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Tuscania casualty
Hurst, Raymond Thomas
1894 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



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NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Hurst, Raymond T.		Pvt	62nd Co 165 Dep Brig Camp Travis Det #1	Feb 5/18

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POCASSET ITEMS

On Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davidson, a surprise party was given in honor of their daughter, Myrtle's, twenty-first birthday the 19th of March.

The following were present: Misses Fannie Franklin, Josephene, Glessie White, and Norabell Davidson, Bessie Brown, Clarabell and Helen Childs, Edith, Rae and Gladys Mason, Carolyn Dawson, Ura Fentress, Hazel Jensen, Irpel and Cleo Curtis. Gladys and Lillian Roberts; Messers. Russell and Willie Hamilton, Eugene Davidson, Bryan Franklin, Richard and Raymond Hurst, Leslie Sanders, Lawrence Franklin, Floyd and Otto Roberts, A. W. Liles, V. K. Curtis Joe Brown, Earl Brimer, Roland Mason, Arthur Childs, Harold Moore, Harry Carter, Justin, Murl and Lorean Clark and Ed Martin.

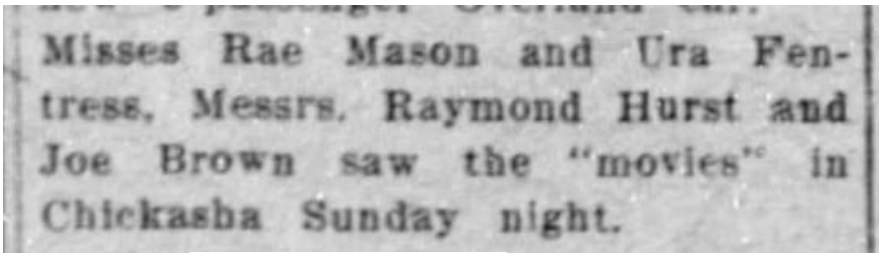
The evening was spent in music and games, and refreshments were served which consisted of gum, candy, apples and oranges.

Miss Davidson received several nice and useful presents. All reported a nice time and wish her many more happy birthdays.

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Minco OK – brothers Raymond & Richard

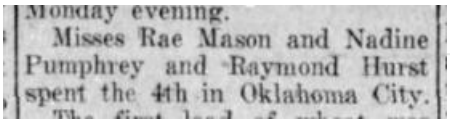
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Misses Rae Mason and Ura Fentress, Messrs. Raymond Hurst and Joe Brown saw the "movies" in Chickasha Sunday night.

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Monday evening.
Misses Rae Mason and Nadine Pumphrey and Raymond Hurst spent the 4th in Oklahoma City.

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Harve McInish is visiting friends and relatives in Texas.

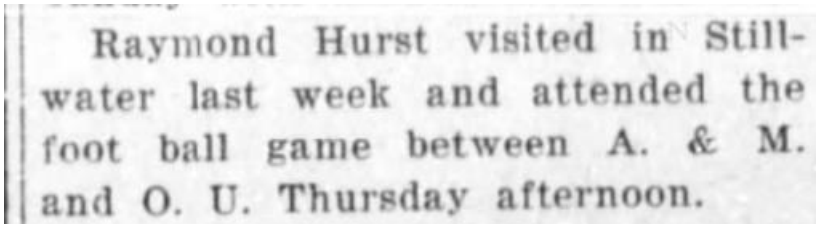
Miss Millie Hill spent Saturday night in Oklahoma City.

Chester Minter is in Kansas City buying goods.

Max Garrett of Verden was the week end guest of Raymond Hurst.

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Raymond Hurst visited in Stillwater last week and attended the foot ball game between A. & M. and O. U. Thursday afternoon.

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LIST OF REGISTRANTS OF NORTHERN DISTRICT WITH SERIAL NUMBERS

49 Henry Tucker Coleman, Poca.
50 Clyde M. Beddingfield, Poc.
51 Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset
52 Roy Lee Lipe, Pocasset
53 Samuel M. James, Amber

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Following are the first 304 numbers drawn in the draft lottery and the men holding the numbers in the northern part of Grady county, including Chickasha, who are called for physical examinations:

245 W. C. Reynolds, Tabler.
246 J. E. Stevenson, Chickasha.
247 R. T. Hurst, Pocasset.
248 W. W. Montgomery, Chickasha.
249 V. A. Robins, Minco.

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Raymond Hurst and Miss Ray Mason were in Chickasha Monday afternoon.

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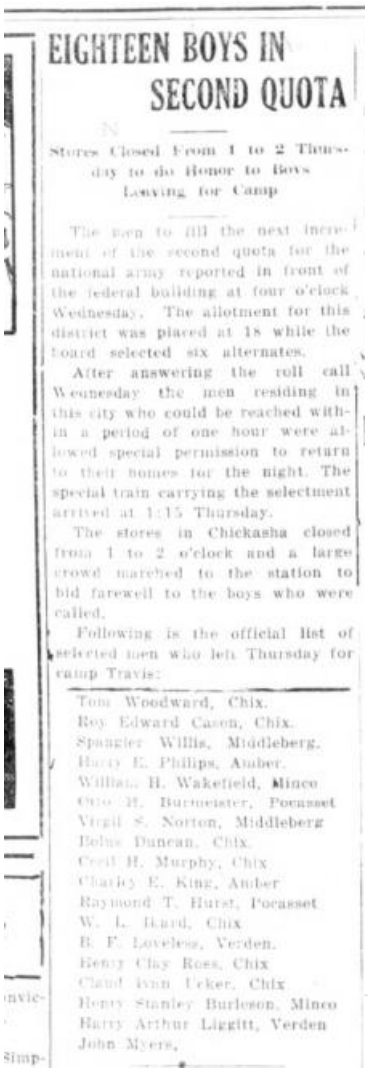
THESE MEN MAY BE CALLED IN SECOND QUOTA DRAFT

The following men have been designated by the district exemption board at Tulsa as being physically fit for military service and not exempted:

31 Roy Edward Cason, Chickasha.
190 Willie B. Horn, Minco.
210 Bolus Duncan, Chickasha.
220 Edmond Ellis Cowan, Chickasha.
231 Cecil H. Murphy, Chickasha.
233 Charley E. King, Amber.
234 Weaver Gray, Chickasha.
247 Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset.
248 Walter W. Montgomery, Chickasha.
273 W. L. Ikard, Chickasha.
283 Ralph L. Hallum, Chickasha.
303 B. F. Loveless, Verden.
311 James D. Bule, Chickasha.
321 John W. Honeycutt, Chickasha.
339 Lester S. Kerr, Chickasha.
356 Claud I. Ucker, Chickasha.
366 James G. Flatau, Chickasha.
402 James Newton Parsons, Chickasha.
435 Roy F. Ford, Chickasha.
439 William C. Moore, Tuttle
478 James E. Burbs, Tuttle.
480 Ralph T. Cole, Tuttle.
488 Ford W. McGee, Chickasha.
503 Cecil A. Sanford, Chickasha.
552 William L. Basinger, Tuttle.
574 Robert D. Ketner, Tuttle.
577 Jack Marlow, Minco.
579 Dick Moffett, Tuttle.
598 Otie Newton Turner, Chickasha.
601 James R. Riley, Chickasha.
608 Jake Hightower, Chickasha.
616 Richard K Wootten, Jr., Chix.
656 Elgin L. Smith, Verden.
661 Robert E. Farmer, Naples.
69 Tom Woodward, Chickasha.
103 Henry M. Stevenson, Chickasha.
106 Jim McAfee, Chickasha.
113 Harry E. Phillips, Amber.
136 William H. Wakefield, Minco.
163 Otto H. Burmeister, Pocasset.
174 Willie Taylor, Chickasha.

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EIGHTEEN BOYS IN SECOND QUOTA

Stores Closed From 1 to 2 Thursday to do Honor to Boys Leaving for Camp

The men to fill the next increment of the second quota for the national army reported in front of the federal building at four o'clock Wednesday. The allotment for this district was placed at 18 while the board selected six alternates.

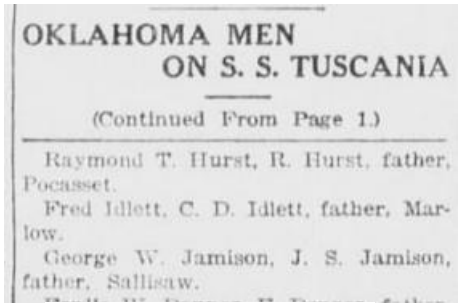
After answering the roll call Wednesday the men residing in this city who could be reached within a period of one hour were allowed special permission to return to their homes for the night. The special train carrying the selectment arrived at 1:15 Thursday.

The stores in Chickasha closed from 1 to 2 o'clock and a large crowd marched to the station to bid farewell to the boys who were called.

Following is the official list of selected men who left Thursday for camp Travis:

Tom Woodward, Chix.
Roy Edward Cason, Chix.
Spangler Willis, Middleberg.
Harry E. Philips, Amber.
William H. Wakefield, Minco
Otto H. Burmeister, Pocasset
Virgil S. Norton, Middleberg
Bolus Duncan, Chix.
Cecil H. Murphy, Chix
Charley E. King, Amber
Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset
W. L. Baird, Chix
B. F. Loveless, Verden.
Henry Clay Ross, Chix
Claud Ivan Ucker, Chix
Henry Stanley Burleson, Minco
Harry Arthur Liggitt, Verden
John Myers,

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Raymond T. Hurst, R. Hurst, father, Pocasset.

Fred Idlett, C. D. Idlett, father, Marlow.

George W. Jamison, J. S. Jamison, father, Sallisaw.

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Raymond T. Hurst, R. Hurst, father, Pocasset.

John Holloway, Mrs. Holloway, wife, Texanna.

Silas Hensley, Joe Hensley, brother, Boswell.

Albert R. Harrison, Mrs. Ellen Harrison, mother, RFD. No. 3, Roosevelt.

John H. Hartness, Mrs. Martha Hartness, wife, Collinsville.

Leonda A. Harris, J. N. Harris, father, Marsden.

First Lieutenant Ora L. Hemphill, Mrs. Oro Hemphill, wife, Tyron R. R.

Melvin E. Hagans, F. M. Hagans, father, Bismark.

Orald B. Hagers, Mrs. May Hagers, mother, 1207 Lowrey street, Stillwater.

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Thirty-Five Oklahomans' Names Are Still Among Missing With List of Survivors Incomplete

Washington Bureau of The Oklahoman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Names of 106 Oklahoma men who were aboard the submarined Tuscania appear in a list of the names of 1,741 survivors cabled from "An Irish Port" to the war department today.

This leaves thirty-five Oklahoma men known to have been aboard the boat unaccounted for. The names of three Oklahomans not included in the first lists of those reported on board showed up today in the list of survivors. They are Arthur G. Berry of Orlando, Howard J. Piper of Enid and Edward J. McMann of Prague. That makes a total of 141 Oklahomans known to have been aboard the vessel when she was torpedoed.

Relatives of men known to have been on the Tuscania and whose names do not appear in the list of survivors should feel reassured in the fact that the names of many survivors are yet to be received. They are coming in very slowly and there is no assurance when the list will be complete.

Three hundred and forty-five are still unaccounted for from the cabled list, but no official report has reached the war department to change the estimate that all except 113 of the men were saved.

