

TUSCANIA

Drake, Earl Wilder (Sr.)
1891 IL – 1943 OK



Earl Wilder Drake

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Earl Wilder Drake & his siblings:

Back row, left: Etta [Aletta] Drake – right: Earl Wilder Drake

Middle row, left: Rena [Lorena] Drake – right: Villa Drake

Front row, left: Zela [Cy] Drake – right: Charles Drake

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Left: Albert J. Thompson – right: Earl Wilder Drake, at Galveston TX in the early 1920s

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Earl Wilder Drake (seated) at his Drake Hardware Store in Binger OK

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Earl Wilder with his wife Marguerite (Thompson) & his 2 oldest sons, Albert Eugene (“Bo”) (2nd from left) & Earl Jr. (3rd from left)

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Name of Parent (or Guardian): Earl Drake Post Office: Binger
 Name of Township or Street: _____ Section or Street No. _____
 Name of Tribe: _____ (If Indian or Freedman, give name of tribe.)

NAME OF CHILD	COLOR	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH			AGE	Deaf, Dumb, Blind, Feeble Minded and Crippled (Write Which)
			Month	Day	Year		
<u>Earl Drake Jr.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>7</u>	
<u>Wera Drake</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>19</u>	

I hereby declare under oath that the above is a true and correct statement of the facts given; that I am a legal resident of the above School District and the names and ages of all persons of school age are correct as written above.
Earl Drake Parent or Guardian.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 28 day of June, 1930.
J. J. Drake Enumerator.

1930 Oklahoma school records for Binger, Caddo OK -

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Earl Drake Succumbs

Earl Drake, hardware merchant, and for many years a businessman of Binger, passed away in a Oklahoma City hospital at about noon Thursday. Arrangements has not yet been made.

Earl W. Drake is in an Oklahoma City hospital in a serious condition with an infected hand, which is a result of an injury received last Thursday when he fell and suffered a severe cut across the joint of a thumb. Dr. Bauer dressed the wound and found the member broken. Despite continued treatment, infection set in and spread to where it was thought advisable to go to a hospital.

Monday morning he was removed to the McBride hospital in Oklahoma City, where immediately surgeons amputated his thumb.

A telephone message to Charles Drake Wednesday morning was that he was worse, and for him to come at once and to bring Mrs. Jackie Huntley, who is a graduate nurse. All of the relatives have been notified. It is reported that Tetanus had set in.

Note: Earl Drake was buried in the Murray Cemetery in Binger, Oklahoma. He was born in 1891 and died December 30, 1943, he was 52 years old.

2006 INFORMATION SOURCE:

This Article was researched and submitted by Don Sweaney of Missouri.
Binger Journal (Oklahoma) December 30, 1943

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



OBITUARY

Earl Wilder Drake, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Drake was born July 19, 1891, at Williamsfield, Illinois, and departed this life Thursday, December 30, 1943 at 1:30 P.M. in an Oklahoma City hospital, age 52 years, 5 months and 20 days.

In 1893 with the family, the deceased came to Oklahoma, settling first at Blackburn, where they made their home until 1911, when they moved to Binger.

On December 25, 1920, he was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Thompson of Houston, Texas, and to this union were born three sons, Lieutenant Earl Drake Jr. serving with the armed forces at Camp Clayborn, Louisiana; Albert Eugene Drake and John Edward Drake of the home address. Other survivors include two brothers, George of California; and Charles of Binger, Oklahoma; and three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Courtney of Anadarko, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lon Wayland of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Mrs. Charles Longacre of Perry, Oklahoma, and a number of other relatives and many friends.

Earl, as he was known to his many friends, has been one of Binger's leading businessmen for years; he was active in community and school affairs, having served many terms on the school board. He was a member of the Corbett Wilkerson Post No. 201 American Legion, and was especially interested in the Legions work, having been its adjutant and main adviser for the past several years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of this shrine at Guthrie.

A very quiet and most peaceful man, loved most by those whom knew him best; the deceased was not a man of pomp and pageantry, but had his own ideas, and enjoyed following them, regardless of customs and habits, and in so doing made many friends. The wife has lost a true and faithful husband; and the family has lost a kind, loving father; and the community has lost a highly respected successful businessman.

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Binger Journal (Oklahoma) January 13, 1944

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Rev. Chatham Gives Last Rites for Earl Drake

Citizens of Binger and territory were broken in spirit as they again assembled at the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon to pay last tribute to Earl Drake, 52, one of Binger's leading businessmen, who passed away in Oklahoma City hospital last Thursday, following only a few day's of illness.

Rev. J. E. Chatham, pastor of the Binger Baptist church officiated, and standing behind the flower-banked casket, paid tribute. After the tribute to the deceased, stating that he had known him since 1918, and that he had many business transactions with him, and had never found him at fault.

Despite the inclement weather and almost impassable roads, friends and relatives from all over the state were here to attend the services.

Having resided within this territory and having been a businessman since the early days, Earl was known by many people of many walks of life. He was postmaster from 1921 to 1933. He was a member of the school, and the community. He was a member of the American Legion post, having served during World War I overseas for several months. He was on one of the ships that was torpedoed and sunk at sea, and was many days adrift at sea. He believed in the up-building of the town, the school and the community, and practiced his beliefs by attending meetings, contributing and spending of his time and energy.

Music was provided by Mrs. Pat White, Mrs. Louis Heins, Mrs. Harold Cook and Mrs. James Champion, with Mrs. John McLane at the Piano. Pall bearers were W. G. Sparks, Claude Jones, Fay Rosser, John Dieball, Harry Sellars and Arthur Opitz.

Internment was made at the Binger Cemetery under the direction of the Cox funeral home.

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Binger Journal (Oklahoma) January 6, 1944

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Drake Rites 2:30 P. M. In Binger School

Final tribute will be paid at 2:30 p. m. today in the Binger high school auditorium for Earl Wilder Drake, Binger merchant who died Thursday in Oklahoma City from tetanus poisoning.

Burial will be made in the Binger cemetery under direction of the Cox Funeral Home.

Drake died after a week's illness. He had fallen at his home several days before his death cutting his hand on a tea kettle.

A veteran of World War I, Drake had been a partner with his brother, Charley Drake, in the hardware business at Binger for over 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion and the Masonic lodge.

Survivors include his wife; three sons; two brothers and three sisters.

Anadarko Daily News
Sun, Dec 26, 1943 - Page 2

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Earl W. Drake Rites Pending

Prominent Binger Man Dies Thursday

Funeral services for Earl Wilder Drake, 52, are pending the arrival of a brother from California, members of the family announced today.

Drake died at 1:20 p. m. Thursday in an Oklahoma City hospital. His death was attributed to tetanus poisoning, caused by a cut received on the hand several days ago.

Burial will be made in Binger, where Drake had been in the hardware business for over 20 years. Cox Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

His son was given emergency furlough and was at his father's bedside before Drake died.

Saw War Service

Drake was born July 10, 1891, in Williamsfield, Ill. He came to Oklahoma in 1911, establishing his home at Blackburn before moving to Binger. During the first world war, he served with the American army overseas and during his service was torpedoed and saved after several days at sea in a life boat. He saw considerable action in France.

The hardware merchant was injured last week when he went toward his butane system with a kettle of hot water to thaw out connections. Enroute he fell, cutting and injuring his hand on the kettle. Drake was given treatment in Binger and at Hinton before being taken to an Oklahoma City hospital.

City Resident Survivor

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Earl Drake, jr., stationed with the army at Camp Clayborn, La., and Albert Eugene and Joe Edward Drake, both of the home address; two brothers, Charley Drake, Binger, a partner in the hardware firm, and George Drake, California; and three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Courtney, Anadarko, Mrs. Lon Wayland, Hot Springs, Ark., and Mrs. Charles Longacre, Perry.

Anadarko Daily News
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Life:

MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLED

(Intended For Last Week.)

Monday night the local Masonic fraternity installed the following officers with appropriate ceremonies

T. N. Lyon, W. M.
L. V. Dean, S. W.
E. H. Lippert, J. W.
F. C. Opitz, Treasurer,
R. L. Eldridge, Secretary.
J. W. Savage, S. D.
Chas. Wilson, J. W.
Chas. Jones, S. S.
E. W. Drake, J. S.
Ross Borrer, Tyler.

Following these ceremonies a banquet was served. J. N. Smith, Sam Woods and L. J. Barrett of Lookeba were guests.

