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

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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Keisler, Jesse Leo
1895 TX – 1975 TX

KEISLER JESSE LEO		c 21 171 145	
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Richards Tex		A 2 858 298	
Sn	250 547	Died	T 4 719 378
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Enl	9/17/17	Dis	4/25/19
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<u>Keisler, Jesse L.</u>		<u>250,547</u>	<u>1</u>
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colored
Residence: <u>Shiro</u>		<u>Haines</u>	<u>TEXAS</u>
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted <u>Sept 1917</u>		* Inducted at <u>Navasota Tex</u> on <u>Sept 1917</u>	
Place of birth: <u>Shiro Tex</u>		Age or date of birth: <u>22 6/12 yrs</u>	
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:			
<u>Co E 20 Engrs to</u> <u>17 Co 20 Engrs to Disch</u>			
Grades, with date of appointment:			
<u>Pvt</u>			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: <u>None</u>			
Served overseas from <u>Jan 24/18</u> to <u>Apr 21/19</u> , from <u>†</u> to <u>†</u>			
Honorably discharged on demobilization <u>Apr 25, 1919</u>			
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported <u>0</u> per cent disabled.			
Remarks:			

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

TX, WWI military record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9MN-49HC-V?i=2931&cc=2202707&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-XX9V>

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		7985
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <u>Grimes</u>		
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Navasota</u>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION <u>Brasos Valley Sanitarium</u>		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>BETTY GLORIA KEISLER</u>				
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED _____ YEARS _____ MONTHS <u>1</u> DAYS		(SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>None</u>)		
RESIDENCE OF DECEASED _____ STREET _____ AND NO. _____		CITY <u>Roans Prairie</u>		COUNTY <u>Grimes</u> STATE <u>Tex</u>
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17 DATE OF DEATH <u>Feb. 5, 1941</u>		
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Single</u>		18 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>Feb. 5, 1941</u> TO <u>Feb. 5, 1941</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Feb. 4, 1937</u>		I LAST SAW H. <u>OR</u> ALIVE ON <u>Feb. 5, 1941</u>		
7 AGE <u>4</u> YEARS _____ MONTHS _____ DAYS _____	IF LESS THAN 1 DAY _____ HOURS _____ MIN		THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT <u>7:30 P.</u>	
8A TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>None</u>		THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: <u>1-2-3° burns of body</u>		
8B INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED _____		CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE <u>None</u>		
9 BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Huntsville, Texas.</u>		IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER: <u>accident</u>		
10 NAME <u>J.L. Keisler</u>		DATE OF OCCURRENCE <u>2-5-41</u>		
11 BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Tex.</u>		PLACE OF OCCURRENCE <u>Roans Prairie Tex.</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME <u>Lola Baldwin</u>		MANNER OR MEANS <u>Burns water</u>		
13 BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Texas</u>		IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED SPECIFY _____		
14 SIGNATURE <u>J.L. Keisler</u>		SIGNATURE <u>J.D. Coleman</u>		
ADDRESS <u>Roans Prairie, Tex.</u>		ADDRESS <u>Navasota, Tex.</u>		
15 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>McAdams cemetery, Walker County, Texas</u>		20 FILE NUMBER <u>9</u> FILE DATE <u>Feb 7 1941</u> SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>W W Greenwood</u> POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u>Navasota, Tex.</u>		
DATE <u>Feb. 7, 1941</u>				
16 SIGNATURE <u>Lindley Funeral Home, H. J. Lindley #524</u>				
ADDRESS <u>Navasota, Texas</u>				

TX death certificate of his daughter Betty Gloria Keisler -

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STATE OF TEXAS 101-01-2 093-010 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 162115 STATE FILE NO. 28186

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Harris
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Houston
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. Four Days
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION St. Luke's Hospital
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE Texas
b. COUNTY Grimes
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Navasota
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 601 East Johnson Street
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
(a) First JESSE (b) Middle LEO (c) Last KEISLER
4. DATE OF DEATH March 27, 1975
5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH March 27, 1895 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 80
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Sawmill Operator 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Sawmill
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Grimes County, Texas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U. S. A.
13. FATHER'S NAME Ephord Keisler 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth Wade
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) Yes World War I 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 462-32-8205-A 17. INFORMANT Lola B. Keisler

18. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Respiratory failure (b) Adenocarcinoma and right pleural effusion
INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH: 10 minutes
DUE TO (b) Approx. 6 mo.

