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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Dolson, John Jacob
1886 KS – 1977 MT



John Jacob Dolson - <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MVYV-9TX>

DOLSON JOHN JACOB		C 2207781
Pvt 1st 16th Co 20th Eng		K
Plains Mont		A 1 496 025
Sn 250 301	Died	T 1 184 501
Born 9/3/86		R
Enl 12/12/17	Dis 6/12/19	Cl. 2 593 405
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
FORM 724-1 1/2 - Rev. Sept., 1920

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Veterans Administration Master Index -

Dolson, John J		250,301	White	1 1/2
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	(Race: White or colored)	
Residence: Plains		MONTANA		
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
*Enlisted in	N A Ft Wright Wash	-	Dec 12/17 -	
†Born in	Haddan Kans	-	31 3/12 yrs	
Organizations:	Co D 16 Bn 20 Engr to Disch.		-	
Grades:	Pvt 1 Cl Apr 23/18	-	-	
Engagements:	-	-	-	
Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.				
‡Served overseas Jan 24/18 to May 28/19				
§Hon. disch.	June 12/19	on demobilization	-	
Was reported	per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation.			
Remarks:	0	-	-	

Form No. 724-1 1/2, A. G. O. March 12, 1920.

*Insert "R. A.", "N. G.", "E. R. C.", "N. A.", as case may be, followed by place and date of enlistment. †Give place of birth and date of birth, or age at enlistment. ‡Give dates of departure from and arrival in the United States. §Give date.

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MT, Military Records

Name: John Jacob Dolson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,301

Entered service from: Plains, Sanders MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John J. Dolson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father W.T. Dolson, Plains MT

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919,

Sailed on return ship as: John J. Dolson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William T. Dolson, Plains MT (PFC, 16th Co, 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): b. 3 Sep 1886 Haddam KS; res: Plains, Sanders MT.

Teamster for Walter Scott, Plains MT. Single. Tall, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Hot Springs MT

World War II draft registration (1942): as John J. Dolson, b. 3 Sep 1886 Washington Co. KS; res: Fort Missoula, Missoula MT. NOK Grace Carson, 119 S. Madison, Missoula MT. [his sister] Employed by US Gov. Immigration Dept., Fort Missoula, Bountiful UT Annex. Height: 6' – weight: 178 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 12 Dec 1917

Discharged 12 Jun 1919

Address: Plains MT

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

MT, WWI Service Record: John J. Dolson, serial 250301, resident of Plains MT. Enlisted at Fort Wright WA on 12 Dec 1917 at age 31 years, 3 months. In Co. D, 16th Battalion, 20th Engineers. Promoted to private 1st class 23 Apr 1918. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 28 May 1919. Discharged 12 Jun 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 3 Sep 1886 Haddam, Washington KS

Died: 24 Nov 1977 Columbia Falls, Flathead MT (in Columbia Falls vets hospital)

Find A Grave record: 84525574, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Missoula, Missoula MT

Cemetery: Missoula

Tombstone: veteran flat: PFC US Army WWI

Father: William T. Dolson, 22 Jul 1852 Ithaca, Tompkins NY – 30 Aug 1942.

Son of Dennis Dolson & Mary Sheridan.

Married to Samilda J. Halferty in 1882 in IA. She was the mother of John.

On 14 Dec 1919 married Ara D. Herriott in Thompson Falls, Sanders MT.

Obituary: "Missoulian" (Missoula MT) 31 Aug 1943 p 2 – William T. Dolson, 91, long-time Plains MT resident, died at his home there on 30 Aug. The body was taken to Missoula & then taken back to Plains for the funeral on 2 Sep, with burial in the Plains Cemetery. Born 22 Jul 1852 in Ithaca NY. Lived near & in Plains for the past 44 years. Survived by wife Ara of Thompson Falls, daughter Mrs. A.E. Carson of Missoula & 3 sons: John Dolson (Ogden UT),

& Bert & Vern Dolson of Plains, plus 4 stepdaughters: Mrs. Jeff McKeel (Thompson Falls), Mrs. T.O. Johnson (Helena MT), Mrs. Louise Foster (Seattle WA) & Mrs. Arthur Wallin (Sprague WA).

