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finalized version is available.

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.

Morton, William Farmer
1889 AR – 1958 TX



<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/67563777/person/410071651110/media/313b5db5-1c12-440b-b80a-b1c57a7b7628>

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STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Jefferson
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Fort Arthur
c. LENGTH OF STAY 37 yrs.
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION St. Mary's Hospital
e. PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission)
a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Jefferson
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Fort Arthur
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 2101 - 18th Street
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) William Farmer Morton
a. First b. Middle c. Last
4. DATE OF DEATH 5-15-58

5. SEX Male a. COLOR OR RACE White b. MARRIAGE STATUS Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐
6. DATE OF BIRTH 8-12-1899
7. AGE (In years last birthday) 68
8. IF UNDER 1 YEAR 9. IF UNDER 24 HRS. Months Days Hours Minutes
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Refred. Dept. 10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Texas Co.
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Arkansas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA
13. FATHER'S NAME Minus Morton 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Eudora Sims
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) Yes WW I 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 454-10-6470
17. INFORMANT Jack R. Morton

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Acute cardiac failure 1 day
DUE TO (b) Uremia, coronary heart disease 2 yrs
DUE TO (c)
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (a)
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

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 WHILE 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 LOCALITY
20g. STATE
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from May 10 5/15/58 and last saw the deceased alive on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.
22a. SIGNATURE [Signature] 22b. ADDRESS 2102 2nd Precinct Fort Arthur, Tex. 22c. DATE SIGNED 5/20/58
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REBURY, ETC. (Specify) Burial 23b. DATE 5-17-58 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Oak Bluff
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Ft. Neches Texas
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE CLAYTON-THOMPSON [Signature] 3186
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 206 25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 5-21-1958 25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Thelma Bachelder

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
REC'D JUN 11 1958
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

VS-112, REV. 7/58

TX death record - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/67563777/person/410071651110/media/89c90623-335d-4e47-80cf-37e9a1c5625a>

Wife:

MARRIAGE RECORD No. 9

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APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.

IN COUNTY COURT.

I, N. F. Morton, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Marriage License to be issued to
 M. N. F. Morton aged 32 years, whose residence is Alfachi
 State of Okla, and Miss Gurtude Coakle aged 22 years, whose
 residence is Eagletown, State of Okla, and for the purpose of procuring the same, do
 solemnly swear that I have personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that the names, ages and places of residence of said parties are
 truly and correctly set out above; that neither of said parties are disqualified or incapable under the law of entering into the marriage rela-
 tion, nor are they related to each other within the degrees prohibited by law. That I am 52 years of age, and reside at
Alfachi, County of McCurtain, State of Okla
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of June, 1922
N. F. Morton Applicant
N. N. Morris Deputy. F. M. Brooks County Judge.
F. M. Brooks Court Clerk.

I, the undersigned, _____ of _____
 named in the above application as being of the age of _____ years, do hereby consent to _____ marriage to _____
 Dated at _____ Oklahoma, this _____ day of _____, 19____
 _____ Parent or Guardian.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.

IN COUNTY COURT.

To any Person Authorized to Perform and Solemnize the Marriage Ceremony, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. N. F. Morton
 of Alfachi County of McCurtain State of Okla
 aged 32 years, and M. Gurtude Coakle
 of Eagletown County of McCurtain State of Okla
 aged 22 years. And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.
 Witness my hand and official seal, at Idabel, in said County, this 5th day of June, A. D. 1922
A. B. Barrett Deputy. F. M. Brooks County Judge.
A. B. Barrett Deputy. F. M. Brooks Court Clerk.
 Recorded this 5th day of June, 1922
A. B. Barrett Deputy. F. M. Brooks Court Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, McCURTAIN COUNTY.

I, J. D. Ayers, Minister, Methodist
 Name Official Designation Court of Congregation
 of Eagletown in McCurtain County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined
 in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 7th day of June
 A. D. 1922, at Eagletown in McCurtain County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of
Mr. C. A. Graham of Eagletown Okla
 and J. D. Ayers of _____
 My credentials are recorded in Ministers' Credentials Book _____ Page _____ of _____ County, Oklahoma.
 Official Designation J. D. Ayers
 Returned and recorded in Marriage Record No. 9, Page 604, this 19th day of June, 1922
A. B. Barrett Deputy. F. M. Brooks Court Clerk.

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Children:

Buck A. Morton

Services for Buck A. Morton will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Hixson Bros., Pineville, with Dr. Daniel O'Reagan officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Pineville.

Morton, 65, of Ball died at 9:45 a.m. in his residence.

He was district traffic engineer for the state Department of Transportation and Development. He was a native of Port Arthur, Texas, and a member of Tioga First Baptist Church.

