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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Stodghill, Hugh Joseph
1894 KY – 1984 LA

New Inspector For Draft Area

**Hugh J. Stodghill of
Rayville Succeeds
Val Irion in Post**

Hugh J. Stodghill of Rayville has been appointed by state selective service headquarters in New Orleans as inspector for the fifth state selective service area, comprising 21 draft boards and one appeal board in 16 North Louisiana parishes.

He succeeds Maj. Val Irion, transferred to state selective service headquarters in New Orleans where he will be a member of the legal staff. Mr. Stodghill's office is at 1528 Slattery building.



Mr. Stodghill.

Since October, he has been selective service inspector in the Baton Rouge area, where he had jurisdiction over 15 parishes.

Parishes over which he will have jurisdiction in his new post are Caddo, Bossier, Webster,

Bienville, De Soto, East Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Union, and West Carroll.

Mr. Stodghill was a member of the twenty-sixth engineers' in the World war, but did not see front-line duty. The ship which conveyed him to Europe, the "Tuscania," was torpedoed in mid-ocean, but Mr. Stodghill was uninjured.

Prior to his Baton Rouge post, Mr. Stodghill was state safety representative for four years for the WPA. For many years he was in the lumber business in Rayville.

Ground Breaking Ceremony



PHOTO BY J. R. MCKAY

The breking of the ground for the new Rayville Methodist Church marked the beginning of a dream coming true. Twenty years ago the members of the Church had a vision of a sanctuary on this same site. To this end they worked valliantly in the face of ever-mounting difficulties, which were climaxed by the depression. Those inspired members, many of whom are no longer in our midst, had plans drawn for the Church. It is significant that the new Church being built today has a similar architectural design to that Church. The members feel that this is merely a continuation of that project begun so many years ago.

Amoung the earnest workers of that era was Mr. E. E. Stodghill, whose untiring efforts to complete this task will never be forgotten. In the name of her beloved husband, Mrs. Stodghill here today, assisted by her sons and daughter broke the ground for this sanctuary. Along with these loyal children and mother, stand many who, looking back on the inspired work of another day, take new courage in going the "second mile" to complete the task. Truly, there is a feeling of hav-

ing "kept the faith" with those members of yesterday.

Taking part in the ceremony today were the following: Mrs. E. E. Stodghill, Mr. J. E. Stodghill, Mr. M. D. Stodghill, Mr. H. J. Stodghill, Mrs. Ruth Stodghill Girard, and Mrs. Geo. B. Franklin. Representing the children of the church was a fourth generation member of this church, Patricia Richardson. Representing the young people was J. Cloyd Walker; the women, Mrs. W. L. Haley, Mrs. Alvin McCarty, Miss Jackie Guynes; the Methodist men, Bernard Waite. Others taking part were W. D. Cotton, J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Ed Justice, W. P. Gaines, Dr. John C. Calhoun, Dr. H. P. Corry, N. J. McConnell and all the members of the Official Board.

The services were closed with the benediction by Rev. H. Newton Griffith of the St. David's Episcopal Church of Rayville.

In the above photo, reading from left to right, are: Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill, Jesse E. Stodghill, Mrs. E. E. Stodghill, M. D. Stodghill, Mrs. Eloi Girard, and Rev. E. B. Emmerich.

From left to right in Rayville Methodist Church groundbreaking: Hugh Joseph Stodghill (foot on shovel), his brother Jesse Edward Stodghill, his mother Annie Hill Stodghill (on crutches), his brother Marvin Douglas Stodghill, his sister Ruth Stodghill Girard, and the minister – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 20 Jan 1951 p 1

RAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1912 HAS CLASS REUNION



RAYVILLE High School Class

Such a medley of joyful greeting as the members of the class of 1912 assembled in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McConnell Sunday morning, May 24, to celebrate the 47th anniversary of their graduation from Rayville High School. After a pleasant "Coke party" they went to the Saljobar where they enjoyed a most delightful dinner. The beautifully appointed table, the delicious food, and the zest of laughter all made for a perfect lunch.

After this Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill entertained in their attractive home where the merriment continued until the four o'clock hour when they went in a body to the Baptist Church to attend the

Baccalaureate service of the class of 1959. There they were given seats of honor with the present class, and were graciously recognized by the presiding officer.

The day was not done yet. After receiving congratulations and greetings from many friends, they again met at the McConnell home where more chatting and merriment took place.

The photographer came in and took some pictures of the group to bear further evidence to the joy of re-assembly at graduation time.

There were 11 members in the class of 1912, 10 of which are living and 9 were present at the reunion.

Those attending were: left to right (standing) Mrs. Nannie Mae Horton, Rayville; Mr. Howard D.

Galloway, Mobile, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill, Rayville; Mrs. Bishop Pipes, Calhoun, La., (sitting), Mrs. Louise Traylor, Calhoun, La.; Mrs. Myrtle Scott Hubbard, Rayville; Mrs. Yorkie Scott O'Neal, Rayville; not pictured were: Mrs. E. C. Montgomery, Winnsboro, La., and Mrs. Howard D. Galloway, Mobile, Ala.

The two other members of the class of 1912 were: Mrs. Eva Pace, deceased, and Mr. Pard Lusk, Dallas, Texas, who could not attend.

Faculty members of that year were: I. J. Pierson, principal; Sadie Grant, Floy McKay, Emma Manning, Gene Petty, Miss Brogden, Ester Wylie, Mary Scruggs, Alice Liviadais, and Zola Sorey, teachers.

Hugh Joseph Stodghill is the man standing in the back row, center (short man with light-colored coat) and 2nd from left, his wife Myrtle Salmon Stodghill (light-colored dress) –
 "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 20 Jun 1959 p 6

Hugh Stodghill

Services for Hugh J. Stodghill, 89, were at 3 p.m. Sat. Feb. 25 at Rayville United Methodist Church with the Rev. K. G. Rorie officiating.

Burial was in Rayville Masonic Cemetery under direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home of Rayville.

Mr. Stodghill died Thursday Feb. 23, at Colonial Manor Guest Home in Rayville after a long illness.

The Kentucky native had been a resident of Rayville since 1907 and was a member of Rayville United Methodist Church and Kiwanis Club. He was a World War I

veteran, where he survived the sinking of the USS Tuscania, and he was a member of the VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include a brother, Marvin D. Stodghill of Rayville; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Judge Eugene W. Bryson, Buddy McMahon, Jack Greep, Billy Stodghill, Bubba Stodghill Jr., and Clifton Salmon.

Honorary pallbearers were Richard Rowan, W. D. Cotton, Ernest G. Brown, J. B. Thompson Jr., C. O. Hopkins and Dr. J. E. Ball.

Obituary of Hugh Joseph Stodghill – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Tuesday 28 Feb 1984 p 2

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Surname	Christian Name	Army No.		
	Stodghill La.	Richland		Louisiana
Residence, Street and No.	Dec 15/17	City	Parish	
		Earlington Ky.		23 9/12 yrs.
Enlisted or inducted	Date	Place of birth		Age or date of birth
Organizations:	17th Co 20th Engrs Nov 15/18; 18th Co 20th Engrs to dish			
Grades with dates of appointment		Pvt		
Engagements				
Wounds or other injuries received in service		none		
Served overseas from		May 28/19		
Honorable discharged on demobilization		June 13/19		
In view of occupation, he was, on date of discharge, reported		0% disabled		
Remarks				
Stodghill	Marvin D.	4,453,261	White	XXXXXX
Surname	Christian Name	Army No.		
	Stodghill La.	Richland		Louisiana
Residence, Street and No.	Sept 26/18	City	Parish	
		Earlington Ky.		Oct 13/1899 yrs.
Enlisted or inducted	Date	Place of birth		Age or date of birth
Organizations:	Students Army Trg C La State Univ Baton Rouge La to dish			
Grades with dates of appointment		Pvt		
Engagements				
Wounds or other injuries received in service		none		
Served overseas from		Dec 7/18		
Honorable discharged on demobilization		Dec 7/18		
In view of occupation, he was, on date of discharge, reported		0% disabled		
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Life:

Friday evening.
Mr. Hugh Stodghill, who had charge of social affairs of the Epworth League last week, entertained at his home on Friday evening.

The Epworth League was a religious organization for your people – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Friday 31 Jan 1913 p 2

Fensky Terzia Safe

Information received here from Washington during the week-end told of the safety of F. C. Terzia of Monroe, Hugh Stodghill of Rayville and James G. Mitchell of Grayson, La. Previous reports had told of the safety of Leo Terzia, also of Monroe. These young men, all members of the 20th Engineers, were aboard the Tuscania.

"Monroe (LA) News-Star" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

FATE OF YOUTH STILL UNKNOWN

Ouachita Man Without News From Son Who Was on Board Tuscania.

MONROE, La., Feb. 25.—Up to Saturday William T. Cook, one of the leading planters of Rayville and large property owner of Richland parish, was still without news as to whether his son, Tommie W. Cook, one of the passengers on the ill-fated Tuscania when she was sunk by a submarine several weeks past, perished or was saved. So far the name of Tommie W. Cook has not appeared in the official or Associated Press lists of survivors or among the known lost. Hugh Stodghill, another Rayville boy who was aboard the Tuscania and whose name was among the first to be reported as saved, is expected to have written his parents since his landing, and this letter is awaited with much interest by the Stodghill family, as well as Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cook, who are in hopes that young Stodghill will in his letter give some account of Tommie W. Cook.

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" Monday 25 Feb 1918 p 7

RAYVILLE.

This town is among the number that has come very close to the disaster of the Tuscania, and late news reports the name of Tommie Cook as still among the missing, and no letter has yet been received from Hugh Stodghill, the other popular Rayville boy, whose name was among the first to be reported as saved. In the meantime, the whole town and community share with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook their anxiety and apprehension.

"Shreveport (LA) Times" Sunday 3 Mar 1918 p 20

RAYVILLE BOY ON BOAT SUNK

Hugh Stodghill Writes of His Experience Aboard Troopship Tuscania.

Special to The Times.

Rayville, La., March 14.—The following letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stodghill, parents of Hugh Stodghill, the popular Rayville boy, and a member of the Louisiana forestry battalion, who is among the survivors of the Tuscania, on which his battalion was being taken to France. The letter is as follows:

"Somewhere in England, Feb. 11, 1918.

"My Dear Home Folks: Well, I have been safe on land for five days, but have not known what nor how to write on account of Tommie. Have thought every day I would hear of him or we would get together. I know you all were worried about us when you heard of the fate of the Tuscania with American troops on it.

"It was late in the afternoon and had gotten dark. We were going through the Irish channel and had seen land in the afternoon and were all feeling good because we thought, as it was near dark, we were safe and would wake up anchored at some port the next morning. Tommie Cook and I were in another state-room with two boys from Monroe and several other boys. It was 5:50 p. m. when the torpedo struck us and the explosion came immediately. The ship went dark at once, as the torpedo struck about amidship on the starboard side and exploded under the engine room. Mirrors and all the glass were shattered at once. One of the boys said, 'There she is, boys.' I was nearest the door, so I found the latch, opened the door and got into the hall, where there was quite a crowd, but those who were cool enough were shouting, 'Take your time,' 'Move along and keep your head.'

'I had to make my way to my state-room and get my lifebelt, then make my way upstairs and out on deck to the lifeboat to which I had been assigned. When I got on deck the ship had listed a good deal to the starboard side. The captain of the ship had turned on the emergency dynamo and had some light. There was a good deal of shooting and they were sending up rockets, signaling for help.

"My boat was on the port side, and on account of the ship's list we had some trouble in getting the boats off, but soon lowered the first boat with 53 men in it and they pulled away. Then we had some work getting our raft off. I ran over to the starboard side to make Tommie come in the boat with me, so we would not be separated, but he had already gone in the first lifeboat, so one of the boys told me; then I went back to my boat and we soon let our raft down empty and then went down to it on a rope. The boat was soon filled and we pulled away from the ship.

"The sea seemed pretty rough for a lifeboat and it was hard work to get away from the ship, as the wind was blowing toward the ship. As we worked out away from the ship I saw several bodies floating and heard a good many cries for help, but we could not get to them. We pulled in one man who had fallen out of a boat. It seems that several jumped overboard in excitement and some were thrown out of the lifeboats while being lowered. I was glad to see as we moved away from the ship that one of the torpedo destroyers in our convoy went up to the ship and loaded on a bunch and have later found out that the other destroyers went up and loaded on a bunch.

"We were out of sight of the Tuscania when she went down, but have heard several describe it, and they say it turned bow down, broke amidships and the boilers exploded. We tried vainly to run to a light, which we thought was a lighthouse, but the wind was against us, so all we could do was to hold the boat so we could ride the waves. Several times before 9 o'clock we saw a destroyer some distance away and signaled them with a flashlight, but they were scouting for the submarine and would not take us on, and it is reported they sunk the sub. We rowed and drifted with the wind for quite a while and found a pail in the boat and with this and our hats kept the water out of the boat as best we could, which washed over the sides and leaked in. Later we found some signal torches and used them at different times.

