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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This record also lacks 1950 federal census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Hughes, Francis Bryan
1894 TX – 1950 TX



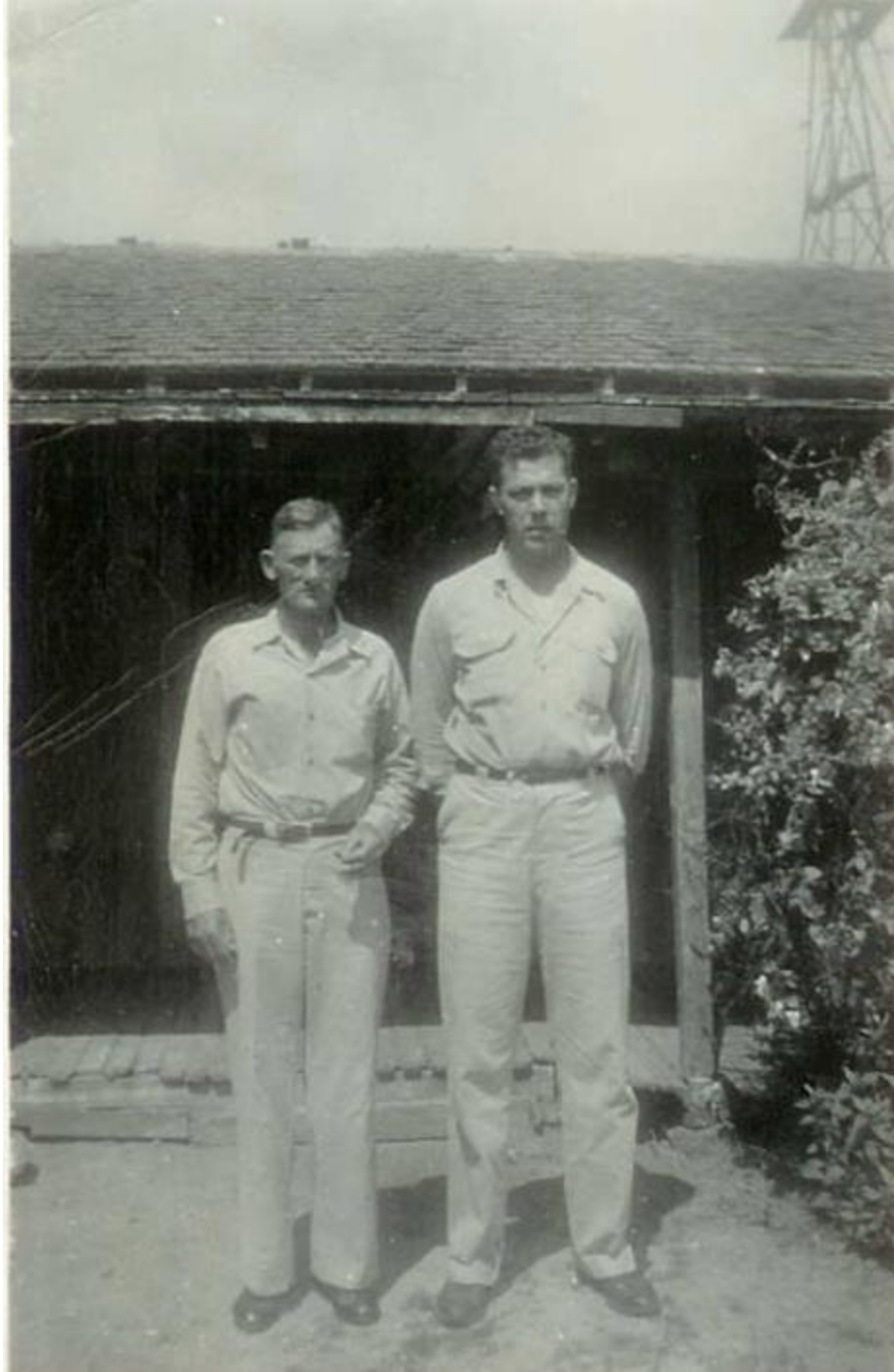
Francis Bryan Hughes – from Find A Grave 60329853



