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This biography is a rough draft and a work-in-progress.
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

Johnston, Louis Trunnel
1888 TX – 1953 AR



Left: Louis Trundle Johnston – at age 2 in Paris, Lamar TX –

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TUSCANIA VICTIMS WHO WERE KNOWN IN PARIS

The Dallas News yesterday published a full list of soldiers from Texas and Oklahoma who were on the Tuscania when it was torpedoed, but it did not contain the names of any who were known to have been lost, as they will not be known for a few days yet. In the list were several who were known in Paris, they having at one time or another lived here or have relatives here. Among the number was Louis T. Johnston, son of Capt. J. H. Johnston of Paris. He went to Camp Travis from Red River county while farming at Davenport to fill out a quota, and it is understood he was one of a number who filled in a Michigan regiment. Robert E. Bankhead of Mt. Vernon, who was on the torpedoed vessel, is a nephew of L. J. Bankhead of Paris, and Roy French of Mt. Pleasant, another name in the list, was in the clothes cleaning business here awhile.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" 10 Feb 1918 p 4

Capt J. H. Johnston received a telegram last night from Congressman Eugene Black stating that his son, Louis T. Johnston, who was on the torpedoed transport, was still among the missing and unaccounted for. Mr. Black stated that the War Department had promised to keep in touch with him, and that he would let Capt. Johnston know if any information should turn up later.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 3

Capt. J. H. Johnston received a letter from his son Louis T. Johnston, with the army in France, in which he said they were talking about sending his company to Russia.

This story about a letter home is contradicted by the next story – "Paris (TX) Morning News" Tuesday 18 Feb 1919 p 2

TUSCANIA SURVIVOR WRITES TO HIS FATHER

Capt. J. H. Johnston received a letter Sunday from his son, Louis T Johnston, who was on the ill-fated Tuscania when it was torpedoed by the Huns. For a long time his name failed to show up in the list of those who were saved and his father had given him up as dead. His mind was greatly relieved when the dispatches announced that he was among those who were rescued. The dispatch published in the press was corroborated by a message from the War Department. Still he was afraid that his son might be languishing in a hospital somewhere as a result of exposure, etc. The letter Sunday was the first direct word he received from him, and while it did not contain the vaguest reference to the Tuscania, or a word about his thrilling experience, it contained assurance that he was in good health and was

being treated well. He wrote that spring was opening where he was and that everything was beginning to look green, from which it was inferred that he is in the southern part of France.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Tuesday 5 Mar 1918 p 3

Capt. J. H. Johnston received a letter last Saturday from his son, L. T. Johnston, over in France, stating that he was out of the hospital and expected to be back on the firing line in a few days.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Tuesday 1 Oct 1918 p 2

Capt. J. H. Johnston has received papers from his son, Louis T. Johnston, who is now with the army of occupation in Germany, which trace and map out the line of advance of the regiment he was in during the fighting and show all of the battles in which he participated.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Sunday 9 Mar 1919 p 6

Louis T. Johnston, who was married last week, will build a nice little home on the farm at Davenport right away and will go back to the country to live.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Thursday 14 Aug 1919 p 2

Bought Pretty Home
Louis T. Johnston has purchased the beautiful home of L. W. Dennis in Anita Park.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Sunday 2 Jan 1921 p 7

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN.

I, P. MERRILL GRIFFITH, CONSUL of the United States of America at TAMPICO, MEXICO, hereby certify that J. H. Johnston is registered as an American citizen in this consulate. He was born July 16, 1847 at Davenport, Tex, and is a citizen of the United States by birth (or naturalization). He arrived in Tampico on 1906 where he is now residing for the purpose of Business. He is married to Lucy L. Thundt, who was born in Lafayette Co., Mo. and resides at (deceased).

He has the following children:

John H. Jr. born in Davenport, Tex. on Sept 1, 1884 and residing at Davenport, Tex.; and Bessie C. born in Davenport, Tex. on Dec 16, 1882 and residing at Davenport, Tex.; and Louis P. born in Davenport, Tex. on July 13, 1888 and residing at Davenport, Tex.; Lucy Mildred L. Paris, Tex for 1893, (Paris, Tex

His citizenship of the United States is established by Birth of
(Nature of proof of citizenship produced.)
American parents
This certificate is not a passport and its validity expires on Dec 11, 1908
(Date of expiration.)
The following is the signature of J. H. Johnston
(Signature of person registered.)
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office.
Merrill F. Smith
American Consul
[L. S.]
(NO FEE.)