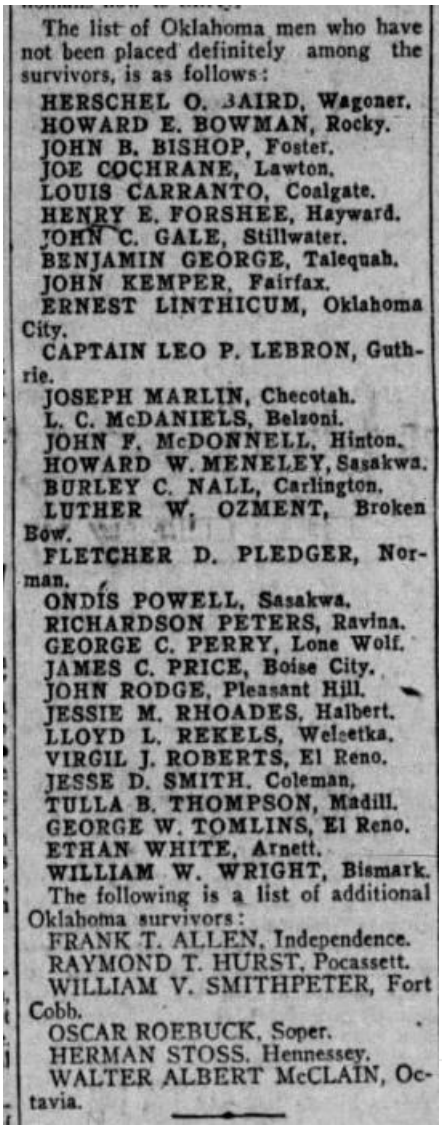
The following is a list of the Oklahoma men whose names have not been placed definitely among the survivors:

FRANK T. ALLEN, Independence.
HERSCHEL O. BAIRD, Wagoner.
HOWARD E. BOWMAN, Rocky.
JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster.
JOE COCHRANE, Lawton.
LOUIS CARRANTO, Coalgate.
HENRY E. FORSHEE, Hayward.
JOHN C. GALE, Stillwater.
BENJAMIN GEORGE, Talequah.
RAYMOND T. HURST, Stillwater.
JOHN KEMPER, Fairfax.
ERNEST LINTHICUM, Oklahoma City.
CAPTAIN LEO P. LEBRON, Guthrie.
JOSEPH MARLIN, Checotah.
L. C. McDANIELS, Belzoni.
JOHN F. McDONNELL, Hinton.
HOWARD W. MENELEY, Sasakwa.
BURLEY C. NALL, Carlington.
LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow.
FLETCHER D. PLEDGER, Norman.
ONDIS POWELL, Sasakwa.
RICHARDSON PETERS, Ravina.
GEORGE C. PERRY, Lone Wolf.
JAMES C. PRICE, Boise City.
JOHN RODGE, Pleasant Hill.
JESSIE M. RHOADES, Halbert.
LLOYD L. REKELS, Weleetka.
VIRGIL J. ROBERTS, El Reno.
OSCAR ROEBUCK, Soper.
JESSE D. SMITH, Coleman.
HERMAN STOSS, Hennessey.
TULLA B. THOMPSON, Madill.
GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno.
ETHAN WHITE, Arnett.
WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark.

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The list of Oklahoma men who have not been placed definitely among the survivors, is as follows:

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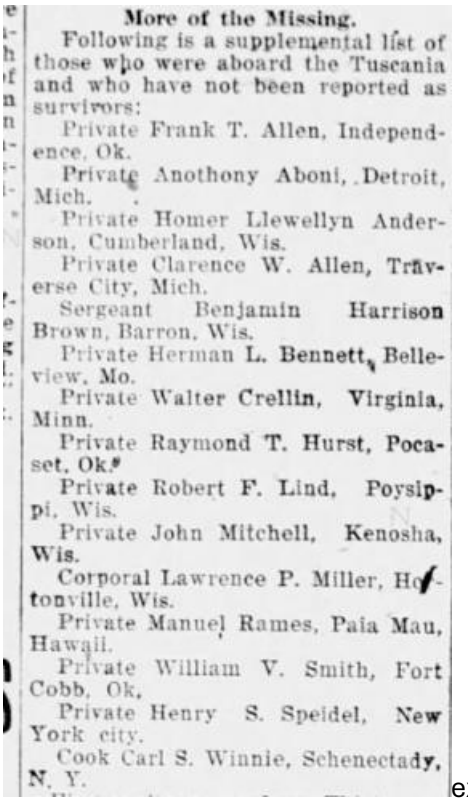
The following is a list of additional Oklahoma survivors:

FRANK T. ALLEN, Independence.
RAYMOND T. HURST, Pocassett.
WILLIAM V. SMITHPETER, Fort Cobb.
OSCAR ROEBUCK, Soper.
HERMAN STOSS, Hennessey.
WALTER ALBERT McCLAIN, Octavia.

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Incorrectly identified as a survivor – tomorrow's newspaper will announce his burial in Scotland

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More of the Missing.

Following is a supplemental list of those who were aboard the Tuscania and who have not been reported as survivors:

Private Frank T. Allen, Independence, Ok.

Private Anothony Aboni, Detroit, Mich.

Private Homer Llewellyn Anderson, Cumberland, Wis.

Private Clarence W. Allen, Traverse City, Mich.

Sergeant Benjamin Harrison Brown, Barron, Wis.

Private Herman L. Bennett, Belleview, Mo.

Private Walter Crellin, Virginia, Minn.

Private Raymond T. Hurst, Pocaset, Ok.

Private Robert F. Lind, Poysippi, Wis.

Private John Mitchell, Kenosha, Wis.

Corporal Lawrence P. Miller, Hortonville, Wis.

Private Manuel Rames, Paia Mau, Hawaii.

Private William V. Smith, Fort Cobb, Ok.

Private Henry S. Speidel, New York city.

Cook Carl S. Winnie, Schenectady, N. Y.

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12 OKLAHOMANS DIE ON TUSCANIA; BURIED ABROAD

Total Death List on Transport Believed to Be 171.

CAPTAIN LEBRON IN LIST

Norman, El Reno and Guthrie Youths Give Up Their Lives.

(By the Associated Press.)

A SCOTCH PORT, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Up to Tuesday night, a week after the disaster, 171 victims of the ill-fated Tuscania had been laid to rest at different points on the Scottish coast. They were divided as follows:

Americans, 131 identified and thirty-three unidentified; crew, four identified and three unidentified.

The following is the first complete list of Americans now buried on the Scottish coast. Each body, whether identified or not, was given a number. Thus at a point where 78 victims were buried side by side in a long trench the numbers run from 1 to 78 in the following order:

T. W. Herman, L. B. Reeder, William C. Keown, L. Roberts, Orville Casper, E. H. Duffy, Paul John C. Wood, W. R. Johnson, H. E. Page, C. B. West, T. Tuttle, Walter Brown, Clarence W. Short, H. Stewart, fireman, member of crew; **Raymond Butler**, Wisconsin; **James Logan**, crew; G. V. Zimmerman, J. Edwards, Butte, Mont.; George R. **Rheinhart**, Walter Crelline, William E. Bennett, G. E. Swanson, unidentified private, William P. Moran, G. J. **Jenkins**, **Charles McMillan**, crew, **Raymond T. Hurst** of Pocasset, Okla.; T. E. **Lawson**, T. E. Davison, W. **Hardy**, C. H. **Besner**, B. L. **Weeks**, Henry F. **Spidel**, David G. Renton, Julius D. **Wagner**, William J. **Tragesser**, **Alfio Licari**, **Percy A. Stevens**, **W. W. Wright** of Bismarck, Okla., Marcus B. Cook, B. N. Bjork, John C. Johnson, T. T. St. Clair, Arthur W. Collins, G. Lankenan, J. U. Cheshire, Gerald K. Clover, Frank Bruno, Milton Talley, Edwin R. Berkey, unidentified soldier, Philip E. Leigan, Curtiss Willard Wilson; unidentified member of crew, Frederick Allen, W. Rames, Homes L. Anderson, Fred M. Linton, J. B. Guerney, J. L. Pearce, Elmer R. L. Cowan, William T. McMurray, Samuel A. Pentecost, Russell F. Bennett, Robert F. Warren, **Luther W. Ormont** of Broken Bow, Okla.; William I. Droogs, I. Sims, J. P. Hawley, W. Matthews, unidentified soldier; Samuel P. Riggs, Norman C. Crucker, P. A. Agren, J. J. Byrge, Fred W. Rudolph, Milwaukee, Wis.; unidentified private; Herman Rupp.

Guthrie Captain Buried.

At another point in a long grave are 49 bodies. They are all in coffins and are numbered from 1 to 49 in the following order:

Unindentified private, **Jesse M. Rhoades** of Hubert, Okla.; **Captain Leo P. Lebron** of Guthrie, Okla.; John Jenkins, wireless operator; **James A. Price**, Boise City, Okla.; two unidentified privates, Claude W. Walker, Los Angeles; F. O. Peca; **George W. Tomlins**, El Reno; **Ethan Allen White**, Arnette, Okla.; unidentified private, Oscar Lee Smith Winters, Edgar E. Burnsa; unidentified member of crew; George Mems, unidentified private; **Tulla B. Thompson** of Madill; W. L. Whittington, Captain E. Philip Lightall, W. F. Wilson, unidentified private, Daniel Trobridge Bryant; unidentified private; William O. Williams, **Fletcher O. Pledger** of Norman, Okla.; three unidentified privates; W. F. Vickers; unidentified private; J. J. Buckley, **J. B. Bishop** of Foster, Okla.; two unidentified privates; E. F. Young, — Gilmore; Angel Perez; three unidentified member of crew; three unidentified privates; William Arthur Moore, Oris E. Hutchins.

Forty-four In Three Trenches.

At a third place forty-four victims are buried in three trenches, the largest holds eighteen bodies, another sixteen and a third ten. In the first named the bodies have been numbered from one to eighteen in this order:

Harry Carpenter; two unidentified privates; John A. Laacko, Rocco Calarese, Ade McCoy; two unidentified privates; Stanley A. **Ansperger**, E. A. Houston, Stanley L. Collins, Joseph G. Maystrick, Martin C. Herl, Otto Wicey, Clare Metzenbaumer, **Wilbur Clark** Jackson, John Eichammer, Ben Barker.

Those in the next grave are numbered from nineteen to thirty-four as follows:

Unidentified private; Wesley H. Hyat, Anstad Gunder, **William V. Smithpeter**, Fort Cobb, Okla.; William H Raisner, Fred N. Unger, Frank Dhabota, John O. Robinson, Edgar Cullen, J. P. Wasson, E. F. Church, Henry A. Stemmer, N. B. Short, three unidentified privates.

In a third grave only ten men were buried, tagged from one to ten as follows:

John Sloss, Riley F. Murray, H. G. Bates, Anthony Elboni, Winston A.

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TWELVE FROM STATE DIE ON TUSCANIA; ARE BURIED ABROAD

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Masock, L. N. Collins, Claud Bradley, J. B. Crow, D. E. Inglehart, A. S. Gillespie.

Most Complete List.

The Associated Press correspondent co-operated with the American army officers in obtaining these figures which go forward to Washington as the most accurate and complete list obtainable. The last seventeen of these bodies recovered—all Americans—were buried this afternoon, villagers again coming many miles in a downpour of rain to pay their simple tribute to the American dead. The bodies were brought to the burial place on one big motor truck which was followed along the route several miles long, by a squad of twenty-five khaki-clad American survivors and the mourners. One of the villagers carried the Union Jack while an American soldier had aloft the Stars and Stripes.

At the graveside the American soldiers sang the "Star-Spangled Banner," followed by the natives singing "God Save the King." The usual military salute was then fired, ending the ceremony.

To Have Permanent Enclosure.

Temporary fences have been built around the graves to be replaced by a permanent enclosure as soon as the materials can be brought to these desolate shores. A British colonel who has worked day and night since the disaster, helping the Americans bury their dead, announced today that the people of the nearby countryside had started a public subscription to erect a permanent monument to the Americans.

One American officer and fourteen men are still in a hospital at Glasgow.

Bodies Dashed on Rocks.

So many bodies came ashore in inaccessible places that great difficulty was experienced in conveying them to burial places. Some bodies were dashed upon the rocks at the base of precipitous cliffs higher than the palisades of the Hudson river. At one point forty-four bodies were recovered at the base of cliffs which rose to a height of 300 feet, making it impossible to remove them more than a few yards from the water's edge.

The absence of timber on the barren lands out of which to make coffins delayed the burials and made it necessary ultimately to bury most of the bodies of the men in their uniforms covered with canvas. Some coffins were provided from trees cut down for the purpose, but only a small proportion of the men were buried in this way.

A local undertaker at the point where [illegible] bodies were found soon exhausted his small available supply of coffins.

Trees Cut to Make Coffins.

Thereupon the owner of a big estate immediately ordered all of his employes to cut down the only clump of trees within miles in order to make coffins. These were provided twenty-five. No more trees were to be found so it was decided to place the coffins at the bottom of a great pit and then lay the bodies of the men in rows on top of them.

The over-layer of khaki-clad soldiers was placed in one great sheet of canvas. Another ten bodies were placed in this row and so on until all were ready for burial.

[illegible] where forty-four bodies were found no timber whatsoever was available and all the men had to be buried without coffins.

[illegible] Scotland.

[illegible] washed up in the district [illegible] were buried [illegible] dressed, but those coming [illegible] were [illegible] places [illegible] were [illegible] by groups of [illegible] and forty-four were [illegible] [illegible] recognition. The sea [illegible] the dead men against the

rocks and some of them were almost completely disrobed by the action of the water.

It was noted in most cases that nearly all the men wore lifebelts and that their clothing was saturated with oil, which came from the two great tanks on board the Tuscania. Immediately after the torpedoing of the steamer the men were thrown into the sea by the faulty launching of life boats and swam about in the oil laden waters before giving up the struggle in the darkness. Many of the men, however, were within a few yards of land after hours of rowing when the seas crushed their lifeboats against the rocks.

