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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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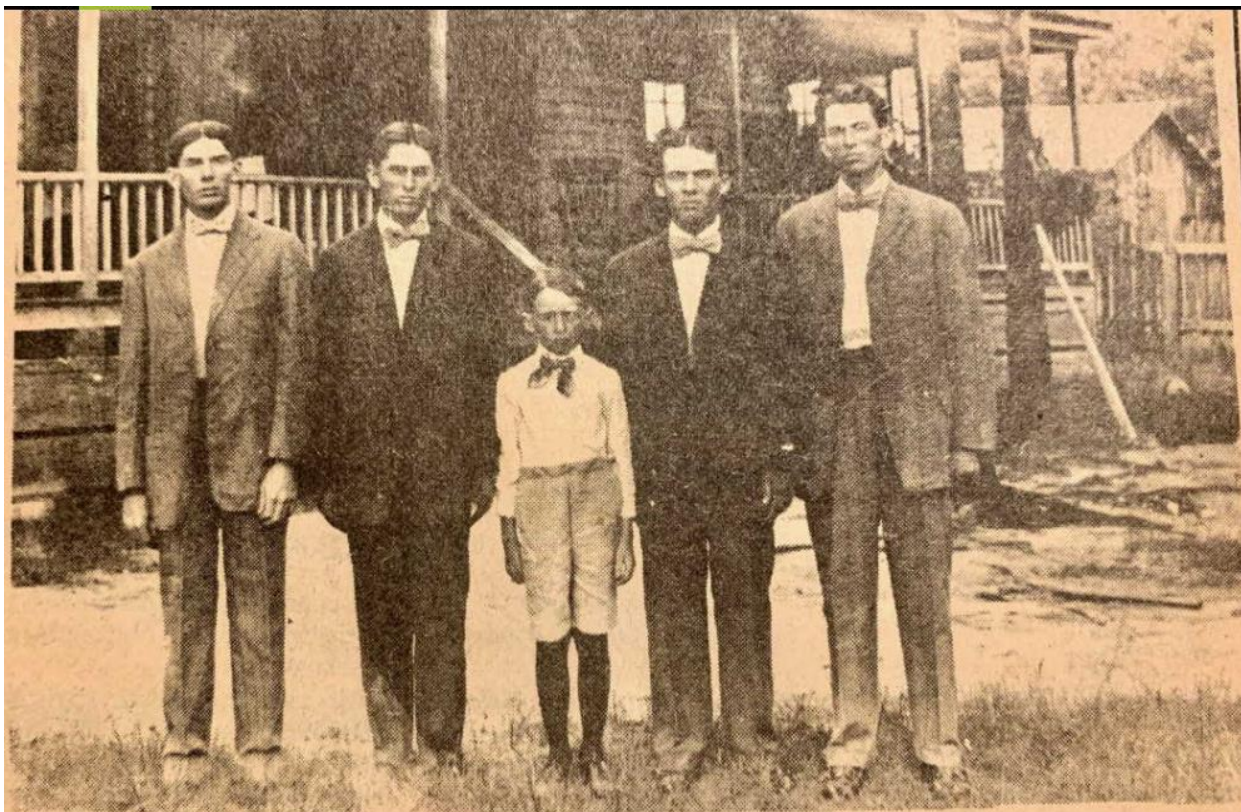


John Andrew Johnson – standing in the back at far left, photograph courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



The Johnson siblings in June 1949: (back row) Mattie Josephine Johnson Beall, Eula Florence Johnson Simmons – 2nd row from back: (brothers) Wiley Deville Johnson, John Andrew Johnson, Benjamin Homer Johnson, William Oliver Johnson – 3rd row from back: Maggie Eugenia Johnson Gray, Nellie Cornelia Johnson Adams, Lolus Johnson Boswell Russell, Thelma Johnson Gates. Front row: Mickey (?) Johnson, Doyle David/Dawton Johnson, Melonea Albright Johnson Geyer. Since the siblings are standing in birth order, “Mickey” must be the youngest child (a bit out of order), whose name is actually H’Omera Vaughn Johnson Webber -

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THE JOHNSON BROTHERS, sons of W.L. and Amanda Walker Johnson, shown about 1908 in front of the Johnson home place at Pollock. The house is now the residence of Bracie Montgomery. Left to right are John, Oliver (Obb), Doyle, Ben and Wiley.

