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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Sparkman, James Frederic****1891 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**

REPORT OF INTERMENT										NAME OF CEMETERY National, Arlington Va. ✓				
TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.										EMBLEM (Check one) ☐ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ OTHER (Specify)				
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Sparkman, James F.										SERVICE DATA (Company, Regiment, Division, or other organization, and basic arm of service) Casual #2 Co. C. 359 Inf.				
RANK Private					SERIAL NUMBER									
STATE Texas					☒ WW I ☐ OTHER (Specify) ☐ WW II									
DATE OF BIRTH			DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE LOC.		DATES OF SERVICE			
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			Feb	5	1918	Sept	18	20	Bur	470				
REMARKS (Authority for interment, pension, or claim number, disinterment, etc.) Originally buried Grave 36, Row 6, #155, Local Cemetery. Port Charlotte, Islay, Argyll, Scot. Died in service and line of duty. Information taken from old card 9 Jan. 1953-BEM										HEADSTONE OR MARKER ORDERED 814200 Georgia May 28, 1934 CR Sept 1920				
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SPARKMAN JAMES F		X	7 063
Pvt 2 Cas Co		K	
Frisco Tex		A	
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Born 9/9/91		B	
Enl	Dtc	Cl	
		I	7 763
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1929		INDEX CARD	

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Sparkman		James F	71 822	* White	6
(Surname)		(Christian name)	(Army serial number)		
Residence:		Eagin, Johnson	TEXAS		
(Street and house number)		(Town or city)	(County)	(State)	
		CLEBURNE TEXAS Sept 19/17			
Inducted at		on 19			
Place of birth:		Eagin Texas	Age or date of birth: 26 yrs		
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:		Co C 359 Inf to : 2 Casual Co Camp Travis Oct 1917			
Grades, with date of appointment:		Pvt			
Engagements:		Sinking of Tuscania			
Served overseas from		Jan 24/18	to	death	from
Killed in action		Feb 5/18	to	19	
Other wounds or injuries received in action:		None			
Person notified of death:		Mrs Rosa M Watson	(If none, so state) (Mother)		
Frisco		(Name)	(Degree of relationship)		
(No. and street or rural route)		(City, town, or post office)	(State or country)		
Remarks:					
Form No. 724-B, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919.		* Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.			

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FIVE FORT WORTH MEN AMONG TEXAS SOLDIERS ON TUSCANIA

Special to The Star-Telegram.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Fort Worth had five men on the Tuscania, the transport which was sent down by a German submarine. They are Garland V. Howard, S. E. Landrum, J. W. Martin, Elmer Holden and James W. Abram. It probably will be several more days before the survivors are known.
 Following is a complete list of Texans on the ship: Victor A. Monneer, John Weatherall and Patrick H. White, Dallas; Robert E. Bankhard,

[article continues]

Seymour; John M. Rainer, Cone; Barney H. Ray, Temple; Otto Ray, Coleman; Roy E. Rhoads, Dalhart; Walter H. Shelton, West; W. A. Sladek, Taylor; James F. Sparkman, Frisco; Troy W. Stone, Nocona; Daniel W. Trobridge, Strawn; Rufus W. Taff, San Saba; Eugene Tomlinson, Bishop; S. J. Tullos, Goldthwaite; George E. Vaught, Denton; William A. Venable,

[article continues]

"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 8

NAMES OF 1,832 SURVIVORS ON TUSCANIA RECEIVED BY U. S.; 345 MEN NOT ACCOUNTED FOR

James F. Sparkman, Frisco, Texas.

"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 7

10 NAMES ADDED TO THE MISSING

Six More Texas Soldiers Are Reported Lost in the Tuscania Sinking.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—No new estimate of the total number of dead among American soldiers on the Tuscania had been made by the war department today but ten names appearing in a list of 81 identified dead given out by the department last night, apparently brought the death role up to 174.

An Associated Press dispatch last Tuesday announced that 164 soldier victims had been buried along the Scotch coast but last night's message was the first official partial list of dead to reach the war department. In this list were ten names which did not appear in The Associated Press list of those buried in Scotland.

200 Unaccounted For.

The war department's report of survivors still is far from complete. More than 200 men remain unaccounted for.