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SUBJECT TO DRAFT

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447	THOMAS WILLIAMS OWENS	
448	William Ernest Bleakley	Binger
449	George Harold Bond	"
450	Noah Bertis Baker	"
451	Dennis Lamont Bales	"
452	Luther Baley Beven	"
453	Jessee Allen Brown	"
454	Charles Luther Britton	"
455	Nathaniel Davis	"
456	John Avall Dieball	"
457	Thomas Patrick Doherty	"
458	Earl Wilder Drake	"
459	Randolph Charles Dieball	"
460	Brante Laverne Dean	"
461	Robert Eldrige	"
462	Eddie Fields	"
463	Mack Finley	"
464	Oliver Joseph Freeman	"
465	Harry Ramson Foster	"
466	J. Howard Fugale	"
467	Charles Fremont Hamilton	"
468	Walter Cicero Hamilton	"

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be consulted at this office.
(NOTE-Names appear in proper rotation as drawn.)
258 William Arthur Bird, Hydro
458 Earl Wilder Drake, Binger.
854 Artes . Shorter, Ft. Cobb.
875 William Arthur Perry, Eakly
837 Embry Johnson, Binger
337 Smith Robert Harrison, Look
676 George W. Grady, Alfalfa
275 Austin Almond Henry, Hydro
509 Jim Corbitt Wilkerson, Bin.
564 George Wesley Dodd, Look.
945 John Oliver Anthony, Cogar
596 Guilford Smith, Lookeba.
536 Amas Isaac Neal, Lookeba
548 Elmer Smith, Lookeba
126 Charles Luman Carpenter,

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North Caddo County Boys Await the Final Call for Training

The board of District No. 2 completed their work last week and turn in their quota of 94 men who are ready to answer the call to go when it comes. The men who make up this quota are as follows:

Earl Wilder Drake, Binger.
George W. Grady, Alfalfa.
Austin Almond Henry, Hydro.

Sidney R. Taylor, Colony.
Franklin Mobley, Hydro.
Willie Williams, Bridgeport.
George Beaver, Binger.

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Thu, Aug 30, 1917 · Page 1

Excerpt – Hinton OK

LEAVE TODAY FOR CAMP

The District Board for the north half of Caddo county has summoned the following selected men to report at Bridgeport for assignment to service at Camp Travis. Bridgeport is holding a patriotic demonstration today in honor of the men who are leaving for the training camp.

Earl Wilder Drake, Binger.
 Robert H. Smith, Lookeba.
 Jimmie Shemammy, Binger.
 Oliver H. Martz, Cogar.
 John LeRoy Challis, Hinton.
 Odbert Adams, Eakly.
 Chester A. Carl, Lookeba.
 Cyrus H. Skelton, Binger.
 Clarence E. Wyrick, Lookeba.
 Robert Vincent, Alfalfa.
 Oscar Otis Hout, Lookeba.
 Claud Jenkins, Cogar.
 Alfred A. Schimmel, Lookeba.
 William Van Alman, Lookeba.
 Carl Balke, Cogar.
 William Fluharty, Gracemont.
 Rant John Nowka, Hinton.
 Wm. H. Mathis, Hinton.
 Freddie Francis Maggard, Colony.
 William R. Murrow, Binger.
 Reuben Feaster, Gracemont.
 Otte L. Kratzke, Lookeba.
 Walter A. Barnes, Lookeba.
 Francis Johnson, Binger.
 Lawrence Heger, Hydro.
 George F. Lawless, Lookeba.
 Arthur E. Ash, Cogar.
 James C. Andis, Bridgeport.
 James D. Welch, Gracemont.

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 Thu, Oct 04, 1917 - Page 3

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Sick or Injured In Irish Hospitals.

(Associated Press Report.)

LONDONDERRY, Feb. 9.—Following are the names of sick or injured Americans confined in two hospitals in one Irish port:

Warren A. Blackman	F. Purdy Fry
Carl E. Nys	Charles R. Polty
George S. McLean	John N. Stinson
William Pope	John L. Bone
John F. Rings	Carl Moler
H. A. Sawyer	Otto P. Lodge
Wm. A. Venable	Chas. L. Billingham
E. W. Blaker	W. E. Able
Harry Benedict	Wm. Christianson
George E. Schearts	Rider L. Leer
Julius Lewis	Archie McCracken
R. L. Eustis	Lewis P. Carlisle
Sidney E. Landrum	Wm. E. Lancaster
Virgil Brewer	Mark T. Gibson
Glen B. Denison	Lewis D. Baker
Glove C. R. Cove	Willard Griffith
Charles C. Stoddard	Willie P. Leblanc
Wm. J. Lee	Clinton Dolph
Earl Hickey	Cecil Duke
Paul Cosalles	Francis Hughes
Walter B. Vallnes	Lester L. Smith
Wesly L. McCauley	Jake Rossman
Walker	Richard Johnstone
	Howard Kenyon

The names of 47 sick and injured American troops confined in three hospitals at a port on the Irish north coast follows:

Hasel G. Bailey	Bruno E. Bluhm
William C. Brady	Samuel Comb
Chas. Lemuel Davis	Earl Wilder Drake
John Fuller	Myron Nelson Hayes
Elmer T. Holden	Lloyd Y. Kolb
Arthur William Liga	Joseph Emmett Mc-
Robert J. Moody	Donald
Albert I. Nuamin	John Benebeados
Henry Stanley	Armando Bustich
Burkeson	Leslie Dale
Carl L. Disouke	Samuel H. Eddins
Harrison Bates	Silva Hensley
Hallie M. Hoselton	Lee V. Lashua
John F. McDonnell	Wm. Francis Mathias
Sidney Robert Hall	Clarence T. Neashim
Rex C. Orser	Lawrence Nathan-
Herbert D. Taylor	iel Riley
John Kumorowsky	Edward James Pe-
Roman Sandaval	terman
Guss Johnson	Oliver Cole
Charles Hornecker	Clarence Johnson
William Douglas	George A. Sturien
Pine	Roy Houston Red-
Witham R. Curtis	ding
John R. Phegley	George Richard
James C. McAdam	Baker
Roland Edward	Charles Smith
Duncan	
Andrew C. Anderson	Warren K. McCarty
Nelson	Charles W. McIntosh
Christopher Henry	Lester McKenna
Humphry	

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The Houston Post
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Houston TX

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Incomplete lists of survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania reached Washington today.

Few Oklahoma men's names were among the first to be received, but that is not taken to mean that the proportion of casualties among men from that state is large.

Names received today include:

SILAS J. BUMPASS, Corinne.

MELVIN E. HAGANS, Bismark.

BOONE MILBURN HAMMERS, Crumcreek.

JACK BRACKETT, Woodward.

WILLIS LE ROY, Antlers.

The following are in Irish hospitals:

LOUIS D. BAKER, Okarche.

SAMUEL COMBS, Earlsboro.

EARL WILDER DRAKE, Binger.

LESLIE DALE, Ponca City.

SILVA (Silas?) HENSLEY, Boswell.

JOHN F. McDONNELL, Hinton.

The war department expects the list to continue coming in by cable tomorrow, and a large force of clerks will spend the day in preparing them for publication, hoping to complete the work by tonight.

Many names that came today were so jumbled in transmission they could not be deciphered, and were referred to the cable company for correction.

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his Survivor Doesn't ven Mention Tuscania

Feb. 9, 1918.

rs. Esther Drake,
Binger, Okla.

ear Mother:

I wrote you yesterday but have nothing else to do today so will write again. What I have seen of the country I like it. We surely get good treatment here and are well fed and taken care of. There are several of the boys from Adair county here so I am not entirely long strangers.

I suppose it is most spring time at home now and Charles is farming. Wish I was there to help him.

Well, I can't write you very long

letters but will try and write as often as I can.

I am in the best of health—hope you are all well at home.

EARL DRAKE.

Earl's letter home written 4 days after the sinking doesn't mention the Tuscania – left margin is cut off on original – "Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 10 Mar 1918 p 19

Earl Drake returned home Saturday after over a year's service in France, during which time he experienced several narrow escapes.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 13 Jun 1919 p 1

The secretary of Binger Lodge No, 431, A. F. & A. M. handed us a card from Mayen, Germany, notifying them that Earl W. Drake was a member of the Masonic Club of that place. The card is very neat and a souvenir of which Binger Lodge will be proud.

A soldier and also a Mason in Germany – “Binger (OK) Journal” 11 Jul 1919 p 1

CORRECTIONS.

Died; Previously Reported Missing in Action.

Earl W. Drake, Binger.

“Harlow’s Weekly” (Oklahoma City OK) 16 Jul 1919 p 15

Mrs. Henry Tracy entertained informally Monday evening in honor of the Newlyweds of Binger, the evening was spent in playing games and music. Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Black, Mrs. Dearing, Mr. and Mrs. Seaver and Miss Zora Le Killough.

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Announcement

Having purchased the Scott Bros. Hardware store in Binger, I intend to do a general hardware business. New goods are arriving daily and within a short time hope to be stocked with the seasons Most Popular Merchandise.

I earnestly solicit a share of your Patronage.

Drake Hardware Store,

E. W. Drake, Prop.

Successor to Scott Bros.