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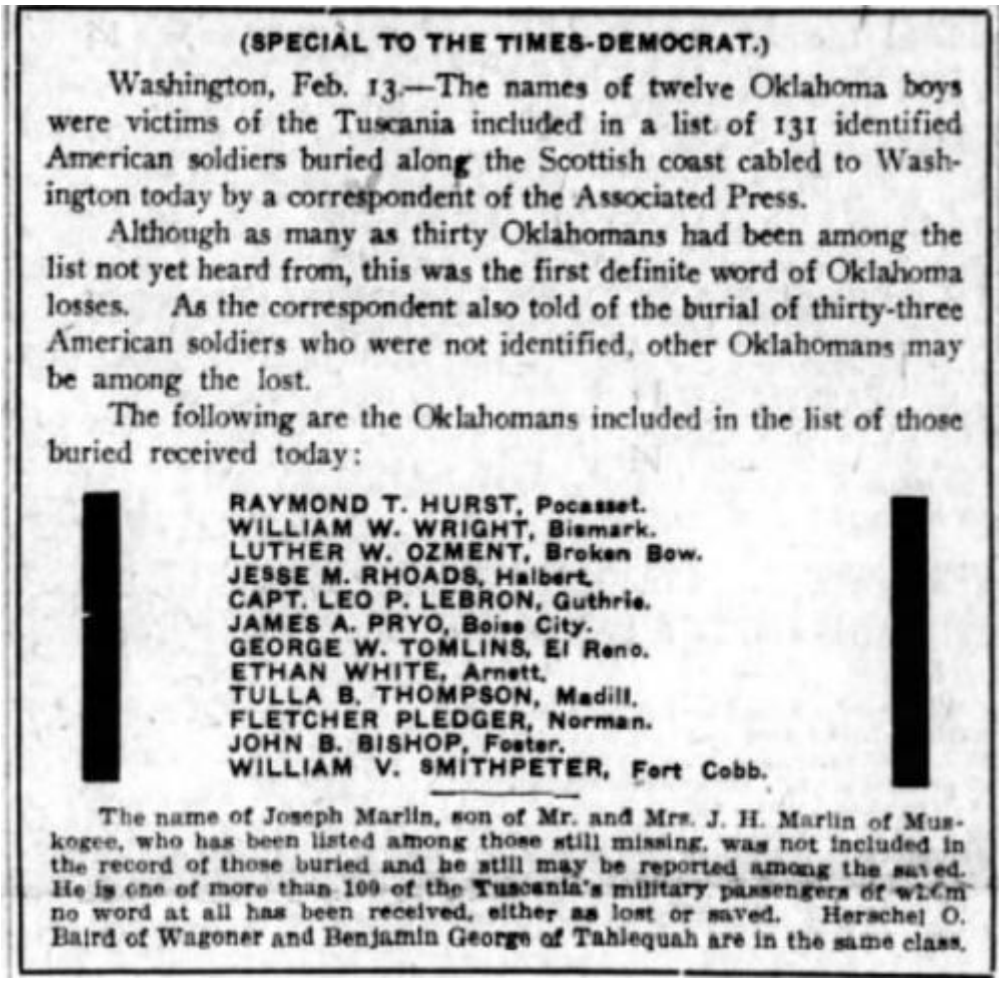
TWELVE IDENTIFIED OKLAHOMANS BURIED ON SCOTTISH COAST

Associated Press Correspondent Sends Names of 131 Soldiers, Victims of Tuscania, Who Were Laid to Rest There and Tells of Burial of 33 Unidentified Sammies; Villagers Brave Rainstorm to Attend Funeral.

MARLIN BOY NOT YET LISTED

(BULLETIN)

Washington, Feb. 13.—With 164 American soldiers of the Tuscania known to be dead and buried on the Scottish coast, an unofficial estimate today places the total loss of American troops at 265. After eliminating from the passenger list names of survivors and identified dead and accounting for 33 unidentified dead, 136 soldiers still are not accounted for and it is believed they are lost.



(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT.)

Washington, Feb. 13.—The names of twelve Oklahoma boys were victims of the Tuscania included in a list of 131 identified American soldiers buried along the Scottish coast cabled to Washington today by a correspondent of the Associated Press.

Although as many as thirty Oklahomans had been among the list not yet heard from, this was the first definite word of Oklahoma losses. As the correspondent also told of the burial of thirty-three American soldiers who were not identified, other Oklahomans may be among the lost.

The following are the Oklahomans included in the list of those buried received today:

RAYMOND T. HURST, Pocasset.
WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, Bismark.
LUTHER W. OZMENT, Broken Bow.
JESSE M. RHOADS, Halbert.
CAPT. LEO P. LEBRON, Guthrie.
JAMES A. PRYO, Boise City.
GEORGE W. TOMLINS, El Reno.
ETHAN WHITE, Arnett.
TULLA B. THOMPSON, Madill.
FLETCHER PLEDGER, Norman.
JOHN B. BISHOP, Foster.
WILLIAM V. SMITHPETER, Fort Cobb.

The name of Joseph Marlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marlin of Muskogee, who has been listed among those still missing, was not included in the record of those buried and he still may be reported among the saved. He is one of more than 100 of the Tuscania's military passengers of whom no word at all has been received, either as lost or saved. Herschel O. Baird of Wagoner and Benjamin George of Tahlequah are in the same class.

"Muskogee (OK) Times-Democrat" 13 Feb 1918 p 1

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12 OKLAHOMA BOYS PERISH ON TUSCANIA



Twelve Oklahoma boys, including Capt. Leo P. Le Bron of Guthrie, rest today beneath the ground on the rugged coast of Scotland, where they were buried after succumbing in the attack on the United States transport Tuscania, which was taking them as soldiers of America, to France.

Their names are contained in a list of 171 Americans who were buried at scattered points after their bodies had been recovered. The list was for warded by the Associated press from a Scotch port, and included in this list were the following sons of this state:

Capt Leo P Le Bron, Guthrie Mrs. L. P. Le Bron, wife.

Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset, Okla., R. Hurst father.

William W . Wright, Bismark, Okla, J. H. Wright, brother.

Jesse M. Rhoades, Halbert, Okla., J. M. Rhoades, father.

George W Tomlins, El Reno, father lives at El Reno.

Ethan Allen White, Arnette, Okla., Mrs. Lucy White, mother.

Tulla B. Thompson, Madill, Okla., Mrs. Alice Thomson, mother

Fletcher D. Pledger, Norman, Okla., Miss D. Pledger sister.

John B. Bishop, Foster, Okla., Mrs. Sarah Bishop, mother.

Luther W Ozment, Broken Bow, Okla, Mrs L Glenn mother

William V. Smithpeter, Ft. Cobb, Ok. W. G. Smithpeter, father.

James A. Price, Boise City, Okla., Ernest Price, brother.

R. T. Bennett, father of William E. Bennett, of Rogers, Ark., one of the Tuscania victims, is now living at Drumright, Okla.

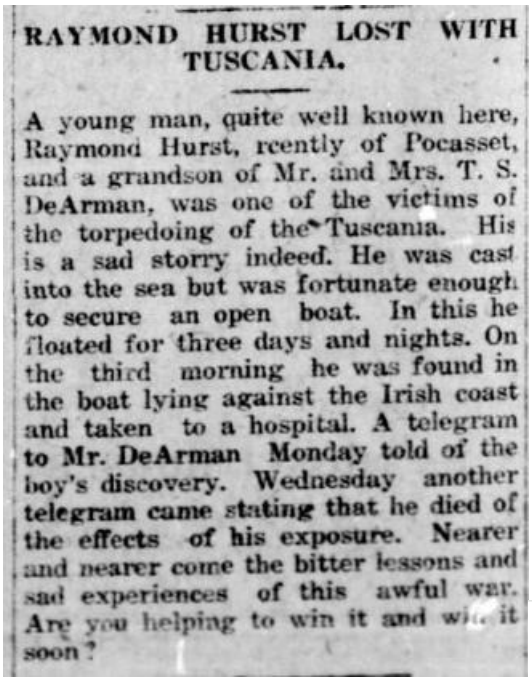


The following beautiful tribute paid to a departed soldier by the Watonga Herald, is also applicable to these Oklahoma boys, who went down with the Tuscania.

" This soldier died while life was still rich with hope and while his soul was still draped in the halo of ecstatic experiences. He died before he had learned many sad lessons that bring the premature gray to the temples of youth and before the harshness of the world had placed the crow feet beneath the eyes. He died while joyful illusions enraptured his fancy and while the song birds were still singing in the rose gardens of his heart. It means much for a young man to die. When old age comes tottering down to where the waves of mortality sweep the shores of the eternal regions and lays its burden of life on the horizon of earth's perplexities, we drop a tear, not so much that they have left us as for the great mystery that compelled them to die. But when a young man, such as he, loved by all who knew him, and honored by all who believe in justice in th whole world, young, strong, buoyant and ambitious, is called upon to give up all the golden days rich with faith and resplendent with all the brilliant sapphires of hope and love, we reach our arms toward eternity and wail out our unanswered question to the mystery. Why must this be? Though his life was short it was abundant with the experiences that test the souls of men, and he met them with that heroic fortitude that will place his name among those who have given their lives that civilization might live. There is much in his death to bow down the heart and much to bring the joyful memories back to all who have loved him in the years to come. He died for the freedom of the world. He died for us."

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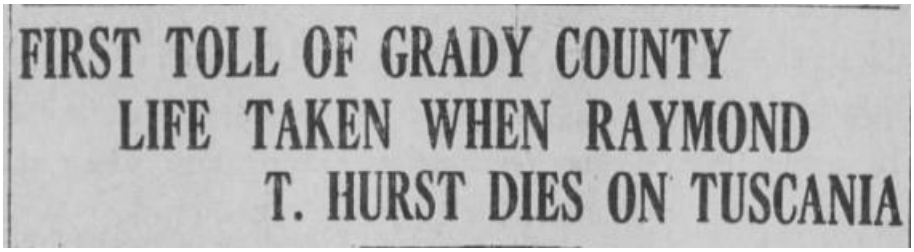


RAYMOND HURST LOST WITH TUSCANIA.

A young man, quite well known here, Raymond Hurst, rcently of Pocasset, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. DeArman, was one of the victims of the torpedoing of the Tuscania. His is a sad storry indeed. He was cast into the sea but was fortunate enough to secure an open boat. In this he floated for three days and nights. On the third morning he was found in the boat lying against the Irish coast and taken to a hospital. A telegram to Mr. DeArman Monday told of the boy's discovery. Wednesday another telegram came stating that he died of the effects of his exposure. Nearer and nearer come the bitter lessons and sad experiences of this awful war. Are you helping to win it and wi[illegible] it soon?

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Mangum OK – Raymond did NOT float for 3 days & nights, as his lifeboat landed on Islay either late on the night of the sinking (5 Feb) or early the next day – Islay was in Scotland, not Ireland



FIRST TOLL OF GRADY COUNTY
LIFE TAKEN WHEN RAYMOND
T. HURST DIES ON TUSCANIA

According to reports of this morning, the slimy, undersea U-boats of Germany have taken the first toll of life from Grady county, bringing the realization directly to the doors of Grady county people that grim, unrelenting was is to be dealt with.

Messages state that Raymond T. Hurst of Pocasset was one of the victims of the Tuscania, and that his body is buried somewhere on the rugged Scottish coast.

Raymond T. Hurst was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hurst, who lived a mile and a half west and a mile south of Pocasset. They were farmers, and as such Raymond, with his older brother grew to manhood. Raymond was born in Corsicana Tex., on Sept 21, 1894, and moved to the Pocasset farm a few years ago, with the family.

On March 3, 1917, he became a member of the local Elks lodge and by his sunny disposition and gentlemanly manner made friends with many in Chickasha, such friends extending among men of all walks of life.

For a time prior to his being inducted into the army, he worked in a drug store in Pocasset. Speaking of him this morning, one of his Chickasha friends said:

"It certainly is with regret that I learned of his death. It seems that he was predestined to end his life in the service of the United States.

"In May he made an attempt to join the navy, but was turned down on account of a physical defect. Later he made application to join the army, but again he was refused. Therefore, he thought that it would be impossible for him to pass the physical examination of the draft. He rented a farm and was preparing to make a crop this year. He was also engaged to be married. When called for physical examination with the other selectmen of Grady county, he passed, not only at this place, but at Camp Travis. He left here with the Grady county boys on October 3.

