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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**Tuscania casualty
Smith, William G.****1895 MO – 5 February 1918 Tuscania****Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919**

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TEXAS WHITE:INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

<u>NAME*</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT</u> <u>TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Smith, Williamson L.		Pvt	165 Depot Brig 40 Co Camp Travis Det #2	Feb 5/18

Appears in TX deaths as Williamson L. Smith –

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPH4-W9F6>

Form 1 *1288* REGISTRATION CARD *284* No. *267*

1	Name in full <i>Will Smith</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age, in yrs. <i>21</i>
2	Home address <i>Tar River Okla</i> (No.) (Street) (City) (State) (County)	
3	Date of birth <i>July 5 1895</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <i>#1</i>	
5	Where were you born? <i>St Louis Mo U.S.A.</i> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <i>Miner</i>	
8	By whom employed? <i>Lumber Junction</i> Where employed? <i>Tar River Okla</i>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	
10	Married or single (which)? <i>single</i> Race (specify which)? <i>White</i>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____ branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

EX *Will Smith*
(Signature of registrant)

If person is of African descent, tear off this corner

35-1-18-A

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Med</u>	Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Stout</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Bm</u>	Color of hair? <u>Blk</u> Bald? <u> </u>
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u> </u>	

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Quapaw
Precinct

Ottawa
City or County

Okla
State

Clyde King
(Signature of Registrar)

June 5, 1917
(Date of registration)

WWI draft registration in Quapaw, Ottawa Co. OK - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10307102:6482?_phsrc=hFB58020&_phstart=succesSource&gsfn=william+g&gsln=smith&ml_rpos=18&queryId=30d85222400a3bf40d60e4655d301024

SMITH WILLIAM G		*C 14 893
SMITH W G		
Pvt. 49th Co. 165th Depot Brig		K
Det. #2		A 4 722 892
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Born 7/5/95		Cl
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U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
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SELLARS COLEY L	CORP	COAST ARTY CORPS	OCT 6 1918	FLORIDA
SHEPPARD ORLANDO W	PVT	COAST ARTY CORPS	OCT 6 1918	GEORGIA
SMITH EDWIN A	PVT	COAST ARTY CORPS	OCT 6 1918	GEORGIA
SMITH ELLIS M	PVT	20 TH ENGINEERS	FEB 5 1918	ARKANSAS
SMITH HARRY E	PVT	100 TH AERO SQUADRON	FEB 5 1918	MARYLAND
SMITH WILLIAM G	PVT	CASUAL DETACHMENT	FEB 5 1918	OKLAHOMA
SNYDER THOMAS RUSSEL	PVT	FIELD ARTILLERY	SEPT 30 1918	OHIO
SPENCER WILLIAM B	CORP	107 TH SUP TRAIN 32 ND DIV	FEB 5 1918	WISCONSIN
	PVT	COAST ARTY CORPS	OCT 6 1918	WISCONSIN
				CANADA

Find A Grave 56503899 – Tablets of the Missing

MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS MEN ON THE TUSCANIA

List of Those on Torpedoed Ship
Given, but Fate Is Not Known;
St. Louisans Included.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—In the list of soldiers on the Tuscania when she was torpedoed, made public by the War Department, the names of many Missouri and Illinois men appear. Their individual fate will not be known until the full list of survivors arrives. Those from Illinois and Missouri on board the transport were:

[list continues]

William G. Smith, private, 165th D. B., Festus, Mo.
 William E. Vickers, private, 165th D. B., Southwest City, Mo.
 Stanley E. Hull, Rockford, Ill.
 William Lee Garner, private, 107th Supply Train, Rockford, Ill.
 Joseph H. Rice, First Sanitary Squad, Thirty-second Division, Downers Grove, Ill.

Among the survivors listed by the Committee on Public Information is Private Alva Bowman of Carmi, Ill., a member of Company E. Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers.