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)
None
20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18)
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour Month Day Year
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHERE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 24 March 1975 to 27 March 1975 and last saw the deceased on 27 March 1975. Death occurred at 8:40 a. m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated on this certificate.
22a. SIGNATURE S. P. Fischer, M.D. 22b. ADDRESS 6624 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77025 22c. DATE SIGNED 4/4/75

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Removal 23b. DATE March 27, 1975 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY McAdams Cemetery
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Walker County, Texas (State) Texas 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Lindley-Robertson F. H. - Malcolm Robertson-#4102
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 3478 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR APR. 8, 1975 25c. SIGNATURE TSB Barnett

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
VS-112, REV. 1/58

TX death certificate -

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The following named enlisted men from the 360th infantry, National Army, at Camp Travis, Texas, have been selected on their vocational qualifications for the casual detachment, 10th engineers, and will proceed to American university, Washington, D. C., for duty with the 10th engineers as loggers and saw mill men:

Private First Class Ralph D. Reeves and Privates Jesse L. Keisler, Henry H. Page, Irvia Sims, Norris West, Jim J. Ondrack, Gus Deron, Robert C. Jones, A. V. Carnes, Charles Criswold, Amos McDaniels, William R. Shaw, D. W. Walker, Jesse F. Crawford, Henry E. Erwin, Kinzy Flowers, James A. Husband, William L. Lancaster, Reuel A. Parrett, Luther B. Reeder, Clarence C. Reynolds and Lewis Roberts.

"Houston (TX) Post" Friday 4 Jan 1918 p 5



His 1st wife Willena May Fitzgerald Keisler, who died 22 Mar 1926, five days after delivering their fourth child, a stillborn boy, while she was suffering from the pneumonia that took her life on 27 Mar 1926 – Find A Grave 38881143

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 43-R083.9.

ORIGINAL
(To be retained
by Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No. 3780

Filed under 319b

To the Honorable

The United States District Court of Western District of Tex. Austin, Texas

This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is Christl Keisler
(2) My present place of residence is 809 York N. St., Killeen, Bell Co., Texas
(3) My occupation is Housewife
(4) I was born on August 1, 1940 in Crailsheim, Wurttemberg, Germany
(5) My personal description is as follows: Sex Female, complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue, color of hair Brown, height 5 feet 2 inches, weight 100 pounds, visible distinctive marks none, country of which I am a citizen, subject, or national Germany
(6) I am not married; the name of my late husband is Jesse, we were married on March 5, 1960 at Crailsheim, Wurttemberg, Germany, he or she was born at Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas, USA, on May 1, 1940, and entered the United States at with me, Temp. stationed abroad. for permanent residence in the United States and now resides at with me, Temp. stationed abroad. and was naturalized on at certificate No. or became a citizen by birth

(7a) (If petition is filed under section 319 (a), Immigration and Nationality Act.) I have resided in the United States in marital union with my United States citizen spouse for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of filing this petition for naturalization, and have been physically present in the United States at least half of that time.

(7b) (If petition is filed under section 316 (b), Immigration and Nationality Act.) My husband or wife is a citizen of the United States, is in the employment of the Government of the United States, or of an American institution of research recognized as such by the Attorney General of the United States, or an American firm or corporation engaged in whole or in part in the development of foreign trade and commerce of the United States, or a subsidiary thereof, or of a public international organization in which the United States participates by treaty or statute, or is authorized to perform the ministerial or priestly functions of a religious denomination having a bona fide organization within the United States, or is engaged solely as a missionary by a religious denomination or by an interdenominational mission organization having a bona fide organization within the United States, and such husband or wife is regularly stationed abroad in such employment. I intend in good faith upon naturalization to live abroad with my spouse and to resume my residence within the United States immediately upon termination of such employment abroad.

(8) I have no living children.

