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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with a drop shadow effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Lewis, Charles Allen
1890 KS – 1972 CA



Charles Allen Lewis in 1912 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/3465318/person/142267283988/media/d981ce62-f10f-46d3-b0b2-fa33ec86f38e>

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PONCA CITY
LEWIS, Charles Allen, 82.
Services were Wednesday.

“Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) Thursday 26 Oct 1972 p 64

The Life Summary of Hazel Marie

When Hazel Marie Hite was born on 18 September 1909, in Turtlecreek Township, Warren, Ohio, United States, her father, Henry Albert Hite, was 30 and her mother, Anna Laura Ramsey, was 21. She had at least 1 daughter with Master SGT Matthew William Going. She lived in Clearcreek Township, Warren, Ohio, United States in 1910 and Tiffin, Seneca, Ohio, United States in 1920. She died on 12 October 1987, in Sacramento, Sacramento, California, United States, at the age of 78, and was buried in Bodega Bay, Sonoma, California, United States.

<https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LD29-JRX/hazel-marie-hite-1909-1987>

ON A JALOPY ODYSSEY

MOTHER AND BABY ARRIVE HERE
IN A 13-YEAR-OLD "CHEVVY."

There's Many a Trick to Motor-
ing, However, Explains Mrs.
Hazel M. Baltimore of
Sacramento,

A journey of 2,100 miles over desert, mountains and plains by a mother and her 3-month-old daughter in a 1928 Chevrolet sedan purchased for \$20.57 is the accomplishment of Mrs. Hazel M. Baltimore, 30.

Mrs. Baltimore is now at 901 Pennsylvania avenue, awaiting the forwarding of a government check for \$10.20, representing her share of her estranged husband's war pension. Her destination is Springfield, O., and she looks forward to the next 600 miles of travel without a qualm.

The journey began at Sacramento, Calif., just a month ago. Mrs. Baltimore and her husband had been legally separated, and she was supplementing her small income by working as a housekeeper. Relatives in Springfield wrote that they would like to see the baby. It sounded like a good idea to Mrs. Baltimore, and so she decided to take the baby to Springfield for a visit.

READY TO TRAVEL FOR \$20.57.

The first step was the purchase of the sedan. The price of \$20.57 included the sales tax and the license transfer fee of \$1.

The back seat was loaded with baggage, her best dishes and some other household odds and ends with which she couldn't bear to part, and the trip was on. Stretched out on the front seat beside her mother, the baby, Bonnie Marie, didn't seem to mind, Mrs. Baltimore reported.

The trip was not easy. Along the way there were sixteen flat tires.

Short of funds, Mrs. Baltimore bought only gasoline for the car. The unusual amounts of oil it burned were replaced by kindly filling station attendants with oil they had drained from other cars.

"I didn't have to change a single tire," Mrs. Baltimore said triumphantly. "I had a broken jack. I'd place it under the axle and pretend to work, and always within a few minutes someone would stop and make the change for me. Several times filling station men changed the tires and repaired them, and they didn't charge me, either."

A METHOD IN PICK-UPS.

Food and shelter also was a problem. Mrs. Baltimore reluctantly admitted that on several occasions she had to call on relief agencies for assistance, but the baby always got her orange juice. Several nights they slept curled up together in the front seat. They spent a week in Salt Lake City and another week at Denver.

Several times Mrs. Baltimore picked up hitchhikers who helped with the driving and tire changing. She was particularly careful to select a husky man hitchhiker to drive her through the mountains.

"I just don't like to drive in the mountains," she explained.

The baby, now 4 months old, withstood the journey well. In fact, Mrs. Baltimore believes the baby has put on weight.

Asked for her own impressions of the journey, Mrs. Baltimore said: "Well, it's been kind of an experience."



—Kansas City Star Photograph.
MRS. HAZEL M. BALTIMORE AND HER 4-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER . . . THEY HAVE TRAVELED 2,100 MILES . . . THE MOTHER DROVE WHILE THE BABY PLAYED AND SLEPT ON THE SEAT BESIDE HER . . . THE CAR WAS PURCHASED FOR \$20.57—INCLUDING TAX.

Hazel Marie Hite Baltimore drives cross-country – "Kansas City (MO) Times" Wednesday 4 Jun 1941
p 1

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/655715472/?terms=%22hazel%20baltimore%22%20sacramento&match=1>

\$20 Car Takes Woman East

**Sacramento Mother,
Baby Reach Kansas
City on Way to Ohio**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 5.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Hazel M. Baltimore of Sacramento, Calif., was about ready today to crank up her \$20 car and start out with her four-month-old daughter for Springfield, O. Already, she has traveled 2100 miles in the 1928 model jalopy, a trip to which she refers as "kind of an experience."

