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Abbreviations:

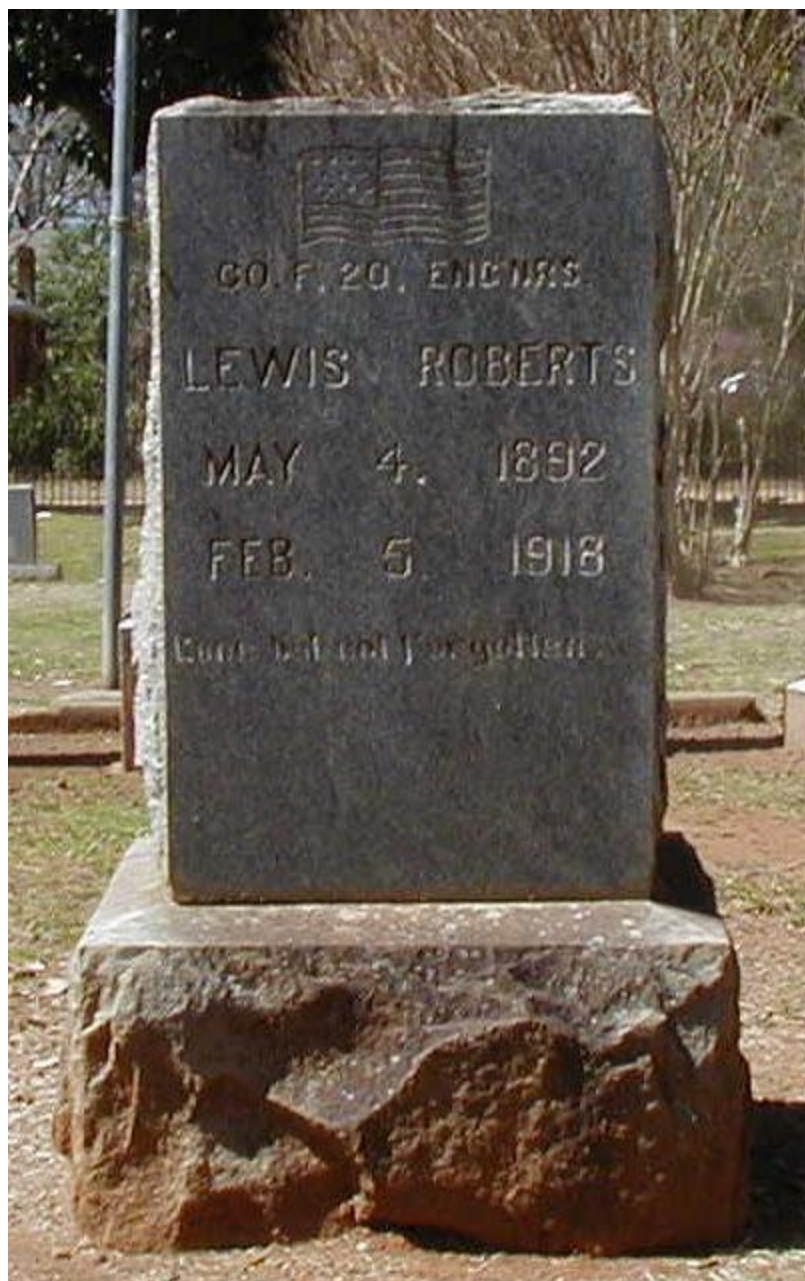
b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Roberts, Lewis****1892 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Find A Grave 6261034

2 Engrs. 6th Bn. Co. F

Roberts, Lewis * White * ~~Caucasian~~
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches, TEXAS
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Nacogdoches, Texas on Sept 19, 1917

Place of birth: Houston, Texas Age or date of birth: 25 7/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
Co A 360 Inf to Dec 30/17; Co D 10 Bn 20 Engrs to
Jan 20/18; Co F 6 Bn 20 Engrs to death.

Grades, with date of appointment:
Priv

Engagements:
Sinking of the Tuscania

Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.

Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to death, from to

Died of Sinking of the Tuscania Feb 5, 1918
 (Cause and date of death)

Person notified of death: Mrs. Clara Logan Mother
 (Name) (Degree of relationship)

(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Remarks: Form No. 724-A. G. O. Nov 22 1910. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

TX, WWI military service - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV18-VQP1>

ROBERTS LEWIS
 LOUIS
 Co H 20 Engrs US Army Tuscania K
 Nacogdoches Texas A

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Texas Heroes Dead in Scotland

WILLIAM R. WILSON, Canton, Texas.
HENRY H. PAGE, Saratoga, Texas.
EDWARD F. YOUNG, Gilmer, Texas.
LUTHER B. REEDER, Broadus, Texas.
THOMAS ST. CLAIR, Junction, Texas.
BEN BARKER, FOULSBURG, Texas.
MARTIN C. HILL, Wimberly, Texas.
DANIEL W. TROBRIDGE, Strawn, Texas.
EDGAR C. BARNES, Ranger, Texas.
OSCAR L. SMITH, Winters, Texas.
ANGEL PEREZ, San Antonio, Texas.
WALTER L. WHITTINGTON, Sherntan, Texas.
GEORGE MORENO, Pearsall, Texas.
ARTHUR W. COLLINS, Appleby, Texas.
CLAYTON B. WEST, Baxter Springs, Texas.
LEWIS ROBERTS, Nacogdoches, Texas.
WILLIAM KEOWN, Sand Springs, Texas.
JENNINGS B. CROW, Appleby, Texas.

