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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

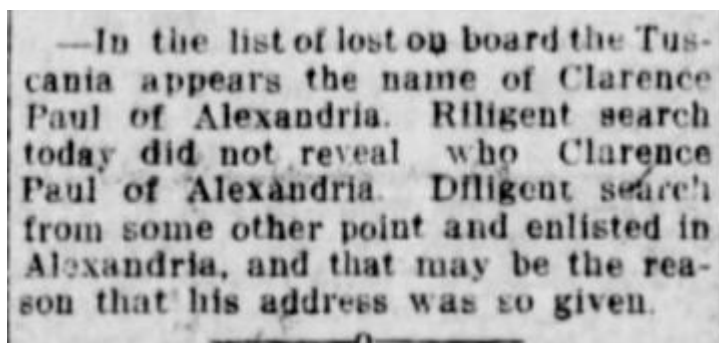
NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

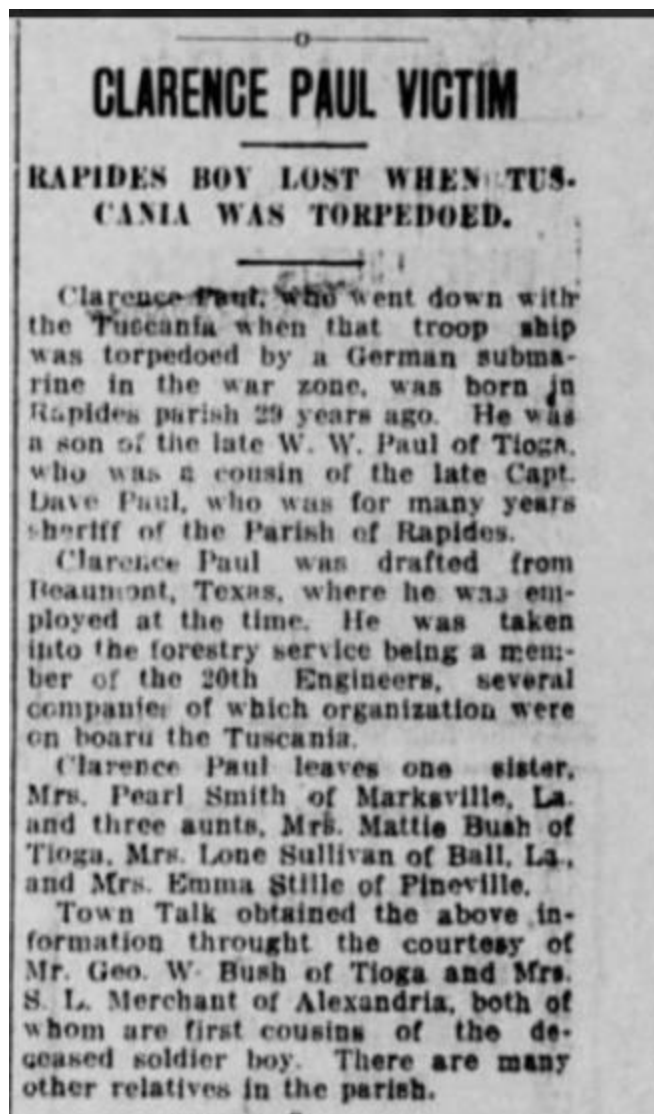
Paul, Clarence

1889 LA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



—In the list of lost on board the Tuscania appears the name of Clarence Paul of Alexandria. Diligent search today did not reveal who Clarence Paul of Alexandria. Diligent search from some other point and enlisted in Alexandria, and that may be the reason that his address was so given.

“Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 5



“Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 5 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/213051564/?terms=%22clarence%20paul%22%20tuscania&match=1> AND

https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/17280/person/-792926716/media/0a7ee635-a32b-4c49-a243-8be654638350?_phsrc=hFB42625&_phstart=successSource

Paul	Clarence	6	
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	
XXA			
Residence:	Denayville	Newton	TEXAS
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at		Newton Tex	on Oct 16, 1917
Place of birth:	Tioga La	Age or date of birth:	28-4/12 Yrs
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Hq Co 165 Dep Brig to death			
Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt			
Engagements: Sinking of Tuscania			
Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † death, from † to †			
Killed in action: Feb 5, 1918			
Other wounds or injuries received in action: None			
Person notified of death: Mrs. Boyd Smith (If none, so state) Sister			
(Name)		Alexander	(Degree of relationship) La
(No. and street or rural route)		(City, town, or post office)	(State or country)
Remarks:			
Form No. 724-G, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.			

