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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

Probus, William Cornelius (Sr.)
1890 KY – 1955 KY



William Cornelius Probus is the boy in the white hat, 2nd from right -
https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/11514406/person/-449805353/media/b537de4e-ee22-4663-aed0-e534a3fd9fd0?_phsrc=hFB46134&_phstart=successSource

William C. Probus, Sr., Of Elizabethtown Dies

Special to The Courier-Journal

Elizabethtown, Ky., Sept. 18.
—William C. Probus, Sr., manager of Electric Refrigeration Sales & Service here, died of a heart attack at 10 p.m. yesterday at his home at 405 Park Avenue. He was 65.

Probus was a native of Grayson County. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Probus; a son, William Probus, Jr.; two brothers, Thomas and Arthur Probus, both of Leitchfield, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Carter, Williamsville, Ill., and a granddaughter.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. (C.D.T.) Tuesday at Dixon & Atwood Funeral Home here. Burial will be at Leitchfield.

Obituary of William Cornelius Probus Sr. – “Louisville (KY) Courier Journal” Monday 19 Sep 1955 p

PROBUS, William C., passed away at 10 p.m., September 17, 1955, at his home, 405 Park Ave., Elizabethtown, Ky.; age 65 years; native of Grayson County, and a veteran of World War I. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie (Vertrees) Probus; 1 son, William C., Jr., Elizabethtown; 2 brothers, Thomas and Arthur of Leitchfield, Ky.; 1 sister, Mrs. Lizzie Carter, Williamsville, Ill.; 1 granddaughter, Charlotte. The body will remain at Dixon and Atwood Funeral Home, Elizabethtown. Funeral Tuesday, September 20, at 2:30 D.S.T., in Dixon and Atwood Chapel.

"Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal" Monday 19 Sep 1955 p 11

Form V, 8-1-A		COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY		REC'D NO. 016 55- 17979	
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NATIONAL OFFICE VITAL STATISTICS		Department of Health BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		RECORDING NO. 243	
Registration District No. 640		Primary Registration District No. 2230			
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Hardin</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Kentucky</u> b. COUNTY <u>Hardin</u>			
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Elizabethtown</u>		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Elizabethtown</u>			
d. FULL NAME OF (not in hospital or institution, give street address or HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION) <u>Home</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>405 Park Ave.</u>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <u>WILLIAM</u> b. (Middle) <u>C.</u> c. (Last) <u>PROBUS</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>9-17-1955</u>			
5. SEX <u>Male</u> 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>Married</u>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>3-27-1890</u>		9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>65</u>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, and for retired) <u>Refugee in England (Self)</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Kentucky</u>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>USA</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Anderson, H. Probuss</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Sarah Ann Burnett</u>			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <u>Yes</u> (If yes, give year or dates of service) <u>406-16-6593</u>		17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Lillian M. Probuss (Wife)</u>			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) a. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Acute Coronary Thrombosis</u> b. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION c. INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>Acute</u> *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death. d. DUE TO (b) <u>Diabetes Mellitus since 1952</u> e. DUE TO (c) <u>Diabetes Mellitus since 1952</u>					
19a. DATE OF OPERATION		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION <u>260X - 06 -</u>		20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☐	
21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) <u>Suicide</u>		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg.)		21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)	
21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) <u>10:30 P.M.</u>		21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT ☐ WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐		21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?	
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Jan</u> , 19 <u>55</u> , to <u>9-17</u> , 19 <u>55</u> ; that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>Aug. 10</u> , 19 <u>55</u> , and that death occurred at <u>10:30 P.M.</u> from the causes and on the date stated above.					
23a. DATE SIGNED <u>9-24-55</u>		23b. ADDRESS <u>Elizabethtown, Ky.</u>		23c. SIGNATURE <u>W. S. Pickett</u> (Degree or title)	
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		24b. DATE <u>9/20/1955</u>		24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Hill Cemetery</u>	
24d. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <u>9/26/55</u>		24e. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>WILLIAM S. PICKETT, H.A.</u>		24f. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>W. S. Pickett</u> ADDRESS <u>Elizabethtown, Ky.</u>	

KY death record - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1984832:1222?tid=15677392&pid=29100250920&queryId=89cd288d04dda1c83c9f2e6175798c17&_phsrc=hFB46159&_phstart=successSource