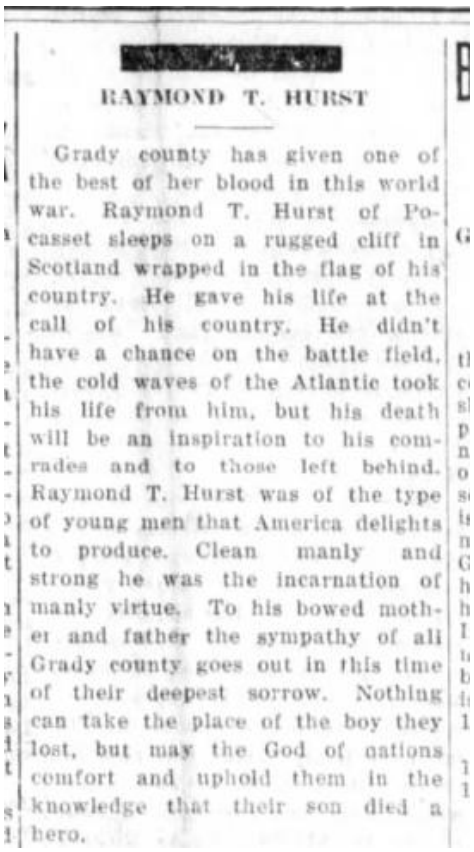
"He did not see Chickasha or Grady county again after leaving for the camp as he was not granted a furlough. He worked hard in the army and gained advancement. I think he left Camp Travis in December, as in that month I received the last letter from him.

"He was one of the most clean minded, manly chaps it has ever been my pleasure to know. He made many friends wherever he went. In conversations with him after the declaration of war with Germany, he expressed a desire to do his bit for the country he loved. He has done it now, although he did not get to take a single shot at the Boches. He paid the supreme sacrifice and I am sure that he met death like a man."

News from Pocasset this morning stated that his family had rented their farm and had moved to the eastern section of the state. The definite address of his father at this time was not learned.

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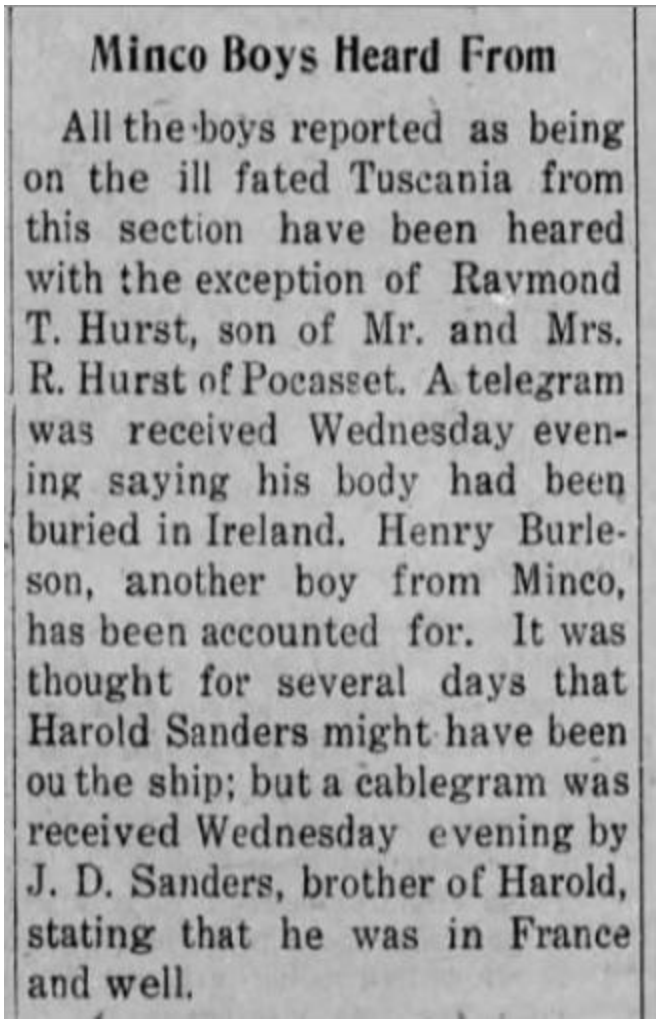


RAYMOND T. HURST

Grady county has given one of the best of her blood in this world war. Raymond T. Hurst of Pocasset sleeps on a rugged cliff in Scotland wrapped in the flag of his country. He gave his life at the call of his country. He didn't have a chance on the battle field, the cold waves of the Atlantic took his life from him, but his death will be an inspiration to his comrades and to those left behind. Raymond T. Hurst was of the type of young men that America delights to produce. Clean manly and strong he was the incarnation of manly virtue. To his bowed mother and father the sympathy of all Grady county goes out in this time of their deepest sorrow. Nothing can take the place of the boy they lost, but may the God of nations comfort and uphold them in the knowledge that their son died a hero.

There was only 1 American flag on the isle of Islay, hastily sewed by Islay women for burials, so Raymond was not wrapped in it, only symbolically - “Chickasha (OK) Star” Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

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Minco Boys Heard From

All the boys reported as being on the ill fated Tuscania from this section have been heared with the exception of Raymond T. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hurst of Pocasset. A telegram was received Wednesday evening saying his body had been buried in Ireland. Henry Burleson, another boy from Minco, has been accounted for. It was thought for several days that Harold Sanders might have been ou the ship; but a cablegram was received Wednesday evening by J. D. Sanders, brother of Harold, stating that he was in France and well.

Raymond was buried in Scotland, not Ireland – "Minco (OK) Minstrel" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 1

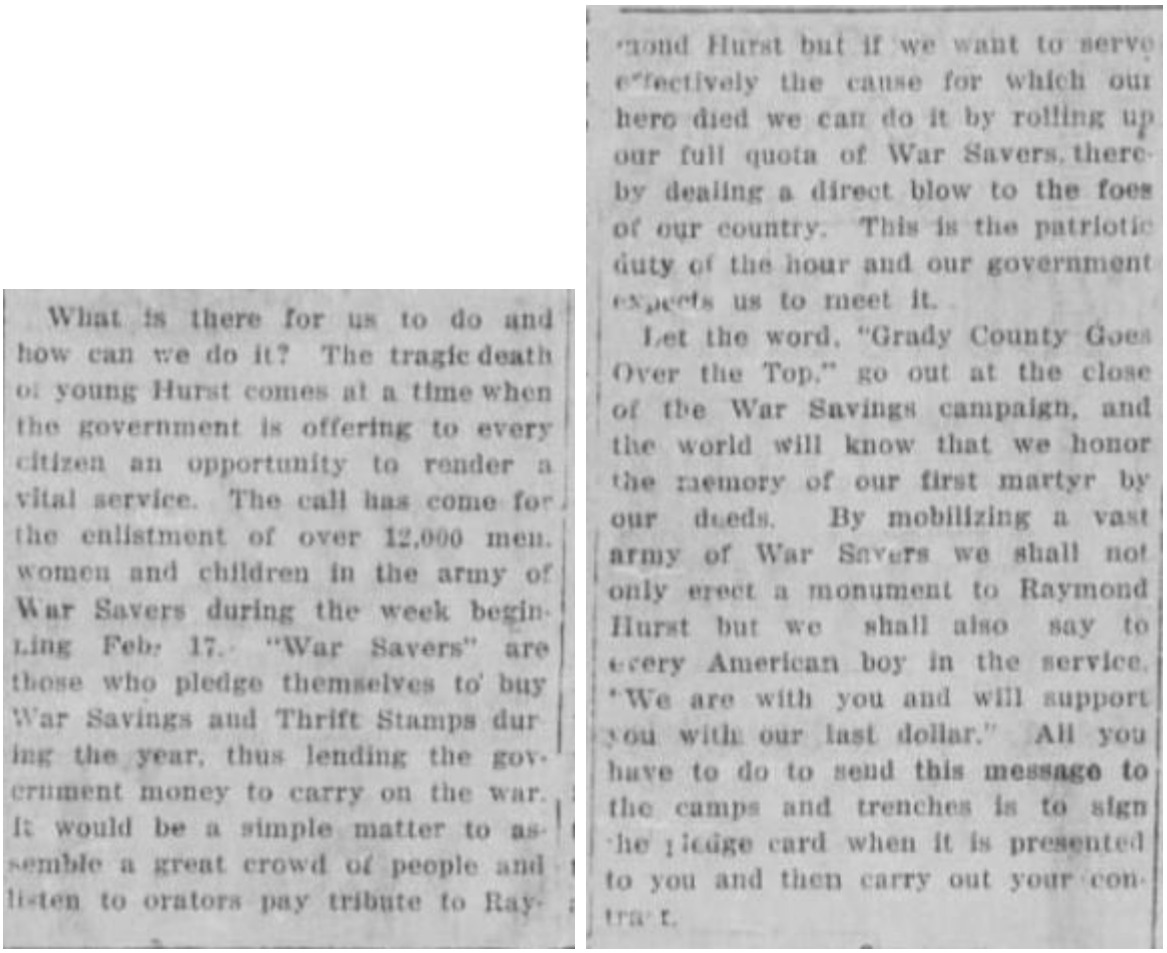
A MONUMENT FOR OUR FIRST WAR MARTYR

It has been suggested that a monument should be erected to honor the memory of Raymond Hurst, the first Grady county boy to fall a victim to the Huns. We are in hearty accord with the idea and believe that at the proper time it should be carried out but for the present we believe there is a better way to show our appreciation of the service rendered by our first martyr.

It was the fate of Raymond Hurst to pay the price of patriotic devotion before he reached the field of battle but the service which he rendered to the cause of freedom was no less real and praise-worthy than it would have been had he fallen on the firing line. From the watery grave in which it first found lodgment, following the submarine attack on the transport Tuscania, his body was taken and given a final resting place on some lonely shore in Scotland but the spirit of the young soldier still lives and in clearest tones he calls to us, "Carry on."

The work which Raymond Hurst was called upon to perform was not finished. How better can we commemorate his honor, his memory and deeds than by dedicating ourselves unreservedly to the completion of the task which he barely began? A pile of granite or marble on some conspicuous spot in Chickasha would be a constant reminder to us of his devotion to his country but it would be powerless to check the assaults which the kaiser's savage hordes are making in civilization. Let us build a monument to young Hurst that will strike terror in the heart of every Hun and we can help do that by joining with our fellow-countrymen everywhere in constructing a military machine that will literally annihilate those enemies of humanity that have devastated Belgium and France, and are waiting to strike down our own sons. That is the kind of machine which our government is building and there is no more appropriate way for us to honor Raymond Hurst than to give our utmost in this gigantic task.

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What is there for us to do and how can we do it? The tragic death of young Hurst comes at a time when the government is offering to every citizen an opportunity to render a vital service. The call has come for the enlistment of over 12,000 men, women and children in the army of War Savers during the week beginning Feb. 17. "War Savers" are those who pledge themselves to buy War Savings and Thrift Stamps during the year, thus lending the government money to carry on the war. It would be a simple matter to assemble a great crowd of people and listen to orators pay tribute to Raymond Hurst but if we want to serve effectively the cause for which our hero died we can do it by rolling up our full quota of War Savers, thereby dealing a direct blow to the foes of our country. This is the patriotic duty of the hour and our government expects us to meet it.

Let the word, "Grady County Goes Over the Top," go out at the close of the War Savings campaign, and the world will know that we honor the memory of our first martyr by our deeds. By mobilizing a vast army of War Savers we shall not only erect a monument to Raymond Hurst but we shall also say to every American boy in the service, "We are with you and will support you with our last dollar." All you have to do to send this message to the camps and trenches is to sign the pledge card when it is presented to you and then carry out your contract.

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BIG START WAR STAMP CAMPAIGN

Big Crowd Gathers at Sugg to Hear War Work Speeches; Is Patriotic, Representative Body

MAJOR WHITSETT THRILLS AUDIENCE

Tells of Preparations for War; All Must Sacrifice; Gabe Parker Talks on Thrift Stamps

Declaring that "We are teaching the boys at Fort Sill and Camp Doniphan to thrust the bayonet deep and sure into the vitals of the Boches," and "Our only thought, our only aim [illegible] time should be to win this war, and with the guidance of Almighty God we will win it," Major Whitsett, army officer at Ft. Sill thrilled the vast audience that had gathered at the Sugg theater this morning with his patriotic appeals and the grim hope which he held out for all Americans.

The roll call of the chairmen of the various precincts was made and nearly every precinct in the county had some one present to represent them at the meeting.

B. B. Barefoot welcomed the great gathering assembled at the theater in behalf of the War Savings Stamp campaign and called attention to the spirit of co-operation that was shown by men and women gathering from all parts of the county for a common cause.