The ten names that did not appear on the list of dead buried on the Scottish coast, include the following Texans:

Pvt. William A. Dinter, Cuero, Tex.
Pvt. Roy W. May, Lindale, Tex.
Pvt. Henry Oxford, Turnerville, Tex.
Pvt. Otto Ray, Coleman, Tex.
Pvt. James F. Sparkman, Frisco, Tex.
Pvt. James C. Wood, Yantia, Tex.

Not yet reported buried in Scotland — "El Paso (TX) Herald" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 5

COLLIN COUNTY BOY'S
NAME APPEARS OFFICIAL
LIST TUSCANIA DEAD

According to a list of names made public by the War Department Saturday, one Collin county boy lost his life when the Transport Tuscania was torpedoed and sunk recently by a German submarine.

He is PRIVATE JAMES F. SPARKMAN of Frisco, Texas.

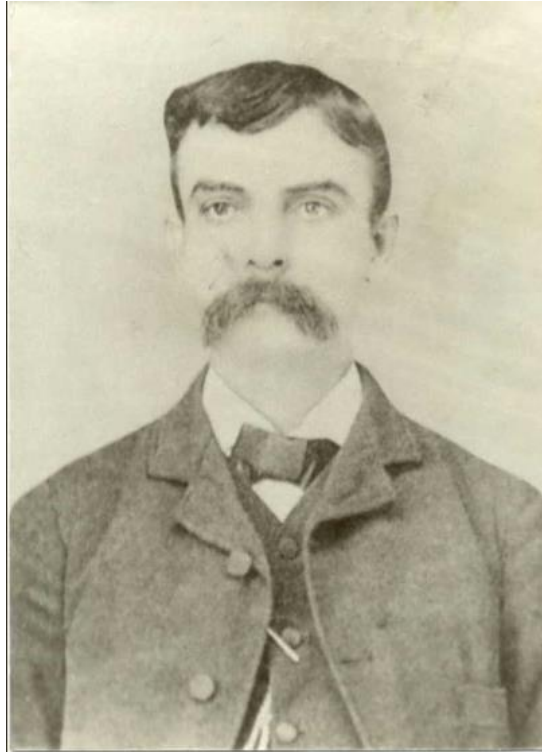
Another Frisco boy RUPERT A. DAVIS was on the Tuscania, but war department dispatches report him as among the survivors.

Sparkman was about 25 years of age. His mother, Mrs. Watson, resides one mile north of Frisco. The young man is well known at Frisco. He was employed on the farm there for about twelve months by B. L. Wakefield. It is thought that he was a member of the selective draft army, but before the first draft went to Tarrant county where it is said he was selected for service. A brother, Ernest Sparkman, resides near Frisco. Telephone advices from Frisco say that his mother and brother received a telegram from the war department Saturday announcing the loss of Sparkman on the Tuscania.

Sparkman is the first Collin county boy to fall victim to the enemy and all Collin county weeps with his grief-stricken mother and brother in their loss of their beloved son and brother who had answered democracy's siren call and gave up his life in defense of humanity and freedom.

"McKinney (TX) Courier-Gazette" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 1

Father:



Father Henry Thomas Sparkman - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/58080507/person/44030831056/media/57014a2d-b345-49f1-a057-0a16a1492f2c>

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MARRIAGE RECORD.		
THE STATE OF TEXAS, } 321 County of <u>Denton</u> To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for said County—GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITE OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN <u>Mr. H. T. Sparkman</u> and <u>Miss R. E. Lobb</u> and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License. WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in <u>Denton</u> the <u>7th</u> day of <u>Decr.</u> 18<u>93</u>  <u>L. L. M. Browder</u> Clerk, County Court, <u>Denton</u> County. By _____ Deputy. I, <u>Wm. Mc Cormick</u>, hereby certify that on the <u>7th</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 18<u>93</u>, I united in Marriage <u>H. T. Sparkman</u> and <u>Miss R. E. (Rev) Lobb</u>, the parties above named. WITNESS my hand, this <u>7th</u> day of <u>December</u> 18<u>93</u> <u>Wm. Mc Cormick</u> <u>Justice of Peace</u> Returned and filed for record the <u>7th</u> day of <u>Decr.</u> 18<u>93</u>, and recorded the <u>9th</u> day of <u>Dec.</u> 18<u>93</u> <u>L. L. M. Browder</u>, County Clerk, By _____ Deputy.		

marriage of parents on 7 Dec 1893 in Denton Co. TX -

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NOTE WELL—INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE
 Write plainly with unfading ink—this is a permanent record.
 When filling in, give as cause of death, the birth certificate, every item of information about the deceased, and the cause of death, as far as possible, in plain language, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of occupation is very important.