Mrs. Baltimore will move on as soon as the Government forwards a \$10.20 war pension check, her share of the monthly allotment which goes to her estranged husband.

THINGS GET TOUGH

Things were pretty tough in Sacramento and she had to hustle plenty to get enough work to take care of her new baby after she and her husband were divorced she said. Her pay as a housekeeper was pretty small, and when relatives in Springfield suggested they would like to see the baby, she got the car and started out.

On the trip she had 16 flat tires, but didn't change a one. Her technique, she said, was to take out a broken jack, pretend to be lifting the car, then wait for a kind male to stop and assist her.

Men she picked up as hitchhikers did most of the mountain driving, because she didn't like driving on steep winding roads.

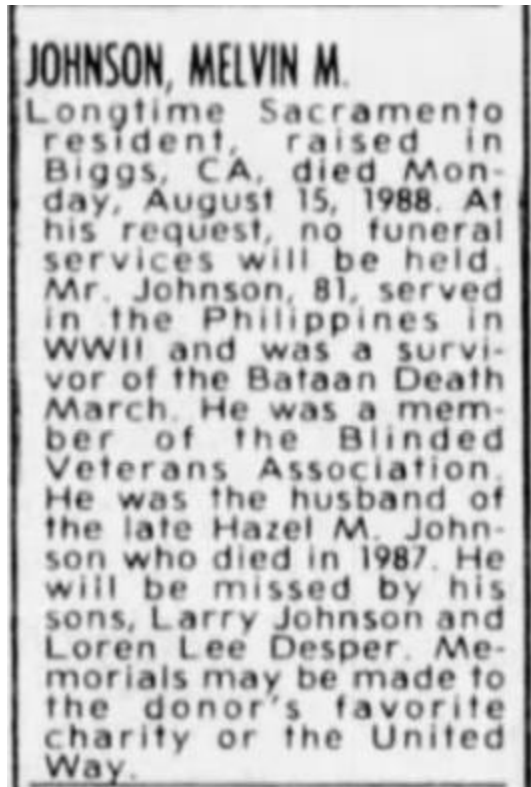
PICKS HUSKY MEN

"I always tried to select a husky man to help with the driving and tire changing," she said.

Mrs. Baltimore said the only money spent on the car was for gasoline. Oil, and the car burned a lot, was obtained from filling station attendants who gave her what they had drained from other cars.

The other big items were food and shelter. When funds ran low she slept with the baby in the car and received food from relief agencies.

"Bonnie Maria never missed her orange juice once," she said. "I believe she has gained weight."



Obituary of Hazel Marie Hite's husband Melvin Mortiz Johnson (1908-1988) – "Sacramento (CA) Bee" Thursday 18 Aug 1988 p 48

Parents:



mother Emma Ada Weatherman & father Charles Victor Lewis -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/3465318/person/142267282935/media/7cc2bec0-ac23-4827-bac5-d97670fcefca>

Mrs. Emma Lewis Dies at Hospital

Mrs. Emma A. Lewis, 83, Route 2, pioneer county resident, died early Sunday morning at the Ponca City Hospital where she had been admitted Saturday evening.

She had been in ill health for six months, becoming seriously ill a week ago.

Services are planned for 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Miles Memorial Chapel with the Rev. I. H. Witt, pastor of the Community Christian Church, officiating.

Burial is to be in the Longwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis and her husband, the late Charles V. Lewis, made the run at the opening of the Cherokee Strip on Sept. 16, 1893, and homesteaded a farm 5 miles northeast of here. She had made her home there since that time.

She was born Dec. 20, 1868, at Colony, Kan., and spent her early life there and near Iola, Kan.