"St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5

**Additional List of
 Tuscania Survivors
 Is Given to Public**

WASHINGTON, February 10.—The War Department tonight gave out the following additional names of survivors of the Tuscania, whose homes are in the states of Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas:

Missouri.

David Davis Hall, Southwest City, also Washington, D. C.
 Dewitt Schwartz, St. Louis, care Vandalia Railroad.
 John M. Shortell, De Soto.
 Vernon A. Baldwin, 3860 Juniata street, St. Louis.
 Frank L. Perry, Joplin.
 Jessie Fisher, Madison.
 George Tolbert, Noxville.
 Roy W. Grear, Elmer.

Included in the list given out of those on board the Tuscania whose names do not appear among the survivors are:
 Everett H. Duffy, Siloam Springs, Mo.;
 William G. Smith, Festus, Mo.;
 William E. Vickers, Southwest City, Mo.;
 Walter Alexander, Marshall, Mo.

"St. Louis (MO) Globe-Democrat" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

THREE ST. LOUISANS ON THE TUSCANIA SAFE IN IRELAND

**Relatives of Sergt. Dewitt Schwartz
and Privates Vernon Baldwin and
G. H. Lewis Get Telegram.**

Relative of the three St. Louis soldiers, Sergt. Dewitt Schwartz, 5560 Cates avenue; Private Vernon Baldwin, 3860 Juniata street, and Private George H. Lewis, 4461 Swan avenue, aboard the torpedoed transport Tuscania, have been notified of their safe arrival at an Irish port. The information was contained in a telegram from Senator Stone.

Sergt. Schwartz, formerly a student at Soldan High School, enlisted in the field artillery at Akron, O., April 7, and later was transferred to the Twentieth Engineers. Privates Baldwin and Lewis are attached to the 158th Aero Squad.

Will L. Jordan, 20-year-old son of Will Jordan, editor of Belleville and Pana (Ill.) newspapers, who also was aboard the Tuscania, has survived the disaster, his father was informed. Young Jordan was a member of the 100th Aero Squad. Two young Missourians, William G. Smith of Festus and Walter Alexander of Marshall, still are missing. Smith is an infantryman with the Camp Travis detachment, while Alexander is a member of the 100th Aero Squad.

"St. Louis (MO) Post-Dispatch" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 8

**60 MORE DEAD REPORTED
AS RESULT OF SINKING
OF TRANSPORT TUSCANIA**

(By United Press:)

Washington, Feb. 26—The war department today received sixty more names of dead from the torpedoed Tuscania who were previously reported as unidentified or missing. Among them were Joe Cochran of Lawton, Okla.; George O. Perry, Lone Wolf, Okla.; Ondis Powell, Sasakwa, Okla.; Raymond Hoessler, Medicine Lodge, Kas., and William G. Smith of Sestus, Mo.

Pronounced dead: William G. Smith of FESTUS MO – “Chillicothe (MO) Constitution-Tribune”
Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 9

GIVE NAMES OF 61 TUSCANIA VICTIMS

WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES DEATH OF MEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—The war department today received 61 more names of dead from the Tuscania disaster who were previously reported as unidentified missing. They include:

CLARENCE W. ALLEN, Traverse City, Mich.
GEORGE A. ALTWEIN, Temple, Tex.
ROGER BAKER Levee, Ky.
WILLIAM BINNIE, Fallon, Mont.
VERNER C. BRAMLAND, Colton, Ore.
BENJAMIN H. BROWN Barron, Wis.
ALCIDE CARROLLO, Mohrville, Wis.
JOE COCHRAN, Lawton, Okla.
TOMMIE W. COOK, Bayville, La.
JOHN M. CROWLEY San Francisco.
READ O. DAVIS Colusa, Cal.
ROSENDO DIAZ, Najarma, Tex.
ALEXANDER J. DUNN, Portland, Ore.
ELTON O. EDMONSON Strawn, Tex.
FLORENCIO ERAS, Alice, Tex.
EDWARD C. FEYRER, Weymar, Tex.
DALE FISH, Wheaton, Minn.
SIXTON FLORES, Alice, Tex.
GUADALUPE GARZA, Rio Grande, Tex.
GREGG GHERING, Findlay, O.
WILLIAM O. GEYER, appears as Deyer on passenger list, Blackston, Va.
EDWARD C. GRAHAMER, Scranton, Pa.
ARTHUR CHRISTIAN JUNKER, Kenosha, Wis.
FRANK KOSSAETH, San Antonio, Tex.
MAT LATHAM, Hemlip, P. O., Stafford, Va.
CHARLES P. H. McVEY, San Francisco.
LAMBERT H. MOCKER, Nashville, Tenn.