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ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Bureau of Vital Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				10256	
Registration District No. <u>635</u>		Primary Registration District No. <u>2374</u>		STATE FILE NO. <u>31</u>	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Washington</u>			2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Arkansas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Washington</u>		
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL, and give township) <u>Fayetteville</u> c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) <u>Since 5-26-53</u>			c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Springdale</u>		
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Veterans Administration Hospital</u>			d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>909 East Emma Street</u>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <u>LOUIS</u> b. (Middle) <u>T.</u> c. (Last) <u>JOHNSTON</u>			4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) <u>8</u> (Day) <u>9</u> (Year) <u>1953</u>		
5. SEX <u>Male</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>Married</u>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>7-14-1888</u>	9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>65</u>	10. Under 1 Year (Days) <u>25</u> Hours <u>25</u> Min.
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>laborer</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Texas</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>J. H. Johnston</u>			14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Sue Trimmell</u>		
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <u>Yes World War I</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>Unknown</u>		17. INFORMANT <u>Official Government Records</u>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION					
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Myocardial Insufficiency</u>					
ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <u>Arteriosclerosis with arteriosclerotic Heart Disease.</u>					
DUE TO (c) <u>Malnutrition</u>					
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <u>Caseous ulcerative tuberculosis, right kidney, old.</u>					
INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>4 to 6 Hrs.</u>					
19a. DATE OF OPERATION <u>7-25-53</u>					
19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION <u>Varotomy; Gastroenterostomy. Findings: old, healed and scarred pyloric ulcer, benign. Closure of</u>					
21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)		21c. CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP <u>Springdale, Ark.</u>	
21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) OF INJURY <u>VA</u>		21e. INJURY OCCURRED While At ☐ Not While At ☐ Work ☐ Work ☐		21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?	
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>May 26</u> 19 <u>53</u> TO <u>August 10</u> 19 <u>53</u> DECEASED WAS TAKEN UNKNOWN					
ALIVE ON <u>May 26</u> 19 <u>53</u> AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT <u>8:05 A.M.</u> FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE					
23a. SIGNATURE <u>W. J. Johnston</u>		23b. ADDRESS <u>VAH, Fayetteville, Arkansas</u>		23c. DATE SIGNED <u>8-9-53</u>	
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)		24b. DATE <u>Aug. 13, 1953</u>		24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Friendship Cemetery</u>	
24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <u>Washington Ark.</u>		25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>Callison-Sisco Funeral Chapel</u>			
DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <u>August 22, 1953</u>		REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Richard</u>		ADDRESS <u>Springdale, Ark.</u>	

AR death certificate -

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[357464220&hintid=&queryId=1a6efd875df46132e0a84b0e3489e015&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB19799&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=660750](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61777/images/61777_01_00217-03052?treeid=11974820&personid=-357464220&hintid=&queryId=1a6efd875df46132e0a84b0e3489e015&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB19799&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=660750)

CAPT. JOHNSTON DIED FROM PNEUMONIA

Capt. J. H. Johnston, one of Paris' best citizens, who was known to all of the old residents, died at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Infirmary, where he had been a patient about ten days. He was at first taken sick with influenza, which developed into pneumonia. His condition was understood to be serious the first few days and his death did not come as a great surprise, but nevertheless caused sorrow among his friends. He represented the best type of the true Southern man and was held in high esteem by his acquaintances.

He was born July 16 1846, at old Jonesboro, which was at that time head of navigation on Red river, and is now known as Davenport, in Red River county. After reaching manhood he married Miss Sue Trundel of Little Rock Ark. She died about twenty years ago. He is survived by the following children: J. H. Johnston, Jr., and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson of Paris; Louis T. Johnston of Davenport, who served in the army in France and was a survivor of the Tuscania, that was sunk near the Irish coast and Sue Mildred, who is in a convent in Dallas. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Bettie Hooks, who is at present a patient at the Sanitarium, and by two half-brothers, Butler Caldwell, who lives north of Valliant, Ok., and J. G. Caldwell of Davenport.

He was occupied during his entire lifetime with farming interests and

owned a large estate including farms in Lamar, Red River and Hunt counties, some city property in Paris, and a large tract of land near the Tampico, Mex., oil fields which will be very valuable if that country ever gets settled down to peaceful pursuits.

The funeral service will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of J. H. Johnston, Jr., on North Webb street. Burial will be at Evergreen cemetery.

