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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 decorative flourishes. The text is set against a solid red rectangular background.

McFarland, Harold Glenn
1893 IL – 1965 CA



Harold Glenn McFarland –
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27644964/person/5039280658/media/19bb9019-8a72-444e-8d9a-cd320d19557f>

Wife:



Wife Nellie Celeste McFarland McFarland, his brother Charles's widow –
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**McFARLAND-McFARLAND—Harold S.
McFarland, 30, and Nellie C. McFar-
land, 27, both of Taft.**

Marriage license for Harold Glenn McFarland & Nellie C. Wright McFarland – “Bakersfield (CA) Californian” Wednesday 4 Jun 1924 p 4



Find A Grave 73964713 for Nellie & 1st husband Charles in Rush Cemetery IL



And for Nellie with Harold in Chandler OK – Find A Grave 65252572

MCFARLAND HAROLD GLEN		XC22393090	
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513 North St Taft Calif		K 78 318	
Sa 250 580	Died 1/19/65	A 2 405 818	
Born 9/30/93		T 2 664 165	
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1923
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Charlie's Death

10 Jan 1923 • Taft Oil Fields, Kern, California

Charles McFarland died in an oil well explosion and fire. Nellie had waited all night for him to come home, and was told of his death by Glen and Earl McFarland, his older brothers, in the morning.

1924
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Marriage

3 Jun 1924 • Bakersfield, Kern, California, USA

Over a year after his brother Charley's death, Glen rescued his sister-in-law and his niece saying "Aw, lets go to Bakersfield an get married!" They did, and he wen't from Nellie's Brother-in-Law to her Husband, and from Marilyn's Uncle to her Dad.



Harold Glen McFarland
(1893-1965)

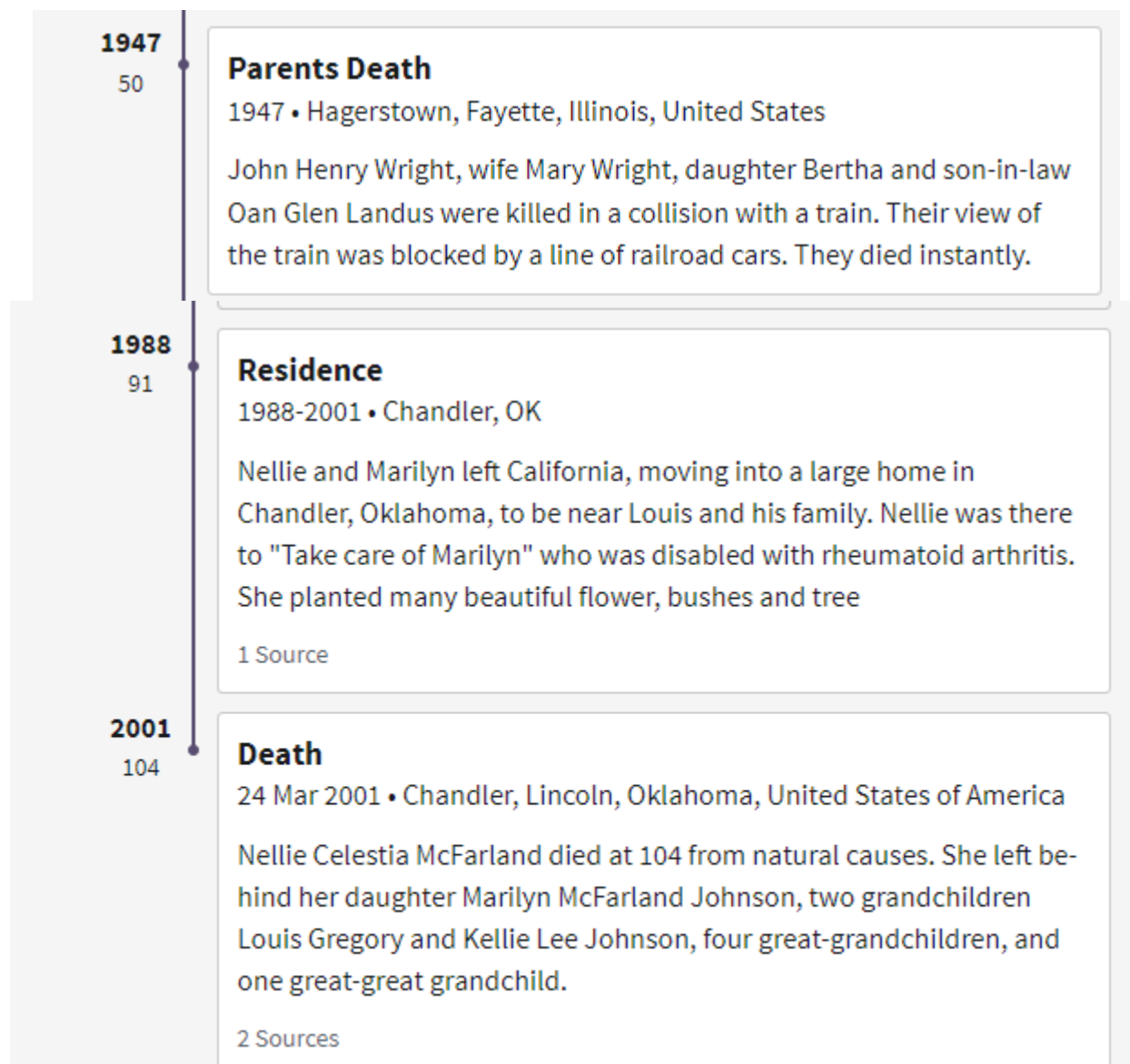
1930
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Residence