Buried in Plains Cemetery, Sanders MT.

Find A Grave: 60671900

Mother: Samilda J. Halferty Dolson, 20 Oct 1860 Richland Co. OH – 26 Oct 1903.

Daughter of Jacob & Sydney Halferty, both b. OH.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 4 Jul 1882 in Keokuk IA to Samilda Halferty

Stepmother: Ara Davis Adams Herriott Dolson, 8 Mar 1869 – 18 Apr 1948 Thompson Falls, Sanders MT.

Ara Adams was the daughter of Walter Charles Adams & Zerelda Jane Lamesta. She was married to Daniel Vause Herriott (1864-1911) before marrying William Dolson in 1919.

Buried in Fraternal Cemetery, Thompson Falls, Sanders MT.

Stepmother Find A Grave: 92783511

Stepmother marriage: 14 Dec 1919 in Thompson Falls, Sanders MT. Ara Herriott was age 50, William T. Dolson was age 65.

Spouse: Louise Willis Jenks Olsen Dolson, 16 Jul 1898 Laketown, Rich UT – 29 Mar 1976 Ogden, Weber UT.

Daughter of George Bloomfield Willis & Louise Delina Cheney.

Louise married Joel Alonzo Jenks (1872-1933) on 22 Apr 1929 in Brigham City, Box Elder UT when he was 56 years old & she was 30. Joel was then a resident of Lyman WY.

Joel Jenks had married Lucy Violet Kingston (1869-1961) in 1891.

He had married Janet Wilson (1885-1926) in 1914.

In the 1930 census Joel A. Jenks (58 UT) & Louise Jenks (33 UT) live in Lyman, Uinta WY with their newborn son (zero months UT).

In the 1940 census, Louise W. Jenks (41 UT, widowed) is living with son Kenneth Jenks, age 10 UT. She is an exhibitor of motion pictures.

Joel Jenks's Find A Grave: 163839341; buried in Lyman, Uinta WY.

Louise married Henry L. Olsen (1891-31 Dec 1948) in 1946. Henry had married Merlie Damaris Davis (1893-1944) in 1918. Henry is buried in St. Anthony, Fremont ID. F: 18625879

Louise Dolson is buried in

Spouse Find A Grave: 142324511 (buried as Dolson)

Marriage: 16 Apr 1949 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co. UT

Children:

Siblings: John was the 2nd child.

- **Grace Dolson Carson**, 25 May 1883 IA – 10 Jul 1970 Missoula, Missoula MT. Wife of Albert Elmer Carson (1874-1973, F: 84486294), whom she married 11 Aug 1921 in Thompson Falls, Sanders MT. Albert was the son of A. & Josephine Carson & was age 48 & Grace age 30 when they married. Buried in Missoula Cemetery, Missoula, Missoula MT. F: 84486295
- **Bert Dolson**, 25 Jul 1891 Haddam, Washington KS – 6 Jan 1983 Plains, Sanders MT. Husband of Bertha Markle (1898-1985, F: 147407195), whom he married 27 Dec 1919 in Missoula Co. MT. MT death record indicates he was a farmer/stockman; died in the Clark Fork Valley Hospital. SSN 517-42-5672. His MT death record says he was buried in the Dolson Family Cemetery on 10 Jan 1983, but he is buried in the Markle Cemetery, Hot Springs, Sanders MT. F: 147407125
- **Vern Dolson**, 28 Oct 1895 Haddam, Washington Ks – 28 Sep 1961 Missoula, Missoula MT. Husband of Irene who was age 38, b. MO in the 1940 census, while Vern was age 42, b. KS. Army private in WWI. Buried in Plains Cemetery, Plains, Sanders MT. F: 60671901

Pre-war:

