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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Owens, Ben Verner****1888 MO – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Ben Verner Owens

From the Zybach-Owens American Legion Post No.56 website - Canadian TX -
<https://centennial.legion.org/texas/post56/gallery/zybach-owens>

OWENS BEN VERNER		Xc	12 198
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ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Owens, Ben V.		Pvt	39 Co 165 Dep Brig Camp Travis Det #2	Feb 5/18

Ben V Owens, "United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919"

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K9J7-W?cc=2996059&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPH4-HYB2>

Ben Verner Owens

Military • Minnesota, World War I Records, 1918-1941

Name	Ben Verner Owens
Enlistment Date	9 Dec 1917
Birth Date	2 Jun 1888
Birthplace	West Plains, Howell, MO
Military Service Branch	Army
Military Unit	39th Co 165th D B
Father's Name	William H Owens
Father's Sex	Male
Father's Birthplace	Sumerset, KY
Mother's Name	Fannie Louise Lewis
Mother's Sex	Female
Mother's Birthplace	Trenton Clinton Co Ills.
Spouse's Name	Mable Widstrum
Spouse's Birthplace	Minneapolis, Minn
Event Type	Military Service
Event Place	Canadian, Hemphill, Texas, United States
Event Place (Original)	Canadian, Hemphill, Texas

Nephew of Winfield Man Lost on Tuscania.

Ben V. Owens of Canadian, Texas, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lewis of College Hill, is among those in the casualty list of the transport Tuscania which sunk off the coast of Ireland last week. Mr. Owens was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Owens of Canadian who have visited at the Lewis home several times and besides his parents is survived by a wife and one child.

"Winfield (KS) Courier" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 3

CANADIAN BOY IS TUSCANIA VICTIM

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Adjutant General McCain has announced that through finger proof identification it is now known positively that Ben V. Owens of Canadian, Texas, was one of the men lost with the Tuscania.

Identified by his fingerprints – "Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Monday 1 Apr 1918 p 3

Victim of Torpedoed Troop Ship Tuscania; Funeral Tomorrow

Body of Private Owens Brought
From Overseas for Final
Burial in City.

Victim of the Tuscania disaster on February 5, 1918, when a German submarine torpedoed the troop ship off the North Coast of Ireland, the body of Benjamin V. Owens of the 165th depot brigade, for two years interred in Islay, Scotland, arrived in Minneapolis yesterday to find its last resting place, the first Tuscania victim to be brought to this city.

His widow, Mrs. Mabel Owens, now living at 1307 Fourth street southeast, last night told of her husband's enlistment at Canadian, Texas, in the early part of the war, of his assignment to a depot brigade, and then of his embarkation.

For a time Mr. and Mrs. Owens lived in Minneapolis before her husband's enlistment in Texas. Recently Mrs. Owens has been residing at Cokato, Minn.

Funeral services for Private Owens will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the undertaking rooms of J. M. Gleason company at 111 Ninth street south. Burial will be with full military honors at Crystal Lake cemetery, with a detachment from Fort Snelling to fire a volley over the grave and to sound taps.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Owens, parents of the submarine victim, will be here for the funeral. They are scheduled to arrive here from their home in Canadian, Texas, today. Besides his parents and his widow, Private Owens is survived by a brother, Walter, and a sister, Mrs. Mabel Waterfield.

Owens was 29 years old.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Wednesday 1 Sep 1920 p 1

CANADIAN

Zybach-Owens Post 56 was organized on September 2, 1919. The charter was issued August 1, 1920.

The post was named for Arthur Zybach and Ben Verner Owens, two Hemphill county boys who lost their lives while in the service of their country during the World war.

Arthur Zybach enlisted at Camp Travis, September 1, 1917, sailed for France on the Tuscania, which was torpedoed and sunk off coast of Scotland on this trip. Arthur Zybach was rescued from the disaster but was later twice wounded in the Meuse-Argonne drive, and was killed in action on November 3, 1918, a German shell having detonated just beside him. His remains are buried in France.

Ben Verner Owen enlisted September 2, 1917, left Camp Travis for Hoboken, New Jersey, from which port he sailed for France on the Tuscania on the same trip that Arthur Zybach sailed. Private Owens lost his life in this disaster. His body was washed up on the shore at Islay, Scotland, on Feb. 6, 1918. The body was first buried at Port Shorlet, Feb. 9, 1918, but was later exhumed and returned to the United States and buried with full mili-

tary honors at Crystal Lake cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn., October 12, 1920.

