Her father had died in Nov 1917 & then her brother died about 2 weeks later while in the aviation corps at Palestine TX.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Van Zandt Co. TX – conducted 24 Jun 1880

William W. [M.?] G. Wilson, 23 AR, farmer

Nancy, 18 AL, keeping house

Martha J., 3 months TX, b. Mar 1880

1900 Canton, Van Zandt Co. TX

William M. WILLSON, 44 TN, Oct 1855, parents b. TN, married 20 years, farmer

Nancy, 38 AL, Oct 1861, parents b. AL, gave birth to 9 children, 5 of whom are living

Charley, 11 TX, Oct 1888, at school

Willie, 10 TX, Nov 1889, at school

Jesse, 5 TX, Nov 1894

Buddie, 3 TX, Dec 1896

Sissie [could be Rosie], 1 TX, May 1899

1910 Justice Precinct 1, Van Zandt T – Canton & Goshen Rd. – William not with family

William M.G. WELSON, 53 TN, parents b. TN, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 32 years, farmer, general farm

Nannie A., 47 AL, parents b. AL, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 5 of whom are living Charley, 21 TX, single, farm laborer, home farm

Jessie, 15 TX, farm laborer, home farm

Judge, 13 TX, farm laborer, home farm [i.e. Joe Buddie]

Rosie, 11 TX

1920 Justice Precinct 1, Van Zandt TX – his widow & daughter

Ethle [sic] Wilson, 24 AL, parents b. AL, widow, housework, own home

Willie K., 1 year 6 months TX, father b. TX, mother b. AL

Sara C. White, 62 TX, father b. TN, mother b. AL [roomer]

1920 Justice Precinct 1, Van Zandt TX – conducted 14 Jan 1920 – his remarried father who dies 14 Feb 1920

William G. Wilson, 62 TN, parents b. TN, farmer, farm

Mincy A., 36 TX, father b. US, mother b. TX [wife]

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James R. & Dina Isham

1930 Grand Saline, Van Zandt TX – his remarried widow & daughter

Claud P. Anderson, 35 TX, father b. TX, mother b. TN, age 27 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, plumber [sic/plumber], general work, WWI veteran

Ethel M. Anderson, 30 AL, parents b. AL, age 22 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [wife]

Willie K. Wilson, 11 TX, father b. TX, mother b. AL [stepdaughter]

1940 Grand Saline, Van Zandt TX – his remarried widow & his daughter – same house in 1935

Claud Anderson, 43 TX, plumber, private business

Ethel Anderson, 40 AL [wife]

Katherine Wilson, 21 TX [stepdaughter]