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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Hicks, Allen Lee Lynn
1894/1895 OK – 1960 (likely OK)



Marriage on 10 Dec 1926 in Orlando FL to Neta Carter – “Orlando (FL) Sentinel” 11 Dec 1926 p 8 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/223071165/?terms=%22allen%20%20hicks%22>

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FIVE MORE MEN SENT TO CAMP TRAVIS BY BOARD

Five more men have been sent to Camp Travis by the local exemption board. They are: Edward V. Schon-
don, Frank Ackerson, Allen L. Hicks,
Harrison A. Shumaker and Claude
Walker. Walker left this morning
while the other four departed yes-
terday.

"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" 11 Dec 1917 p 1

BOYS FROM CREEK COUNTY WERE ON LINER TUSCANIA

Allen Hicks of Klefer and Ralph
R. Adams Of Oilton Among
138 Oklahomans Aboard
Torpedoed Transport

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Two Creek county boys were among 138 Oklahomans aboard the British liner Tuscania when she was submarined off the coast of Ireland on Tuesday.

They are: Allen Lee Lynn Hicks, son of Burwell L. Hicks, Klefer, and Ralph S. Adams, son of Mrs. Sarah Adams of Oilton.

Whether any of the Oklahoma boys were among the casualties is not known and probably will not be known for two or three days until after the names of all survivors who have been landed at a number of Irish and Scottish ports have been checked against the transport passenger list.

Most of the Oklahoma men are from scattering units in the Twentieth engineers, 165th depot brigade and the 157th and 158th infantry.

Although first reports stated most of the Tuscania's passengers were from Michigan and Wisconsin, the passenger lists made public today show the men were from at least a states.

"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" 9 Feb 1918 p 1

BOTH CREEK BOYS ON TUSCANIA ARE AMONG THE SAVED

**Ralph S. Adams of Oilton and
Allen Hicks Of Kiefer Escape
Death. Twenty-Eight
Oklahomans Die**

Special to Herald.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11|—The names of the two Creek county boys aboard the torpedoed transport, Tuscania, appeared today among the saved. They are, Ralph S. Adams of Oilton, and Allen Lee Hicks of Kiefer. So far 28 Oklahoma boys are still unaccounted for.

They are:

Capt. Lee P. Labron, Guthrie.
John Ridge, Pleasant Hill.
Luther W. Ozemont, Broken Bow.
William W. Wright, Bismarck.
Benjamin George, Talequah.
John Kemper, Fairfax, Okla.
Ernest Limthicum, Oklahoma City.
Joseph Martin, Checotah, Okla.
John F. McDonnell, Hinton.
John B. Bishop, Foster.
Joe Cochrane, Lawton.
Howard W. Menely, Sasakwa.
Barley C. Nail, Carlington.
Oudis Powell, Sasakwa.
George C. Perry, Lone Wolf.
Richardson Peter, Ravia.

Fletcher D. Pied, Norman.
James A. Price, Boise City.
Jesse R. Roadex, Halbert.
Virgil J. Roberts, El Reno.
Jesse D. Smith, Coleman.
Herman Sloss, Hennessey.
Tulla B. Thompson, Madill.
George W. Toplinson, El Reno.
Ethan White, Arnett.
Herschel O. Baird, Wagner.

The government is still unable to announce the accurate Tuscania death list. The war department reports show no change in the original figures of 262 unaccounted for.

Interesting wedding of Saturday was that of Miss Nena Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter, 705 South Boulder av., and Mr. Fay Ham, of Tulsa. The bride, who was attended by her twin sister, Miss Nita Carter, wore a traveling suit of navy blue tricotine with accessories to harmonize. She carried pink rose buds and valley lilies. Mr. Ham was attended by Mr. Allen Hicks. After a brief honeymoon spent in Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Ham will make their home in Tulsa.

Neta Carter is the maid of honor for her twin sister Nena's wedding, at which her future husband Allen Hicks is the best man – "Tulsa (OK) Tribune" 5 Sep 1920 p 17

HYMENIAL.
 Married last night at the residence of the brides parents in East Ardmore, Burrell Hicks to Miss Maude Wheeler, Rev. John B. Smith officiating. The wedding was a quiet but agreeable affair. The Ardmoreite extends congratulations.

