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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Peterson, Henry Carl****1892 AR – 1964 AR**



Henry Carl Peterson – “Arkansas Democrat” (Little Rock AR) Thursday 28 Mar 1918 p 2
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/166580162/?terms=%22carl%20peterson%22%20tuscania&match=1>

COLUMBIA COUNTY SURVIVOR, AND
PROBABLE VICTIM OF TUSCANIA



Ellis Smith.

Magnolia, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Co.



Carl Peterson.

Magnolia, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Columbia County has the distinction of having had more men on board the Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland than any other county in the State. Carl Peterson, Ellis Smith, Grover Eddington and Nathan B. Short, all from Columbia County, were aboard the ill-fated transport when it went down. All

Carl Peterson.

volunteered last summer and joined Company K of the Third Arkansas regiment, which was raised in this county, and were first sent to Fort Logan H. Roots and later moved to Alexandria, La. They were transferred to the Twentieth U. S. Engineers. They were on their way to France on board

the Tuscania when it was sunk.

Carl Peterson lived about four miles southwest of here, and is the son of Mrs. A. M. Peterson. His father died when he was a small boy. He was raised on a farm. His mother received a cablegram from him several days ago that he was saved.

Grover Eddington was about 20 years old and lived near Milner, in the northern part of this county, on a farm. His parents have also received a message from him that he was saved.

Nathan B. Short lived on a route out of Stephens, was lost and his body was found and buried on the coast of Ireland.

Ellis Smith, who was a corporal, was the son of C. M. Smith, who lives six miles west of here, and engaged in farming until he joined Company K. He was 25 years old. His mother has been dead several years and he lived with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Blasingame. His people have never heard anything from him. He has never been reported among those saved or lost. His father wired to Washington to the war department and they wired back that he was on board the Tuscania but had never been heard from. The opinion is that he was drowned and his body was not found.

Ellis Smith did not survive



Henry Carl Peterson on the Philadelphia (A) Community Baseball Team in 1910 – kneeling in the center of the middle row with the glove on his left hand - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/47738818/person/27786178968/media/8c45d983-b8ea-4094-8fa1-1a87949983c0?_phsrc=hFB44475&_phstart=successSource

PETERSON HENRY CARL
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 Magnolia Ark
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Registration District No. 38 ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Vital Statistics
 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH '64 000635

Primary Registration District No. _____

1. PLACE OF DEATH
 a. COUNTY Lafayette FEB 5 1964
 b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Lewisville
 c. Length of Stay in 1b 4 Days
 d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital, give street address) Lafayette County Memorial
 e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution; Residence before admission)
 a. STATE Ark
 b. COUNTY Miller
 c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Daxland City
 d. STREET ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 8
 e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First Middle Last
 Henry Carl Peterson
 4. DATE OF DEATH Month Day Year
 1 15 64
 5. SEX M 6. COLOR OR RACE W 7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐
 Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ 8. DATE OF BIRTH 7-22-1892
 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 71
 10a. Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Farmer
 10b. Kind of Business or Industry Farming
 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Arkansas
 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.
 13. FATHER'S NAME Simon Peterson
 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Alameda Wilkerson

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown ☐
 16. Social Security No. 43166-8232
 17. INFORMANT Mrs. H.C. Peterson Address _____

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 Coronary Thrombosis
 Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
 DUE TO (c) 420.10
 INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 2 days
 Unknown

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Contributing to Death but Not Related to the Terminal Disease Condition Given in Part I (a)
 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

20a. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)
 20b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
 20c. COUNTY
 20d. STATE

21. I attended the deceased from June 1962 to Jan 64 and last saw him alive on 1-15-64
 Death occurred at 7:00 p.m. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.

22a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) Robert W Hunter M.D.
 22b. ADDRESS Lewisville, Ark
 22c. DATE SIGNED 1-19-64

23a. Burial, Cremation, Removal (Specify) Burial
 23b. DATE 1-17-64
 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Shiloh Cemetery
 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Miller County Ark.
 24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR A.D. Smith Stamps, Ark.
 25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. 1-21-64
 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Delphine Lester

WRITE PLAIN UNFADING BLACK INK -
 MEDIFICATION

AR death record - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/823725:61777?tid=10920&pid=6307068899&queryId=4b1cc18148ab0995df4455257b472eee&_phsrc=hFB44478&_phstart=successSource

Wife:

MARRIAGE LICENSE
(Coupon to be Detached by County Clerk and Forwarded to State Registrar Vital Statistics, State Capitol)