"This shows to me," he said, "that the people of Grady county are ready to do their bit as they have done it in the past and as they will continue doing it in the future. We raised $328,000 in the first Liberty loan campaign and came right back with another $388,000 in the second Liberty loan campaign. We have raised $24,000 for the Red Cross and $12,000 for the Y. M .C. A. We have raised $1200 per month to sustain the County Council of Defense. Besides this financial bit, we have sent 150 men from this county

who volunteered their services in the national army. Chickasha alone has furnished 150 and there have already been 188 men drafted into the service in this county. We have done these things and more. Five of the boys who were sent from this county went down on the Tuscania and to day there lies buried on foreign shores, one boy from this county who will never return again. When this war is over, we will have remembered the boys who have gone from us and the few who return will find erected here not only a monument to Raymond T. Hurst alone but to all who fight for the liberty of mankind.'

After Mr. Barefoot's address Major Whitsett was introduced and thrilled the audience with the directness of his remarks.

"I have read somewhere where Victor Hugo said that peace is the virtue of civilization and war is its crime. But this taken alone is hardly true. War is the results of crimes that have been perpetrated and which are now being committed," the major said.

"This war is not of our own choosing. But we have no time now to talk of the why and the wherefore of the situation. I believe in the words that were uttered by the great Missourian, when he said, 'No nation can long endure, and should not endure, if it can not give protection to its citizens wherever they may be.'"

In speaking of the work that is to be accomplished he said that what this government had to do now was no school boy's job, but that it is the job for the grown up men of this nation which will call for every effort that they will be able to put forth. He said that France is now v

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exhausted, that England is depleted and that the burden now lies with this nation as to whether this war would be carried to a successful end.

"You have not commenced to begin to realize what this war means. . me one complained to me the other day that they had sacrificed so much already, but let me tell you, you are not only going to have to give up all of your profits but this government is going to draw upon your principal as well, and you had just as well get ready to give it up," Major Whitsett declared.

He held out little hope for the present generation but said that our aims now should be to work for those who are to come after us. Here he spoke of the training the men were going through at the cantonments.

"I want to say to you that Germany is stronger today than she has ever been during this war. She is better prepared. You need not think that this war is going to be won by internal dissension in Germany for this is not going to be the case. This war is going to be won with a big stalwart American with a gun in his hand and a bayonet on the end of that gun."

To give an idea of the money that would be required to carry on the war he said that it required four tons of gross matreial per month per man and that the cost of every man sent to Europe was something like $5000.

"This is not a private enterprise and our only business is to win this war," he emphatically concluded.

Following the address of Major Whitsett, Gabe E. Parker made an address in which he drove more forcibly the one idea that it is the duty of every American man, woman and child to buy as many Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps as is at all possible. He stated that this is as much their duty as the duty of the soldier is to shoulder his gun and fight, and added that America is expecting that of her people.

Considering the howling, frigid wind that swept down from the north this morning, the parade was a success. It was not half so large as it would have been had the weather been warm, but Chickasha demonstrated that her people will brave the wintry blasts for a patriotic cause.

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OKLAHOMANS WHO DIED ON TUSCANIA

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The war department today published the honor roll of America's hero dead. The names included 82 soldiers who perished on the Tuscania.

The Oklahoma men are: Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset; John H. Bishop, Foster; Leo P. LeBron, Guthrie; William V. Smith, Ft. Cobb; B. Thomson, Madill; George T. Tomlinson, El Reno; Ethan White, Arnett; William Wright, Bismark.

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Our First War Martyr

Raymond Hurst, who attended this College in 1913-14, was the first A. & M. man to give his life in the great war. Mr. Hurst was on the ill-fated transport Tuscania, was rescued but died afterward. His body was buried with those of eleven other Oklahoma boys on the shores of Scotland. All honor to him who first gave his life in his country's cause.

From the Texas A&M newspaper – "Orange and Black" (Stillwater OK) 16 Feb 1918 p 1

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THESE OKLAHOMANS WERE ON THE TUSCANIA

MOST OF THEM AMONG SURVIVORS; MEMORIALS PLANNED FOR THOSE WHO WERE LOST

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Reading from left to right, top row: Rudolph W. Pietrusky, Perry; Ferdie W. Denner, Enid; Lieut. Jack Brackett, Woodward; Joe E. Bailey, Chickasha; Raymond T. Hurst, Pocassett. Second row: Lieut. Ora L. Hemphill, Tryon; Frank T. Allen, Independence; Virgil J. Roberts, El Reno; Ralph S. Adams, Stillwater; Walter A McClain, Octavia. Third row: Louis Caranto, Coalgate; Tom Boone, Fairfax; Henry S. Burleson, Minco; John C. Green, Randolph; A. I. Farris, Alva. Fourth row: George W. Tomlins, El Reno; Hamby Cheek, Miami; A. A. Austin, Catesby; Charles D. Reynolds, Weleetka; Wayne H. Box, Cowets; Lewis D. Baker, Hobart; Silva Henalee, Boswell; Fred Idlett, Marlow; C. A. Munyon, Alva; William D. McCord, Blackburn. Fifth row: Ethan Oren White, Arnett;-Silas J. Bumpass, Corinne; Ralph Vore, Dacoma; Joe Martin, Checotah; Frank George, Tahlequah; Charles A. Bartholomew, Glencoe; Mack Bailey, New Wilson; Harry Lawson, Maramec; Oscar R. Carlton, Elmore City; J. L. Schooley, Hastings.

Raymond Thomas Hurst top row, far right

Oklahomans, recovering from the first shock of the war, brought home by the torpedoing of the American transport Tuscania with 138 Oklahoma soldiers aboard, are beginning to plan fit memorials in honor of those who lost their lives; redoubling, in the meantime, activities in those patriotic movements looking to revenge upon the enemy which directed the undersea attack.

At Guthrie, arrangements are being made for memorial services in honor of Capt. Leo P. LeBron, the one Guthrie man who is known to have perished with the sinking of the Tuscania. Present plans are to devote Sunday, February 24, to those ceremonies.

A movement has been started at Chickasha to erect a monument to the memory of Raymond T. Hurst of Pocasset, the first Grady county boy to give his life in the war. Popular subscriptions are being taken for a fund of $5,000 for this purpose. The idea is to be expanded, however, to include all Grady county boys who are lost in the service.

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Of the pictures reproduced above all but five are listed by the war department as being among the survivors. Hurst, George W. Tomlins of El Reno and Ethan Oren White, an Arnett boy, were definitely reported Wednesday as having been buried in Scotland. Louis Caranto of Coalgate and Joe Martin of Checotah are still numbered among the missing, with no definite information as to whether they survived or perished.

Only fourteen Oklahoma men still remain in the unreported list. Those besides Caranto and Martin are: Herschel O. Baird, Wagoner; Howard E. Bowman, Rocky; Joe Cochrane, Lawton; John C. Gale, Stillwater; John Kemper, Fairfax; L. C. McDaniels, Belzoni; Burley C. Nall, Carlington; Ondis Powell, Sasakwa; Richardson Peters, Ravina; George C. Perry, Lone Wolf; Lloyd L. Rekels, Weleetka and Jesse D. Smith, Coleman.

The twelve definitely reported as having been buried in Scotland are: Capt. Leo P. LeBron, Guthrie; Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset; William W. Wright, Bismark; Jesse M. Rhoades, Halbert; George W. Tomlins, El Reno; Ethan Oren White, Arnett; Tulla B. Thompson, Madill; Fletcher D. Pledger, Norman; John B. Bishop, Foster; Luther W. Ozment, Broken Bow; William V. Smithpeter, Fort Cobb, and James A. Price, Boise City.

R. T. Bennett, father of William E. Bennett of Rogers, Ark., one of the Tuscania victims, is now living in Drumright, Okla. Mrs. M. L. Glenn, mother of Luther W. Ozment, has moved to Arkansas.

J. H. Wright of Bismark, brother of William W. Wright and listed in war department records as nearest relative, did not live to hear of his brother's fate. He died at his home in Bismark six weeks ago.

Joe E. Bailey, one of the survivors, is a son of Hodge Bailey, sheriff of Grady county.

Two of the Oklahomans aboard the torpedoed transport are sons of German editors. They are Ferdie E. Denner and Rudolph W. Pietrusky. Denner's father, E. Denner, publishes the Staats-Zeitung at Enid. Gustav Pietrusky, father of Rudolph, is editor of the Oklahoma Neuigkeiten, at Perry. This week's issue of Staats-Zeitung made no comment on submarines, or war, and no reference to the Tuscania other than a card of appreciation for expressions from friends on learning of his son's safety. The Oklahoman received a letter from Gustav Pietrusky expressing anxiety as to his son's safety and explaining that Rudolph, who is just 21 years old, had responded to the draft from Alfalfa county.

"He was my only brother, and one of the dearest brothers that ever live," wrote Mrs. Leslie Jennings, sister of Joe Martin, still listed as missing. "If he had only had a chance in battle we would not have felt so badly. But I hope the Germans who sank the ship are in the bottom of the sea and the remainder of their kind will be swept from the face of the earth."

"It's hard to think of my boy being buried on foreign soil," Mrs. Lucy White, mother of Ethan Oren White, told the Oklahoman, "but I guess that's the part we mothers must play in this awful war."

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 17

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ELKS TAKE UP WORK OF MEMORIAL

Through the local order of Elks, the movement to erect some kind of a memorial to the memory of Raymond T Hurst, first Grady county man to give his life in the world war, and to other Grady county men as well, who may lose their lives, has taken definite form. At the regular meeting of the lodge the following committee was appointed to take the matter up: Dr. L. E. Emanuel, Jim Flatau, J. W. Kayser, Wm. Reisheimer and Geo. H. Evans.

Just to show that their hearts were in the right place, and in the form of a direct message to the kaiser that Grady county is on the job in the general program to get his goat, the Elks assembled at the meeting, made up an impromptu "pot" of $47 which was spent for War Savings stamps. It was the sense of the meeting that the first monument to Raymond T. Hurst, would be a co-operative movement for the unstinted purchase of Baby Bonds.

Definite plans of operation for the memorial have not been announced by the committee, but it is known that the movement has met with favor.

At the meeting of the Elks, D. H. Cox and Ernest Alkire were lead across the well known burning sands in the initiatory work of the order.

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MEMORIAL EXERCISES FOR HURST

Big Crowd Gathers in Memory of First Grady County Boy to Lose Life in World War

Taking his text from the scripture, "O, that I might die the death of the righteous that my death should be like unto his," Rev. Albright of the Baptist church of this city delivered an eloquent memorial oration relative to the death of Raymond T. Hurst of Pocasset, at that city yesterday afternoon.

The church at which the memorial exercises were held was crowded to its capacity and many stood on the outside as they gathered to hear the last words uttered in memory of one who gave his life for the liberty and freedom of mankind.

In speaking of the death of Raymond T. Hurst and the cause for which he had given his all, Rev. Albright paid a tribute to the departed by saying that he had given the supreme sacrifice, "just as the Savior did at Calvary," and around him has now gathered a halo of glory that will live through all of the ages."

Solemn indeed was the crowd that had gathered, as they listened to the eloquent words of Rev. Albright as he reviewed the causes of the war and showed how the safety of humanity and the lives of the future generation depended upon our armies being victorious in the great struggle which is to decide whether might or right shall rule the world hereafter.

"Like Raymond T. Hurst, some of us are going to have to give the supreme sacrifice before this great war is settled," Rev. Albright said. "Like the Savior of men who laid down his life to redeem a sinful world we are going to have to sacrifice those who are dearest to us that the world may be rid of the selfishness of a few."

Raymond T. Hurst was one of the victims of the Tuscania.

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"Kiowa County Democrat" (Snyder OK) Thursday 28 Feb 1918 p 1

FROM SAM STRATTON JR

Dear Sir:—

Will drop you a few lines t
let you know of we boys dow
here

Most all the boys. I guess
have been home on furloughs
Edd Landers left here yesterda
for there and I hear that two o
the boys from Camp Bowie are
home their second time sinc
leaving. I am very anxious t
come home a few days and think
possible I will get to come later,
hope so. I am on special duty
at Ft. Sam Houston, now at a Offi-
cers' School, there are about one
hundred here now, from all over
the U. S., Majors, Lt. Col's and
Col's. none that rank under
Majors; have been here six weeks
and the school is to last six more,
with talk of starting another
one for twelve weeks. I suppose
I will stay for the remaining six
weeks any way but may be call-
back to my Company after that,
as I am still assgned to the Depot
Brigade 53 Co. 14 Bu. they have
cleaned it up transfering prac-
ticaly all privates to other organ-
izations, to make room for the
next 15 per cent yet they keep
extending the time and I doubt
if they ever come, but if we
whip those Germans we have got
to have them. Guess you noticed
the names of the missing soldi-
iers on the "Tuscania" it was
quite sad to me as four of them
were in my Company until just
a few days before Christmas,
being transfered to the Detention
Camp for over Seas Service;
one of them from Oklahoma,
Pacaset, was our Bugler,
Raymond T. Hurst, and I knew
them quite well as they were
there when we were serving our
days under quarantine. It hard-
ly seems possible as it has only
been such a short time back. I
also knew quite a few who sur-
vived, there are quite a few
leaving here all the time but we
never know where, and as you
know would not be allowed to
tell if we did.

