

TUSCANIA

Edington, Grover Cleveland
1889 AR – 1922 AR

ARKANSANS ON THE TUSCANIA



1—Sergt. Maj. Max W. Friend of Fort Smith, reported saved when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed by a German U-boat. 2—Horace Cox, Rebel, Ark., Twentieth Engineers, officially reported saved. 3—Private Leo O. Shull, DeQueen, Twentieth Engineers, landed safe in Ireland. 4—Grover E. Edington, Milner, Twentieth Engineers, reported saved. 5—Private R. Hernden, Lewisville, reported saved. 6—Nathan B. Short, Stevens, reported lost. 7—Private Edward L. Anderson, Bigelow, saved.

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📅 Sunday, February 24, 1918

📍 Memphis, Tennessee

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EDINGTON GROVER CLEVELAND		C
Pvt 16 Co 20 Engrs		K
Stephens Ark		A 3 025 801
Sm 250 304	Died	T 112 445
Born 1/23/89		R
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STATE OF ARKANSAS
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH.
County Columbiana
Township One Town
Inc. Town _____
City _____

Registration District No. 5361
Primary Registration District No. 5361
(No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)

File No. 377
Registered No. 34
50

2 FULL NAME Grover C Edington

If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of No. and number.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR SEPARATED Married
(Write the word)

6. DATE OF BIRTH Oct 20 1889
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

7. AGE 33 yrs. 8 mos. 27 ds. IF LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min?

8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Arkansas

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER S H Edington
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) Alabama
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Susan Robinson
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Arkansas

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Minerva Edington
(Address) Stephens

15. FILED 11/22 1922 J W Craig Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH Oct 20 1922
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended the deceased from _____ 191____, to _____ 191____, that I last saw him alive on _____ 191____, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____ m.

The CAUSE OF DEATH * was as follows:
Gun shot wound
199
Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Contributory _____
SIGNATURE _____
Duration _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Signed G. J. Sanders M. D.
11/28 1922 Address Stephens

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)
At Place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Former or usual residence _____

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL New Bethel DATE OF REMOVAL _____
20. UNDERTAKER L D Smith ADDRESS Stephens

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DRINK REVIVES GRUDGE; MORTAL COMBAT RESULTS

**Railroad Guard and Farmer,
Alone, "Shoot It Out,"
and Both Die.**

Stephens, Oct. 21.—Reviving an old quarrel, after both had imbibed freely, it is said, of liquor, two men, Grover C. Edington of Stevens and J. A. Brazer of near Milner, engaged in a gun duel and both are dead. Edington, aged 33, who was a railroad guard for the Cotton Belt, used a pistol. Brazer, a farmer, aged 38, used a shotgun.

There seems to have been no witnesses to the shooting, which took place about 6 o'clock last evening, a mile south of Milner and five miles south of Stevens, but the bodies were found shortly after by a man walking along the railroad track, who first came upon Brazer's body on the track and removed it. He found Edington's body a short distance away, as he was walking to the station at Milner to give the alarm.

Edington seems to have been killed almost instantly when he received a charge of shot in the legs and another in the body, but Brazer walked about 100 yards with a bullet through his chest, near the heart, and fell dead.

The verdict of a jury, empanelled by Coroner John Covey, was that Brazer and Edington killed each other. Each man's weapon was found near where he fell. It is said there had been an old grudge of years' standing which the men had smoothed over and that they were friendly when sober, but which they revived when drunk. Edington was an overseas World War veteran and served with the 20th Engineers. He was not married. Brazer leaves a wife and two children.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) 21 Oct 1922 p 3 – the story of his death and that of his opponent notes Grover's service in the 20th Engineers in WWI

DUEL ENDS WITH COMBATANTS DEAD

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With Shotgun and Re-
volvers.

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emies While Intoxicated.

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The cause of the duel is believed to have been over an old grudge that had existed between the men for years. When sober, it was said, they apparently were the best of friends, but always brought up the old trouble while drinking.

There were no eye-witnesses to the killings. Both were seen at a sorghum mill near Milner at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and at that time they were drinking heavily.

Bodies Close Together.

From evidence introduced before Coroner Covey, the men had stopped at the water tank and began the fatal quarrel. Edington had fallen with a charge of shot through his legs and another through his side. He had died instantly. Braser had staggered 100 yards and fallen dead on the railroad tracks. One bullet passed through his chest, barely missing his heart.