Charter members of the post are as follows: Albert J. Adams, Dempsey Adams, R. B. Anderson, T. W. Carver, Will Crow, Miss Lula T. G. Dawson, Nelms Finsh, Edward C. Fisher, Hercl E. Fletcher, Robert Graham, C. S. Haynie, John Humphrey, Thomas P. Keane, Louis Kendall, A. W. Luther, Robert C. Moore, Ivy Morris, R. J. Morris, Carl Myers, Ira Nash, Herbert Nelson, E. L. Nims, G. R. Nolen, S. A. Nolen, E. J. Pickens, F. C. Quarrels, Miss Hattie Rathjen, Harold B. Reed, Earl E. Rhea, Alva J. Shaller, Floyd L. Sloan, Dr. E. H. Snyder, Paul Spiller, Carl A. Studer, John Studer, Oscar B. Studer, Dr. F. D. Teas, M. C. Thomas, Fred Lee Wilson, Will T. Winslow, Kenneth M. Young and R. L. Zellman.

Of these charter members the following are still members of this post although a few of them have been out a year or so in between. T. W. Carver, Will Crow, E. C. Fisher, G. R. Nolen, S. A. Nolen, E. J. Pickens, H. B. Reed, Dr. E. H. Snyder, C. A. Studer, O. B. Studer, Dr. F. D. Teas and K. M. Young.

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"Pampa (TX) Daily News" Friday 20 May 1938 p 18

Wife:



Mabel Widstrom Owens Nelson –
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Mrs. Mabel W. Nelson

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel W. Nelson, 63, of 3609 Cottonwood, who died at her home Thursday night, will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. S. K. Johnson. The body will be at the church from 1 p.m. until time for the services. Burial will be in Seaside Memorial Park.

Mrs. Nelson had been a resident of Corpus Christi for the past 17 years. She was a charter member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harry G. Nelson; a son, Bruce L. Nelson, and a daughter, Frances L. Nelson, all of Corpus Christi; a brother, Edward Widstrom of Cakota, Minn., and two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Potter of Tempe, Ariz., and Mrs. Hazel Zimmerman of Larchmont, N. Y.

Cage-Mills Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

"Corpus Christi (TX) Caller" Saturday 28 Nov 1953 p 26

198-1001-178730 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 4640 46
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO. 37973

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Nueces		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Nueces	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Corpus Christi		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Corpus Christi	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION 3609 Cottonwood		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 3609 Cottonwood	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) Mabel b. (Middle) W. c. (Last) Nelson		4. DATE OF DEATH November 26, 1953	
5. SEX Female	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married	8. DATE OF BIRTH June 26, 1890
9. AGE 63		10. YEARS 5	11. MONTHS 0
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	
12. FATHER'S NAME Unknown		13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Unknown	
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) Unknown		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. Unknown	
16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE Bruce L. Nelson		17. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) Cerebral Embolism	
18. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Cerebral Embolism ANTECEDENT CAUSES DUE TO (b) Phlebitis DUE TO (c) II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH Immediate	
19a. DATE OF OPERATION None		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)		20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	
20c. (CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO., VITAL CENSUS STATISTICS)		20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐	
20e. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?		20f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 2:00 PM , 19 53 , to 11:45 , 19 53 , that I last saw the deceased alive on 11-26-53 , 19 53 , and that death occurred at 10:45 PM , from the causes and on the date stated above.			
22a. SIGNATURE Walter Furman M.D.		22b. ADDRESS Furman Building - Corpus Christi	
22c. DATE SIGNED		23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial	
23b. DATE November 29, 1953		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Seaside Memorial Park	
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Corpus Christi		23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Cage-Mills Funeral Home by: [Signature]	
23f. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 784		23g. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 11/30/53	
23h. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE G. Towler		23i. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

TX death record of Mabel Widstrom Owens Nelson -

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Daughter

CORNELIUS, Marguerite K., 83, of New Brighton, died Jan. 8. Gabauer Funeral Home, Rochester.

Daughter Marguerite Kathleen Owens Cornelius - "Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette" Tuesday 11 Jan 1994 p 38

WILLIAMS.
CANADIAN—Mrs. Earl Cornelius and daughter, Joan, of Globe, Ariz., are visiting Mrs. W. W. Owens and Mrs. Mabel Teas here. Mrs. Cornelius is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Owens. She is the daughter of Ben Owens, one of Hemphill county's casualties in World War 1.