1930 • Taft, Township 7, Kern, California

Glen worker in the Taft oil fields, Nellie was a homemaker. She won awards in State Fairs for her cakes and pies, made clothes, did tatting, and grew wonderful flowers.

1 Source



excerpts from Ancestry.com family tree produced by Kellie Johnson Adams -
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/20586755/person/967342698/facts>

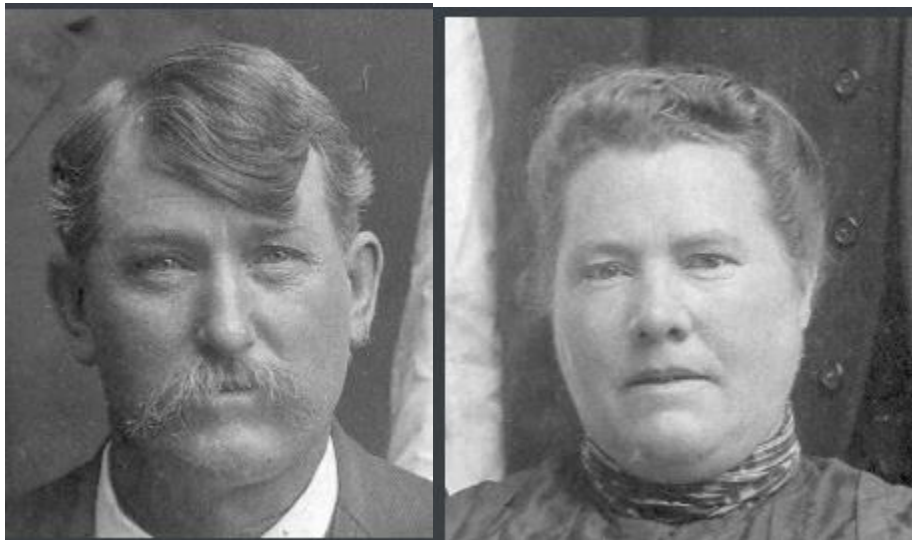
Stepdaughter:



Stepdaughter Marilyn Jane McFarland Johnson –

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/20586755/person/967206561/media/3df2009f-6d60-4696-bba1-068a9bbf45af>

Parents:



