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Abbreviations:

b = born

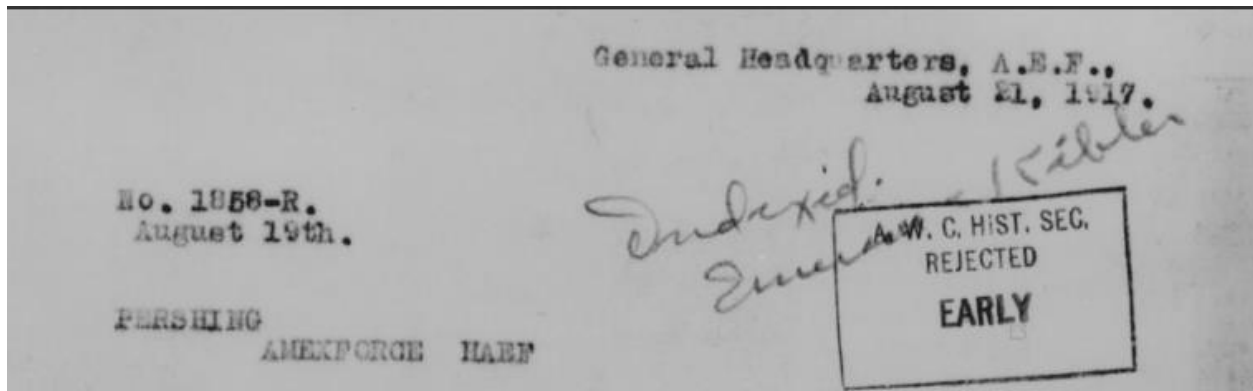
d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Samuel J. Randall
Ca. 1894 AR –



Paragraph 8
 Furnish information to identify following: Casualty
 209, Private Clarence W Anderson 105,851 Company D 1st Brigade
 Machine Gun Battalion; casualty 210 Captain Edward Sheppard
 Company E 28th Infantry; Casualty 211, Private 1st Class Eersby
 K McGowan 2,261,900, blank; Private Joseph Gallenly 90,806
 Company H 165th Infantry; casualty 212, Private Isadore L Gold
 41,578 Company F 9th Infantry; casualty 213, Private George C
 Wornoch 2,179,205 Company F 30th Infantry; Private Raymond L
 Smith 238,268 Company A 18th Infantry Private Howard C Stevens
 115,577 Company L 9th Infantry; Private Floyd E Smith 2,056
 Medical Detachment 3rd Machine Gun Battalion; Private Herbert
 Dosota Taylor 251,609 Company I 9th Infantry; Sergeant Bruce
 R Rankin 122,554 Company D 6th Infantry; Private 1st Class??
Samuel Randall 351,570 Company L 9th Infantry; Giovanni Piccarde
 1,564,405 Company H 18th Infantry

He was serving in Co. L, 9th Infantry -

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Sheet No. 8. THIRD Class		PASSENGER LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CASUALS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES			
INSTRUCTIONS.					
Separate lists of TWELVE COPIES EACH will be accomplished by each company or detachment commander as follows: 1st Class: Officers arranged according to Rank, Nurses, Army Field Clerks, Field Clerks Q. M. C., Civilian Employees. Names to be numbered consecutively, beginning with No. 1. 2nd Class: Non-commissioned Officers down to and including Color Sergeant (see A. R. Par. 5). 3rd Class: All enlisted men below Color Sergeant (A. R. Par. 5), arranged according to usual formation of the Company, that is, BY SQUADE.					
This form when used to list CASUAL military passengers will be accomplished in like manner, but within each class all casuals will be sub- grouped under the following headings with reference to the reason for their return, not more than one such sub-group being listed on the same sheet: (1) Deceased, (2) Sick and Wounded, (3) Prisoners, (4) For Duty, (5) on Leave or Furlough, (6) Miscellaneous. The word "Casuals" and the name of the group will be entered in the space provided for name of organization, and the Embarkation Personnel Adjutant, will sign his name in the space provided for the signature of organization commander.					
To be filled in by company or detach- ment commander.	Give full name of organization, including company and regimental designation.	EVACUATION HOSPITAL NO. 9		To be filled in by Debarkation Personnel Adjutant, U. S. A.	
To be filled in by Embarkation Person- nel Adjutant, A. E. F.	Name of vessel.	Part of sailing.	Date of sailing.	Port of Arrival.	Date of Arrival.
	U.S.S. TEXAN	ST. NAZAIRE, FRANCE	JUNE 15 1919		
128.	RANDALL, SAMUEL 251,570 351,570 No SR-PC	PVT. 1/CL M.D.	EVAC. HOSP. NO. 9	MRS. MAUD OWENS	FRIEND ROUTE NO. 2, BOX 23, VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

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**CASUALTIES REPORTED
IN OVERSEAS SERVICE**

Stop these casualty lists quickly.
The men and money of America
will help do it. Buy Fourth Lib-
erty Bonds. Volunteer days for
Liberty Bonds September 28 and
29.