RICHARD A. NINCHART Columbus, O.
BENJAMIN C. OLMSTED, Tenino, Wash.
BEN V. OWENS, Canadian, Tex.
CLARENCE PAUL Alexandria, La.
CLYDE C. PELLEY, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
JUAN A. PEREZ, Boern, Tex.
GEORGE O. PERRY, Lone Wolf, Okla.
JAMES R. POTILLO, Huntington, Ark.
ONDIS POWELL, Sasakwa, Okla.
CARL C. RADER, Johnstown, Pa.
LUCIO RAMOS San Antonio, Tex.
FRANK D. REILLY, Cleveland, O.
ALPHA L. RICE, Charlotte Mich.
GIRILO RODRIGUEZ, Burgsmill, Tex.
RAYMOND ROESSLER, Medicine Lodge, Kas.
RICHARD CHULZE, Boern, Tex.
FRANK SHARP Milwaukee, Wis.
ELLIS M. SMITH Magnolia, Ark.
WILLIAM B. SPENCER New London, Wis.
ARTHUR STRAACH, Miles, Tex.
WILLIAM G. SMITH, Festus Mo.
CHARLES L. WAYNE Fort Jones, Calif.
EARL O'DEARLE WISENBERGER, Jim Falls, Wis.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Tuesday 26 Feb 1918 p 3

FESTUS, MO., BOY DIED ON TUSCANIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. — (United Press) The War Department today announced the names of 61 of the dead on the Tuscania, who had heretofore been in the identified class. Among them was William G. Smith, of Festus, Mo.

"Mexico (MO) Daily News & Intelligencer" Tuesday 26 Feb 1918 p 1

Father:

U. S. No. 2
 20M-5-43
 ev. 5-17-39
 I J34871

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FILED NOV 4 1944

THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

34541

State File No.

Registration District No. **160**

Primary Registration District No. **3030**

Registrar's No.

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
 (a) County **Jefferson**
 (b) City or town **Festus**
 (If outside city or town limits, write "RURAL" and name of township)
 (c) Name of hospital or institution:
 (If not in hospital or institution, write street number or location)
 (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution **1**
 (Specify whether
 In this community years, months or days)

3. (a) PRINTED FULL NAME **John Murray Smith**
 (b) If veteran, name war No. (c) Social Security No.

4. Sex **Male** 5. Color or race **White** (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced **married**
 6. (b) Name of husband or wife **Martha Anne Smith** 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive **79** years
 7. Birth date of deceased **Apr 29 1858**
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years **86** Months **5** Days **16** If less than one day hr. min.

9. Birthplace **Doe Run** 0 mo (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation **Fireman**

11. Industry or business **Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co**

12. Name **Andrew Jackson Smith**

13. Birthplace **Vary, Baden** 0 mo (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name **Lurina Best**

15. Birthplace **Perry County** 0 mo (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant **Mary W. Smith**

(b) Address **Festus** mo

17. (a) **Burial** (b) Date thereof **10-18-44**
 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)

(c) Place: burial or cremation **Roselawn Memorial Pl**

18. (a) Signature of funeral director **Frank Funeral Parlor**

(b) Address **Festus** mo

19. **Oct 19, 1944** (Date received local registrar) (b) **Lily Williams** (Registrar's signature)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
 (a) State **Missouri** (b) County **Jefferson** 50
 (c) City or town **Festus** 3
 (If outside city or town limits, write "RURAL") 1
 (d) Street No. **502 W. main**
 (If rural, give location)
 (e) Citizen of foreign country? **no.** (Yes or No)
 If yes, name country **0**