Left: Father James Leonard McFarland (1854-1906), <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27644964/person/5039275034/media/5c2ddd63-381c-426e-855f-1b70af001270J> - right: mother Martha Jane Elmore McFarland (1859-1916), <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27644964/person/5039275651/media/311cecd2-6ed7-497f-9470-e96d0d0619c6>

Siblings:

Explosion of Oil Well Instantly Kills Worker

(By Associated Press Leased Wire)

TAFT, Cal., Jan. 10.—By the explosion of flowing well No. 6 of the Honolulu lease this evening, Charles McFarland was instantly killed, Jack Wilson and J. Kruger were seriously injured, while Ben White, R. M. O'Dell, foreman; H. Wegis, O. L. Melton and I. E. Clutter were slightly injured.

The men were engaged in re-drilling the well and the presumption is that they struck a gas pocket, whereupon the mine caught fire through short circuiting.

The body of McFarland was taken to undertaking parlors and the seriously injured men were taken to the Jefferson Hospital, where they remain in a precarious condition. The men slightly injured were treated and sent to their homes.

Death in oil well explosion of brother Charles Monroe McFarland – “San Bernardino (CA) County Sun” Thursday 11 Jan 1923 p 2



Charles Monroe McFarland (1897-1923) –

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27644964/person/5039281381/media/31684e14-fb27-43b8-a87c-90e0a7e83bf6>



The gas was ignited from friction caused from rock blown from the hole under the tremendous pressure. The explosion, felt as far away as Taft, wrecked the derrick. A huge, black column of smoke to-day is rising high into the air, while the flames extend upward for 100 feet.

The men seriously injured are Jack Wilson and J. Kruger. R. N. O'Dell, foreman, was slightly injured as were Ben White, H. Wegis, O. L. Melton and L. E. Cutter.

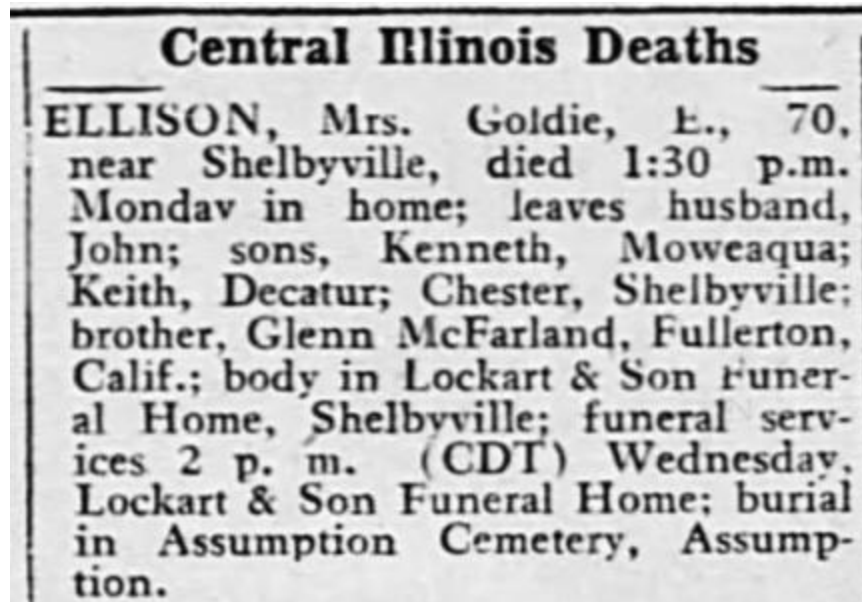
The well, brough in six months ago, had been flowing about 500 barrels daily, but recently had clogged. The well crew was engaged last night in placing a packer in the hole when the explosion came.

McFarland was 30 years of age. He leaves a wife and 3 year old daughter residing in Taft.