Attention, Elks

All members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, are notified,

that the funeral service of our beloved brother, Jas. H. Johnston, will be held at the home of J. H. Johnston, Jr., on North Webb street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. All members of Paris Lodge No. 716 are expected to attend.

W. W. Whipkey, E. R.
Lonnie Ford, Secretary.

Confederate Veterans will please take notice and attend the funeral of Comrade J. H. Johnston at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of J. H. Johnston, Jr., on North Webb street.

J. T. Webster, Commander.

Obituary of his father James Henry Johnston – "Paris (TX) Morning News" Friday 20 Feb 1920 p 3

LEFT FOR TAMPICO, MEX., TO LOOK AFTER PROPERTY

J. H. Johnston of Paris left yesterday afternoon for Mexico to look after some real estate about twenty miles from Tampico that belonged to his father, Capt. J. H. Johnston, Sr., at the time of his death several months ago. He bought a ticket from here to New Orleans and will sail from there for Tampico.

At the time that the Diaz government was overthrown Capt. Johnston owned about two thousand acres and it is still owned by his heirs.

A good part of the land was in cultivation and under fence with good tenant homes, and it was stocked with work animals and farming implements.

During the succession of revolutions lawlessness and pilage and plunder that have been going on since the beginning of the trouble when Diaz was deposed the stock has been killed or carried away, the fencing and tenant houses burned and the ranch laid waste. Several battles have been fought over the ground.

There being a general impression that Mexico is about to settle down in peace Mr. Johnston as an executor of his father's estate makes the trip to look after the property by paying taxes on it and getting it restored to some kind of shape.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" 20 Aug 1920 p 5



Left: father James Henry Johnston – Find A Grave 45318379 – Right: mother Sue Lee Trundle Johnston, Find A Grave 45318315



Sister Bessie Elizabeth Johnston Ferguson – left: Find A Grave 6988640 – right: https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/11974820/person/-359501541/media/87bf96b5-cdbd-4cf2-93d5-4793c73acee0?_phsrc=hFB19788&_phstart=successSource

SISTER FRANCIS JOHNSTON

DALLAS (Staff) — Funeral mass will be said at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ursuline Academy Chapel in Dallas for Sister Francis Johnston of Pecos, who died Tuesday in the Ursuline Convent following a lengthy illness. Burial will be in the Ursuline Cemetery.

Requiem mass will be said in Pecos at a later date to be announced by Father Griffith of St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Pecos. Sister Francis had served in Pecos for 40 years.

Obituary of his sister Sue Mildred Johnston – a Catholic religious sister in the Ursuline Order whose name was Sister Mary Francis – “Odessa (TX) American” 10 Jun 1970 – Find A Grave 62676192

MRS. J. E. FERGUSON DIES ON SATURDAY

Daughter of Captain J. H. Johnston Buried at Clarksville

Mrs. James E. Ferguson of Davenport, died at 11:29 o'clock Saturday night at the Sanitarium of Paris where she had been a patient some time, and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Clarksville at the residence of Mrs. Tom Ferguson.

Mrs. Ferguson, daughter of

Captain J. H. Johnston was born and reared here, spending much of her life on the family plantation in Red River county.

She is survived by her husband and three children, James Edwin Ferguson, Jr., Elizabeth and Joe Ferguson, beside one grandchild, a sister living at Pecos and a brother, Louis T. Johnston.

Obituary of his sister Bessie Elizabeth Johnston Ferguson – "Paris (TX) News" Monday 9 Oct 1933 p

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THE ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS
Abilene, Texas, Sunday Morning, October 2, 1955



SERVES 14 YEARS WITH AIR FORCE—M. Sgt. Louis T. Johnston is the secretary-treasurer of the NCO Club at the Abilene Air Force Base. He, his wife and two-year-old son, Trunney, moved to Abilene June 10. Previously they were stationed in Newfoundland. A special and long-time member of the family is the nine-year-old fox terrier, Puddles. (Staff photo by Bob Guiley)

ABILENE NEWCOMERS

M. Sgt. Louis Johnston, Family Join Abilene Air Base Family

By MARTHA HOGGOOD
Reporter-News Staff Writer

M. Sgt. Louis T. Johnston is one of those often spoken of, 20-year men. And he has already served 14 of them.

The sergeant, his wife and two-year-old son, Trunney, are a part of the Abilene Air Force Base family and newcomers to the Key City. They moved here in June and are living at 450 Peake St. Johnston is secretary-treasurer of the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at the base.