"We came into sight of land about 10 o'clock, but when we got closer saw that it was a cliff and that the waves would dash us to death if we did not stay away from it, so we had to row as hard as we could to stay away from that until we were picked up about 12 o'clock, when we sighted a boat, signaled to it and they picked us up. It was a small English patrol boat that picked up the S. O. S., then scouted around and picked up those in lifeboats. We were glad to be pulled on board by those plucky little Englishmen, who were tickled to pick us up. We went down into the hole, where they had some cocoa for us, which stimulated us, for we were completely exhausted. Some of the boys slept, but I could not. The next morning we landed at some port in Ireland at 8:30 (Wednesday) and we were sure glad

to get on land. Ireland is surely heaven. We were the first American troops ever to land in Ireland, and they couldn't do enough for us. We were nearly starved, as the eating we had on the ship was terrible, but these good people entertained us royally, gave us parties and splendid entertainments.

"I was lucky enough to be entertained in a private home and these people were grand to me, so please write to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, Princess Garden, Larne, Ireland, thanking them for being so nice to me.

"Ireland is the most beautiful country I have ever seen; everywhere it is so pretty and green, beautiful homes and gardens and all the fences are hedges.

"We stayed in this port several days and have moved three times since and all who were saved have assembled here, coming from different ports where they were landed in Ireland and Scotland, and 'tis indeed a happy bunch to be reorganized, except we are very sad over the loss of a few of our comrades. We are stronger than we ever were in our determination to get the kaiser.

"The people in America should certainly sacrifice all they can for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., because they are always on the job. I am feeling fine and am perfectly satisfied, except that I hardly know what to do since I lost Tommie—I can hardly bear to think of the news reaching his dear home people and you all, for I know how they will take it, and everyone else in town. I tried my best to find him on deck. We were separated when we came out of the stateroom in the dark and I don't know whether or not he ever got his lifebelt; he was too careless with his coats and lifebelt; I was always after him to keep

up with them. I had some hope of finding him until today; have seen only one person who says he saw Tommie out on deck. Oh, if I only could have saved him! I do miss him so much, for he was a real pal and a true friend—we so often talked about the good times we used to have, but now I haven't him to talk to and it makes me feel lonesome.

"Mother, I never did get excited during the disaster and just believed all the time that I would be saved and prayed God that I might be saved. I believe this disaster has made the men think and they all seem to be 'stirred.' I know it has caused a great change in me; I take more interest in things for God. I read the Bible more and enjoy services more. I just feel a whole lot different and a whole lot better. The picture show always closes with Bible reading and prayer. I believe the Y. M. C. A. over here will do more good among the men than all the churches in America ever could do.

"We don't have much to do, for we lost everything we had, except what we had on, so will have to be fitted out again. I was sorry to lose some things I had, but was so glad to get out myself that I have hardly thought of them.

"I had several letters in my pocket, so I read them over and try to imagine I've just received them. Oh, how I do want some mail from home—I hope some will come soon—tell all my friends that I'd be so glad to hear from them. Mother, lots of times during that terrible night did I think of the dear homefolks and asked God to protect me.

"I will write real often and you all must do the same. Lots and lots of love,
from
HUGH.

"Prvt. H. J. Stodghill, Co. E, 6th Bn.,
20th Engrs., N. A. A. E. F., via New
York."

"Shreveport (LA) Times" Friday 15 Mar 1918 p 9 – also printed in "Monroe (LA) News-Star"
Saturday 16 Mar 1918 p 6

**Demobilization Day Celebrated at
Rayville Methodist Church**

On Sunday night February 23, 1919, in accordance with the request of the President of the United States, demobilization day was celebrated at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rayville, Louisiana. President Wilson and Secretary Baker had requested that these demobilization exercises be held as near to Washington's birthday as possible in commemoration of the successful efforts of the United States and the Allied Nations of Europe in establishing upon a firm and lasting basis the principles of international peace and the principles of government exemplified in the life of Washington and taught by him and firmly established in the Western world by the Revolutionary War. It has been said that the war through which we have just passed is the second war of American Independence, for while the Revolutionary War did establish the independence of the Thirteen Colonies, insofar as Great Britain was concerned, the War of 1918 just concluded has established forever the independence of the form of government best exemplified by the United States of America from all monarchies and imperialistic governments wherever situated.

situated.

An interesting program was rendered as follows:

Instrumental Solo: Star Spangled Banner Miss LaValle Calhoun
Invocation E. E. Stodghill

Scripture Reading and Lesson..... Rev. I. T. Reames
Address Hon. Geo. W. Smith
Address: "Our Boys Over There, In Camp, and Those Honorably Discharged"

..... Rev. I. T. Reames
Presentation of the Service Flag on Behalf of the Church... Rev. I. T. Reames
Acceptance of the Service Flag on Behalf of the Missionary Society Future Custodian of the Same..

..... Mrs. John J. Ineichen
Song: "Onward Christian Soldiers" Congregation
Benediction Rev. I. T. Reames

It is worthy of remark that of the twelve young men represented by the stars upon the service flag which has just been removed from the church only one, Lewis Cook, has been wounded or suffered from serious disease. Several of the boys have been honorably discharged, but some of them are still in camp and some are still in France.

The names of the young men represented by the stars on the flag, are as follows:

J. J. McConnell, N. J. Foxworth, Robert Whatley, Joe Rush Crisler, Louis Cook, Elige Cook, Marvin Stodghill, Hugh Stodghill, Boyd Compton, George Wright, Gray Mann, T. J. Upton.

Note Hugh's father gave the invocation at the Rayville Methodist Church celebration of Demobilization Day, while his sons, Hugh & Marvin, had stars on the church's service flag – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 1 Mar 1919 p 4

Notice Ex-Service Men

There will be a meeting of the members of Tommie Cook Post No. 72, American Legion, Monday night, September 20th.

All members are urgently requested to be present. All other ex-service men of Richland parish should come and join.

HUGH J. STODGHILL,
Post Commander.

The Tommie Cook post was named for a Tuscania casualty – Tommie Cook was the brother of Willie Cook Stodghill, the wife of Hugh Stodghill's brother Jesse Stodghill, and Hugh's fellow passenger on Tuscania - "Richland Beacon-News" Saturday 18 Sep 1920 p 1

Mr. Hugh Stodghill, of Rayville, called on us, Monday. Hugh is made of the mettle that we love. He boosts his home town, says there are from six to ten houses under construction the year round. That's right, Hugh, we don't like a long tail gruntler, but we do love a long tail razorback rotors, for he goes down and gets the goobers. You are welcome, Hugh, come again.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 25 Sep 1920 p 1

EX-SERVICE MEN

We are going to have a Banquet and "get-together" meeting in Rayville in Coenen Building at Noon, November 11, to celebrate Armistice day and increase the membership of Tommie Cook Post No. 72. All ex-service men are invited and urged to be present. You tell some other "Buddie" who may not see this.

We would appreciate it very much if you would drop us a card that you will be here.

All come without fail. We will be the guest of the Red Cross.

HUGH J. STODGHILL,
Commander.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 6 Nov 1920 p 5

RAYVILLE BOASTS EXAMPLE TO OTHER TOWNS IN LEGION HALL

First and So Far Only Community in State to Aid Service Men
in Establishing Home of Their Own; Post Raised Funds
Without Public Solicitation and City Gave Lot

Special to The Times.

Rayville, La., May 28.—Tommie Cook Post No. 72, of the American Legion, will hold its first memorial exercises in its home Monday. The post is one of the few in the state owning its own building, and Rayville is the first town in Louisiana to provide its veterans of the world war with a home. It is as proud of this fact as it was that it sent so many of its sons to the service as it is of the memory of Tommie Cook, for whom the post is named, and who lost his life in the Tuscania disaster.

The post was organized September 2 at a dinner given by the Richland chapter of the Red Cross in honor of the service men, with a membership of 17, and the following as officers: Hugh R. Stodghill, commander; Habib Michel, vice commander; R. S. Sweatman, adjutant; George W. Wright, finance officer. It grew rapidly, and by the end of the year had a membership of 43. It remained at this figure until the recent membership drive began, when it was increased to 83, and at the last election the following became officers: George Franklin, commander; Hugh J. Stodghill, vice commander; R. S. Sweatman, adjutant; D. R. Fragala, finance officer; Roy Waters, chaplain; W. M. Hutchinson, sergeant at arms.

February 8, 1921, at a regular meeting, the post decided it was time it had quarters of its own; that it is not in keeping with the dignity and spirit of the legion as a whole and of its local

post to be without a home it can call its own. Various means of raising funds to pay for the undertaking were discussed, ending in a voluntary assessment of \$5 on each member, or, as an alternative, two days' work on the building.

With this as a nucleus a series of entertainments, minstrel shows, dances, picnics, etc., swelled the fund until it was possible to where, with continued support, a building might be erected next year.

Not a penny of this fund was raised by public subscription, though a number of voluntary unsolicited contributions were made.

Having worked so hard for what it had, a year appeared to the post as a long time to wait and work up additional funds. It was then recalled that the city owned a vacant lot that was an admirable site for the building. Consequently the post commander, with his executive committee and George Wesley Smith, waited on the mayor and city council with the request that the post be given the lot as a building site. At least, that they be allowed to put their building on it, to remain until the city saw fit to make an equitable disposition of it.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the proposition and construction began immediately. The building is a one-story frame structure measuring 40 by 100 feet, well lighted and ventilated, and with the legion insignia

"Shreveport (LA) Times" Sunday 29 May 1921 p 3

YOUR FAIR!

We are going to have a larger and better FAIR in Richland Parish this year than we have ever had if you give us your help.

The whole Fair depends on you. It will be what you make it. If you will begin NOW thinking about getting exhibits ready and then bring them, we will do the rest and have the best FAIR we have ever had, but don't forget it depends entirely on YOU.

We will have plenty of Amusements, Shows, Races, Athletics 'N' everything, and if you will do your part we will have a great Fair.

The farmers have diversified more than ever this year and we should have fine exhibits of everything that grows. Won't you bring something? A hog, cow, chicken, corn, potatoes, oats, hay, jelly, preserves, candy, cake, needlework, school exhibit, anything just so you bring something and show that you are part of the Fair and to show what Richland Parish can produce.

It is time RIGHT NOW to begin to think about getting something ready for the Fair. We will have some fine exhibits from the Boys' Pig and Corn Clubs. We want Richland Parish to take the Blue Ribbon at the State Fair and we can do it if you will do your part.

This is an appeal to you to get ready and to remind you that we are going to have a BIG FAIR.

The catalogue will be out a good while before the time of the Fair--October 5th, 6th and 7th.

For any information call or write

HUGH J. STODGHILL, Secretary
Rayville, - - - - Louisiana.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 11 Jun 1921 p 2

RICHLAND FAIR TO HAVE PLANE

**Hugh Stodghill Takes Flight
While in Shreveport, Books
Machine for His Fair**

Hugh J. Stodghill, secretary-treasurer of the Richland Parish Fair association, was so delighted with his sail through the cloud when in the city Tuesday that he has booked an aeroplane for his fair, which opens at Rayville, October 5, for a three-day run.

Mr. Stodghill spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city arranging for the Richland fair. While looking around, he learned of the aeroplane operating from the landing field at the state fair grounds, and took a flight with the pilot. He declared that he thoroughly enjoyed the flight.

The Richland fair is offering more prize money this year than ever before, Mr. Stodghill reported, and the promise is for a large number of exhibits in every department.

As the leading entertainment feature, there will be horse racing every day. There will be a brass band on the grounds throughout the fair, and it is possible that the Shreveport High school band may attend. Effort is being made to arrange for a football game.

The Richland fair is expected to be among the competitors in the parish fair contest at the state fair. Co-operation of the state fair association has been assured the Richland parish people by Secretary-Manager Hirsch.

“Shreveport (LA) Times” Thursday 22 Sep 1921 p 3

Mr. Hugh Stodghill of Rayville joined the party of Legionares in a special Pullman for the convention of the American Legion at Kansas City.

“Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise” Friday 4 Nov 1921 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill have moved into their home on Rhymes St.

“Richland Beacon-News” (Rayville LA) Saturday 9 Aug 1924 p 3

A new filling station is being installed on Louise Street, in the residential section, by Messrs. John Morris and Hugh Stodghill. The new enterprise will be one of the most modern in town and promised the best of service.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 1 Nov 1924 p 5

HOLLY RIDGE

Just want you to know I appreciate the nice business we have been getting from my old friends with whom I lived for over a year.

Some more of my friends there I would like to see over my way. May be a little out of the way for you, but we'll send up town for your car and deliver it there if you want it washed and greased.

Come to see me
Hugh J. Stodghill

* **Super !** *

M. & S. FILLING STATION

On the Main Street South.
Phone 222
RAYVILLE,
LOUISIANA

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 16 May 1925 p 3

The M. and S. Filling Station, which is a comparatively new enterprise for the town, continues to grow and spread. The latest expansion is a complete battery station which will be operated in connection with W. C. Smith in charge. This business is owned and operated by two of the leading young men of this section, John C. Morris and Hugh J. Stodghill. They are otherwise prominently connected in town and exercise a leading role in social and civic affairs.

