

TUSCANIA

Craft, Grover Waterson
1888 TX – 1966 OK

CRAFT GROVER WATERSON		12/4/66 26	C 606 308 10-443-470
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Grover Craft

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



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Detail Source

Name	Grover Craft
Social Security Number	448-01-2351
Birth Date	22 Dec 1888
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Oklahoma
Last Residence	74755, Rufe, Mccurtain, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	Nov 1966

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Life:

Grover Craft left Saturday for Paris, Texas.

Beacon-Times
Fri, Mar 22, 1912 ·Page 2

Idabel OK

Grover Craft of Paris, Texas, is visiting relatives here this week.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Apr 25, 1913 ·Page 4

Valliant OK

Grover Craft left Sunday for points in Texas after a few days visit with home folks here

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, May 08, 1914 - Page 1

Valliant OK

Hundred and Fifty More Called for Draft

150 more men have been notified to appear before the local exemption board on Monday, August 20, for examination to fill the required number for the first draft. Following is the list of names:

441—Frank LeFlore, Boswell.
880—Grover W. Craft, Rufe.
1776—Claudius E. Lester, Hugo.
357—Harvey Titus, Boswell.
23—Less L. Burton, Hugo.
1173—Jack Compton, Hugo.
331—Rufus H. Sanders, Boswell.
1881—Wm. A. Goodman, Hugo.
1108—Chester Corley, Hugo.
1910—Ed. Blevins, Swink.
492—M. P. Hammonds, Hugo.
1201—Chas. W. Askew, Hugo.
1978—Fate Crow, Swink.
2199—Cecil Langley, Virgil.

The Choctaw Herald
Thu, Aug 16, 1917 · Page 1

Hugo OK

Many Men Transferred.

The following enlisted men, selected on their vocational qualifications, are transferred without change of rank to the Tenth engineers and will proceed to the American university, Washington, for duty as loggers and sawmill men: from the 358th infantry, Corporal John N. Stinson, to be in charge on the trip, and privates Arthur McElrath, Bacon S. Meridith, William F. Moore, William F. Morton, Luther W. Ozment, James R. Paffilo, Clarence C. Simpson, Robert E. Talliaferro, Roy Ussery, George Watkins, Thomas O. Westbrook, Joseph W. White, John A. Ridge, Melvin E. Hagens, Walter A. McCam, Thurman C. Merchant, James H. Shrader, Andrew J. Springer, Silas J. Bumpass, Marvin F. Chambers, Grover W. Craft, Willis Leroy, R. S. Cain, George Cathren, Horace Coy, Henry Cartwright, Frank Dunn, William A. Hall, Howell Kyles, Edmond Louviere, Henry E. Henderson, Patrick F. Richardson, Boon N. Hamners, Warren E. New and James I. Willis.

El Paso Times

Wed, Jan 02, 1918 · Page 12

El Paso TX

can troops in hospitals.
 Washington, Feb. 7.—Thirty-five Oklahoma men were on the Tuscania, according to lists of the transport's passengers, made public tonight by the committee on information. Whether any of them were lost is not known. All of the men were in the Engineer's corps of the 100th aero squadron. The list follows.

Frank Ackerson, Ochaltree.
 Ralph S. Adams, Oilton.
 Olank Anderson, Vinson.
 Will E. Armstrong, Cement.
 Arthur F. Austin, Callsby.
 Jack Brackett, Woodward.
 Herzschele O. Baird, Wagoner.
 Silas J. Bumpass, Corrinne.
 Joe E. Bagby, Chickasha.
 Louis D. Baker, Okarche.
 Grover W. Craft, Rufe.
 Henry Curtwright, Bismark.
 Ed Cain, Ruth.
 Hamby Cheek, Miami.

