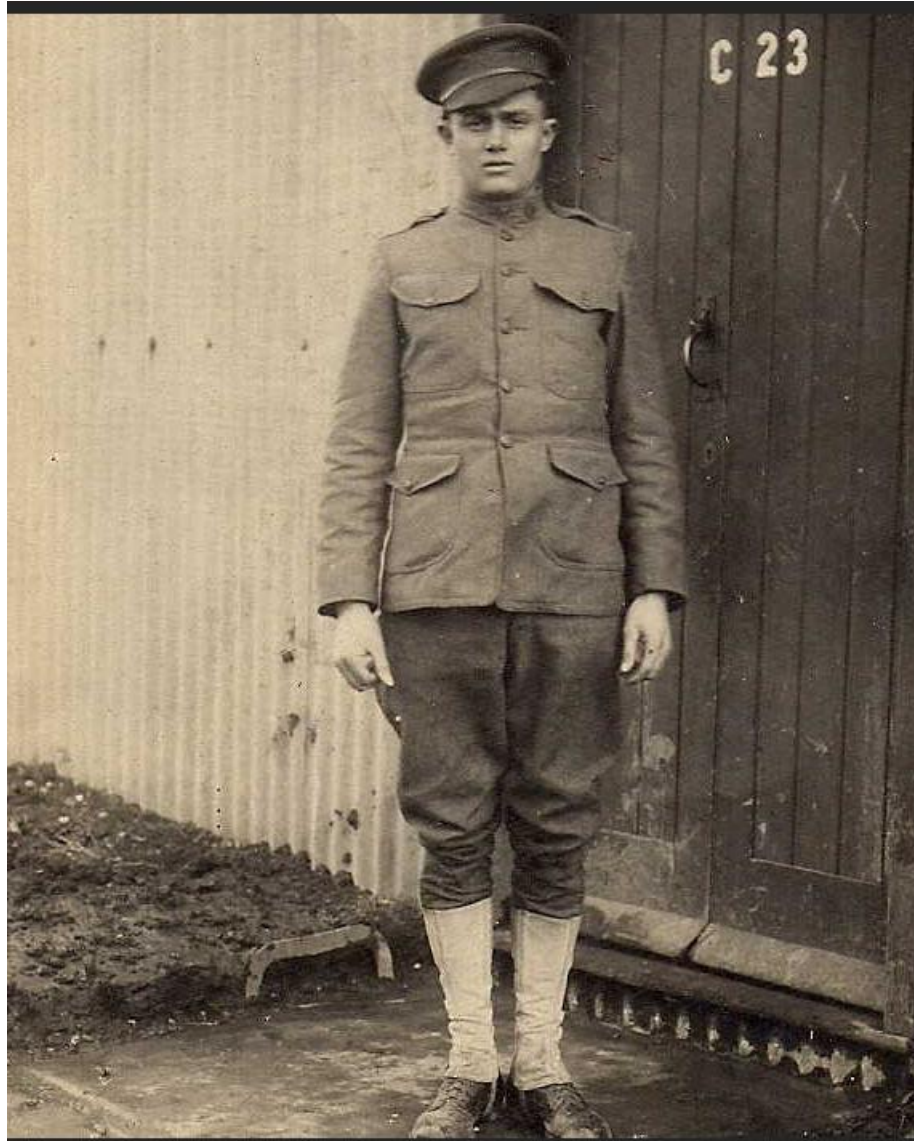


TUSCANIA

WWI casualty
Harris, Homer Girtree
1896 TX – 1918 France



Homer Girtree Harris – from Find A Grave 77120684



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Form 1 **REGISTRATION CARD** No. **79**

1 Name in full **Lorne Lorne Harris** Age, in yrs **21**

2 Home address **Thurber Texas**

3 Date of birth **Long 3 1896**

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention to become a citizen? **Natural Born**

5 Where were you born? **Bell Co Texas USA**

6 If not a citizen of this country are you a citizen of subject?

7 What is your trade, occupation or profession? **Labourer**

8 By whom employed? **Day & Night Coal Co**

Where employed? **Thurber Texas**

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? **None**

10 Married or single (specify which)? **Single** Race (specify which)? **Caucasian**

11 What military service have you had? Rank **None** Branch **None**

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

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

H. G. Harris

WWI draft registration 5 Jun 1917 - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYYF-9Q4S?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AKZX4-X9R&action=view&cc=1968530&lang=en>

6

Harris, Homer G. 251,444 *White *Colored

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: **Thurber Erath TEXAS**

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted **R. A. * N. C. * E. R. G.** Inducted at **Stephenville Tex** on **Oct 8, 1917**

Place of birth: **Bell Co Tex** Age or date of birth: **21 10/12 years**

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: **165 Dep Brig to 15/18; Co L 9 Inf to death**

Grades, with date of appointment: **Pvt**

Engagements:

Served overseas from **Jan 24/18** to **death**, from **†** to **†**

Killed in action **June 2, 1918**

Other wounds or injuries received in action: **None**

Person notified of death: **L. S. Harris** (Name) **Father** (Degree of relationship)

410 3rd Street (No. and street or rural route) **Thurber** (City, town, or post office) **Tex** (State or country)

Remarks:

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. *Strike out words not applicable. †Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.

TX, WWI military record - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9MN-8SNW?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-VS8W&action=view&cc=2202707&lang=en>

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

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Harris, Homer G.		Pvt	Co L 9 Inf	June 2/18

US, WWI American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919 -
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPH7-8LY8>

1329-817-300M TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Reg. No. 24599
 Registered No. 191

PLACE OF DEATH
 County El Paso
 City El Paso (No. 1 St. 1 Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.]

FULL NAME Homer G. Harris

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Male 4 Color or Race White 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced Single (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH June 2, 1896
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE 22 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.
 If less than 2 years state if breast fed If less than 1 day
 Yes No 1 hrs. 0 mins.

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

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Del. Co. Tex

10 NAME OF FATHER L. S. Harris

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Georgia

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Harris

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Georgia

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Informant) L. S. Harris
 (Address) El Paso, Tex

15 Filed 1918 Registrar M. M. Miller

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

16 DATE OF DEATH June 2, 1918
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended the deceased from 1918 to 1918, that I last saw him alive on 1918, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1918 m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Death occurred on date stated above while serving with the U.S. Army in France
 (Duration 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.)

Contributory (Secondary) U.S. Army in France
 (Duration 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.)
 (Signed) M. M. Miller M. D.