The Johnson brothers ca. 1908 in Pollock, Grant Parish LA. From left: John Andrew Johnson, William Oliver Johnson, Doyle D. Johnson, Benjamin H. Johnson, Wiley Deville Johnson -

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—John A. Johnson of Pollock, one of the survivors from the Tuscania, is a brother of Mrs. A. L. Adams and Mrs. John B. Gates of Pineville. They received today a telegram from Secretary of War Baker, saying that he is safe.

In news from Monday – “Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk” Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 6

Among the soldier boys on the steamship Tuscania, which was torpedoed off the Irish coast several days ago, was John A. Johnson, son of W. L. Johnson, of Pollock, La., and brother to Mrs. B. S. Simmons, of Colfax. He was among those who escaped with their lives. There were about 2300 troops on the ship, of whom 167 lost their lives, while 2133 reached the coast in safety.

There were 215 casualties – “Colfax (LA) Chronicle” 16 Feb 1918 p 3

SPECIALS FROM POLLOCK.

(By Ike Fewcioties.)

There was rejoicing in Pollock when a message arrived yesterday from the war department, announcing that John A. Johnson, serving with the 20th Engineers and on board the ill-fated Tuscania when she was wrecked and sunk by a submarine last Tuesday, was not lost. At first it looked as if John might be among those who went down, but luck was with the old boy. John is a great favorite—maybe because his hair is a beautiful, pinky red, and all pink-haired people are good-natured (most all), and game to the bone. Anyhow, there is not an American in France nor anywhere else with more sand than John, and the dirty Huns had better be careful about tangling up with him in any kind of personal or side issues, unless they want to get badly hurt. Just as cool as any ice house, I can see old John, in my mind's fancy, sitting around one of those Irish relief stations, telling all about how it happened. It is dollars to doughnuts that John never got the least bit excited when the torpedo hit, and I'll bet he never jumped overboard or rushed frantically about.

Pollock has quite a number of boys in France and likely to have a number more in the near future. It is doubtful if another small town in the state can make a better showing in this respect.

John's "beautiful" red hair is noted in this article & on his WWI (1917) and WWII (1942) draft registrations - "Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 4

—A photograph of the Louisianians and Mississippians on the Tuscania, who were saved at the time she was torpedoed, was displayed on the first page of the Times-Picayune Tuesday, March 26th. Among them are Corporal Phil H. Carroll, of Alexandria, and John A. Johnson, of Pollock.

John's photograph appeared in the New Orleans (LA) "Times-Picayune" newspaper on 26 Mar 1918
 - "Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk" Saturday 30 Mar 1918 p 6

LOUISIANA

JOHN A. JOHNSON

PINEVILLE — Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Pineville for John Andrew Johnson. Burial will be in the Pollack Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson, 80, of Pollock died Tuesday at his home. He was a WWI veteran and was one of the only survivors on board the USS Tuscanie when it was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland in 1918.

Survivors are two brothers, Wiley Johnson of Pineville, and W. O. Johnson of Pollock; eight sisters, Mrs. Eula Simmons of Baton Rouge, Mrs. H. Webber of Houston, Mrs. Maggie Gray of Alexandria, Mrs. Mattie Beal, Mrs. Nellie Adams, and Mrs. Lolus Russell, all of Pollock, and Mrs. Thelma Gates and Mrs. Nelonea Gayer, both of Pineville.

Obituary in "Shreveport (LA) Times" Wednesday 24 Jul 1968 p 24

JOHNSON—At the family residence in Pollock, La., W. L. Johnson departed this life at 5:15 o'clock a. m., Saturday, May 31, 1930, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 21 days. He is survived by all his children, as follows: Mrs. James E. Beall, Pollock; Ben S. Simmons, Colfax; Wiley D. Johnson, Pollock; John A. Johnson, Longview; Ben H. Johnson, Winnsboro; W. Oliver Johnson, Pollock; Mrs. James H. Gray, Pollock; Mrs. A. Lonnie Adams, Pollock; Mrs. Walter L. Boswell, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. John B. Gates, Pineville; Doyle D. Johnson, Pollock; Mrs. Frank L. Gayer, Houston; Mrs. Charles F. Webber, San Antonio.