A pedestrian found Braser's body on the tracks shortly after the shooting and removed it from the rails. He started to walk to the station and give the alarm and nearing the water tank found Edington's body. Edington's pistol was found near his body, while Braser's shotgun and a bag of shells were at his feet. Persons at the station heard the shots, but thought they were fired by hunters.

Edington, who was unmarried, served 19 months overseas in the World War with the 20th Engineers, Sixth Battalion. Braser was married and the father of two children. Funeral arrangements were not completed last night.

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From evidence introduced before Coroner Covey, the men had stopped at the water tank and began the fatal quarrel. Edington had fallen with a charge of shot through his legs and another through his side. He had died instantly. Brazer had staggered 10 yards and fallen dead on the railroad tracks. One bullet passed through his chest, barely missing his heart. A pedestrian found Brazer's body on the tracks shortly after the shooting and removed it from the rails. He started to walk to the station and give the alarm and nearing the water tank, found Edington's body. Edington's pistol was found near his body, while Brazer's shotgun and a bag of shells were at his feet. Persons at the station hear the shots, but thought they were fired by hunters.

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According to information which has been sent out by the War Department, 15 Arkansans, one officer and 14 enlisted men, were aboard the *Tuscania* when she was torpedoed by a German submarine. The list of survivors has not yet been announced. Lieut. John H. Sutton, reported aboard the ship when she was sunk, was born at Holly Grove, and is a graduate of the Second Officers Training School at Leon Springs, Tex. He is a brother-in-law of O. G. Stegman, 1004 East Ninth street, and his wife is now living with her brother's family. Following is the list of Arkansans:

First Lieut. John H. Sutton Jr., Little Rock, 100th Aero Squad.

Private William E. Bennett, Rogers.

Sgt. Thomas M. Clanou, Tyrone, 13th Aero Squad.

Private William E. Moore, Hope, 20th Engineers.

Private Lee F. Jackson, Celite, 20th Engineers.

Private Leo O. Shull, Dequeen, 20th Engineers.

Corp. Russell H. Rowe, Lepanto, 20th Engineers.

Private James R. Politto, Huntington, 20th Engineers.

Private John Richardson, Junction City, 20th Engineers.

Sgt. Max W. Friend, Fort Smith, 20th Engineers.

Private Grover C. Edington, Milner, 20th Engineers.

Corp. Nathan B. Short, Stephens, 20th Engineers.

Private Horace Cox, Rebell, 20th Engineers.

Private James L. Carter, El Dorado, 20th Engineers.

Private Edward L. Anderson, Bigelow, 20th Engineers.

The list does not include the names of Lieut. Shelby M. Saunders of De Queen and Private Velvin R. Herndon of Lewisville, who previously were reported to have been on the *Tuscania*. Lieutenant Saunders reported his rescue in a cablegram received here Thursday by his sister, Mrs. F. W. Hamilton, 521 Palm street.

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By Associated Press Leased Wire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The list of the Tuscania's unaccounted for was further reduced today by the checking of a number of men who were sick or injured in hospitals in Ireland. Reports to the war department indicate the sick and injured are making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

The men removed from the unaccounted for list today are:

Private George R. Baker, Cater Valley, Texas.

Sergeant Oliver Cote, Weedon Station, Canada.

Private Hallie H. Hoselton, Coburg, Canada.

Private Robert J. Moody, Cambridge, Minn.

Private Ernest Linthicum, 526 West Grand street, Oklahoma City.

Private Walter T. Larson, Warren, Ore.

Private Jos. E. McDonald, Springfield, Calif.

Private John F. McDonnell, Hinton, Okla.

Private Albert I. Nauman, Minneapolis, Minn.

Private Sidney R. Hall, Gainesville, Texas.

Private Geo. A. Stierlen, Ferndale, Wash.

Private Lester L. Smith, Galice, Oregon.

With these men definitely recorded as survivors, the list of those not yet reported as survivors numbers 228. This number is expected to be materially reduced when the war department obtains confirmation of its lists from the senior officers in Ireland.

The following additional survivors, all from Arkansas, are reported:

Silas L. Waits, Amity.

Leif Jackson, Celito.

Alvin P. Cherry, Crowley.

John Richardson, Junction City.