Prior to coming to Abilene the Johnstons were stationed two and one half years in a fishing vil-

lage in Newfoundland. It was while they were there the couple adopted their little boy, who is a native of Newfoundland. The parents are both natives of Paris, Tex.

Since they've been with the Air Force they have been assigned to bases located mostly in Texas and Arkansas. During World War II, the sergeant served in the Pacific Theatre.

Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maddox, now live in Oklahoma. The sergeant's mother, Mrs. L. T. Johnston Sr., is still a resident of Paris.

The family has a couple more important members: a nine-year-

old fox terrier named Puddles and a parakeet, acquired only this summer, called Tweety. Trunney's latest pastime is teasing the dog and coloring—coloring just about anything he gets hold of.

The sergeant is an avid amateur photographer and has quite a collection of slides he has made with his German camera. Mother really likes traveling best, but most of her days now are filled with taking care of her busy little son and getting settled in her new home which is located in one of the new additions west of the high school. The family attends the Methodist church.

Visit Parents

OLD GLORY, Oct. 1 (RNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons and sons, Jackie and Jerry, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herittenberger of Abilene have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beno Herittenberger.

His son Louis T. Johnston Jr. & family "Abilene (TX) Reporter-News" Sunday 2 Oct 1955 p 43

Airman 2/c John Simonds and Mrs. John Simonds are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Simonds, and family, on West Emma Avenue, and also Mrs. Simonds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Johnson, on East Emma Avenue. Simonds is on furlough from Westover Field at Springfield, Mass.

Visit by his daughter Barbara June Johnston Simonds – "Northwest Arkansas Times" (Fayetteville AR) Monday 6 Oct 1952 p 9

JOHNSTON LOUIS TRUNNEL *Johnston 2/13*
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 451 Clarksville St Paris Tex A 3 547 341
 Sn 251 464 Died *8-9-53* T 161 620
 Born 7/14/88 R
 Enl 9/19/17 Dis 5/24/19 Cl 2 593 021
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1935

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Johnston, Louis T. 251,464 * White * ~~Colored~~
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Davenport Red River TEXAS
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* ~~Enlisted~~ * ~~B. A. N. G. E. R. C.~~ * Inducted at Clarksville Tex Sept 19, 19 17
 Place of birth: Paris Tex Age or date of birth: 29 2/12 yrs.

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: _____
165 Dep Brig to Apr 18/18 ; Co D 125 Inf to Disch.

Grades, with date of appointment: _____
Pvt

Engagements: _____

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to May 8/19, from † to †
 Honorably discharged on demobilization May 24/19, 19 _____

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

Remarks: _____

Born: Texas Great Ind. 29-2 *RW* ORIGINAL

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached) ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ BRONZE MARKER		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (Please make out and return in duplicate)	
ENLISTMENT DATE 9-19-1917		SERIAL No. 251464	
DISCHARGE DATE 5-24-1919 <i>Hon.</i>		PENSION No.	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Johnston Louis T.		STATE Texas	RANK Pvt.
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) July 14, 1888		DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) Aug. 9, 1953	
NAME OF CEMETERY Friendship		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION Co. D. 125th Inf. 32nd Div.	
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) Callison-Sisco Funeral Chapel <i>Gilbert Sisco</i> (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		LOCATION (City and State) Springdale, Ark.	
DO NOT WRITE HERE FOR VERIFICATION SEP 11 1953 ORDERED COLUMBUS MARBLE CO. COLUMBUS, MISS. WY 2229539 SHIPPED 7 OCT 1953		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) Springdale, Ark.	
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.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Springdale, Ark.	
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE <i>Edna Johnston</i>		DATE OF APPLICATION	
ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 909 E. Emma Springdale, Ark.			

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**EDNA I. JOHNSTON,
SAN BERNARDINO**

Our beloved Mother and a long time resident of California died April 26, 1983 in Valley Convalescent Hospital. She was 87 years of age and a Baptist. She will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by a Son, Louis T. Johnston, Jr. of Durant, Oklahoma; two Daughters, Virginia G. Lovett of McKinleyville, California and Barbara J. Simonds of San Bernardino; also six Grandchildren; and 9 Great-Grandchildren. She will be laid to rest at Friendship Cemetery in Springdale, Arkansas.

The Body may be viewed at Bobbitt Memorial Chapel between 11:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. Thursday.