*Use International List of Cause of Death—State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, State (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.)
 At place of death 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. In the State 1 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.
 Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
 Former or usual residence

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL El Paso, Tex DATE OF BURIAL 1918

20 UNDERTAKER El Paso, Tex ADDRESS Shiner, Tex

TX death certificate - U.S. soldier, , died on 2 Jun 1918 while serving with the US Army in France -
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SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR

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TEXAS

HARRIS, Homer G., Thurber.

American Soldiers of World War I for Homer G Harris

Soldiers of the Great War Volume 3 > Texas

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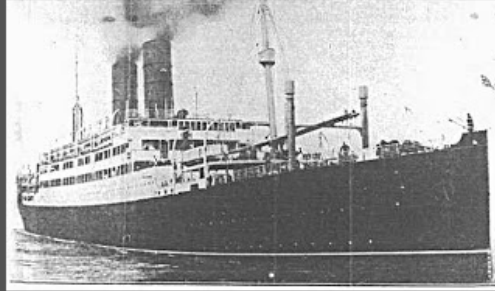
WWI

WHO WAS HOMER G. HARRIS?

By Matt Stephenson

The call to arms prompted by the entry of the United States into World War I was answered by many young men in the nation. In the community of Thurber, Texas, Homer G. Harris was one such young man. Homer was born January 3, 1896, in Bell County, Texas, to Leonidas Signor Harris and Nancy Elizabeth Harris and was reportedly killed in action on June 2, 1918, in the fighting around Chateau-Thierry during the famous Belleau Wood offensive in France. He was the youngest son among five brothers and sisters and one of three children born in Texas.

The United States Census of 1910 reported Homer's father worked as a teamster and his two older brothers were employed in the mines in and around Thurber. Homer's draft registration card from June 5, 1917, revealed that he joined his brothers in the mines prior to entering the military. Contemporary newspaper accounts note that Homer was the first man from Thurber to fall in the Great War. Homer's family was rather well-known in the community and his death was mourned by many Thurber residents.



The Tuscania as it looked at its launching in February 7, 1915

Homer G. Harris completed military basic training in late 1917 and was immediately shipped to New York, then to Europe aboard the American troopship Tuscania. His first brush with death came on February 5, 1918. On that fateful day, a German U-Boat (submarine) torpedoed the Tuscania in the Irish Sea en route to Liverpool, England, with 2,179 American soldiers. Homer G. Harris was among the 1,832 survivors reported in the February 11, 1918, edition of the Dallas Morning News. Tuscania was the first ship carrying American troops to be sunk and the populace was outraged. In 1920 a monument was erected by the American Red Cross on the Isle of Islay where many of the victims were buried before their transfer that year to the American War Cemetery at Brookwood, England, or back to the United States.



The Tuscania Disaster sparked outrage among the American people, as it was the first time a ship carrying American soldiers had been sunk by enemy forces

Private Harris was originally deployed to Europe along with the 32nd “Red Arrow” Infantry Division, a National Guard unit with volunteers primarily from Michigan and Wisconsin, because he had trained with them at Camp Bowie in Ft. Worth, Texas, and was with them aboard the *Tuscania*. After his rescue, however, Private Harris was transferred to the U.S. Army’s 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd “Indian Head” Division and sent to the front lines at the Belleau Wood sector. When the first elements of Homer’s division arrived in April of 1917, the embattled armies there had been locked in a stalemate for four years. They moved to Chateau-Thierry where they combined with U. S. Marines to conduct a long series of daring and reckless night raids and skirmishes into the German lines around Belval Forest.

By November 5, 1918, they finally broke the stalemate and halted the German advance on Paris which resulted in the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918. Unfortunately Homer G. Harris was not allowed to bask in the glory of his unit’s victory because he was killed in the fighting around Chateau-Thierry on June 2, 1918.

The U.S. Army’s official casualty report from June 21, 1918, states that Private Harris was killed in action like many other brave, young American soldiers in one of the bloodiest battles in American military history. As with many World War I casualties, most likely he was interred on the battlefield in France. Later his body was exhumed and shipped home for burial at the end of the American occupation of Germany after the signing of the armistice. His body arrived by train at the railway station at Mingus and was buried with full military honors in the Thurber Cemetery on September 8, 1921, according to a story in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the following day. The paper reported that a procession almost two miles long accompanied his remains from the railhead in Mingus to the Harris family home in Thurber.



Homer G. Harris's Grave at its current location in Mount Marion Cemetery in Strawn, Texas

Because Homer was the first Thurber native to fall in World War I, local veterans named the Homer G. Harris American Legion Post No. 14 in his honor. During the time after Homer G. Harris's burial, the post was an important community organization and held many popular social events, most notably the Water Carnival at Thurber Lake (Big Lake) on July 22, 1922, boxing bouts, and Armistice Day dances and athletic contests, such as football and baseball games. The post was disbanded about 1933 when the Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil Company closed the town of Thurber and moved their offices to Fort Worth.

<http://theindustrioushistorian.blogspot.com/2010/11/who-was-homer-g-harris.html>

Jessie Mae Edwards

Dallas ... Jessie Mae Edwards, 99, of Dallas [died](#) Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, in Tulsa, Okla.

She was [born](#) Sept. 16, 1900, in Thurber to Leonidas and Elizabeth Harris. She [married](#) Jack Edwards May 17, 1920. He preceded her in death.

Death notice of sister Jessie Mae Harris Edwards -

<http://www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/obits/tx/tx-denton8.htm>



Homer's original burial location - <https://havingfuninthetexasun.com/2018/09/22/thurber-ghost-town-thurber/>

Life

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

Basal Hawthorne, Evant, Texas.
Edgar L. Hamilton, Iola, Texas.
Homer G. Harris, Marsden, Okla.
Arthur D. Hartline, Richardson, Texas.
John B. Hartness, Collinsville, Okla.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 · Page 7

Fort Worth TX

DAY'S CASUALTY LIST TOTALS 38

**10 Are Reported Dead and
28 Wounded, 27 of Them
Severely.**

Washington, D. C., June 21.—The army casualty list today contained 38 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, six; died of wounds, one; died of disease, three; wounded severely, 27; wounded, degree undetermined, one. Among those reported killed in action was Pvt. Homer G. Harris, Thurber, Tex.

The list:

Killed in Action.

Sgt. James Lucas, Courtland, Ind., horseshoer; Ray Williams, Addison, N. Y.; Pvts. Homer G. Harris, Thurber, Tex.; Thomas J. O'Connel, New York City; Walter Slomka, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas Zangara, Passaic, N. J.