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. DATE OF DEATH: Month **Oct** day **15**
 year **1944** hour **9** minute **30 A.M.**

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **Oct 6, 44**
 to **Oct 14, 1944**
 that I last saw him alive on **Oct 14, 1944**
 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death **Chronic myocarditis**
Lung emphysema

Due to **93d**

Due to

Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)

Major findings: Of operations

Of autopsy **✓**

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)

(b) Date of occurrence

(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)

(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?

While at work? (Specify type of place) (c) Means of injury **0**

23. Signature **Bertalan Dolgo** (M. D. or other)

Address **Festus** mo Date signed **10/19/44**

WRITE PLAINLY—USE UNFADING BLACK INK—MAKE A PERMANENT RECORD

MO death record of John Murray Smith - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/896197:60382>

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Jefferson, } SS.

This license authorizes any Judge, Justice of the Peace, Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, or any other person authorized under the Laws of this State, to solemnize Marriage between John M. Smith of Henriette Mo County of Jefferson and State of Missouri, who is over the age of 21 years, and Miss Adelia St Louis J. Cramond of St Louis in the County of Jefferson and State of Missouri, who is over the age of 18 years.

Witness my hand as Recorder, with the seal of office hereto affixed at my office, in Hillsboro, this 5th day of March

1884

P. Cashels Recorder.
By Ernest Green Deputy

STATE OF MISSOURI
County of Jefferson } SS.

This is to certify, that the undersigned, Justice of the peace did, at Henriette in said County, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1884, unite in Marriage the above-named persons.

Sam'l Eaker Justice of the peace

Marriage to Adelia J. Cramond on 9 Mar 1884 in Jefferson Co. MO -

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/512973333:1171?tid=&pid=&queryId=dc79e09eb10d3871e8f9c4c4274d33e8&_phsrc=hFB58044&_phstart=successSource

Siblings (of some kind):

1172	Jan 2 1885	Smith Sadie May	Dec 27 84	American	27
		Female	Married	Missouri	
		Birth			
American	Adelia J. Smith	J. M. Smith	M. A. O'Bryan M.D.		
North	Cramond	Stair Mason			

J M Smith

in the Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers, 1847-1999

Detail Source

Name: J M Smith

Gender: Male

Residence Age: 27

Birth Date: Abt 1857

Birth Place: Missouri, USA

Spouse: Adelia J Smith

Child: Sadie May Smith

Line Number: 10

Birth of **Sadie May Smith** on 27 Dec 1884 to J.M. Smith & Adelia J. Cramond -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/159189692:1170>

George Smith.....	1102 Rutger
Loretta Williams.....	1022 Rutger

Marriage license of George Henry Smith & Loretta M. Williams – “St. Louis (MO) Globe-Democrat”
 Wednesday 2 Jun 1926 p 19

Mrs. George H. Smith Funeral Here Tomorrow

Mrs. Loretta M. Smith, 60, of Blue Fountain trailer court, south of Festus, died early Sunday morning after becoming suddenly ill while attending a meeting Saturday night. She was rushed to Jefferson Memorial hospital here at 9 p.m. and died at 2:30 a.m. the next day.

Mrs. Smith was employed as a cook at Jefferson Memorial hospital here for 10 years, retiring last January because of a stroke. She was born August 17, 1908, in Crystal City, daughter of the late Harry and Stella (nee Aubuchon) Williams. Mrs. Smith was a lifetime resident of this area.

Survivors are her husband, George H. Smith; a daughter, Mrs. Vincent (June) Allen, De Soto; a sister, Mrs. Della Mae Martin, Festus; half-sister, Mrs. Mary Maupin, Crystal City; two brothers, Bob Williams of Reno, Nev., and Howard Williams; three grandchildren; and a half brother, Eddie Dallas, Crystal City.