PLACE OF DEATH
 County Dallas **TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**
 City Dallas **BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS**
 (No. 8-1000-1) **STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**
 Reg. Dis. No. 1551 **FORM D**
 Registered 1551 **WARD**

FULL NAME Mrs. Rose Emma Lobb Sparkman Watson **RESIDENCE** Denton, Co. Tex.
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: 3 yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds. (If nonresident give city or town and State)
 How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? 3 yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1 SEX Female **2 COLOR OR RACE** White **3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word)** Widowed

4 DATE OF BIRTH about 1874
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

5 AGE 48 yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds.
 If less than 2 years state if breast fed: Yes No hrs. mins.

6 OCCUPATION None
 (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work
 (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

7 BIRTHPLACE Ky.
 (State or country)

8 NAME OF FATHER Wm. Lobb
 (State or country) Ky.

9 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Sarah Crail
 (State or country) Ky.

10 THE ABOVE IS TRUE
 (Informant) H. H. Robert
 (Address) Frederick

11 DATE OF DEATH Aug 28 1922
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

12 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Aug 25, 1922, to Aug 28, 1922
 that I last saw her alive on 8/28, 1922
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 4:30 P.
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Septicemia 40
 (duration) 3 yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds.

Contributory (Secondary) Carcinoma (Gall bladder)
 (duration) unknown yrs. 3 mos. 3 ds.

13 Where was disease contracted? Denton Co., Tex.
 if not at place of death? Yes Date of 8/25/22
 Did an operation precede death? No
 Was there an autopsy? No
 What test confirmed diagnosis? Clinical
 (Signed) H. H. Keller M. D.
8/28, 1922 (Address) 2632 hip road

*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal. (See reverse side for State Statutes.)

14 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Little Rock, Ark. **DATE OF BURIAL** Aug 29, 1922
15 UNDERTAKER C. M. Jones **ADDRESS** Frederick

Filed Aug 28, 1922 Linda Smith Registrar

Form 51b-T130-821-100M

TX death record of Rose Emma Lobb Sparkman Watson -

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Stepfather:

TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		39908
1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <u>Tarrant</u> CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Ft Worth</u> No. _____ Street <u>Tarrant County Home</u> If in an institution, give name of institution instead of Street and No.		Registrar's No. <u>1401</u>
Length of residence in city where death occurred yrs. ____ mos. ____ days ____? How long in U. S. if foreign born? yrs. ____ mos. ____ days ____		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>A R Watson</u>		
Residence: No. <u>Tarrant County Home</u> If non-residence give city, or town and state		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single Married Widowed Divorced (Write the word) <u>DK</u>
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Don't know</u>		
7. AGE <u>66</u> Years Months Days If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. or ____ min.		
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, Sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Retired farmer</u>		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)		
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation		
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)		
13. NAME <u>A R Watson</u>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Texas</u>		
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Margaret C. Laffie</u>		
16. BIRTHPLACE (City or town) (State or county) <u>Texas</u>		
17. INFORMANT <u>J. Wallis</u>		
(Address) <u>Tarrant County Home, Ft Worth</u>		
18. BURIAL OR CREMATION OR REMOVAL Place <u>Ark Lane</u> Date <u>8/26</u> 19 <u>35</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER (Address) <u>Ft Worth Texas</u>		
20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <u>8-26-35</u> <u>M. D.</u>		
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>Aug 23</u> 19 <u>35</u>		
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That, I attended deceased from <u>Aug 1</u> 19 <u>35</u> to <u>Aug 24</u> 19 <u>35</u>		
I last saw deceased alive on <u>Aug 23</u> 19 <u>35</u> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at ____ m. The principal cause of death and related causes of importance are as follows: <u>Crown Arteriosclerosis</u> <u>Myocarditis Chronic</u> <u>Arterio Sclerosis</u>		
Other contributory causes of importance: <u>None</u>		
Name of operation _____ date of _____		
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____		
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____		
Date of injury _____		
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)		
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.		
Manner of injury _____		
Nature of injury _____		
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>		
(If so, specify _____)		
(Signed) <u>J. Wallis</u> M. D.		
(Address) <u>Ft Worth Texas</u>		