Obituary of his wife Edna I. Cloud Johnston – "San Bernardino (CA) County Sun" Thursday 28 Apr 1983 p 87

Name: Louis Trunnel Johnston

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 251,464

Entered service from: Paris, Lamar TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Louis T. Johnston

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father J.H. Johnston, Paris TX

Returned from war on: "Great Northern" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Louis Trunnel Johnston

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father John H. Johnston, Paris TX (pvt, Co. D, 125th Inf.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Louis Trunnel Johnston - b. 14 Jul 1888 Paris TX; res:

Davenport, Red River TX (indexed with middle name as Trummel). Farmer for myself, Darlington TX.

Single. Short & stout.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Louis Trunnell Johnston - b. 14 Jul 1888 Paris TX; res:

Chester, Crawford AR. NOK Edna Johnston, same address. Employed by W.P.A., Fort Smith AR.

"scar on right side" Height: 5'2" – 124 lbs. [this figure does not agree with the WWI "stout" statement nor his photograph]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 9 Sep 1917

Discharged 24 May 1919

Address: 451 Clarksville St., Paris TX

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 125th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 14 Jul 1888 Paris, Lamar TX

Died: 9 Aug 1953 Fayetteville, Washington Co. AR (Veterans Administration Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 6219380, presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Springdale, Washington AR

Cemetery: Friendship

Tombstone: veteran flat: Texas Pvt Co D 125 Inf 2 Div WWI

Father: James Henry Johnston, Sr., 14 Jul 1845 Davenport [then known as Jonesboro], Red River TX – 19 Feb 1920 Lamar Co. TX. Son of James Henry Johnston & Martha Lucy Cox, both b. in SC.

Referred to in newspaper articles as Captain J.H. Johnston; his obituary calls for fellow

Confederate veterans to attend. Died of influenza, which developed into pneumonia. He had 2 surviving half-brothers, Butler Caldwell & J.G. Caldwell. Farmer, with large real estate holdings in Lamar, Red River & Hunt counties, some property in the city of Paris TX & a large tract of land near the Tampico, Mexico, oil fields. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Paris, Lamar TX.

Find A Grave: 45318379

Mother: Sue Lee Trundle Johnston, 11 Oct 1859 MO – 11 Sep 1899 Lamar Co. TX. Daughter of Hezekiah Lewis Trundle & Sarah Ann Lee. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Paris, Lamar TX.

Find A Grave: 45318315

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Edna I. Cloud Johnston, 29 Apr 1896 TX – 26 Apr 1983 San Bernardino Co. CA. Daughter of James C. Cloud & Jessie Elizabeth Lee. Buried in Friendship Cemetery, Springdale, Washington Co. AR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 6219381

Marriage: Aug 1919

Children:

- Louis Trunnel Johnston, Jr., 13 Jul 1920 TX – 25 Jul 1984 Durant, Bryan OK. SSN 430-20-4185. Served in the Army from 16 Jun 1941 to 25 Oct 1945 and 7 Aug 1946 to 31 May 1962. Married to a woman (Isabelle?) named Maddux, whose parents were James Martin Maddux (1885-1963, F: 162376674, obituary in "Southeast Oklahoman" [Hugo OK] 24 Jan 1963 p 1) & Carmen Maguffee (1905-1995, F: 162376692). In Carmen's obituary in the "Paris (TX) News" 1 Nov 1995 p 16, there is a daughter Isabella who is married to a Robinson. Louis & his wife adopted a son Trunney Johnston when he was stationed in Newfoundland, Canada. "Paris (TX) News" Thursday 4 Mar 1943 p 2 – Louis T. Johnston Jr. was promoted to master sergeant at Blackland Army Flying School, Waco TX. – "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 26 Jul 1984 p 37 – in Durant OK, Johnston, Louis T., age 65, services Friday (Murray). - Buried in Highland Cemetery, Durant, Bryan OK. F: 36131304
- Virginia Gordon Johnston Lovett, 19 Mar 1924 Paris, Lamar TX - . Wife of William Mason ("Billy") Lovett (1922-1981) whom she married 30 Oct 1943 in Crawford Co. AR when she was age 19 & he was 20. William was a resident of Locke AR. William is buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA, F: 161586537. - In 1975 she resided in Artesia CA.
- Barbara June Johnston Simonds, 16 Sep 1931 Brownwood, Brown TX - Her TX birth record: Louis T. Johnston, age 43, b. Paris TX & Edna Cloud, age 33, b. TX. – At age 19, she married John L. Simonds on 24 Mar 1951 in Washington Co. AR. John was age 22; both were residents of Springdale, Washington Co. AR. She was living in San Bernardino CA in 1975 when their daughter Susan D. Simonds was engaged to Paul H. Konarski.