Marriage of Allen's parents, Burrell Hicks & Maude Wheeler, on 5 Apr 1894 – "Daily Ardmoreite" (Ardmore OK) Friday, 6 Apr 1894 p 1

Death of Former Citizen.

Hiram Wheeler, a former resident of Ardmore, died suddenly at Hereford, Texas, last Friday, aged 62 years. The remains were shipped to Sanger, Texas, for interment. He is survived by a wife and eight children, Dave Wheeler of Sanger, Mrs. Annie and Maud Hicks of Keifer, Ok., Miss Bessie Wheeler and Mrs. Byrd Newman of Ardmore, and Cleveland and Mrs. May Thompson of Centralia, Washington. Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Bessie and Mrs. Newman have returned from Sanger, where they attended the funeral. The deceased had many friends in Ardmore, who will regret to learn of his sudden death.

Death of his paternal grandfather, Hiram Wheeler – "Daily Ardmoreite" (Ardmore OK) 5 Jan 1912 p 4

B. I. HICKS ENDS LIFE LAST EVE

Despondent Cafe Owner Wrote Notes to His Family Before He Fired Fatal Shot.

A farewell note to his wife and son at Kiefer explained the suicide motive of B. I. "Curly" Hicks, Kiefer cafe owner who shot himself through the heart at the Frisco freight depot here at 7 o'clock last night. Hicks was depressed over an investigation of a fire which had occurred at his cafe Monday night.

Hicks was brought to Sapulpa yesterday by E. G. Cooper, deputy state fire marshal and A. O. Rankin, deputy sheriff, and was questioned about the fire at his cafe. It had been reported that gasoline was found sprinkled around the place after the fire, discovered soon after it had started, was extinguished.

Had Been In Court Here

The case was talked over with the county attorney and no complaint was filed. Hicks was released in the afternoon. His body was found on the steps of the freight depot after Chief of Police Ralph Morey and Officer C. P. Lloyd heard the shot fired. The police station is located near the freight depot, where Hicks died. The chief and Lloyd rushed to the dying man, but found that he was unable to talk. He died before assistance could be given him. Dr. P. K. Lewis, who examined him, said that the bullet pierced his heart, causing almost instant death.

After Hicks' death it was learned that when he was released yesterday afternoon, he went to the Geetah Clothing and Jewelry store and purchased a .38 calibre Colts revolver. He purchased also a tablet and wrote a farewell note as he sat on the steps of the freight depot. The gun had five unused cartridges in it, after Hicks killed himself.

Note Left In Tablet

Several pages in the tablet had been written on. At the top of the first page, he wrote, "I left home about 4 o'clock." Then he wrote "5:30 o'clock May, Wednesday 2, 1928." The letter was addressed to "Maude and Allen, my wife and son."

"You may think I was crazy," he wrote, "but I am not." "From the way Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rankin talked to me this afternoon, they told me they had the goods on Mr. Marshall. I told them Mr. Marshall and I were good friends. I don't believe he tried to set fire to my house. I beleive he is too good a friend of mine to do a trick like that. I don't believe he did it."

The Marshall referred to here is V. R. Marshall of Kiefer, Marshall and Hicks had some business transactions, officers here said.

Blamed Pair for Suicide

On another page of the tablet Hicks wrote: "Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rankin is the cause of me doing this deed. They are to blame. They said that they were going over and arrest Mr. Marshall this afternoon."

"They seemed to want to talk me into having the house set on fire," he continued in a scarcely legible script, "but I did not. I told them I did not. Well, Allen, after they went away I told your mother what they said, and it liked to killed her. Then I came down town, got me a bite to eat, and then I went back to the house and your mother was almost grief stricken. Then I came to the phone office and called you up for the last time. Allen I think I have been a good father and Maude I have been a good husband."

He instructed his relatives about his burial before closing the note. He says "bury me in my light suit. Have a Masonic ceremony and K. K. K. Also put my robe on me, too, and have Brother Waggner bury me in Sapulpa. Have Mr. Buffington the undertaker."

Instructions Written

Without signing his name he wrote a post script.

"Take this gun back to the man I bought it off of, and get what you can out of it. Pay Harry for what hauling he has done. I left the key to the store with the carpenter up to West Tulsa. Pay him too."