“Monroe (LA) News-Star” Friday 28 Aug 1925 p 11

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Mrs. M. Eloir Girard, Mrs. Charles Vernon Porter and Miss Maxim Beraud motored to Baton Rouge with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill and Miss Robinson of Rayville, La. and spent the weekend to attend the dedication of the new Louisiana State University.

Sister Ruth Stodghill Girard, Hugh & wife – at LSU – “Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser”
Monday 3 May 1926 p 5

Hugh Stodghill For Alderman

We are privileged to announce in this week's issue the candidacy of Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill for Alderman for the Town of Rayville, subject to the endorsement of the Democratic party in primary election.

Hugh Stodghill has made his home in Rayville since boyhood, being a member of a large family, influential in the social and business circles of this town. He is one of the proprietors of the M. & S. Filling Station, a successful and enterprising business institution of this town. While he has always manifested a keen interest in public affairs we believe this is the first time he has permitted the use of his name for public office.

Sold on the possibilities of Rayville, Mr. Stodghill is ambitious to be of service to the public, and is willing to lend his time and talents to the up-building of his home town. He is strong for public improvements, and believes the first step towards making Rayville the town it should be is the paving of its principal streets; and if elected will strive towards that end.

We heartily commend him to the electorate of the municipality.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 10 Mar 1928 p 1 – Hugh was not among the top 5 vote-getters for alderman, out of a slate of 10 candidates so he did not have a win

Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill, member of the firm of Morris & Stodghill, will leave within the next few days for Akron, Ohio, as the guest of the General Tire Company. He will inspect their mammoth plant and be entertained by them in other ways while there. He will be away about a week.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 1 Sep 1928 p 1

Hugh J. Stodghill Returns From Trip To Akron, Ohio

Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill of M. & S. Service Station of this city has just returned from an inspection trip to the factories of the Northern Tire Company of Akron, Ohio. All the Northern Tire dealers in the United States were given an invitation to attend a meeting at the factory. Mr. Stodghill reports that he had a wonderful trip that was filled with much pleasure. The factory officials gave the dealers a free vacation trip to Cleveland, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and across into Canada. They returned from Canada to Buffalo and there boarded a Lake Steamer and returned over beautiful Lake Michigan to Detroit, then to Chicago via rail.

Mr. Stodghill reports that the Northern Tire factory is one of the largest in the States and the composition of the Northern Tire is very high grade and in fact unsurpassed in quality. This trip was the courtesy of the tire factory and was enjoyed by Mr. Stodghill both for pleasure and for business. He returned home Monday night from Chicago over the Illinois Central.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 22 Sep 1928 p 8

M. & S. Filling Station Number Two To Open Today (December 15)

PIONEERS OF SERVICE STATION BUSINESS IN RAYVILLE TO OPEN SECOND STATION

Mr. Jno. C. Morris and Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill, pioneers of the service station business in Rayville if not in Richland parish, are opening their second station here today (Saturday) to care for the ever increasing business of their line. They have leased the station formerly operated as Lassiter's Garage and will convert the same into a modern and up-to-date garage and filling station, handling all the accessories of a first-class filling station. M. & S. is noted for the super service that it gives to its customers and the station to be opened is to be no exception, Mr. Stodghill avers. They plan on operating the two different stations as though they were one and at any time that a customer desires something that one of the stations does not possess, it is only a minute's drive to the other to fill the want. At the new station, they have a modern wash rack, and the same greasing facilities that the M. & S. Number One has. The new station will be under the foremanship of a local young man and one who has had experience in the service station line. The stations will both continue to handle the Northern Quality Tire and all automobile accessories. In fact, M. & S. is the only station in Rayville that handles a complete line of automobile accessories. The above dealers have through another place in this issue of The Beacon-News favored us

with an ad and it will be well worth your time to turn to this page and read the announcement. The opening date is pending arrival of fixtures but they will in all probability arrive in time to have the formal opening of M. & S. No. 2 on Saturday, December 15th, so drive by on that day and fill your tank with good reliable gas and inspect the new station.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 15 Dec 1928 p 1

CHARTER OF M. & S. SERVICE, INCORPORATED

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF RICHLAND:

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, That on this the 4th day of January, 1929, before me, Sadie Cottingham, Deputy Clerk 5th District Court, and Ex-Officio Notary Public, and in the presence of the attesting witnesses, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are herewith subscribed, who declared and acknowledged that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of Louisiana, and particularly Act 250 of 1928, they have and do hereby form themselves into a corporation for the purposes and objects and under the stipulations hereinafter set forth, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "M. & S. Service, Inc.," under which name it shall have corporate existence for 99 years, unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE II.

This corporation shall have power and authority to contract, sue and be sued, use a corporate seal, to have, buy, own, sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, hypothecate, or pledge property, real, personal or mixed, to make and issue notes, bills of exchange, acceptances or certificates of indebtedness, and to secure the same by mortgage or pledge of any or all of its assets; to appoint managers and employees; and to make by-laws, rules and regulations as may become necessary or that may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE III.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the Town of Rayville, Richland Parish, Louisiana, with its registered office on the corner of Louisa and Francis Streets, Rayville, Louisiana.

Until properly changed, Jno. C. Morris and Hugh J. Stodghill, both natural persons of full age, residents of Rayville, Richland Parish, La., shall be agents of this corporation, upon either of whom legal process or other notices or demands may be served.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are hereby declared to be to buy and sell gasoline, motor oils, greases, automobile tires, tubes, tools and accessories, either at wholesale or retail; to establish, acquire lease and maintain a general service station business, with one or more branches, in or out of the Parish of Richland; to lease or acquire all necessary equipment; to carry on a general wholesale distributing oil and gasoline business; to operate automobile garages; to buy and sell automobiles either directly or as agents for others; and to do and perform all and singular the things necessary and usual in connection with or incidental to the businesses above specified.

ARTICLE V.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at \$60,000.00, divided into 500 shares of common stock of the par value of \$100.00 and 1000 shares of preferred stock of par value of \$10.00 per share. The said stock shall have voting, preference, restrictions and qualifications as follows:

a. The preferred stockholders shall have no right to vote at any meeting

of stockholders for any purpose whatever.

b. Out of the net earnings of the corporation shall be paid to the holders of preferred stock annual dividends of 7% on the first of each year.

c. The board of Directors may, in their discretion, grant other rights and privileges to holders of preferred stock, as may be deemed advisable by them.

d. Any part or all of the outstanding preferred stock may be called in or redeemed by the Corporation at any time by the payment of the par value thereof and 7% interest from date of last dividend payment, to date of redemption.

e. The holders of common stock shall not sell or transfer the same to any person owning no stock until after having given 5 days notice in writing to the remaining stockholders, and giving them the privilege of purchasing at whatever price can be secured from other parties.

f. The holders of common stock shall have the exclusive right to vote at all stockholders meetings.

The parties hereto declare that the amount of capital stock paid in cash, together with that to be paid for in property to be transferred upon the formation of this corporation, is more than 30% of the common stock above authorized, and that \$15,100.00 represents the paid in capital, with which the Corporation will begin business.

ARTICLE VI.

All corporate powers are hereby vested in a Board of 3 Directors, all of whom shall be stockholders, and the sale of all the stock of a director shall vacate his office, said directors shall serve for a period of 1 year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The directors shall be elected at a regular annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on the second Monday in January of each year. The Directors who shall serve until the first meeting of stockholders are hereby declared to be Jno. C. Morris, Hugh J. Stodghill and Carey J. Ellis, Jr., all of Rayville, Louisiana. The Directors

shall elect their own officers, all of whom shall be directors, and shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. The officers, who shall serve, until an election is held by the directors, shall be Jno. C. Morris, President, C. J. Ellis, Jr., Vice-President, and Hugh J. Stodghill Secretary-Treasurer. No contract, bill, note or other obligation of the corporation shall be binding upon it unless signed by the President and counter signed by the Secretary-Treasurer. These provisions shall not apply to bank checks.

ARTICLE VII.

No transfer of capital stock shall be binding upon this corporation until registered upon its books. Dividends will be paid to stockholders of record 30 days prior to the payment thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

The post office address of each incorporator, together with the number of shares of stock subscribed by each, is as follows:

J. C. Morris, Rayville, La., 75 shares of common stock.

H. J. Stodghill, Rayville, La., 75 shares of common stock.

C. J. Ellis, Jr., Rayville, La., 1 share of common stock.

ARTICLE IX.

No stockholders shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation beyond the unpaid balance, if any, on his subscription to capital stock, nor shall any informality in the organization of this corporation have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond that just above mentioned.

Thus done and passed in the presence of the undersigned witnesses and me, Clerk, on the day and date first above written.

JNO. C. MORRIS,
C. J. ELLIS, JR.,
H. J. STODGHILL.

Attest:

ELDRED J. GILLIS.
J. C. SALMON.

SADIE COTTINGHAM,
Dy. Clerk 5th District Court.

M. & S. Service, Inc., To Put On Big Tire Sale Beginning 13th

Through the medium of a large advertisement in this issue of The Beacon-News and by means of a large circular gotten out by this office the firm of M. & S. Service, Inc., are slashing prices to the rock bottom and it will pay you to turn to this page and read every line of this ad and see for yourself that these prices compete with and in many instances surpass those of the mail order houses. The firm is owned and operated by Mr. John C. Morris and Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill, and is one of the largest in this section of the State, and they are noted for rendering "Super Service," so if you should buy a tire from this firm you may rest assured that you will get service on it in the future. They are owners and operators of two service stations in the city of Rayville, one on Louisa Street and the other on the Dixie-Overland highway. They keep on hand at all times any accessories for the car that you may need. These two men are pioneers of the filling station business in Rayville, and are good advertisers and real boosters to the city. Turn to this ad and read the exceptionally low prices on tires for the ten days beginning Saturday, April 13th. Warm weather is going to mean that you will either have to get good tires or be in worry and trouble with those old ones. Drive by at the earliest possible time and let this firm put you on the tires that will sing the swan song to any tire trouble this summer. Tire up for that vacation.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 13 Apr 1929 p 1

BRONZE TABLETS TO BE ERECTED TO DEAD VETERANS

World War Heroes Will Be Honored

The contents of the letter below were received by Hugh J. Stodghill, post commander of the Tommie Cook Post No. 122 American Legion. While the list is believed to be correct, in case there are any other veterans whose names fail to appear in this list please communicate with the post commander at once.

"New Orleans, April 24, 1931.

"Mr. Hugh Stodghill,
"Rayville, Louisiana.

"Dear Hugh:

"There is attached hereto a list of those who died or lost their lives from your parish while in Service, according to the records of the Adjutant General's office, as compiled by the State Service Commissioner. This list is being prepared in order that bronze tablets containing the name of every white Louisiana boy who lost his life while in Service, may be placed in the War Memorial Building on the campus of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

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"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 2 May 1931 p 1

One of Rayville's Modern Buildings



The M. & S. Filling Station, pictured above, is owned and operated by Messrs. John C. Morris and Hugh J. Stodghill, of this city. They have a modern building and the best of equipment to take care of and service automobiles, and have enjoyed a large business since their establishment several years ago. It was one of the first modern service stations in this section.

M. & S. Service Offers Civic Pride In New High School Building

The firm of M. & S., Service, Inc., owned and operated by Messrs. Morris & Stodghill, of this city, are this week through the medium of an advertisement offering their word of civic pride in having been privileged to furnish the gasoline and oils, as well as do the car servicing on the cars for the workmen at the Rayville high school building during its construction here.

The firm at Rayville has been in business for a number of years, and through an advertisement appearing in this issue of The Beacon-News they express their pride in having furnished all the gas and oil for the machinery at the new Rayville high school building during its erection as well as servicing the cars for the contractor and workmen. The firm carries a complete stock of tires and tubes and good gasoline and oils, and it will pay you to drive by and let them service your car.

Drive by today and let them look over your tires, tubes or batteries, and give you an estimate on a trade in value for a set of new Firestone tires and tubes.

The firm of M. & S., Service, Inc., is located at the corner of Louisa and Third Streets, and they are ever ready to serve you with gas, oil, tires and battery needs.

They have a road service that speaks well for their motto of "Super Service." Call them when in need.

Messrs. John C. Morris and Hugh J. Stodghill are the proprietors.

Survivors of Sunken War Ship Meet in Chicago

**Senator Leo Terzia and Hugh
Stodghill of Rayville on
Way to Meet**

Senator Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop and Hugh Stodghill, Commander of the Tommy Cook American Legion Post of Rayville, left here Wednesday afternoon by motor for Chicago where they will attend the get-together and convention of the National Tuscania Survivors Association, which will be held in that city Saturday and Sunday, February 4th and 5th.

The warship, "Tuscania" carrying more than 2300 soldiers to France during the World War was sunk in mid-ocean and more than 500 soldiers were drowned. The remainder were saved, most of them by a British destroyer.