Left: Bud Harrison Hughes – right: his brother Francis Bryant Hughes -
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Francis Bryan Hughes (standing) & unidentified friend -
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Francis Bryan Hughes (left) & son William Boyd Hughes – at Rising Star TX -
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Francis Bryan Hughes & wife Willie Annette Boyd Harris -
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PR-1
ORIGINAL

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See instructions attached)		ENLISTMENT DATE September 21, 1917		SERIAL No. 251459		EMBLEM (CHECK ONE) ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE	
☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER		DISCHARGE DATE April 23, 1919		PENSION No. C 563 948		COMPANY Co. "D" 102nd Inf.	
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) HUGHES, Francis B.		STATE Texas		RANK Pvt		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, OR VESSEL 102nd Inf.	
DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) April 20, 1894		DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) July 19, 1950		DIVISION 26th Division			
NAME OF CEMETERY Pioneer, Texas		LOCATION (CITY AND STATE) Pioneer, Texas		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (CITY AND STATE) Rising Star, Texas		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Route #2, Rising Star, Texas	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) Willie Boyd Hughes Route #2, Rising Star, Texas		(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE) DO NOT WRITE HERE FOR VERIFICATION 29 AUG 1950 ORDERED Columbus, Miss. 7 NOV 1950 B/L 3658698 SHIPPED		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE Willie Boyd Hughes ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE) Route #2, Rising Star, Texas		DATE OF APPLICATION July 27, 1950	

OQMG Form 623 (Rev. 15 Mar. 1945) **IMPORTANT—Complete reverse side** GPO 16-11453-4

Veteran headstone application

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Hughes, Francis B. 251,459 * White * Colored.
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Rising Star Eustland TEXAS
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

Inducted at Rising Star Tex **on** Sept 21 1917

Place of birth: May Tex Age or date of birth: 23 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
165 Dep Brig to disch

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from Jan 21/18 to † Mch 30/19, from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization Apr 23/19, 19

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

Form No. 724-1, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. *Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. 3-7362

TX, WWI military record

067-0-0-1-2-2-00 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS 67121 48
STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO. 32638

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Eastland</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before death) a. STATE <u>Texas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Eastland</u>	
b. CITY (If not in corporate limits, state RURAL and give precinct no.) <u>Rising Star 7</u>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, state RURAL and give precinct no.) <u>Rising Star 7</u>	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION		d. STREET ADDRESS <u>Route 2.</u>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <u>Francis</u> b. (Middle) <u>Bryan</u> c. (Last) <u>Hughes</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>July 19 - 1940</u>	
5. SEX <u>Male</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 20, 1894</u>
9. AGE <u>46</u>	10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work during last period of working life, even if retired) <u>Farmer</u>	11. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Farming</u>	12. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Mojo, Brown Co. Tex</u>
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>W.H. Hootch Hughes, Georgia</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Elizabeth Hamilton, Georgia</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? <u>No</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>412-22-8343</u>	
17. CAUSE OF DEATH State only cause, never line for (a), (b), and (c) <u>Fall - Broken Neck</u>		18. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I, <u>Dr. R. D. Hill</u> , certify that I attended the deceased from <u>at birth</u> , 19 <u>40</u> , to <u>July 19, 1940</u> , and that death occurred at <u>from the cause and on the date stated above.</u>	
19a. DATE OF OPERATION		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE <u>Accident</u>		20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., farm, about house, barn, factory, street, office building, etc.) <u>Farm</u>	
20c. TIME OF INJURY <u>7 19 1940 2 P.M.</u>		20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☒ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐	
20e. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? <u>Fall into ditch</u>		21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>at birth</u> , 19 <u>40</u> , to <u>July 19, 1940</u> , and that death occurred at <u>from the cause and on the date stated above.</u>	
22a. SIGNATURE <u>J.R. Hill</u>		22b. ADDRESS <u>Rising Star 7</u>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		23b. DATE <u>July 21-1940</u>	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Pioneer, Tex</u>		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Pioneer Cemetery</u>	
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>Huffman & Co. - J. J. Moore</u>		25. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>8/1-1940</u>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <u>13</u>		25b. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>W.H. Fabor Rising Star Tex</u>	