The funeral will be conducted Sunday, June 1, at 2 p. m. at the Pollock Baptist Church, by the Reverends Fogleman and Pardue, Baptist ministers. Interment will be made under the direction of Hixson Brothers, local funeral directors.

Obituary of his father William Lovett Johnson – from his Find A Grave 30110795

JOHNSON-PRINGLE.

Special to The Times.

Glenmora, Jan. 4.—John A. Johnson and Miss Clarice Pringle were married Tuesday night at the Baptist parsonage at Lecompte, the Rev. W. R. Haynie officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Pringle of Meeker. The groom is connected with the Louisiana Saw Mill company of this place. Their home will be here.

Marriage of Clarice Pringle & John Andrew Johnson on Tuesday, 30 Dec 1924 in Lecompte, Rapides Parish LA – "Shreveport (LA) Times" Monday 5 Jan 1925 p 9

John A. Johnson Succumbs at 80

John Andrew Johnson, 80, of Pollock died at 7:55 a.m. Tuesday at his residence. He was a member of Anchor Lodge No. 261 F and AM of Pollock since 1910. He also belonged to the American Legion, First Baptist Church of Pollock and Golden Star Chapter No. 73 OES.

Johnson was a veteran of World War I. He was one of the only survivors on board ship the Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland in 1918.

Survivors include two brothers, Wiley Johnson of Pineville and W. O. Johnson of Pollock; eight sisters, Mesdames Eula Simmons, Baton Rouge, H'Omera Webber, Houston, Maggie Gray, Alexandria, Mattie Beal, Nellie Adams and Lolus Russell, all of Pollock and Mrs. Thelma Gates and Melonea Geyer, both of Pineville.

The body was to be taken to First Baptist Church of Pineville at 12:30 p.m. today prior to the funeral services set for 3 p.m. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home of Pineville.

Funerals

John A. Johnson

Funeral services for John Andrew Johnson were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church at Pollock with the Rev. E. M. Mercer officiating. Burial was in the Pollock Cemetery under direction of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home of Pineville.

Pallbearers were Elmer McNutt, E. B. Thornberg, Bobby Ellis, Jimmy Gray, Wilbur Johnson and Charles Simmons.

Masonic graveside services were conducted by Anchor Lodge No. 261 F and AM of Pollock.

"Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Thursday 25 Jul 1968 p 18

CLARICE JOHNSON

Clarice Pringle Johnson, 70, wife of John A. Johnson, of Pollock, died in an Alexandria hospital at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Eustace O. Pringle of Glenmora, and Earl M. Pringle of Portland, Texas; four sisters, Mildred P. McNutt of Alexandria, Lucille P. Lankford of Houston, Texas, Pearl Pringle and Ruby E. Looche, both of Magnolia, Texas.

She was a member of the Golden Star Chapter No. 73, Order of Eastern Star, of which she was past matron.

Funeral services will be held in the Pollock Baptist church at 3 p.m. today. Burial will be in the Pollock cemetery under direction of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home.

Obituary of wife Clarice Pringle Johnson – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Wednesday 5 Jan 1966 p 7

MRS. CLARICE JOHNSON

ALEXANDRIA—Funeral services were held Wednesday in Pollock Baptist Church for Mrs. Clarice Pringle Johnson, 70, of Pollock who died Tuesday in an Alexandria hospital. Burial was in the Pollock Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, John A. Johnson of Pollock; two brothers, Eustace O. Pringle of Glenmora and Earl M. Pringle of Portland, Tex.; four sisters, Mrs. Mildred McNutt of Alexandria, Mrs. Lucille Lankford of Houston, Tex., and Miss Pearl Pringle and Mrs. Ruby Lock of Magnolia, Tex.