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I still get the Dear old Democrat did, miss two copies when I first come over here, and seemed like missing a letter from home, for I read everthing in it even to the add's and I am very thankfull to you for it. I havent seen tne boys here from there with the exception of Jay Storts, run across him down town last night, for some time, Garland Galloway is still at the 3rd Infirmary, Si Harrel, Base Hospital, Ed Landers, who I suppose is there now arriving on 41, Signal Corps Melrose Minton and Jav Storts 357 Inft. and on Special duty at Officers Mess Jay as cook and Melrose Mess Sgt. but guess Jay told you all about us. I rather like my place over here, have had a chance to learn some of the big stuff and I beleive if I were to address you at your desk I couldent do it without the Sir and Salute, but all of that is good for me.

Brig. Gen. Thomas B. Dugan is the Commanadant of the school, probably you have heard of him he has been in the service quite a while and told me he use to ride over the Country around Mangum and to the east thirty years ago, he is very jolly but can look a hole through you when he is serious but it takes that some time to keep the discipline.

I am messing with the Machine Gun Co. of 19th Inft. Regulars, and nothing but the regulars over here, they are nice to us drafted boys and we get along fine with them, but I have noticed how they do and believe the drafted boys have them bested as to eats and treatment. Noticing the article in the paper regarding publishing letters from soldier boys, you are aware of it and I am glad in one respect (however I suppose I wouldnt stand any chance of mine ever reaching there) but I would never make a reporter as you can plainly see.

But I think it mostly regarding the movements of soldiers. I hope Beckham County has had some moisture lately for the spring plowing and planting; This part of Texas has had about two inches of ra in the last ten days and it is misting today.

With best wishes to you the Democrat force and Erick's good people.

As ever
Cpl. Sam H. Stratton
Brig. & Field Officers School
Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

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Raymond Hurst Memorial Services

Memorial services for Raymond T. Hurst, a victim of the Tuscania, and the first from Grady county to give his life for the cause of Liberty, were held at Pocasset Sunday afternoon. Rev. Albright of Chickasha delivered an eloquent address to the large crowd gathered to do honor to to his memory. The W. O. W. lodge, of which organization he was a member, was represented by the following members from the Alex lodge: J. H. Adair, L. L. Erwin, Geo. Dungan, A. B. Smith, Will Horn, John Looney W. P. Hamilton, E. Tyson, E. E. Honaker, D. M. Clark, D. C. Fay, C. T. Asbury and C. L. Wasson. Others going were: Vernie Robison, Fred Combs, C. A. Holder and Ed Burris.

The Alex Tribune
Fri, Mar 01, 1918 · Page 1

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MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOR OF RAMOND HURST

A memorial service in honor of Raymond T. Hurst who died on the Tuscania was held at the Baptist church at Pocasset last Sunday afternoon. The Reverend Albright of Chickasha delivered the memorial address which was a gem of thought and diction. The church was crowded long before the services began and several hundred stood on the outside. The Chickasha W. O. W. drill team attended the exercises in a body. Special music was rendered.

The Chickasha Star
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KINGHAM HELPED BURY CHUM ON FOREIGN SOIL

Dear Folks:

Will try and write you a few lines to let you know I am alive and well. Believe me I have had some experience of German warfare. Talk about peace; never until the German government has been crushed forever. I was on the Tuscania which was sunk on the night of Feb. but my company neve lost but 11 men, while some of the compaines on board of her lost as high as 52, but considering the amount on board the Casualty list was very small. One of my pals lost his life on it he was a bugler. His name was Raymond Hurst and I helped to bury him. He was in one of the life boats which the destroyer failed to pick up and their boat drifted into land about 15 miles away and was pounded to pieces on the rocks, killing all who were in it.

Went to church last Sunday morning. It was held in a Cathedral which das built in 1093 and it was a magnificient building. Believe me the people of this country sure treat the American boys fine. I haven't reached my final destination yet and don't know when I will but hope to soon.

Must close as it is near mess time so

Bye Bye, Love from
MERLE KINGHAM.

Raymond's burial on islay by his comrade Merle Stewart Kingham - "Hobart (OK) Weekly Democrat Chief" Thursday 21 Mar 1918 p 10
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OKLAHOMA WAR HERO IS BURIED

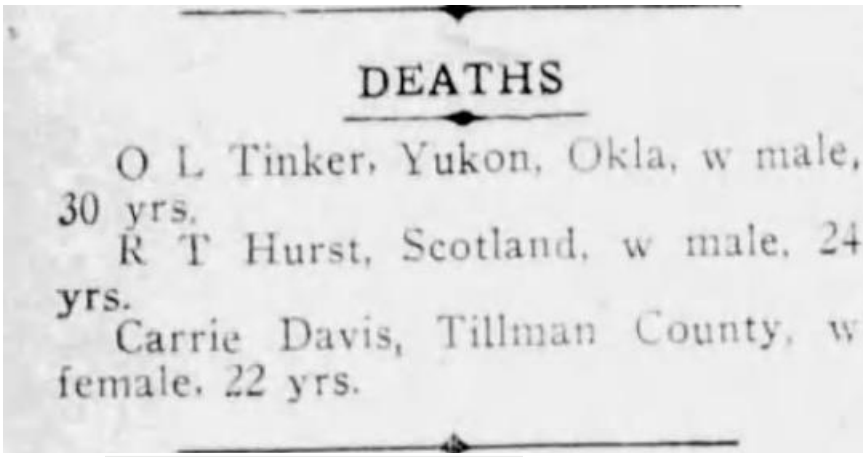
Sooner Boy Drowned On Transport Tuscania Torpedoed Off Coast of Scotland Is Laid to Rest With Full Military Honors In Oklahoma City As Part of Armistice Day Observance.

By Associated Press.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 11.—The body of Raymond T. Hurst of Oklahoma City, who was drowned on the transport Tuscania, was buried with full military honors here today in connection with the observance of Armistice Day. The body was washed ashore after the transport was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland, February 5, 1918. It arrived here today. The funeral was held under the auspices of the American Legion.

The Lawton News
Fri, Nov 12, 1920 · Page 1

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DEATHS

O L Tinker, Yukon, Okla, w male, 30 yrs.

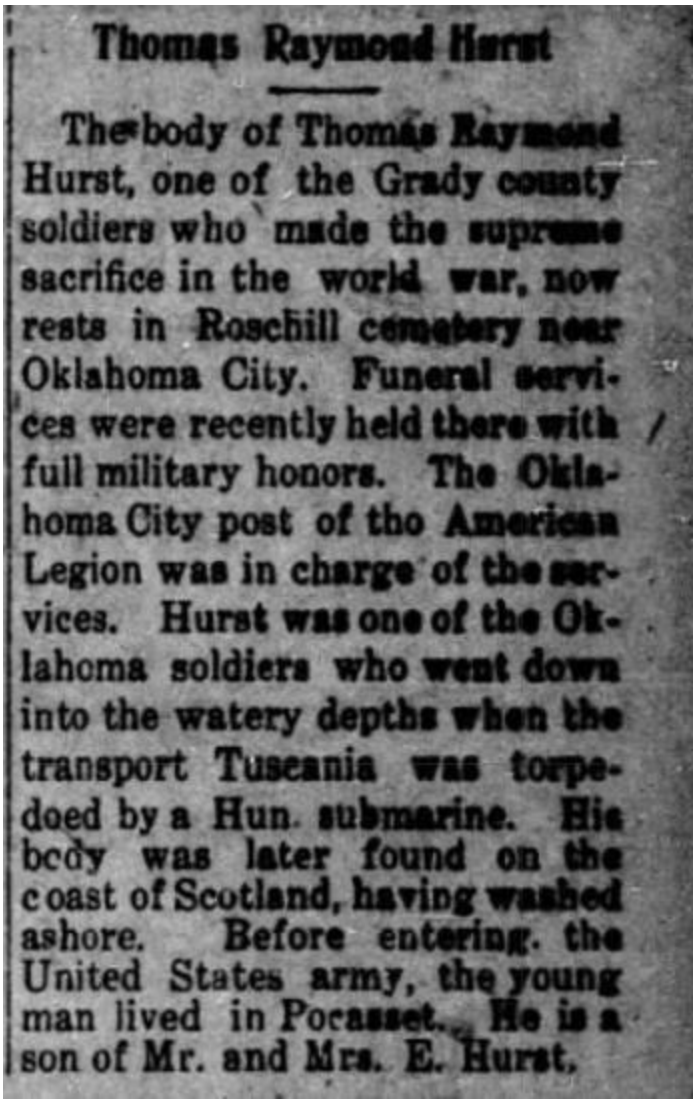
R T Hurst, Scotland, w male, 24 yrs.

Carrie Davis, Tillman County, w female, 22 yrs.

The Daily Law Journal-Record
Sat, Nov 13, 1920 · Page 2

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Not his “death” – but his burial at home



Thomas Raymond Hurst

The body of Thomas Raymond Hurst, one of the Grady county soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the world war, now rests in Roschill cemetery near Oklahoma City. Funeral services were recently held there with full military honors. The Oklahoma City post of the American Legion was in charge of the services. Hurst was one of the Oklahoma soldiers who went down into the watery depths when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed by a Hun submarine. His body was later found on the coast of Scotland, having washed ashore. Before entering the United States army, the young man lived in Pocasset. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurst.

"Minco (OK) Herald" Friday 19 Nov 1920 p 1

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LOCAL LEGION POST NOW NAMED AFTER RAYMOND T. HURST, FIRST GRADY COUNTY SOLDIER KILLED

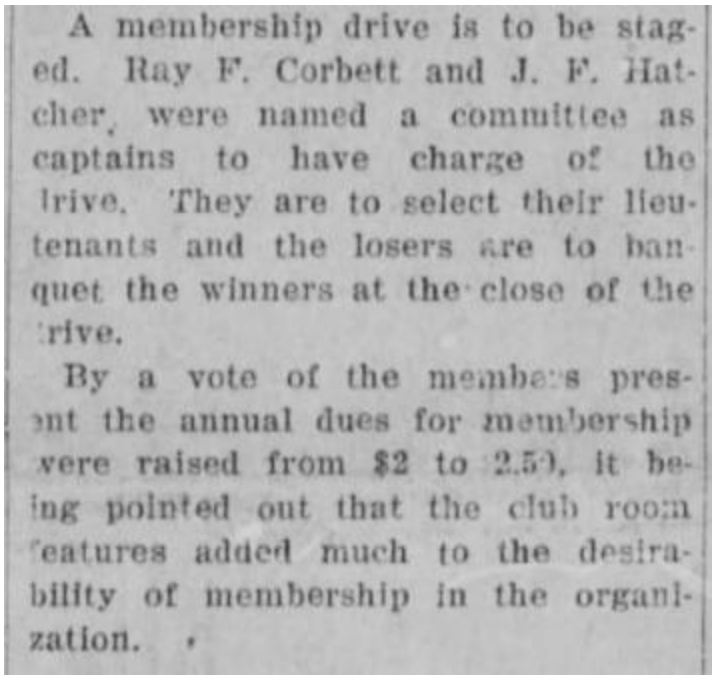
Raymond T. Hurst Post No. 54.

That is the new name of the Chickasha post of the American Legion the name being changed at a meeting of the legion last night, the object being to honor the memory of the first Grady county boy to give his life in the world war.

It was pointed out by members of the legion that a majority of the posts throughout the state, are naming their organizations for some deceased soldier from the county or town in which the post is located. There was some discussion as to the advisibility of this action, it being the ultimate decision that the post be maned for the first Grady county boy to die in the service of his country.

Upon looking up the records it was found that Raymond T. Hurst of Pocasset was the first boy from Grady county to give his life. He was one of the victims of the ill-fated Tuscania and his body which washed ashort along the cliffs of Scotland, found a temporary resting place there. It was later brought back to America, and was buried in Oklahoma City, under the auspices of the American Legion of that city. It s understood that hs people now live in Oklahoma City.