“Washington (KS) Register” 8 Jan 1897 p 4 – in District Court, Washington Co. KS – Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., plaintiff vs. William T. Dolson, Samilda J. Dolson, Herschel Bartlett, William H. Bartlett, David L. Bartlett (as partners in Bartlett Bros.) & John C. Halferty, defendants. Suit filed 7 Jan 1897; answer by 19 Feb 1897 or judgement renders. In a personal judgment against William & Samilda Dolson for \$848 with interest from 1 Mar 1896 at 10% per annum on a certain extension agreement & extension coupons made to them by the plaintiff on 17 Jan 1895 & agreed to pay note & mortgage of 1 Mar 1895, then a note & mortgage of 9 Jan 1895 payable 1 Mar 1895 of \$800 at 6% interest, also to pay delinquent taxes on property in section 30, township 2, range 2, which were paid by the plaintiff 7 Jan 1897, with 10% interest.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

“Missoulian” (Missoula MT) 26 Nov 1977 p 6 – John Dolson, age 91, of Missoula, died Wednesday, 23 Nov 1977, at Columbia Falls Veterans Hospital. Born 5 Sep 1886 in IA [sic/KS]. Came with his family to MT in a covered wagon in 1897. [see stories about defaulting on mortgage in KS in 1897] He lived 2 years by Bozeman, later moving to the Plains valley by Hot Springs where he homesteaded on the Flathead Indian reservation. He enlisted in the military in WWI, mostly serving in France. He survived the sinking of the British luxury liner “Lusitania” off the coast of Ireland in 1915. [The “Lusitania” was not a troopship, did not carry US soldiers & its 1915 torpedoing & sinking occurred before the US entered the war in 1917. The article meant “Tuscania.”] After the war he logged in ID & MT. In 1946 he moved to Ogden UT & married Louise Jenks in 1947 [sic/1946]. She died in 1976.

He then returned to MT to live with his niece. Survived by brother Bert Dolson (Hot Springs MT) & stepson Kenneth Jenks of Salt Lake City UT. Funeral 29 Nov with burial in Missoula; military rites by Barracks No. 825, WWI Veterans.

"Ogden [UT] Standard-Examiner" 28 Nov 1977 p 20 - age 92, of Missoula MT, formerly of Ogden UT, b. 3 Sep 1886 Haddam KS. Married Louise Jenks Apr 1949, she died 29 Mar 1976. WWI veteran, employee of Ogden Arsenal. Survived by stepson Kenneth Jenks & brother Bert Dolson (Missoula). Funeral 29 Nov in Missoula.

"Missoulian" (Missoula MT) 28 Nov 1977 p 18 – John Dolson, age 91, of Missoula. Funeral 29 Nov. Burial Missoula Cemetery, with honor guard by Barracks No. 835, WWI Veterans.

Social Security Number: 516-01-0844

Censuses:

1900 Jocko, Missoula MT [in the 1910 census Jocko is in Sanders Co.]
 William T. Dolson, 56 NY, parents b. NY, widowed, farmer, general farming
 And his children [father b. NY, mother b. OH]:
 Grace, 26 IA
 John J., 23 KS, bridge carpenter, railroad
 Bert, 18 KS
 Vern, 14 KS

1910 Jocko, Sanders MT
 In the residence of Hugh Monaghan, 44 OH, May 1856, farmer
 Listed as his servants:
 W.T. Dolson, 48 NY, Jul 1852, parents b. NY, married 18 years, farm laborer
 Samilda, 40 OH, Oct 1860, parents b. OH, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living
 Grace, 17 IA, May 1883
 John J., 13 KS, Sep 1886
 Burt, 8 KX, Jul 1881
 Vern, 4 KS, Oct 1885

1920 Burke, Shoshone ID – Main St.
 John J. Dolson, 33 KS, single, father b. NY, mother b. OH, timber handler, mine, living in the hotel of Maurice L. Mahoney, 54 CA with his relatives & several other lodgers

1930 School District 14, Sanders Co. MT
 John J. Dolson, 42 KS, father b. NY, mother b. OH, single, laborer, farm, WWI veteran, head of household
 On the same census page are listed his brother Bert Dolson & his family, his brother Vern Dolson & his family and J.W. and Rose Markle (Bert married Bertha Markle).

1940 Plains, Sanders MT – Meany St. – both same place in 1935

John Dolson, 53 KS, laborer for the county, boarding with head of household:

Joseph Sherick, 29 MT, laborer, Forest Service

1950