She and her husband were married in March of 1889 at Cedar Vale, Kan. He died in November, 1914.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Christian Church and the Women's Relief Corps.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Featherston, Route 1, Mrs. May Marlow, Stillwater, and Mrs. Inez Stinson, Gainesville, Tex.; six sons, Ira, 918 South Ninth, Dorr, Route 2, Robert, Lake Charles, La., John, Blair, Okla., Charles, El Paso, Tex., and Curtis, Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Clara Kinsman, Garden City, Kan., and a brother, Earnest Weatherman, Viola, Kan., 41 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of mother Emma Lewis – "Ponca City (OK) News" Monday 31 Dec 1951 p 8

Siblings:



Alta Lewis - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/3465318/person/142267283444/media/03d0027d-9ae0-4691-b4fc-aa871f18f701>

Name: Charles Allen Lewis

Name variations: Charlie Lewis

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,009

Entered service from: Ponca, Kay OK [Tuscania passenger list says Ponca CA]

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Charles A. Lewis

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Emma Lewis, Ponca CA [should read OK]

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Charles A. Lewis

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Emma Lewis, RR2, Ponca City OK (PFC, 158th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Charles Allen Lewis - b. 14 Dec 1890 Colony KS; res: Ponca City, Kay OK. Single. Farmer for self at Ponca City OK. Had dependent mother. Claimed exemption from draft due to dependent relatives. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Charles Allen Lewis - b. 14 Dec 1890 Colony KS; res: 1111 - 7th St., Sacramento CA. NOK Mrs. Emma Lewis, Route 2, Ponca City OK [mother]. Employed at Flagstone Hotel, same address as his residence address. Height 5'8" - 130 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 22 Nov 1917

Discharged 22 Mar 1919

Address: Ponca City OK

Rank/unit: chauffeur, Cas. Det. #135, 163rd Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 14 Dec 1890, Colony, Anderson KS

Died: 22 Oct 1972 Sacramento, Sacramento CA

Find A Grave record: 144738054 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Sacramento, Sacramento CA

Cemetery: corrected 27 Sep 2020 by Joy Ivaldi Durrett to burial in Sacramento County Veterans Memorial Plot Row 12, Grave 71

Tombstone: veteran flat: CA / Chauffer [sic/Chauffeur] 158 Aero Sq / WWI

Father: Charles Victor Lewis, 22 Jun 1859 Parma, Jackson MI – 12 Nov 1914. Son of Charles King Lewis & Emily A. White. The 3rd of 6 children. He participated in the Cherokee Strip land run on 16 Sep 1893 & staked his claim just east of the Pioneer Woman statue in Ponca City, Kay OK. Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK.

Find A Grave: 29351525

Mother: Emma Ada Weatherman Lewis, 20 Dec 1868 Anderson Co. KS – 30 Dec 1951 Ponca City, Kay OK. Daughter of Thomas Allen Weatherman & Jurena Martin. The 4th of 12 children. Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK.

Find A Grave: 29351542

Parents' marriage: 7 Mar 1889 Colony, Anderson KS



Hazel Marie Hite – left: https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/44728483/person/310012573251/media/3f5ccd32-66e5-4017-984a-09a07c512ef9?_phsrc=hFB27036&_phstart=successSource - right: circa 1929 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/73414497/person/44273147694/media/44f59549-ee7e-4fc5-82ea-15a17f2fd37e?_phsrc=hFB27041&_phstart=successSource

Spouse: never married according to brother Curtis, but family trees list Hazel Marie Hit as a spouse. One tree notes Charles fathered a son & daughter with Hazel, but they did not legally marry.

The story of Hazel Marie Hite – see Find A Grave 98578220 and family tree at:

https://www.ancestry.com/search/?name=hazel+marie_hite&birth=1909_ohio&death=1987_california&count=50&defaultFacets=PRIMARY_YEAR.PRIMARY_NPLACE&father=henry+albert_hite&mother=anna+laura_ramsey&spouse=matthew+william_going&spouse2=melvin+mortiz_johnson&spouse3=charles+allen_lewis

Hazel Marie Hite, 18 Sep 1909 Turtlecreek township, Warren Co. OH – 12 Oct 1987 Sacramento, Sacramento CA.

Daughter of Henry Albert Hite, 1879-1940 and Anna Laura Ramsey (1888-1957). They had married 29 Dec 1904.

Her parents:

Her father Henry was an alcoholic & abusive so her mother Anna Laura, known as “Laura,” left her husband & took her youngest daughter, Della Mae Hite (later Payne, 1914-1983) with her. Laura left her son Norman Henry Hite (1907-1979) & daughters Hazel Marie Hite & Ruth Dorothy Hite (later Davis, 1914-1983) with Henry. Norman changed his name to Jack Ramsey & later made amends with his mother & had a relationship with her.

At some point, Anna Laura placed daughter Della in an orphanage. Della was adopted by Francis Ramsey Prickett, her father Henry’s sister.