Velvin R. Herndon, Lewisville.

Russell H. Rowe, Lepanto.

Ralph A. Kramer, R. F. D. No. 3, Alma.

Horace Cox, Rabell.

Grover C. Edgington, Milner.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY SURVIVOR, AND
PROBABLE VICTIM OF TUSCANIA**



Ellis Smith.

Magnolia, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Co-



Carl Peterson.

Magnolia, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Columbia County has the distinction of having had more men on board the Tuscania when it was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland than any other county in the State. Carl Peterson, Ellis Smith, Grover Edgington and Nathan B. Short, all from Columbia County, were aboard the ill-fated transport when it went down. All

volunteered last summer and joined Company K of the Third Arkansas regiment, which was raised in this county, and were first sent to Fort Logan H. Roots and later moved to Alexandria, La. They were transferred to the Twentieth U. S. Engineers. They were on their way to France on board

the Tuscania when it was sunk.

Carl Peterson lived about four miles southwest of here, and is the son of Mrs. A. M. Peterson. His father died when he was a small boy. He was raised on a farm. His mother received a cablegram from him several days ago that he was saved.

Grover Eddington was about 20 years old and lived near Milner, in the northern part of this county, on a farm. His parents have also received a message from him that he was saved.

Nathan B. Short lived on a route out of Stephens, was lost and his body was found and buried on the coast of Ireland.

Ellis Smith, who was a corporal, was the son of C. M. Smith, who lives six miles west of here, and engaged in farming until he joined Company K. He was 25 years old. His mother has been dead several years and he lived with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Blasingame. His people have never heard anything from him. He has never been reported among those saved or lost. His father wired to Washington to the war department and they wired back that he was on board the Tuscania but had never been heard from. The opinion is that he was drowned and his body was not found.

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161 SOLDIERS SEND REQUESTS FOR JOBS

**Overseas Men Who Made Applications on Board Ship
Will Be Assisted.**

Application cards from 161 returning overseas soldiers, whose names are in Arkansas, were received Wednesday morning by the United States Employment Service. The cards were filled out on board ship. Positions will be secured for the men through the efforts of the Employment Service. Following are the men from whom cards were received:

Laegler, Morrilton; Hugh F. Brooks, Lockesburg; G. C. Bond, DeQueen; Henry Cutright, Coolsville; Grover C. Eddington, Milner; Velvin R. Herndon, Lewisville; Frederick Hepe, Hope; Joseph R. Holman, Lockesburg; Robert E. Johnson, Lewisville; Larkin Bohan-

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GUARDSMEN RETURN.
Magnolia, June 19.—(Special.)—Miss Bettie McMorella of this place went to Camp Pike a few days ago and accompanied the following members of Company K of the old Third Arkansas to their home: W. A. Terry, Jesse Beck, Grover C. Eddington, Frank O. Hamm, Andrew Higdon, Carl Peterson, Robert Poole and Joe Terrenrine. They left home in August, 1917, and have been in France for some time. Grover C. Eddington and Carl Peterson were on board the ill-fated Tuscania when it was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Two boys from this county, Ellis Smith and J. D. Short, lost their lives on that night, and every one was anxious to see the two boys who survived.

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Father



Samuel Hannibal Edington - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/48563801/person/20157711621/media/ca5aae3a-84a1-45c3-993b-d1a88c6a1fc0?queryId=1dda1c9e-5470-4879-afd6->

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S. H. Edington

in the Arkansas, U.S., Confederate Pension Records, 1891-1935

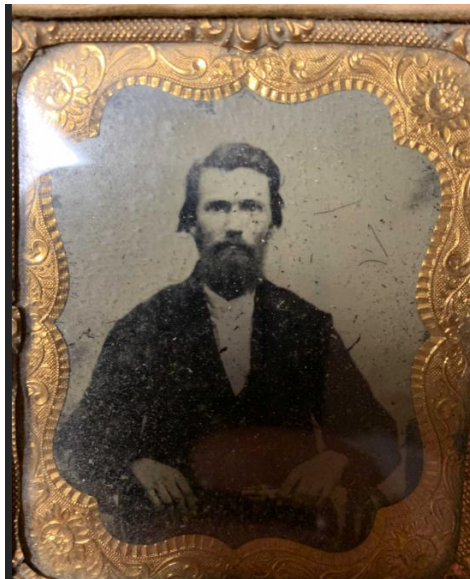


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Detail	Source
Name	S. H. Edington
Spouse Name	Susan Edington
Residence Location	Columbia, Arkansas
State Served From	Tennessee
Division	Artillery
Company	A
Regiment	Columbia
Death Date	2 May 1911
Spouse Death Date	28 Dec 1928
Comments	widow applied 1912