Funeral will be from Politte funeral home, Festus, to Sacred Heart church for 10 a.m. Mass Tuesday. Interment will be in Roselawn Memorial Garden.

Obituary of Loretta Williams Smith – “Festus (MO) Daily News-Democrat” Monday 9 Dec 1968 p 1

Name: William G. Smith

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals (49th Co., 165th Depot Brigade) - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers in WWI until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so William died without one

Entered service from: Festus, Jefferson MO

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: William G. Smith

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father J.M. Smith, Festus MO

Missing in action – body not recovered.

World War I draft registration (1917): as Will Smith – b. 5 Jul 1895 St. Louis MO; res: Tar River OK. Single. Miner, Lucky Junction, Tar River OK. Medium height, stout build. Registered in Quapaw, Ottawa OK.

Veterans Administration Military Index: birthdate of 5 Jul 1895

Enlisted: 20 Sep 1917

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Festus] MO

Rank/unit: private, 49th Company, 165th Depot Brigade, Detachment #2

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Jul 1895 St. Louis MO

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania (name on plaque - missing in action - from OK)

Find A Grave record: 56503899 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American

Tombstone: Military plaque: Pvt Casual Detachment Oklahoma

Father: Unclear

John Murray Smith, 29 Apr 1858 Doe Run, St. Francois Co. MO – 15 Oct 1944 Festus, Jefferson MO. May be William's biological father – may not be.

Son of Andrew Jackson Smith (1821-1892, F: 55182692) & Charlotte Lavina Bass (1828-1880, F: 232820164).

Married on 9 Mar 1884 in Hematite, Jefferson MO to Adelia J. Cramond, b. ca. 1857 MO. They had a daughter, Sadie May Smith, born 27 Dec 1884 in Hanover, Jefferson MO. John & Adelia were each age 27 when their daughter was born.

In 1893, he married Martha Ann Ginn, born 4 Feb 1874 MO, died 7 Dec 1971 St. Louis City MO.

Buried in Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens, Crystal City, Jefferson MO, F: 242211971.

In the 1900 census, John & Martha live in St. Louis MO – in 1910 in Quapaw, Ottawa OK – in 1920 in Joachim, Jefferson MO with sons George & Marvin – in 1930 & 1940 in Festus, Jefferson MO.

Buried in Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens, Crystal City, Jefferson MO.

Find A Grave: 85225324

Mother: unclear

Although William is listed as the son of John Murray Smith in the 1900 & 1910 censuses, there are some questions.

It is not possible for John's "daughter" Ethel Adelia Smith to have been born 5 Aug 1895 and "son" William G. Smith to have been born 5 Jul 1895.

John Murray Smith's 2nd wife, Martha Ann McGinn, says she has given birth to 2 children, but only 1 is living. Ethel & William are both age 4, born 1 month apart, so presumably only one of them is her biological child.

So –

Was Ethel the biological daughter of John Murray Smith, or not? In the 1910 census, Martha Ginn Smith says she has given birth to 4 children, 3 of whom are living – and listed are Ethel, George & Marvin]

Was William G. Smith the biological son of John Murray Smith?

Was one of them born to Martha Ginn Smith and the other born to another relationship of John Murray Smith's, presumably illegitimate therefore, and taken into John's household?

Was William – or Ethel – actually the biological child of Sadie May Smith, age 15, living in the John Murray/Martha Ginn household (married 1893) in 1900? It was common to take a grandchild into a household & call the person a son or daughter at the time.

Was William or Ethel an adopted or foster child?

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings – of some sort – full, half, step, adopted, foster?