After the post script follows another date line, "May 2, 1928." Beginning again on a new sheet of the tablet he wrote, "Maude Hicks and Allan Hicks: Don't have no court proceedings over what I have left. You and your mother are the sole heirs. Nobody else but you two, split everything half and half. B. I. Hicks. I owe Mr. Cartain \$28.74. Pay that right away. Have the grove attended to in June and September and maybe you can get a good price for it this winter. It is now three minutes to seven o'clock."

After closing the tablet, he shot himself through the heart. It was just three minutes before seven that the police chief heard the shot fired, and rushed to the dying man.

Brother of Bristow Officer

The dead man is a brother of E. B. Hicks, deputy sheriff at Bristow, formerly of Klefer. Hicks came here from Bristow yesterday afternoon and talked to his brother about the fire which the fire marshal was investi-

gating. Wiley Hicks of Dallas, is another brother of Hicks.

Rankin said this morning that he did not wish to talk of the affair. He said that when Hicks left yesterday after being discharged he seemed to be in good spirits, laughing and exchanging jokes with officers. When Rankin returned from Kiefer after the investigation he found Hicks dead.

Hicks body was taken to the Lewis-Landrith funeral parlors but was removed to the Buffington Funeral Home in compliance with the request of the dead man in his last note.

Funeral services for Hicks will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Christian church of this city. Rev. Sam Wagoner of Bartlesville, an old friend of the family will officiate at the services and interment will be made in the South Heights cemetery with the Buffington Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Suicide of his father, Burrell Hicks - "Sapulpa (OK) Herald" 3 May 1928 p 1

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

Allen L. Hicks, brother of B. I Hicks has been appointed administrator of the estate of the deceased. The widow of the deceased waived appointment as administratrix of the estate, and Judge Sebe Christian appointed the brother of the deceased.

"brother" (?) Allen to administer Burrell's estate? - "Sapulpa (OK) Herald" 28 May 1928 p 4

HICKS FUNERAL IS HELD TODAY

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the first Christian church for B. I. Hicks, Kiefer man who ended his life here Thursday. Rev. Sam Wagoner of Bartlesville, presided at the services, in accordance with a request made by Hicks in a farewell note to his wife and son.

The Masonic ceremony was used at the service. This was also in accordance with the instructions he left in the tragic last note. The arrangements were in charge of the Buffington Funeral home. Burial was made at the Southern Heights cemetery.

Funeral of his father Burrell Hicks – gives death date of 3 May 1928 - "Sapulpa (OK) Herald" Saturday, 5 May 1928 p 2

The Hicks Confectionery, owned by Curley Hicks, suffered the next greatest loss which was estimated at \$8,000. He carried insurance of \$3,500. The entire contents of his confectionery were destroyed and the fixtures of his restaurant in the adjoining structure were also destroyed. Hicks conducted a news stand in connection with his business and a branch office for The Herald.

A building owned by Lew Wilder that had been divided into two sections, one of which was occupied by Dr. R. L. Artz and the other by Mrs. Berts Beauty Parlor, was damaged to the extent of \$2,500. Very little damage was done in the section occupied by the beauty parlor, but the interior of the doctor's office and the roof of the building were destroyed.

Carr's Candy Shop, owned by a widow, Mrs. Carr, who had established the small shop to provide an income with which to care for herself, was completely destroyed and she was left almost penniless. The building in which she conducted her store was owned by Curly Hicks.

The seventh store room, the interior of which was damaged considerably, was empty. It, too, was owned by Curly Hicks.

"Sapulpa (OK) Herald" 7 Mar 1925 p 1

Editor Contrath got in a mix-up with Curley Hicks one day this week. No serious damage was done.

His father has a fight with the newspaper editor - "Kiefer (OK) Spotlight" 18 Jun 1909 p 4



"Kiefer (OK) Spotlight" 21 Apr 1911 p 1



1228 S. Galveston Ave., Tulsa OK – built 1924 – Allen’s residence in 1930 & 1940 censuses & 1942 WWII draft registration - <https://www.redfin.com/OK/Tulsa/1228-S-Galveston-Ave-74127/home/74294243>

Name: Allen Lee Lynn Hicks

Name variations: nickname “Alley”

Military:

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

Serial number: 351,454

Entered service from: Kiefer, Creek OK

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Allen Lee Lynn Hicks

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father Burrell Irsell Hicks, Kiefer OK

Returned from war on: “Santa Elena” Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Allen L. Hicks