TX death record of stepfather Albert R. Watson (1869-1935) -
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Siblings:

STATE OF TEXAS 172-002 061-00 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH #344 26 STATE FILE NO. 54458

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Morris</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Texas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Denton</u>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Prec. # 2</u>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <u>Aubrey</u>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>Hospital In The Pines</u>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>Streets unnamed in Aubrey</u>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐	
f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒			
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. First <u>Ernest</u> b. Middle <u>Elonza</u> c. Last <u>Sparkman</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>Aug. 31, 1966</u>	
5. SEX <u>Male</u> 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> 7. MARRIAGE STATUS Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐		8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Sept. 23, 1884</u> 9. AGE (In years, last birthday) <u>81</u> 10. MONTHS <u>7</u> 11. DAYS <u>7</u> 12. HOURS <u>7</u> 13. MINUTES <u>15</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>Farmer</u>	
11. FATHER'S NAME <u>Henry Sparkman</u>		12. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Emma Lobb</u>	
13. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Was, was not, or unknown) <u>No</u> <u>None</u>		14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>Unknown</u>	
15. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Donald Wilson (Daug.)</u>			
16. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause of death for (a), (b), and (c).) a. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Chronic Heart ailment</u> b. INTERMEDIATE CAUSE (b) <u>None</u> c. REMOTE CAUSE (c) <u>None</u>			
17. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECD. <u>SEP 19 1966</u> BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS			
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>11:45</u> a.m. <u>pm</u> Month <u>Aug</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>1966</u>			
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐			
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)			
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <u>Aubrey</u> COUNTY <u>Texas</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>			
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from: <u>11:45</u> and last saw the deceased alive: <u>Sept. 3, 1966</u>			
22a. SIGNATURE <u>John Russell J.R.</u>		22b. ADDRESS <u>Line Star, Texas</u>	
22c. DATE SIGNED <u>Sept. 9, 1966</u>			
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Removal</u>			
23b. DATE <u>Sept. 3, 1966</u>			
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Below Cemetery</u>			
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>Nail-Haggard, Inc. Roy A. Nail</u>			
25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>John Russell J.R.</u>			
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <u>92</u>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Sept. 7, 1966</u>	

TX death record of brother Ernest Elonza Sparkman (1894-1966) -

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Ernest Sparkman

AUBREY (Special) — Ernest Sparkman, 71, a retired farmer, died Wednesday at Lone Star.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Beck Funeral Home at Pilot Point.

Mr. Sparkman was married Monday to Mrs. Lillian Jones of Aubrey. His first wife, Ester, died in 1964.

Surviving are sons, Windle Sparkman, Farmers Branch; Jimmy Sparkman, Denton; daughters, Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Donald Wilson, both of Aubrey; Mrs. Frank Crockett, Hurst; and eight grandchildren.

Obituary of brother Ernest Elonza Sparkman — "Denton (TX) County Record" Thursday 1 Sep 1966 p



Sister Nannie Florence Sparkman Staggs (left) & Nettie Lou Sparkman Staggs (right) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/58080507/person/44030567697/media/c6546329-d3ee-40b8-9830-ea6222ac24a4>

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1956 REVISION OF STANDARD CERTIFICATE
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Arkansas State Board of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics
U03306

Registration District No. 18
Primary Registration District No. 46

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Crawford MAR 23 1964
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Van Buren
c. Length of Stay in 1b
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Crawford County Mem. Hospital
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; Residence before admission)
a. STATE Arkansas b. COUNTY Crawford
c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Van Buren
d. STREET ADDRESS 406 North 12th Street
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
Mrs. Nettie L. Staggs
4. DATE OF DEATH Month Day Year
March 11 1964

5. SEX Female 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐ 8. DATE OF BIRTH
Dec 10 1898 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 65 10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired)
Housewife 11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)
Johnson Co, Texas 12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?
USA

13. FATHER'S NAME Thomas Henry Sparkman 14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Rose Emma Lobb

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) none 16. Social Security No. none 17. SUPERMART Edgar H. Staggs Jr. Address 406 N 12th St. Van Buren Ark

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Hodgkins Disease
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. } DUE TO (b) 201X
DUE TO (c) _____
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Contributing to Death but Not Related to the Terminal Disease Condition Given in Part I(a)
Hypertension

19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☒ NO ☐ INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 6 mos.