Senator Terzia, Fensky Terzia of Monroe and Mr. Stodghill of Rayville are the only survivors of this ship living in North Louisiana. Mr. Fensky Terzia of Monroe will be unable to make the trip because of the fire several days ago which destroyed the Parlor City lumber plant.

The Rayville Legion Post was named after Tommy Cook, who was one of those killed when the ship was sunk.

A special program has been arranged for the reunion. Among the speakers will be Captain (Dr.) Wilhelm Meyer of the German Navy, who was commander of the German U-Boat No. 77 that sank the ship. Commander John M. Smith of the British Destroyer, "Grasshopper" who came along in time to save many lives from the sunken ship and Captain Peter McLean of Glasgow, Scotland, the commander of the ill-fated Tuscania, who was the last man to leave the ship, will also be present.

Among the other nationally known speakers will be Henry Horner, Governor of Illinois, Anton J. Cermak, mayor of Chicago, General Charles G. Dawes former United States Vice-President, and others. Convention headquarters will be at the Great Northern Hotel in Chicago.

Hugh Stodghill & the Terzia brothers – LA State Senator Leo Terzia & Fensky Terzia – were on board Tuscania – Hugh heads the American Legion post in Rayville LA named for casualty Tommie Cook – Captain Wilhelm Meyer of UB-77 and Captain Peter McLean of Tuscania did NOT attend the 1933 reunion – "Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 2 Feb

1933 p 1

To Our Customers And Friends

I have bought the stock of Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill in the M. & S. Service, Inc., of Rayville. The business will be conducted in the future as in the past with same employes and personnel to serve you.

On behalf of the Corporation I take this means to thank you for your patronage in the past and solicit a continuation of same in the future.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

JNO. C. MORRIS

President of M. & Service, Inc.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 22 Dec 1934 p 2

Kiwanis Womanless Wedding

THE CHARACTERS

SWEET ADELINE (the bride) J. C. (SLICK) SALMON
 SWEET WILLIAM (the groom) JESS STODGHILL
 THE PREACHER (Kentucky thoroughbred) — DR. R. O. C. GREEN
 BEST MAN (for some unknown reason) CHARLIE GAINES
 LITTLE ELBERT (the ring bearer) TOBE HODGE
 TRAIN BEARER (famous for holding up trains)
 RALPH (SQUATTY) BLOOM
 SUSABELLA (one of the beautiful flower girls) E. B. TODD
 ARABELLA (the other beautiful flower girl)
 ALLEN (BROTHER) COOK
 MAID OF HONOR (who has a standing date) FRED MORGAN
 BRIDES MAID (many times a brides maid, never a bride)
 E. E. (SCRIDGE) KEEBLER
 BRIDES MAID (hopes to be the bride next time)
 JOHNNIE MULHEARN
 VICTORIA (bride's managing mamma) W. D. COTTON
 GILBERT (bride's papa, whom mama manages) JIM AYCOCK
 AUNT CHLOE (groom's old Negro mammy) — HORACE MANGHAM
 PEARLY SIMPLE (groom's little sister) BUBBIE HARRIS
 USHER (Rayville's gift to the ladies) L. T. STEEN
 USHER (keep an eye on him, girls—WARNING) ROY BINION
 PREACHER'S WIFE (and financial advisor) WM. JONES
 MISS SCRIB (Beacon-News Society Reporter) ERNEST BROWN
 MISS SNAP (Beacon-News Society Photographer) GRADY COOK
 MAE WEST (who just blew in) WARREN HUNT
 UNCLE EZRA (slightly deaf and completely blind to Samantha's
 charm) DR. LANE O'NEAL
 SAMANTHA (old maid—her cap is set for Uncle Ezra)
 SAM FRAGALA
 THE LOVERS—
 BOY DICK ROWAN
 GIRL F. S. (PAPA) KEY
 GRACE MOORE (operatic singer, hired for the occasion)
 REV. JIMMIE HARRIS
 THE JILTED LOVER (broken hearted and downcast)
 ARCHIE ABELL
 MRS. BERTHA BALONEY (dainty and delicate)
 HENRY BLAKEMAN
 LITTLE BALONEY (her sweet little girl offspring) — W. A. COOPER
 BRIDE'S UNCLE (bored with the whole affair) GORDON CAIN
 MRS. PERCIVAL (doting mamma) FRED DONALDSON
 PERCIVAL, JR. (mama's precious darling) HUGH STODGHILL
 DASHING DAVE (bride's handsome cousin who falls for Mae West)
 W. L. JACKSON
 SLIV VANESTER (the groom's lawyer) DR. H. C. CHAMBERS
 BACHELOR (still has hopes) DR. J. C. CALHOUN

RAYVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd—8 p. m.

ADMISSION: Adults 25c; Children 15c

Brothers Jesse (the groom) & Hugh Stodghill (mama's precious darling Percival) in the Kiwanis "womanless wedding" production – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 20 Apr 1935 p 1

Announcing Kiwanis Womanless Wedding

Rayville Grammar School Auditorium,
Thursday, May 7th, 1936, 8 o'clock

The Characters

The Bride Henry Blakeman
The Groom W. A. Cooper
Best Man Pretty Boy Jackson
Ushers—
1. Fred Donaldson
2. Gordon Cain
3. Dr. Calhoun
Bride's Maids (the bride's four sisters)
1. Fred Morgan
2. Archie Abell
3. L. T. Steen
4. Archie Owen
Flower Girls—
1. Papa Key
2. Sam Fragala
Train Bearer No. 1 Roy Binion
Train Bearer No. 2 George Franklin
Ring Bearer, a skinny little fellow
..... Jessie Stodghill
Bride's Mother Dr. Dick Green
Bride's Father Beechnut Todd
Bride's First Husband
..... Dr. Lane O'Neal
Bride's Son by First Husband
..... Hugh Stodghill
Bride's second husband, on crutches—
why? Horace Mangham
Bride's Old Maid Aunt Arabella
..... Skridge Keebler
Bride's Grandparents—
1. Gramaw Nellie Warren Kelly
2. Grampaw Sam Grady Cook
Bride's Cousin Gracie Wm. Jones
Preacher W. D. Cotton
Groom's Mother Bob. Hargis
Groom's Father, Brother (Allen) Cook
Groom's Aunt Clarabella
..... Dr. Chambers
Groom's Bachelor Uncle Ephriam
..... "Slick" J. C. Salmon
Groom's Two Sisters—
1. Jim Aycock
2. E. A. (Leader) Jones
Groom's Cousin Susannah
..... Rev. Jimmie Harris
Groom's First Wife Warren Hunt
Groom's Second Wife
..... Handsome (E. G.) Brown
Groom's daughters, the twins:
1. Ralph Bloom
2. Johnnie Mulhearn
Announcer "Fesser" Hull
Admission: Adults 25c; Children 15c.
(IT'S WORTH A DOLLAR).

Brothers Jesse (ring bearer) & Hugh (bride's son) return in another Kiwanis womanless wedding production – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 2 May 1936 p 1

Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill has been appointed to a responsible position with the Works Progress Administration, the notice of his selection coming a

few days ago from Mr. J. H. Crutcher, State Administrator for WPA. Mr. Stodghill is District Safety Representative for 17 North Louisiana parishes, and his work covering such a large territory, will keep a busy man. His headquarters will be in Monroe.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 20 Mar 1937 p 3

Kiwanis Club Presents Womanless Wedding

The Rayville Kiwanis Club presented on Thursday evening at the Rayville school auditorium a "Womanless Wedding," featuring the characters of the well-known radio artists Amos and Andy. The cast was composed entirely of members of this civic organization, and the proceeds go towards the expenses of the delegates to the International Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind.

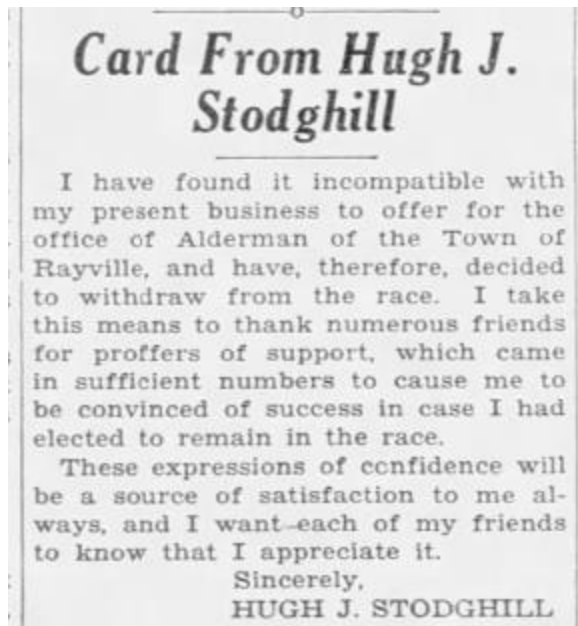
The show provided hundreds of laughs for the patrons, and it was altogether a successful affair, even though the attendance was not as great as in the past for similar attractions.

It would be difficult to make personal mention of the members of the cast and the ridiculous costumes they wore and the funny stuff pulled, but suffice it to say it was one of the best attractions of this nature ever offered a Rayville audience.

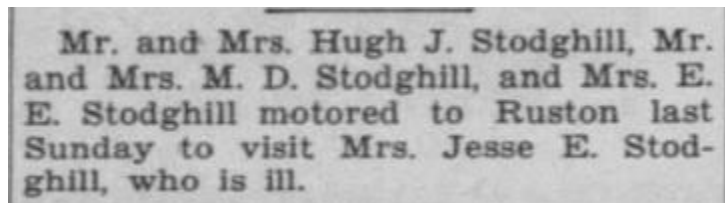
The following was the cast of characters:

Madam Queen, the bride	HORACE MANGHAM
Andrew H. Brown(the great lover), the groom	WARREN KELLY
Rev. Abraham Lincoln, sharkfish, the preacher	M. HULL
Amos Jones, the best man	FRANK PURVIS, JR.
Senorita Butterfly, maid of honor	COL. JOHN SUMMERLIN
Florine, bride's maid, twin	FOSTER JONES
Dorine, bride's maid, twin	ERNEST BROWN
Goldie Green, bride's maid	W. L. JACKSON
Anna Bell Williams, the oil queen, bride's maid	FRED MORGAN
Tit Crawford, pillow bearer	ALLEN COOK
Tat Crawford, pillow bearer	"PAPA" KEY
Brother Crawford, gives bride away	GORDON CAIN
Mrs. Amos Jones, Ruby	JOHN MULHEARN
Arabella, Ruby's baby	Little Colored Child
Papa Taylor	DR. H. C. CHAMBERS
"Lil" Girl	W. A. COOPER
Aunt Lillian Taylor	E. E. KEEBLER
Mrs. Geo. Stephens, battle axe	DR. R. O. C. GREEN
Mr. George Washington	K. E. BATMAN
Mrs. George Washington	HUGH STODGHILL
Mr. Van Porter	ROBERT WHATLEY
Mrs. Van Porter	J. B. HOLTON
Lightnin'	E. A. JONES
Mrs. Lightnin', Dixie	ARCHIE ABELL
Mrs. Crawford, sister of bride	WM. T. JONES
Sadie Blake, jilted girl	SAM FRAGALA
Lodge Announcer, Red Snapper Fish	R. S. HARGIS
Lodge Doorkeeper, Swordfish	HENRY BLAKEMAN
Lodge Usher, Catfish	DR. E. L. O'NEAL
Prince Ali Bendo, Gold and Silver Fish	W. D. COTTON
George Stevens, Kingfish	WARREN HUNT
Banner Bearer, Sealfish	ARCHIE OWEN
Banner Bearer, Salmon Fish	J. C. SALMON
Flounder Fish	JIM AYCOCK
Jelly Fish	JESS STODGHILL
Star Fish	FATHER M. R. GREMILLION
Tunafish	REV. L. N. HOFFPAUIR
ACCOMPANIST, MR. HARRY J. COENEN	
Written and directed by Mrs. J. S. Green and Mrs. W. D. Cotton	

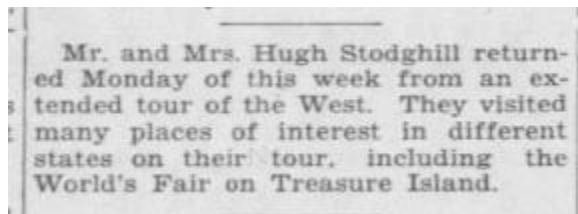
The Stodghill brothers return to the stage – Hugh as Mrs. George Washington & Jess as
 “Jelly Fish” – “Richland Beacon News” (Rayville LA) Saturday 15 May 1937 p 5



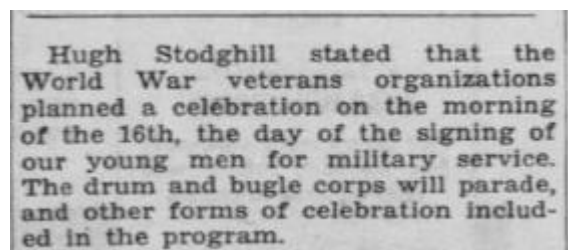
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Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 31 Aug 1940 p 2



"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 5 Oct 1940 p 1

Irion Named One of Five Aides in Draft

New Orleans (AP).—The appointment of five inspectors for the selective service commission by Gov. Sam H. Jones was announced today by the selective service headquarters at Jackson barracks, name, namely: Col. Brett W. Eddy, first area; Hugh J. Stodghill, second area; E. A. O'Brien, third area; Capt. H. F. Means, fourth area, and Maj. Valentine Irion of Shreveport, fifth area.