Funeral of wife Clarice Pringle Johnson – “Shreveport (LA) Times” February 7 Jan 1966 p 26

Wiley Johnson Expires at 83

Wiley D. Johnson, 83, of Pineville died at 3 p.m. Friday in an Alexandria hospital. He was a former resident of Pollock and lived in Pineville for the past 16 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pineville and Anchor Masonic Lodge in Pollock.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Frankie T. Johnson of Pineville; two sons, Billy Fox Johnson of Baton Rouge, Charles F. Johnson of Carrollton, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Betty J. Church of Gretna; one stepson, Lee Roy Till of Dallas, Tex.; two step daughters, Mrs. Jackie Bailey and Mrs. Emma Loyce Smelley of Shreveport; one brother, W. Oliver Johnson of Houston, Tex.; eight sisters, Mrs. Mattie J. Beall, Mrs. Nellie J. Adams and Mrs. Lolus Russell of Pollock, Mrs. Maggie J. Gray of Alexandria, Mrs. Thelma J. Gates, Mrs. H'Omera J. Webber and Mrs. Melonea J. Geyer of Pineville and Mrs.

Eula J. Simmons of Baton Rouge.

The body will be at Hixson Bros. Funeral Home, Pineville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist church, Pineville. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery.

Eula Johnson Simmons

Services for Eula Johnson Simmons, 95, of Alexandria will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Hixson Bros., Pineville, with the Rev. Lowell Reichardt officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery.

She died at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday in Wilshire Manor Nursing Home.

She was the widow of B.S. Simmons, a charter member of the

First Baptist Church, Pollock, and Golden Star Chapter 73, Order of the Eastern Star of Pollock. She was a native of Grant Parish and former resident of Colfax and Baton Rouge.

Survivors include five sons, Van Simmons and James R. Simmons, both of Bay City, Texas, B.S. Simmons Jr. of Grafton, Va., William G. Simmons of Baton Rouge and Charles E. Simmons of Prairieville; three daughters, Beverly Hardin of Corpus Christi, Texas, Bennette Gardner of Longview, Texas, and Mildred Phillips of Baton Rouge; five sisters, Maggie Gray and H'Omera Webber, both of Alexandria, Thelma Gates and Melanie Geyer, both of Pineville, and Nell Adams of Pollock; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 5 p.m. today.

Obituary of sister Eula Johnson Simmons – “Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Thursday 30 Jul 1981 p 8

Mattie Johnson Beall

Mattie Johnson Beall, 96, of Pollock died at 5:50 a.m. today in Rapides General Hospital. She was the widow of James E. Beall.

Survivors include one daughter, Carmen Beall of Metairie; six sisters, Eula Simmons and Maggie Gray, both of Alexandria, Nellie Adams and H'Omera Webber, both of Pollock, and Thelma Gates and Melonea Geyer, both of Pineville.

Service arrangements are pending under direction of Hixson Bros.

Maggie E. Gray

Maggie Eugenia Gray, 90, of 1225 Windsor Place died at 1:05 p.m. Saturday in Rapides General Hospital.

She was a housewife and a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, James H. Gray of Houston; two daughters, Josephine Simmons of Shreveport and Peggy Ramos of Madison, Wis.; four sisters, Nell J. Adams of Pollock, H'Omera Webber of Alexandria, Thelma J. Gates and Melonea Geyer, both of Pineville; four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Hixson Bros., Pineville, with the Rev. Raymond Boswell officiating.

Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery.

Memorials can be sent to the Pollock Cemetery Association.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Left: Obituary of sister Mattie Johnson Beall – “Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Tuesday 15 Apr 1980 p 3
 – Right: Obituary of sister Maggie Johnson Gray – “Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Sunday 2 Oct 1983 p 23

Mrs. Lolus Russell

Mrs. Lolus Johnson Russell, 76, of Pollock died at 12:55 p.m. Monday in an Alexandria hospital.

She was the widow of Surville Russell, a member of First Baptist church, Pollock, and of Golden Star chapter No. 73, Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors are two sons, John R. Boswell of Longview, Wash., and Raymond T. Boswell of Shreveport; two daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Hoff of Hayward, Calif., and Mrs. Fern Hoffman of Los Altos, Calif.; a brother, W. O. Johnson of Houston, Tex.; and seven sisters, Mrs. H' O m e r a Webber, Mrs. Thelma Gates and Mrs. Melonea Geyer of Pineville, Mrs. Mattie Beall and Mrs. Nell Adams of Pollock, Mrs. Eula Simmons of Baton Rouge and Mrs. Maggie Gray of Alexandria.