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Wife

Thompson-Drake

After inquiring about the absence of Mr. Earl Drake from our midst, it was learned that he had gone to Houston, Texas in search of a life-time partner. Judging from a later report Earl's search was very successful and on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock he and Miss Marguerite Thompson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Several in the vicinity know Miss Thompson as a niece of Mrs. Fred Dearing. Mr. Drake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drake of Binger.

It is hoped that this young couple will find the waters of the matrimonial sea much more calm than Earl found them off the coast of Ireland about three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Drake expect to make Binger their home so they are not lost after all.

The Journal with their many friends wishes them much happiness.

His marriage announcement hopes the "seas of matrimony" are calmer than the ones Earl encountered when the Tuscania sunk - "Binger (OK) Journal" Friday 31 Dec 1920 p 1

BINGER — Mrs. Marguerite Elizabeth "Dixie" Drake, 89, co-owner of Binger Hardware Store, died Saturday. Services 2 p.m. Tuesday, Congregational Church. Gragg.

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Earl W. Drake

in the Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Records, 1837-1965



Detail Source

Name	Earl W. Drake
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Marriage Place	Harris, Texas, USA
Spouse	Marguerite Thompson
Document Number	49702

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Children:

The Tulsa World recognizes the following couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage, and wishes them well.

Earl W. Jr. and Sarah Mary (Truscott) Drake of Tulsa, mar-

ried Jan. 10, 1943, in Stillwater. Their children are Mary Lynn James, Broken Arrow; Marcia Trowbridge, San Antonio; and Melinda Schmitz, Oklahoma City. They have four grandchildren.

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Son Earl Wilder Drake Jr. (1922-2010) –

County Students Graduating From State A. and M.

Seven Caddo county students were listed among the 520 who will receive degrees May 3 at Oklahoma A. and M. college, Stillwater, spring commencement. Some of the students were graduated at mid-term.

Receiving degrees are:

Weldon Lloyd Draig, B. S., Alfalfa; Kent Alrfed Stockton, B. S., Anadarko; Earl Wilder Drake, jr., B. S., and Milton Drake Sprinkel, B. S., both of Binger; and Clyde Newton Cheatham, B. S., Fort Cobb.

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Earl & (Sarah) Mary (Truscott) Drake

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Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued here Monday afternoon and Tuesday to Ernest McConnell, 32, and Pearl McConnell, 37, both of Cushing; and to Earl W. Drake jr., 21, and Sarah Mary Truscott, 21, both of Stillwater.

Stillwater News-Press

Tue, Jan 05, 1943 · Page 3

Stillwater OK

TRUSCOTT—DRAKE WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The double ring ceremony was read from the Christian church in Stillwater Sunday afternoon, January 10th, at four o'clock uniting in marriage Miss Mary Truscott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Truscott, of Fairview to Earl W. Drake, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Drake, sr., of Binger.

The bride given in marriage by her brother, Robert, selected for her wedding attire a costume of soldier blue with blue accessories; her flowers were white Narcissus and pink Carnations which covered the white Bible she carried.

Miss Margaret Truscott, sister of the bride was her only attendant. Lieutenant Milton Sprinkel attended his cousin as best man.

Mr. Drake needs no introduction to our readers. The son of one of our pioneer families, he was born and reared here. He graduated the Binger high school with the class of 1939, since when he has been attending school at the A. and M. College at Stillwater, this being his senior year. He is majoring in chemical engineering.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in their apartment for more than one hundred guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Drake, sr. and son Albert and Mrs. Chas. Drake, of Binger attended the ceremony.

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COMMISSIONED IN ENGINEERS CORPS

Earl Wilder Drake, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Drake of Binger who has been in officers training school for some time, graduated at Fort Belvoir Virginia on September 15 being now a second lieutenant in the Engineers corps of the army.

Junior attended and graduated the Binger high school, and went from here to Stillwater where he obtained a degree in engineering. He is married and makes his home in Stillwater.

He and Mrs. Drake are here visiting, awaiting his assignment to regular duty.

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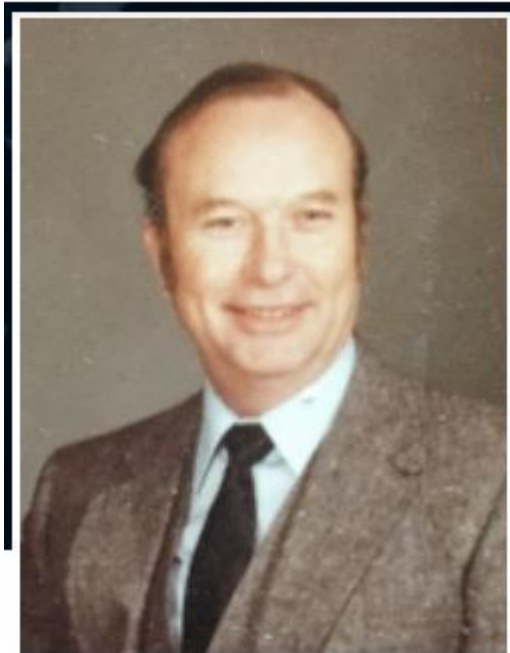
Binger OK

Marriage License

Marriage license issued was to: Albert Eugene Drake, 21, and Mary Marie Bearden, 19, both of Stillwater.

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Son Albert Eugene Drake (1927-2019) – Stillwater OK



Official Obituary of

Albert Eugene Drake

May 2, 1927 - May 7, 2019

Albert E. Drake, 92, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away May 7, 2019 in Tulsa.

He was born May 2, 1927, to Earl Wilder Drake Sr., and Marguerite Elizabeth (Thompson) Drake in Binger, Oklahoma. He attended Binger schools and graduated as valedictorian in 1945. An Army veteran, he served two years with the Army Air Force in the Philippine Islands.

Albert studied at Oklahoma A&M College in Stillwater, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Management. While in college, Albert met and married Mary Marie Bearden at the First Presbyterian Church in 1949, a union that lasted 67 years. After graduation, Albert took a 34 year job with Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville. Starting in Human Resources, he then moved to the initial start of the Computing Department. Later, his job moved to the Chemical Division, which involved domestic and international travel. He retired in 1985, and was honored to have worked for Phillips.

Albert was a member of the Phillips Men's Club, the Masonic Lodge, and was a charter member of Disciples Christian Church.

Retirement agreed with Al. Time at Grand Lake, and with grandchildren. Time to travel and fish. With great joy, he planned and fished with friends and family in Canada each summer, especially enjoying these trips with brothers Earl Jr. and Joe Ed Drake.

Albert is survived by son Albert Eugene (Gene) Drake Jr., and wife Cindy of Tulsa, and daughter Debra Marie Drake Bair and husband Lon of Stillwater. Grandchildren include Cory, Jason, and Eric Drake, Kara Elliott, Alison Coatney, Wade Bair, and Kristen Roberson. He will also be missed by 10 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and extended family. It was a matter of great pride that his children and grandchildren were all college graduates.

Albert was preceded in death by his wife Mary, and brothers Earl Drake Jr., and Joe Ed Drake.

'I used to think I was lucky.

Now, I know I was blessed. "

-Al Drake

Celebration of Life will be June 21 at 2 pm at Disciples Christian Church in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

<https://www.tulsacremation.com/obituaries/Albert-Eugene-Drake?obId=4391019>

Joe Edward Drake

March 15, 1932 - May 15, 2008



Memorial services for Dr. Joe Edward Drake, 76, of South Padre Island, TX will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 23, 2008 at First Christian Church, Guthrie, OK with Revered L. Dale DePue of Guthrie officiating. Services are under the direction of Smith-Gallo Funeral Home, Guthrie.

Joe was born on March 15, 1932 in Binger, OK to Earl Wilder and Marguerite Elizabeth "Dixie" (Thompson) Drake. He died peacefully Thursday, May 15, 2008 at his home in South Padre Island, TX, surrounded by his daughters and his wife.

Joe married Jerry Compton at the First Baptist Church in Binger on May 25, 1952. He was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, member of Albert Pike Lodge #162, 32nd Degree Mason, member of Guthrie Scottish Rite, member of Psi Omega National Dental Education Fraternity, Jay Cee's, Guthrie Chamber of Commerce, long time member of Guthrie Noon Lion's Club, and of the First United Methodist Church of Guthrie. He was also very active in the American Dental Association for many years.

Joe purchased his practice from Dr. Rolla Calkin and practiced dentistry in Guthrie from 1959 until his retirement in 1989. He and his wife of 55 years moved to South Padre Island in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Jerry H. Drake of the home; one son, Eddie Drake and wife Bobbie of Guthrie; three daughters, Cristy O'Keefe and husband Kelly of Richmond, VA, Cara Farek and husband Steve of Corpus Christie, TX, and Carla Wilson and husband Kelly of Guthrie; two brothers, Earl Drake, Jr. and wife Mary of Tulsa, OK and Albert "Bo" Drake and wife Mary of Bartlesville, OK; and twelve grandchildren.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Logan County Youth & Family Services, P.O. Box 1558, Guthrie, OK 73044 or Oklahoma Dental Foundation, 317 N.E. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. Condolences may be emailed to smith-gallo@sbcglobal.net.