(9) My lawful admission for permanent residence in the United States was at McGuire AFB, New Jersey under the name of Christl Keisler on December 14, 1960 on the MATS-3274/422

(10) Since my lawful admission for permanent residence I have not been absent from the United States, for a period or periods of 6 months or longer, except as follows:

DEPARTED FROM THE UNITED STATES			RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES		
PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE	PORT	DATE (Month, day, year)	VESSEL OR OTHER MEANS OF CONVEYANCE
	<u>None</u>				

(11) It is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and entirely all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which at this time I am a subject or citizen. (12) It is my intention to reside permanently in the United States. (13) I am not and have not been for a period of at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of this petition a member of or affiliated with any organization proscribed by the Immigration and Nationality Act or any section, subsidiary, branch, affiliate or subdivision thereof nor have I during such period believed in, advocated, engaged in or performed any of the acts or activities prohibited by that Act. (14) I am able to read, write and speak the English language (unless exempted therefrom). (15) I am, and have been during all the periods required by law, a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and to perform work of national importance under civilian direction (unless exempted therefrom).

(16) I have resided continuously in the United States since December 14, 1960 and continuously in the State in which this petition is made for the term of 6 months at least immediately preceding the date of this petition and I have been physically present in the United States for at least one-half of the three year period immediately preceding the date of this petition. (17) I have not heretofore made petition for naturalization No. on at the Court, and such petition was denied by that Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit:

(18) Attached hereto and made a part of this, my petition for naturalization, are the affidavits of at least two verifying witnesses required by law.

(19) Wherefore I, your petitioner for naturalization, pray that I may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America, and that my name be changed to none. I, aforesaid petitioner, do swear (affirm) that I know the contents of this petition for naturalization subscribed by me, and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this petition is signed by me with my full, true name: SO HELP ME GOD.

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. A 12 584 325

Form N-405
(Rev. 11-1-62)

FPI-LPC-10-63-20M-728

Christl Keisler
(Full, true, and correct signature of petitioner, without abbreviation)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

The following witnesses, each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, depose and say:

(1) My name is Bobbie F. Hancock, my occupation is housewife
 I reside at 507 Glimer St., Killeen, Texas and

(2) My name is James L. Smith, Jr., my occupation is H.S. Agent
 I reside at 603 Stewart St., Killeen, Texas

I am a citizen of the United States of America; I have personally known and have been acquainted in the United States with the petitioner named in the petition for naturalization of which this affidavit is a part, since at least Jan. 1, 1963
 has resided, immediately preceding the date of filing this petition, in the United States continuously since the date last mentioned; that the petitioner has been physically present in the United States for at least 13 months of that period; and that the petitioner has been a resident in the State in which the petition is filed during at least the last 6 months. I have personal knowledge that the petitioner is, and during all such periods has been a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States, and in my opinion the petitioner is in every way qualified to be admitted a citizen of the United States.
 I do swear (affirm) that the statements of fact I have made in the affidavit to this petition for naturalization subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

Bobbie F. Hancock (Signature of Witness)
James L. Smith, Jr. (Signature of Witness)

WHEN OATH ADMINISTERED BY CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
 Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me by above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective terms of oath shown in said petition and affidavit, and filed by said petitioner, in the office of the clerk of said court, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____.

By _____ Clerk.
 _____ Deputy Clerk.

WHEN OATH ADMINISTERED BY DESIGNATED EXAMINER
 Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me by above-named petitioner and witnesses in the respective terms of oath shown in said petition and affidavit at Austin, Texas on the 14 day of February, A. D. 1964.
James L. Smith, Jr. Designated Examiner.
 I hereby certify that the foregoing petition for naturalization was by petitioner named herein filed in the office of the clerk of said court at Austin, Texas on the 14 day of February, A. D. 1964.
MAXEY HART Clerk.
May Alice Vinge Deputy Clerk.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and shjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;
 that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;
 that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law;
 that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law;
 and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Christl Keisler
 (Signature of Petitioner)

NOTE—In recantation of title or order of ability, add the following to the oath of allegiance before it is signed: "I further renounce the title of (give title or title) which I have heretofore held," or "I further renounce the order of ability (give the order of ability) to which I have heretofore belonged."