"Austin (TX) American" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

Mother:



Mother Clarendia Matilda Judson Shafer Roberts Logan -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/62114571/person/32083100441/media/654d9522-f3a8-4e30-a9a5-9e03496a9f44>

Half-brothers

STATE OF TEXAS 236-01-2 174-00 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 154 STATE FILE NO. 99858

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Walker</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Texas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Nacogdoches</u>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Huntsville</u>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Nacogdoches 75961</u> Pct. # <u>1</u>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Huntsville Memorial Hospital</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>Rt. 2, Box 162 Rural</u>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		f. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒ g. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☒ NO ☐	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) (a) First <u>Jesse</u> (b) Middle <u>Coleman</u> (c) Last <u>Shafer</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>December 4, 1972</u>	
5. SEX <u>Male</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. Married ☐ Never Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>April 30, 1888</u>
9. AGE (In years, months, days) <u>84</u>		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <u>4</u> Days <u>4</u> Hours <u>0</u> Minutes <u>0</u>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Farmer</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Agriculture</u>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Robertson Co., Texas</u>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>U.S.A.</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Albert Shafer</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Clara Judson</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service) <u>No</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>Unobtainable</u>	
17. INFORMANT <u>Audley D. Smith - nephew</u>		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c). IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Respiratory arrest</u> REMOTE CAUSE (b) <u>Generalized metastatic carcinoma</u> BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS <u>Carcinoma of rectum</u> 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. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)	
20c. TIME OF INJURY: Hour <u>12</u> Month <u>12</u> Day <u>4</u> Year <u>1972</u>			
20d. INJURY OCCURRED: WHEN AT HOME ☐ NOT WHEN AT HOME ☐		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
20f. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION		COUNTY STATE	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>12/4</u> to <u>12/4</u> 19 <u>72</u> and last saw the deceased alive on <u>12/4</u> 19 <u>72</u> . Death occurred at <u>8:00</u> a.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.			
22a. SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>		22b. ADDRESS <u>Huntsville, Texas</u>	
22c. DATE SIGNED <u>12-8, 1972</u>			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Removal</u>		23b. DATE <u>Dec. 5, 1972</u>	
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Fairview Cemetery</u>			
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Nacogdoches Texas</u>		23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>James H. Moore</u>	
23f. HUNTSVILLE FUNERAL HOME # <u>5858</u>			
24a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <u>154</u>		24b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Dec 12, 1972</u>	
24c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>			

TX death record of half-brother Jesse Coleman Shafer (1888-1972) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/751428935:2272>

Jesse C. Shafer

NACOGDOCHES — Funeral services for Jesse Coleman Shafer, 88, of Nacogdoches are set at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Cason-Monk Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jim Ratcliff officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Nacogdoches.

Mr. Shafer died Sunday night in a Huntsville hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was a retired farmer and a lifelong resident of Nacogdoches County. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include three nieces, Mrs. Clara Smith of Huntsville, Mrs. Billie Farley and Mrs. Maudie Jacobsen, both of California; and five nephews, Albert Shafer of Huntsville, Arthur E. Shafer of Connecticut, Herman R. Shafer of California, Barham E. Shafer of Vietnam and Tommy Shafer of Germany.



Half-brother Willie Shafer, ca. 1913 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/62114571/person/32083099877/media/f192c982-9fb1-4151-ad89-d5b97d815f15>

STATE OF TEXAS 236-01-2 236-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4109 30 STATE FILE NO. 15966

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Walker</u> b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Huntsville</u> c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b. <u>14 years</u> d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Huntsville Memorial Hospital</u> e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Texas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Walker</u> c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Huntsville</u> d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>421 E. 14th Street</u> e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <u>WILLIE</u> a. First <u>WILLIE</u> b. Middle <u>SHAFA</u> c. Last <u>SHAFA</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>February 23, 1972</u>	
5. SEX <u>Male</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Dec. 15, 1889</u>
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>82</u>		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months <u>8</u> Days <u>8</u> Hours <u>0</u> Minutes <u>0</u>	
11. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done) (If deceased, give street address) <u>Retired Sawmill Worker</u>		12. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Sawmills</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Albert Shafer</u>		14. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <u>Limestone Co., Texas</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service)		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>449-10-4756 A</u>	
17. INFORMANT <u>Della Shafer (Wife)</u>		18. MOTHER'S M maiden name <u>Clara Judson</u>	
19. CAUSE OF DEATH (List only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)) IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Myocardial arrest</u> WHICH GAVE RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (b) <u>Myocardial infarction</u> BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS			
20. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a) <u>Chronic obstructive lung disease</u>			
21. 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒			
22. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION 20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18) 20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <u>3:15</u> Month <u>2</u> Day <u>23</u> Year <u>1972</u> 20d. INJURY OCCURRED 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Huntsville</u> COUNTY <u>Walker</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>10/27</u> to <u>2/23</u> , 19 <u>72</u> and last saw the deceased alive on <u>2/23</u> , 19 <u>72</u> . Death occurred at <u>3:15 AM</u> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated. 22a. SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u> (Degree or title) <u>MD</u> 22b. ADDRESS <u>1312 1st St. Huntsville, Texas</u> 22c. DATE SIGNED <u>2/25/72</u>			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		23b. DATE <u>2/25/72</u>	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas</u>		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Adickes Addition of Oakwood</u>	
23e. REGISTAR'S FILE NO. <u>30</u>		23f. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>2-28-72</u>	
23g. DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>		23h. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>	