The Alva Daily Pioneer
 Fri, Feb 08, 1918 · Page 1

Excerpt - Alva OK

Following are the names of Texas and Oklahoma men listed among the survivors, in the lists so far received:

Autrey, John F., Frederick, Okla.
 Alehleg, Odie C., Gould, Okla.
 Bridges, Ernest R., Vancourt, Texas.
 Bowman, Howard E., Rocky, Okla.
 Ball, T. L., Cleburne, Texas.
 Bates, A. L., Spring Lake, Texas.
 Bailey, J. E., Chickasha, Okla.
 Batright, M. F., Hico, Texas.
 Byrd, William N., San Angelo, Texas.
 Brown, E. C., Thomas, Okla.
 Brackett, Jack, Woodward, Okla.
 Carralles, Pablo, Yoakum, Texas.
 Cain, Ed, Ruth, Okla.
 Check, Hamby, Miami, Okla.
 Crider, Jesse E., Nebo, Okla.
 Cocker, Thomas A., Robey, Texas.
 Jollise, Julian, Houston, Texas.
 Martin, Leon S., Palacios, Texas.
 Nelson, Herbert F., Mission, Texas.
 Peterman, Evens P., Yeleta, Texas.
 Grover W. Craft, Rufe, Okla.
 Striegler, A. N., Fredericksburg, Texas.
 Davis, Arthur, Cookville, Texas.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
 Sun, Feb 10, 1918 · Page 1

Excerpt - Fort Worth TX

A TUSCANIA SURVIVOR FORMERLY OF LAMAR CO.

Among the survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania whose names appeared in the published list was Grover Craft of Rufe, Ok. It has been learned that he is a son of William Craft, who was a well known farmer and ginner north of town on the Boggy road several years ago before moving to Oklahoma. From all accounts he is able to distinguish himself in France. He is a volunteer soldier, having enlisted in Paris last June. Before enlisting in the army he made an application to join the navy, but was turned down on account of having flat feet. He did not lose any time in applying for enlistment in the army and passed the examination without any trouble, flat feet being no drawback in land service.

The Paris Morning News
Fri, Feb 15, 1918 - Page 2

Paris TX

**A TUSCANIA SURVIVOR
FORMERLY OF LAMAR
COUNTY.**

Among the survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania whose names appeared in the published list was Grover Craft, of Rufe, Oklahoma. It has been learned that he is a son of Wm. Craft, who was a well known farmer and ginner north of town on the Boggy road several years ago before moving to Oklahoma. From all accounts he is liable to distinguish himself in France. He is a volunteer soldier, having enlisted in Paris, last June. Before enlisting in the army he made an application to join the navy, but was turned down on account of having flat feet. He did not lose any time in applying for enlistment in the army and passed the examination without any trouble, flat feet being no drawback in land service.—Paris News.

McCurtain Gazette
Sat, Feb 16, 1918 · Page 1

Idabel OK

G. W. Craft, of Rufe, was an Idabel visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

McCurtain Gazette
Wed, Aug 13, 1924 · Page 6

Idabel OK

G. W. Craft, of Valliant, spent the week-end with friends in Idabel.

McCurtain Gazette
Wed, Sep 10, 1924 · Page 5

Idabel OK

RUFE NEWS

Dr. Barnett and family with Mrs. J. W. Thompson took Christmas dinner with Mrs. W. B. Craft.

Grover Craft came in a few ago to spend the holidays with his folks.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Jan 02, 1925 · Page 4

Valliant OK

Sister Willie Craft Barnett & Grover

Grover Craft, of Rufe, was given the Master's Degree by Valliant Lodge No. 301 A. F. & A. M. last Tuesday evening.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Mar 09, 1928 · Page 1

Valliant OK

George Craft seems to be having hard luck getting his crop started. Wonder if he is going to farm?

Grover Craft and Silas Bumpass went to Garvin to the singing convention last Sunday.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Apr 26, 1929 · Page 3

Valliant OK

It sure is hot weather to start to work but Grover Craft doesn't mind it.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Jul 19, 1929 · Page 4

Valliant OK

Grover Craft from Seminole is here for a few days visit with relatives.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Apr 04, 1930 · Page 3

Valliant OK

A. B. Dunn, Ves Fuller and Grover Craft from Rufe were attending to business matters in Idabel last Tuesday.

The McCurtain Democrat
Thu, Jul 21, 1932 -Page 7

Idabel OK

**COURT TERM
JURY STATED
THIS MORNING**

Men Chosen To Serve
On Civil Docket
Here Soon

Members of the jury for the civil term of district court, which begins on Monday, January 8th, have been announced by Mrs Allie Bartlett, county court clerk. A week's docket has been scheduled.