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

TX death certificate - broke his neck in an accidental fall when he fell into a ditch

8-9-50

HUGHES FRANCIS BRYAN		X C	563 948
Pvt 42 Col Dem Grp		K	
Rising Star Tex		A	3 295 929
Ssn	251 459	Died	7-14-50 T 435 670
Born	4/20/94	R	
Enl	9/21/17	Dis	4/23/19 Cl 1 992 479
		I	

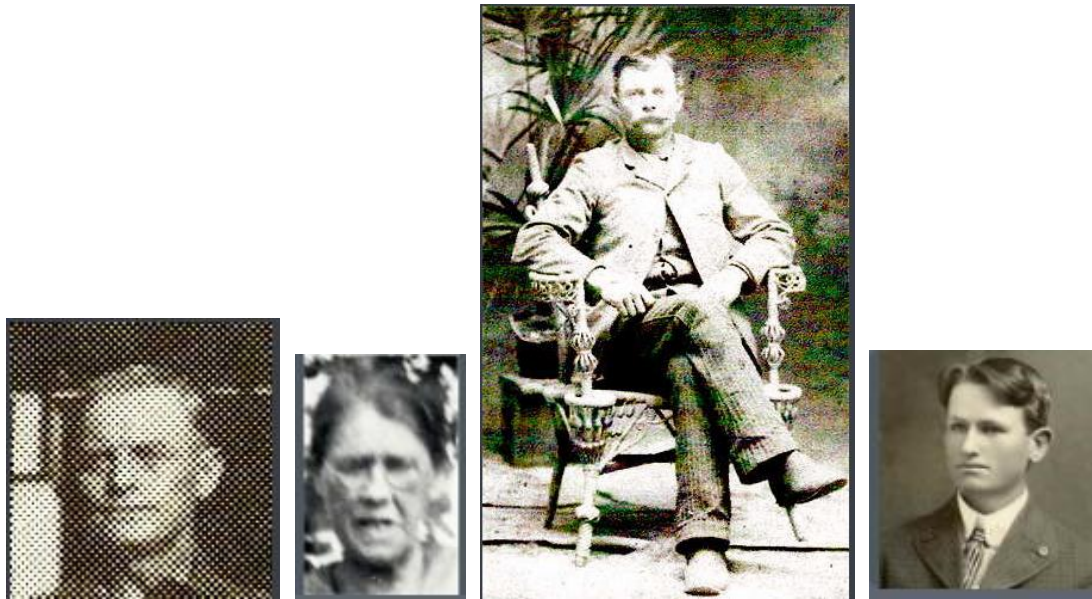
U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202 - Rev. Sept. 1936

INDEX CARD



From left: brothers Albert Blan (A.B.), Bud Harrison & Wofford (Pug) Hughes -
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Family portrait gallery:



Left to right: father William Harrison Hughes, mother Sarah Jackson Hamilton Hughes, brother Frederick Lee Hughes, brother Luel Volner Hughes



Left to right: brother William Olin Hughes, sister Era Hughes Hagan, sister Era Hughes Talley, brother Edward Sidney Hughes

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/60009313/person/36087515100/facts>

Theresa Claudine Hughes Lewis, 96, of Rising Star, Texas left this earth on Thursday, September 12, 2019 to meet her Lord and Savior and to be reunited with the love of her life, Shorty Lewis.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 14, at 2:30 PM at the First Baptist Church in May, Texas with David Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Lewis Family Cemetery on County Road 252. T

he family will have a time of visitation on Saturday, September 14, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM at the First Baptist Church in May, Texas.