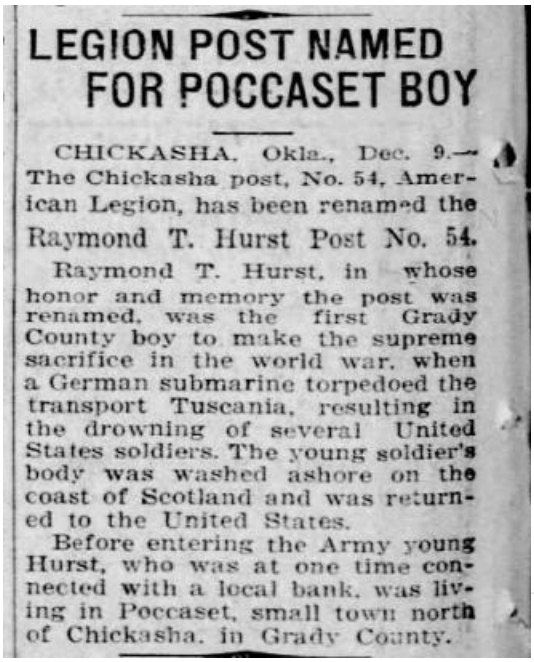
By ballot of the members it was decided that regular meetings would be held in the future instead of meeting upon the call of the post commander. Two meetings will be held every month. On the first Thursday night in each month will be held a social meeting and the fourth Thursday evening will be devoted to the transaction of business of the post.



A membership drive is to be staged. Ray F. Corbett and J. F. Hatcher, were named a committee as captains to have charge of the drive. They are to select their lieutenants and the losers are to banquet the winners at the close of the drive.

By a vote of the members present the annual dues for membership were raised from $2 to 2.50, it being pointed out that the club room features added much to the desirability of membership in the organization.

Establishment of Raymond T. Hurst American Legion Post No. 54 in Chickasha OK – “Chickasha (OK) Daily Express” Friday 3 Dec 1920 p 1



LEGION POST NAMED FOR POCCASET BOY

CHICKASHA, Okla., Dec. 9.—The Chickasha post, No. 54, American Legion, has been renamed the Raymond T. Hurst Post No. 54.

Raymond T. Hurst, in whose honor and memory the post was renamed, was the first Grady County boy to make the supreme sacrifice in the world war, when a German submarine torpedoed the transport Tuscania, resulting in the drowning of several United States soldiers. The young soldier's body was washed ashore on the coast of Scotland and was returned to the United States.

Before entering the Army young Hurst, who was at one time connected with a local bank, was living in Poccaset, small town north of Chickasha, in Grady County.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fri, Dec 10, 1920 Page 10

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FATHER OF HERO GUEST OF LEGION HURST MEMORIAL

Impressive is Ceremony for First Grady County Lad to Lose Life in World War After Whom Post Named

HUGHES HAS PRAISE FOR U. S. PRINCIPLES

O. C. Attorney is Orator of Day; O. C. W. Orchestra Takes Part in Program; Unveiling of Picture One Feature

Raymond T. Hurst, first Grady county boy to make the supreme sacrifice in the world war, in memory of whom the local Legion post was named, was eulogized in the memorial services honoring the deceased soldier, held Sunday afternoon in the Sugg theatre.

E. Hurst, of Oklahoma City, father of the dead soldier, was the special guest of the Legion post at the memorial services. He sat in a reserved seat and listened intently throughout the program. Mrs. Hurst, mother of the honored man, was unable to attend the services. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst formerly lived in Pocasset but several months ago moved to Oklahoma City.

Hughes Orator of the Day

Forest Hughes, county attorney of Oklahoma county, and one of the veterans of the world war who walked hand-in-hand with death on the battlefields in the St. Mihiel sector, was the orator of the day. He praised the American principals for which Raymond T. Hurst and many other American sons gave their lives.

"He died performing his duty—the sublimest word in the English vocabulary," the speaker said. "Though he sleeps today beneath the sod, he will live forever in the memory of those who knew him and those who love the flag he so faithfully served.

"Death is the antagonist of life and the thought o fthe tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We never want to tread the dark valley, although its passage may lead to paradise. Life is a strange and winding road on which we travel for a little way, just a few short steps from the cradle, with its lulaby of love to the quiet wayside inn where we at least must sleep.

"Such was the life of Raymond T. Hurst. In the midst of it all, the mysterious angel of death overtook him; but what a glorious death it was. Could any artist paint a more wonderful picture than dying for the sake of humanity. No, not with all the colors of the rainbow!

"Well may Grady county honor the memory of this dead hero."

Introduced by Hatcher.

J. F. Hatcher, principal of the Chickasha Junior high school and commander of the Raymond T. Hurst post of the American Legion, delivered the introductory address.

Pointing out that Raymond T. Hurst enlisted in the United States army immediately after the entrance of the United States into the European conflict, that he was sent down to an untimely grave when the Tuscania was torpedoed by a German submarine, that his body was washed ashore and found on the coast of Scotland and was returned to Oklahoma for burial, Commander Hatcher gave a brief history of the first Grady county boy to die

FATHER OF HERO GUEST OF LEGION HURST MEMORIAL

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...e program a unique ending. As Jess Linster, assistant director of a band which won praise in France, blew taps, the veil over the picture of Raymond T. Hurst was lowered by H. E. Emanuel and Lanson D. Mitchell, active members of the post. Hanging behind the picture was Old Glory.

Opening the program was the overture by the O. C. W. orchestra under the direction of Miss Frances Buchanan. This was followed by the invocation by Rev. Clifford B. James, pastor of the First Christian church.

The invocation was followed by the playing of America by the orchestra, and impressive reading "Pierrot Wounded," (Cole), by Miss Ione Bailey, of the Oklahoma College for Women faculty, and a solo, "Christ in Flanders" (Stephens) by Miss Isabel Sparks, another O. C. W. faculty member. The solo was equally as impressive.

in the fight to overthrow the monarch of Germany.

Commander Hatcher described Forest Hughes as "the youngest county attorney in all the larger counties of the state." He pointed to the recent campaign when Mr. Hughes defeated attorneys of state-wide reputation in the county attorney's race in Oklahoma County.

Unveiling Impressive

The unveiling ceremony was impressive and, followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Oklahoma College for Women orchestra, gave

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After the introduction by Post Commander Hatcher, came the memorial address, the unveiling ceremony and the closing number.

The Sugg theatre was filled almost to capacity.

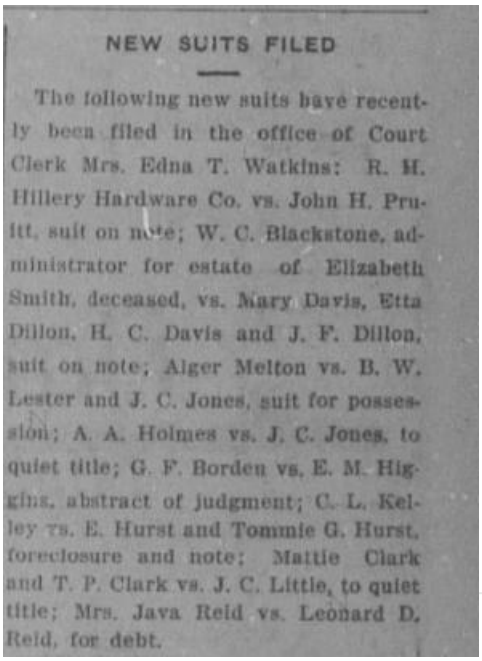
"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" Monday 7 Mar 1921 p 1

Father

SYMPATHY

Epworth expresses sympathy to Mrs. E. Hurst and family over the passing of Mr. Hurst on Wednesday, May 30, at his home, 1405 N. W. 19th Street, in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were conducted from the Smith-Kernke Funeral Chapel on Friday afternoon, June 1. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Hurst had been a member of Epworth Church for 16 years and had been a member of the Methodist Church for over 60 years. He will be greatly missed by the members of Epworth Church and his friends in this community.

Death of his father Elkanah Hurst - “Oklahoma City (OK) Star” Friday 8 Jun 1945 p 11



NEW SUITS FILED

The following new suits have recently been filed in the office of Court Clerk Mrs. Edna T. Watkins: R. H. Hillery Hardware Co. vs. John H. Pruitt, suit on note; W. C. Blackstone, administrator for estate of Elizabeth Smith, deceased, vs. Mary Davis, Etta Dillon, H. C. Davis and J. F. Dillon, suit on note; Alger Melton vs. B. W. Lester and J. C. Jones, suit for possession; A. A. Holmes vs. J. C. Jones, to quiet title; G. F. Borden vs. E. M. Higgins, abstract of judgment; C. L. Kelley vs. E. Hurst and Tommie G. Hurst, foreclosure and note; Mattie Clark and T. P. Clark vs. J. C. Little, to quiet title; Mrs. Java Reid vs. Leonard D. Reid, for debt.

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Sat, Jun 23, 1917 Page 3

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(First Published Aug. 21st, 1930)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRADY COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

E. Hurst and Tommie Gorman Hurst, Plaintiffs,

vs No. 12434

Dick Hurst, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

(1) The unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of George M. Hoskinson, deceased; (2) the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of W. S. Farmer, deceased; (3) the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns ,immediate and remote, of Silmy Hokubbi, deceased; (4) the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of Peter Hokubbi, deceased; (5) Mrs. Lizzie Farmer, if living, or if dead, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of Mrs. Lizzie Farmer; (6) Kent Farmer, if living, or if dead, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of Kent Farmer; (7) Marcia Farmer, if living, or if dead, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of Marcia Farmer; and (8) Mary Farmer, if living, or if dead, the unoknwn heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of Mary Farmer, GREETING:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the plaintiffs, E. Hurst and Tommie Gorman Hurst, have filed their petition in the District Court of Grady County, Oklahoma, alleging that they are the owners and in the peaceable possession of the following described real estate situated in Grady County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) and the North One-half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section One (1), Township Eight (8) North, Range Eight (8) West,

and that you claim to have some right, title, equity or interest in or to said real estate, the exact nature of your claim being to plaintiffs unknown, but that you have in fact no real right, title, equity or interest therein, and that your assertion of such interest casts a cloud upon the plaintiff's title to said real estate which should be removed by decree of court and the object of said action and the prayer of said petition is for judgment quieting plaintiff's title to said real estate as against you and each and every one of you, and each and every one of you are hereby further notified that if you do not appear and answer the petition of said plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before the 3rd day of October, 1930, the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly quieting plaintiffs' title to said real estate as against you and each and every one of you, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from the commencement of said action, from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in said real estate adverse to the right and title of the plaintiffs thereto.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court at Chickasha, Oklahoma, on this the 16th day of August, 1930.

E. G. REYNOLDS,
Court Clerk, Grady County, Oklahoma.

(SEAL)

By GENEVA STARK, Deputy.

Ledbetter, Stuart, Bell and Ledbetter,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

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Mother

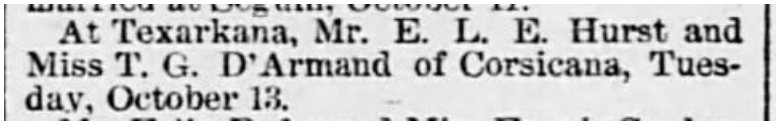
Arkansas, County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

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Gender	Male
Marriage Age	24
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Date	1867
Marriage License Date	13 Oct 1891
Marriage Date	13 Oct 1891
Marriage Place	Miller, Arkansas, USA
Residence Date	1891
Residence Place	Corsicana, Navarro, Texas
Spouse	Tammie G Dearman
FHL Film Number	1005449

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At Texarkana, Mr. E. L. E. Hurst and Miss T. G. D'Armand of Corsicana, Tuesday, October 13.

Fort Worth Daily Gazette
Thu, Oct 22, 1891 ·Page 3

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

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Name	Tommie Hurst
Social Security Number	444-48-1946
Birth Date	5 Jan 1876
Issue year	1963-1964
Issue State	Oklahoma
Last Residence	73112, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	Feb 1975

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Mrs. Dick Hurst, Mrs. Tommie Hurst of Oklahoma City and C. C. Childs of Wichita, Kan., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Potter Thursday.

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Wed, Mar 25, 1931 · Page 3

Chickasha OK

Legion Auxiliary Active Here In Helping Buddies With Work

The Auxiliary of the Raymond T. Hurst post was organized in 1921, with Mrs. Blanche Freeman as president. Since that time there have been 14 presidents, the late Mrs. W. H. LaBoon having been the only woman to have served twice as president of local Auxiliary.

The presidents and the order of their serving was as follows: Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Mildred Hendricks, Mrs. Margaret Goff, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. H. C. Antle, the late Mrs. W. H. LaBoon, Mrs. Ed Bealey, Mrs. C. D. Meade, Mrs. Mary Elmore, Mrs. L. E. Emanuel, Mrs. R. W. Stinson, Mrs. Roy S. Warlick, Mrs. LaBoon (deceased), Mrs. R. L. Olson and Mrs. C. C. Chastain.

In 1928 the local chapter adopted a daughter to clothe in the American Legion home school in Ponca City.

Has Many Activities

The local auxiliary assisted in purchasing the lot on which the American Legion hut was constructed and has contributed from time to time to the building fund.