10-5-55 *dag*

PROBUS WILLIAM CORNELIUS XC 411 305

Sgt 17 Co 20 Engre K

Leitchfield Ky A 2 450 424

Sn 250 624 Died 9-17-53 T 451 214

Born 3/27/90 R

Enl 11/23/17 Dis 6/8/19 Ct 1 234 281

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:7YY8-XNT2>

Iowa, U.S., State Census Collection, 1836-1925 for Wm Probus

1915 > Linn > Spring Grove

Card No. 92

Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐

Color: White

Married... Widowed... Single ☒ Divorced ☐

Months in School 1914

Public... High... Private... College

Read: Yes Write: Yes

Blind... Deaf... Insane... Idiot

If Foreign Born are you Naturalized

Years in U. S. Years in Iowa

Name: Wm Probus Age: 25

County: Linn P. O. Walker

Town or Township: Spring Grove

Occupation: Stone Mill Ward: Months in 1914 Unemployed: 4

Total earnings for 1914 from occupation: 3.00

Extent of Education: Common 8 High School

Birth Place: Kentucky College

Incumbrance on farm or home: Value of farm or home:

Military Service: Civil War Mexican Spanish Infantry 3 Cavalry

Artillery Navy State Reg. Regiment Company 1

Church Affiliation

Father's Birthplace: Kentucky Mother's Birthplace: Kentucky

Remarks: Signed: L. G. Long

IA state census, 1915 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5773130:1084?tid=15677392&pid=29100250920&queryId=2489d7c5322af71480462b1b9ffb18e1&_phsrc=hFB46165&_phstart=successSource

THREE FROM KENTUCKY

In the list of those on board the Tuscania at the time she was torpedoed by a German submarine, appears three young men from Kentucky. They are Roger Baker, of Montgomery county, who is reported as lost; Carl B. Rennbaker, of Rock Haven, who was saved. Private W. C. Probus, of Company E, Sixth battalion, of Leitchfield, Ky., was also on the Tuscania.

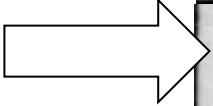
"Owensboro (KY) Inquirer" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 2

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Leitchfield Post.

O. S. Meredith was elected commander of Leitchfield Post, No. 81, at the annual election meeting last Monday. Other officers elected were:

John R. Jackson, vice commander; E. O. Deweese, adjutant and finance officer; Stoy Stevenson, sergeant at arms; Fred Hughes, athletic officer; James A. Glenn, chairman membership committee; Stanley E. Mercer, director of community service; and Ray Montgomery, Fred Spink, Willard Mattingly, Gordon Layman and



W. C. Probus, members of the executive committee.

Plans for a programme in keeping with the State body's recommendation for community betterment projects were discussed and it was decided to co-operate with community organizations. Efforts will be made by the membership committee to enlist former service men in what the commander described as "the most representative body of ex-service men in America." Plans were discussed for an annual picnic and homecoming next summer, and a committee on arrangements was appointed.



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Modern, time-saving, complete home laundry unit. Its Porcelain-lined spinner whirls whole tubful damp-dry while another is being washed in the Porcelain tub.



ABC Companion
World's finest wringer-type Porcelain washer. Also furnished with built-in gasoline motor.

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A. B. Madlon Hardware Co., Louisville, Ky.	Harper Bros., Carlisle, Ky.	Rising Sun Water & Light Co., Rising Sun, Ind.
Watson Hardware Co., Ashland, Ky.	Creech Brothers, Pineville, Ky.	Batesville Electric Lt. & Pr. Co., Batesville, Ind.
Grigsby & Co., Bardstown, Ky.	Withers Hardware Co., Providence, Ky.	The Virdens, Columbus, Ind.
Lay's Electric Shop, Corbin, Ky.	Watson-Walker, Richmond, Ky.	Hoosier Public Utilities, Greensburg, Ind.
J. W. Webb & Co., Cunningham, Ky.	Luther Foley & Sons, Sunrise, Ky.	P. W. Greenburg, Hope, Ind.
Dunn Brothers, Danville, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Beattyville, Ky.	N. E. Jenner & Son, Marengo, Ind.
W. C. Probus, Leitchfield, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Bowling Green, Ky.	Walker Radio Shop, Milan, Ind.
G. H. Roark Estate, Greenville, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Cloverport, Ky.	A. Gunn Haydon, Rushville, Ind.
J. R. Blake & Sons, Jackson, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Frankfort, Ky.	W. T. Hubbard, Scottsburg, Ind.
Lexington Utilities Co., Lexington, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Hopkinsville, Ky.	W. C. Blevins Plbg. & Htg. Co., Seymour, Ind.
White Furniture Co., Middlesboro, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Irvine, Ky.	Beck Grain & Seed Co., Shelbyville, Ind.
Turley Hardware Co., Owensboro, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Mayfield, Ky.	Electric Specialty Co., Shelbyville, Ind.
Hanks Brothers, Paducah, Ky.	Ky.-Tenn. Light & Power Co., Russellville, Ky.	Birdie C. Curray, Vevay, Ind.
	Ohio River Power Co., Tell City, Ind.	