Petition granted and Certificate No. 8429385 issued.
 Petition denied: List No. _____

Naturalization petition of 14 Feb 1964 for Christl Keisler, German-born wife of his son Jesse Baldwin Keisler -

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TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registrar's No. 19534
1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <u>Montgomery</u> CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>57</u>		
Length of residence in city where death occurred yrs. mos. days? How long in U. S. if foreign born? yrs. mos. days		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Harold Ehard Keisler</u>		
Residence: No. Street If non-residence give city, or town and state.		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. MARRIAGE STATUS (write the word) <u>Married</u>
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced <u>Widowed</u> HUSBAND of <u>Annie Hollingsworth</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>July 25, 1856</u>		
7. AGE <u>77</u> Years <u>9</u> Months <u>1</u> Days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.		
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Farmer + Hauling</u>	
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>✓</u>	
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>Life</u>
2. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>South Carolina</u>		
MOTHER FATHER	13. NAME <u>James Keisler</u>	
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Germany</u>	
	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Martha Frankland</u>	
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>France</u>	
17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Monroe Dennis</u> (Address) <u>W. Abner</u>		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <u>Bayer Chapel</u> Date <u>4-26, 1933</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Reynolds + Sanders</u> (Address) <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>		
20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <u>Apr 27 1933 R. W. Grissom</u>		
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>April 26</u> 19 <u>33</u>		
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Mar 9</u> 19 <u>33</u> to <u>April 26</u> 19 <u>33</u>		
I last saw deceased alive on <u>April 5</u> 19 <u>33</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>2:40 a.m.</u>		
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <u>Influenza</u> Date of onset <u>Jan</u>		
Other contributory causes of importance: <u>✓</u>		
Name of operation <u>✓</u> date of <u>✓</u>		
What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>✓</u> Was there an autopsy? <u>✓</u>		
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:		
Accident, suicide, or homicide? <u>✓</u>		
Date of injury <u>✓</u> 19 <u>33</u>		
Where did injury occur? <u>✓</u> (Specify city or town, county, and State)		
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. <u>✓</u>		
Manner of injury <u>✓</u>		
Nature of injury <u>✓</u>		
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>✓</u>		
If so, specify <u>✓</u>		
(Signed) <u>R. W. Grissom</u> M. D.		
(Address) <u>St. Louis, Mo.</u>		

TX death certificate of his father, Daniel Ehard [sic] Keisler -

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Fairview Heights
Stella (Keisler) Meyer, 57,
died Thursday, funeral Saturday,
Kassly Colonial.

Obituary of his daughter Stella Mae Keisler Meyer - "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Friday 25 Mar 1988 p 23

Fairview Heights
Phil H. Meyer, 68, died Sunday, funeral
today, Kassly.

Son-in-law Phil Hardin Meyer - "St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Tuesday 18 Jul 1989 p 17

BRYANT-KEISLER.

**Married Saturday Night by Elder
John McKinney.**

Alvin Bryant, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Aaron Bryant, and Miss Decie
Keisler of Keisler, Texas, were
married in this city Saturday night,
at the residence of Elder John Mc-
Kinney, who officiated.

Marriage of sister Mary (Decie) Keisler & Sanders Alvin Bryant – “McKinney (TX) Daily
Courier” Monday 2 Jul 1906 p 1

JACKSON—Mrs. Clara Lee Jackson, 18, died at the John Sealy Hospital Friday night at 10:25 o'clock. She is survived by her husband, Ed Jackson, of Freeport; her father, Dave Keisler, of Richards; four brothers, Tom H. Keisler and George Willis of Liberty and Leo and Lawrence Keisler of Richards; two half-brothers, Nelson and Alfred, of Richards; five sisters, Mrs. Alvin Bryant of Freeport, Mrs. N. J. Dennis of Montgomery, Mrs. N. H. Harman of Richards, Mrs. A. J. Meyers of Spring and Mrs. A. C. Roelke of Phoenix, Ariz., and one half-sister, Ellen Keisler, of Richards. The body was forwarded last night at 8:25 o'clock over the Santa Fe to Richards, Tex., under the direction of F. P. Malloy & Son.

Obituary of sister Clara Lee Keisler Jackson – "Galveston (TX) Daily News" Sunday 24 Jul 1927 p 7

Keisler rites set for today

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today in the United Pentecostal Church, Skyline Drive, for George Keisler, 64, of Arlington, who died Friday in a local hospital. He had resided in Grand Prairie since 1941 prior to moving to Arlington last year.