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 Month Day Year
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE ☐ NOT WHILE ☐ AT WORK ☐ 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE

21. I attended the deceased from December 1963 to March 11, 1964 and last saw him alive on March 11, 1964
Death occurred at 7:10 p.m. on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.

22a. SIGNATURE William F. Turner (Signature of this) 22b. ADDRESS Ed. Small et al. 22c. DATE SIGNED 3-14-64

23a. Burial, Cremation, Removal (Specify) Burial 23b. DATE Mar 13 1964 23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Gill Cemetery 23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Van Buren, Ark

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Ocker Funeral Home ADDRESS Van Buren, Ark 25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. 19 March 1964 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Vina T. Cate

AR death record of sister Nettie Lou Sparkman Staggs (1898-1966) -

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William Henry Sparkman

SALEM — Graveside services for William Henry Sparkman, 79, will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens in Coquille.

Mr. Sparkman was born Jan. 27, 1901, in Frisco, Texas, and died Monday in Albany.

He had moved to Oregon in 1955, and was a dairy farmer near Bandon until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara, in 1976.

Survivors include four sons, W.H. of Wichita, Kan., Charles of Bandon, Bill of Klamath Falls, and Jim of Gold Beach; two daughters, Helen McGuire of Houston, Texas, and Judy White of Salem; a sister, Nannie Staggs of VanBuren, Ark.; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Aasum Funeral Home of Albany is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of brother William Henry Sparkman (1901-1980) – “Coos Bay (OR) World” Wednesday 6 Feb 1980 p 2

Half-siblings:

Watson Services Scheduled Tuesday

Funeral services for Walter B. Watson, 44, who was killed in a truck accident Feb. 18 in Wartime, Canada, will be held Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. at the Church of Christ, Greggton, with J. W. Hagler officiating. Interment will be in Grace Hill cemetery under the direction of Welch funeral home.

The deceased had lived in Longview for 20 years before going to Canada in July, 1951 where he was associated with an Oil Field Drilling company.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beulah Watson and one son, J. H. Watson, both of Greggton; two brothers, Henry and Ernest Sparkman, Aubrey, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Staggs, LaFayette, Calif.; and Mrs. Nettie Staggs, Van Buren, Ark.

Pallbearers will be: Curtis Moss, Howard Vaughn, W. F. Shirley, Fred Emberlin, Grady and Orville Parker.

Obituary of **half-brother Walter Bell Watson (1906-1952)** – “Longview (TX) News-Journal” Tuesday
26 Feb 1952 p 9

Beulah Mae Wiles

GRAND PRAIRIE — Beulah Mae Wiles, 88, a cook at Page Drug Store, died Thursday, April 15, 1999, in Grand Prairie.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home. **Burial:** Gracehill Cemetery in Longview.

Beulah Mae Wiles was born Sept. 8, 1910, in Texas.

Survivors: Son, John Watson; brother, Jack Garrett; sister, Mattie Morton; grandson, Carl Watson; nieces, Pearl Smith and Pat Holland; nephews, Jerry Baxter, Joe Baxter and Bill Baxter; and friend Katrina May.

Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home
Grand Prairie, (972) 263-7200

Obituary of Walter Bell Watson's widow Beulah Mae Garrett Watson Wiles – “Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” Saturday 17 Apr 1999 p 35

Calvin S. Watson Dies Near Aubrey

Special to Record-Chronicle

AUBREY, Dec. 12.—Calvin S. Watson, 27, died Saturday at his home a few miles northwest of Aubrey, in the Friendship community. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Methodist Church at Frisco, followed by burial in the Little Elm cemetery. Watson was married to Miss Velma Smith at Frisco in 1933. Besides his wife he is survived by one brother, Walter Watson of Kilgore; two half-brothers, Ernest Sparkman of Pilot Point and Henry Sparkman of Denton; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Staggs of Durant and Mrs. E. W. Staggs of Aubrey.