The body is at Hixson Bros., Pineville, where funeral arrangements are incomplete. Services will be held in First Baptist church, Pollock, with Rev. Gerald Williams and Rev. Cecil Brewer officiating. Burial will be in Pollock cemetery.



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Melonea - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/26793326/person/26144405266/media/ecd186ed-3b3d-414a-89d1-c166c145a67d> -
H'Omera - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/26793326/person/13945145743/media/3d717906-2906-4c78-a8e4-ff8ac2f0fdbd>

Melonea J. Geyer

Services for Melonea J. Geyer will be at 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Hixson Bros., Pineville, with Dr. Lowell Reichardt officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery.

Mrs. Geyer, 94, of Pineville died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1995, in Hilltop Nursing Home, Pineville.

She was a native of Pollock and a member of First Baptist Church, Pollock. She was a former stenographer for Etherdige Furniture Co., a volunteer with AWVS during World War II and a member of a pioneer family of Grant Parish. Prior to moving to Pineville, she was a longtime resident of Houston, Texas. On her 90th birthday, Mrs. Geyer was given the key to the city of Pineville and Mayor Fred Baden proclaimed the day "Melonea J. Geyer Day."

Survivors include one sister, H'Omera Webber of Alexandria.

Friends may call from 8 a.m. until time of services today in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Pollock Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 263, Pollock, La., 71467 or the First Baptist Church, Pollock, La., 71467.

Thelma J. Gates

Services for Thelma J. Gates will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Hixson Bros., Pineville, with the Rev. Jim Spencer officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock.

Mrs. Gates, 91, of Pineville died at 12:05 p.m. Friday in Tioga Manor Nursing Home.

She was a native of Pollock and a member and hostess of First Baptist Church, Pineville. She was a member of Chapter 73 of the Golden Star Order of the Eastern Star, Pollock, and served as past worthy matron.

Survivors include two sons, John G. Gates Jr. of Tioga and James A. Gates of Amarillo, Texas; one daughter, Marion G. Roberts of Pineville; two sisters, Melonea J. Geyer and H'Omera Webber, both of Pineville; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 5 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Left: Obituary of sister Melonea Johnson Geyer – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Thursday 19 Oct 1995 p 33 – Right: Obituary of sister Thelma Johnson Gates – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Saturday 22 Oct 1988 p 34

Nellie J. Adams

POLLOCK — Services for Nellie Johnson Adams will be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with Dr. Lowell Reichardt and the Rev. C.E. Brewer officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery under direction of Hixson Bros., Pineville.

Mrs. Adams, 93, of Pollock died Saturday at Woodshaven Nursing Home.

She was a Grant Parish native, a charter member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 73 and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Imogene A. Nations of Pollock; three sisters, Thelma Gates of Pollock, and Melona Geyer and O'Homera Weber, both of Pineville; two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call until 11:30 a.m. today in the funeral home and from 12:30 p.m. until time of services today in the church.

William O. Johnson

William Oliver "Obb" Johnson, 88, of Alexandria died at 2:42 a.m. today in Rapides General Hospital.

He was a member of Anchor Lodge No. 261 of Pollock, and of the Golden Star Chapter No. 73, O.E.S. He was a native of Grant Parish and a retired cattleman and lumberman.

Survivors include his wife, Delia Gates Johnson of Alexandria; two daughters, Helen Steen of Conroe, Texas, and Edith Dugger of Covington; two stepdaughters, Camille McKenna of Dickinson, Texas, and Margaret Kimball of Pollock; seven sisters, Melonea Geyer, H'Omera J. Webber and Thelma J. Gates, all of Pineville, Eula J. Simmons and Maggie Gray, both of Alexandria, Mattie Beall and Nellie Adams, both of Pollock; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hixson Bros., Pineville where services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent to the Pollock Cemetery Association or the Masonic Lodge.

Left: Obituary of sister Nellie Johnson Adams – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Sunday 20 Sep 1987 p 16 – Right: Obituary of brother William Oliver Johnson – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Monday 4 Jun 1979 p 3

Ben H. Johnson

Funeral services for Ben Homer Johnson, 76, retired pharmacist of Pollock, were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in Pollock Baptist church of which he was a member. Officiating ministers were Reverends Moses E. Mercer and Felix Williams. Burial was in Pollock cemetery under direction of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home.