He was a retired machinist, born in Navasota, Tex.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lena Keisler; four children, Mrs. Jerline Peters, Maywood, Calif., A. B. Keisler and Bill Keisler, both of Grand Prairie, Jennings B. Keisler, Arlington; two brothers, Tom Keisler, Houston, Leo Keisler, Navasota; three sisters, Florence Dennis, Houston, Mrs. Mattie Harmon, Richards, Tex., Dannie Roelse, Austin, and five grandchildren.

Rev. B. F. Lee and W. W. Coombs will officiate, and interment will be in Southland Memorial Park. Southland Funeral Home has arrangements.

Obituary of his brother George Keisler in the "Grand Prairie (TX) Daily News"
Sunday 23 Jun 1968 p 1

Name: Jesse Leo Keisler

Name variations: Leo Keisler

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,547

Entered service from: Shiro, Grimes TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Jesse Lee Keisler

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father D.E. Keisler, Shiro TX

Returned from war on: "Charleston" Apr 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Jesse L. Keisler

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father David E. Keisler, Shiro TX (wagoner, 20th Engrs)
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Jesse Leo Keisler - b. 27 Mar 1895 Shiro TX; res: Shiro, Grimes TX. Single. Saw milling, by self. Dependent father, 1 brother on [?] sister. Tall height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): Shiro TX

World War II draft registration (1942): b. 27 Mar 1895 Shiro TX; res: Navasota TX. Mailing address: RFD No. 2, Shiro TX. NOK Mrs. J.L. Keisler, same address. Self-employed at Navasota TX. Card is signed J.L. Keisler. "scar on right side of stomach" Height: 5'10 ½" – weight: 147 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 17 Sep 1917

Discharged 25 Apr 1919

Address: Richards, Grimes TX

Rank/unit: wagoner, St. Aignan Cas Co 2923

TX, WWI military card

Jesse L. Keisler, serial 250547. Resident of Shiro, Grimes TX. Inducted into Army at Navasota TX on 19 Sep 1917 at age 22 years, 6 months. Born Shiro TX. In Co. E (17th Co.), 20th Engineers to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 21 Apr 1919. Discharged 25 Apr 1919. 0% disabled.

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Mar 1895 Shiro, Grimes TX (F: Montgomery Co. TX)

Died: 27 Mar 1975 Houston, Harris TX

Find A Grave record: 65204342 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Crabbs Prairie, Walker TX

Cemetery: McAdams

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Wisconsin PFC Co A 107 Supply Tn WWI

Father: Daniel Efrid ("Ef") Keisler, 25 Jul 1854 [1856 on his TX death certificate] Lexington Co. SC – 27 Apr 1933 Montgomery Co. TX. Son of Jesse Thomas Keisler & Mary Franklow. He died of influenza.

Married in 1880 to Mary Jane Thomas, 12 Dec 1856 – 28 Jan 1882, F: 38914405. They had a daughter, Mary Lou Annie Keisler, who died 10 days before her mother did. Mary Jane is buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 38914405

In 1884 Daniel Keisler married Susan Elizabeth Wade. They had Mary, Thomas, Mattie, Jesse, Lawrence & Clara.

In 1922, Daniel married Mary Ann Hollingsworth. She had been married to George Dee Fee (1892-1983, F: 77620208) in 1914; she was also married to Lonza C. Livingston (1893-1977). She had a son George H. Fee (1919-1944). Daniel & Mary Ann had Nelson & twins Hattie & Alfred. Daniel was one month short of his 72nd birthday when his twins were born. Mary Ann is buried in Copeland Chapel Cemetery, Conroe, Montgomery TX. F: 123965736

Daniel is buried in Bays Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX.

Find A Grave: 38914080

Mother: Susan Elizabeth ("Betty") Wade Keisler, 10 Nov 1867 AL – 11 Nov 1912 Montgomery Co. TX. Daughter of Elijah T. Wade & Margarette Elizabeth Wilkinson. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX.

Find A Grave: 38914103

Parents' marriage: 1884

Spouse: Willena Mae Fitzgerald Keisler, 1 May 1895 Point Blank, San Jacinto TX – 27 Mar 1926 Montgomery Co. TX. She was the 9th of 12 children born to Thomas McCants Fitzgerald & Emma Grace Capers. According to her Find A Grave record, she had red hair, was petite, with very small feet (the size of a child's) & loved by all. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 38881143

Marriage: 1920

Spouse: Lola Alleen Baldwin Keisler, 22 Dec 1904 Walker Co. TX – 19 Sep 1997 Navasota, Grimes Co. TX. Daughter of Charles William Baldwin & Lula Allen Wilson. Buried in McAdams Cemetery, Crabbs Prairie, Walker TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 52459265

Marriage: 8 Nov 1929 Grimes Co. TX. Jesse was age 21, Lola age 18.