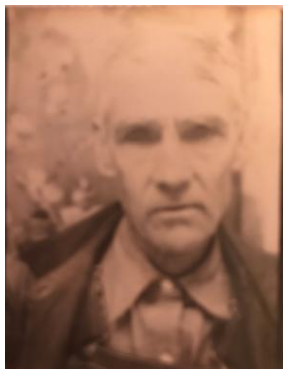
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Siblings:



Brother Richard Dwillie Edgington (1877-1943) – Find A Grave 11574657

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. 5779 State File No. 138
Primary Registration District No. 5248 Registrar's No.

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County Columbia
(b) Township McNeil
(c) City or Town McNeil, P. 1 Ward
(d) Name of Hospital or Institution At Home
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)
(e) Length of stay in hospital or institution (Specify whether years, months or days)
In this community 66 years

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State Arkansas (b) County Columbia
(c) City or Town McNeil
(If outside city or town limits, write Rural Number)
(d) Street No. Route 1 (If rural, give location)
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?

3. (a) FULL NAME Richard D. Edgington
(b) If female, name and maiden name
(c) Social Security No.
(d) Sex Male (e) Color or race White (f) Single, widowed, married, divorced Married
(g) Name of husband or wife Mrs. Betty Edgington
(h) Age of husband or wife if alive 63 years
(i) Birth date of deceased (Month) April (Day) 17 (Year) 1877
(j) Age 66 Years Months Days (If less than one day)
(k) Birthplace Columbia (State or foreign country) Arkansas
(l) Usual occupation Farming
(m) Industry or business
(n) Place of birth (City, town, or county) Ark.
(o) Birthplace (City, town, or county) Ark.
(p) Maiden name Susan Robinson
(q) Birthplace (City, town, or county) Ark.

4. Informant's own signature R. E. Edgington
(a) P. O. address McNeil, Arkansas
(b) Date thereof (Month) 12 (Day) 27 (Year) 43
(c) Place: Burial or cremation How Bethel
(d) Signature of funeral director Chas. Lewis
(e) P. O. address McNeil, Arkansas
(f) Date received (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)

5. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
(a) Date of death: Month Dec day 26 year 1943
(b) I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 12-16-43 until I last saw him alive on 12-26-43 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 5:35 P. M.
(c) Immediate cause of death Failure of stomach
(d) Other condition (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
(e) Major findings: (Indicate proper to secure production)
(f) Of operation: (Indicate proper to secure production)
(g) Of autopsy: (Indicate proper to secure production)
(h) If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(i) Accident, violence, or homicidal capacity: (State)
(j) Date of occurrence
(k) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
(l) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?
(m) While at work? (Specify type of place)
(n) Years of injury
(o) Signature J. H. Hinton Date signed 12-27

6. MOTHER FATHER
(a) Name Henibal Edgington (b) Birthplace (City, town, or county) Ark.
(c) Name Susan Robinson (d) Birthplace (City, town, or county) Ark.