- Sadie May Smith, daughter of John Murray Smith & his 1st wife, Adelia J. Cramond, 27 Dec 1884 Hanover, Jefferson MO -
- George Henry Smith, 29 Nov 1903 St. Francois Co. MO – after Dec 1968. Son of John Murray Smith & 2nd wife, Martha Ginn. Obtained marriage license in Jun 1926 in St. Louis MO with Loretta M. Williams. She was born 17 Aug 1908 Crystal City, Jefferson MO & died 8 Dec 1968 Jefferson Co. MO. – Their daughter was Mildred June Smith Allen (Mrs. Vincent), 1927-1999, F: 5267150. George Henry Smith was alive when Loretta died. Loretta was buried in Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens, Crystal City, Jefferson MO (where George's parents John & Martha are buried) but she (and George) are not on Find A Grave as of 21 Dec 2022.
- Marvin Emmitt Smith, 8 Dec 1905 Bonne Terre, St. Francois MO – Oct 1985 Festus, Jefferson MO. Son of John Murray Smith & 2nd wife, Martha Ginn. SSN 491-12-8913. Married 18 Mar 1925 in Festus, Jefferson MO to Pauline Larose (1907-1968).

Notes:

"Will Smith" registered for the WWI draft in Tar River OK. This was a mining community & he was employed as a miner. The town's name changed to Cardin in 1920 and disincorporated in 1938. Established in 1913, Tar River was "besieged by vice" according to "The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture." Cardin was re-incorporated in 1983. The city was "officially closed" in 2009, and in the 2010 census had 3 inhabitants.

<https://www.okhistory.org/publications/enc/entry?entry=CA054>



Cardin, formerly Tar River
(23254.16, Barbara Cox Collection, OHS).

CARDIN.

Located between Commerce and Picher in Ottawa County on County Road E0030, Cardin began in 1913 as a boisterous mining town by the name of Tar River. The surrounding region had numerous lead and zinc mines. The town had eighteen to twenty grocery stores in addition to rooming houses, drug stores, livery stables, banks, lumberyards, theaters, speakeasies, pool halls, gambling dens, and dance halls. Although there was law enforcement and a jail, the town was besieged by vice and reportedly tolerated graft that percolated up to county offices. A newspaper editor with a nickname of "Rounder" published the *Anti-Hijaker*, which he used to expose many of the corrupt public servants.

In June 1918 William Oscar Cardin, a Quapaw Indian, with his wife, Isa Wade Cardin, had his forty-acre allotment surveyed, platted, filed, and recorded with the county clerk of Ottawa County. The original town plat also encompassed one thousand additional acres that were found to be restricted allotments and were deannexed in 1923. In 1920 the name changed officially from Tar River to Cardin. At that time its population registered 2,640. By 1930 the number of residents had declined to 437. In 1938 the town disincorporated.

In 1983 in order to obtain grants and loans from the federal government for the purpose of building a sewer lagoon and new water lines, Cardin reincorporated. At the beginning of the twenty-first century it served as a quiet "bedroom" community with one beauty shop and four churches. The 2000 population stood at 150 residents.

Cardin is located in the Tar Creek Superfund site. The city was officially closed in 2009; in 2008-2010 the federal government's Lead-impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust completed a buyout of property. The U.S. Census of 2010 counted a population of 3 (three) in the former town of Cardin.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Listed as Williamson L. Smith from Texas in the US, American Expeditionary Forces list of the dead in WWI.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 St. Louis, St. Louis City MO – Sidney St.

John M. Smith, 42 MO, Apr 1858, parents b. MO, married 7 years, teamster

Martha A., 26 MO, Feb 1874, parents b. MO, gave birth to 2 children, 1 is living [wife]

Ethel, 4 MO, Aug 1895 [daughter]

William, 4 MO, Jul 1895 [son]

Sadie, 15 MO, Dec 1885 [daughter]

[who are parents of Ethel – born 5 Aug 1895 – and William – born 5 Jul 1895?]

1910 Quapaw, Ottawa OK

John Smith, 53 MO, parents b. MO, in 2nd marriage, married 17 years, laborer

Martha, 36 MO, father b. KY, mother b. MO, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Ethel, 14 MO

George, 6 MO

Marvin, 4 MO

& nephew Willie Ginn, 14 MO

[note William is not listed, and there are 3 living children listed of Martha's]