Children: by his 1st wife, Willena Mae Fitzgerald

- Leo Keisler, 8 Oct 1921 Oakhurst, San Jacinto TX – 16 Mar 2004 Tow, Llano TX. Called Leo Keisler Jr. Married on 13 Nov 1942 in Fort Bend Co. TX to Elma (Alma) Ernestine Webster (1918-2012). Served in the US Coast Guard in WWII. Buried in Bluffton Center, Bluffton, Llano TX. F: 65205138
- Ray Sanders Keisler, 22 Jan 1923 TX – 22 Sep 1923 TX. Buried with his mother & stillborn brother [unnamed], born 5 days before his mother's death in 1926. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 65204788
- Thomas Earl Keisler, 18 Aug 1924 TX – 13 Jan 1986 Harris Co. TX. Thomas served in the US Army 30 Mar 1943 to 25 Dec 1945 and 12 Dec 1947 to 11 Dec 1951. Married Elizabeth Natalie ("Libby") Lorehn on 6 Aug 1969 in Navasota, Brazos TX. Elizabeth (SSN 456-46-7096) was born 28 Aug 1932 & died 18 Apr 1997. She had married Samuel Rambo Litzenerg 29 Jan 1955 in Harris Co. TX. Elizabeth was the daughter of Edmond Lewis Lorehn & Virginia Ewing. According to an Ancestry.com family tree, Thomas also was married to another woman by whom he had several children, including Robert Earl Keisler (1952-2003, F: 125508318) whose murder in Washington State was still unsolved in 2014. Thomas is buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, Harris TX. F: 174818133
- Infant boy Keisler, b. & d. 22 Mar 1926 TX. Delivered stillborn while his mother Willena was suffering from pneumonia. She died 5 days after his birth. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 174818133

Children: by his 2nd wife, Lola Alleen Baldwin

- Stella Mae Keisler Meyer, 11 Mar 1931 Roans Prairie, Grimes TX – 24 Mar 1988 St. Clair Co. IL. When Stela [TX birth listing] was born, Jesse worked at a filling station. Wife of Philip (Phil) Hardin Meyer, 25 Aug 1920 Navasota, Grimes TX - 16 Jul 1989, a resident of Fairview Heights, St. Clair IL. Son of Sol Meyer & Frances Epstein, SSN 452-44-5846. Phil is buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemary, St. Louis Co. MO, F: 81378196. He was a colonel in the US Air Force, serving in WWII, Korea & Vietnam. Phil & Stella married 31 Jul

1951 in Tarrant Co. TX. Stella is buried in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights, St. Clair IL. F: 99177776

- Betty/Gloria Sue Keisler, 4 Feb 1937 TX – 5 Feb 1941 Navasota, Grimes TX. Age 3 in 1940 census. Her birth certificate lists her name as Gloria Sue. The 1940 census lists her name as Betty Gloria. Note her fatal accident & death occur on the 23rd anniversary of the sinking of the “Tuscania.” Her TX death certificate (for Betty Gloria) records her death at age 4 from 1st-, 2nd- & 3rd-degree burns following an accident with boiling water. She was a resident of Roans Prairie, Grimes TX. Died in the Brazos Valley Sanitarium, Navasota, Grimes TX. Buried in McAdams Cemetery, Crabbs Prairie, Walker Co. TX according to her death certificate & Find A Grave. F: 52459130
- Jesse Baldwin Keisler, 1 May 1940 Huntsville, Walker TX – 27 Aug 2002 College Station, Brazos TX. SSN 466-56-9469. The 1940 census record for his family is not dated; he was not entered, so born after it was enumerated. Master sergeant, US Army, Vietnam War. Husband of Christl Keisler (b. 1 Aug 1940 Crailsheim, Wurttemberg, Germany). She was married in her birthplace on 5 Mar 1960 to Jesse, born at Huntsville, Walker TX. 1 May 1940. He was temporarily stationed abroad; their US residence was 809 N. York St., Killeen, Bell TX. She entered the US on 14 Dec 1960 at McGuire Air Force Base NJ. Her naturalization petition of 14 Feb 1964 is copied above. Buried in Rest-Ever Memorial Park, Bryan, Brazos TX. F: 134183216
- Lawrence Allen Keisler, 16 Jun 1943 TX (county 093, Grimes Co. TX) - . Married Deborah J. Koonce on 30 Jun 1973 in Grimes Co. TX; Lawrence was age 30, Deborah age 21. Divorced 29 Sep 1975 in Grimes Co. TX. Married Ruth A. Mai 13 Jul 1979 in Grimes Co. TX.
- Lana Alleen Keisler Doan, 7 Apr 1945 TX (county 093, Grimes Co. TX) - Her surname was Doan in Aug 2002 when her brother Jesse Baldwin Keisler died. Her 2021 Facebook page notes she was a graduate of Navasota (TX) High School in 1963 & worked for the US Postal Service. She had married David R. Doan, Navasota High School Class of 1959.