Johnson died at 5 a. m. Sunday in Veterans Hospital. He operated drug stores in several Louisiana towns, including Pollock, Winnsboro and New Roads, prior to becoming ill 14 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Lee Johnson; a son, Dr. Trois E. Johnson of New York, N.Y.; a daughter, Alice Amanda J. Butters of Detroit, Mich.; three brothers, Wiley D. Johnson of Pineville, John A. Johnson of Pollock, and W. Oliver Johnson of Houston, Tex.; eight sisters, Mattie J. Beall, Nellie J. Adams, and Lolus J. Russell, all of Pollock, Eula J. Simmons of Baton Rouge, Maggie J. Gray of Alexandria, Thelma J. Gates and Melonea J. Geyer of Pineville, and H'Omera J. Webber of Houston, Tex., and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Gray, Sidney Seegers, Forest E. Gates, Wesley Church, Wilbur Johnson, and James O. (Red) Johnson.

DOYLE D. JOHNSON

ALEXANDRIA—Doyle D. Johnson, 61, died at his residence in Pollock at 3:22 p.m. Friday. He was a retired rural mail carrier.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. today at the Pollock Baptist Church with Rev. Mose Mercer officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery, under direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Utha M. Johnson; two sons, Wilbur D. Johnson of Leesville and Marvin P. Johnson of Pollock; two step-sons, Otha W. Whatley of Monroe and Elton A. Whatley of Pollock; four brothers, Wiley D. of Pineville, John A., Ben H. of Pollock and W. O. of Houston, Tex.; eight sisters, Mrs. Mattie Beall, Mrs. Lolus Russell and Mrs. A. L. Adams all of Pollock, Mrs. B. S. Simmons of Baton Rouge, Mrs. Maggie Gray of Alexandria, Mrs. J. V. Gates of Pineville, Mrs. Frank L. Deyer and Mrs. Charles F. Weber, both of Houston; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Obituary of brother Doyle D. Johnson – "Shreveport (LA) Journal" Saturday 6 Aug 1960 p 4

H'Omera V. Webber

Services for H'Omera "Meekie" Vaughn Johnson Webber will be at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of Hixson Brothers, Pineville, with Dr. Lowell Reichardt, the Rev. Eddie Douglas and Rabbie Arnold Task officiating. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery.

Webber, 96, of Pollock died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, in Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

She was a native of Pollock and graduated in 1926 from the Baptist Hospital Training School for Nurses in Alexandria. During World War II, she served as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nursing Corps, serving in Honolulu and the Philippines. During her career of 48 years as a

registered nurse, her nursing experience included hospital duty, private duty and volunteer work in various states. While working in Texas, she was one of eight registered nurses honored and named "Houston's Heroines of the Hour" who put service above self during the polio emergency peak in the summer of 1952.

She was supportive of the Department of Nursing at Louisiana College where she was honored in 1993 for her dedication to the nursing profession. She was a longtime member of the Order of Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church, Pollock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Webber; and her parents, William Lovett Johnson and Amanda Josephine Walker.

Pallbearers will be Oliver Bryan, William Steen, Gerald Steen, James "Tump" Frost, R.W. Keiser Jr. and Tommy Braxton.

Friends may call from 8 a.m. until time of services today in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Pollock Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 263, Pollock, LA 71467, or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 309, Pollock, LA 71467.

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Name: John Andrew Johnson

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,544

Entered service from: Pollock, Grant Parish LA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John A. Johnson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William L. Johnson, Pollock LA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John A. Johnson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William L. Johnson, Pollock LA (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as John A. Johnson - 1 Apr 1888 Pollock LA; res: Glenmora, Rapides Parish LA. Single. Lumber checker, La Saw Mill Co., Glenmora LA. Medium height & build. Red hair.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): Pollock LA (listed as John A.) & Longview WA (listed as John K.)