Son Joe Edward Drake (1932-2008) - <https://www.smithgallo.com/obituary/340368>

Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995



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Name	Joe Edward Drake
Gender	Male
Age	20
Birth Date	abt 1932
Marriage Date	25 May 1952
Marriage Place	Caddo, Oklahoma, USA
Mother	Marguerite E Drake
Spouse	Jerry H Compton
Film Number	001994528

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/67298055/person/40170712531/facts>

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Father



Albert Clarence Drake – <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/81987619/person/290003966550/media/ea3613bb-639f-4cbb-a13c-48483a227a6c>

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Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Longacre left Friday for Binger, Okla., where they were called because of the death of Mrs. Longacre's father, A. C. Drake.

Perry OK

The Perry Daily Journal and the Perry Republican and the Noble County Sentinel
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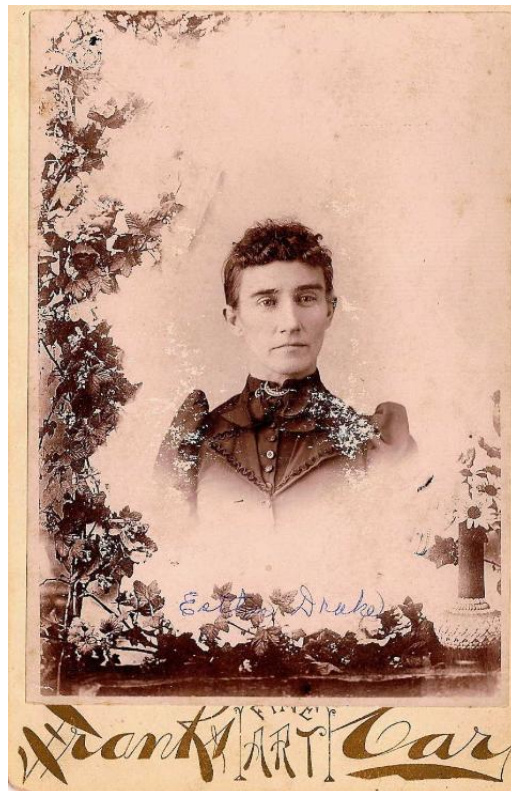
Mrs. O. H. Frazier attended the funeral of her Uncle, A. C. Drake, in Binger, Sunday.

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Edmond OK

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Mother



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Funeral Today For Mrs. Drake

Charles Drake, Mrs.
Courtney of Anadarko
Are Among Survivors

The funeral of Mrs. Esther Drake, of Binger, was to be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Binger, with the Rev. Martin Fouts, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Burial in the Binger cemetery will be held Thursday morning, with the Cox funeral home of that city in charge.

Mrs. Drake died Tuesday at noon at her home in Binger after an illness of several months. She was 82 years of age.

She had been a resident of Binger for many years, her husband having preceded her in death several years ago.

Surviving her are three daughters and three sons: Mrs. W. N. Courtney of Anadarko; Mrs. Charles Longacre, Perry; Mrs. Lon Weyland, Hot Springs, Ark.; Earl Drake, Binger; Charles Drake, Anadarko; and George Drake, of California.

A number of Anadarko folk, in addition to families of Mrs. Courtney and Mr. Drake, planned to attend the funeral rites.

Anadarko Daily News
Wed, Sep 15, 1937 · Page 1

Anadarko OK

ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. DRAKE WEDNESDAY

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Esther Drake, held Wednesday afternoon in Binger were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White, Mrs. Haskell Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Mrs. Ed Melencamp, Mrs. E. C. Schlitt, Mrs. J. M. Giddings, Mrs. Ray Oliver and Mrs. A. G. Fulkerson.

Siblings:



Sister Martha Elizabeth Drake Courtney (1875-1965) – Find A Grave 65000101

Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

[View record](#)

Name	Mattie Drake
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	22
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Date	1876
Marriage License Date	22 Sep 1898
Marriage Date	23 Sep 1898
Marriage Place	Benton, Arkansas, USA
Residence Date	1898
Residence Place	Bentonville, Benton, Arkansas
Spouse	W N Courtney
FHL Film Number	1034662

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/81987619/person/290003970169/facts>

Funeral Set For Pioneer Bill Courtney

Funeral services for William N. Courtney, 84, 513 West Oklahoma, a pioneer of Oklahoma and Caddo county, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Smith Funeral Chapel.

Courtney died in the Anadarko hospital shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday of a heart attack. He was returned Friday from Mercy hospital, Oklahoma City, where he had undergone surgery for a broken hip received in his home last Monday morning.

He was reported to be recovering satisfactory from his operation when his heart attack occurred.

Courtney was a retired Anadarko businessman. He had been in the oil and gas lease business most of his life in Anadarko.

During the early days of Anadarko Courtney, who was six feet and three inches tall, was a broker for the Penrod Walnut Log Co. of Kansas City.

In 1901, Courtney and his wife came to Caddo county. They settled in the Binger area.

They moved to Anadarko around 1913, where they have made their home ever since.

home ever since.

William Nathaniel Courtney was born in Winchester Ky., on December 31, 1870. On September 23, 1898 he married Miss Martha Elizabeth Drake at Bertonville, Ark.

He was a member of the Anadarko Presbyterian church.

Courtney is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Courtney, home address, one son, Ralph D. Courtney, and one daughter, Mrs. Sam Wilhite, both of Anadarko.

Two grandchildren, Gala W. Hogan, and Sam L. Wilhite, Jr., Anadarko, also survive along with one great-great grandchild, Gala Louise Hogan.

Arlanda Courtney, a brother from Grant, Okla., also survives. Three sisters survive Courtney, too.

He will lie in state in the Smith Funeral Chapel from noon Sunday to noon Monday. The casket will not be opened following services.

Rev. Dean Stephens, pastor of the Anadarko Presbyterian church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Memory Lane cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Chapel.

PERFORM CEREMONIES

County Judge Davenport performed two marriage ceremonies yesterday. They were:

George T. Drake, age 25, and Miss Jessie Marie Rambo, age 20, both of Anadarko. The court clerk issued the permit.

J. M. Neuwirth, age 30, of Chickasha, and Mrs. Sophia Honnigan, age 18, of Sedan, Okla. The judge also issued those parties their license to join in wedlock.

The Chickasha Daily Express
Thu, Mar 06, 1919 · Page 1

Brother George Thomas Drake (1878-1968) – Chickasha

George Drake and Miss Jessie Rambo, of Anadarko were married in Chickasha last Wednesday. They will make their home in Anadarko, as Mr. Drake is in the Real Estate business at that place.

Binger Journal
Fri, Mar 14, 1919 · Page 1 Binger OK

SIXTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATED BY PLANE RIDE

DELANO—A Delano couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary last Sunday with their first airplane ride.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rambo, married October 23, 1889, in Marshall, Ark., enjoyed their first airplane ride as passengers in a light plane owned and operated by their son, Elbert "Mook" Rambo.

Earlier in the day the elderly couple were guests of honor at a family reunion attended by their seven children, 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Rambo were completely surprised by the unexpected

family reunion. One daughter, Mrs. Sandra Spencer, flew in from New York, while a son, Wiley Rambo, drove from Oklahoma to be present for the celebration.

The Rambos have resided in the Delano area for the past 22 years. On hand for their anniversary celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Silas Rambo, Dinuba; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rambo, Earlimart; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert "Mook" Rambo, Delano; Wayne Rambo, Delano; Wiley Rambo, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. George Drake, Corcoran; Mrs. Sandra Spencer and daughter, New York, and many other relatives and friends.

DRAKE, JESSIE M. RAMBO, in Visalia, December 27, 1992. Age 92.. Mrs. Drake was born November 2, 1900 in Marshall, Arkansas. She grew up in Missouri and moved to Oklahoma in a covered wagon when she was young. She was a resident of Corcoran from 1940 until 1972 when she moved to Tulare. In 1989 she moved to Visalia to a Convalescent home. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Corcoran and the Corcoran Thursday Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, George T. Drake, in 1968. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Murray of Corcoran; step-son, Vere Drake of Hunter Valley, CA ; brothers, E.R. Rambo of Delano and Wiley Rambo of Visalia; three grandchildren, Michael Murray of Layton, Bob Murray of Corcoran and Susan Bell of Corcoran; eight great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Corcoran Guild for Valley Children's Hospital or to the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10AM until 2PM, Sunday from 1PM until 5PM, and Monday until Service time. Services will be held Monday, January 4 at 1PM at Delano Mortuary Chapel, 707 Browning Road, Delano. Interment will follow in North Kern Cemetery District, Delano.