El Paso Herald
Fri, Jun 21, 1918 · Page 2

El Paso TX

FIVE TEXANS IN THE CASUALTY LIST.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, June 21.—The army casualty list contains 38 names: Killed in action 6, died of wounds 1, died of disease 3, wounded severely 27, wounded degree undetermined 1.

Homer G. Harris, Thurber, Texas, killed in action.

The marine casualty list contains 127 names: Killed in action 10, died of wounds 19, wounded severely 98.

Wounded severely, Clarence S. Markham, Dallas; Lloyd Hael, Dallas; Charles S. Brooks, Belton, and Peter J. Cady, Beaumont.

Bryan-College Station Eagle
Fri, Jun 21, 1918 · Page 1

Bryan TX

**THURBER (TEX) LAD
KILLED IN ACTION**

Army-Marine Casualty Lists
Contain 165 Names, Gen.
Pershing Reports.

ARMY.
Private Homer G. Harris, Thurber, Texas, killed in action.

MARINES.
Private Clarence S. Markham, Dallas, severely wounded.
Private Charles S. Brooks, Be-
dian, Texas, severely wounded.
Private Lloyd Hael, Dallas,
Texas, severely wounded.
Private Peter J. J. Cady, Beau-
mont, Texas, severely wounded.

Fort Worth Record-Telegram
Sat, Jun 22, 1918 Page 3

Fort Worth TX

THURBER, Texas, Sept. 9.—The body of Homer G. Harris, first of the Thurber overseas boys to fall in action, and for whom the local legion post is named, arrived here this afternoon and will be buried with military honors in Thurber Cemetery Saturday at 3 p. m. A procession reaching almost the distance from the railway station at Mingus (nearly two miles) accompanied the remains to the family home here.

His body returns home to Thurber TX - "Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Friday 9 Sep 1921 p 18

HOMER HARRIS BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

THURBER, Sept. 10.—In the presence of hundreds of friends the remains of Homer G. Harris were laid to rest in the Thurber cemetery on Sept. 8th. The body was buried with full military honors under the auspices of Homer G. Harris post No. 14 of the American Legion, assisted by delegations of ex-service men from Strawn, Gordon and Mingus.

Private Harris was a member of Company L, Ninth infantry, Second division, and was killed in action at Chateau Thierry on June 2, 1918.

Funeral in Thurber TX - "Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Sunday 11 Sep 1921 p 30

THURBER PLANS WATER CARNIVAL JULY FOURTH

An unusual Fourth of July celebration, a big water carnival, will be staged at Lake Thurber July 4 by the Homer G. Harris Post of the American Legion, according to word received here. It will be the first celebration ever held in the vicinity of Thurber.

There will be swimming and diving contests, tub races, water polo, bathing girl review and other water sports. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in the contests. The carnival has been well advertised in this section of the state and a big out-of-town crowd is expected. Special invitation has been extended expert swimmers and divers.

The water sports will start at 9 a. m. on the Fourth and will require four hours. At 2 o'clock the baseball teams from Thurber and Olden will meet in a double header. The annual Legion dance will close the day. The dance will be held in the Thurber Athletic Club rooms.

A number of entries for the contests have already been received and the post officials are confident the carnival will be a success.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Wed, Jun 21, 1922 - Page 2

Fort Worth TX

LEGION TO CELEBRATE

Water Carnival Will Be Held by the
Thurber Post on Hollday.

Special to The Record.

THURBER, June 23.—Tuesday, July 4, the Homer G. Harris post No. 14, American Legion of Thurber, will stage a big water carnival at the Thurber lake.

There will be swimming and diving contests, tub races, water polo, games, bathing beauty review, and many other water events. Various prizes will be offered to winners. Due to the fact that there are many expert swimmers and divers in the surrounding territory of Thurber, all places promise to be closely contested.

The Homer G. Harris post is going to a great expense to make this day an unusual event and as it is being widely advertised, a large crowd is expected to be present from all sections of the state.

Special invitation is extended to all expert swimmers and divers, and to all others who enjoy seeing contests of that nature.

The water contests will begin at 9 a. m. and will be completed by 1 p. m. At 2 o'clock there will be a double-header ball game between the strong independent teams of Olden and Thurber, and the day will be closed with the annual American Legion Fourth of July dance, held that evening at the Thurber Athletic club rooms.

*The big water carnival of the now-closed Homer G. Harris American Legion Post No. 14, Thurber TX
- "Fort Worth (TX) Record-Telegram" 24 Jun 1922 p 15*

Father

guests of Mrs. Mille Kelly.
Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Harris and daughter, Miss Ruby of Thurber, were recent visitors in the C. C. Kelly home.

The Waco Times-Herald
Fri, Sep 14, 1923 · Page 14

Waco TX

STATE OF TEXAS 113-02-21 113/82-03		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 331 X 32		STATE FILE NO. 51572	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Palo Pinto		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Palo Pinto			
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Mineral Wells Precinct 5		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Strawn			
c. LENGTH OF STAY 14 Days		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) General Del.			
d. NAME OF (if not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Oak Lawn Lane Sanatorium		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒			
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. First Leonidas b. Middle Signor c. Last Harris		4. DATE OF DEATH July 3, 1962			
5. SEX Male		6. COLOR OR RACE White			
7. Married ☒ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐		8. DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 7, 1868			
9. AGE (In years, last birthday) 93		10. IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months 9 Days 26 Hours Minutes 			
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Georgia		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA			
13. FATHER'S NAME Bentley H. Harris		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Unknown			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) Yes, give year or date of service		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 			
17. INFORMANT Mrs. Raymond Rogers					
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))					
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Bronchopneumonia 4 days DUE TO (b) Immobilility 9 yrs DUE TO (c) Post CVA paraplegia & contracture 17 yrs					
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I: Urinary tract infection & obstructive uropathy					
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒					
20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐					
20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18)					
20c. TIME OF INJURY: Hour a.m. p.m. 					
20d. INJURY OCCURRED: ☐ WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐					
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) 					
20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION: Strawn COUNTY: Palo Pinto STATE: Texas					
21. I hereby certify that Robert A. Messer RN is the deceased from 6-25 to 6-25 and last saw the deceased alive 6-25 at 8 P.M. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.					
22a. SIGNATURE Robert A. Messer RN 22b. ADDRESS Box 1002 Mineral Wells Texas 22c. DATE SIGNED 7-11-62					
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial					
23b. DATE July 3, 1962					
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Mt. Marion					
23d. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Charles Minnick					
23e. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Strawn (State) Texas					
24a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 93 24b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR July 11, 1962 24c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE C. E. Dickinson Jr.					