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father B.I. Hicks, Kiefer OK (PFC, Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Allen Lee Lynn Hicks - b. 9 Mar 1895 Ardmon [sic] OK; res: Kiefer, Creek OK. Single. Stenographer, Tulsa Decentrie (spelling?) Corporation. Medium height, slender.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Allen Lee Hicks - b. 9 Mar 1894 Ardmore OK; res: 1228 S. Galveston, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. NOK Neta Carter Hicks, same address. Employed at U.S. Engineers, Tulsa Assembly Plant (Bomber Plant), Tulsa, Tulsa OK. Height: 5’7 ½” – 155 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 9 Dec 1917

Discharged 9 Aug 1919

Address: Tulsa OK

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Co. B, 164th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 9 Mar 1894 (Veterans Administration Military Index & WWI draft: 9 Mar 1985) Ardmore, Carter OK

Died: 21 Mar 1960 Clinton, Custer OK (according to one Ancestry.com family tree)

Find A Grave record: 77164432, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location:

Cemetery: Tulsa, Tulsa OK

Tombstone: Rose Hill Memorial Park

Father: Burrell Isrell/Israel ("Curly"/"Curley") (B.I.) Hicks, Dec 1869 GA – 2 May 1928 Sapulpa, Creek OK. Was a barber. Also operated a confectionery store, news stand & restaurant. While under investigation for a fire in his café at Kiefer OK, Burrell shot himself through the heart at the Frisco freight depot in Sapulpa OK. Buried in Southern Heights Cemetery, Sapulpa, Creek OK but not on Find A Grave as of 18 Feb 2021.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Maud Wheeler Hicks, 14 Feb 1877 near Italy, Ellis Co. TX – 3 Nov 1961. SSN 444-18-6894. Daughter of William Hiram Wheeler (1850 MO – 1911 TX, F: 220070230) & Rachel Miranda Cabbell (1853 KY – 1888 TX, F: 14717584). Her father, known & buried as Hiram, was also married to Polly Anna Davis (in 1889 in TX) & Amanda ("Mandy") Pope (in 1901 in OK). In the 1930 census, at age 53, Maude Hicks lives with her sister Bessie Benton (age 49) & her brother-in-law Edmond E. Benton (57) in Ardmore, Carter OK. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, Carter OK.

Find A Grave: 21026134

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Neta Carter Hicks, 21 Feb 1898 West Fork, Washington Co. AR – 26 Aug 1977. Twin sister of Nena La Vaughn Carter Hamm (F: 99496617). Daughter of Thomas Jefferson Carter (1866-1934, F: 77156213) & Mattie Olive ("Ollie") McKnight (F: 77156205). Her AR birth certificate lists her parents as Thomas J. Carter, age 31 & Ollie McKnight, age 28, residents of West Fork, Washington AR. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Tulsa OK.

Spouse Find A Grave: 77164451

Marriage: 10 Dec 1926 Orlando, Orange FL – also found as 24 Dec 1928

Children:

- Edward Allen Hicks, 16 Sep 1935 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – Nov 1965 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. SSN 444-34-5014. Marriage license also in "Tulsa (OK) Daily Legal News" 15 Jul 1959 p 3. Marriage license lists him as Edward A. Hicks Jr. who married Carolyn Strahan in Tulsa, Tulsa OK on 15 Jul 1959. Edward was age 23, Carolyn age 28; married by Assembly of God minister Frank W. Moffitt. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. F: 77164438
- Donald (Don) Carter Hicks, 31 Mar 1940 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – 17 Mar 2000 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. Divorced from Sandra Jeanne Hicks ("Salpula [OK] Daily Herald" 30 Jul 1975]. Married to Linda Gay Knight (1945-1995). Buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. F: 77164437

Siblings:

Pre-war:

“Marietta (OK) Monitor” 13 Apr 1906 p 5 – Burrell Hicks of Indianahoma Café of Ardmore OK, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

“Cement (OK) Friday, 4 Jan 1907 p 5 – Burrell Hicks, barber from Ardmore OK, arrived Wednesday night & will be working for H.M. Sawyer.

1907 Ardmore OK city directory

Burrell (Maud) Hicks, barber, resident 116 “C” SE

“Kiefer (OK) Searchlight” 8 Oct 1909 p 1 – Allen Hicks was one of the attendees at the West Side Athletic Club hay ride.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 18 Aug 1917 p 3 – Allen Hicks of Tulsa entertained with several instruments at a party hosted by Miss Marjorie Miller.