Jurors are: J. C. Ward, Smithville; Lawrence Anderson, Idabel; Earnest Hankins, Valliant; T. M. Lawhorn, Wright City; J. A. Kiersey, Broken Bow; Milton Wood, Hochatown; Roy Roberts, Valliant; A. C. Looney, Broken Bow; J. P. Walden, Battiest; E. L. Crosby, Wright City; Earl Dawson, Clebit; Herbert Benton, Broken Bow. R. W. May, Pollard; R. H. North, Idabel; Ned Guest, Valliant; R. W. Brummett, Eagletown; T. S. Havens, Haworth; H. C. Stauter, Idabel; Claud Buchanan, Millerton; Ellis Ferrell, Idabel; J. H. Thompson, Garvin; Joe Johnson, Idabel; Grover Craft, Rufe, and Roy Farley, Haworth.

McCurtain Gazette
Sat, Dec 30, 1933 -Page 1

Idabel OK

Grover Craft of Rufe was in town Wednesday.

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Mar 01, 1935 -Page 8

Valliant OK

Also in district court Grover Waterson Craft, 67, living at 432 Lyon St., Albany, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and was fined \$20 and costs. He was arrested Saturday by Patrolman Harris Kirby on the Pacific highway near Albany.

Albany Democrat-Herald
Wed, Dec 05, 1956 - Page 2

Albany OR

\$180 Penalty for Drunken Driver

ALBANY (Special) — John Franklin Harp of Foster, arrested Monday by a state police officer on a drunk driving charge, pleaded guilty in district court here Tuesday and was fined \$175 plus \$5 costs. Harp was picked up in the Narrows, two miles northwest of Sweet Home.

Also in district court Grover Waterson Craft, 67, Albany, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and was fined \$20 and costs. He was arrested also by a state police patrolman on the Pacific highway near Albany.

The Capital Journal
Thu, Dec 06, 1956 - Page 5

Salem OR

\$680 Fine Largest in Linn District Court Last Week

Horace W. McCarley of Me-hama had the dubious distinction of paying the largest fine levied in Linn county district court last week. McCarley paid \$680 for a group axle overload.

Others fined for various types of overloads included Donald H. McWhirk, Gates, \$188; Ronald H. Syron, Stayton, \$145, and Glen D. Meyer, Albany, \$60.

Other fines were:

VIOLATION OF BASIC RULE: Gordon R. Dahl, Stayton, and Ronald D. Vincent, Gladstone, each \$10; Richard D. Poffter, Lebanon, \$12; James H. Harding, Salem, and Franklin D. Morefield, Lebanon, each \$15; and Lloyd L. Craig, Dallas, \$30 suspended.

FAILURE TO HEED STOP SIGNAL:

Lloyd King, Roseburg, and Pete Zimmerman, Medford, each \$3.

FOLLOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE TOO CLOSE: Milton C. Hoff, Portland, \$9; and George J. Simpson, Pendleton, \$20.

FAILURE TO TRANSFER TITLE: Franklin D. Morefield, Lebanon, \$5.

NO TAIL LIGHT: Alton D. Hyland, Springfield, \$5.

ONE LICENSE PLATE: LeReine K. Neuman, Albany, \$5.

DRUNK IN A PUBLIC PLACE: Grover W. Craft, Albany, \$20.

PASSING WITH INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE: Jerry H. Ebensteiner, Lake Grove, \$10; and Willard M. Durst, Portland, \$15.

RECKLESS DRIVING: Donald E. Norman, Albany, \$50.

SPEEDING: Richard M. Lindley, Madras, \$10; and Lee W. Sellars, Portland, \$20.

Albany Democrat-Herald
Sat, Dec 15, 1956 - Page 12

Albany OR

Father:

Death of Good Citizen

W. R. Craft, a good citizen of Rufe, passed away at his home last Saturday after a brief illness.

Mr. Craft had been in the gin business at Rufe for several years and was considered one of the best citizens in the county. The remains were laid to rest at Rufe on Sunday.