"Pampa (TX) Daily News" Monday 13 Jul 1942 p 5

Affidavit for Marriage License

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Earl Samuel Cornelius
and Marguerite Kathleen Owens.

FOR A LICENSE TO MARRY

(MALE)

STATE OF ARIZONA,
County of Gilg) ss.

Earl Samuel Cornelius, being first duly sworn upon his oath,
does declare, depose and certify: That Earl Samuel Cornelius
(First Name in Full)

is his true name; that his age is 23 years; that he is a resident of
(Last Birthday)

Hayden - 4 Co. Co.; that he is of the
(Town, County and State)

Can. race; and that he is not related to
(Caucasian, Mongolian, Negro or Indian)

Marguerite Kathleen Owens.
(Name of Female)

Earl Samuel Cornelius
21 day of March A. D. 1928
Subscribed and sworn to before me this

W. WENTWORTH

Clerk Superior Court

By

V. L. Wenter

Deputy Clerk

(FEMALE)

STATE OF ARIZONA,)
County of Gila, ss.

Marguerite Kathleen Owens, being first duly sworn upon her oath,
does declare, depose and certify: That *Marguerite Kathleen Owens*
(First Name in Full)

is her true name; that her age is *18-* years; that she is a resident of
(Last Birthdate)
Hayden - Gila Co.; that she is of the
(Town, County and State)

Cau race; and that she is not related to
(Caucasian, Mongolian, Negro or Indian)

Carl Samuel Cornelius.
(Name of Male)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21* day of *March* A. D. 192*8*

Marguerite Kathleen Owens

J. W. WENTWORTH
Clerk Superior Court
By *B. L. Wentworth*
Deputy Clerk

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Mother:

Pioneer Woman Dies at Canadian

CANADIAN, Jan. 4 (Special)—Mrs. Fannie Louise Owens, 87 years old, who took part in the Oklahoma land rush of 1892, died here about 1 o'clock this afternoon, after a long illness.

Funeral services for the pioneer woman, whose wanderings took her through much of the old Southwest, remain incomplete at Stickley Funeral Home.

Born in Trenton, Ill., in 1860, Mrs. Owens went to Kansas as an infant. There she married the late William Washington Owens in 1879 and went with him to Colorado, where he became associated in the cattle business with Robert Moody.

The couple came to Hansford county in 1881, when Mr. Owens established his own cattle business. In 1887 they returned to Missouri and in 1892 migrated westward again to participate in the opening of the Indian Territory of Oklahoma in 1892.

Mrs. Owens and her husband came to Canadian in 1896, when the couple then opened the old Fay House, one of the earliest hotels in the Texas Panhandle. Later, they also established the first telephone exchange in Canadian.

After her husband's death in 1928, Mrs. Owens went to central Texas, where she operated another hotel, but returned shortly afterwards to open a tea room in Canadian. She maintained this venture until 1939.

Mrs. Owens was a member of the Methodist Church and was active in community and church work until ill health compelled her semi-retirement. She was a member of the CCC Club, one of the oldest here. She suffered a hip injury in 1946 and a similar injury, from which she never completely recovered, in 1947.

Two of Mrs. Owens' sons died in infancy and a third, Ben Owens, was killed in the sinking of the liner Tuscania in World War I.

Surviving the pioneer woman are a daughter, Mrs. F. D. Tees of Canadian; another son, Walter Owens of South Bend; two grandchildren, Bruce Waterfield of Canadian and Mrs. Earl Cornelius of Pennsylvania; and three great-grandchildren.

“Amarillo (TX) Daily News” Monday 5 Jan 1948 p 10

Name: Ben Verner Owens

Name variations: Benjamin (1900 census) – Benjamin (1920 obituary)

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 39th Co. - private

Serial number: US enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Ben died without one

Entered service from: Canadian, Hemphill TX

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Ben V. Owens

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Fannie L. Owens, Canadian TX

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 44, as Ben O. Owens

Body returned from war on: Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920

Body listed as: Ben V. Owens

Rank on return ship: pvt, Casual Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as Beb Verner Owens - b. 2 Jun 1888 West Plains MO; res: 212 – 9th St. S., Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. Married. Dependent wife. Rooming house proprietor, for self, at 212 – 9th St. S., Minneapolis MN. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Born: not listed

Enlisted: not listed

Discharged: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Canadian TX

Rank/unit: private, 165th Depot Brigade, 39th Co.