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Andrew Johnson - b. 1 Apr 1888 Pollock LA; res: 661 - 16th Ave., Longview, Cowlitz WA. NOK Mrs. Clarice P. Johnson, same address. Employed by Long Bell Lbr. Co., Longview, WA at mill site, Longview, Cowlitz WA. "scar on top of head / hernia scar on rt. side" Height: 5'6 $\frac{3}{4}$ " - 135 lbs. Red hair.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 14 Dec 1917

Discharged 12 Jun 1919

Address: Glenmor LA

Rank/unit: corporal, Cas Det 2 Demob Gp

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Apr 1888 Pollock, Grant Parish LA
 Died: 23 Jul 1968 Pollock, Grant Parish LA (at his home)
 Find A Grave record: 30110789, presence on Tuscania noted in flower
 Burial location: Pollock, Grant Parish LA
 Cemetery: Pollock
 Tombstone: veteran flat: Louisiana CPL 20 Engineers WWI

Father: William Lovett Johnson, 10 Nov 1856 MS – 31 May 1930 Grant Parish LA. Son of Martin Robert Johnson & Kisanna Wells Turnage. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA.
 Find A Grave: 30110795

Mother: Amanda Josephine Walker Johnson, 31 Jan 1866 LA – 21 Feb 1918 LA. She died 16 days after the “Tuscania” sunk. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA.
 Find A Grave: 30110777
 Parents’ marriage: 13 Nov 1882 Grant Parish LA

Spouse: Clarice Bell Pringle Johnson, 2 Jun 1895 Rapides Parish LA – 4 Jan 1966 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Daughter of Samuel William Pringle & Anna Corine Penninger. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 30110782
 Marriage: 30 Dec 1924 Lecomte, Rapides Parish LA

Children:

Siblings: John was born after Wiley.

- Mattie Josephine Johnson Beall, 28 Sep 1883 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 15 Apr 1980 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of James Edward Beall (1881-1949). Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 98824157
- Eula Florence Johnson Simmons, 15 Aug 1885 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 29 Jul 1981 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of Bennie Sylvanus Simmons (1884-1943) whom she married 25 May 1903 in Rapides Parish LA. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 31843066
- Wiley Deville Johnson, 6 Nov 1886 LA – 24 Apr 1970 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Husband of Carrie Vanie Fox (1888-1943), by whom she had at least 4 children. Husband of Frankie A. Price (1905-1998). Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110798
- Benjamin (Ben) Holmes/Homer Johnson, 10 Jul 1889 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 3 Jul 1966 Pineville, Rapides Parish LA. Husband of Amanda Almeda Gates (1891-1915, F: 30110776) whom he married 16 Dec 1909 in Rapides Parish LA. Amanda’s sister Sarah will marry Benjamin’s brother William & Amanda’s brother John Bunyan Gates will marry Benjamin’s sister Thelma. Husband of Louise Lee (1903-1987, F: 30110791). Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110778
- William Oliver (“Obb”) Johnson, 10 Mar 1891 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 4 Jun 1979 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Husband of Georgia Lee Richardson (1891-1959) whom he married 26 May 1916 in Ruston, Lincoln Parish LA. Around 1959 William married Sarah Cordelia (Delia) Gates Tracey Smith. Sarah’s brother John Bunyan Gates had married William’s sister Thelma & Sarah’s sister Amanda had married William’s brother Benjamin.

Sarah had 1st married James Franklin Tracey Jr. (1886-1930) on 20 Apr 1913, then married either in 1932 or 1940 to Clyde Puckett Smith (18974-1953). Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110799