The Fresno Bee
Fri, Jan 01, 1993 ·Page 22

Fresno CA

California, Death Index, 1940-1997

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Name	George T Drake
Social Security #	571266479
Gender	Male
Birth Date	18 Oct 1877
Birth Place	Illinois
Death Date	3 Dec 1968
Death Place	Kings
Mother's Maiden Name	Williams

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Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995



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Name	Geo T Drake
Gender	Male
Age	35
Birth Date	abt 1884
Marriage Date	5 Mar 1919
Marriage Place	Grady, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Jessie Marie Rambo
Film Number	001316183

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Sister (Nettie) March Drake Carter (1880-1923) – Find A Grave 44771968

Marriage Licenses.
S. W. Maddyx, 20, Keystone.
Arnettie Lord, 16, Keystone.
G. E. Forbes, 22, Fairfax.
Ocie Cole, 20, Ford.
H. E. Cocannouer, 28, Quay.
Ethel Belden, 18, Maramec.
H. E. Carter, 37, Blackburn.
March Drake, 26, Blackburn.

The Pawnee Courier-Dispatch
 Thu, Jan 31, 1907 Page 1

Pawnee OK

Wedding Bells
 On Sunday January 27, 1907, at Pawnee, occurred the happy ceremony that united Mr. H. E. Carter and Miss March Drake in the holy bonds of matrimony.
 The happy couple are both of this city and have a large circle of admiring friends who join the Flash-Light in congratulations and sincere wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

The Blackburn Flash-Light
 Thu, Jan 31, 1907 Page 3

Blackburn OK

Mr. H. E. Carter has taken Mrs. Carter from Oklahoma City to Clinton, Oklahoma. When last heard from, she was not feeling quite so well.

The Cleveland American
Thu, Jan 04, 1923 ·Page 5

Cleveland OK

Mrs. W. N. Courtney returned last week from Oklahoma City where she had been on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Carter. Mrs. Carter's condition was such that she was removed to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Clinton, Okla.

Caddo County Tribune
Thu, Jan 18, 1923 ·Page 5

Anadarko OK

Mrs. W. N. Courtney returned Saturday from attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Carter, at Binger. Mrs. Carter's home was in Blackwell, but her death occurred at the sanitarium for tuberculosis at Clinton. She is survived by her husband and three daughters.

Caddo County Tribune
Thu, Mar 15, 1923 ·Page 5

Anadarko OK

OBITUARY.

March Drake was born March 12, 1880, at London Mills, Illinois, moved with her parents to Oklahoma in 1893, to Cherokee county, later moving to Blackburn. United with the Christian Church, February 1906. Married to H. E. Carter, January 27, 1907. To this union three girls were born, Madge and Melva, twins on November 2, 1909. Dixie Louise born November 22, 1921.

Died at Clinton, Oklahoma, March 7, 1923, aged 42 years, 11 months and 26 days. She leaves besides the husband and three children, the father, mother, three brothers and four sisters. Was buried at Binger, Oklahoma, March 9, 1923.

The Pawnee Courier-Dispatch
Thu, Mar 22, 1923 · Page 4

Pawnee OK

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COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

Marriage Licenses:

June 9.—Levi B. Bentley, 45, Anadarko; Miss Addie Hightower, 21, El Reno. (Married, June 9, by A. W. Dobson, pastor of St. Peter's Congregational church, Anadarko.)

June 10.—Lawrence J. Barrett, 21, Lookeba; Miss Olive Bovey, 21, Lookeba.

June 11.—John Ross Sprinkel, 28, Binger; Miss Lorena Amelia Drake, 29, Binger.

June 13.—John P. Kreighauser, 33, Thomas, Okla.; Miss Ed M. Filbin, 19, Hydro.

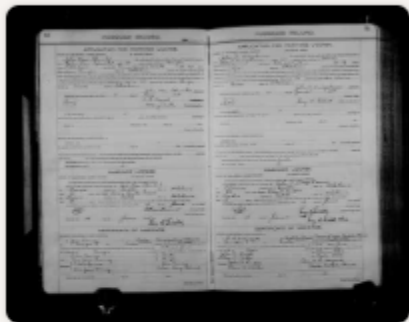
Caddo County Tribune
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Sister Lorena Amelia Drake Sprinkel (1884-1937)

Lorena Amelia Drake

in the Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995



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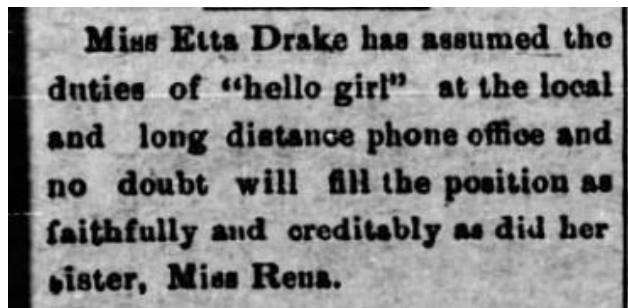
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Age	29
Birth Date	abt 1885
Marriage Date	14 Jun 1914
Marriage Place	Caddo, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	John Ross Sprinkel
Film Number	001994237

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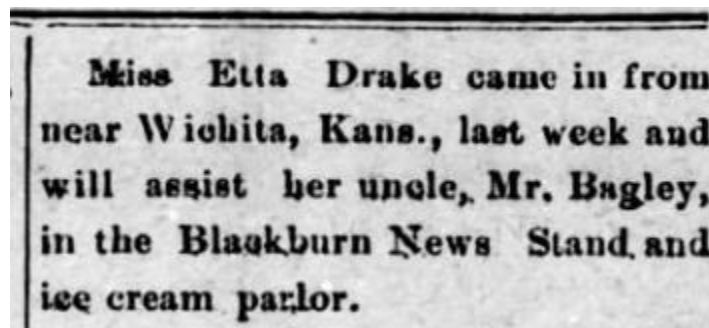


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The Blackburn Flash-Light
Thu, Jun 13, 1907 ·Page 3

Sister Aletta Jane (Etta) Drake Brackman (1887-1913) – Blackburn OK



The Blackburn Flash-Light
Thu, Mar 28, 1907 ·Page 3

Blackburn OK

Miss Etta Drake returned from near Wichita, Kans., Monday and will now assist her uncle in his ice cream and cold drink stand.

The Blackburn Flash-Light
Thu, May 16, 1907 ·Page 3

Blackburn OK

Etta Drake returned to her home in Blackburn Oklahoma, this week. She will be missed by her many friends here.

Goddard Gazette
Thu, Aug 04, 1910 ·Page 1

Goddard KS

Marriage Licenses.
The following couples were married yesterday by Probate Judge Johnson:
William Pettit and Kate Lewis, both of Leavenworth County; George H. Bell and Nellie Bruldin, both of Jackson County, Mo.
A license was issued to William Brackman of Leavenworth County and Etta Drake of Pawnee County, Okla.

The Leavenworth Times
Fri, Aug 12, 1910 ·Page 5

Leavenworth KS

The wedding of William Brackman and Miss Etta Drake took place at 8 o'clock

last night at the home of the former near the Helmers Factory. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edwin E. Sparks of the Michigan Avenue M. E. Church. The wedding was followed by a supper.

The Leavenworth Times

Tue, Aug 16, 1910 · Page 6

Leavenworth KS

Married at Leavenworth.

Miss Etta Drake, who has been visiting home folks here for some time, left Sunday for Leavenworth, Kansas, where she was united in marriage on Monday to Mr. Wm. Brackman of that city.

The newly-married couple will make their home in Leavenworth, where the groom has a lucrative position as an electrician and painter. Though he is a stranger to Blackburn, it is understood he is an industrious young man of sterling worth.

The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drake, has grown to womanhood in Blackburn, and she has a wide circle of friends who join the News in extending best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

The wedding of Miss Etta Drake and Mr. William Blackman took place at the home of the bride's parents in Blackburn, Okla., Thursday, August 18. Mrs. Blackman is a sister of Mrs. W. N. Courtney and made her home here for several months last year. She has many friends here who join The Journal in best wishes. They will make their home in Leavenworth, Kans.

Binger Journal
Fri, Aug 19, 1910 - Page 4

Binger OK

Brackman.-Drake

On last Monday evening, August, 15th at 8 o'clock at the home of the grooms parents Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brackman of Richardson-Leavenworth, occurred the marriage of Miss Etta Drake to Mr. Wm. Brackman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Sparks of Lansing in the presence of a few near relatives and friends after which the party sat down to a dainty wedding supper.

The young people received many beautiful and useful presents from those present.

The bride and groom are both well know in this community having been employed by W. W. Graves for some time. It was there that little Cupid done his part with a smile. Both of these young folks have many friends here who wish them happiness and prosperity as they go forth on life's journey and the GAZETTE joins them.