STATE OF ARKANSAS

County of Columbia
 Mr. Henry Peterson of Magdon
 County of Columbia State of Arkansas
 Age 7 Nationality OK and
 M Miss Maggie Reanes of Magdon
 County of Columbia State of Arkansas
 Age 10 day of Jan Nationality OK 1920
 County Clerk J. H. Huxman
 Deputy County Clerk

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/104088:61775>

Siblings:

Ella Peterson
in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name:	Ella Peterson
Gender:	Female
Age:	16
Birth Year:	abt 1877
Residence:	Troy, Ouachita, Arkansas
Spouse's Name:	George Gordon
Spouse's Gender:	Male
Spouse's Age:	50
Spouse's Residence:	Troy, Ouachita, Arkansas
Marriage Date:	28 May 1893
Marriage License Date:	27 May 1893
Marriage County:	Ouachita
Event Type:	Marriage
FHL Film Number:	987778

Marriage of sister **Ella Peterson (1877-1900)** to 1st husband George Gordon on 28 May 1893 in Ouachita Co. AR – she is 16, he is 50 –

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3473146:2548?tid=10920&pid=162041721274&queryId=1ef3a4ba23d2ee885e92430ad41ae17e&_phsrc=hFB44504&_phstart=successSource

Ella Gordon

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name:	Ella Gordon
Gender:	Female
Age:	18
Birth Year:	abt 1878
Residence:	Lilley, Ouachita, Arkansas
Spouse's Name:	Ed O'Rourke
Spouse's Gender:	Male
Spouse's Age:	21
Spouse's Residence:	Lilley, Ouachita, Arkansas
Marriage Date:	24 Sep 1896
Marriage License Date:	22 Sep 1896
Marriage County:	Ouachita
Event Type:	Marriage
FHL Film Number:	987779

Ella Peterson Gordon, age 18, marries her 2nd husband, Ed O'Rourke, age 21, on 24 Sep 1896 in Ouachita Co. AR - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3474638:2548?tid=10920&pid=162041721274&queryId=c4c88e148f5dd03cd324796a1909d703&_phsrc=hFB44510&_phstart=successSource



Brother James Edward Peterson (1881-1963) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/10920/person/6307068891/media/ec642f63-860f-45ce-8d1a-6426a1765dc7>

J. W. Peterson to Be Buried Sunday

James Edward Peterson, aged 82, a former resident of this area, died Wednesday at Killeen, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, six sons, Corbett of Sacramento, Calif., Garland, Brady and Huey of Killeen, Davis of Atlanta, Texas and Sidney Peterson of Irbin, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. R. P. Allen of Texarkana; two brothers, Grover of Magnolia and Carl Peterson of Garland City.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Rondo Methodist Church near Terarkana. Burial by Herndon-Cornelius will be in Rondo Cemetery.

Obituary of **brother James Edward Preston (1885-1933)** – “Hope (AR) Star” 1 Nov 1963 p 1

Rev. Peterson Dies; Services Will be Today

The Rev. W. W. Peterson, father of Mrs. Mina Martin, Blytheville, died early Saturday morning at Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ark.

Mr. Peterson was a retired Methodist minister and was a member of the North Arkansas Conference. He was 69 and had been living in Garland, Ark., in recent years.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Mae Lewis Peterson; four sons, Ralph Wilmington Peterson, California; John W. Peterson, Dallas, Tex.; Bill J. Peterson, Houston, Tex., and Sherman Peterson, Charleston, Ark., three daughters,

Mrs. Hazel Claypool, Reseda, Calif.; Mrs. Louis Beaver, El Centro, Calif., and Mrs. Martin; Four brothers, Ed Peterson, Texarkana; Grover Peterson, Magnolia; Carl Peterson, Garland, Ark., and Arthur Peterson, Garland, and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Village, Ark., Methodist Church. The Rev. E. J. Holifield and the Rev. Cecil R. Culver of Louisville in charge.

Burial was in Village Cemetery, with Smith Funeral Home of Louisville in charge.