Anna Laura Ramsey Hites married Leslie Milton Bayes (1893-1963) on 22 Oct 1919 in Butler Co. OH.

Anna Laura had a sister named Lola Mae Ramsey, who married Marion Eldon Copas. Marion & Lola Copas were the parents of Lloyd Estel Copas (1913-1963, F: 1882), a country music singer who used the name “Cowboy Copas.” He died in the 1963 airplane crash in Tennessee that killed country stars Patsy Cline & Hawkshaw Hawkins. The plane was piloted by Cowboy Copas’s son-in-law Randy Hughes, who was also the manager of Patsy Cline.

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In 1920 Norman Hite (later Jack Ramsey) & his sister Hazel Hite were placed in the Warren County (OH) Orphanage Home in West Turtle Creek OH. Hazel is recorded in the 1920 census as living with the Zubo family in Seneca OH “on trial.”

Between 1930 & 1940 she left Ohio and moved to California with her sister Ruth, where Hazel became a “madam.” (prostitution). She is still listed in the 1931 Dayton OH city directory as Samuel B. & Hazel Baltimore, rooming at 506 E. 1st.

In the 1943 Sacramento CA city directory, she is listed as Mrs. H. Baltimore, clerk at the Golden West Hotel, resident of 1024 – 4th.

In 1946 she placed an ad in the Sacramento CA with the name Hazel Baltimore, asking people to take her children. It was legal at the time in CA to advertise your children for adoption.

Children:

Her oldest daughter was born in CA. This may be the “Bonnie Maria Baltimore” who at age 4 months traveled with her mother Hazel in a \$20 car from California, where Hazel had left her husband named Baltimore & was traveling to Springfield OH. The oldest daughter was raised in Sacramento CA.

The 2nd oldest daughter was Gloria Jean Hite, born 23 Mar 1942 OH & died 12 Jan 1996 Dickson, Dickson TN. She was raised “in the East.” She was the daughter of Hazel and a man identified both as Matthew William Going & Frederick William Goings Sr., both born 17 Jul 1907 MS & died 28 Sep 1987 in Green Co. OH. They were not legally married.

Gloria Hite had several marriages.

As Gloria Blankenship, she married George L. Risdall 3 Jul 1971 in Las Vegas NV.

Divorced George Risdall Jan 1975 in Orange Co. CA.

Married 6 Aug 1978 in Alameda Co. CA to James V. Kirby.

Divorced 17 Oct 1983 in Sacramento Co CA. from Robert (Bobby) William Sims (1940-2001).

Her 3rd child, a son, was born in Sacramento CA as was her youngest daughter. The last two children are biological siblings (proven by DNA). These appear to be the children fathered by Charles Allen Lewis.

Her son was adopted & raised in Roseville CA. T

he youngest daughter (who may have been born in San Francisco or Sacramento) was also adopted & raised in Sacramento CA. A birth record on Ancestry.com exists for Jonquil Marie Baltimore, mother's maiden surname Hite, born 20 Oct 1946 in San Francisco CA.

Hazel's family tree on Ancestry.com reads “It is unknown if Charlie knew about his son/daughter. Marie advertised her children in the Sacramento Newspaper in the summer of 1946. This child [both children] was given up for adoption.”

Her Find A Grave record states: “Her children have now found each other.”

Hazel later married Melvin Mortiz Johnson (1908 MN – 1988 CA, F: 106478893) in Sacramento CA. They had 2 sons. She is buried with the surname Johnson.

Cremated; ashes scattered in Bodega Bay CA.

Partner Find A Grave: 98578220

Children: Charles was the oldest of 11 children.

- Inez Lewis Stinson, 21 Sep 1892 KS – 17 Jan 1958. Wife of Chester Calhoun Stinson (1889-1969, F: 5111119) whose 1st wife was Clara B. Davidson (1893-1919, F: 215184304) whom he had married in 1915. Buried in Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock, Lubbock TX. F: 64981185
- Curtis Weatherman Lewis, 18 Nov 1893 Cedar Vale, Chautauqua KS – 30 Jun 1980 Ponca City, Kay OK. Husband of Goldie Gertrude Eaton (1898-1919, F: 57510085) whom he married in 1915. Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 57509774
- Ira Lewis, 12 Jun 1895 Ponca City, Kay OK – 7 Jan 1969 Ponca City, Kay OK. Husband of Helen (Venita) Huff (1902-1974, F: 57516056) whom he married in 1920. Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 57515937