Part of an ad for ABC porcelain washing machines, offered by W.C. Probus of Leitchfield KY (1st column, 7th name from bottom) – “Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal” Sunday 18 May 1930 p 35



Combustioneer

AUTOMATIC COAL BURNER
FOR HOMES, APARTMENTS, FACTORIES

WM. H. DAY CO., INC. 327 Guthrie St. Louisville, Ky.	MR. G. E. RANDLE 404 E. 9th St. Hopkinsville, Ky.
H. NETHERTON & CO. 321 W. Market St. Louisville, Ky.	FAYETTE COAL & FEED CO. 883 W. High St. Lexington, Ky.
W. C. PROBUS, Elizabethtown, Ky.	CLEM ZAPP, Carrollton, Ky.

Portion of an ad for Combustioneer automatic coal burner, available from W.C. Probus of Elizabethtown KY – “Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal” Sunday 28 Aug 1938 p 53

Wife:

William C Probus

Kentucky, County Marriages, 1797-1954

Name:	William C Probus
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	19 Jun 1920 • Edit
Event Place:	Leitchfield, Grayson, Kentucky, United States • Edit
Event Place (Original):	Leitchfield
Sex:	Male
Age:	30
Birth Year (Estimated):	1890
Father's Name:	Anderson G Probus
Mother's Name:	Sarah A Burnett
Spouse's Name:	Lillie M McGrew
Spouse's Sex:	Female
Spouse's Age:	23
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1897
Spouse's Father's Name:	John R Vertras
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Fannie Wilson

Marriage Bond

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

No. 59

Grayson County Court.

BE IT KNOWN, That we William C. Probus
as principal, and H. A. McGraw
as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

THIS BOND IS CONDITIONED AS FOLLOWS:

That, whereas Marriage is intended to be solemnized between
William C. Probus and Lillie M. McGrew

Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, this bond shall be void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Witness our hands, this 18 day of June 1920.

Attest: H. A. McGraw Principal.
H. A. McGraw Surety.

By H. A. McGraw Clerk.
D. C.

REGISTER OF MARRIAGE		No. <u>69</u>
Full names of parties, Husband _____		
Wife _____		
*By Whom Married _____		
*Place of Marriage _____	County of _____	Kentucky.
*Date of Marriage _____		
*Witnesses _____ and _____		
Age of Husband <u>30</u> years; Condition (single, widowed, divorced) _____		
Age of Wife <u>23</u> years; Condition (single, widowed, divorced) _____		
Race: (white or colored) _____		
Husband's Place of Birth <u>Grayson Ark</u>		Residence <u>Fitchfield Ky</u>
Wife's Place of Birth _____		Residence <u>"</u>
Names of Parents of Husband <u>Anderson G. Probus</u>		
and <u>Sarah J. Burnett</u>		
Names of Parents of Wife <u>John R. Vertner</u>		
and <u>Hannie Wilson</u>		
Occupation of Husband <u>Musicians</u>		
Date of License <u>18</u> day of <u>June</u> 192 <u>2</u> .		
Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____		
this _____ day of _____	192 <u>2</u>	By <u>P. L. Nichols</u> Clerk.
By _____ D. C.		
*RECORD OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE		
*I, <u>Albert L. Melli</u> a Minister		
of the <u>Methodist Episcopal</u>		Church,
or religious order of that name, do certify that on the <u>19</u>		day of
<u>June</u> 192 <u>2</u> , at <u>Fitchfield</u>		Kentucky, under
authority of the above license, I united in Marriage		
<u>William C. Probus</u> and <u>Lillie M. Grew</u>		
the persons named and described therein, in the presence of		
<u>H. G. M. Chase</u> and <u>Roscoe Hagelwood</u>		
I qualified and gave bond, according to law, authorizing me to celebrate the rites of Marriage in the County		
of <u>Bowling Green</u>		State of Kentucky.
Given under my hand, this <u>21st</u> day of <u>June</u> 192 <u>2</u>		
A Copy, Attest: _____		
By <u>P. L. Nichols</u>		Clerk.
By <u>Robert C. Duncan</u>		D. C.