"Fresno (CA) Bee" Thursday 11 Jan 1923 p 7

MCFARLAND, William S., 73, near Vandalia, died Monday night in Fayette County Hospital, Vandalia; leaves wife, Elva; daughter, Mrs. Hazel Neathery, Springfield; son, Floyd, Vandalia, brother, Glen, Fullerton, Calif. sister, Mrs. Goldie Ellison, Shelbyville; services 2 p.m. (CST) Thursday in Second Baptist Church, Vandalia; burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Van Burensburg; Beery & Hohlt Funeral Home, Vandalia, in charge.

Obituary of brother William S. McFarland – "Decatur (IL) Herald & Review" Wednesday 27 Jun 1956 p 20



Obituary of sister Goldie McFarland Ellison – “Decatur (IL) Herald” Wednesday 22 Aug 1956 p 20

Name: Harold Glenn McFarland

Name variations: Glen McFarland, Glenn McFarland, Harold Glynn McFarland

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,580

Entered service from: Vandalia, Fayette IL

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Harold G. McFarland

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: brother W.S. Mc Farland, Rte 4, Vandalia IL

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Harold G. McFarland

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother William S. Mc Farland, RFD 4, Vandalia IL (pvt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Harold Glynn McFarland on top line but signed Glenn - b. 30 Sep 1893 Vandalia IL; res: Vandalia IL; registered Kern Co. CA. Single. Engineer, General Pipe Line Corp., Lost Hills, Belridge CA.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Harold Glenn McFarland - b. 30 Sep 1893 Fayette Co. IL; res: Central Ave, NW of Brea, Orange CA. Mailing address: Rte 1, Box 433-A, Fullerton CA. NOK Mrs. Nellie McFarland, same address. Employed by General Petroleum Corp., Higgins Bldg., Los Angeles CA; Brea Pipe Line Station, Brea, Orange CA.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Harold Glen McFarland

Enlisted: 1 Nov 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: 513 North St., Taft CA

Rank/unit: private, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 30 Sep 1893 Vandalia, Fayette IL

Died: 19 Jan 1965 Fullerton, Orange Co. CA

Find A Grave record: 130587903 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Anaheim, Orange CA

Cemetery: Melrose Abbey Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: James Leonard McFarland, 24 Feb 1854 IL – 21 Jul 1906 Sharon township, Fayette Co. IL.

Son of Robert Jasper McFarland & Martha Rush. Buried in Rush Cemetery, Bingham, Fayette IL.

Find A Grave: 73964840

Mother: Martha Jane Elmore McFarland, 29 Jun 1859 IL – 29 Jan 1916 Shafter, Fayette IL. Daughter of Lawrence Elmore & Sabra Charlotte Elam. Buried in Rush Cemetery, Bingham, Fayette IL.

Find A Grave: 73964993

Parents' marriage: 3 Apr 1879 Fayette Co. IL

Spouse: Nellie Celeste Wright McFarland McFarland, 23 Mar 1897 Fayette Co. IL – 24 Mar 2001 Chandler, Lincoln OK. Daughter of John Henry Wright (1871-1947, F: 33907696) & Mary Jane Moats (1864-1947, F: 33907772).

First married to Harold's youngest brother, Charles Monroe McFarland. They married 4 Dec 1918 in Sharon township, Bear Grove town IL. After Charles's death in 1923, Nellie married Harold & he raised Marilyn, the daughter of Charles & Nellie, as his daughter. – In 1947, Nellie's father, mother, sister Bertha (F: 33907173) & Bertha's husband Ona Glen Landers were killed in a car accident. - Buried in Oak Park Cemetery, Chandler, Lincoln NE according to 65252572 or sharing a tombstone with Charles (death date not inscribed & likely not buried there) in Rush Cemetery, Bingham, Fayette IL, at 73964713.

Spouse Find A Grave: 65252572 (OK) & 73964713 (IL)

Marriage: 3 Jun 1924 Bakersfield, Kent CA.