They will assume immediately their duties which are to assist the local selective service board in each parish in his area, to see that the selective service act is being administered uniformly and to keep key men in New Orleans and Washington informed of the local problems and conditions.

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" Monday 7 Oct 1940 p 4

STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS CHOSEN BY JONES

**Hugh J. Stodghill, of Rayville,
Named For Second Area**

—Times-Picayune of October 4th.

Appointment of five selective service commission inspectors by Governor Sam Jones, subject to the approval of President Roosevelt, was announced Monday by selective service headquarters at Jackson Barracks.

The new inspectors, who left New Orleans to assume their duties after receiving instructions from Major H. P. Agnew, chief inspector, are Colonel Brett W. Eddy, First Area; Hugh J. Stodghill, Second Area; E. A. O'Brien, Third Area; Captain T. F. Means, Fourth Area, and Major Valentine Irion, Fifth Area.

The inspectors will assist local selective service boards in each parish in his area, seeing that the selective service act is being administered properly and informing key men in New Orleans and Washington of local problems and conditions.

The First Area, with New Orleans as headquarters, is composed of Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Terrebonne parishes.

The Second Area, with headquarters at Baton Rouge, is composed of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana parishes.

The Third Area, with Lake Charles as headquarters, is made up of Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermillion parishes.

The Fourth Area, with headquarters at Alexandria, is composed of Avoyelles, Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, Grant, La Salle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Tensas, Vernon and Winn parishes.

The Fifth Area, with Shreveport as headquarters, is made up of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, East Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Union, Webster and West Carroll parishes.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 12 Oct 1940 p 1

Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill returned last Saturday from the Army-Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. He is reported as feeling much better.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 28 Jul 1945 p 3

Under treatment in a Shreveport hospital last week was Mr. Hugh Stodghill, and we hope that new news from him will be good.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 9 Feb 1952 p 5

The Hugh Stodghill's Christmas Party

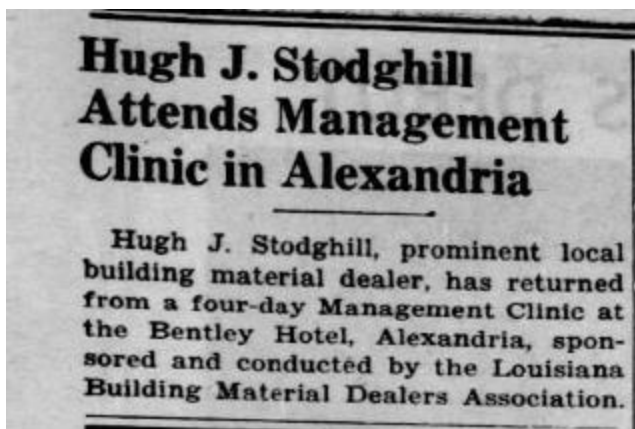
The Hugh Stodghill home looked like the spirit of Christmas itself on the evening of December 16 because the Stodghills were having a party honoring Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Whitaker. Mrs. Whitaker is the sister of Mrs. Marvin Stodghill. Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker have recently returned from Paris, where Mr. Whitaker is a cotton specialist with the Foreign Agricultural Relations Division of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Whitakers are visiting in the States and will return to Europe in the spring.

This was an occasion for the gathering of about forty old friends who filled the lovely rooms in the Stodghill home. The group thoroughly enjoyed being brought together and gathered about the piano to sing the traditional Christmas carols . . . and talk about plans for Christmas.

The Stodghills tried to fill their home with everything they could find to suggest Christmas — from the tall tree aglow with lights to the table laden with holiday goodies. The table itself was covered with a cloth which was decorated with large red poinsettias, and centered with an exquisite flowered centerpiece.

The numerous Rayville guests were delighted to find two out-of-town couples at the party, in addition to the Whitakers. They were Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Tisdale, of Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salmon, of Minden.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 20 Dec 1952 p 1



This was the first clinic conducted in this section of the southern states. Twenty-four dealers from all sections of the state were joined by others from Amarillo and Austin, Texas; Jackson and Rolling Fork, Miss. The workshop started with a get-acquainted luncheon on the 16th and concluded late on the afternoon of the 19th.

The program was directed by Arthur A. Hood, editor of the American Lumberman, Chicago, Ill., acting as moderator. It was not a lecture type clinic but rather a round-the-table discussion of major industry problems in which every firm head took an active part. The character and scope of the subjects discussed and analyzed is indicated with a partial listing: Operating Cost Ratio; Adequate Pricing Methods Related to Service; Do-It-Yourself (or How to Do It) Market; Women's Importance in Retail Purchasing; Locating and Evaluating the Consumer Market; Don't Meet Competition—Make It; Selection and Training of Personnel; Public Relations to Your Community; Advertising — Its Best Methods and Merits; When You Think of Building—See Your Lumber Dealer First.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 29 Jan 1955 p 3



"Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser" Friday 2 Mar 1956 p 15

Checks Tell Interesting Story

An article of interest locally is the item below, reprinted in part from June issue of the Publication Bird Review:

Sam Cararas, Louisiana Building Materials salesman, knew that he had a good story in his hand the moment he saw the old checks. Mr. Hugh Stodghill, owner and operator of the People's Lumber Company in Rayville, Louisiana, had just handed him the photostats of two checks. They were both made out to F. W. Bird and Son, and dated in 1905, fifty-three years ago!

Fifty-three years ago Mr. Hugh Stodghill and his brother, Jess, were operating the Stodghill Lumber Co., at Morganfield, Kentucky. After some years in that area, the company was moved to Rayville, and changed its name to the People's Lumber Company. Mr. Hugh Stodghill found the checks in some old files which he was clearing recently following his brother's death. He is very proud of these checks, and notes the fact that his firm has been buying Bird materials for more than half a century.

Correction to this story appears below - "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 21 Jun 1958 p 1

Correction

Further explanation is made concerning an article reprinted in the Beacon-News last week from the publication Bird Review.

In it reference was made to Mr. Hugh Stodghill as owner and operator of the People's Lumber Company in Rayville. It is explained that Mr. Hugh Stodghill is actually a part owner of this business, and has operated the firm for the past two years, only since passing of Mr. J. E. Stodghill, Sr.

Title of the People's Lumber and Supply Company, Inc., is in name of Mrs. J. E. Stodghill, Sr., and children; Mr. Hugh J. Stodghill, and Mrs. Elol Girard.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 28 Jun 1958 p 4

Very welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill last week were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Longyear, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Longyear and Mr. Stodghill were Army buddies during World War I, and had a great time recalling past experiences. The visitor had spent the winter in Tuscon, Arizona, stopping in Rayville en route back to Michigan. They were joined during their visit here by Mrs. Stodghill's aunt, Mrs. Annie Mae Ungerecht, of Memphis, Tenn. The whole group enjoyed several courtesies during their stay, including a coffee hour given by Mrs. M. D. Stodghill, dessert coffee served by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cotton, and a shrimp supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fragala. The three visitors, accompanied by Mr. Stodghill, made a tour of the state as climax of the visit, stopping in Lafayette, New Orleans, Afton Villa, and Natchez before returning to Rayville.

Hugh Stodghill & Floyd William Longyear were fellow Tuscania survivors - "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 28 Mar 1959 p 9

Rayville Man Dies While On Fishing Trip

A 64-year-old Rayville retired business man died unexpectedly about 8 a. m., Thursday, August 17, while fishing on Wells Lake about two miles south of Sicily Island.

The man was identified by Catahoula Parish Deputy Sheriff Max Good as Martin Everett McCoy of Rayville. He died of a heart attack according to the report of Dr. Passman, Catahoula Parish Coroner.

Officer Good said that McCoy and Hugh Stodghill, a lumberman of Rayville, were fishing on the lake in a 12-foot metal boat. He said that Stodghill was fishing with his back to McCoy. He felt the boat lunge and looked around and saw McCoy fall into the water.

Stodghill, according to Officer Good, managed to get hold of McCoy's shirt and get his head above water. He finally got the man back into the boat. He was said to have gasped a couple of times after being pulled back into the boat.

Stodghill was proceeding back to the boat landing when he met Nick Lawson of Winnsboro who also was fishing on the lake. They left the body in charge of the man tending the boat landing and went to Sicily Island and called the ambulance of the First National Funeral Home of Winnsboro.

Good, on his way to Harrisonburg, noted the ambulance travelling in the direction of the lake. In the meantime Deputy Sheriff Watson Higgins of Sicily Island, radioed Good what had happened. They both proceeded to the scene.

The office of Sheriff George McGee was then notified to call the coroner who proceeded to the boat landing and gave the verdict of death due to heart attack.

McCoy is survived by his widow of Rayville, three sons, one an Army General in the Pentagon at Washington, one a professor, and the other an architect.

"Catahoula (LA) News" Thursday 17 Aug 1961 p 1

Wife:

SALMON--STODGHILL

On the morning of September 3, 1920, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Salmon, parents of the bride, there was solemnized, in the presence of only relatives and a few intimate friends, the marriage of Miss Myrtle Salmon, and Mr. Hugh Stodghill.

It was a quiet but beautiful wedding. The home was attractively arranged with smilax, ferns and cut flowers.

Just proceeding the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. T. N. Rhymes, little Miss Annie Margaret Justice, cousin to the bride, sang, "I Love You Truly", accompanied by Miss Ruth Stodghill, who afterward sang, "Because". The bride and groom entered to the strains of Mendelson's Wedding March, played by Miss Stodghill. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of midnight blue and wore a black beaver hat with a touch of tan and veil embroidered in turquoise

Wife:

blue, gloves and shoes to match.

Immediately after the ceremony a beautiful luncheon was served and the couple left for Hillsboro, Texas, to be gone about two weeks, after which time they will return to Rayville, where they will make their home.

Marriage of Hugh Joseph Stodghill & Myrtle M. Salmon – “Richland Beacon-News” (Rayville LA) Saturday 11 Sep 1920 p 5

MRS. MYRTLE STODGHILL

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Salmon Stodghill, 81, of Rayville, were held at 3 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church here with the Revs. Richard Herrington, E. N. Weaver and J. Taylor Wall officiating.

Burial was at Rayville Masonic Cemetery under direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home of Rayville.

Mrs. Stodghill died Sunday at the Richland Parish Hospital here after a long illness.

A retired school teacher, she was active in church and civic organizations including Lambda Kappa. She was a native of Raymond, Miss. and a resident of Rayville for the past 70 years.

Survivors include her husband, Hugh Stodghill of Rayville; and one niece, Mrs. Ed Brockington of Kingstree, S.C.

Pallbearers were Jessie Stodghill, Jr., Pete Mulhern, W.D. Cotton, Richard Rowan, Sam Fragala, Jimmy Thompson, Eugene W. Bryson, Jr., and Truman Green.

Obituary of wife Myrtle Salmon Stodghill – “Richland Beacon-News” Friday 3 Jan 1975 p 1

THE AUXILIARY UNIT CAN:
 Help the local Post minister to the needs of disabled veterans and their families. Help solve the women's problems of its community. Take part in public policy questions of merit, especially those involving women's welfare. Assist in Americanizing foreigners. Help teach our language to non-American speaking individuals. Promote 100% Americanism. Promote all public spirited enterprises.

All ladies who are eligible to join this Auxiliary are urged to attend the next meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 1921, at 8 p. m.

MRS. HUGH J. STODGHILL,
 Reporter.

"Richland (LA) Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 9 Apr 1921 p 3

Father:



Edward Everette Stodghill - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1838984/person/6010571054/media/a69e99e6-12b2-4bfb-8cea-a6c56c52ec76>

DEATHS

EDWARD EVERETT STODGHILL

RAYVILLE, La., May 25.—(Special)
—Edward Everett Stodghill, 76, connected for many years with a lumber company here, died at his residence early this morning. The funeral will be held at the Rayville Methodist church, Wednesday at 5 p.m. Interment will be made in a cemetery here.

Mr. Stodghill was born in Hanson, Ky., and came to Louisiana 30 years ago. He was married Oct. 17, 1883 to Miss Annie E. Hill, who died some time ago.

Surviving are four children: Jesse E., Hugh J., and Marvin B. Stodghill, all of Rayville, and Mrs. Ruth Girard, of Lafayette.