- Jay Perry Lewis, 12 Apr 1897 Kay Co. OK – 12 Oct 1950 Wichita, Sedgwick KS. Husband of Edith Lewis (1908-1968, F: 25214003) whom he married in 1927. Edith later married Arthur John Henry Henke (1892-1978); she is buried as Henke. Jay is buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 57516765
- Alta Lewis Singleton, 4 Oct 1898 Kay Co. OK – 7 Jun 1950 Ponca City, Kay OK. Married in 1927 to Emerson White Singleton (1889-1945, F: 57519669). Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 57518946
- Dorr Lewis, 11 Jan 1900 Ponca City, Kay OK – 26 Jul 1984 Ponca City, Kay OK. Married in 1925 to Opal Nina Watson (1908-1994, F: 48889377). Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 48889309
- John Lewis, 7 Sep 1901 – 28 Apr 1985. Married in 1920 to Thelma E. Harris (1900-1930, F: 57504012). Married in 1934 to Vivian Ann Preslar (1908-1979, F: 41746420). Buried in Fairlawn Cemetery, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK. F: 41746412
- May Lewis Marlow, 9 Aug 1903 Ponca City, Kay OK – 6 Aug 1996 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK (at Baptist Medical Center). Appears as Flora M. in the 1920 census. Graduate of Ponca (OK) High School; attended OK State University for 3 ½ years. Received her lifetime teaching certificate from U of Central OK (Edmond OK) in 1927. Married Richard Alfred Marlow (1906-1991, F: 20885627) on 26 Apr 1930 at the Baptist Church parsonage in Newkirk OK. In 1948, they moved to Stillwater OK where they operated Marlow Trucking for 35 years. Buried in Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Pawnee OK. F: 20885658
- Robert Lewis, 5 Mar 1905 Ponca City, Kay OK – 1 Apr 1982 Ponca City, Kay OK. Married in 1947 to Norma Sheets (1918-2008, F: 60179395). Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 60179246
- Pauline Lewis Featherston, 6 Nov 1909 – 11 Apr 1995. Wife of Taylor L. Featherston (1893-1955, F: 29352302), who served in WWI as a private 1st class in Co. B, 132nd Machine Gun Battalion. Buried in Longwood Cemetery, Ponca City, Kay OK. F: 29352350

Siblings:

Notes: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/3465318/person/142267283988/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 557-22-2890

Censuses:

1900 Longwood, Kay OK

Charles M. Lewis, 40 MI, Jun 1859, parents b. NY, married 11 years, farmer

Emma, 31 KS, Dec 1868, father b. IN, mother b. MO, gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Charles A., 9 KS, Feb 1890

Inez, 7 KS, Sep 1892
 Custir, 6 KS, Nov 1893
 Ira, 4 OK, Jun 1895 [indexed as Isa]
 Jay P., 3 OK, Apr 1897
 Alta, 1 OK, Oct 1898
 Dor, 4 months OK, Jan 1900 [indexed as Doc]

1910 Longwood, Kay OK
 C.V. Lewis, 51 MI, father b. NY, mother b. MI, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, farmer, general farm
 E.A., 41 KS, father b. IN, mother b. MO, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 11 children, 11 are living [wife]
 C.A., 19 KS [son – Charles Allen]
 J., 17 KS [daughter - Inez]
 C.W., 16 KS [son – Curtis Weatherman]
 Ira, 14 OK [son]
 P.J., 12 OK [son – Jay Perry [son]
 Ella or Etta, 11 OK [daughter – Alta]
 D., 9 OK [son Dorr – “son” is written over “daughter”]
 John, 8 OK [son]
 May, 6 US [daughter]
 Robert, 5 US [son]
 Polline, no age listed, b. US [daughter]

1920 Longwood, Kay OK
 Emma A. Lewis, 50 KS, parents b. US, widow, farmer, general farm
 Charles A., 29 KS, carpenter, house
 Inez, 27 KS, teacher, high school
 Ira, 24 OK, carpenter, house
 Jay P., 22 OK, farmer, general farm
 Alta, 21 OK, teacher, rural school
 Dorr, 20 OK, farmer, general farm
 John, 18 OK, laborer, refinery
 Flora M., 16 OK
 Robert, 14 OK
 Pauline A., 10 OK

1930 cannot locate

1940 Sacramento, Sacramento CA – in 1935 in Stockton, San Joaquin CA
 Charles Lewis, 49 KS, single, no occupation