The names of the following Arkan-
sians appear in the casualty list
made public Tuesday:

Killed in Action—William D.
French, Elmo.

Died of Disease—Hez Collins, Van-
dale.

Wounded Severely—Corp. Homer
Hollis, Marshall.

Missing in Action—Phillip L. Hale,
R. F. D., Lake City.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined—
Samuel Randall, Van Buren.

Prisoner—Jas. M. Anderson, Pig-
gott.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Tuesday 17 Sep 1918 p 1

LEARNS BROTHER WOUNDED.
Van Buren, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—
Mrs. Maud Owens of this city has been
advised that her brother, Samuel Ran-
dall, with the American expeditionary
forces, has been wounded, degree unde-
termined, in action in France.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) Thursday 19 Sep 1918 p 6

IS INJURED IN ACTION

Samuel Randall Is Fifth Crawford County Boy Wounded.

Special to the Gazette.

Fort Smith, Sept. 19.—Mrs. Maud Owens, living on Rural Route No. 3, Van Buren, has been notified that her only brother, Private Samuel Randall, has been injured in action in France. The extent of his injuries have not been determined. Randall is 24, and is a member of Company L, Ninth Infantry. Mrs. Owens is his only relative. In the last month five Crawford county boys have been reported injured in France, and two killed.

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" Friday 20 Sep 1918 p 2

Sibling:

Form BM-414-Rev.-50M-10-53-120656-C-M-11.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATE (Do Not Write in This Space)

12471

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH MAUDE MAY RANDALL **PRIOR**

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County Franklin
City or Town Mulberry
Street No. or Rural Route _____

3. Is Child Male or Female? Female 4. What is Child's color or race? White 5. What was date of Child's Birth? June 30 1889
(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER **MOTHER**

6. Father's Full Name Samuel Wesley Randall 11. Mother's Maiden Name Nancy Dover

7. Where was Father living at the time of this birth? Mulberry, Ark. 12. Where was Mother living at the time of this birth? Mulberry, Ark.

8. What is Father's color? White 9. What was Father's age at time of birth? 31 yrs. 13. What is Mother's color? White 14. What was Mother's age at time of birth? 24 yrs.

10. In what State or Country was Father born? Texas 15. In what State or Country was Mother born? Indiana

16. Number of Children born to this Mother up to and including this child? 1

AFFIDAVIT

State of CALIFORNIA, ss.
County of KERN.

I hereby swear under oath in full knowledge of the penalties of the law for false statement that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as a ~~father~~ ~~mother~~ ~~person~~ at least 12 years older having knowledge of birth) and my present age is 80 years.

(Signed) John Stuart Wood

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 10th day of December, 19 53.

L. A. Bryant
(Notary Public or Other Official Empowered to Execute Oaths)

My Commission Expires October 16, 1957

(Do Not Write Below This Line)

Filed Dec. 21, 19 53 J. T. Herron, M.D. State Registrar

39929 43202

It is a

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Permanent record and must be written in UNFADING INK.
Certificates in pencil will be REFUSED. Maude May Randall
ALL THE QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.
CRIMINAL OFFENSE to make a false statement on this Record Form VS-300

Delayed AR birth record for Maude May Randall filed 21 Dec 1953 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/851608:61774>

MRS. MAUDE OWENS

SHAFTER, CALIF. (Staff) — Mrs. Maude Owens, 81, mother of two Odessans, died at 5:27 p.m. Friday in a convalescent hospital in Shafter, Calif.

Funeral services are pending.

Mrs. Owens was born June 30, 1889 in Dennison. A member of the Baptist church, she was married to Nealey Owens Oct. 12, 1909.

Survivors include three sons, Alva E. Owens of Odessa, Artist Owens of Gans, Okla. and Eldon Owens of Shafter, Calif; two daughters, Mrs. Ed Newton of Odessa and Mrs. Ernie Metheny of Byron, Calif.; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Obituary of sister Maude Mae Randall Owens – “Odessa (TX) American” Sunday 26 Jul 1970 p 2



Alva Edison Owens with parents Maude May Randall Owens, Cornelius (Nealey) Owens -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/18361292/person/100094070578/media/faa75a5e-37a2-4c97-8c31-cacc15e28267>

New Home



New Home

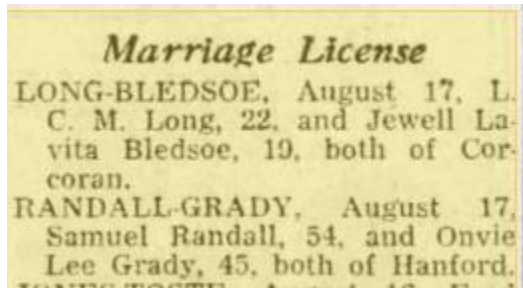
📅 1945

📍 Bakersfield, CA

When the family moved to Bakersfield, their new home was a converted boxcar. Nealy, Maud, Dorothy, and Alva on the porch with Sam Randall and his new wife Onvie.