Goddard Gazette
Thu, Aug 25, 1910 -Page 1

day.
 Miss Etta Drake, who was Mrs. Graves' sales girls in the store for over a year, was married to Wm. Beackman in Leavenworth last Monday. "Billy" had a house ready and furnished where they will welcome their God-dard friends.

The Saturday Evening Kansas Commoner
 Thu, Sep 01, 1910 · Page 8

Wichita KS

Mrs. A. C. Drake left Saturday for Colorado Springs, Colo., in answer to a message saying her daughter, Mrs. Etta Brackman was in very poor health. Mrs. Drake spent most of the fall in Colorado with her daughter.

Binger Journal
 Fri, Feb 21, 1913 · Page 1

Binger OK

Mrs. Wm. Brackman Dead.

Mrs. Wm. Brackman died at Coal Creek, Colo., Wednesday night, April 16.

Mrs. Brackman was, before her marriage, Miss Etta Drake and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drake. She has been ill for about a year and her condition has been known to be grave for some, yet the news of her death shocked the relatives and friends here. Her mother was called to Colorado some time ago and was with her at the end.

Mrs. Brackman leaves a husband and 6-months old babe besides other relatives.

The funeral arrangements were not known here in time to publish.

Binger Journal
Fri, Apr 18, 1913 Page 8

Binger OK

RETURN FROM COLORADO.

Mrs. A. C. Drake returned Thursday morning from Coal Creek, Col., where she spent the past two months at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Brackman, who died Wednesday, April 16, and was buried at Coal Creek. Mr. Drake went to Geary Wednesday evening to meet Mrs. Drake and accompany her home. George Drake and Mrs. W. N. Courtney of Anadarko, came Thursday for a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drake. —Binger Journal.

Podunk and Peking Not Unusual.

Why a gentleman from Peking and a lady from Podunk select El Reno as the place to meet and unite is a story any reputable writer charges a cent a word for telling. That such unlikely portions of the map are weekly represented proves to the palpitating world that truth has a greater kick than fiction. But here it is, the week's matrimonial crop:

Floyd James Radcliff, 27, Yukon, and Mabel Gladys Oler, 23, El Reno; Earnest L. Keeley, 21, and Pearl P. Wosika, 21, both of Geary; Joseph P. Wehling, 22, and Gertrude M. Nugent, 19, both of El Reno; G. W. Ledbetter, 21, Blanchard, and Jewel Benyon, 18, Davis; Charles A. Longacre, 29, Yukon, and Villa Drake, 26, Binger; Martin Sendelback, 30, and Elizabeth Miller, 30, both of Union City; Arthur J. Norton, 25, and Marie Baecher, 24, both of Kingfisher; Cosme Farres, 29, and Miss Esther Castro, 40, Oklahoma City; B. H. Newland, 22, El Reno and Helen Hazel Harkins, 19, Oklahoma City.

The El Reno American
 Thu, Nov 25, 1920 -Page 1

Sister Villa Dona Drake Longacre (1893-1975) -

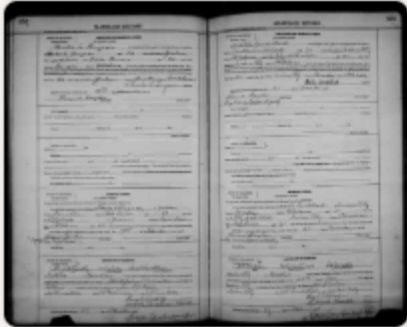
El Reno OK

Miss Villa Drake, one of the prominent teachers at Binger, spent the week end with her sister Mrs. W. N. Courtney and family.

American-Democrat
 Thu, Feb 05, 1920 -Page 6 Anadarko OK

Villa Drake

in the Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995



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Detail	Source
Name	Villa Drake
Gender	Female
Age	26
Birth Date	abt 1894
Marriage Date	21 Nov 1920
Marriage Place	Canadian, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Charles A Longacre
Film Number	001398652

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Binger Journal
Fri, May 10, 1918 · Page 1

Sister Zelda Ruth Drake Wayland (1895-1974) – Binger OK

Dec. 23. C. W. Drake, 22 years old,
of Binger, Okla., and Miss Ruby Finch,
19 years old, of Lookeba, Okla.

American-Democrat
Wed, Dec 29, 1920 · Page 1

Brother Charles Walker Drake (1898-1980) – Anadarko OK

Sometimes it seems just as if we could not keep away from the subject of courtship and weddings any longer; and then to my ears comes the news of the marriage of Miss Ruby Finch and Mr. Charles Drake at Binger, Dec. 24, 1920, and the air is filled with wedding bells and rustle of trousseau and the general undercurrent of expectancy. And now the bride has gone! The little bride, light-hearted, radiant, debonair, has gayly stepped upon her ship of fate today, and set sail for the Port of Heart's Delight and the Harbor of Eternal Love, with thrills, adoration and the blinding mist of love's rapture, of sweet security, eternal courtship and life-long companionship. Miss Finch has been a teacher in this county for several years, living near Sickles, since a little girl, and one we claim as "our own." The groom lives at Binger, where they will make their future home. Congratulations to this happy couple.
December 27. By BETTY ANN.

Caddo County Tribune
Thu, Dec 30, 1920 · Page 8 Anadarko OK

Finch-Drake.

As usually happens about Christmas time Cupid, the little god of love went on the war-path and sought as his victims Miss Ruby Finch and Mr. Chas. Drake. Rev. Moore of Lookeba performed the ceremony.

Miss Ruby Finch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Finch of Lookeba. Mr. Drake is the son Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drake of this place.

Charlie is just one of the boys and he will be missed by the gang, however, we hope to keep in touch with this admirable couple for Charlie says he will be a "Country Joke" in the vicinity of Binger.

The Journal with their many friends wishes for them a long and happy life.

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Binger OK

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Earl Wilder Drake (Sr.)

Name variations: online genealogies indicate he may have been born with surname Earll?

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals, then 90th Div., 357th Inf., then Evacuation Hospital No 8 (1938 NTSA, 2nd Div., 9th Inf., Co. L & Evac. Hospital No. 8) - private

Serial number: 251,525

Entered service from: Binger, Caddo OK

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Earl W. Drake

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Ester C. Drake, Binger OK

Returned from war on: "Santa Teresa" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Earl W. Drake

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: NOK father Albert C. Drake, Binger OK (PFC Med. Dept., Evac. Hosp. #8)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Earll Wilder Drake - b. (16? 10? 18? – unclear) Jul 1891 Williamsfield IL; res; Binger, Caddo OK. Single. Farmer for self. Has dependent mother & father. Claimed exemption from draft due to dependents. Medium height & build. Card signed E.W. Drake.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Drake Hardware Co., Binger OK

World War II draft registration (1942): as Earl Wilder Drake - b. 10 Jul 1891 Knox Co. IL; res: Box No. 107, Binger, Caddo OK. NOK Mrs. Marguerite (Earl) Drake, Binger OK. Self-employed at same address. Height: 5'7" – weight: 150 lbs. Registered 25 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 3 Oct 1917

Discharged 6 Jun 1919

Address: card's margin on left cut off – [B]inger OK

Rank/unit: C1 P [private 1st class], Cas Det Demob Grp

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Jul 1891 Williamsfield, Knox IL (10 Jul 1891 Knox Co. IL - II)

Died: 12 Dec 1943 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma OK (died of tetanus poisoning after falling at his house & cutting his hand on a teakettle in the fall, ill for 1 week)

Find A Grave record: 44777660, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Caddo Co. OK

Cemetery: Binger

Tombstone:

Father: Albert Clarence Drake, Nov 1847 (or 1846 according to military records or 28 Nov 1848 according to family researchers) IL – Feb 1933 Binger, Caddo OK (buried 28 Feb 1933).

Civil War veteran, for the Union, Co. B, 60th IL infantry.

An extensive family tree on Ancestry.com (see below) indicates Albert is the son of Martha Bagley (1817 NY – 1880 IL) who had children by Benjamin T. Earll/Earl (1810-1845 or 1846) – but whose children online are born 1840-1848 (impossible if he were dead). Martha is

listed as marrying Francis B. Drake (1820-1850) on 25 Dec 1847 in Peoria IL and likely gave birth to Albert Drake.

But if Benjamin were still alive & Albert were born in 1846, his birth surname may have been Earll.

Buried in Binger Cemetery, Binger, Caddo Co. OK.

Find A Grave: 30140733

An extensive family tree is located in two sections on Ancestry.com as the Drake family history is confusing. Two family lines with same/similar names & locations confuse the records. See https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/81987619/person/290003966551/media/b87f6dfd-30be-4b0f-82a7-bffb3fb447e0?_phsrc=bIM2558&_phstart=successSource AND

https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/81987619/person/290003966551/media/30d514a7-c4ec-456a-8eb2-2c8f5121ec27?_phsrc=bIM2558&_phstart=successSource AND <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/81987619/person/290003968825/facts>

Mother: Esther Aletta Bealey/Bagley/Williams Drake, Sep 1855 OH – 14 Sep 1937 Binger, Caddo OK (at her home).