TX, WWI military record - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/ark:/61903/1:1:QV18-JRKH>

Detail Source

Name:	Clarence Paul
Rank:	Private
Residence Place:	Texas
Military Branch:	U.S. Army
War:	World War I
Death Date:	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Plot Number:	A
Cemetery Row:	3
Cemetery Section:	Grave: 15
Cemetery:	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place:	Brookwood, England

Clarence Paul

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30098674:9170?ssrc=pt&tid=162803458&pid=102315091598>

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25 of the Tuscania Victims Whose Fate Was Uncertain Now Identified as Dead

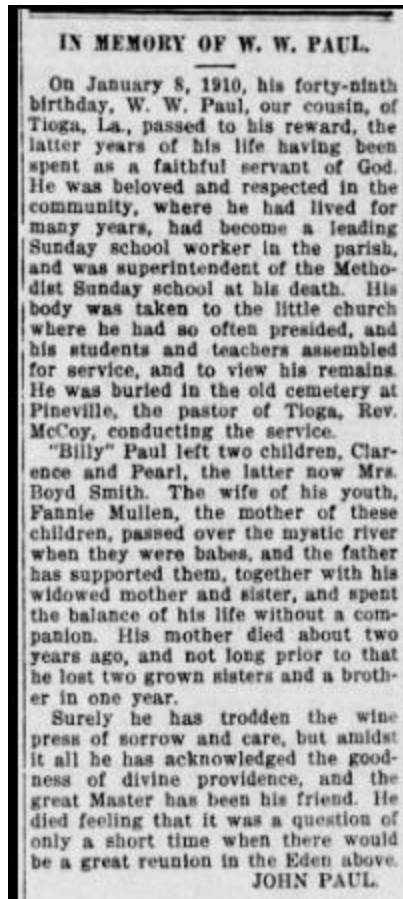
Twenty-five men hitherto reported missing or dead in the sinking of the Tuscania have been identified as dead from finger prints taken from the bodies.

These names were included in last night's casualty list, which contained a total of fifty-five names. The Tuscania identified dead, in addition to those previously published, were:

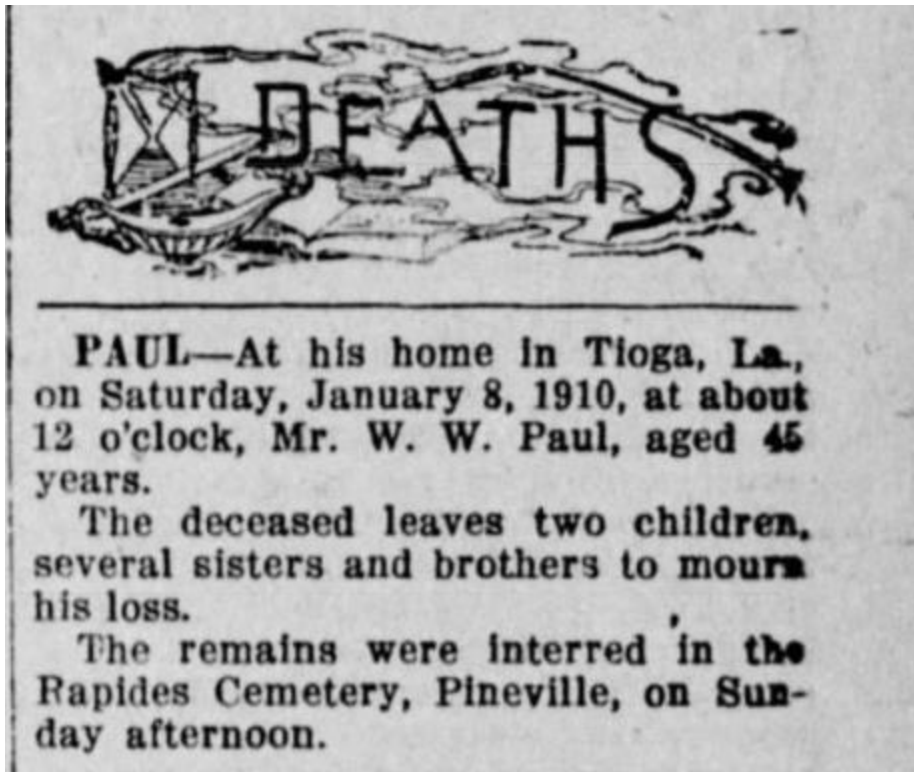
Privates George A. Altwien, Temple, Tex.; Verner C. Branland, Colton, Ore.; Joe Cochran, Lawton, Okla.; Leonard H. Dethman, McCabe, Mont.; Rosendo Diaz, Najarena, Tex.; Elton L. Edmonson, Strawn, Tex.; Florencio Erras, Alice, Tex.; Edward C. Feyrer, Weiner, Tex.; Sixton Flores, Alice, Tex.; Guadalupe Garza, Rio Grande, Tex.; Edward C. Grahmer, Scranton, Pa.; Frank Kos-saeth, San Antonio, Tex.; Joseph Marlin, Checotah, Okla.; Roy Muncaster, Denver, Col.; Ben V. Owens, Canadian, Tex.; Clarence Paul, Alexandria, La.; Juan A. Perez, Boerne, Tex.; Ondis Powell, Sasakwa, Okla.; Cirilo Rodriguez, Bergs-mill, Tex.; Richard Schulze, Boerne, Tex.; Arthur Straach, Miles, Tex.; Patrick H. White, Dallas, Tex.; Paul A. Williams, Pueblo, Col.; Jose Ybarra, Laredo, Tex., and Cook Clyde C. Pelley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 20

Father:

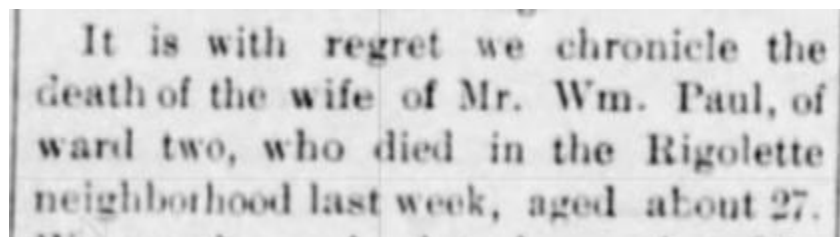


Obituary of father William W. Paul from "Town Talk" Wednesday 19 Jan 1910 – on Find A Grave 22614051



"Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Monday 10 Jan 1910 p 7

Mother:



Death of mother Frances J. (Fannie) Stein Paul – "Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk" Saturday 31 Oct 1891 p 4

Siblings:

Mrs. Pearl Smith, 78, Services Scheduled

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Paul Smith, widow of the late Boyd Smith, 78, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday. She died this morning in a hospital here.

Services will be conducted from the chapel of Hixson Bros. Funeral Home with interment following in Greenwood Memorial Park.

She is survived by two sons, Boyd W. of New Orleans and Lt. Clarence E. of the U. S. A. F.; two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Hudson, McBride, Miss., and Mrs. Sylvia Webber, of Alexandria and 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of sister Pearl Paul Smith (1886-1955) – "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" Friday 2 Dec 1955 p 29

MARRIAGES

SMITH.—PAUL —At the Methodist Parsonage on Third street, Alexandria, La., on Friday afternoon, March 23, 1906, at 3 30 p. m., Mr. Boyd Smith of Atlanta, La., and Miss Pearl Paul of Tioga, the Rev. N. E. Joyner officiating. The happy couple left on the evening train for their future home at

Atlanta, where the groom is in the timber business.