7. SIGNATURES
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8. MARGINS
(a) WRITE PLAINLY WITH INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.
(b) DATE 10-15-44
(c) 10-15-44
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ARRAKAN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH Vital Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				571	
Registration District No. <u>437</u>				State File No.	
Primary Registration District No. <u>2713</u>					
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Ouchita</u> b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Stophens</u> c. TOWN <u>Stophens</u> d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) <u>Residential 28</u> INSTITUTION <u>Home</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE <u>Arkansas</u> b. COUNTY <u>Ouchita</u> c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>Stophens</u> d. TOWN <u>Stophens</u> e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>JAN 15 1951</u>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) <u>MISS MARY JANE</u> b. (Middle) <u>"JEANIE"</u> c. (Last) <u>EDMINGTON</u> d. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u> e. MARRIED NEVER MARRIED (Indicate) <u>Never</u> <u>Married</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>January 11, 1951</u> 5. DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>5/15/1881</u> 6. AGE (In years; if under 1 year, 12 months; if under 24 hrs., state hours) (Indicate) <u>69</u> Months <u>7</u> Days <u>28</u>			
7. SEX <u>Female</u> 8. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>None</u>		9. PLACE OF BIRTH (State or foreign country) <u>Miller, Arkansas</u> 10. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <u>U. S. A.</u>			
11. FATHER'S NAME <u>Reinhold Edmington</u>		12. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Rusan Edmington</u>			
13. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMY FORCES? (Yes, No, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service) <u>None</u>		14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>None</u>			
15. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) <u>None</u>		16. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>4 days</u> 17. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH? (a) <u>Cerebral hemorrhage</u> ANTERIOR CAUSE <u>None</u> 18. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS <u>None</u> 19. MAJOR FINDINGS OF AUTOPSY <u>None</u>			
19a. DATE OF SPECIAL-TYPE <u>None</u>		20. AUTOPSY YES ☒ NO ☐			
21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) <u>None</u>		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <u>None</u>			
21c. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) <u>None</u>		21d. NEW OR OLD INJURY OCCURRED YES ☐ NO ☒			
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <u>Jan 11 1951</u> UNTIL I LAST SAW THE DECEASED <u>Jan 11 1951</u> ALIVE ON <u>Jan 11 1951</u> AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT <u>Stophens, Ark.</u> FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.					
23. SIGNATURE <u>Dr. J. H. Edwards</u>		24. SIGNATURE <u>Dr. J. H. Edwards</u>			
25. RURAL CEMETERY REMOVAL LOCATION <u>1-13-51</u>		26. NAME OF CEMETERY OF CREMATOR <u>New Bethel Cemetery</u>			
27. DATE <u>1-13-51</u>		28. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Arkansas</u>			
29. SIGNATURE <u>Dr. J. H. Edwards</u>		30. SIGNATURE <u>Dr. J. H. Edwards</u>			
31. DATE <u>1-13-51</u>		32. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Arkansas</u>			
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Mary Jane – Find A Grave 11574699



Description

Wedding Photo. Van is son of Martha Childers Sullivan, grandson of Sarah Bourne Childers.

Josephine is daughter of Samuel Hannibal and Susan Robinson Edington.

Stanley Van Buren Sullivan (called Van) Jan. 8, 1881-Nov. 1973

Josephine, called Jo or Josie, Oct. 18, 1883-Dec 1964

Sister Josephine (Josie) Edington Sullivan (1882-1964) -

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Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

View record

Name	Josie Eddington
Gender	Female
Marriage Age	23
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Date	1883
Marriage License Date	12 May 1906
Marriage Date	13 May 1906
Marriage Place	Columbia, Arkansas, USA
Residence Date	1906
Residence Place	Milner, Columbia, Arkansas
Spouse	Van Sullivan
FHL Film Number	988812

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JOHN S. EDDINGTON

STEPHENS, Ark., Dec. 12 (Special)—Funeral services for John Samuel Eddington of Stephens, were held today at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Stephens.

The Rev. Hugh Cantrell and the Rev. Lloyd Evans of Stephens officiated. Burial was in the cemetery at McNeil, Ark. under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home of Magnolia.

Mr. Eddington, 74, died Friday in a Little Rock, Ark., Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a Baptist and a native of Columbia County.

Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Carmack of Batesville, Ark., and Mrs. Van Sullivan of Waldo, Ark.

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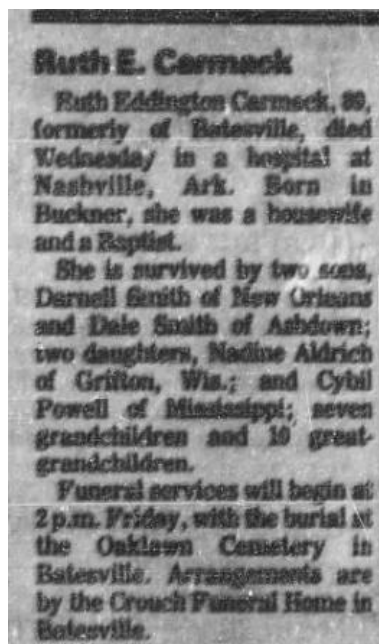
*Brother John Samuel EDDINGTON (1885-1959) -
Shreveport LA*

Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

View record

Name	John S Edrington
Gender	Male
Marriage Age	34
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Date	1884
Marriage License Date	14 Nov 1918
Marriage Date	15 Nov 1918
Marriage Place	Sharp, Arkansas, USA
Residence Date	1918
Residence Place	Mammath Springs, Fulton, Arkansas
Spouse	Mary E Taylor
FHL Film Number	1290006

Probably not him - https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/67670777/person/432541402771/facts?_phsrc=cPx46425&_phstart=succesSource



Sister Ruth EDDINGTON Smith Carmack (1893-1982) -
Batesville AR

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DELAWARE NORTH CAROLINA

1. PLACE OF BIRTH OF CHILD: County Cherokee (Do Not Write in This Space)

City or Town Magnolia **16314**

Street No. or Rural Route 4 **PRIME**

2. FULL NAME AT BIRTH Ruth Eddington

3. SEX Female 4. RACE White 5. DATE AND TIME OF BIRTH August 11, 1934 (Time)

6. PLACE OF BIRTH Cherokee, North Carolina 7. NAME OF PHYSICIAN Dr. J. H. Henson

8. What was mother doing at the time of this birth? At home 9. What was father doing at the time of this birth? At home

10. In what State or Country was father born? Cherokee, North Carolina 11. In what State or Country was mother born? Cherokee, North Carolina

12. Number of children born to this mother up to and including this child? 1

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby swear under oath to full knowledge of the penalties of the law and false statements that, to my best knowledge and belief, the facts above stated are true and correct in every particular. I am related to this child as mother.

(Attending physician, midwife, parent, or person at least twelve years older having knowledge of birth) and my present age is 74 years.

(Signed) J. H. Henson 1934

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 11th day of August, 1934.

My Commission Expires March 1, 1935 (Do Not Write Below This Line)

December 1, 1936 J. H. Henson W.D. State Registrar

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Martin D. Smith

Martin Darnell Smith, 74, of Waveland, Miss., died Oct. 16, 1999, in Waveland.

A native of Fouke, he was a retired pharmacist and a World War II veteran, having served in the Air Corps. He was raised in the Masonic Home at Batesville.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria J. Smith; a son, Mark D. Smith of Arabi, La.; two sisters, Nadine Hinton of Booneville and Syble Powell of Long Beach, Miss.; a grandson and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Smith; his mother, Ruth Eddington Carmack; and a son, Terry Kempton Smith.

Memorials may be made to any charity.

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Batesville AR – Ruth's son by Martin H. Smith

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Grover Cleveland Edington

Name variations: Eddington

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,303

Entered service from: Milner, Columbia AR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Grover C. Edington

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother S.H. Edington, Milner AR

Returned from war on: Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Grover C. Edington

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Susan Edington, Milner AR (pvt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Grover C. Edington - b. 23 Jan 1889 Milner AR; res: Milner, Columbia AR. Single. Farmer for self. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 5 Aug 1917

Discharged 11 Jun 1919

Address: Stephens AR

Rank/unit: private, 16th Co., 20th Engineers**Birth & death:**

Born: 23 Jan 1889 Milner, Columbia AR

Died: 20 Oct 1922 Columbia Co. AR. Died almost instantly at age 33 when he was hit by a shotgun blast fired by J.A. Brazer, age 38, farmer, in a "gun duel" around 6 p.m. which occurred 1 mile south of Milner AR/5 miles south of Stevens AR. Grover was hit in the legs & body. In the same exchange of gunfire, Grover, a railroad guard for the Cotton Belt, shot Brazer with a pistol in the chest near the heart. After walking 100 yards, Brazer dropped dead. No one witnessed the exchange. Their guns were found laying near their bodies. It seemed to be the revival of an old quarrel of several years. Although friendly when sober, the two men "revived" the quarrel when drunk. And both were intoxicated when they shot at each other.