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Mother

Leonidas S. Harris

Alabama, U.S., Select Marriage Indexes, 1816-1942



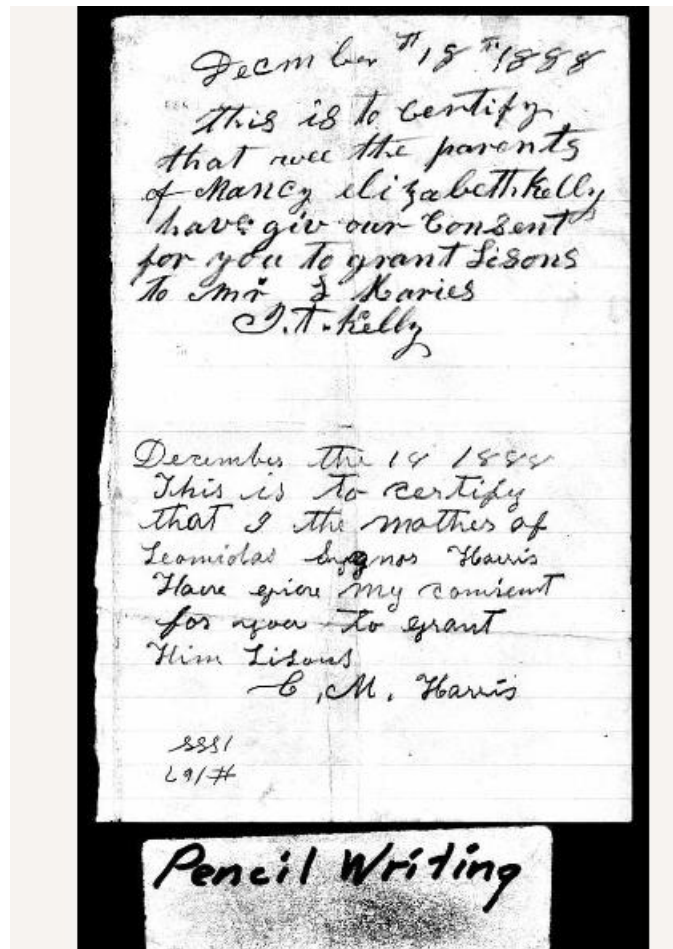
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Detail

Name	Leonidas S. Harris
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	24 Dec 1888
Marriage Place	Marshall, Alabama
Spouse	Nancy E. Kelley
FHL Film Number	1035277 V. 8-9

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**BURIAL WEDNESDAY
OF J. T. KELLEY**

The funeral of J. T. Kelley, aged 76, who died Tuesday afternoon at Gholson, took place there Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy, with which he was stricken last Sunday.

Mr. Kelley was a Confederate veteran, and he came from Georgia to Texas. He had lived in the Gholson neighborhood for the last 15 years.

Surviving Mr. Kelley are his wife, one son, C. C. Kelley of Gholson, and three daughters, Mrs. Joe Bearden, Gholson; Mrs. L. S. Harris, Thurber, and Mrs. Joe Slayton, Waco.

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 Wed, Sep 05, 1923 · Page 4

Waco TX

Siblings

1 PLACE OF DEATH

Texas State Board of Health

County Grady Registered No. 152-1649 **STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

City Shubert (No. (House no. 40) St. 1649 Ward 7067)
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

2 NAME James Ernest Harris

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL PARTICULARS	
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED or DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>Single</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Mar-28</u> , 191 <u>2</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>January-17-</u> 188 <u>2</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>3-27-</u> 191 <u>2</u> to <u>3-28-</u> 191 <u>2</u> that I last saw him alive on <u>3-28-</u> 191 <u>2</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>12:45 P.M.</u> The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Cerebrospinal meningitis</u>	
7 AGE <u>20</u> yrs. <u>2</u> mos. <u>11</u> ds. If LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min.?			(Duration) yrs. mos. ds. CONVENTIONARY (Secondary) (Duration) yrs. mos. ds. (Signed) <u>D. H. Dorsett</u> M.D. <u>3-29-</u> 191 <u>2</u> (Address) <u>Shubert Tex</u>	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Bricklayer</u> (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>St. Coal Co.</u>			*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.	
9 BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) <u>Marshall Co., Ala.</u>			18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.) At place of death <u>5</u> yrs. <u>0</u> mos. <u>0</u> ds. In the State <u>0</u> yrs. <u>0</u> mos. <u>0</u> ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>L. S. Harris</u>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Shubert Tex</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>3-29-</u> 191 <u>2</u>	
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) <u>Georgia</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>St. Coal Co.</u> ADDRESS <u>Shubert Tex</u>	
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Lizzie Kelley</u>				
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) <u>Georgia</u>				
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>L. S. Harris</u> (Address) <u>Shubert Tex</u>				
15 Filed <u>1912</u> REGISTRAR.				

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Brother James Ernest Harris (1882-1912) -

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Willie Harris Rites Set Today

RANGER (RNS) — Willie Cicero Harris Sr., 77, a resident of Ranger since 1935, died at his home Thursday.

Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Methodist Church in Ranger, with the Rev. Thomas Tribble, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery under direction of Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jess Weaver, W. A. (Doc) Reuwer, A. H. Blackwell, Dick Jones, Charley Beck Jr. and Jack Rawls.

Born Oct. 18, 1889, in Alabama, he was married to the former Bessie May Halbert on Jan. 26, 1921, in Roosevelt, Okla. She died May 21, 1961.

Mr. Harris was a veteran of World War I and retired as an electrician from the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Co.

Survivors include one son, Willie Cicero Harris Jr. of Ranger; one daughter, Mrs. James Birkes of Temple; three sisters, Mrs. Alex Reynolds of Lampasas, Mrs. Jack Edwards of Dallas and Mrs. Ruby Rogers of Stephenville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1731	1. NAME (Print) Willie Cicero Harris (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
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2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 712 Walnut St. Ranger, Eastland, Texas (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)
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[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS

Same

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE

67-W

5. AGE IN YEARS

52 yrs.

6. PLACE OF BIRTH

Marshall Co.

DATE OF BIRTH

Oct. 18 1889

(Town or county)

Alabama

(Exchange)

(Number)

(Mo.)

(Day)

(Yr.)