The Tribune deeply sympathizes with the heart-broken family

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Apr 02, 1920 - Page 5

Valliant OK

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Mother

AGED LADY DIED AT RUFÉ SATURDAY

Funeral Services Held
For Mrs. W. R.
Craft Sunday

Rufé was grieved Saturday to learn of the death of Mrs. W. R. Craft, aged 76, who died at 7 o'clock at the family home following a week's illness. She has a host of friends to mourn her death.

Mrs. Craft, who had lived at Rufé for more than twenty-two years, loved her home and was a devoted wife and mother. Although she lived a quiet life she possessed a personality which never failed to inspire everyone with whom she came in contact. She had as many friends as she had acquaintances; for to know her was to love her. Mrs. Craft had been a consistent member of the Christian Church for thirty years.

Funeral services were held at the

Funeral services were held at the Rufé cemetery at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, with the Coffey Funeral Home, Idabel, in charge of the arrangements, Rev. J. G. Garrison, pastor of the Methodist Church, Valliant, officiating, and the assistance of the Slim choir, she was given one of the most impressive funeral services ever witnessed. A large crowd attended the funeral to pay its last respects to Mrs. Craft. The beautiful floral offerings attested the love and esteem in which she was held.

Pallbearers were: O. T. Zint, (Valliant), E. A. Gardner (Ft. Towson), Buis Cooper (Valliant), Jack Barnett, Geo. Gipson, and V. N. Carter.

Mrs. Craft was preceded in death by her husband, W. R. Craft, March 27, 1920. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Susie Henry, Rufé; Mrs. Addie McLaren, Rufé; and Mrs. W. T. Barnett, Rufé; four sons, G. W. Craft, Rufé; G. S. Craft, Rufé; T. J. Craft, Rattan, and W. B. Craft, Rufé; one brother, Hile Parmley, Gainesville, Texas; five sisters, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Post Oak, Texas; Mrs. Lee Zettie Payne, Valley View, Texas; Mrs. Millie Scarbrough, Sadler, Texas; Mrs. Belle Horn, Sweetwater, Texas, and Mrs. Ellen Kerby, Uvalde, Texas; ten grand children and two great grand children.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. W. R. Craft. Your faithful services, kind words of sympathy, and beautiful floral offerings will ever be remembered. It is our prayer that God's richest blessing come to each of you.

Mrs. Susie Henry
Mrs. Addie McLoren
Mrs. W. T. Barnett
G. W. Craft
G. S. Craft
T. J. Craft
W. B. Craft

The Valliant Tribune
Fri, Oct 06, 1933 - Page 1

Valliant OK

Mrs. Sarah Craft

Mrs. Sarah Craft, age 77, died at her home at Rufe Sept. 30, 1933 after a short sickness. Interment was in the Rufe cemetery with Rev. J. G. Garrison, pastor of the Methodist Church of Valliant, in charge. Coffey Funeral Home was in charge of the burial services.

Mrs. Craft was a pioneer of McCurtain County having lived at Rufe for the past 22 years. She is survived by seven children, her husband and three children having preceded her in death.

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Valliant OK

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Siblings:

STATE OF TEXAS 019-01-2019-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 332X 22 54169

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY **Bowie**
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **Texarkana**
c. LENGTH OF STAY (In 1 b.)
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) **Wadley 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 **Bowie**
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) **Texarkana**
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) **3218 Hazel Street**
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? ☒ YES ☐ NO

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
a. First **Mary**
b. Middle **Susan**
c. Last **Henry**
4. DATE OF DEATH **8-31-68**

5. SEX **Female**
6. COLOR OR RACE **White**
7. MARRIAGE STATUS ☒ Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced
8. DATE OF BIRTH **12-18-1882**
9. AGE (In years, last birthday) **85**
10. MONTH **8** DAY **13** HOURS **13** MINUTES
11. BIRTH PLACE (State or foreign country) **Amherst, Texas**
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY **U. S. A.**