Maiden surname listed as Bealey on Find A Grave – Bagley on family tree – also found as Begley - Williams on family tree.

Her mother, Martha Walker, was 1st married to Elijah Bagley and had 3 Bagley sons (including the Elijah who lives with her in censuses) & then married Joseph Williams, who is Esther's biological father.

Martha's husband Elijah has a sister, Martha Jane Bagley, who marries Benjamin Earll & then Francis B. Drake & so is the mother of Esther's husband Albert Drake.

Buried in Binger Cemetery, Caddo OK.

Find A Grave: 30140763

Parents' marriage: 1 Apr 1873 Scottville, Macoupin IL

Spouse: Marguerite Elizabeth ("Dixie") Thompson Drake, 27 Jun 1900 Durant, Bryan OK – 17 Mar 1990 Guthrie, Logan OK.

Daughter of John Franklin Thompson & Ida Leona Covington.

Buried in Binger Cemetery, Caddo Co. OK

Spouse Find A Grave: 44777689

Marriage: 25 Dec 1920 Harris Co. TX

Children:

- **Earl Wilder Drake, Jr.**, 24 Nov 1922 Binger, Caddo OK – 17 Dec 2010 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. - Husband of Sarah Mary Truscott (1921-2012, F: 102485919) whom he married 10 Jan 1943 in Stillwater, Payne OK. - Captain in US Army in WWII. - Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. F: 102683698
- **Albert Eugene (“Bo”/”Al”) Drake**, 2 May 1927 Binger, Caddo OK – 7 May 2019 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. - Enlisted in Army 7 Dec 1945 at Camp Pinedale CA. - Albert’s obituary from the “Bartlesville Enterprise” Jun 2019: photo, age 92, d. 7 May 2019 in Tulsa OK. Born 2 May 1927 in Binger to Earl Wilder Drake Sr. & Marguerite Elizabeth (Thompson) Drake. Valedictorian of Binger High School. Graduate of Oklahoma A&M College in 1951 with degrees in industrial engineering & management. Met & married wife Mary Compton while in A&M. Worked 34 years with Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville OK, retiring in 1985. Liked fishing trips to Canada with his family & brothers Earl Drake Jr. & Joe Ed Drake. Survived by son & daughter. Preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary & brothers Earl Jr. & Joe Ed.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/examiner-enterprise/obituary.aspx?n=albert-eugene-drake-bo&pid=193028215> - Wife Mary Marie Bearden Drake’s obituary from the “Bartlesville Enterprise” July to Aug 2016: Mary Marie (Bearden) Drake born southwest of Binger OK 9 Jan 1930 on a cold, snowy night, daughter of Arther & Ora Irene (Elliott) Bearden. Married 13 Feb 1949 in the Presbyterian Church in Stillwater OK to Albert Eugene Drake, whom she met at Oklahoma A&M College in Stillwater. Albert worked for Phillips Petroleum; the couple lived in Bartlesville OK since 1951. Survived by her husband Albert E. (“Al”) Drake Sr. of 67 years, a son & daughter. She is on Find a Grave 166787201; burial site unknown.
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/examiner-enterprise/obituary.aspx?n=mary-marie-drake-bearden&pid=180605088&fhid=8812>
- **Joe Edward Drake**, 15 Mar 1932 Binger, Caddo OK – 15 May 2008 South Padre Island, Cameron Co. TX. - Dr. Joe was a dentist, practicing in Guthrie OK from 1959-1989 when he retired. - Shares tombstone with wife Jerry H. Compton Drake, b. 5 Apr 1933 – death date not inscribed, no Find A Grave record as of 4 Aug 2025, whom he married 25 May 1952 in the First Baptist Church, Binger, Caddo Co. OK. - Obituary: “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) 18 May 2008 p 21 – age 76, of South Padre Island TX, died at his home on South Padre on 15 May 2008. Memorial service 23 May 2008 in Guthrie OK. Born in Binger OK to the late Earl Binger & Marguerite Elizabeth (Dixie) Thompson Binger. Married wife Jerry H. Compton in the 1st Baptist Church in Binger on 25 May 1952. Captain in the Air Force. Practiced dentistry in Guthrie OK 1959-1989. Moved to Padre Island in 1996. Survived by wife Jerry H., son, 3 daughters & 2 brothers, Earl Drake Jr. (wife Mary) of Tulsa OK & Albert (“Bo”) Drake (wife Mary) of Bartlesville OK. - Buried in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Logan OK. F: 77202797

Siblings: in 1900 census, Esther reports giving birth to 10 children, 9 of whom are living

- **Martha Elizabeth ("Mattie") Drake Courtney**, 25 Aug 1875 IL – 11 Nov 1965 Blue Mound, Linn KS. - Wife of William Nathaniel Courtney (1872-1955, F: 65000125) whom she married 23 Sep 1898 in Bentonville, Benton AR. - Buried in Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko, Caddo OK. F: 65000101
- **George Thomas Drake**, 18 Oct 1878 Princeville, Peoria Co. IL – 3 Dec 1968 Corcoran, Kings CA. - Age 2 in 1880 census. - Husband of Jessie Marie Rambo (1900-1992, F: 67024744). They married on 5 Mar 1919 in Chickasha, Grady OK. - Buried in North Kern Cemetery, Delano, Kern CA. F: 67024743
- **Nettie March Drake Carter**, 12 Mar 1880 London Mills, Fulton IL – 7 Mar 1923 Clinton (either Custer or Washita Co.) OK. - She used the name "March" and is buried under that name. - Wife of Henry Elmer Carter (1869-1967, F: 20101820, buried in Blackburn OK), whom she married 27 Jan 1907 at Pawnee OK; he was widowed. Henry's 1st wife was Rebecca Moore (Becky) Baker Carter (1878-1905, F: 20101743). Marriage: "Blackburn (OK) Flash-Light" 31 Jan 1907 p 3 – Married on 27 Jan 1907 at Pawnee were H.E. Carter & Miss Nettie March Drake, both of Blackburn OK. – March Carter died in the Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium (which had been established in 1919). - Buried in Binger Cemetery, Caddo Co. OK. Tombstone reads "wife of H.E. Carter." F: 44771968
- **Lorena Amelia ("Rena") Drake Sprinkel**, 1884 IL – 1937 Caddo Co. OK. - Wife of John Ross Sprinkel (1886-1954, F: 44777804), whom she married 11 Jun 1914 in Caddo Co. OK. - Buried in Binger Cemetery, Caddo Co. OK. F: 44777783
- **Aletta Jane ("Etta") Drake Brackman**, 1887 IL – 17 Apr 1913 Coal Creek, Fremont CO. - She used the name "Etta Drake." - "Blackburn (OK) Flash-Light" 13 Jun 1907 p 3 – Etta Drake is the new "hello girl" at the local & long-distance phone office & is expected she will do as fine a job as her sister Miss Rena Drake did. - Etta married William Samuel Brackman (1888-1969) in Leavenworth Co. KS on 15 Aug 1910. - Her marriage notice in the "Binger (OK) Journal" for Friday, 19 Aug 1910 p 4 misspells her husband's name & places the marriage in Blackburn OK: Miss Etta Drake & William Blackman [sic] were married at the home of her parents in Blackburn OK on Thursday [apparently 11 Aug]. She is the sister of Mrs. W.N. Courtney; Etta lived in Blackburn several months last year. The couple will live in Leavenworth KS. The marriage notice in the "Blackburn (OK) Journal" 19 Aug 1910 p 1 has the date wrong: "Miss Etta Drake, who was visiting the home folks here for some time, left Sunday for Leavenworth KS, where she married William Brackman of Leavenworth on Monday. He is an electrician & painter. Etta, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Drake, grew to womanhood in Blackburn. – William & Etta had a son, Bertram Brett Brackman (1912 CO-2000 TX). - In the 1912 Colorado Springs CO, William & Mrs. Etta Brackman are living at 718 S. Cascade Ave.; he is a clerk. The "Binger (OK) Journal" 21 Feb 1913 p 1 noted that Mrs. A.C. Drake left Saturday for Colorado Springs CO, where her daughter Mrs. Etta Brackman is in very poor health. Mrs.

Drake spent most of the fall in CO with her daughter. – Etta's son had been born 3 Oct 1912 in Colorado Springs CO; perhaps her illness was related to childbirth. She died in Apr 1913. - William Samuel Brackman married 30 Apr 1922 in Kansas City MO to Mabel Amanda Appling (1894-1974) & is buried in Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles CA. F: 190795060. He was the son of Samuel Curry Brackman & Agnes Little. – According to her obituary, Etta was buried in Coal Creek, Fremont CO where she died.