Obituary of father Edward Everette Stodghill – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Tuesday 25 May 1937 p 2

Edward Everett Stodghill

Edward Everett Stodghill, 76, well known citizen, pioneer lumberman and beloved churchman, died at his residence here early Tuesday morning after a long and painful illness. Funeral services were held at the Rayville Methodist Church at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment followed in the Rayville Masonic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were C. A. Blatchford, F. C. Cumpton, W. P. Gaines, G. D. Cain, W. D. Cotton, A. J. Cook, N. J. McConnell and Edgar Upton. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. John C. Calhoun, N. B. McConnell, H. W. Blakeman, C. Y. Bennett, Mrs. E. F. Justice, Mrs. M. A. Cooper and Mrs. Geo. B. Franklin. All of the active and honorary pallbearers are members of the boards of stewards and trustees of the Rayville Methodist Church. The deceased was an outstanding member of the board of stewards of the Rayville Methodist Church, being for many years chairman of the board, and upon his retirement from active service a few years ago, was made an honorary life member of the board.

Surviving are his widow and four children: Jesse E. Stodghill, Hugh J. Stodghill and Marvin D. Stodghill, of Rayville; and Mrs. M. E. Girard, of Lafayette.

The services at the church where the deceased has worshipped so faithfully for many years, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Lastie N. Hoffpauir, assisted by other ministers, each of whom was called upon for a brief talk on the life of the good man who had gone on to a rich reward. It was in the nature of a memorial service, and those who spoke devotedly and feelingly were Rev. J. T. Harris, pastor of the Methodist Church of Franklin, and for the past four years pastor of the Methodist Church of Rayville; Rev. S. W. B. Colvin, of Rayville, of the Methodist Church; Rev. H. L. Walton, pastor of the Rayville Presbyterian Church; Rev. John H. Hooks, pastor of the Rayville Baptist Church; and Rev. T. W. Stodghill, of Winnsboro, of the Methodist Church, and a brother to the deceased.

The sacred music consisted of a solo by Mrs. Roy Williams, with Mrs. W. L. Calhoun at the piano; and a hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," by a selected double quartet. Chopin's Funeral March was played by Mrs. R. C. Cunningham, of Lafayette, La.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of Mulhearn Funeral Home, of Rayville.

Edward E. Stodghill was born in Hanson, Kentucky, on July 4th, 1860, and on October 17, 1883, he married Miss Annie Elizabeth Hill. Four children were born to the union. About 30 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Stodghill and family removed to Rayville, where they have since resided. Mr. Stodghill was one of the pioneers in the lumber business and established the People's Lumber Company, which he owned and operated until failing health caused him to retire and turn the active management of the business over to his sons.

For a number of years Mr. Stodghill has been a sick man, but he never permitted his suffering to interfere with his church life and devoted service to his family and neighbors. Soon after coming to Rayville he became one of the leading churchmen of the town as a member of the board of stewards of the Methodist Church. He remained true and faithful to the service of his God all through his life, and with such sacred devotion and sincere piety that he has been always regarded as the exemplar in Christian life. Though of a modest nature he was as brave as a lion, and stood with unswerving fidelity for the true and right in public and private life. No man ever occupied a higher place in the affectionate regard of his friends, nor was ever loved by his family with more profound and sacred adoration.

In life in his devotion to his Maker this splendid husband, father and citizen found a great, tender and sublime consolation, and in death his soul has found rest, serenity and life everlasting. He lived and labored for his family and his fellowmen. He sided with the weak and those who needed his help rather than with the strong and rich. He welcomed light, and daily sought to improve himself by

constant communion with God. His religion sincerely lived glorified his life and made his death sublime. He refrained from doing wrong, and for that reason was not afraid to die. Sometime before the last summons he knew the end was not far off. He knew that his work was done. He stood within the twilight, within the deepening gloom, knowing that for the last time the gold was fading from the West and there could not fall again within his eyes the trembling lustre of another dawn. He knew that night had come, and yet his soul was filled with light, for in that night the memory of the generous deeds of a Christian life shone out like stars.

The community is better that this most highly esteemed citizen lived, and he leaves his imprint for good upon everything he touched. To his devoted family he leaves the rich legacy of a pure and stainless Christian life.

To the members of the bereaved family The Beacon-News asks the privilege of sincerely tendering its respectful and profound sympathy.

Obituary of father Edward Everett Stodghill – “Richland Beacon-News” (Rayville LA)
Saturday 29 May 1937 p 1

Mother:



Mother Annie Elizabeth Hill Stodghill - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/1838984/person/1355384694/media/518dbdfa-c61c-4788-aa75-83d6bdd7fc07>

Mrs. E. E. Stodghill Entertained on Birthday

A buffet supper in the home of Mrs. E. E. Stodghill was the scene of a happy occasion when the family assembled to celebrate Mother Stodghill's birthday on October 14. Sharing the honors was Mrs. Stodghill's son, Mr. M. D. Stodghill, whose birth date is close to that of his mother.

Those present to celebrate this enjoyable family affair included Senator and Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, who had come up from Lafayette for the occasion; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Stodghill, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Stodghill, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Stodghill and Charlotte Ann, Mrs. Lula McMahon and Buddy, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Stodghill, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Truman Green, LaNita, Jack and Carol Lee of Delhi, and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 16 Oct 1954 p 11

MRS. ANNIE STODGHILL**RAYVILLE, Dec. 26 (Special)—**

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Stodghill, 92, widow of E. E. Stodghill, died in a Rayville clinic this afternoon. She had been a resident of Louisiana since 1907.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Methodist Church of Rayville. The Rev. John F. Kilpatrick will officiate.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Girard of Lafayette; three sons, Jesse E. Stodghill, Hugh J. Stodghill and Marvin D. Stodghill, all of Rayville; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Rayville, and Mrs. R. P. Hobgood of Princeton, Ky.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A native of Nebo, Ky., Mrs. Stodghill moved to Louisiana with her late husband in 1907. She was a member of the Rayville Methodist Church and two Methodist churches in Kentucky.

Obituary of mother Annie Elizabeth Hill Stodghill – "Shreveport (LA) Times" Tuesday 27 Dec 1955 p 35

Mrs. E. E. Stodghill

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Stodghill, widow of the late E. E. Stodghill, aged 92 years, died at the Ball and Ellington Clinic in Rayville, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She had been ill for a long time due to the infirmities of age.

Funeral services were held at the Rayville Methodist Church, Wednesday at 2 p. m., with Rev. John F. Kilpatrick officiating, assisted by the following former pastors of the Rayville Methodist Church: Rev. Louis Hoffpauir, of Crowley; Rev. Jack H. Midyett, of Haynesville; Rev. James J. Harris, district superintendent of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Earl B. Emmerich, of Lake Charles.

Interment, under the direction of Mulhearn's Funeral Home, was in the Rayville Masonic Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. D. Cotton, Carey J. Ellis, Sr., William Norris Gaines, A. J. Cook, Dr. R. O. C. Green, J. C. Salmon, Dr. J. C. Ellington and L. C. Naron.

Honorary pallbearers: (Members of the Official Board of the Rayville Methodist Church), were the following: Henry W. Blakeman, Alvin McCarty, George B. Franklin, Jr., Mrs. F. Roy Williams, Hope Sorey, Lasley Richardson, W. L. Yancey, Jr., Joe Kalil, Mrs. A. T. Owen, Bernard L. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Naron, Dr. George Purvis, John C. Morris, Sr., Dr. John C. Calhoun, J. B. Thompson, Jr., Basil Doles, Dr. J. C. Ellington, Dr. A. B. Cochran, Mrs. Nancy Sartor, M. M.

Cloud, E. H. Venable, L. C. Hutchinson, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Scott, J. J. Cuthbert, Jr., W. L. Calhoun, III, W. L. Haley, M. K. McConnell, James Craig, and Mrs. C. L. Calhoun.

Mrs. Stodghill born Elizabeth Hill, October 14th, 1863, was the daughter of Hugh David Hill and Sarah Jane Ingram Hill, of Nebo, Kentucky. She was married to Edward Everett Stodghill on October 17, 1883. She immediately established a Christian home, which influence was strong throughout her beautiful and consecrated life, touching the lives of all with whom she came in contact. She was early a devoted worker in the Methodist Church in Earlington, Ky., and Morganfield, Ky., prior to coming to Rayville, which was in 1907. The sacred devotion to her church she kept up all of her long and useful life. Six children were born to the union, two daughters, Vara and Ida, having died in childhood. The children surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Girard, wife of M. E. Girard, of Lafayette, La.; three sons, Jesse Edward Stodghill, Sr., Hugh Joseph Stodghill and Marvin Douglas Stodghill, all of Rayville; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, of Rayville, and Mrs. R. P. Hobgood, of Princeton, Ky.; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Attesting to the devotion in which Mr. and Mrs. Stodghill were held was the tribute paid them by the whole community on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1933. Her consecrated work for her church was an outstanding example of Christian citizenship and a profound influence on her family and her life. She was a consistent member of the church, actively devoted to the Women's Missionary Society throughout her life. She prepared the communion for service for forty-eight years, ever since coming to Rayville in 1907. She also gave devoted work and love as head of the parsonage committee, always making repairs and alteration for new ministers, and having a delicious hot meal on the table for them and their families on their arrival.

Her home was always open to visiting clergy. The spiritual quality of her life is fondly and affectionately remembered by all. This summer she was awarded a life membership pin in the Women's Society of Christian Service as a tribute and recognition of her many years of Christian devotion. As an expression of the esteem and affection entertained for this estimable lady by other members of the church she was selected to turn the first spadeful when ground was broken for the new Methodist Church building on January 14, 1951. She was communion steward for nearly fifty years. Her husband was chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Rayville Methodist Church for many years.

The true and devoted wife and mother, the sincere friend, who with tender faithfulness discharged the duties of life, reached her long journey's end. While she had lived her life and had been spared long beyond her allotted time, still her loved ones grieved to give her up. They are thankful, however, that God in His mercy had decreed that she be with them so long.

Neither speech nor written word can contain the love of those whom God gave her. To them there was, there is no sweeter, gentler, braver soul.

Obituary of mother Annie Elizabeth Hill Stodghill – "Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA)
Saturday 31 Dec 1955 p 1

Siblings:

Jesse E. Stodghill



Sincerely mourned by the whole community this week is Mr. Jesse E. Stodghill, 64, who passed away early last Friday morning at the St. Francis Hospital in Monroe. An unselfish citizen of this parish, Mr. Stodghill was an outstanding businessman, and member of a prominent local family.

Born in Earlington, Ky., on Nov. 13, 1891, he located in Rayville early in life, when his father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stodghill, came here with their family in 1907. Mr. Jesse and his father were co-founders of the People's Lumber and Supply Company, a thriving Rayville enterprise. He was always a leader in matters of local business interest, and was vice-president of the Richland State Bank at time of his death, as well as president of the People's Lumber and Supply Company, Incorporated, of

Rayville. Characterizing his business affairs were his own qualities of high integrity and genial service, which were largely responsible for his continued financial success.

A dedicated and active Christian, Mr. Jesse was a member of the Rayville Methodist Church, which group he served continuously for over thirty-five years in official capacity as member of the Board of Stewards, and later as member of the Official Board. His record of official service was longer than that of any other member of the Rayville Methodist Church. For his devoted work he was signally honored after his retirement from the Official Board on June 1 of this year. At that time he was presented a handsome plaque commemorating his years of service to his church.

Member of a deeply religious family, Mr. Jesse was reared in earliest childhood in a household devoted to the precepts of Christian teaching. This wholesome influence he has passed on to his own family, as he and his wife built their home on the strong rock of their faith.

A devoted family man, Mr. Stodghill was married to the former Miss Willie Lee Cook, member of a pioneering family in this section, and the two reared five children in this community. One son, the late William E. Stodghill, made the supreme sacrifice for his country when serving in the Air Corps in World War II.

Of high public spirit, Mr. Stodghill served a term on the Rayville Board of Aldermen from 1922-26. He always showed active interest in matters of public concern, and has been generous in his support of all measures for the betterment of the community.

Throughout his life as churchman, member of his family, citizen and businessman, Mr. Jesse fulfilled his responsibilities to the highest of

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Jesse E. Stodghill

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his ability, with that added measure of devotion which made his service an act of love for his fellow man. His memory is a cherished heritage for his beloved family, and a source of inspiration for the entire community.

He is survived by his wife; one son, J. E. Stodghill, Jr., of Rayville; three daughters, Mrs. Truman J. Green, of Delhi; Mrs. Lula Elizabeth McMahon, of Rayville; and Mrs. Phillip Cenac, of Houma; two brothers, Hugh J. Stodghill and Marvin D. Stodghill, both of Rayville; one sister, Mrs. Eloi Girard, of Lafayette, and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Rayville Methodist Church with the Rev. W. D. Boddie, assisted by Rev. J. F. Kilpatrick and Rev. Jack Midyett, officiating. Interment followed at the Rayville Masonic Cemetery, under direction of the Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were John C. Morris, Sr., W. D. Cotton, J. B. Thompson, Allen J. Cook, R. H. Guynes, L. C. Naron, H. W. Blakeman, C. J. Ellis, Sr., Fred Morgan, H. S. Shoemaker, J. C. Salmon and Dr. H. P. Corry.

Members of the Official Board of the Rayville Methodist Church were honorary pallbearers.