Obituary of **brother William Washington Peterson (1889-1959)** – “Blytheville (AR) Courier News” Monday 13 Apr 1959 p 12

Name: Henry Carl Peterson

Name variations: Carl Peterson

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,387

Entered service from: Magnolia, Columbia AR

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Henry C. Peterson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. A.M. Peterson, RR 3, Magnolia AR

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Henry C. Peterson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Almedia Peterson, Magnolia AR (PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry Carl Peterson - b. 22 Jul 1892 McNeil AR; res: RFD #3, Magnolia, Columbia AR. Single. Farming for self, RFD #3, Magnolia AR. Medium height & build. Registered late, on 8 Jun 1917, after the national registration day on 8 Jun 1917.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Henry Carl Peterson - b. 22 Jul 1892 McNeil AR; res: Garland, Miller AR. NOK Mrs. Maggie Peterson. Card does not display on Ancestry.com as of 15 Jun 2022 – see: <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12747312:1002>. Could not be located on Fold3.com or familysearch.org

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 5 Aug 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: Magnolia AR

Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 22 Jul 1892 McNeil, Columbia AR

Died: 15 Jan 1964 Lewisville, Lafayette AR (he did not die in Texarkana, Bowie TX as can be seen on the AR death certificate)

Find A Grave record: 32627088 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Texarkana, Miller AR

Cemetery: Shiloh

Tombstone:

Father: James Jefferson Peterson , 2 Jul 1855 Marengo Co. AL – 25 Oct 1895 Magnolia, Columbia AR. In the 1860 census for Holly Springs, Dallas AR, he appears to be the James (age 6) living with father Thomas (39) & mother F.(?)C. (39. Buried in Philadelphia Cemetery, Philadelphia, Columbia AR.

Find A Grave: 5003289

Mother: (Mary) Almedia Wilkerson Peterson, Jul 1858 Columbia Co. AR – 20 Sep 1932

Columbia Co. AR. Daughter of Francis Jesse/Jessie Wilkerson & Dicey Ann Maness. Buried in Philadelphia Cemetery, Philadelphia, Columbia AR.

Find A Grave: 5003291

Parents' marriage: 10 Jul 1878 Columbia Co. AR

Spouse: Maggie Sallie Reeves Peterson, 16 Dec 1900 Avery, Red River Co. TX – 20 Mar 1987 Magnolia, Columbia AR. SSN 429-19-7881. Daughter of James Timmons (Tilman?) ("Bud") Reeves & Mary Annie Watts. Buried in Shiloh Cemetery, Texarkana, Miller AR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 32627147

Marriage: 12 Jan 1920 Columbia Co. AR

Children:

Siblings: Henry Carl was the 2nd-to-last child.