Obituary of daughter Theresa Claudine Hughes Lewis -

<https://www.brownwoodnews.com/2019/09/13/theresa-claudine-hughes-lewis-96-rising-star/>

W. H. Hughes Rites Set at Rising Star

The body of William Harrison Hughes, who died last night in a local hospital, will be taken back to his home at Rising Star, Tex., this afternoon on the Santa Fe train; and will be accompanied by one of his sons, L. B. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes had been in the hospital ever since he was taken off a bus very ill here three days ago. He was 83 years old. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Other survivors include five more sons, A. B. Hughes, of Channing, W. L. Hughes, F. B. Hughes, and Sidney Hughes, all of Rising Star, and W. O. Hughes of Alpine, two daughters, Mrs. R. C. Hagon, Anton, Tex., and Mrs. J. P. Talley of Artesia, N. M.

Boxwell Brothers are in charge of funeral arrangements.

Obituary of father William Harrison Hughes – "Amarillo (TX) Daily News" Friday 13 Aug 1943 p 6

Name: Francis Bryan Hughes

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade - private

Serial number: 251,459

Entered service from: May, Brown TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Francis B. Hughes

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. S.J. Hughes, May TX

Returned from war on: "Santa Olivia" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Francis B. Hughes

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William H. Hughes, Rising Star TX (pvt, 165th Depot Brigade)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Francis Bryan Hughes - b. 20 Apr 1894 May TX; res: Rising Star, Eastland TX. Single. Farming for father W.H. Hughes near Rising Star TX.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Francis Bryan Hughes - 20 Apr 1894 Brown Co. TX; res: RFD 2, Rising Star, Eastland TX. NOK Mrs. F.B. Hughes, same address. Unemployed.

Height: 5'10" – 135 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 21 Sep 1917

Discharged 23 Apr 1919

Address: Rising Star TX
 Rank/unit: private, 42nd CoDem Grp

TX, WWI military record:

Francis B. Hughes, serial 251459, resident of Rising Star, Eastland TX. Inducted at Rising Star TX on 21 Sep 1917 at age 23 years. Born May TX. In 165th Depot Brigade to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 21 Jan 1918 to 30 Mar 1919. Discharged 23 Apr 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 20 Apr 1894 May, Brown TX

Died: 19 Jul 1950 Rising Star, Eastland TX (broke his neck when accidentally fell into a ditch)

Find A Grave record: 60329853 – photo – presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Pioneer, Eastland TX

Cemetery: Pioneer

Tombstone:

Father: William Harrison Hughes, 12 Jul 1860 Windsor, Walton GA – 12 Aug 1943 Amarillo, Potter TX. Son of Rufus Philip Hughes & Martha Susan Allen. Died of a ruptured appendix in Amarillo Osteopathic Hospital at age 83 years, 1 month. Farmer. Buried in Rising Star Cemetery, Rising Star, Eastland TX.

Find A Grave: 163618739

Mother: Sarah Jackson Caroline Clementine (“Jack”) Hamilton Hughes, 4 Aug 1861 Lawrenceville, Gwinnett GA – 10 Jul 1940 Rising Star, Eastland TX. Daughter of Joseph Wofford H. Hamilton (medical doctor) & Mary M. Chandler. Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Pioneer, Eastland TX.