Relatives and friends from out of town who attended the funeral included the following.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snider, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cooksey, Mrs. E. A. Woodard, Mrs. W. H. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, Mr. Eldon Tweedle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dozier, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dodd and Rev. Don Winenger, all of Delhi; Mr. Tom Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carson, Mr. Leroy Barnidge, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Carrars, Misses Frances and Elizabeth Langford, Mr. Ben Wine-

garte, Mr. Bill McNeer, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond John, Mr. Gill McClarey, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Braswell, all of Monroe.

Mrs. Larue Maina, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Miss Carolyn Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Fraak Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, all of Ruston.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner W. Cook and Tommy, Mr. Abner Cook, Jr., and Mr. Oliver Guess, of Shreveport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, of Eppe; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wilbert, of Plaquemines; Mrs. A. B. Conger,

of Oak Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and son, of Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Kilpatrick, of Pineville; Rev. J. H. Midyett, of Haynesville; Mr. A. C. Williams, of West Monroe; Miss Anna J. Eyre, of West Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stodghill and T. W. Stodghill, Jr., of Winnsboro; Miss Agnes Edwards, Miss Agnes Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D'Beraud, Jr., all of Lafayette; J. C. Salmon, of Minden; Mrs. P. P. Norman, of Oak Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Berry, of Mangham.

Obituary of brother Jesse Edward Stodghill Sr. (1891-1956) – “Richland Beacon-News”
Saturday 15 Sep 1956 p 1 and continued on p 8

J. E. Stodghill, Prominent Rayville Citizen, Succumbs

RAYVILLE, Sept. 7 (Special)—Jesse E. Stodghill, 64, a prominent Rayville businessman, died early Friday morning in a Monroe hospital.

Born in Earlington, Ky., Nov. 13, 1891, Stodghill came to Rayville in 1907. With his father, the late E. E. Stodghill, he was co-founder of the People's Lumber Company. At the time of his death, he was president of the company, and was vice president of the Richland State Bank.

He is survived by his widow and one son, J. E. Stodghill, Jr., of Rayville; three daughters, Mrs. Truman J. Green, of Delhi, Mrs. Lula Elizabeth McMahon, Rayville, and Mrs. Dorothy Lee Senac, Houma; two brothers, Hugh J. Stodghill and Marvin D. Stodghill, both of Rayville; one sister, Mrs. Ruth S. Girard, of Lafayette, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p. m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church. Burial will be under the direction of the Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be John C. Morris Sr., W. D. Cotton, J. B. Thompson, Allen J. Cook, R. H. Guynes, L. C. Naron, H. W. Blakeman, C. J. Ellis, Sr., Fred Morgan, H. S. Shoemaker, J. C. Salmon and Dr. H. P. Corry

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Obituary of Jesse Edward Stodghill Sr. – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Friday 7 Sep 1956 p 12

Prominent Rayville Citizen Succumbs

RAYVILLE, Sept. 7 (Special)—Jesse E. Stodghill, 64, a prominent Rayville businessman, died early Friday morning in a Monroe hospital.

Born in Earlington, Ky., Nov. 13, 1891, Stodghill came to Rayville in 1907. With his father, the late E. E. Stodghill, he was co-founder of the People's Lumber Company. At the time of his death, he was president of the company, and was vice president of the Richland State Bank.

He is survived by his widow and one son, J. E. Stodghill, Jr., of Rayville; three daughters, Mrs. Truman J. Green, of Delhi, Mrs. Lula Elizabeth McMahon, Rayville, and Mrs. Dorothy Lee Senac, Houma; two brothers, Hugh J. Stodghill and Marvin D. Stodghill, both of Rayville; one sister, Mrs. Ruth S. Girard, of Lafayette, and 11 grandchildren.

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Obituary of Jesse Edward Stodghill – "Monroe (LA) Morning World" Saturday 8 Sep 1956 p

Death Ends Career Of J. E. Stodghill

Jesse E. Stodghill of Rayville, Mangham and Delhi.

died Friday morning at a Monroe hospital, after a three year illness.

Born in Earlington, Ky., Nov. 3, 1891, Stodghill came to Rayville in 1907 with his parents. He was later associated with his father in business and was co-founder of the Peoples Lumber Co., with branches in

In 1914 he was married to Miss Willie Lee Cook and to them were born five children. The youngest son, Lt. William Everett Stodghill, USAF, was lost in combat in World War II surviving, besides his widow, are Jesse Stodghill Jr., and three daughters: Mrs. Truman Green, of Delhi, Mrs.

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Services were held at 4 P. M. Saturday at the Rayville Methodist Church which as head of the building committee, he helped to build. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery

air. The blank must be completely lined out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.

(Exposure of 100%)

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No.

Insured

The rules should be carefully read before mailing the application to the Department of State, Bureau of Citizenship, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

Parish
County of Lafayette

2002

1. Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill

... & NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE

UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Washington, in the State of Kentucky, on ~~or about~~ the first day of April, 1827, that my father Edward M. Stodghill, was born in Kentucky (that he emigrated to the United States from the part of _____ or about _____; that he resided _____ years, uninterruptedly, in the United States from _____ at _____ that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____, as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization); that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods: _____ from _____ to _____ from _____ to _____ that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Lafayette, in the State of Louisiana, where I follow the occupation of teaching; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within 4 months with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and that I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose:

— proprietor are used on various the various instruments named for the following purpose:

Canada (Name of country.)
British Isles, France, (Name of country.)
Belgium (Name of country.)

~~United States~~ (Object of visit.)
Travel and study (Object of visit.)
_____ (Object of visit.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Montreal, Canada
(Port of departure.)
sailing on board the Karloch on June 7th 1924, 1924
(Name of vessel.) (Date of departure.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 9th day

of May 19 24

Mini- or Charge 1

Deputy Clerk of the 18th Ind. ^{District} Court at Lafayette La.

* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.

7 If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

GOVERN.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 27 years. Mouth: Medium
 Stature: 5 feet, 3 inches, Eng. Chin: pointed
 Forehead: high Hair: medium brown
 Eyes: blue gray Complexion: fair
 Nose: straight Face: round

IDENTIFICATION.

May 12, 1924
 I, M. Elai Girard, solemnly swear that I am a ^{native}~~naturalized~~ citizen
 of the United States; that I reside at Lafayette, Louisiana; that I have known
 the above-named Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill personally for 4 years and
 know ^{her}~~him~~ to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in ^{her}~~his~~ affidavit
 are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. Elai Girard
 Plaintiff
 (Signature)

Lafayette, Louisiana.
 (Address of witness)

Sworn to before me this 12th day

of May 11, 1924

[SEAL]

Racine E. Mouton

Deputy Clerk of the 18th Jud'l. District Court at Lafayette, La.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:

To S. J. J.
 Lafayette, Louisiana

H.M.

A duplicate of the photograph to be attached hereto
 must be sent to the Department with the application,
 to be affixed to the passport with an impression of the
 Department's seal.



STATE OF LOUISIANA . CLERK'S OFFICE
PARISH OF RICHLAND. SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT.

Before me, the undersigned Clerk of the Seventh Judicial District Court & Ex-officio a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, this day personally came and appeared Edward Everett Stodghill, a resident of Rayville, Richland Parish, State of Louisiana, to me well known, who after being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says on his oath; That he is a native born citizen of the United States of America, having been born in the State of Kentucky, U. S. A. and that he is the father of Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill, who was born at Earlington, in Hopkins County, in the State of Kentucky, U. S. A., on the 1st. day April, A. D. 1897.

E. E. Stodghill

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 7th. day of May, A. D. 1924.

N. J. McConnee
Clerk 7th. District Court & Ex-officio a Notary
Public in and for Richland Parish, La.

1924 passport application of sister Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill Girard (1897-1975) -
https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/347457:1174?tid=1838984&pid=6010571059&queryId=fe524abd681603f00dd034a409c5a8e8&_phsrc=hFB60127&_phstart=successSource

The ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill, of the Department of Music of Southwestern Louisiana Institute, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Everett Stodghill of Rayville, La., to M. Eloi Girard, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. M. Girard of this city, was held Tuesday, October 14, at 5 o'clock in the evening at the First Methodist Church of Rayville in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The church was beautifully decorated in simlax and autumn flowers, artistically arranged under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Venable of Shreveport. The bridal party stood beneath a great bell of white flowers and ferns, which hung suspended from a graceful arch of smilax and autumn flowers.

An exceptionally beautiful musical program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. R. S. Barnett of this city. Preceding the entry of the bridal party, a chorus, " 'Tis Thy Wedding Morning," from "The Rose Maiden," Cowen, was sung by Miss Miriam Walton of Rayville, Mrs. R. S. Barnett and Mr. Parr of Monroe, La. This was followed by a tenor solo, "For You Alone," and a soprano solo, "Until," Sanderson, by Miss Miriam Walton. As the bridal party entered the church, a quartette sang as the wedding march, "Faithful and True," from "Lohengrin," Wagner, those taking part including Miss Miriam Walton, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnett, and Mr. Parr. Mrs. E. B. Greene of Rayville was accompanist for the musical numbers.

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STODGHILL-GIRARD

Leading the way were the ushers, Hugh and Marvin Stodghill, brothers of the bride, and James Barnett. Next came Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, gowned in orchid georgette over yellow satin trimmed with ostrich, wearing a picture hat of silver white lace and scarf of tulle bordered with ostrich. A tall shepherd's crook with which was carried a bouquet of pink Killarney roses, completed the picturesque costume. Miss Lois Shortess followed wearing peach georgette trimmed with ostrich and silver white lace, with silver white picture hat and scarf of tulle and ostrich, and carrying the shepherd's crook and pink Killarney roses. Miss Dixie Armstrong of Rayville was gowned in yellow georgette, and Mrs. James Barnett of Lafayette, in green georgette, each with picture hat, scarf, shepherd's crook and roses, similar to those of each of the bridesmaids. Mrs. Hugh Stodghill of Rayville, sister-in-law of the bride, as matron of honor was attractively gowned in Powder Blue crepe chiffon trimmed in gold beads and orchid ostrich with a hat to match. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and orchids.

Little Miss Dorothy Lee Stodghill, as junior bridesmaid, was daintily clad in soft white silk and carried a basket of pink roses and ferns. The ringbearer, little Jesse Stodghill, Jr, wore a picturesque costume of white satin and carried the rings concealed in a prim bouquet of white roses. Little Irene Girard Masters and little Mary Eleanor Tombs made pretty little flower girls, dressed in white and carrying baskets of pink roses and ferns.

The bride entered on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She was radiantly beautiful in a wedding gown which was an exquisite creation of white georgette, beaded in pearls and crystals. Her tulle veil bordered in real lace was artistically arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies-of-the-valley. At the altar awaited the groom attended by his brother, Dr. M. E. Girard, of Dallas, Texas, as best man.

After the impressive ceremony the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

A reception was held at the home of the bride at which great numbers

of relatives of friends were entertained.

Numerous and beautiful wedding gifts were received.

Besides friends and relatives of Rayville who attended the wedding, out of town guests included: Mrs E. L. Adams of Madisonville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Hobgood of Princeton, Ky., Miss Ada Stodghill, of Madisonville, Ky., Mrs. E. M. Venable of Shreveport, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stodghill of Winnsboro, La., Mr. Parr, of Monroe, La., Mrs. P. M. Girard, Dr. H. C. Masters and little daughter, Irene, Miss Maxime Beraud, Mrs. Paul D. Beraud, Jr. of Lafayette, Dr. M. E. Girard of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Judice, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnett, Mrs. Earl Barnett, Miss Eleanor Crigler and Miss Lois Shortess of Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Girard left for Chicago and other northern cities on their honeymoon. On their return, they will make their home in this city and will be at home to their friends after October 28, at 1222 Lafayette Street.

Marriage of Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill & Eloi Girard – "Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser"
Thursday 16 Oct 1924 p 7

GIRARD-STODGHILL

A wedding of much beauty and unusual interest was solemnized on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14th, at 5 o'clock, at the Methodist Church, when the Rev. H. W. Cudd, pastor, united in wedlock Mr. Eloi Girard, of Lafayette, La., and Miss Ruth Stodghill, of Rayville.

Long before the hour for the happy event the church was filled to its capacity with friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The church presented a picture in its beautiful decorations with goldenrod, bamboo vines, ferns and large yellow chrysanthemums and ivy, the decorating being done under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Venable, of Shreveport, assisted by Mesdames H. W. Whatley, L. Y. Phillips and H. P. Jones. Never did this building present a more lovely picture than it did on this occasion.

At the appointed time an appropriate musical program was rendered under the direction of Mrs. R. S. Barnette, of Lafayette, assisted by Mrs. B. Greene, of Rayville: A quartette, "Tis thy Wedding Morn"—Mrs. Ed Green at piano; Mrs. R. S. Barnette, of Lafayette; Miss Miriam Walton; Messrs Robt. Joyce and Parr, of Lafayette.

A tenor solo—"For You Alone"—Mr. Robt. Joyce.

Soprano solo—"Faithful and True"—Miss Walton.