Stepdaughter:

- Marilyn Jane McFarland Johnson, 21 Sep 1919 Taft, Kern CA – 17 Jan 2002 Chandler, Lincoln OK. SSN 556-24-2931. The daughter of Harold's youngest brother Charles & his wife, Nellie Wright. Following Charles's death, Harold married Nellie. – Wife of Louis Gault Johnson (23 Apr 1918 Atlanta GA – 23 May 1988 Los Angeles Co. CA , buried in Chandler, Lincoln OK, F: 22604876, SSN 573-01-6973). Son of Louis Raub Johnson & Sara Bessie Gault. Social Security noted a surname change to Johnson in Apr 1942. – Louis's Find A Grave record (entered under Gault, not Johnson) notes he shares his tombstone with Marilyn Jane Gault, Jane McFarland, Nellie Celeste Wright & Harold Glenn – surnames missing).

Siblings: Harold was the 4th of the children listed.

- Emerald McFarland, 18 Jun 1880 IL – 1 Jul 1880 Fayette Co. IL. Died at age 13 days. His Find A Grave record identifies him as the son of James & Martha. Ancestry.com family trees list Emerald as a female. Buried in Rush Cemetery, Bingham, Fayette IL. F: 73974518

- William Sylvester McFarland, 8 Feb 1883 Fayette Co. IL – 25 Jun 1956. Husband of Elva Clara Himes (1885-1971, F: 40172817) whom he married in 1905. Buried in Green Hill Cemetery, Van Burensburg, Montgomery IL. F: 40172824
- Goldie Edith McFarland Ellison, 16 Aug 1886 Fayette Co. IL – 20 Aug 1956 Christian Co. IL. Wife of John William Ellison (1885-1959, F: 72514707). Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption, Christian IL. F: 72514688
- Clyde Earl McFarland, 6 Mar 1889 – 2 Jun 1956 Kern Co. CA. Husband of Mabel Louise Walker (1892-1994, F: 130955360). Buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Bakersfield, Kern CA. F: 130955328
- Charles Monroe McFarland, 27 Jul 1897 Fayette Co. IL – 10 Jan 1923 Taft, Kern Co. CA. Burned to death in a gas well explosion near Los Angeles CA. He had married Nellie Celeste Wright in Vandalia, Fayette IL on 4 Dec 1918. They had a daughter, Marilyn Jane. After Charles's death, Nellie married his brother Harold. Charles is buried in Rush Cemetery, Bingham, Fayette IL. F: 33940697

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Thursday 20 Sep 1917 p 18 – drafted to report on 25 Sep 1917 include Harold G. McFarland of G.P.L., Belridge CA.

"Bakersfield (CA) Morning Echo" Tuesday 9 Oct 1917 p 8 – among the additional men called for selective military service , in Kern Co. CA Division No. 2: Harold G. McFarland, Belridge CA.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 563-09-3484

Censuses:

1900 Sharon, Fayette IL

James L. McFarland, 46 IL, Feb 1854, father b. KY, mother b. IL, married 21 years, farmer
Martha J., 39 IL, Jun 1860, father b. IL, mother b. TN, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living
Sylvester, 17 IL, Feb 1883, farmer

Goldie E., 12 IL, Aug 1887

Clyde E., 11 IL, Mar 1889

Harold G., 5 IL, Sep 1894

Charles M., 1 IL, Jun 1898

1920 Sharon, Fayette IL

Indexed as Ina, but looks at Mat [Marttha] McFarland, 50 IL, widow, parents b. IL, gave birth to 8 children, 5 are living

Glen, 16 IL, farmer, general farm

Charlie, 12 IL

& mother Sabra Browning, 74 IL, widow, parents b. IL

1930 Township 7, Kern Co. CA

Harold G. McFarland, 36 IL, parents b. IL, age 30 at 1st marriage, stationary engineer, petroleum transportation, WWI veteran

Nellie C., 33 IL, parents b. IL [wife]

Marilyn, 10 CA [daughter – i.e. stepdaughter]

1940 Kern Co. CA – 309 Woodrow – in 1935 in Taft, Kern CA.

Harold McFarland, 46 IL, engineer, oil pipe line

Nellie, 43 state left blank [wife]

Marilyn, 12 state left blank [daughter – i.e. stepdaughter]