Siblings: Jesse was born after Mattie & before Eleanor.

- Mary Keisler (“Decie”) Bryant, 8 May 1886 Montgomery Co. TX – 28 Jul 1954 Harris Co. TX. Wife of Sanders Alvin Bryant (1882-1931) whom she married 31 May 1906 in McKinney, Collin TX at the residence of the officiant, Rev. John McKinney. Her tombstone reads: Decie Keisler Bryant. Buried in Bay’s Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 69198827
- Thomas Efird Keisler, 22 Apr 1888 TX – 29 Aug 1969 Houston, Harris TX. Husband of Rena Fulton (1892-1974). Buried in Bay’s Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 69197624
- Florence Evelyn Keisler Dennis, 1 Aug 1890 – Oct 1974. Wife of Monroe Jefferson Dennis (1893-1953). Buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Houston, Harris TX. F: 197248330
- Mattie Mae Keisler Harman, 27 Oct 1892 – 26 Aug 1984. Wife of Nathaniel Byrd Harman (1887-1947). Buried in Bay’s Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 69199192
- Eleanor Inez Keisler Myers, 26 Mar 1899 TX– 8 Aug 1962. Wife of Andrew G. Myers. Buried in Rosenberg Cemetery, Rosenberg, Fort Bend Co. TX. F: 46086593
- Dannie Arell Keisler Roelse, 27 Jun 1901 Montgomery Co. TX – 20 Oct 1995 Austin, Travis TX. Wife of Abraham Cornelius Roelse (1882-1960). Buried in Walnut Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Austin, Travis TX. F: 59408158
- George Willie Keisler, 24 Jul 1903 Navasota, Grimes TX – 21 Jun 1968. Husband of Lena M. (1906-1986). Buried in Southland Memorial Park, Grand Prairie, Dallas TX. F: 113548913

- Lawrence Newton Keisler, 8 Sep 1905 Grimes Co. TX – 17 Aug 1937 Navasota, Grimes TX. Husband of Hattie Wilma Henderson (1913-1994) who later married Joseph Manuel Apostolo & then a man named Yeargin (the name under which she is buried, F: 41432165). Lawrence is buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 38881218
- Clara Lee Keisler Jackson, 20 Jul 1909 Richards, Grimes TX – 24 Jul 1927 Galveston, Galveston TX. Wife of Ed Jackson. Obituary in "Galveston (TX) Daily News" Sunday 24 Jul 1927 p 7 copied above. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 38914153

Half-sibling: by his father Daniel Efrid Keisler's marriage to Mary Jane Thomas (1880)

- Mary Lou Annie Keisler, 17 Oct 1881 – 18 Jan 1882. Mary Lou died 10 days before her mother Mary Jane. Buried in Bay's Chapel Cemetery, Montgomery Co. TX. F: 38914405

Half-siblings: by his father Daniel Efrid Keisler's marriage to Mary Ann Hollingsworth (1922)