"Faithful and True," Bridal March was sung by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnette, Miss Walton and Mr. Parr as the bridal party entered. The ushers were Messrs. Hugh and Marvin Stodghill, of Rayville; Robert Joyce and James Barnette, were Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield, of Lafayette. The bride's maids of Lafayette. The bride's maids were Mrs. Lawrence Satterfield, of New Orleans; Miss Lois Shorter, of Lafayette; and Miss Dixie Armstrong, of Rayville; and Mrs. James Barnette, of Lafayette. Mrs. Hugh J. Stodghill was matron of honor.

The bride's maids and matron of honor found their places at the altar and presented a picture of loveliness with rainbow costumes, with hats, scarfs and representing shepherdesses, with crooked staffs decorated with roses and ribbons to correspond with dress. Then entered the groom, Mr. Eloi Girard, with his brother as best man, Dr. M. E. Girard, of Dallas, Tex. Then two charming little flower girls strewing petals along the bride's path, little Miss Irene Girard and Mary Eleanor Tomb, who were real fairies in their little costumes. Then came the junior bride's maid, little Miss Dorothy Lee Stodghill, who was a picture of loveliness and then the ring bearer, Jesse Stodghill, Jr., who delivered his burden to bride and groom at the altar.

Then came the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. E. E. Stodghill. She was a picture of loveliness in her bridal costume of Georgette embroidered with beads, also long train and veil of rare lace, the costume being an European one. She was wonderfully beautiful as she met the groom waiting for her at the altar.

After the ceremony the invited guests repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stodghill and were entertained at a lovely reception. Lovely flowers, ferns and candles made attractive decorations for the home. The wedding cake occupied a prominent place in the table. The guests were served with fruit punch, Angel food cake and brick ice cream in heart shapes, as was the bride's cake.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome gifts of silver, cut glass and china.

Following the reception the bride and groom left for an extended trip to points of interest, and will be at home after October 28th.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stodghill; finished high school here, afterwards attending the Normal, and has been a member of the faculty of the Southwestern Institute of Lafayette, where she met the groom.

The out of town guests were, Mrs. P. M. Girard, Dr. Masters and baby Irene; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Barnette, Mr. and Mrs. James Barnette, Mrs. Earl Barnette, Miss Maxine Beraud, Mr. and Mrs. Judice, Mr. Robt. Joyce, Mr. Parr, Misses Lois Shorter, and Crigler, of Lafayette; Mrs. C. B. Satterfield, of New Orleans; Dr. M. E. Girard, of Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. E. M. Venable, of Shreveport; Mr. Hammond, of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Hapgood, of Princeton, Ky.; Mrs. E. L. Adams, of Madisonville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stodghill, of Winnsboro.

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Dixie A. Stodghill

RAYVILLE - Services for Mrs. Dixie Armstrong Stodghill, 89, of Rayville, were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 1992, in the Rayville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn and Rev. Frank Jones officiating.

Burial was in the Rayville Masonic Cemetery of Rayville under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home of Rayville.

Mrs. Stodghill died Tuesday, December 29, 1992, in Shreveport following an extended illness.

She was an active member of the Rayville United Methodist Church, former school teacher of Richland Parish School System, and one of the founders of the Don't Mention Age (DMA) club of Rayville.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Douglas Stodghill of Rayville; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Judge Eugene Bryson Jr. of Shreveport; a brother, Herman Armstrong of Delhi; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth Leigh Bryson, Eugene W. Bryson III, and Douglas Edward Bryson, all of Shreveport.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Thompson, George Gladney, Bernard Waite, Jack Green, Michael Shirley and T. Gayle Wren.

Obituary of Lottie Lee (Dixie) Armstrong Stodghill, wife of brother Marvin Douglas Stodghill (1899-1993) – “Richland Beacon-News” (Rayville LA) Thursday 7 Jan 1993 p 3

Marvin Douglas Stodghill

RAYVILLE, LA. - Funeral services for Marvin Douglas Stodghill, 93, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 26, 1993 at Rayville United Methodist Church in Rayville, La. Officiating will be Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn, Rev. Frank Jones, and Rev. Grayson Watson. Services are under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Stodghill died Saturday, July 24, 1993. He was born in Earlington Kentucky on October 13, 1899. He moved to Rayville, La. in 1903 and was currently living at Pierremont Heritage Manor in Shreveport. He was a retired merchant and owner of Peoples Hardware in Rayville, and was the oldest member of Rayville Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dixie Armstrong Stodghill.

He is survived by one daughter, Charlotte S. Bryson, wife of Judge Eugene W. Bryson, Jr.; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth Leigh, Eugene W., III, and Douglas Edward Bryson; and nieces and nephews.

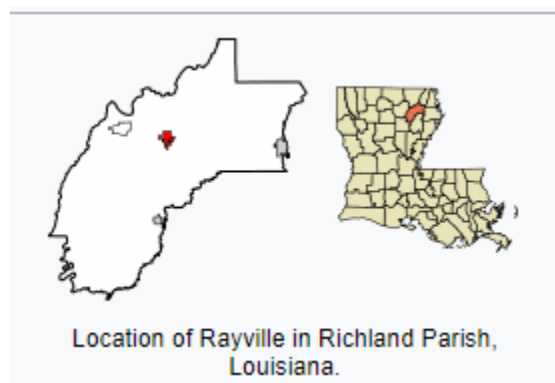
Pallbearers will be William Thompson, James R. Craig, Bernard Waite, Lasley J. Downs, Michael L. Shirley, T. Gayle Wren, George L. Gladney, and Jack Green.

Honorary pallbearer is James Thompson.

Memorials may be made to the Rayville Methodist Church in Rayville.

Obituary of Marvin Douglas Stodhill – “Shreveport (LA) Times” Monday 26 Jul 1993 p 10

Rayville, county seat of Richland Parish, Louisiana



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rayville,_Louisiana

Rayville is the hometown of National Football League players Reggie Burnette, Edgar Jones & Roosevelt Potts and National Basketball Association Hall of Fame member Elvin Hayes.

Its population in 2010 was 3,695.

Name: Hugh Joseph Stodghill

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,653

Entered service from: Rayville, Richland LA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Hugh J. Stodghill

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father E.E. Stodghill, Rayville LA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Hugh J. Stodghill

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Edward E. Stodghill, Rayville LA (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Hugh Joseph Stodghill - b. 2 Mar 1894 Earlington KY; res: Rayville, Richland Parish LA. Single. Lumberman, no employment at present. Short in height, medium build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Box 127, Rayville LA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Hugh Joseph Stodghill - b. 2 Mar 1894 Earlington KY; res: Box 127, Rayville, Richland Parish LA. NOK Mrs. Hugh J. Stodghill, no address supplied. Employed at State Headquarters Selective Service, Jackson Barracks, New Orleans LA. Address: Box 127, Rayville LA. Height: 5'6" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Dec 1917

Discharged: 13 Jun 1919

Address: Rayville LA

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Mar 1894 Earlington, Hopkins Co. KY

Died: 23 Feb 1984 Rayville, Richland Parish LA

Find A Grave record: 40232921 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Rayville, Richland Parish LA

Cemetery: Masonic

Tombstone:

Father: Edward Everett/Everette Stodghill, 4 Jul 1860 Hopkins Co. KY – 25 May 1937 Rayville, Richland Parish LA. Son of John Jacob Stodghill (1831-1912, F: 70096031) & Margaret Ellen Thomson (1839-1896, F: 70096032). Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, Richland Parish LA.

Find A Grave: 39482113

Mother: Annie Elizabeth Hill Stodghill, 14 Oct 1863 Nebo, Hopkins Co. KY – 26 Dec 1955 Rayville, Richland Parish LA. Daughter of Hugh Davis Hill & Sarah Jane Ingram. Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, Richland Parish LA.

Find A Grave: 39482047

Parents' marriage: 17 Oct 1883 Hopkins Co. KY

Spouse: Myrtle M. Salmon Stodghill, 15 Nov 1893 MS – 29 Dec 1974 Rayville, Richland Parish LA. Daughter of Julius Clarence Salmon & Lula Tigpen. There are hundreds of newspaper articles about her found on Newspapers.com as she was very active in the Rayville LA community. Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, Richland Parish LA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 40232886

Marriage: 3 Sep 1935 in Rayville, Richland Parish LA at the home of the bride's parents

Children:

Siblings: In the 1900 & 1910 censuses, his mother reports giving birth to 6 children, 4 of whom are living.

- Jessie Edward Stodghill Sr., 13 Nov 1891 Earlington, Hopkins KY – 7 Sep 1956 Rayville, Richland Parish LA. Co-founder with his father of People's Lumber Company. Married 24 Jun 1914 to Willie Lee Cook (1893-1961, F: 39538521). Willie Cook Stodghill's brother Tommie Ward Cook, sailed on "Tuscania" with Hugh Stodghill; he was 1 of the casualties. - Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, Richland Parish LA. F: 39538246
- Lesia E. Stodghill, 1892 Hopkins Co. KY - . Found on one Ancestry.com family tree.
- Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill Girard, 1 Apr 1897 Earlington, Hopkins KY – 15 Sep 1975 Lafayette, Lafayette Parish LA. Wife of Michel Eloi Giard (1896-1974, F: 29325947) whom she married on 14 Oct 1924. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech, served as a captain of artillery in WWI & as a LA state senator 1952-1956. He developed Girard Park in Lafayette, Lafayette Parish LA. She is the namesake of the Ruth Stodghill Girard Endowed Professorship in Music at the U of LA. Ruth is buried in Lafayette Protestant Cemetery, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish LA. F: 29325984.
- Marvin Douglas Stodghill, 13 Oct 1899 Earlington, Hopkins KY – 24 Jul 1993 Shreveport, Caddo Parish LA. Husband of Lottie Lee ("Dixie") Armstrong (1903-1992, F: 40770791). Buried in Masonic Cemetery, Rayville, Richland Parish LA. F: 40770787

Notes:

There are thousands of articles found by searching "Hugh Stodghill" in Louisiana on Newspapers.com. Only a few are copied above.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Shreveport [LA] Times" 15 Mar 1918 p 9 - lengthy letter to parents 11 Feb 1918 from England about Tuscania, loss of friend Tommie Ward, around midnight off coast of Islay but rowed to stay off, patrol boat landed in Ireland 8:30 a.m. 6 Feb, stayed with Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Williams, he keeps reading the letters still in his pockets from earlier & pretends he just got them

"Richland Beacon-News" 21 Jun 1919 p 4 - Hugh home, discharged last Sat. (14 Jun) - sad story of companion Tommie Cook well-known, paper published letter from Hugh but now can hear story in person

Post-war:

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) 12 Jul 1924 p 5 - Miss Ruth Stodghill of Rayville, on faculty of Southwestern Institute at Lafayette, is touring Europe, including Scotland. She could not resist going to Larne, Ireland, to visit the "splendid" Williams family who cared for her brother Hugh. She has corresponded with them in the past. She became emotional when she saw the Irish coast.

"Richland Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) 1 Feb 1978 p 5 - Hugh is member of unique Last Man's Club of NTSA, 60th anniversary, Tommie Cook died, survivors now in their 80s, ship still lies where it sank

Obituary:

Social Security number: 439-01-8314

Censuses:

1900 Earlington, Hopkins KY – Sebree Ave. – conducted 7 Jun 1900

Edward Stodghill, 39 KY, Jul 1860, father b. KY, mother b. VA, married 16 years, carpenter

Annie E., 36 KY, Oct 1863, parents b. KY, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Jessie E., 8 KY, Nov 1891, in school [son]

Hugh J., 6 KY, Mar 1894 [son]

Ruth E., 3 KY, Apr 1897 [daughter]

Marvin D., 7 months KY, Oct 1899 [son]

1910 Rayville, Richmond Parish LA

Edward E. Stodghill, 49 KY, father b. KY, mother b. VA, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, contractor builder, houses

Annie E., 46 KY, parents b. KY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 4 are living

Jessie E., 18 KY, foreman, lumber business

Hugh J., 16 KY, printer, printing office

Ruth E., 13 KY

Marvin D., 10 KY

1920 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA – 817 Jackson St. – line 20

Hugh J. Stodghill, 25 KY, parents b. KY, single, inspector, timber, boarder with:

Bryan & Josie Eusel, their 3 servants & 6 other boarders.

1930 Rayville, Richland Parish LA

Hugh J. Stodghill, 36 KY, parents b. KY, age 26 at 1st marriage, manager, filling station, WWI veteran

Myrtle, 36 MS, parents b. MS, age 26 at 1st marriage
& 3 female boarders

1940 Rayville, Richland Parish LA – living with father-in-law

J.C. Salmon, 68 MS, widower, clerk, district court, same house in 1935

Hugh J. Stodghill, 45 KY, inspector WPA safety, same place in 1935 [son-in-law]

Myrtle Stodghill, 46 MS, same place in 1935 [daughter]

1950 Rayville, Richland Parish LA

Hugh J. Stodghill, 56 KY, secretary-treasurer, retail building materials

Myrtle S., 56 MS, second grade teacher, grammar school