Siblings:

- Bessie Elizabeth Johnston Ferguson, 2 Nov 1883 [tombstone reads 1883 but she is older than James Jr. in the 1900 census] or 16 Dec 1882 [father's report to US consulate in Mexico] or Jul 1883 [1900 census] Lamar Co. TX – 8 Oct 1933 Paris, Lamar TX. Wife of James Edward Ferguson (1872-1939). Died at the Paris TX sanitarium, daughter of Capt. J.H. Johnston, spent much of time at family plantation at Red River. Survived by brother Louis & a sister [unnamed] living in Pecos. Buried in Clarksville Cemetery, Clarksville, Red River Co. TX. F: 6988640
- James Henry Johnston, Jr. 25 Sep 1884 [1884 in 1900 census; cannot be 1883 as on Find A Grave because birth too close to that of Bessie. His father reported to the US consulate in Mexico that James Jr. was born 1 Sep 1884] Paris, Lamar TX – 27 Aug 1932 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. Husband of Erma Penina Connor (1888-1991) whom he married 26 Dec 1907 in Paris, Lamar TX. Died several days after an appendectomy. Buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. F: 62374978
- Sue Mildred Johnston, 29 Nov 1896 Paris, Lamar TX [father reports birth in Nov 1893 to US consulate in Mexico] – 9 Jun 1970 Dallas, Dallas TX. A Catholic religious sister in the Ursuline Order, where her religious name was Sister Mary Francis. She was already in the convent when her father James died Feb 1920. She died at the Ursuline Academy Chapel in

Dallas after a lengthy illness. Served in Pecos for 40 years. Buried in Calvary Hill Cemetery & Mausoleum, Dallas, Dallas TX. F: 672676192

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Paris [TX] Morning News" 10 Feb 1918 p 4 - son of Captain J.H. Johnston of Paris TX, went to Camp Travis from Red River Co. while farming at Davenport TX to fill draft quota, filled in a MI regiment.

"Corsicana (TX) Daily News" 11 Feb 1918 p 10 – among the missing: Louis T. Johnston, Paris TX.

"Paris (TX) Morning News" 20 Feb 1918 p 1 – there were 27 men previously reported missing from Tuscania who have been found to be survivors by the Associated Press. Among them Louis T. Johnston of Paris TX.

Post-war:

"Paris (TX) Morning News" Friday 6 Jun 1919 p 2 – Louis T. Johnston left yesterday afternoon for Austin for a short visit.

Obituary:

AR death certificate: Louis T. Johnston, resident of 909 E. Emma St., Springdale, Washington Co. AR, d. 9 Aug 1953 at age 65 years, 0 months, 25 days in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, Washington AR, where he had been a patient since 26 May 1953. Laborer. Son of J.H. Johnston & Sue Trimmell. Informant: official government records. WWI veteran. SSN unknown. Died of myocardial insufficiency (duration of 4 to 6 hours) plus arteriosclerosis, malnutrition (6 to 12 months) & several other medical conditions.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 5, Red River Co. TX

James H. Johnston, 52 TX, Jun 1847, widower, farmer

Bettie L., 16 TX, Jul 1883

James H., 15 TX, Oct 1884

Louis, 11 TX, Mar 1888

Sue, 9 TX, Nov 1889

[for the children: both parents b. TX]

1920 Justice Precinct 5, Red River Co. TX

Louis T. Johnston, 31 TX, father b. TX, mother b. AR, farmer, own farm

Edna, 23 TX, parents b. TX

1930 Paris, Lamar TX, living with his brother James H. Johnston & family:

Louis T. Johnston, 41 TX, farmer, farming (general), age 31 at 1st marriage, answers he is not a veteran [brother of the head of household]

Edna C., 33 TX, age 23 at 1st marriage [sister-in-law]

Louis T., 19 TX, company clerk [nephew]

Virginia Gordon, 16 TX [niece]

Barbara June, 2 [i.e. 12] TX [niece]

C. Johnston	414	21	21	Johnston James H	Head
				Edna C.	Wife - H
				Mary L	Daughter
				Judith E	Daughter
				James H	Son
				Edna C	Daughter
				Sue M	Daughter
				Louis T.	Brother
				Edna C.	Sister in Law
				Louis T Jr	Nephew
				Virginia	Niece