(State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

Mrs. W. Cicero Harris 712 Walnut St. Ranger, Tex.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Unemployed at present

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Unemployed

(Number and street or R. F. D. number)

(Town)

(County)

(State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. Form 1
(Revised 4-1-42)

(over)

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W. C. Harris
(Registrant's signature)

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TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registrar's No. 46791
1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <i>Stephens</i> CITY OR TOWN <i>Breckenridge</i> If in an institution, give name of institution instead of Street and No. <i>Breckenridge Hospital</i>		
Length of residence in city where death occurred <i>4</i> yrs. <i>0</i> mos. <i>0</i> days ? How long in U. S. if foreign born? <i>0</i> yrs. <i>0</i> mos. <i>0</i> days		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <i>Cora Lee & stes</i>		
Residence: No. <i>✓</i> Street <i>_____</i> If non-residence give city, or town and state <i>_____</i>		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		
3. SEX <i>F</i>	4. COLOR OR RACE <i>W</i>	5. Single Married Widowed Divorced <i>M</i>
6a. If married, widowed, or divorced (or) WIFE of <i>W. C. & stes</i>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH <i>Jan. 17, 1894</i>		
7. AGE <i>40</i> Years <i>9</i> Months <i>-</i> Days or If LESS than 1 day <i>_____</i> hrs. <i>_____</i> min.		
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <i>Housewife</i>		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <i>_____</i>		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <i>_____</i>		
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <i>_____</i>		
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <i>Ala.</i>		
13. NAME <i>L. S. Harris</i>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <i>Ala.</i>		
15. MAIDEN NAME <i>E. Elizabeth Kelley</i>		
16. BIRTHPLACE (City or town) (State or county) <i>Ala.</i>		
17. INFORMANT <i>W. C. & stes</i> (Address) <i>Caddo, Texas</i>		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Place <i>Fun. Home, 10-18, 1934</i>		
19. UNDERTAKER <i>Fun. Home</i> (Address) <i>Breckenridge, Tex.</i>		
20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <i>10/19/1934 W. C. & stes</i>		
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <i>Oct. 17, 1934</i>		
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>Oct. 21, 1934 to Oct. 17, 1934</i>		
I last saw her alive on <i>Oct. 17, 1934</i> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <i>9:45 a. m.</i> Date of onset <i>1931</i>		
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: <i>Heart blood Carbon Dioxide poisoning</i> <i>1931</i> <i>nephritis (Bright's disease)</i> <i>1932</i> Other contributory causes of importance: <i>dropy</i> <i>1931</i>		
Name of operation <i>_____</i> Cause of <i>_____</i>		
What test confirmed diagnosis? <i>Autopsy</i> Was there an autopsy? <i>no</i>		
23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? <i>_____</i>		
Date of injury <i>_____</i> 19 <i>_____</i>		
Where did injury occur? <i>_____</i> (Specify city or town, county, and State)		
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. <i>no injury</i>		
Manner of injury <i>_____</i>		
Nature of injury <i>_____</i>		
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <i>no</i>		
If so, specify <i>_____</i>		
(Signed) <i>W. S. Purke</i> M. D.		
(Address) <i>Breckenridge, Texas</i>		

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Sister Cora Lee Harris Estes (1894-1934)

Cora Lee Harris

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



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Detail ⓘ

Name	Cora Lee Harris
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	12 Nov 1911
Marriage Place	Erath, Texas, USA
Recording Date	14 Nov 1911
Recording Place	Erath, Texas, USA
Spouse	Cecil Estes

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9168/records/925244517>

William Cecile Estes

BRECKENRIDGE — Graveside services for William Cecile Estes, 102, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Marion Cemetery in Strawn with Jim Cox officiating, directed by Morehart Mortuary.

He died Saturday at a local hospital.

Mr. Estes was born in Denison County, grew up in Strawn and Thurber. He had worked in the coal mines and as a gasoline manufacturer for T&P Coal and Oil Co.

He was a member of Elliott Street Church of Christ and the widower of Cora Harris and Lucy Oyler.

Survivors include a son, Homer Rayford Estes of Leveland; a daughter, Martha Keller of Breckenridge; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Sun, Feb 24, 1991 · Page 12

Abilene TX

Dollie Bell Ronald

STEPHENVILLE — Dollie Bell Ronald, 99, a band director, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at a nursing home.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at Lacy Funeral Home. Officiating, Rev. Neal Dancer. Burial: Mt. Marion Cemetery in Stephenville.

Dollie Ronald was born May 10, 1889, in Troy. She had lived in Stephenville since 1981 after moving from Lampasas. She was married to A.B. Ronald, who preceded her in death. She was a Baptist.

Survivors: Sisters, Ruby Rogers of Stephenville and Jessie May Edwards of Tulsa, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Lacy Funeral Home
Stephenville, (254) 968-2102

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
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Sister Dollie Bell Harris Ronald (1898-1998)

Dollie Bell Ronald

Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000



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Detail ⓘ

Name	Dollie Bell Ronald [Dollie Bell Harris]
Gender	Female
Marital Status	Widowed
Death Age	99
Birth Date	abt 1899 [abt 1899]
Death Date	4 Mar 1998
Death Place	Erath, Texas, USA
Father	Leon Idis Harris
Mother	Nancy Kelly
Case Number	24589

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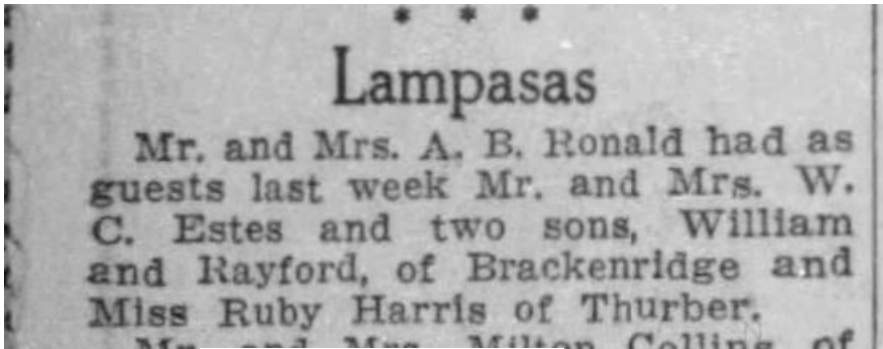
Dollie Belle Harris

Texas, U.S., Select County Marriage Index, 1837-1965  

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Detail 	
Name	Dollie Belle Harris
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	24 Dec 1916
Marriage Place	Erath, Texas, United States
Spouse	Alex B Ronald
FHL Film Number	1018631

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60183/records/1094406>



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DEATHS

TULSA

Bingham, Calvin, 75, died Monday. Services 2 p.m. Friday, Moore's Southlawn Funeral Home Chapel.