Morton was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of the Professional Engineering Society of Louisiana, AARP and the American Legion. He was a Mason and past master of Central Masonic Lodge 442, F&AM, Baton Rouge. He was a member of Curtis T. Hines Lodge 317, F&AM, Tioga. He was also a member of Savage Creek Hunting Club, Verda.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Hay Morton of Ball; two sons, Randal L. Morton of Tioga and Richard A. Morton of DeRidder; one daughter, Ronda P. Morton Lee of Anacoco; two brothers, Jack Morton of Baytown,

Texas, and Billy David Morton of Bronson, Texas, and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. until time of services Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Masonic Home for Children, 5800 Masonic Drive, Alexandria, La. 71301.

Obituary of son Buck Arthur Morton – “Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Sunday 1 Dec 1991 p 14

Siblings:

Mrs. B. B. Owen was called to Gurdon this morning on account of the death of her brother, Oliver Moseley. He was an engineer for the Missouri Pacific Lines and was killed by a train.

Death of his brother-in-law Oliver Moseley, the husband of his sister Mary Ann Morton – “Camden (AR) News” Tuesday 18 May 1937 p 2

ARKANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. **02** '69 011653

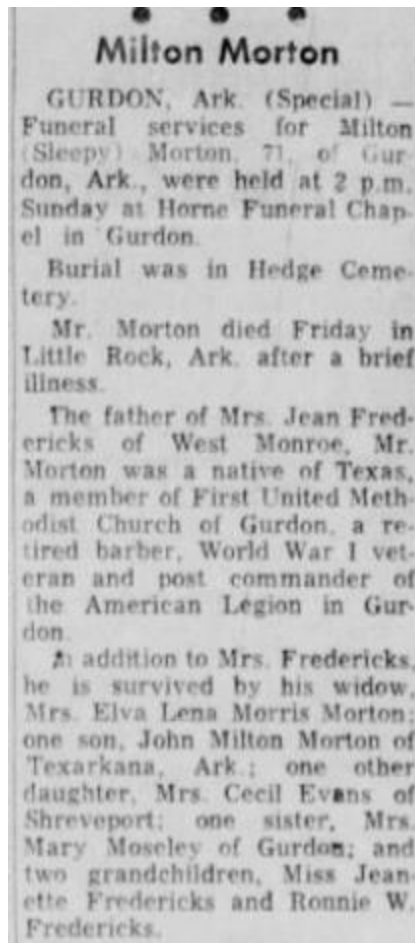
Certificate Number 372		1. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY Pulaski AUG 11 1969		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, res. before adm.) A. STATE Arkansas Clark	
		B. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Little Rock		C. INSIDE CITY LIMITS YES ☒ NO ☐	
		D. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Ark. Baptist Hospital		E. STREET ADDRESS 207 East Walnut	
		3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) Granville Milton Morton		4. DATE OF DEATH MONTH 7 DAY 25 YEAR 1969 3:20P.	
5. SEX Male		6. COLOR OR RACE White		7. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 431-01-7700	
8. DATE OF BIRTH 8-4-1897		9. AGE (IN YRS. LAST BIRTHDAY) 71		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR MONTH 11 DAY 21	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Texas		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.			
13. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐		14. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) Elva Lena Morris Morton			
15. FATHER — NAME M.G. Morton		16. MOTHER — MAIDEN NAME Dora Sims			
17. INFORMANT — NAME Mrs. Milton Morton		MAILING ADDRESS (Street or R.F.D. No., City or Town, State, ZIP) 207 East Walnut, Gurdon, Ark. 71743			
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), AND (C))					
18. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) Acute Respiratory failure 492X (B) Pulmonary Emphysema + Fibrosis (C) _____					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (A)					
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY) _____ DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) _____ HOUR _____					
HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18) _____					
INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO) _____ PLACE OF INJURY (AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. SPECIFY) _____ LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. No., CITY OR TOWN, STATE) _____					
CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: I ATTENDED THE DECEASED TO _____ DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 8-8-69					
CERTIFICATION—MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, IN MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.					
SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER: Dr. John D. McCracken DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 8-8-69					
MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER: 5512 W. Markham Little Rock Ark. STATE _____ ZIP _____					
BURIAL—CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) Burial CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME Rose Hedge LOCATION Gurdon, Ark.					
DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 7-27-1969 FUNERAL DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. No., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) Horne Funeral Home P.O. Home Gurdon, Ark. 71743					
26. EMBALMER—SIGNATURE (If body embalmed) A.G. Horne LICENSE NUMBER 1028 27. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 8-11-69 28. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Elvorne J. ... DEPUTY ...					

CERTIFICATE NOT LEGAL UNLESS IT BEARS STATE SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF STATE REGISTRAR

CERTIFICATE NOT LEGAL UNLESS IT BEARS BLACK INK — THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

AR death record of brother Granville Milton Morton -

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Obituary of brother Granville Milton Morton – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Monday 28 Jul 1969 p 31

Name: William Farmer Morton

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,603

Entered service from: Gurdon, Clark AR

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: W. Farmer Morton

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father M.G. Morton, Gurdon AR

Returned from war on: “Santa Paula” May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William F. Morton

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Minas G. Morton, Gurdon AR (wagoner, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Farmer Morton (indexed as Martin) - b. 12 Aug 1889 Wild Cherry, Fulton AR; res: Bismark (later Wright City), McCurtain OK. Single. Log scaler, Choctaw Lumber Co., Bismark OK. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Farmer Morton - b. 12 Aug 1889 Wild Cherry AR; res: 321 E. 17th St., Port Arthur, Jefferson TX. NOK Mrs. Gertrude Morton, same address.