Wartime:

“Tulsa (OK) Morning News” 30 Jul 1919 p 8 – the Camp Pike representative of the federal employment service has notified the Tulsa office that a number of Tulsa men will be discharged from the Army soon, among them Allen L. Hicks of Chelsea.

Post-war:

1920 – Neta Carter’s twin sister Nena La Vaughn Carter married Fay M. Ham/Hamm on 4 Sep 1920 in Tulsa OK. Their attendants were Neta Carter and Allen Hicks. Nena C. Hamm married 26 May 1947 to Maurice M. Hourigan. She is buried as Nena Hamm. SSN 559-36-7709. Born 21 Feb 1897 West Fork, Washington AR, died 14 Nov 1989. Find A Grave 99496617.

“Tulsa (OK) Morning Daily World” 14 Mar 1922 p 43 – Allen Hicks, accountant for the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. of Tulsa, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. B.I. Hicks.

Is this his father? “Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 1 Apr 1924 p 3 – B.I. Hicks was charged with rape in the 2nd degree for assaulting a 15-year-old girl.

“Sapulpa (OK) County Democrat-News” 8 Oct 1925 p 2 – Allen Hicks & friend Neta Carter [his future wife] & other guests spent Sunday evening with Mr. & Mrs. B.I. Hicks.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 5 Jan 1928 p 2 – Allen Hicks of Tulsa OK & Mrs. B.I. Hicks of Kiefer OK visited friends in Bixby on Sunday.

In the months before Allen’s father Burrell commits suicide on 2 May 1928, Allen & wife Neta make frequent visits from Tulsa to Sapulpa OK to visit his parents:

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 24 Mar 1928 p 2 – Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hicks visited his parents, Mr. & Mrs. B.I. Hicks, here on Sunday.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 7 Apr 1928 p 4 – Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hicks were guests of his parents on Sunday.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 19 Apr 1928 p 8 – Mr. & Mrs. Allen Hicks of Tulsa spent Sunday in Kiefer as guests of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. B.I. Hicks.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 26 Apr 1928 p 2 – Allen Hicks of Tulsa spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. B.I. Hicks.

“Sapulpa (OK) Herald” 25 Aug 1928 p 2 – Mrs. B.I. Hicks left Tuesday for Tulsa to spend a few days with her son Allen Hicks & his wife, then will go to Ardmore OK to visit her sister.

1929 Tulsa OK city directory

Allen L. (Neta), clerk, Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp., resident at 1228 S. Galveston Ave.

1935 Tulsa OK city directory

Allen L. (Neta) Hicks, residents of 1228 Galveston Ave.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 442-01-5238

Censuses:

1880 Precinct 4, Ellis Co. TX – his mother

Hiram Wheeler, 29 MO, farmer

Miranda, 28 KY, keeping house

& children, including Maude, 3 TX

1900 Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory [later Oklahoma]

Burrell Hicks, 30 GA, Dec 1869, parents b. GA, married 6 years, tamale peddler

Maud, 23 TX, Feb 1877, father b. MO, mother b. TX

Allen, 5 Indian Territory, Mar 1895

1900 West Fork, Washington AR – his future wife Neta Carter

Thomas J. Carter, 34 AR

Ollie Carter, 30 AR

& Neta Carter, 3 AR, b. Feb 1897

1910 Kiefer, Creek OK

Burrell I. Hicks, 40 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, married 16 years, barber, own shop

Maud, 33 TX, parents' birthplaces unknown, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Allen, 15 OK

1920 Mounds, Creek OK

B.I. Hicks, 50 GA, parents b. GA, proprietor, confectionery & news stand

Maude, 42 TX, father b. KY, mother b. TX

Allen, 24 OK, stenographer

1930 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – 1228 S. Galveston

Allen L.L. Hicks, 34 OK, parents b. TX, age 30 at 1st marriage, bookkeeper, field & gas office, WWI veteran

Neta C., 30 AR, parents b. AR, age 26 at 1st marriage

1940 Tulsa, Tulsa OK – 1228 S. Galveston – in same house in 1935

A.L. Hicks, 45 OK, clerk, gas company

Nita, 43 AR

Eddie Allen, 4 OK

Don Carter, 10 months OK