Cairl, John Franklin, 55, CSR Hydro Conduit sales manager, died Wednesday. Services pending. Floral Haven, Broken Arrow.

Claybaugh, Bernice, 96, retired PBX operator, died Wednesday. Services 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oliver-Whisenhunt Funeral Home Chapel.

Codrey, Marguerite, 87, homemaker, died Thursday. Services pending. Fitzgerald Ivy.

Cunningham, Robbie, 71, died Jan. 19. Services 2 p.m. Saturday, Southminster Presbyterian Church. Cremation Society of Oklahoma.

Durbin, Bessie Nell, 77, retired telephone operator, died Thursday. Services pending. Floral Haven, Broken Arrow.

Edwards, Jessie M., 99, homemaker, died Wednesday. No local services planned. Ninde Garden.

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Fri, Jan 28, 2000 · Page 2

Tulsa OK

Sister Jessie Mae Harris Edwards (1900-2000)

Jessie Mae Edwards

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



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Detail ⓘ

Name	Jessie Mae Edwards [Jessie M Edwards] [Jessie Mae Harris]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	16 Sep 1900
Birth Place	Unity Erath, Texas [Thurber, Texas]
Death Date	26 Jan 2000
Father	Leondis S Harris
Mother	Elizabeth Kelly
SSN	457177208
Notes	03 Oct 1972: Name Listed As Jessie Mae Edwards; 28 Oct 1983: Name Listed As Jessie M Edwards

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ORIGINAL *RW*

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) <i>Edwards Jack</i>			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)	
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>April-30-1918</i>		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>Jan. 6-1919 HON</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) ☐ HEBREW (Star of David) ☐ NONE
4. SERVICE NO. <i>2 808 478</i>		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. <i>3062-8CC</i>		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☒ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER ☐ FLAT BRONZE MARKER
6. STATE <i>Texas</i>	7. GRADE <i>Sargeant</i>	8. MEDALS <i>none</i>		
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP <i>9th Co 3rd Bn 165th D.B. Army-Depot Brigade</i>			14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) <i>Jackson Undertaking Co.</i>	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>Sept. 20, 1895</i>			15. FREIGHT STATION <i>806 West Dallas, Houston, Tex.</i>	
11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <i>Sept. 12-1953</i>			16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) <i>College Park Cem. W. Dallas Houston</i>	
DO NOT WRITE HERE			17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY.	
RECEIVED <i>201</i>			SIGNATURE <i>William J. Edwards</i> DATE <i>7-12-54</i>	
VERIFIED <i>JAN 21 1954</i>			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) <i>William J. Edwards</i>	
B/UY 2458714 <i>FEB 12 1954</i>			19. I certify this application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.	
ORDERED <i>COLUMBUS MARBLE</i> <i>COLUMBUS, MISS.</i>			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>William J. Edwards</i> DATE <i>7-12-54</i>	

QMC FORM 13 OCT 52 646 REPLACES QOMG FORM 623, 6 FEB 49 WHICH MAY BE USED

IMPORTANT—Reverse Side Must Be Completed

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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1320	1. NAME (Print) Jack (None) Edwards (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 433 So. Busk Ranger Eastland Texas. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Box 175, Ranger, Tex. (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE No	5. AGE IN YEARS 46 DATE OF BIRTH Mar 15 1896 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Erath Co Texas (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Jack Edwards, Box 175, Ranger, Tex.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS T.P.G. & O. Co., Ranger, Tex.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Same (Number and street or R.F.D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	(over)	16-21630-2 Jack Edwards (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5-7	135	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light
	Gray	Red	Ruddy
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Dark
	Brown	Black	Freckled
Indian	Black	Gray	Light brown
	Bald	Gray	Dark brown
Filipino			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification

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

Registrar for Local Board
Local Board No. 1
Eastland County
85
133
Apr 12 1942
A.R. 27 1942 001
Court House
Eastland, Texas
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

16-21630-1

Jessie M. Edwards

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail

Name	Jessie M. Edwards
Social Security Number	457-17-7208
Birth Date	16 Sep 1900
Issue year	1973
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	74133, Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	26 Jan 2000

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Jack Edwards

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail

Name	Jack Edwards
Social Security Number	456-09-3994
Birth Date	15 Mar 1896
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	76201, Denton, Denton, Texas, USA
Death Date	Oct 1985

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Jack Edwards

U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2020



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Detail

Name	Jack Edwards
Gender	Male
Birth Date	15 Mar 1896
Death Date	14 Oct 1985
SSN	456093994
Enlistment Branch	Army
Enlistment Date	18 Sep 1917
Discharge Date	18 Jun 1919
Page number	1

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Form 1 571 REGISTRATION CARD No. 15

1 Name in full Jack Edwards Age in yrs 21

2 Home address Thurber Texas

3 Date of birth March 15th 1896

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural

5 Where were you born? Thurber Texas U.S.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your trade, occupation, or office? Local miner

8 By whom employed? S.P. Coale

9 Where employed? Thurber Texas

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? Jack's Mother

11 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which)? Caucasian

12 What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____

13 Do you claim exemption (from death specifically grounds)? No

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

Jack Edwards
(Registrant or next of kin)

REGISTRATION REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? Short Slender, medium, or stout (which)? Medium

2 Color of eyes? Gray Color of hair? Light Build? No

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? No

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

[Signature]
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct 16-C

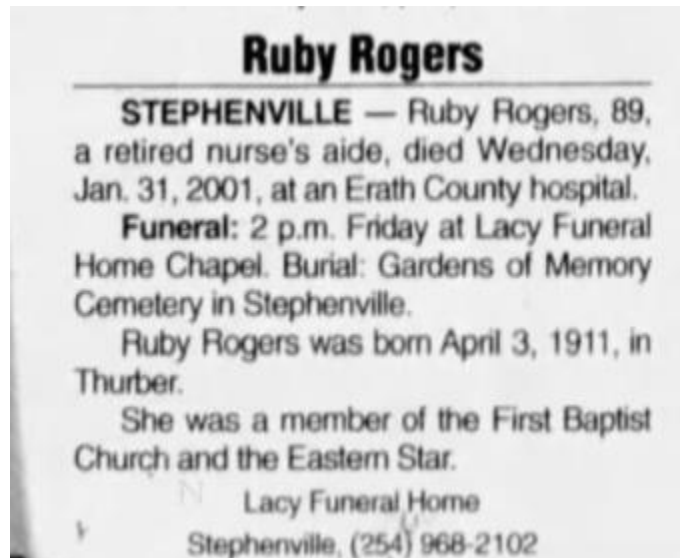
City or County Smith

State Texas

Jan 5th 1917
(Date of registration)