Obituary of half-brother Calvin Sever Watson (1908-1935) – “Denton (TX) Record-Chronicle”
Thursday 12 Dec 1935 p 4

1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS		TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registrar's No. 55943
COUNTY OF Benton		CITY OR PRECINCT NO. Pilot Point, Route 1		Street
If in an institution, give name of institution instead of Street and No.				
Length of residence in city where death occurred yrs. mos. days? How long in U. S. if foreign born? yrs. mos. days				
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Calvin Watson				
Residence: No. Street If non-residence give city, or town and state				
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS				
3. SEX male	4. COLOR OR RACE white	5. Single Married Widowed Divorced (Write the word) married	21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Dec 7, 1935	
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or WIFE of) Velma Smith			22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 4, 1935 to Dec 7, 1935	
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Jan. 5 1908			I last saw h. alive on Dec 7, 1935 ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 8 a m.	
7. AGE 27 Years 11 Months 2 Days If LESS than 1 day, 1 day, 1 min.			The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: Pus appendix	
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. farmer			Date of onset 4 days	
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.			Other contributory causes of importance:	
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)			Name of operation appendectomy date of 12-5-35	
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation			What test confirmed diagnosis? feces Was there an autopsy? no	
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Archway Texas, Tex			23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide?	
13. NAME Al Watson			Date of injury	
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) Jenners			Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, place, and State)	
15. MAIDEN NAME Rose Emma Rath			Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.	
16. BIRTHPLACE (City or town) (State or country) Kentucky			Manner of injury	
17. INFORMANT Ernest Sparkman			Nature of injury	
(Address) Pilot Point, Route 2			24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no	
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place Cemetery Date Dec 8, 1935			If so, specify	
19. UNDERTAKER W. D. Byrum			(Signed) Thos M. Harris M. D.	
(Address) 4 miles S.W.			(Address) Pilot Point Texas	
20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR Dec 30 1935 H. W. Feagins				

TX death record of half-brother Calvin Sever Watson – died of “pus appendix” following an appendectomy 2 days before his death -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062100-00096?pld=22965968

Name: James Frederic Sparkman

Name variations: nickname: Ki

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2 - private

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

Entered service from: Frisco, Collin TX

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: James F. Sparkman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Rosa M. Watson, Frisco TX

First buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland, grave 36, as Jas. F. Sparkman

Body returned from war on: from Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ Aug 1920

Body listed on return ship as: James F. Sparkman

Rank & unit on return ship: pvt, Casual Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as James Frederic Sparkman - b. 9 Sep 1891 Burleson TX; res: Burleson, Johnson TX. Single. Farm laborer, Will Roddy, Egan TX. Tall height, medium build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed

Born: 9 Sep 1891

Died: 6 Feb 1918

Address: Frisco TX

Rank/unit: private, 2nd Casual Co.

Birth & death:

Born: 9 Sep 1891 Burleson, Johnson TX (TX military records: Eagin TX)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 57194254 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Texas Pvt

Father: Henry Thomas Sparkman, 12 Dec 1857 Crittenden Co. KY – 11 Nov 1900 Denton Co. TX. Son of Hugh Mitchell Sparkman (1822-1905, F: 15166921) & Elizabeth W.

(Chaudowen) Shadowen (1832-1900, F: 15167177).

Find A Grave:

Mother: Rose Emma ("Olive") Lobb Sparkman Watson, 1874 Green Co. KY – 28 Aug 1922 Dallas, Dallas TX. Daughter of William Isaac M. Lobb & Sarah Eleanor Crail.

Rose was pregnant when Henry died in Nov 1900, giving birth to their son William Henry Sparkman on 27 Jan 1901.

Following the death of Henry Thomas Sparkman, Rose married Albert R. Watson (1869-1935) on 4 Dec 1904 in Denton Co. TX.

Shares tombstone with son Calvin Sever Watson in Little Elm Cemetery, Little Elm, Denton TX.

Find A Grave: 23164256

Parents' marriage: 7 Dec 1893 Denton Co. TX

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/58080507/person/44030567694/facts>

Stepfather: Albert R. Watson, 1869 TN – 23 Aug 1935 Tarrant Co. TX. Son of J.B. & Martha S. Watson. In the 1930 census for Precinct 1, Denton Co. TX, conducted 7 Apr 1930, Andrew was an inmate of the Denton County Farm & Alms House, age 60, b. TN, parents b. TN, single.

Stepfather's Find A Grave:

Stepfather's marriage: 4 Dec 1904 Denton Co. TX

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: James was the oldest Sparkman child.