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jun 1888 West Plains, Howell MO

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Ben has two Find A Grave records

Find A Grave: 130157256 – grave – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Crystal Lake

Tombstone:

Find A Grave 120912224 (cenotaph) – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Victory Memorial Drive

Tombstone: 33rd Co., 165th Depot Brigade

Father: William Washington Owens, 3 Jul 1856 KY – 24 Dec 1928 Glen Rose, Somerwell TX. Pioneer cattleman & hotel operator in the TX Panhandle. Came to the Canadian TX area in the 1870s with Robert Moody from CO, where they had been partners in the cattle business. He later moved to Roger Mills OK where he became the 1st county treasurer (in 1892). Buried in Edith Ford Memorial Cemeteries, Canadian, Hemphill TX.

Find A Grave: 65361828

Mother: Fannie Louise Lewis Owens, 3 Jun 1860 Trenton, Clinton IL – 4 Jan 1948 Canadian, Hemphill TX. Daughter of Alva & Mahalia Ann Owens. After their marriage, William & Fannie moved near Pueblo CO, where William was in the cattle business with partner Robert Moody Sr. They moved to Hansford Co. T in 1883. In 1878 they moved to West Plains MO. In 1892 William “made the run” from Woodward to Cheyenne in 1892, while Fannie & their 3 children (Mabel, Walter, Ben), with an 18-year-old boy to drive the covered wagon, left Stuttgart AR on 1 Nov 1892 & arrived in Cheyenne on 1 Jan 1893. The family returned to Canadian TX in Jan 1896 & purchased the Fay hotel, moving it to the site occupied by the Moody Hotel. It was later called the McIntosh Hotel; it burned in 1904 or 1905. Fannie was its wonderful cook. The family moved to Glenrose TX in 1925, where William died in 1928. She later operated a tea room called the Arcadian in Canadian. Buried in Edith Ford Memorial Cemeteries, Canadian, Hemphill TX.

Find A Grave: 65361487

Parents’ marriage: 1 Mar 1879 at Olathe, Johnson KS

Spouse: Mabel Widstrom Owens Nelson, 26 Jun 1890 Mooers Prairie, Wright MN – 26 Nov 1953 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX.

Daughter of Oscar Alfred Widstrom (1856 MN – 1936 MN, F: 124609176) & Maria Asplund Barnard (who on 26 Nov 1879 had married Charles F. Barnard, 1861 Sweden – 1926 MN, F: 124609204). Baptized 27 Jul 1890 Stockholm Lutheran Church, Stockholm, Wright MN; the church record lists her birth on 25 Jun 1890.

In the 1895 MN census, 1900 federal census & 1905 MN census, Mabel lived in Stockholm, Wright MN. Her older brother was Edvard Alfred (Edward) Widstrom (31 Aug 1885 Cokato, Wright MN – 19 Apr 1964 Mesa, Maricopa AZ, F: 194773778), a resident of Cokato MN when Mabel died in 1953.

In the 1920 census, Mable Owens (28 MN, widow), restaurant waitress, was a lodger with John F. & Grace G. Delaney at 154 Pleasant Ave., St. Paul, Ramsey MN. She said her father was born MN, her mother in Sweden.

She then married Harry G. Nelson (20 Jul 1895 Chicago, Cook IL – 14 Jul 1969 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, F: 79460075), with whom she had a son Bruce L. Nelson & a daughter Frances L. Nelson. Harry’s birthname was Hjalmar Gotthard Nelson. Harry was the son of Louis Nelson & Thilda Halberg.

In the 1925 NY state census, Mable Nelson (34) lived with husband Harry (31) in New Rochelle NY. In the 1940 census for Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, Harry H. Nelson (44 IL, plumber) lived with wife Mabel (49 MN), daughter Frances (12 NY) & son Bruce (10 NY). In the 1950 census for Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, Harry G. Nelson (54) lived with wife Mabel (59) & daughter Frances (22).

Mabel & Harry are buried in Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 79464892

Marriage:

Children:

- Marguerite Kathleen Owens Cornelius. 23 Jan 1910 OK – Jan 1994. SSN 527-03-9172. One of Ben’s obituaries says he was survived by a daughter. The obituary of Ben’s mother Fannie mentions her granddaughter, Marguerite Cornelius. –In the 1920 census for Hayden, Gila AZ, Frank B. Lumbley (35 NM) lives with wife Edna (35 TX) & children Helen (7 AZ) & Vernon (4 AZ). Also listed as a daughter is Margaret Owens, 10, father b. MO, mother b. TX. Frank Bates Lumbley (1884-1941) & Edna Artie Dunn Lumbley (1882-1965, F: 60936075). - Married Earl Samuel Cornelius (age 23) when she was 18 years old, in Hayden, Gila Co. AZ on 21 Mar 1928. Earl (SSN 526-01-6674) was born 29 May 1904 in New Brighton, Beaver PA; died 24 Sep 1990. – In the 1940 census for Globe, Gila AZ, Earl Cornelius (35 PA, bookkeeper,

retail hardware) lives with wife Marguerite (30 OK) & daughters Jean (7 TX) & Sue (2 AZ). They had also resided in Globe AZ in 1935. – Daughter Sue Ellen Cornelius, born 14 Mar 1938 Globe, Gila AZ died 8 Jun 1942 of a skull fracture at age 4, incurred in a car accident. – In the 1950 census of New Brighton, Beaver PA, Earl Cornelius (45 PA) was a cost accountant at a steel mill & resided with wife Marguerite (40 OK, saleslady at a dress shop) & daughter Joan (16 TX).

Siblings:

- Male sibling, who died at birth
- Male sibling, who died at age 2
- Mabel Clara Owens Waterfield Teas, 9 Dec 1880 Olathe, Johnson KS – 6 Jan 1967 Canadian, Hemphill TX. Married 1896 to James Bruce Waterfield (1874-1903). Married in 1905 to Dr. Francis Dumont Teas (1870-1940). Buried in Edith Ford Memorial Cemeteries, Canadian, Hemphill TX. F: 58666695
- Walter William Owens, 30 Dec 1882 Ness City, Ness Co. KS – 8 Mar 1959 Canadian, Hemphill TX (at the Hemphill County Memorial Hospital). Lived near Canadian TX since 1896, working on ranches in that area & in SD for many years. Married 14 Dec 1935 in Phoenix, Maricopa AZ to Ellen Little (1890-1978). Buried in Edith Ford Memorial Cemeteries, Canadian, Hemphill TX. F: 65361811

Notes:

Pre-war:

Attended Canadian High School and Canadian Academy (Canadian, Hemphill TX0.

Wartime:

Post-war:

1920 Minneapolis MN city directory

Owens, Mable (widow of Ben V.), waiter, resident of 1307 SE 4th

"Minneapolis Star" 1 Sep 1920 p 3 - funeral for Tuscania casualty Benjamin V. Owens will be held 2 Sep at the J.M. Gleason undertaking parlors, 111 - 9th St. S. His body was interred for 2 years on Islay, Scotland. The body arrived in Minneapolis on 31 Aug. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Mabel Owens, 1307 - 4th St. SE, his parents, brother Walter Owens & sister Mrs. Mabel Waterfield

"Pampa (TX) Daily News" 20 May 1938 p 18 - history of Zybach-Owens American Legion Post 56, named for 2 Tuscania casualties (Arthur R. Zybach the other), Ben enlisted 2 Sep 1917, body washed up on Islay, buried Port Shortlet [sic] 9 Feb 1918, buried with full military honors at Crystal Lake Cemetery, Minneapolis, 12 Oct 1920

"Vernon (TX) Daily Record" 5 Jan 1948 p 10 - obituary of his mother, Fannie Louise Owens, age 87, b. Trenton IL 1860, d. Canadian TX 4 Jan 1948. Came to KS as an infant. Married William Washington Owens 1879 KS. Moved to CO where he had cattle business, then to Hansford Co. in 1881 (cattle business), in 1887 to MO, in 1892 participants in OK land rush opening Indian Territory. Came to Canadian TX 1896, operated Fay House (1 of the earliest Panhandle hotels) & then the 1st

telephone exchange in Canadian. Her husband d. 1928. She went to central TX & operated a hotel but returned shortly to Canadian to run a tea room which she operated until 1939. Two sons died in infancy & 3rd son Ben died on Tuscania, survived by daughter Mrs. F.D. Tees [sic/Teas] (Canadian TX) & son Walter (South Bend IN), William F:65361828, Fannie F: 65361487, Mabel Owens Wakefield Teas F:58666695

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Canadian, Hemphill TX

William M. Owens, 41 KY, Jul 1859, parents b. KY, married 21 years, telephone [sic/telephone] operator

Fannie L., 37 IL, Jun 1863, father b. NY, mother b. IL, gave birth to 5 children, 3 are living

Mabel C., 17 KS, Dec 1881, music teacher

Walter W., 16 KS, Dec 1883, at school

Benjamin V., 12 MO, Jun 1888, at school