Find A Grave: 163619013

Parents’ marriage: 1 Apr 1883 Walton Co. GA

Spouse: Willie Annette Boyd Hughes, 26 Jan 1901 Athens, Henderson TX – 26 Dec 1982 Cross Plains, Calhoun TX. Daughter of Archibald James Boyd (F: 71185153) & Martha Sophronia (Mattie) Davis (F: 71185187). Died of a cardiovascular accident in Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Pioneer, Eastland TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 98497217

Marriage: 4 Dec 1920 Rising Star, Eastland TX - Bryan Hughes & Willie Boyd

Children:

- Theresa Claudine Hughes Lewis, 25 Apr 1923 Pioneer, Eastland TX – 12 Sep 2019 Rising Star, Eastland TX. Wife of Leonard (“Shorty”) Lewis (1913-2013) whom she married 12 Feb 1943. Buried in the Lewis Family Cemetery, Co. Rd. 252, in Cherokee Co. TX but not on Find A Grave as of 24 Mar 2021.
- Frances (Francis) Marcelle Hughes Wolf, 22 Aug 1928 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 13 Nov 2016 Abilene TX. Wife of Andrew James Wolf (1925-2012, F: 110346612) whom she married 27 Mar 1948. Buried in Rising Star Cemetery, Rising Star, Eastland TX. F: 110346612
- William Boyd Hughes, 3 Nov 1931 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 6 Feb 2010 Odessa, Ector TX. Known as Boyd. Married 2 May 1952 to Sallie Dell Thompson (1933-2001). Army veteran during the Korean War era (7 Oct 1952-18 Aug 1954). Attended Cisco Junior College & Texas

Tech, where he met & married Sallie before he joined the Army. Graduated from U of Houston with a degree in drafting. Worked for the TX Department of Transportation for 33 years. Met & married Birdie Tims in Odessa TX; they married 10 May 2003. Survived by his wife Birdie, 2 sons, 2 stepsons, 4 stepdaughters, sisters Theresa H. Lewis (Rising Star TX) & Francis H. Wolf (Crossplains TX). Buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, Ector TX. F: 47800932

Siblings: Francis was born between William Olin & Bud Harrison.

- Rufus J. Hughes, 26 Dec 1883 GA – 22 Dec 1884 GA.
- Albert Blan Hughes, 28 Feb 1885 Windsor, Walton GA – 10 Feb 1971 Amarillo, Potter TX. Husband of Mary Elizabeth Hardman (1889-1968) whom he married 1 Jan 1909 in Wichita Falls, Wichita TX. Buried in Channing Cemetery, Channing, Hartley TX. F: 82966637
- Herschel Hughes, 1 Aug 1886 GA – 22 Sep 1887 GA.
- Frederick Lee Hughes, 6 Jan 1888 GA – 19 Jul 1928 Vernon, Wilbarger TX. Husband of Jessie Belle Horn (1894-1968). Buried in Burkburnett Memorial Cemetery, Burkburnett, Wichita TX. F: 18567099
- Wofford [Wafford] Lafayette (“Pug”) Hughes, 10 Jun 1889 Cross Cut, Brown TX – 13 Feb 1976 Rising Star, Eastland TX. Died at Graham Memorial Hospital. Married Myrtle Rose Cross (1896-1922, F: 122896953) in 1912. Married Annie Ruth Cunningham (1914-1990) on 15 Sep 1933 in Eastland Co. TX. Survived by 5 daughters & 3 sons & 2 sisters: Era Hagen of Aston TX & Ava Talley of Artesia NM & brother Sidney Hughes (Dallas TX); predeceased by 1 daughter & wife Myrtle. Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Pioneer, Eastland TX. F: 98494299
- Luel Volner Hughes, 4 Feb 1891 Brown Co. TX – 10 Mar 1966. Husband of Ura Lee Wilson (1895-1952). Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Pioneer, Eastland TX. F: 60330135
- William Olin Hughes, 4 Jul 1892 Brown Co. TX – 17 May 1968 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. Husband of Bonnie Lois Brooks (1900-1994) whom he married in 1917. Buried in Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. F: 181503276
- Bud Harrison Hughes, 23 Aug 1896 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 21 Dec 1918 Rising Star, Eastland TX. Husband of Georgia Florance Harris (1900-1984) whom he married 3 Sep 1916 Brown Co. TX. Their son: Blan Henry Hughes (1917-1992).
- Era Madalene Hufford Hagan, 13 May 1898 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 5 Aug 1982 Hobbs, Lea NM. Resident of Aston [Anton] TX in Feb 1976 when Wofford dies. Wife of Rufus Clyde Hagan (1890-1961, F: 7989047). Buried with Rufus in Anton Cemetery, Anton, Hockley TX. F: 7989045
- Ava Myrtle Hughes Talley, 29 Aug 1900 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 14 Apr 1992 Pioneer, Eastland TX. Wife of Jesse Franklin Talley (1884-1964) whom she married 21 Jul 1923 in Baird, Callahan TX. Buried in Pioneer Cemetery, Pioneer, Eastland TX. F: 50982610
- Edward Sidney Hughes, 7 Feb 1902 Rising Star, Eastland TX – 8 Oct 1995 Dallas, Dallas TX. Resident of Dallas TX in Feb 1976 when Wofford dies. Husband of Katherine B. McGowan (1906-1989). Buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 82331754