- Ella [Louella] Peterson Gordon O'Rourke, 3 Mar 1877 AR – 22 Aug 1900 AR. Married on 28 May 1893 to George Gordon, age 50 (b. ca. 1843) in Ouachita Co. AR. – Ella Gordon (age 18) married Ed O'Rourke, age 21 (b. ca. 1874), in Ouachita Co. AR on 24 Sep 1896 in Ouachita Co. AR. – In the 1900 census for Smackover, Union AR, conducted 7 Jun 1900, 2 months before her death, Ella O'Rourke (23 AR, Mar 1877, father b. AR, mother b. LA) lived with her husband Edward O'Rourke (23 AR, May 1877, teamster) & their son Samuel (9 months AR, Aug 1899). Head of household was Edward's father, also named Edward O'Rourke (57 Ireland, May 1843, widowed) & Edward's brothers Joe (15 AR, Jun 1884) & Pattrick (12 AR, Sep 1887). Ella's husband was a teamster while his father Edward & brother Joe worked at a sawmill. Buried in Rehobeth Cemetery, Norphlet, Union AR. F: 20248221
- Mary Susan Peterson, 1879 AR – According to Find A Grave 5003289 of her father James Jefferson Peterson, "Susan" died in infancy & is buried next to him in Philadelphia Cemetery, Philadelphia, Columbia AR – but is not on Find A Grave as of 16 Jun 2022.
- James Edward ("Ed") Peterson, 11 Feb 1881 Magnolia, Columbia AR – 30 Oct 1963 Temple, Bell TX (or Killeen, Bell TX) at Tutor's Rest Home. SSN 429-16-4879. -Married 6 May 1906 in Magnolia, Columbia AR to Lena Claibourn Grant (1886-1918, F: 5003287) who died in the 1918 influenza pandemic. – Married in 1919 to Minnie Orilla Reeves (1892-1981, F: 140517535). Buried in Old Rondo Cemetery, Rondo, Miller AR. F: 5000864
- Mittie Peterson, 1884 According to Find A Grave 5003289 of her father James Jefferson Peterson, Mittie died in infancy & is buried next to him in Philadelphia Cemetery, Philadelphia, Columbia AR – but is not on Find A Grave as of 16 Jun 2022.
- John Preston Peterson, 20 Mar 1885 Columbia Co. AR – 5 Oct 1933 Homan, Miller AR. First married to Allie Emerson, age 19, on 29 Jan 1911 in Columbia Co. AR. The license was obtained on 28 Jan 1911. John was age 29. Both were residents of Magnolia, Columbia AR. – On 26 May 1917, John married Willie Lela Churchwell (1901-1964, F: 85320677), the daughter of Jefferson Davis Churchwell & Minnie Josephine White. Willie's sister Cora Ilene Churchwell marries John's brother Arthur Peterson. John is buried in Old Rondo Cemetery, Rondo, Miller AR. F: 5000865
- Grover Cleveland Peterson, 5 Aug 1887 Arkansas City, Desha AR – 18 Nov 1972 Magnolia, Columbia AR. SSN 432-09-4175. Husband of Maye Staggs (1890-1946, F: 82102156) on 19 Sep 1914 in Columbia Co. AR. Buried in Philadelphia Cemetery, Philadelphia, Columbia AR. F: 82102142
- William Washington Peterson, 27 Nov 1889 McNeil, Columbia AR – 11 Apr 1959 Lewisville, Lafayette AR. Methodist minister. Husband of Winnie Dawmmen (ca. 1893-1925), whom he married on 20 Feb 1908 in Homer, Claiborne Parish LA. - Husband of Lucy May Lewis (1894-1983, F: 59505354), daughter of Thomas Alexander Lewis & Nancy Josephine Ainsworth, whom he married 7 Nov 1925 in Columbia Co. AR. Buried in Village Cemetery, Village, Columbia AR. F: 59505333
- Arthur Lee Peterson, 2 Aug 1894 Camden, Ouachita AR – 1 Jun 1963 Lewisville, Lafayette AR. Married 1 Sep 1918 in Heflin, Webster Parish LA to Cora Ilene Churchwell (1903-1997, F: 85320697), the daughter of Jefferson Davis Churchwell & Minnie Josephine White. Cora was the sister of Willie Lela Churchwell, the 2nd wife of Arthur's brother, John Preston Peterson. Buried in Old Rondo Cemetery, Rondo, Miller AR. F: 5000869

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) 28 Mar 1918 p 2 - photo - listed as "Carl" - lived about 4 miles SW of Magnolia AR, son of Mrs. A.M. Peterson. His father died while he was a small boy. Raised on a farm. Got telegram he is safe

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 431-66-8232

Censuses:

1880 Behestian, Ouachita AR

James J. Peterson, 26 AR, parents b. AL, farmer

Almeda, 21 AR, parents b. AL, keeps house

Luella, 3 AR [i.e. Ella]

Mary S., 1 AR [i.e. Mary Susan]

1900 Magnolia, Columbia AR

Almeda Peterson, 41 AR, Jul 1858, parents b. AL, widow, farmer, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living [number of children appears to be inaccurate]

Edward J., 18 AR, Feb 1882, farm laborer

John, 14 AR, Mar 1886, farm laborer

Grover C., 12 AR, Aug 1887, farm laborer

William W., 9 AR, Nov 1890

Henry C., 7 AAR, Jul 1892

Author/Arthur L., 6 AR, Aug 1894

[for the children: father b. AL, mother b. AR]

1910 Buena Vista, Columbia AR

Media Peterson, 50 AR, parents b. US, widow, farmer, general farm

John, 24 AR, farm laborer, home farm

Grover, 22 AR, farm laborer, home farm

Carl, 17 AR, farm laborer, home farm

Arthur, 15 AR, laborer, saw mill

[for the children, all are single; parents b. AR]

1920 Magnolia, Columbia AR – census conducted 23 Jan 1920 – they were married 12 Jan 1920

Carl Peterson, 27 AR, father b. US, mother b. AR, cropper?/trapper?/? – silo (?) farms
Maggie, 19 TX, parents b. AL

1930 Lewisville, Lafayette AR

Henry C. Peterson, 37 AR, parents b. AR, age 27 at 1st marriage, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran

Maggie, 29 TX, father b. AL, mother b. TN, age 19 at 1st marriage

1940 Red River, Miller AR – in 1935 in same house

H.C. Peterson, 47 AR, farmer, farm

Maggie, 37 AR

1950 Red River, Miller AR

Carl Peterson, 57 AR, farming, farm

Maggie, 49 TX