13. FATHER'S NAME **William Robert Craft**
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME **Sarah F. -----**
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? ☐ YES ☒ NO (If yes, give year or dates of service)
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
17. INFORMANT **Mrs. Sarah Bowling**

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).
a. **Cerebral Thrombosis**
b. **Cerebral Infarction**
c. **Cerebral As.**
19. INTERVAL BETWEEN DEATH AND EXAMINATION **1 day**

20. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)
As. As. Ht. Disease
21. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

22. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐
23. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18)
24. TIME OF INJURY Hour **7-25** Month **7-25** Day **68** Year **68**
25. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)
26. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION **Texarkana** COUNTY **Bowie** STATE **Texas**

27. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **7-25-68** to **7-25-68** and last saw the deceased alive on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the cause stated.
28. SIGNATURE **John S. Griffin** (Physician or Nurse)
29. ADDRESS **4800 Texas Blvd, Texarkana, Texas**
30. DATE SIGNED **9-3-68**

31. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)
32. DATE **9-3-68**
33. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY **Chapelwood Cemetery**
34. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE **Texarkana Funeral Home**
35. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE **John B. Johnson**

36. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. **34848**
37. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR **9-6-68**

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

Dr. John Griffin

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Sister Mary Susan Craft Henry (1882-1968) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/17231961/person/1640705463/media/24d2be38-2577-4dce-a600-1062ccee3a27>

Susie Craft

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



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Detail	Source
Name	Susie Craft
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	1901
Marriage Place	Paris, Lamar, Texas, United States
Spouse	J.H. Henry
FHL Film Number	1293681

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BARNETT-CRAFT

Dr. W. T. Barnett, of Rufe, and Miss Willie Craft were married last Wednesday at that place. Dr. Barnett has been a citizen of Rufe for nineteen years where he has practiced medicine and is regarded as one of McCurtain county's leading physicians. Miss Willie Craft has lived at Rufe several years and is a daughter of Bill Craft, a prominent citizen of that place. She is a beautiful and highly refined lady and loved by all the people of Rufe.

The Tribune extends congratulations and wishes the couple happiness and prosperity.

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Fri, Oct 10, 1924 - Page 1

Sister Willie Mae Craft Barnett (1887-1964) -

Valliant OK

WEDDING OCCURRED AT RUFÉ
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Oct 1924
A wedding of unusual interest, because of the prominence and popularity of the contracting parties was that of Dr. W. T. Barnett and Miss Willie Craft, of Rufe, which occurred at that place Wednesday, October 8th. Miss Craft is the attractive, accomplished and much loved daughter of Bill Craft, one of Rufe's prominent and most progressive citizens. Dr. Barnett has resided at Rufe where he has enjoyed a lucrative practice for nineteen years, and stands at the top of the ladder in professional circles in this county, and is a splendid man as well as physician.

Dr. and Mrs. Barnett will live at Smithville, where Dr. Barnett will continue practicing.

The News joins their host of friends in congratulations and very best wishes for a life of happiness and prosperity.

The Broken Bow News
Thu, Oct 09, 1924 - Page 3

Broken Bow OK

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Brother George Stephenson Craft (1892-1948) – Find A Grave 60267306

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Grover Waterson Craft

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D (tombstone: Co. D, 358th Inf.) - private

Serial number: 250,286

Entered service from: Rufe, McCurtain OK

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Grover W. Craft

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father W.R. Craft, Rufe OK

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Grover W. Craft

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William R. Craft, Rufe OK (PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Grover Waterson Craft - b. 22 Dec 1889 Lamar Co. TX; res: Rufe, Choctaw OK. Single. Farming & mill hand, W.R. Craft, Rufe OK. Height not listed, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Grover W. Craft - b. 22 Dec 1889 Paris TX; res: 139 E. 1st St., Albany, Linn OR. NOK Harve Bailey, same address. Employed at Hub City Lumber Co., Albany, Linn OR. Height: 5'11" – weight: 168 lbs. Card not dated.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 19 Sep 1917

Discharged 13 Jun 1919

Address: Rufe OK

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 16th Co., 20th Reg Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 21 Dec 1888 (WWI draft) or 1889 (WWII draft) or 22 Dec 1888 Lamar Co. TX

Died: 26 Nov 1966 Rufe, McCurtain OK

Find A Grave record: 60267307, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Rufe, McCurtain OK

Cemetery: Rufe

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Oklahoma PFC Co. D 358 Inf WWI

Father: William Robert ("Bill") Craft, 7 Nov 1858 Lamar Co. TX – 27 Mar 1920 Rufe, McCurtain OK. Son of George Russell Craft & Suzannah M. Lyon.