Find A Grave record: 286733745 (created 3 Sep 2025)

Burial location: Magnesia Springs, Columbia AR
 Cemetery: New Bethel
 Tombstone:

Father: Samuel Hannibal Edington, Mar 1840 AL – 2 May 1911 Waldo, Columbia AR.
 Son of William Loery Edington (1817 TN -ca. 1895 AL) & Jane M. Hackney, both age 33, both b. TN, in 1850 census, living in Tallaposa, Tallaposa AL.
 Sometimes on records he is found as “Hannibal” or “Hanibal” (without “Samuel”)
 Samuel fought for the Confederate States of America in the Civil War, in Co. A, AL Artillery.
 In 1870 a teacher in Buena Vista, Columbia AR, living with the Augustas Brown family.
 Find A Grave:

Mother: Susan Robinson Edington, ca. 1850 AR - 28 Dec 1928 Ouachita Co. AR.
 Her mother was Mary Jane Gurley.
 Applied for a pension in 1912 following death of husband S.H. Edington, resident of Columbia Co. AR, on 2 May 1911, for his service in Confederate Army.
 Find A Grave:
 Parents' marriage: 1874

Spouse: according to the newspaper account of his death, not married
 Spouse Find A Grave:
 Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: his mother reported in the 1910 census that she had given birth to 11 children, 8 of whom were living.

- **William? Hugh? [or William Hughey] Edington**, Mar 1876 AR, Age 24 in 1900.
 Appears as William, age 4 in 1880 census & as Hughey in 1900 census.
- **Richard Dwelley/Dwillie Edington**, 17 Apr 1877 Columbia Co. AR – 26 Dec 1943
 McNeil, Columbia Co. AR. = Age 23 in 1900 census & age 3 in 1880 census. -
 Husband of Mary Elizabeth (Bettie) Staggs (1881-1965) whom he married 14 Dec
 1903 in Columbia Co. AR. Her Find A Grave record 11574663 lists her name as
 “George b Staggs” [sic]. – Died of stomach cancer. - Buried in New Bethel
 Cemetery, Magnesia Springs, Columbia AR. F: 11574657.
- **Minerva E. Edington Green**, 30 Jul 1879 Milner, Columbia AR – 20 Nov 1940 [also
 found as Nov 1939] Stephens, Ouachita AR. SSN 429-20-0745. - Listed as M.E. in
 the 1880 census, age 10 months as of 11 Jun 1880. - Appears to be listed as Nevely,
 30, in 1910 census. Surname found as Green, but buried as Minerva E. Edington in
 New Bethel Cemetery, Magnesia Springs, Columbia AR. F: 11574685
- **Mary Jane (Jennie) Edington**, 15 May 1881 Milner, Columbia AR – 11 Jan 1951
 Stephens, Ouachita AR. Age 19 in 1900. Also listed as Jennie. – According to her AR
 death certificate, she never married. Died of a cerebral hemorrhage. Buried in New
 Bethel Cemetery, Magnesia Springs, Columbia AR. F; 11574699

- **Josephine ("Josie") Edington Sullivan**, 16 Oct 1882 (18 Oct 1883?) AR – 20 Nov 1964 Waldo, Columbia AR. - Age 18 in 1900 – appears to be Jennie, 28, in 1910. - Wife of Stanley Van Buren ("Van") Sullivan (1881-1973, F: 82386297). They married 13 May 1906 in Columbia Co. AR. - "Arkansas Democrat" 14 Jan 1923 p 6 – the sheriff & 2 deputies (1 of them Van Sullivan) came upon 6 operators of a wildcat moonshine still 6 miles NW of Waldo AR. - Buried as Josie E. Sullivan, 16 Oct 1882-17 Nov 1964 in Beech Creek Cemetery, Waldo, Columbia AR. F: 82386315
- **John Samuel Eddington**, 24 Jan 1885 Milner, Columbia Co. AR. – 11 Dec 1959 Little Rock, Pulaski AR. - Age 15 in 1900 census. - WWII draft card: b. 24 Jan 1885 Columbia Co. AR; NOK sister Jennie Edington, Stephens AR. Lived in Stephens, Ouachita AR. SSN 430-07-3800. — Obituary: "Shreveport (LA) Times" 13 Dec 1959 p 17 – Funeral of John Samuel EDDINGTON of Stephens AR is being held 13 Dec 1959 at the 1st Baptist Church of Stephens, with burial in McNeil AR. Died at age 74 on 11 Dec 1959 in a Little Rock hospital. Born Columbia Co. AR. Survived by 2 sisters: Mrs. Ruth Carmack (Batesville AR) & Mrs. Van Sullivan (Waldo AR). [There are several cemeteries in McNeil, Columbia AR]
- **Ruth Eddington Smith Carmack**, Aug 1893 AR – 11 Aug 1982 Nashville, Howard AR. - Age 7 in 1900. - Married Martin H. Smith on 11 Jan 1914 in Ouachita Co. AR; she was a resident of Milner AR. - Ruth Smith married Mack Carmack (1900-1963) on 17 Dec 1929 in Batesville, Independence AR. - Resident of Batesville AR in 1959. - Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, Batesville, Independence AR, with husband Mack Carmack. F: 16317737

Notes:

DO NOT CONFUSE with a man also named Grover Cleveland Edington, who lives in Dumas AR.