Local Board, Erath County
Stephenville, Texas

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Obituary of *sister Ruby Vivian Harris Rogers (1911-2001)* – “Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” 2 Feb 2001 p 31

735-8		15875		Thurber	
Reg. No. 0422		Texas State Board of Health		Town	
Certificate of Birth				County Erath	
Date of Birth April-3-11		Name of Child Not named			
Sex Girl	Race or Color White	Legitimate Otherwise	Alive or Stillborn alive		
Name of Father L. S. Harris		Nationality American			
Maiden Name of Mother Lizzie Keeley		Nationality American			
Residence of Parents Thurber		Street No. {House #10}			
Occupation of Father Laborer					
Name and Residence of Person Reporting D. H. Dorset M. D. Thurber					
Permanent Record. Write plainly with unfading ink. Place 1-cent stamp on reverse side and mail within 5 days to City Registrar if birth occurs in incorporated town; otherwise to County Clerk.					
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NO		SIGN, OR KIND OF WORK DONE			

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NOK = next-of-kin



Name: Homer Girtree Harris

Name variations: name on WWI draft appears to read Homer Girtice Harris

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade, then 15th Inf. Training Regt., then 2nd Div., 9th Inf. Co L - private

Serial number: 251,444

Entered service from: Thurber, Erath TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Homer G. Harris

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father L.S. Harris, 3 St. House #410, Thurber TX

Body returned from war on: "Wheaton" which sailed from Antwerp 5 Aug 1921 to Hoboken NJ

Body listed on return ship as: Harris, Homer G. (with a caret insertion mark - ^ - adding a 2nd handwritten "M" to the typed name Homer, indexed by Fold3 as Hommer G. Harris)

Rank: pvt, Co. L, 9th Inf.

World War I draft registration (1917): as Homer Girtice/Girtree Harris - 3 Jan 1896 Bell Co. TX; res: Thurber, Erath TX. Single. Laborer, Texas & Pacific Coal Co. Thurber TX. Card signed H.G. Harris.

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate

Enlisted

Discharged

Address:

Rank/unit:

TX, WWI Military Record:

Homer G. Harris, serial 251444, resident of Thurber, Erath TX. Inducted into Army at Stephenville TX on 8 Oct 1917 at age 21 years, 10 months. Born Bell Co. TX. In 165th Depot Brigade to ---; Co. 7, 15th Infantry, Tng Regt to 15 Apr 1918; Co. L, 9th Infantry to discharge. Rank: private. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to death. Killed in action 2 Jun 1918. Father L.S. Harris, 410 – 3rd St., Thurber TX notified of death.

Birth & death:

Born: 5 Jan 1896 Bell Co. TX

Died: 2 Jun 1918 Chateau Thierry/Belleau Wood, France

Find A Grave record: 77120684 (as Homer Girtree Harris) – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Strawn, Palo Pinto TX – originally buried in Thurber Cemetery, Thurber, Erath TX

Cemetery: Mount Marion

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Texas Pvt. 9 Inf. 2 Div.

Father: Leonidas Signor Harris, 7 Sep 1868 GA – 3 Jul 1962 Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto TX.

Son of Benton Henley Harris & Cynthia Mahala Moore.

Buried in Mount Marion Cemetery, Strawn, Palo Pinto TX.

Find A Grave: 90080995

Mother: Nancy Elizabeth ("Lizzy") Kelley Harris, 23 Jun 1872 GA – 31 Aug 1962 Palo Pinto Co. TX.

Also used the name Elizabeth.

Daughter of James Thomas Kelley & Millie Ann Pierce.

Buried in Mount Marion Cemetery, Strawn, Palo Pinto TX.

Find A Grave: 57936985

Parents' marriage: 24 Dec 1888 Marshall Co. AL

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

- **James Ernest Harris**, 17 Jan 1882 Marshall Co. AL – 28 Mar 1912 Thurber, Erath TX. - Bricklayer for T & P Coal Co. at time of death. Died at age 20 years, 2 months, 11 days of cerebrospinal meningitis. Single. - Buried in Thurber Cemetery, Thurber, Erath TX. F: 90076024
- **William (Willie) Cicero Harris**, 18 Oct 1889 Marshall Co. AL – 7 Sep 1967 Ranger, Eastland TX. – WWI veteran. Husband of Bessie May Halbert (19 Nov 1889 – 21 May 1961, buried in Evergreen Cemetery with Willie, F: 84826164). Willie & Bessie married 26 Jan 1911 in Roosevelt, Kiowa OK. She had earlier married James Thomas Irving (1891-1934) on 12 Jul 1913 in Erath Co. TX. She listed herself as divorced in the 1920 census. - Electrician, Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co at time of death. Retired electrician. - TX death certificate lists him as Willie Cicero Harris. - Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Ranger, Eastland TX. F: 84826226
- **Cora Lee Harris Estes**, 17 Jan 1894 AL – 17 Oct 1934 Breckenridge, Stephens TX. - First wife of William Cecil (Cecile in obituary) Estes (1888-1991, F: 40100842), who married Louzetta Oyler (1900-1966) in 1935. – Cora married “Cecil Estes” on 12 Nov 1911 in Erath Co. TX. - Buried in Mount Marion Cemetery, Strawn, Palo Pinto TX. F: 40100901
- **Dollie Bell Harris Ronald**, 10 May 1898 Troy, Bell TX – 4 Mar 1998 Stephenville, Erath TX. - Age 11 in 1910 census. - Wife of Alexander Bowie Ronald (1891-1964, F: 64569699) whom she married 24 Dec 1916 in Erath Co. TX. Her name is Dollie Belle Harris on their marriage license & his is Alex B. Ronald. - Her obituary from the “Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram” 5 Mar 1988 is copied on her Find A Grave record. - Died at age 99. Was a band director. Lived in Stephenville TX since 1981 when she moved from Lampasas. - Buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Rumley, Lampasas TX. F: 64569717
- **Jessie Mae Harris Edwards**, 16 Sep 1900 Unity, Erath TX – 26 Jan 2000 Tulsa, Tulsa OK. SSN 457-17-7208. - Age 9 in 1910 census. - Wife of Jack Edwards (b. 15 Mar 1896 Thurber, Erath TX), whom she married on 17 May 1920 & who predeceased her. – In 1940, Jack Edwards (44 TX, oil field worker) lived with wife Jessie M. (39 TX) & daughters June A. (18 TX) & Jacqueline (9 TX) in Justice Precinct 1, Eastland Co. TX, as of 3 Apr 1940. – In 1950, Jack Edwards (54 TX, painter, building) lived in Dallas, Dallas TX as of 4 Apr 1950 with wife Jessie M. (49 TX) & wife Jacqueline (19 TX, stenographer, power & light company). – Jessie was a resident of Tulsa OK in 1998.
- **Ruby Vivian Harris Rogers**, 3 Apr 1911 Thurber, Erath TX – 31 Jan 2001 Erath Co. TX (in a hospital). - Wife of Raymond Martin Rogers (1905-1971). - Was a nurse's aide. - Buried in Erath Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Stephenville, Erath TX. F: 44482583