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” 11 Feb 1918 p 7 – among the survivors: Francis B. Hughes, May TX

Post-war:

"Abilene (TX) Reporter-News" Friday 16 Jul 1948 p 7 – from Buffalo Gap TX 15 Jul – one of the largest family reunions of the season, with over 100 attendees, was held in Abilene State Park Saturday & Sunday, their 12th annual reunion. They are descendants of Mr. & Mrs. Willis Angel of AL who settled in Tarrant Co. TX when they first came to TX, then became pioneers of Rising Star in Callahan Co. Among the attendees were Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Hughes & their son Boyd.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 455-22-8343

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 7, Eastland TX – conducted 12 Jun 1900

William H. Hughes, 39 GA, Jul 1860, parents b. GA, married 17 years, farmer
 Sarah J., 38 GA, Aug 1861, parents b. GA, gave birth to 10 children, 8 are living
 Albert B., 15 GA, Feb 1885
 Frederick S., 12 GA, Jan 1888
 Wofford L., 10 TX, Jun 1889
 Luel V., 9 TX, Feb 1891
 William O., 7 TX, Jul 1892
 Francis B., 6 TX, Apr 1894
 Harrison, 3 TX, Aug 1896
 Era, 2 TX, May 1898

1910 Rising Star, Eastland TX

William H. Hughes, 49 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, married 27 years, farmer, general farming
 Sarah, 48 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 12 children, 10 are living
 Bryan, 16 TX, laborer, home farm
 Harrison, 13 TX, laborer, home farm
 Eva, 11 TX, laborer, home farm
 Ava, 9 TX, laborer, home farm
 Sidney, 8 TX

1920 Justice Precinct 7, Eastland TX

William Hughes, 59 GA, parents b. GA, farmer
 Sarah J., 58 GA, parents b. GA
 Francis B., 25 TX, single, farmer
 Ava M., 19 TX
 Sidney, 18 TX

1930 Precinct 7, Eastland TX

F.E. Hughes, 35 TX, parents b. GA, age 27 at 1st marriage, farmer, general, WWI veteran
 W.A., 29 TX, father b. LA, mother b. US [wife Willie]
 Thressa, 6 TX [daughter]
 Francis, 1 TX [daughter]

& mother-in-law Mattie Boyd [which is misindexed as I Mattie Bay, the “I” in actuality the final “D” in Boyd], 71 (?) TX, widow

[on the same census page are Francis’s parents W.H. & Sarah Hughes & his brother L.V. Hughes, his wife Ura & Luel’s family]

1940 Eastland Co. TX – same place in 1935

F. Bryan Hughes, 46 TX, disabled veteran

Willie A., 39 TX

Theresa C., 16 TX

Francis M., 11 TX [daughter]

William B., 8 TX

& mother-in-law Mattie S. Boyd, 61 AR, widow