Marriage of sister Pearl Paul to Boyd Thomas Smith on 23 Mar 1906 – “Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk” Saturday 31 Mar 1906 p 2

Name: Clarence Paul

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 41st Co. - private

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Clarence died without a number

Entered service from: Alexandria, Rapides Parish LA

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Clarence Paul

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: sister Mrs. Boyd Smith, Alexander [sic] LA

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 8, as Clarence Paul

World War I draft registration (1917): as Clarence Paul - b. 15 Jun 1889 Tioga LA; res: Deweyville, Newton Co. TX. Single. Laborer, Tubine (spelling?) Tram Co., Deweyville TX. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Born: 15 Jun 1898 [error, should read 1889]

Death: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Acme LA

Rank/unit: USA [i.e. US Army]

Birth & death:

Born: 15 Jun 1889 Tioga, Rapides Parish LA (Veterans Administration Military Index: 15 Jun 1898)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 56503765 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: veteran cross: Pvt US Army Texas

Father: William Walter (“Billy”) Paul, 8 Jan 1861 Rapides Parish LA – 8 Jan 1910 Rapides Parish LA.

Son of Michael Paul & Saloma Jane (“Susan”) Talley. Buried in Old Rapides Parish, Pineville, Rapides Parish LA.

Find A Grave: 22614051

Mother: Frances J. (“Fannie”) Stein Paul, 17 Oct 1863 LA – 11 Oct 1891 LA. In the 1880 census for the 6th Ward, Iberia Parish LA, Fannie J. STINE (17 LA) lived with her parents August Stine (64 LA, gardener) & Mary Ann STINE (59 England) & her siblings. Buried in Campbell Cemetery, Rapides Parish LA.

Find A Grave: 16633863

Parents’ marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Sibling:

- Pearl Paul Smith, 7 Dec 1886 Tioga, Rapides Parish LA – 2 Dec 1955 Rapides Parish LA. Wife of Boyd Thomas Smith (1882-1923, buried in Ryan Chapel Cemetery, Diboll, Angelina TX, F: 49704288). Their 1st child was born 24 Jan 1907 in LA. According to her obituary, Pearl is buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, Pineville, Rapides Parish LA but is not on Find A Grave as of 25 May 2022.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Alexandria (LA) Town Talk" 11 Feb 1918 p 5 – the newspaper did a search & no one knows who he is in Alexandria LA. Is he maybe from somewhere else & he enlisted in Alexandria?

"Alexandria (LA) Weekly Town Talk" 16 Feb 1918 p 2 - b. Rapides Parish LA 29 years ago, son of late W.W. Paul (Tioga LA), the cousin of the late Capt. Dave Paul (who was for many years the Rapides Parish LA sheriff). Clarence was drafted from Beaumont TX where he was employed at the time. Survived by sister Mrs. Pearl Smith of Marksville LA & 3 aunts. This information was received from his 1st cousins George W. Bush (Tioga LA) & Mrs. S.L. Merchant (Alexandria LA). He has many relatives in the parish.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Police Jury Ward 9, Rapides Parish LA

Sarah Paul	63
Jennie Paul	41
Michael Courtney	40
William Paul	39
Lonie Kelly	33
Charles Franklin	28
Sheppard Paul	23
Louis May	23
John May	20
James Weems	16
Pearl Paul	13
Clarence Paul	10

Sheppard (Sheppard) Paul, 23 LA, Dec 1876, single, parents b. LA, watchman, bridge [head of household]

William Paul, 39 LA, Jan 1861, widow, married 14 years, parents b. LA [no occupation listed]
[brother]

Pearl Paul, 13 LA, Dec 1886, parents b. LA [niece]

Clarence Paul, 10 LA, Jun 1889, parents b. LA, day laborer [nephew]

Jennie Paul, 41 LA, Mar 1859, single, parents b. LA [sister]

Lonie Kelly, 33 LA, Aug 1866, widowed, married 1 year, zero children [sister]

Sarah Paul, 63 LA, Oct 1836, widow, married 30 years, gave birth to 11 children, 9 are living
[mother]

& 4 male boarders

1910 Rigollette, Rapides Parish LA

Clarance [sic] Paul, 21 LA, parents b. LA, single, day laborer, saw mill [head of household]

Lanie Kelly, 41 LA, parents b. LA, widow, house keeper for nephew [aunt]