Obituary: "Valliant (OK) Tribune" Friday, 2 Apr 1920 p 5 – "Death of Good Citizen" – W.R. Craft of Rufe AR died at his home last Saturday after a brief illness. He operated a gin business at Rufe for several years & was 1 of the best cities in the county. His funeral was held Sunday in Rufe.

Buried in Rufe Cemetery, Rufe, McCurtain OK.

Find A Grave: 60267311

Mother: Sarah Frances Parmley Craft, 19 Apr 1856 Wayne Co. KY – 30 Sep 1933 Rufe, McCurtain OK.

Daughter of Henderson Parmley & Adaline Norfleet.

Her obituary notes she gave birth to 10 children, 3 of whom predeceased her.

Buried in Rufe Cemetery, Rufe, McCurtain OK.

Find A Grave: 60267309

Parents' marriage: 7 Dec 1881 Paris, Lamar TX.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Children:

Siblings:

- **Mary Susan Craft Henry**, 18 Dec 1882 Amherst, Lamar TX – 3 Aug 1968 Texarkana, Bowie TX. - Married 16 Dec 1901 in Paris, Lamar TX to John H. Henry (1870 LA-before 1930). Buried in Chapelwood Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum, Wake Village, Bowie TX. F: 137552349
- **Adaline Virginia ("Addie") Craft White McLaren**, 27 Jan 1884 Lamar Co. TX – 11 May 1976 Antlers, Pushmataha OK. – Also found as Virginia Adaline. - Married Harry L. White (1883-1909) on 31 Dec 1905 in Paris, Lamar TX. Living with her family as Ada White, widow, in the 1910 Lamar Co. TX census, with sons Francis & Howard White. - Married Pleasant/Pleasant E. ("Ples") McLaren (1888-1932), F: 60267412) in 1917 - Buried in Rufe Cemetery, Rufe, McCurtain OK with surname McLaren. F: 60267411
- **Nannie Bell Craft**, 16 Jan 1885 Lamar Co. TX – According to Ancestry.com family tree, died 1912 CA but not evidence of this death year/place is provided or found. She does appear in the 1900 & 1910 censuses with the family.
- **? A sister named Millie Frances Craft** is found in family trees. Born 11 Feb 1885 Lamar Co. TX, d. 18 Sep 1887 Lamar Co. TX. But sibling Nannie Bell is supposedly born Jan 1885 which make Millie's birth in Feb 1885 impossible, so data on Nannie & Millie is questionable.
- **Willie Mae Craft Barnett**, 1 May 1887 Paris, Lamar TX – 26 Nov 1964 Rufe, McCurtain OK. - Tombstone reads Willie Mae Barnett. - Wife of Dr. William Thomas Barnett (1878-1936, F: 60267242) whom she married 8 Oct 1905 in Rufe, McCurtain OK. – Buried in Rufe Cemetery, Rufe, McCurtain OK. F: 60267258
- **John Quincy Craft**, May 1891 Lamar Co. TX – 12 May 1907 Lamar Co. TX
- **George Stephenson Craft**, 2 Jun 1892 Paris, Lamar TX – 12 Jul 1948 McKinney, Collin TX. - WWI corporal. - Married in 1925 to Ruth Winifred Maysey (1885-1965, F: 60267308) who had married William Pettigrew Burwell (1880-1919) in 1905. - Buried in Rufe Cemetery, Rufe, McCurtain OK. F: 60267306
- **Thomas Jefferson Craft**, 25 Feb 1894 Paris, Lamar TX – Sep 1974 Sawyer, Choctaw OK. - Wife of Tillie Gunter (1892-1956, F: 77401778). Buried in Shoat Springs Cemetery, Hugo, Choctaw OK. F: 77401777
- **William Bryan Craft**, 27 Apr 1895 Paris, Lamar TX – 26 Nov 1982 Paris, Lamar TX - Married Vera Ellen McAfee (1898-1984, F: 125311349) in 1922. - Buried in Fort Towson Cemetery, Fort Towson, Choctaw OK. F: 125282478