- Margaret (Maggie) Eugenia Johnson Gray, 5 Jan 1893 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 1 Oct 1983 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of James Henry Gray Sr. (1894-1936). Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110669
- Nellie Cornelia Johnson Adams, 25 Apr 1894 Pollock, Grant LA – 18 Sep 1987 Pollock, Grant Parish LA. Wife of Albert Lonnie (Lonzo) Adams Sr. (1886-1979) whom she married 21 Aug 1910. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110268
- Lolus Johnson Boswell Russell, 9 Mar 1896 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 19 Feb 1973 Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of Walter Lee Boswell Sr. (1895-1932), whom she married 12 Feb 1915 in Pollock, Grant Parish LA. Wife of (John) Surville Russell (1889-1959) whom she married 19 Mar 1943. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 96526102
- Thelma Johnson Gates, 20 Jul 1897 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 21 Oct 1988 Pineville, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of John Bunyan Gates Sr. (1897-1953) whom she married 5 Apr 1917 in LA. John was the son of Rev. Elijah Morgan Gates & Alice Amanda/Adeline Brian. John's sister Sarah will marry Thelma's brother William & his sister Amanda will marry Thelma's brother Benjamin. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110613
- Doyle Dawton/David Johnson, 24 Apr 1899 LA – 5 Aug 1960 Grant Parish LA. Husband of Utha Mae ("Mug") Moffett (1895-1990). Served in the US Navy in WWI. Mail carrier. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110783
- Melonea Albright Johnson Geyer, 16 Jul 1901 Pollock, Grant Parish LA – 17 Oct 1995 Pineville, Rapides Parish LA. Wife of Frank Louis Geyer (1901-1974). Was a longtime resident of Houston TX. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 30110622
- H'Omera Vaughn Johnson Webber, 26 Jan 1904 LA – 29 Nov 2000 Pineville, Rapides Parish LA. Article in "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Thursday 8 Apr 1993 p 19, with her photo, describes how, at age 89, she is the oldest nurse at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Graduate of the Baptist Hospital Training School for Nurses, she married Charles Webber, who was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed 7 Dec 1941. She entered the Army Nursing Corps in 1941 at age 42 & worked in Honolulu, Spokane WA & Pasadena CA hospitals. She left the Army in 1946 & retired in 1969. Wife of Charles Frederick Webber (1902-1969) whom she married 18 Oct 1927 in Harrison Co. TX. Her military tombstone indicates she was a 2nd lieutenant in the US Army, WWII. Buried in Pollock Cemetery, Pollock, Grant Parish LA. F: 67978961

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – on board Tuscania, but not yet accounted for: John A. Johnson, father W.S. Johnson, Pollock LA.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Shreveport [LA] Times" 24 Jul 1968 p 24 - funeral 24 Jul in Pineville LA, age 80, of Pollock LA, d. 23 Jul at his home there. WWI veteran, "one of the only survivors USS Tuscanie" (there were almost 2,000 survivors, not a US ship so was SS Tuscania, not USS Tuscanie) torpedoed 1918. Survived by 2 brothers & 8 sisters.

Social Security number: 533-05-5613

Censuses:

1900 Pollock, Grant Parish LA

Wm. L. Johnson, 43 MS, Nov 1856, father b. GA, mother b. MA, married 18 years, farmer
Amanda, 34 LA, Jan 1866, father b. MS, mother b. LA, gave birth to 11 children, 11 are living

Mattie J., 16 LA, Sep 1883

Eula F., 14 LA, Aug 1885 [listed as son, but female]

Wiley D., 13 LA, Nov 1886

John A., 12 LA, Apr 1888

Benjamin H., 10 LA, Jul 1889

Wm. O., 9 LA, Mar 1891

Maggie E., 6 LA, Jan 1893

Nellie C., 6 LA, Apr 1894

Lolus, 4 LA, Mar 1896

Selma, 2 LA, Jul 1897 [i.e. Thelma]

Doyle, 1 LA, Apr 1899

1910 Pollock, Grant Parish LA

W.L. Johnson, 53 MS, father b. GA, mother b. MS, married 27 years, in 1st marriage, farmer, truck farm

Amanda, 44 LA, parents b. MS, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 13 children, 13 are living

Wiley D., 23 LA, cleaning shop, own shiop

John, 22 LA, salesman, drug store

Ben H., 20 LA, in 1st marriage, married zero years, druggist, drug store

Amanda, 19 LA, in 1st marriage [W.L.'s daughter-in-law]

Oliver, 17 LA, trader, public

Maggie, 17 LA [age?]

Nellie, 15 LA

Lolis, 14 LA

Thelma, 12 LA

Doyle, 10 LA

Mellonee, 8 LA

Homera, 6 LA

1930 Longview, Cowlitz WA – 1329 – 20th Ave.

John A. Johnson, 41 LA, father b. MS, mother b. LA, age 36 at 1st marriage, yard foreman, lumber mill

Clarice P., 34 LA, parents b. LA, age 29 at 1st marriage

1940 Longview, Cowlitz WA – 661 – 16th Ave. – same place in 1935

John A. Johnson, 52 LA, order clerk, lumber mill

Clarice, 44 LA