Notes:

THURBER, TEXAS

Texas' Premier Ghost Town
Thurber Historic District
U.S. National Register of Historic Places

32° 30' 26" N, 98° 25' 2" W (32.507222, -98.417222)

Erath County, Central Texas North
near Palo Pinto County line
I-20
70 miles W of Fort Worth
Population: 48 (2010)

Homer's town of Thurber in Erath County TX is a ghost town today. Once the principal bituminous-coal mining town in TX, it had a population of 8,000 to 10,000 in 1918-1920. It had been built by the Johnson Coal Co. but taken over by the Texas & Pacific Coal Company in 1988. This was the company Homer named as his employer on his 5 Jun 1917 WWI draft card.

Thurber was a complete company town. The company fenced off its houses, churches, saloons, opera house, hotel, stores and electric plant - and armed guards patrolled the perimeter in order to keep labor union organizers out. The businesses included a brick plant [which Homer's father worked for]. Labor was mostly immigrants from Europe and Mexico, whose lack of English made it possible for them to be repressed. Employees used company scrip instead of money in the town, which was discounted from the actual value in US currency. Thurber was the first completely electrified town in Texas.

In 1903 negotiations with unions, however, resulted in Thurber becoming the only 100% closed-shop city in the US.

But the town dwindled, experienced labor unrest and strikes. Many miners left by 1927 and businesses began to close, until by 1939 Thurber was virtually abandoned.

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/thurber-tx>
<http://www.texasescapes.com/Ghosts/Ghost-of-Thurber.htm>
http://www.texasescapes.com/FEATURES/Thurber_Texas/Thurber_Texas_ghosttown.htm
<https://havingfuninthetexasun.com/2018/09/22/thurber-ghost-town-thurber/>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 11 Feb 1918 p 6 – among the survivors: Homer G. Harris, Mardsen OK. [This newspaper story mixed up Homer G. Harris with Leonardus A. Harris who was from Marsden OK – an example of the error-ridden newspaper accounts of the Tuscania]

"Le Meschacebe" (Bonnet Carre LA) 16 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the saved: Homer G. Harris, Thurber TX

"El Paso Herald" 21 Jun 1918 p 2 - today's casualty list includes Pvt. Homer G. Harris, Thurber TX, killed in action.

"Fort Worth (TX) Record-Telegram" 22 Jun 1918 p 3 – on the Army casualty list of 21 Jun 1918: killed in action – Pvt. Homer G. Harris, Thurber TX.

Post-war:

Newspaper articles above describe his funeral in Thurber TX in Sep 1921.

Namesake of Homer G. Harris American Legion Post No. 33, which was closed around 1933 as the abandonment of Thurber TX continued.

"Fort Worth (TX) Record-Telegram" 4 May 1927 p 9 – Homer G. Harris Post No. 14 of the American Legion in Thurber TX donated \$25 to the Tarrant Co. TX Red Cross flood relief fund.

Stories about the Legion's huge water carnival in 1922 are printed in the "Fort Worth (TX) Record-Telegram" 24 Jun 1922 p 15 and 2 Jul 1922 p 9.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 7, Erath TX - conducted 7 Jun 1900

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7602/images/4118461_00121?treeid=&perso_nid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=70588135

Leonidas Harris, 31 GA, Sep 1868, parents g. GA, married 11 years, farmer

Lizzie, 26 GA, Jun 1873, parents b. GA, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Ciero, 10 AL, Oct 1889, at school

Ernest, 9 AL, Jan 1891, at school

Cora L., 6 AL, Jan 1884

Girtie, 4 TX, Jan 1886 [identified as a daughter]

Dollie D., 2 TX, May 1898



The Thurber
Brick yards.
Old post card TE
Archives

http://www.texasescapes.com/FEATURES/Thurber_Texas/Thurber_Texas_ghosttown.htm

1910 Thurber, Erath TX – conducted 5 May 1910

Leon S. Harris, 42 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, teamster, brick yard

Lizzie, 36 GA, parents b. GA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

William C., 20 AL, laborer, odd jobs

James E., 18 AL, laborer, odd jobs

Cora L., 16 AL

Homer G., 14 TX [indexed as S. but debatable]

Dollie B., 11 TX

Jessie M., 9 TX

1920 Justice Precinct 7, Erath Co. TX – conducted 28 Jan 1920

L.S. Harris, 50 GA, parents b. GA, laborer

Lizzie, 46 GA, parents b. GA, house wife

Will [indexed as Wile], 30 AL, sales man, grocery store

Jessy May, 19 TX, clerk in [illegible] office, T.P. Case

Ruby, 8 GA

The next census entry is for W.C. Estes (32 TX, parents b. TX, pipe fitter, T P Co.) & wife Cora L. (26 AL, parents b. AL – Leonidas & Lizzie's married daughter – and sons William (7 TX) & Buford (1 month TX).

1930 Strawn, Palo Pinto TX – conducted 17 Apr 1930

Leonidas S. Harris, 61 GA, age 20 at 1st marriage, hauling, truck

Elizabeth, 57 GA, parents b. GA, age 16 at 1st marriage

Ruby V., 19 TX

1940 Strawn, Palo Pinto TX – same house in 1935 for Leonidas, Lizzie & Ruby - conducted 12 Apr 1950

L.S. Harris, 71 GA

Lize Harris, 67 GA [wife]

R.M.. Rogers, 34 TX, married, clerk, grocery store, in 1935 in Roswell, Clovis NM [son-in-law]

Ruby Rogers, 28 TX, married [daughter]

1950 Strawn, Palo Pinto TX – conducted Apr 1940

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Some of the searches lead to the wrong census page:

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Leonidas S. Harris, 81 GA

Nancy E. Harris, 77 GA [wife]

Ruby V. Rogers, 39 TX, married [daughter]

Raymond L. Rogers, 44 TX, married, laborer, Liteweight Aggregate Co. [son-in-law]