Notes:

Wartime:

“Paris (TX) Morning News” 15 Feb 1918 p 2 – “A Tuscania Survivor Formerly of Lamar County” – Among the Tuscania survivors is Grover Craft of Rufe OK, whom the paper learned was the son of William Craft, well-known farmer and ginner who lived north of town on Boggy Road several years before moving to OK. Grover is liable to distinguish himself in France. He voluntarily enlisted in Paris TX in Jun 1917. Before enlisting in the Army, he had applied to the US Navy but was turned down due to flat feet. He didn’t lose any time applying for the Army & passed its physical examination with no trouble, “flat feet being no drawback in land service.”

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 448-01-2351

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 1, Lamar Co. TX – conducted 12 Jun 1900

William R. Craft, 44 TX, Nov 1858, father b. TX, mother b. VA, married 18 years, farmer

Sarah F., 42 KY, Apr 1858, parents b. KY, gave birth to 9 children, 9 are living

Susan, 17 TX, Dec 1882

Addie, 16 TX, Jan 1884

Nannie B., 15 TX, Jan 1885

Willie M., 13 TX, May 1887

Grover, 11 TX, Dec 1888

John, 9 TX, May 1891

George, 7 TX Jun 1892

Thomas, 6 TX, Feb 1894

William B., 5 TX, Apr 1895

1910 Justice Precinct 1, Lamar Co. TX – Spring Hill Rd. – conducted 2 May 1910

William R. Craft, 53 TX, parents b. KY, in 1st marriage, farmer, general farm

Sarah, 55 KY, parents b. KY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 12 children, 10 are living [John died in 1907]

Ada White, 25 TX, widow [their daughter]

Nannie, 24 TX

Willie, 22 TX

Grover, 21 TX, laborer, home farm

George, 17 TX, laborer, home farm

Thomas, 14 TX, laborer, home farm

William, 13 TX

& grandsons:

Francis White, 3 TX, father b. MS, mother b. TX

Howard White, 1 TX, father b. MS, mother b. TX

[in error: the surname of Willie, Grover, George, Thomas & William is presumed to “White” because of widowed daughter Ada White’s placement in the list.]

1920 Wilson, Choctaw OK – conducted 6 Feb 1920

William Craft, 63 TX, parents b. TX, farmer, general farm

Sarah, 61 IA, parents b. IA

Willie, 33 TX, single [daughter]

Grover, 29 TX, single, farmer, home farm

George, 27 TX, single, farmer, home farm

Thomas, 25 TX, single, farmer, home farm

William, 22 TX, single, farmer. home farm

1930 Seminole, Seminole OK – 104 – 2nd – line 71 - conducted 4 Jun 1930 – his birthplace is incorrect as is his age, but a 4 Apr 1930 newspaper article places Grover in Seminole OK

Grover Craft, 37 OK, parents b. TX, single, dairyman, dairy, not a veteran, lodger

[this page has cross-throughs and “arrows” linking records, so it is not clear exactly where Grover is lodging]

66	62	Hoffman Willard	Lodger
67		Sue	Wife H
68	119 55 63	Doyle Thomas B	Lodger
69		Dale Willie	Lodger
70		Baker John	Lodger
71	104 56 64	Craft Grover	Lodger
72	96 35 37	Lewis Velma	Daughter

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1940 cannot locate

In 1942, when Grover registers for the WWII draft, he resides in Albany, Linn Co., Oregon.

1950 cannot locate

In 1956, when Grover is arrested, he resides at 432 Lyon St., Albany, Linn Co., Oregon.