- Nelson Efford Keisler, 30 Aug 1923 Walker Co. TX – 27 Aug 2004 Moscow, Polk TX. Husband of Suvella Lurene Stephens (1933-2016). Veteran of the US Navy in WWII. Buried in Jones Prairie Cemetery, Leggett, Polk TX. F: 24076449
- Hattie Ellen Keisler Ray, 28 Jun 1926 Carrizo Springs, Dimmit TX – 25 Dec 2014. Twin sister of Alfred Daniel Keisler. Wife of Benjamin Alfred Ray (1918-1997). Buried in Copeland Chapel Cemetery, Conroe, Montgomery TX. F: 216681933
- Alfred Daniel Keisler, 28 Jun 1926 Carrizo Springs, Dimmit TX – 23 May 2018 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County OK. Alfred joined the US Navy at age 16 & soon after his 17th birthday, was driving a landing craft to land Marines on the shores of Iwo Jima. After WWII he worked on a seismograph crew traveling the country & while in Anadarko OK met Twila G. Killer (1932-2016), whom he married 7 Sep 1951. They continued traveling with the crew & returned from North Dakota to live permanently in Anadarko OK in 1953. A mechanic, he retired from his short-haul trucking company in 1990. Buried in Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, Caddo OK. F: 190015479

Stepbrother: son of his father Daniel's 3rd wife, Mary Ann Hollingsworth, by her husband George Dee Fee.

- George H. Fee, 1919 TX – 11 Jan 1944 Oschersleben, Landkreis Börde, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany. A sergeant in the US Army, killed in WWII. Buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery & Memorial, Margraten, Eijsden-Margraten Municipality, Limburg, Netherlands. F: 56298629

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Austin (TX) American" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1 – Jesse Lee Keisler of Spiro TX is 1 of the 85 survivors reported from TX.

Post-war:

Obituary:

TX death certificate: Jesse Leo Keisler, born 27 Mar 1895 Grimes Co. TX. Died at age 80 on 27 Mar 1975 in St. Luke's Hospital, Houston, Harris TX where he had been hospitalized for 4 days. Hew as a resident of 601 E. Johnson St., Navasota TX. Married. Sawmill operator. Son of Ephord Keisler & Elizabeth Wade. WWI veteran. SSN 562-32-8205-A. Informant: Lola B. Keisler. Died of respiratory failure. Had adenocarcinoma & right pleural effusion for approximately 6 months. Buried in McAdams Cemetery, Walker Co. TX.

Social Security number: 462-32-8205

Censuses:

1900 Precinct 8, Grimes Co. TX

Efrid Keisler, 46 SC, Jul 1854, parents b. SC, married 15 years, farmer

Bettie, 40 AL, May 1860, parents b. AL, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Mary, 14 TX, Apr 1886

Tom E., 12 TX, Mar 1888, farm laborer

Florence, 9 TX, Oct 1890

Mattie, 7 TX, Mar 1893

Jesse, 4 TX, Mar 1896

Eleanor, 2 TX, Mar 1898

1910 Justice Precinct 5, Montgomery TX – his parents & some of his siblings. Jesse & some other siblings are “missing” – conducted 26 Apr 1910

Dan E. Keisler, 54 SC, parents b. SC, saw mill, also farm

Bettie, 42 AL, parents b. GA, 10 children are alive [does not fill in column with “number of children born” question]

Thomas E., 22 TX, sawyer

Florence, 19 TX

Mattie, 17 TX

George W., 15 TX, machinist

Lawrence, 4 TX

Clara, 9 months TX

1930 Precinct 8, Grimes Co. TX – Jesse's children from his 1st marriage was not with him

Leo KEASLER, 35 TX, age 24 at 1st marriage, laborer, saw mill, WWI veteran

Lola, 25 TX, age 24 at 1st marriage

[The next census entry is for his brother Tom E. Keasler, 25 TX & his wife Rena, 37 TX]

Jesse is listed twice in the 1940 census, in different locations:

1940 Roans Prairie, Grimes TX – in 1935 in rural Montgomery Co. TX – date of enumeration not listed

Jesse Leo Keisler, 45 TX, owner, sawmill

Lola, 35 TX

Leo Jr., 18 TX, laborer, saw mill

Thomas Earl, 15 TX, laborer, saw mill

Stella Mae, 9 TX

Betty Gloria, 3 TX

1940 Grimes Co. TX – in rural Montgomery Co. in 1935 – conducted 2 May 1940

J.L. Keisler, 44 TX, operator, sawmill

Lola, 34 TX

J.L. Jr., 18 TX, truck driver, saw mill

Thomas, 14 TX

Stella M., 8 TX

Bettie, 3 TX