- Ernest Elonza Sparkman, 23 Sep 1894 Frisco, Collin TX – 31 Aug 1966 Morris Co. TX. Married 2 Feb 1927 in Denton Co. TX to Esther Lena Smithers (1904-1964, F: 13336431). – Married 2 days before his death to Lillian Beard Jones (1903-1970), on 29 Aug 1966 in Denton Co. TX. Buried in Belew Cemetery, Aubrey, Denton TX. F: 13336424
- Nannie Florence Sparkman Staggs, 5 Oct 1896 TX – 28 Jan 1983 Van Buren, Crawford AR. Married 22 Feb 1913 in Collin Co. TX to George Washington Staggs (1892-1947, F: 36695041), the son of Robert Harris Staggs & Mary Magdalene Phillips. Buried in Gracelawn Cemetery, Van Buren, Crawford AR. F: 37645583
- Nettie Lou Sparkman Staggs, 10 Dec 1898 Johnson Co. TX – 11 Mar 1966 Van Buren, Crawford AR. Married 5 Sep 1925 in Collin Co. TX to Edgar Harry Staggs (1891-1963, F: 37563855), son of Henry Franklin Staggs & Mariam Davis/Davies. Buried in Gill Cemetery, Van Buren, Crawford AR. F: 37563858
- William Henry Sparkman, 27 Jan 1901 Frisco, Collin TX – 4 Feb 1980 Albany, Linn OR. Born 2 months after his father Henry Sparkman's death. Married 25 Oct 1924 [also found as 24 Oct] in Frisco, Collin TX to Clara Lee McGuire (1907-1976, F: 96374136). Buried in Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens, Coquille, Coos OR. F: 96374135

Half-siblings: by his mother Rose Emma Lobb's 2nd marriage, to Albert R. Watson

- Walter Bell Watson, 18 Sep 1906 Denton Co. TX – 18 Feb 1952 Wartime, Swift Current Census District, Saskatchewan, Canada. Married Beulah May Garrett (1910-1999) on 19 Dec 1925 Collin Co. TX. Her name also found as Beulah. She was born 8 Sep 1910 TX & died 15 Apr 1999 TX; later married Herman Ottis Wiles (1909-1973) & died with surname Wiles. Buried in Grace Hill Cemetery, Longview, Gregg TX. F: 130918844
- Calvin Sever Watson, 5 Jun 1908 Aubrey, Denton TX – 7 Dec 1935 Pilot Point, Denton TX. Cause of death: "pus appendix" – had an appendectomy on 5 Dec 1935. Married 1 Jan 1932 in Frisco, Collin TX to Velma Viola Smith (1907-1971, F: 51084524), who later married Valvorth Develt James (1916-1974, F: 10536014). Velma was the daughter of Millard Smith & Nora Frances Morris. Calvin shares the tombstone with mother Rose Lobb Sparkman Watson in Little Elm Cemetery, Little Elm, Denton TX. F: 23164244
- Ann Watson, Feb 1910 Collin Co. TX -

Notes:

James's sisters Nannie Florence Sparkman & Nettie Lou Sparkman both married men named Staggs. They were first cousins.

Nannie married George Washington Staggs & Nettie married Edgar Harry Staggs. George's and Edgar's fathers were brothers: Robert Harris Staggs the father of George Washington Staggs, and Henry Franklin Staggs the father of Edgar Harry Staggs.

Robert & Henry Staggs were the sons of Felix Staggs & Mary Catlett.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"McKinney [TX] Courier-Gazette" 18 Feb 1918 p 1 - Collin Co. casualty, from Frisco TX, about 25 years old. His mother Mrs. Watson lives 1 mile N. of Frisco TX. Was employed in Frisco at a farm for about 12 months by B.L. Wakefield. Think he was drafted from Tarrant Co. His brother Ernest lives near Frisco TX. The county weeps with them.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 cannot locate

1910 Justice Precinct 6, Collin Co. TX – conducted 11 May 1910

Olive Watson, 36 TN, parents b. TN, parents b. TN, married [? – status written over], gave birth to 8 children, 7 are living, own income

Ki Sparkman, 17 TX, parents b. KY, farm laborer, working out [i.e. James Frederic] [son]

Earnest Sparkman, 15 TX, parents b. KY [son]

Nannie Sparkman, 13 TX, parents b. KY [daughter]

Nellie Sparkman, 11 TX, parents b. KY [daughter]

William Sparkman, 9 TX, parents b. KY [son]

Walter Watson, 8 TX, father b. TN, mother b. KY [son]

Calvin Watson, 3 TX, father b. TN, mother b. KY [son]

Ann Watson, 2 months TX, father b. TN, mother b. KY [daughter]