- **Bertha Hazel Drake**, 13 Aug 1888 – 9 Nov 1889. According to: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/81987619/person/290014948388/facts>
- **Villa Dona Drake Longacre**, 9 Sep 1893 OK – 28 Apr 1975 Perry, Noble OK. - Wife of Charles Austin Longacre (1891-1954, F: 36983188) whom she married 19 Nov 1920 in Canadian Co. OK. - Buried in Grace Hill Cemetery, Perry, Noble OK. F: 36983265
- **Zelda Ruth ("Cy") Drake Weyland**, 7 Aug 1895 OK – 19 Aug 1974 Hot Springs National Park, Garland AR. - Wife of Lon Hurt Weyland (1894-1947, F: 20815560), whom she married 30 Apr 1918 at Lawton, Comanche OK. - Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Hot Springs, Garland AR. F: 20815579
- **Charles Walker Drake**, 27 Apr 1898 AR – 4 Jun 1980 Bartlesville, Washington OK. - Husband of Ruby Finch (1901-1995, F: 44777635), whom he married 24 Dec 1920 in Binger, Caddo OK, the day before Earl married. - Buried in Binger Cemetery, Caddo Co. OK. F: 44777581

Notes:

Pre-war:

"Blackburn (OK) News" 14 Oct 1910 p 1 – Earl Drake returned the latter part of last week from his visit to relatives in Caddo County OK.

"Blackburn (OK) News" 23 Dec 1910 p 1 – for sale: 100 shocks of kafir corn – Inquire of Earl Drake

"Blackburn (OK) News" 1 Sep 1911 p 1 – Elijah Bagley returned Friday from Binger OK after a week visiting the family of A.C. Drake. He was accompanied home by Earl Drake, who will spend a couple of weeks visiting friends & relatives. They brought with them some fine specimens of corn.

"Pawnee (OK) Times-Democrat" 22 Aug 1912 p 5 – Earl Drake of Bingham, former resident of Blackburn, visited his sister Mrs. Henry E. Carter.

"Pawnee (OK) Times-Democrat" 19 Sep 1912 p 5 – Blackburn news: Colonel Elijah Bagley returned from Binger OK on Monday. His nephew Earl Drake left for his home Binger, after many a pleasant sojourn with his many friends here.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 13 Mar 1913 p 1 – want ad: For Sale – about 75 bushels of good cotton seed & 125 bushels of white seed corn. Earl Drake, 1 mile west of Binger.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 9 May 1913 p 8 – want ad: Wanted – stock to pasture, lots of grass, plenty of shade & water. Earl Drake, 1 mile west of Binger.

“Pawnee (OK) Times-Democrat” 27 May 1915 p 3 – Earl Drake of Anadarko visited his sister, Mrs. H.E. Carter.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 18 Jun 1915 p 1 – Earl Drake, substitute mail carrier, is carrying mail on Route 1. The regular carrier, Robert Ballew, has transferred. Earl hopes he becomes the regular carrier.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 17 Mar 1916 p 1 – Earl Drake was 1 of 5 nominees on 14 Mar to be delegates from the Republicans of South Fern township to the 18 Mar 1916 county meeting at Anadarko. Earl was named 1 of the 2 alternates.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 11 May 1917 p 4 – Earl Drake, substitute, is carrying mail on Route 1 as the regular carrier’s home has measles.

Wartime:

“Hydro (OK) Review” 26 Jul 1917 p 3 – “First Drawn First to Serve” - District #2, Caddo Co., to furnish 94 men to the draft. Earl Drake of Binger, #458, was the 2nd name drawn.

“Binger (OK) Journal” 3 Aug 1917 p 1 – Notification cards were received by the following men to report for examination at Bridgeport. “There are fourteen of you fellows who now have a rare opportunity to make heroes or angels out of yourselves.” One was Earl Drake. The newspaper called them lucky enough to go to France – unless they got shot between the eyes by Germans.

“Daily Ardmoreite” (Ardmore OK) 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – on board the Tuscania: Earl W. Drake, mother Mrs. Esther C. Drake, Binger OK

“Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK) 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – Definitely saved, according to telegrams from the War Department – including Earl W. Drake of Binger OK.

Earl is first reported missing in action, then as dead! – “Harlow’s Weekly” 16 Jul 1919 p 5 – copied above

Post-war:

“Binger (OK) Journal” 11 Jul 1919 p 1 – H.E. Carter & children of Blackwell visited his brother-in-law Earl Drake here.

"Caddo County Tribune" (Anadarko OK) 20 Jan 1921 p 1 – Mr. & Mrs. Earl Drake of Binger visited his brother G.T. Drake & family over Sunday.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 15 Jul 1921 p 1 – Earl Drake was appointed postmaster last week.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 29 Jul 1921 p 1 – Earl Drake moved into the W.L. Evans property on Main Street this week.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 30 Sep 1921 p 1 – as he has no place to keep stock, Earl Drake will hold an auction of 12 head of cattle at the Gregory barn on 1 Oct 1921.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 19 May 1922 p 1 – On the American Legion 4th of July committee, to get businessmen to donate free meat, was Earl Drake.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 3 Nov 1922 p 1 – Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Drake returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks with their daughters, Mrs. H.E. Carter at Blackburn OK & Mrs. C.A. Longacre at Yukon OK, and visiting other relatives & friends. Mr. & Mrs. Longacre came to Binger with Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Drake & spent several days with them.

"Binger (OK) Journal" 7 Jun 1923 p 4 – Earl Drake & family and Ross Sprinkle [sic] & family took dinner with their father on Sunday. [Earl's sister Lorena Drake Sprinkel & husband Ross]

"Binger (OK) Journal" 12 Jul 1923 p 1 – a party of young people was entertained on Tuesday night at the home of Earl Drake.

"Nowata (OK) Daily Star" 18 Mar 1924 p 4 – Earl Drake was elected secretary of the Binger Chamber of Commerce

"Anadarko (OK) Daily American-Democrat" 3 Aug 1934 p 3 – Mr. & Mrs. Earl Drake returned from a 3-week fishing trip to Lake City CO where Earl caught a 5-pound rainbow trout, on exhibit Tuesday in Ira Daniel's meat box.

Obituary:

Social Security Number:

Censuses:

1880 Chestnut, Knox IL – conducted 24 Jun 1880

Clarence Drake, 30 IL, father's birthplace unknown, mother b. NY, blacksmith

Ester, 24 OH, parents b. NJ, keeping house

Martha E., 4 IL

George, 2 IL

Nettie, 2 months IL

Walter Bagley, 33 IL, parents b. NJ, blacksmith [Esther's half-brother & Albert's 1st cousin]

1900 Mount Vernon township, Benton AR – conducted 20 Jun 1900

Clyde C. Drake, 57 (?) IL, Nov 1848, parents b. OH, married 27 years, farmer

Ester, 40 OH, Sep 1855, father b. NJ, mother OH, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living

George T., 22 IL, Oct 1877, farm laborer

Nettie M., 20 IL, Mar 1880

Lorana A., 15 IL, Nov 1884

Etta J. Drake, 13 IL, Aug 1886

Earl W., 8 IL, Jul 1891

Dona V., 6 Indian Territory [OK], Sep 1893

Zelda R., 4 Indian Territory [OK], Aug 1895

Charles, 2 AR, Apr 1898

Elijah Begley, 59 OH, Oct 1940, farmer [brother of Ester, possibly Albert's 1st cousin]

1910 Blackburn, Pawnee OK – conducted 10 May 1910

Albert C. Drake, 63 IL, father b. England, mother b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 37 years, farmer

Ester, 55 OH, father b. NJ, mother b. OH, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 10 children, 9 are living

Lorenea A., 25 IL, bookkeeper, general store

Aletta J., 23 IL, clerk, general store

Earl W., 18 IL, farm laborer, home farm

Villa D., 16 OK

Zelda R., 14 OK

Charles, 12 AR, farm laborer

Elijah Bagley, 69 OH, parents b. OH, widowed, given birth to 4 children, 4 are living [presumably his wife did], men's dealer, own store

1920 Fern, Caddo OK – conducted 8 Jan 1920

Albert C. Drake, 73 IL, father b. England, mother b. NY

Ester, 64 OH, father b. NJ, mother b. OH

Earl W., 28 IL, single, farmer, general farm

Villa D., 26 OK, single, instructor in school

Charles, 21 AR, single, farmer, general farm

1930 – cannot locate census – Binger, Caddo OK school records indicate his children in attendance there in 1930

1940 Binger, Caddo OK – same house in 1935 – conducted 2 Apr 1940

Earl W. Drake, 48 IL, hardware merchant, hardware

Marguerite E., 39 OK

Earl W. Jr., 17 OK

Albert E., 12 OK

Jo E., 8 OK

Lena E. Deering, 61 OK [aunt by marriage]

The family lives adjacent to Earl's brother Charles W. & his wife Ruby Drake.

1950 Earl is dead