Father:



Anderson Gray Probus - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15677392/person/28139225305/media/626165be-d686-4467-b328-f4e29626c9b4>

Mother:



Sarah Ann Burnett Probus - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15677392/person/28139224083/media/605e82ee-f453-4900-8328-0385998eec06>

Siblings:



Brother Mora Lee (Morey) Probus (1886-1946) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/15677392/person/29100250919/media/e83dc3f1-f68e-435f-bf46-0f6ba8ed3f70>

Thomas W. Probus, 78, of 1029 Clayborne Road, died at 4:20 a.m. Thursday at Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was a retired farmer, a native of Grayson County, and an Army veteran of World War I.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Imogene Frank and Mrs. Ernestine Harp, both of Leitchfield, Mrs. Elizabeth Poole and Mrs. Dorothy Craddock; four sons, Walter Probus, Shelbyville, and Paul, Sherman and Byron Probus; 34 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. (CST) Sunday at Stoneview Methodist Church, Grayson County, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Leitchfield. His body will be at the Arch L. Heady Southern Funeral Home, 3601 Taylor Blvd., from noon until 9:30 p.m. Friday, when it will be taken to the Arch L. Heady-Ellis Funeral Home, Leitchfield.

Obituary of brother **Thomas W. Probus (1896-1975)** – “Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal” Friday 7 Feb 1975 p 10

Name: William Cornelius Probus (Sr.)

Name variations: Willie

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,624

Entered service from: Leitchfield, Grayson KY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William C. Probus

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Anderson Gray Probus, Leitchfield KY

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: William C. Probus

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Anderson Gray Probus, RFD 3, Leitchfield KY (sgt, 17th Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William Probus - b. 27 Mar 1890 Leitchfield KY; res: Troy Mills, Linn IA. Single. Mechanic, gas & steam engineer, for myself at Troy Mills IA. Served 3 years in KY in the infantry as a private. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): PO Box 247, Elizabethtown KY

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Cornelius Probus - b. 27 Mar 1890 Grayson Co. KY; res: 405 Park Ave., Elizabethtown, Hardin KY. NOK Lillie Mae Probus, same address.

Employed by self & Ed Friedrich Sales Corp. of San Antonio TX at 405 Park Ave., Elizabethtown, Hardin KY. "wear glasses" – Height: 5'5 ¾" – 180 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 23 Nov 1917

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Leitchfield KY

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

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Mar 1890, Leitchfield, Grayson KY

Died: 17 Sep 1955 Elizabethtown, Hardin KY (at his home in Elizabethtown KY)

Find A Grave record: 82295812 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Leitchfield, Grayson KY

Cemetery: Walnut Hill

Tombstone: Sgt. US Army

Father: Anderson Gray Probus, 20 May 1857 Grayson Co. KY – 16 Mar 1935 Grayson Co. KY. Son of James E. Probus & Martha Patsey Burnett. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY.

Find A Grave: 6066857

Mother: Sarah Ann Burnett Probus, 13 Nov 1862 Grayson Co. KY – 3 Nov 1942 Grayson Co. KY. Daughter of James B. Burnett & Elizabeth Stone. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY.

Find A Grave: 6066853

Parents' marriage: 1879 KY

Spouse: Lilly Vertrees McGrew Probus, 17 Jan 1897 Grayson Co. KY – 28 Dec 1984 Elizabethtown, Hardin KY. SSN 403-16-4336. Daughter of John R. Vertrees & Eliza F. Hazlewood. Buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Leitchfield, Grayson KY.

Spouse Find A Grave: 82295835

Marriage: 10 Jun 1920 KY

Children:

- William Cornelius ("Progie") Probus Jr., 15 Aug 1922 Grayson Co. KY – 24 Oct 1989. SSN 406-14-2824. Married 8 Jun 1944 to Viola Marie Lawson (1926-2015, F: 148111868) who later married a Van Orden. Her Find A Grave obituary says Viola was married for 45 short years to "wonderful and well-loved" William. He is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Madison AL. F: 104384053

Siblings: William was the 3rd child.