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/18361292/person/100094070578/media/faa75a5e-37a2-4c97-8c31-cacc15e28267>

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"Hanford (CA) Mining Journal" Sunday 18 Aug 1946 p 8

Name: Samuel J. Randall

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2 - private

Serial number: 351570 (251,570 struck out but used in AEF cablegram 21 Aug 1918 - mistakenly typed 1917, looking for more info, some men on this list identified as casualties) -

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Entered service from: Van Buren, Crawford AR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Samuel Randall

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister Mrs. Maude Owens, RFD, Van Buren AR

Returned from war on: "Texan" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Samuel Randall

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Mrs. Maud Owens, Rt 2, Box 23, Van Buren AR (PFC, Evacuation Hospital No. 9)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939):

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: ca. 1894 AR (1910 census, living with mother Nancy C. Randall Owens & her husband Jacob J. in Van Buren, Crawford AR)

Died: alive in CA in 1946 when he married Onvie Lee Grady. Sam Randall is pictured with "his new wife" Onvie" with his sister Maude May Randall Owens & her husband Cornelius ("Nealey") Owens.

Find A Grave record:

Burial location:

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Samuel Wesley Randall, b. TX Listed on his sister Maude's delayed AR birth certificate.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Nancy C. Dover Randall Owens, 1865 Iowa City, Wright IA (IN on her daughter Maude's delayed AR birth record) – . Daughter of Joshua Dover Jr. & Elizabeth Jane Martin. In the 1880 census, Nancy Dover (15 IA) lived with parents Joshua (40) & Elizabeth (38) Dover & her 6 siblings in Buffalo Fork, Marion AR. Her marriage to Jacob J. Owens is her 4th; his marriage to her is also his 4th marriage. She is NOT the Nancy Owens who died 2 Dec 1942; that Nancy was the wife of John Owens & the daughter of John Hood & Ellen Easter.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Stepfather: Jacob Isaac ("Jake") Owens, Mar 1854 Newton Co. AR – 1911 Van Buren, Crawford AR. Son of Jacob O. Owens & Sarah Elizabeth Bishop. - According to online records, Jacob Owens was a relative/member of the Jesse James Gang. Jacob's 1st wife Cynthia/Synthia Ann Clayton (1867 MO-1904 AR, F: 33506918, daughter of William Jefferson Clayton & Elisabeth Merrman, married 1882) was also a James relative & a sister (likely) of the Clayton Gang members. Jacob attended Jesse James's funeral. [This gang information was found a few years earlier than 2022, and now cannot be located online.] – Buried in Dripping Springs Cemetery, Dripping Springs, Crawford AR.

Stepfather's Find A Grave: 33506917

Stepfather's marriage: Nancy Randall married Jacob Owens 3 May 1908 Crawford Co. AR.

Spouse: Onvie Lee Grady Randall. Listed as "his new wife" in a family photograph (mistakenly dated 1945, as Onvie & Samuel Randall obtained a marriage license on 17 Aug 1946. She was age 45 and Samuel Randall was age 54.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- Maude May Randall Brown Owens, 30 Jun 1889 Mulberry, Franklin AR – 24 Jul 1970 Shafter, Kern CA. SSN 558-36-7863. As Maude Brown, she married on 12 Oct 1909 to Cornelius ("Nealey"/"Nealy") Owens (1890 AR – 1967 CA, F: 14352022) who was the son of her stepfather Jacob Owens by his 1st wife, Cynthia Ann Clayton. They were both age 20. Nealey Owens & Maude Brown took out their marriage license & married on 21 Oct 1909 in Sebastian Co. AR. Her obituary says she was buried in Whitesboro TX but her delayed AR death certificate indicates her birth occurred in Mulberry, Franklin AR. Buried in Shafter Memorial Park, Shafter, Kern CA. F: 14351445

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – on board Tuscania: Samuel Rand

"Jonesboro (AR) Evening Sun" 17 Sep 1918 - Randall was wounded
<http://genealogytrails.com/ark/greene/MISSINGINACTION09.htm>

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) 19 Sep 1918 p 6 - Mrs. Maud Owens of Van Buren AR notified brother Samuel Randall wounded, degree unknown, France

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

A Nancy Randall is shown in Iowa censuses as daughter. Unclear if son Samuel is from a relationship or an earlier marriage since she is listed as "Randall"

1910 Crawford, Van Buren AR

Jacob J. Owens, 56 AR, in 4th marriage, father b. AR, mother b. TN, married 2 years, farmer, general farm

Nancy Owens, 45 IA, father b. IN, mother b. IA, in 4th marriage [wife]

Jesse Owens, 17 AR, father b. AR, mother b. MO, farm laborer, working out [son]

Frank M. Owens, 15 AR, father b. AR, mother b. MO, farm laborer, home farm [son]

Emma M. Owens, 9 AR, father b. AR, mother b. MO [daughter]

Alon Owens, 6 AR, father b. AR, mother b. MO [son]

Samuel Randall, 16 AR, father b. TX, mother b. IA [son]