TX death record of half-brother Willie Shafer (1889-1972) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/60175397:2272>

Name: Lewis Roberts

Name variations: Louis Roberts

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

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

Entered service from: Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lewis Roberts

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Clara Logan, Nacogdoches TX

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 4, as L. Roberts
 Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 29 Sep 1920
 Body listed on return ship as: L. Roberts
 Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Co. F, 20th Engrs
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Louis Roberts, but signed Lewis Roberts - b. 4 Mar 1892 Houston TX; res: Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX. Single. Tie maker, Alf. Whitten in Hands (spelling?). Has dependent father & father. Claimed exemption from the draft: "dependent father & mother" – Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Born: 4 Mar 1892

Died: 6 Feb 1918 - Tuscania

Address: Nacogdoches TX

Rank/unit: Co. H, 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 4 May 1892 (tombstone) or 4 Mar 1892 (WWI draft & Veterans Administration Military Index) Houston, Harris TX

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 6261034 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX

Cemetery: Oak Grove

Tombstone: tombstone: Co F 20. Engrs. "Gone but not forgotten"

Father: his mother appears to have married Roberts (or at least had a relationship with him) between the Dec 1889 birth of her son Willie Shafer and the 1910 census, by which time Clarendia/Clara is Mrs. Augustus Logan.

Find A Grave:

Stepfather: Augustus Logan, 9 Apr 1848 Abbeville SC – 21 Jan 1929 Nacogdoches Co. TX. Spm pf Isaac Logan & Sarah Alice Sample. Fought in the Civil War for the Confederate States of American, Co. 6, 6th Calvary. Married ca. 1868 to Martha A. Logan (1845-1890); their daughter Adeline Logan was born in 1870. Buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX.

Stepfather's Find A Grave: 10376738

Stepfather's marriage: ca. 1895

Mother: Clarendia Matilda ("Clara") Judson Shafer Roberts Logan, 2 Oct 1868 TX – 11 Nov 1945. [also found as 2 Nov 1945] Daughter of Jesse/Jessee Judson (b. 1839); her mother's maiden name was Hodge. In the 1880 census, Alice Judson (13), Clarinda (11) & Climentine Judson are listed as orphans, residing with Elias & Melvina Roberts in Robertson Co. TX.

Clarinda Judson, age 19, married in Robertson Co. TX on 2 Jan 1889 to Albert Shafer. This would appear to follow the birth of their son, Jesse Coleman Shafer. Their son Willie was

born in Dec 1889. Ancestry.com family trees record a birthdate of ca. 1865 in PA for Albert & a death of 1889, but no records were found to support these claims.

Buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX.

Find A Grave: 10376739

Parents' marriage: by the 1910 census

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

Half-siblings: by his mother Clarendia/Clara's marriage to Albert Shafer

- Jesse Coleman Shafer, 30 Apr 1888 TX – 4 Dec 1972 Walker Co. TX. Buried in Fairview Church Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX. F: 10377284
- Willie Shafer, 15 Dec 1889 Limestone Co. TX – 23 Feb 1972 Huntsville, Walker TX. Married in 1913 to Hester Kimmey (1895-1934); they had 5 children. - Married in 1928 to Della Mae Barnett (1898-1988, F: 57504040. They had 7 children.- Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Huntsville, Walker TX. F: 57504070

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 8 – among those on board Tuscania: Lewis Roberts of Nacogdoches TX

"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7 – among those unaccounted for: Co. F, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers (Forestry): Lewis Roberts of Nacogdoches TX.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1910 Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches TX

[head of household] A. Logan, 66 SC, parents' birthplaces not known, in 1st marriage farmer, general [he had been married before]

Matilda Logan, 42 TX, parents b. TX, in 1st marriage [but the census lists children by 2 different fathers]

Jessie Shafer, 22 TX, parents b. TX [stepson]

Willie Shafer, 21 TX, parents b. TX, laborer, saw mill [stepson]

Louis Roberts, 18 TX, parents b. TX, laborer, saw mill [stepson]