Wartime:

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) 9 Feb 1918 p 1 – Pvt. Grover C. Edington of Milner AR, in 20th Engineers, reported on board the Tuscania

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) 28 Mar 1918 p 2 – Columbia County has the distinction of having more men on the Tuscania than any other county in the US. [believe this is inaccurate] The 4 men on board were Carl Peterson, Ellis Smith, Grover Eddington & Nathan B. Short, who all volunteered last summer. Co. K of the 3rd AR Infantry was sent 1st to Fort Logan H. Roots & then transferred to the 20th Engineers. Grover "Eddington," age about 20, lived near Milner AR in northern part of Columbia Co. Parents got message he was safe.

"Arkansas Democrat" (Little Rock AR) 17 Jun 1919 p 7 – One of the 158 Arkansans who left Camp Pike Monday & Tuesday (16 & 17 Jun 1919) was Grover C. Edington of Milner AR.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Harrison, Columbia AR – conducted 11 Jun 1880

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120023_00492?pld=35259103

S.H. Edington, 40 AL, parents b. TN, farmer

Susan, 30 AR, parents b. AL

William, 4 AR

Richard, 3 AR

M.E., 10 months AR [daughter]

1900 Cleveland, Columbia AR – conducted 22 Jun 1900

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4120023_00492?pld=35259103

Sam H. EDRINGTON, 60 AL, Mar 1840, parents b. TN, married 26 years, farmer

Susan, 49 AR, Jan 1857, parents b. MS, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

Hughey, 24 AR, Mar 1876, single, farmer

Richard, 23 AR, Apr 1877, single, farmer

Minerva, 21 AR, Jul 1879

Mary J., 19 AR, May 1881

Josephine, 17 AR, Oct 1882

John S., 15 AR, Jun 1885, farm laborer

Grover C., 11 AR, Jun 1889, farm laborer

Ruth, 7 AR, Aug 1893

Mary Dwelle, 56 AL, parents b. TN, widow, Oct 1844 [sister]

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Sam H Edrington	Head	Male	60	Alabama
Susan Edrington	Wife	Female	49	Arkansas
Hughey Edrington	Son	Male	24	Arkansas
Richard Edrington	Son	Male	23	Arkansas
Minerva Edrington	Daughter	Female	21	Arkansas
Mary J Edrington	Daughter	Female	19	Arkansas
Josephine Edrington	Daughter	Female	18	Arkansas
John S Edrington	Son	Male	15	Arkansas
Grover C Edrington	Son	Male	11	Arkansas
Ruth Edrington	Daughter	Female	7	Arkansas
Mary A D?Relle	Sister	Female	56	Alabama

1910 Cleveland, Columbia AR – conducted 18 Apr 1910

Found at:

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/31111_4327236-01302?pid=444244

Samuel EDDING [sic], 70 AL, parents b. TN, in 1st marriage, married 36 years, farm laborer, home farm

Susan, 54 AR, parents b. MS, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 11 children, 8 are living

Nevely, 30 AR [daughter]

Jennie, 28 AR

John, 25 AR farm laborer, home farm

Grocer C., 21 AR

Ruth, 16 AR

Mary Daville, 65 AL, widow [Samuel's sister]

The next census entry is for Richard EDDING (33 AR) & his wife Bettie.

1920 Cleveland, Columbia AR – mother & siblings – conducted 12/14 Jan 1920

Found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6061/images/4294355-00189?pid=2020196>

John S. Edington, 35 AR, parents b. AL, farming, general farm [head of household]

Susan, 69 AR, parents b. AR, widow [mother]

Minerva, 41 AR, parents b. AR, farm laborer, home farm [sister]

Jennie, 39 AR, parents b. AR, farm laborer, home farm [sister]

Mollie Dwelle, 70 AL, father b. TN, mother b. AL [aunt]

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