- Patricia (Patsy) Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Probus Carter, 15 May 1880 Stones View, Grayson KY – 22 Nov 1961 Onalaska, La Crosse WI (WI death records). Married 5 Oct 1899 in Stones View, Grayson KY to Joseph (Joe) Emanuel Carter (1877-1955, F: 30751833), the son of Lewis Riley Carter & Harriet Sapp. Joe's sister Angeline marries Patsy's brother Henry. She is buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Logan Co. IL. F: 30751841
- Henry Cicero/Ciciero Probus, 20 Jan 1882 Grayson Co. KY – 7 Oct 1949 Lakeland, Jefferson KY. Married to Angeline ("Angie") Carter (1882-1929, F: 6067568), daughter of Lewis Riley Carter & Harriet Sapp. Angie's brother Joseph married Henry's sister Patsy. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY. F: 6067569
- Mora Lee (Morey) Probus, 17 May 1886 Grayson Co. KY – 28 Oct 1946 Louisville, Jefferson KY. Husband of Elizabeth B. ("Lizzie") Armstrong (1888-1970, F: 6067642), daughter of Thomas Jefferson Armstrong & Martha America Burnett. Mora's brother Arthur married Elizabeth's sister Ada Armstrong. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY. F: 6067640
- Amos E. (or F.) Probus, 16 Sep 1894 Grayson Co. KY – 18 Sep 1906 Grayson Co. KY. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY. F: 6066858
- Thomas Walter (also found as Walker) Probus, 6 Oct 1896 Grayson Co. KY – 6 Feb 1975 Louisville, Jefferson KY. Served as a private in the US Army. Married 20 Jul 1919 in Grayson Co. KY to Essie Ferry (1892-1966, F: 72231237). Buried in Fair View Cemetery, Leitchfield, Grayson KY. F: 37399936
- Arthur Earl Probus, 1 Jan 1902 Grayson Co. KY – 14 May 1981 Clarkson, Grayson KY. Married 27 Dec 1925 in Grayson Co. KY to Ada Katherine (Kate) Armstrong (1904-1986, F: 6067634), daughter of Thomas Jefferson Armstrong & Martha America Burnett. Arthur's brother Mora married Ada's sister Elizabeth Armstrong. Buried in Stones View Cemetery, Grayson Co. KY. F: 6067632

Notes:

There are numerous men named William Probus in Kentucky.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the survivors of Tuscania:
William C. Probus of Leitchfield KY

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Louisville [KY] Courier-Journal" 19 Sep 1955 p 11 & p 16 - age 65, d. at home (p 11 says 18 Sep, p. 16 on 17 Sep) in Elizabethtown KY. Manager of Electric Refrigeration Sales & Service (Elizabethtown), b. Grayson Co. KY. Wife Lillie (Vertrees), son, 2 brothers, sister survive..WWI veteran.

Social Security number: 406-16-6534

Censuses:

1900 West Leitchfield, Grayson KY

Anderson PROBOUS, 44 KY, May 1856, parents b. KY, married 21 years, farmer

Sarah A., 37 KY, Nov 1869, parents b. KY, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Henry C., 18 KY, Jan 1882, day laborer

Morey L., 14 KY, May 1886, farm laborer

Willie C., 10 KY, Mar 1890, at school

Amos F., 5 KY, Sep 1894

Thomas W., 3 KY, Oct 1896

1910 cannot locate – the link on Ancestry.com is to a different William Probus

In this census, his parents Anderson & Sarah & brothers Thomas & Arthur are living in Short Creek, Grayson KY

1915 IA state census – Spring Grove, Linn IA

Wm. Probus, age 25, b. KY, parents b. KY, employed as stove mill (?)

1920 Short Creek, Grayson KY – conducted 27 & 28 Jan 1920

Anderson G., Probus, 62 KY, farmer, general farm

Sarah A.E., 50 KY

William C., 29 KY, laborer, saw mill

Arthur E., 18 KY, farm laborer, home farm

[on the same page, brother Henry with wife Angie & their children]

1930 Elizabethtown, Hardin KY

William C. Probus, 40 KY, parents b. KY, age 30 at 1st marriage, commercial salesman,
Frigidaire, WWI veteran

Lillie M., 33 KY, parents b. KY, age 26 at 1st marriage

William Jr. [read as J.], 7 KY

1940 Elizabethtown, Hardin KY – 405 Park Ave. – same place in 1935

Willian Probus, 50 KY, electric sales & service shop, electric shop

Lillie, 43 KY

Willin Jr., 17 KY

1950 Elizabethtown, Hardin KY – 405 Park Ave.

Wm. C. Probus, 60 KY, refrigeration service, electric refrigeration

Lillie V., 53 KY