Employed by The Texas Co., Port Arthur, Jefferson TX. Card signed W.F. Morton. Height: 5'11" – 215 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 12 Aug 1889 Wild Cherry, Fulton AR

Died: 15 May 1958 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX

Find A Grave record: 48254178 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Port Neches, Jefferson TX

Cemetery: Oak Bluff Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Minas Granville Morton [also found as Minus], 28 May 1863 Murfreesboro, Rutherford TN – 10 Apr 1944 Gurdon, Clark AR. Son of Joseph W. Morton & Francis (Fannie/Fannie) McCoy.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Eudora ("Dora") Sims Morton, Nov 1871 Bethel TN - Alive in 1940 census, living in Gurdon, Clark AR with husband Minus.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1889

Spouse: Gertrude Lillian ("Gertie") Cockrell Morton, 19 May 1900 AR – 10 Nov 1990 Broken Bow, McCurtain OK. Daughter of Benjamin Lee Cockrell & Willie Louise Loyd. Buried in Eagletown Cemetery, Eagletown, McCurtain OK.

Spouse Find A Grave: 122632558

Marriage: 7 Jun 1922 McCurtain Co. OK

Children:

- Jack Allen Morton, 4 Jun 1923 New Hope, Boone AR – 1 Dec 2004 Baytown, Harris TX. Civil engineer. Graduate of the U of Colorado (Boulder) in 1954. Buried in Earthman Memorial Gardens, Baytown, Harris TX. F: 11189029
- Buck Arthur Morton, 26 Feb 1926 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX – 30 Nov 1991 Rapides Parish LA. Husband of Bettie Ramola Hay (1928-2011, F: 7431216). Buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park & Mausoleum, Prineville, Rapides Parish LA. F: 143322563
- Billy David Morton, 5 Nov 1929 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX – 2 Oct 2001 Hemphill, Sabine TX. SSN 456-34-4295. Married 6 Jul 1962 in Jefferson Co. TX to Gayle Ann Spencer (1938-2004, F: 134798437). Buried in Hebron Cemetery, San Augustine Co. TX. F: 134798741

Siblings:

- Mary Ann Morton Moseley, 4 May 1892 Okolona, Clark AR - Married 27 May 1910 in Clark Co. AR to Oliver Clinton Moseley (1887-1937). Oliver was killed by a train (scalded by steam) in May 1937. He was buried in Gurdon AR.
- Granville Milton Morton, 4 Aug 1897 Ennis, Ellis TX – 25 Jul 1969 Gurdon, Clark AR. Also found as Milton Granville Morton. Married Mae Lorena Hughes Morton Krakos (1899-1985) on 5 Mar 1916 in Clark Co. AR. They had 2 children (born 1918 & 1926). Divorced 3 Mar 1936 in Clark Co. AR. – Married Willie Hazel Hicks (1906-1984) on 2 Jun 1940 in Clark Co. AR. Their son was born in 1941. Divorced 26 Jun 1950 in Clark Co. AR. – Married Elva Lena Morris (1912-1995). Buried in Rose Hedge Cemetery, Gurdon, Clark AR but not on Find A Grave as of 18 Mar 2022.
- Clifton Charles Morton, 17 May 1898 Dallas, Dallas TX – 19 Jan 1948 Little Rock, Pulaski AR. Married 12 Mar 1921 in Yell Co. AR to Rose E. Burnett (1898-1957). Buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Little Rock, Pulaski AR.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Terre Noire, Clark AR

G.M. Morton, 37 TN, May 1863, parents b. TN, married 11 years, farmer
 Eudora, 25 VA, Nov 1871, father b. TN, mother b. VA, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living
 F. William, 10 AR, Aug 1889, farm laborer
 A. Mary, 7 AR, Aug 1892
 Milton, 3 TX, Aug 1896
 C. Charlie, 2 TX, WHEN?

1930 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX – 321 – 17th St. – conducted 8 Apr 1930

Wm. F. Morton, 40 AR, parents b. TN, laborer, oil refinery, WWI veteran
 Gertrude, 28 AR, parents b. AR
 Jack A., 6 AR
 Buck A., 4 years 2 months TX
 Billie D., 6 months TX

1940 Port Arthur, Jefferson TX – 321 – 17th St. – same house in 1935

William F. Morton, 50 AR, operator, oil refinery

Gertrude, 39 AR

Jack Allen, 16 AR, delivery boy, news office

Buck Arthur, 14 TX, delivery boy, news office

Billy David, 10 TSX