The local unit always pays the membership dues for all Gold Star mothers residing in Grady county. At the present time there are eight Gold Star mothers in the county, among whom is Mrs. Tommie Hurst, mother of the late Raymond T. Hurst, for whom the local American Legion post was named.

Since organization the auxiliary has assisted in caring for the needy ex-service men and their families.

Annually a fund amounting to at least $50 is contributed to the Christmas Buddy fund for ex-service men in Oklahoma hospitals.

At the present time the local unit has a total of 205 members.

Among its many activities the Auxiliary makes an annual cash contribution to the City Federation's milk fund, to the Red Cross and to the Black Beaver council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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American Legion Auxiliary To Take Part In Celebration

Local Chapter, Organized In 1921 And Active Since That Time, Takes Great Pride In Gold Star Mothers

The Chickasha American Legion Auxiliary plans to take an important part in the Armistice Day program here Wednesday, according to an announcement made Saturday.

Among other activities during the day the Auxiliary is to furnish a car for the Gold Star Mothers, the Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary in the parade, which will be one of the features of the celebration.

Repeatedly the local unit has expressed pride in its Gold Star Mothers, who will be a part of Wednesday's Armistic Day parade. Gold Star Mothers of the Chickasha Auxiliary include Mrs. Mattie Vickers, Mrs. E. A. Biggs, Mrs. George Finley, Mrs. Tommie Hurst, Mrs. J. E. Ware, Mrs. S. A. Hill, Mrs. Emma Morgan and Mrs. F. F. Sampson. Mrs. Hurst is the mother of Raymond T. Hurst, the man for whom the local American Legion post is named. Although she is living in Oklahoma City, in accordance with her wish and that of the local Auxiliary she will remain a Gold Star Mother of the local unit.

The Chickasha Auxiliary was organized in April, 1921. Early meetings were held at the K. P. Hall prior to the building of the American Legion Hut.

Much of the strength of the local unit is attributed to the members who have been active in the work for a number of years. Charter members who are on the present membership roll include: Mrs. S. A. Hill, Mrs. T. A. Bird, Mrs. Anna Luster, Mrs. L. E. Emanuel, Mrs. Roy Slee, Mrs. L. F. Eldred, Mrs. Lottie Irvin, Mrs. H. C. Antle, Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. Roy S. Warlick, Miss Lois Luster and Miss Marjorie Watkins.

Officers who are serving the Auxiliary at the present time are: Mrs. Ray Goetting, president; Mrs. George White, first vice-president; Mrs. John Foreman, second vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Olson, secretary; Mrs. W. W. Mannen, treasurer; Mrs. Lawson Hopkins, chaplain; Mrs. B. F. Jolly, historian; Mrs. Lottie Irvin, parliamentarian, and Mrs. J. W. Bird, Mrs. Pearl DeHart and Mrs. E. V. Rinn, executive board members.

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New Cases

CIVIL

104860—M F Payne v Harry Rust et al, J E of judg from Dist Court of Blaine Co., E Blumhagen, plff atty; Clyde E Robinson and Williams, Cowan & Benedum, deft attys.

104861—Tommie G Hurst, being the same person as Mrs Tommie G Hurst, Thomas M DeArman, Dr M M DeArman, being the same person as M M DeArman, Dick Hurst, Mattie E Hudson, being the same person as Mrs Mattie E Hudson, Vivian Hancock and Jane Gullick Jordan v Mrs Elizabeth Colson, dam to R E descr as L 1 to 4, 16 to 23, 34 to 37, 43 to 46, all incl B 33 and L 9 to 42 incl B 49 College Park Add to Okla City $500.00 and for inj restr deft from further dam said R E, ans 1-7-41, Dale Vliet, plff atty.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 21,893

State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, ss. In the County Court of said County and State:

To the Creditors of **E. Hurst, deceased:**

All persons having claims against E. Hurst, deceased, are required to present the same with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned administratrix at 827 American National Bulding, Oklahoma City, in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, within four months of the date hereof or same will be forever barred.

Dated this 12th day of July, 1945.

TOMMIE GORMAN HURST,
Administratrix.

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SE Sec. 25-7-8, 10 acres.

Dick and Clarabell Hurst to Tommie Gorman Hurst Q.C.D. $1 and more. Lots 1 and 2 and N½ SW NE Sec. 1-8-8.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

No. 21,893

State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma County, ss. In the County Court within and for said County and State.

In the Matter of the **Estate of E. Hurst, deceased.**

Notice is hereby given that Tommie Gorman Hurst, administratrix of the estate of E. Hurst, deceased, having filed in this Court her final account of the administration of said estate and her motion for distribution of said estate and for final discharge of said administratrix, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for **Wednesday, the 5th day of December, 1945, at 9 o'clock A. M.,** at the Court Room of said Court in the County Court House at Oklahoma City, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, and said estate distributed and the administratrix discharged.

Dated November 14th, 1945.

C. J. BLINN,
(Seal) County Judge.

E. P. Ledbetter, Attorney.

11-15-45 11-30-45

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Release Of Oil Leases

Magnolia Petroleum Co. to C. W. and Fanny Protzman, NE¼ Sec. 20-7-8. 160 acres.

J. H. Funston to Tommie German Hurst. Lots 1 and 2 and N½ SW NE Sec. 1-8-8.

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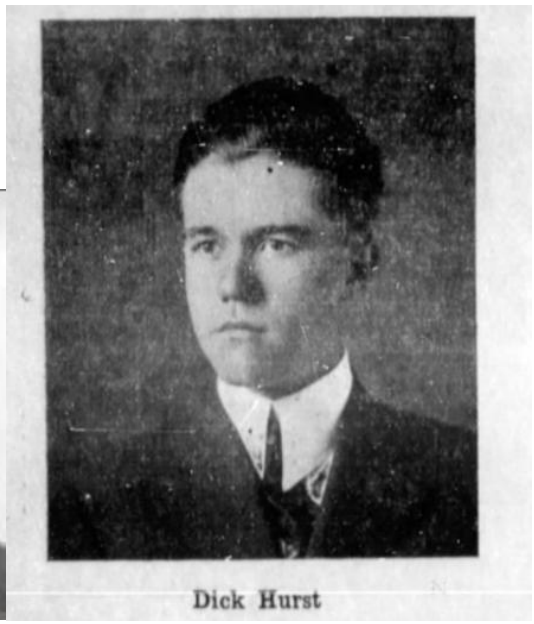
February 4, 1954
T. G. Hurst (Same as Tommie G. Hurst and Tommie Gorman Hurst), a widow
East Half (E½) of Section 19 and the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 29, all in Township 2 North, Range 10 ECM, Texas County, Oklahoma
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Sibling





Dick Hurst

His brother Richard (Dick) Hurst (1896-1994) – Left: Find A Grave 94528249 – Right: as a member of the Pocasset High School senior class – "Chickasha (OK) Star" 4 Jun 1915 p 4



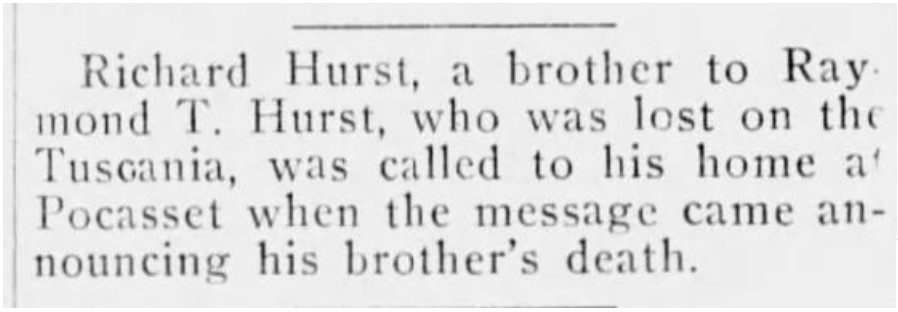
California, Death Index, 1940-1997

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Name	Dick Hurst
Social Security #	443051006
Gender	Male
Birth Date	2 Nov 1896
Birth Place	Texas
Death Date	5 Oct 1994
Death Place	Orange
Mother's Maiden Name	Dearman

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Richard Hurst, a brother to Raymond T. Hurst, who was lost on the Tuscania, was called to his home at Pocasset when the message came announcing his brother's death.

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Stillwater OK

"CARRY ON" SLOGAN OF THIS BOY

Dick Hurst, a student in the A. and M college at Stillwater, visited with Chickasha friends yesterday, while enroute to Mangum where he will visit his parents for a few days prior to enlisting in the army.

Mr. Hurst is a younger brother of Raymond Hurst, the first Grady county boy to give his life for his country, having lost it during the Tuscania catastrophe. Dick Hurst is under the draft age, but having felt the call to arms he believes it his duty to join with Uncle Sam in protecting America's liberty.

Mr. Hurst has received an honorable discharge from the college and on the huge service flag, which was raised in the college chapel last Wednesday morning, his name was one of the seven hundred which was placed below one of the seven hundred stars. He expects to be in the army band. Until recently the Hurst family lived near Pocasset and have many Chickasha friends who will be interested to hear of Mr. Hurst's enlistment.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" 3 May 1918 p 4

BROTHER GRADY WAR VICTIM TO WED GIRL HERE

A marriage license was issued this morning to Dick Hurst, age 23, of Oklahoma City and Miss Clara Belle Childs, age 21, of Pocasset. The license was issued by Mrs. Edna T. Watkins, court clerk.

Hurst is a brother of Raymond Hurst, Grady county boy who was one of the victims on the Tuscania. He formerly lived at Pocasset. The bride-to-be is a daughter of a rural mail carrier at Pocasset.

Brother Dick Hurst to marry Clara Belle Childs – "Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" Saturday 23 Aug 1919 p 1

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



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Name	Dick Hurst
Gender	Male
Age	23
Birth Date	abt 1896
Marriage Date	23 Aug 1919
Marriage Place	Grady, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Clara Belle Childs
Film Number	001316184

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Grady County. *IN COUNTY COURT.*

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM AND SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Mr. Dick Hurst of Oklahoma City County of Oklahoma State of Oklahoma aged 23 years, and M. Miss Clara Belle Childs of Pocasset County of Grady State of Oklahoma aged 21 years.

And of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days from this date.

WITNESS My hand and official seal, at Chickasha in said County, this 23 day of August A. D. 191 9.

Seal

County Judge

Edna P. Watkins Court Clerk.

By Deputy

Recorded this day of 191

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, Grady County, ss.

I, R. L. Ownbey (Name) Minister M. E. Church South (Official Designation) (Court or Congregation)

of Chickasha in Grady County, State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that I joined in marriage the persons named in and authorized by this License to be married, on the 23rd day of August A. D. 191 9. at Chickasha in Grady County, State of Oklahoma, in the presence of Mrs. A. F. Humphrey of Pocasset, and Helen Childs of Pocasset.

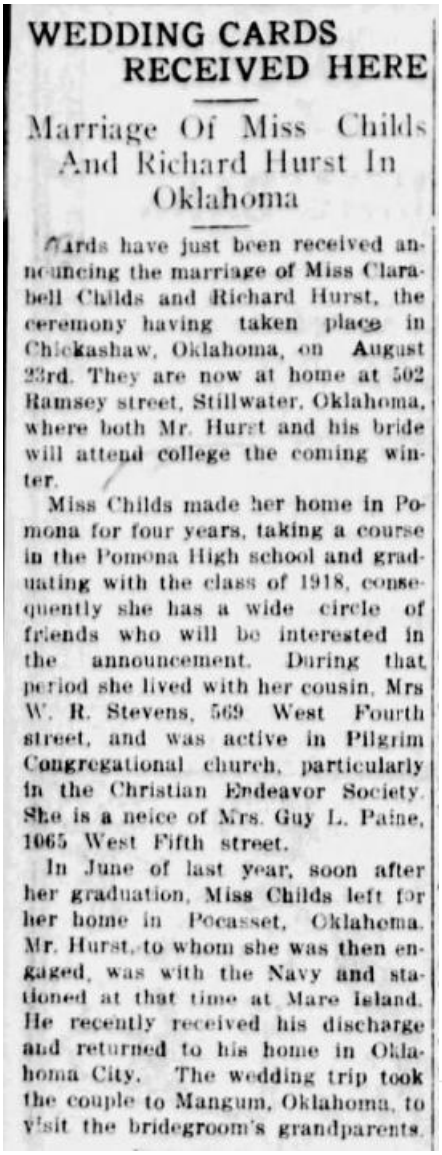
R. L. Ownbey

Returned and Recorded this 27th day of August 191 9.

Edna P. Watkins

By Marie Holcomb Deputy

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WEDDING CARDS RECEIVED HERE

Marriage Of Miss Childs And Richard Hurst In Oklahoma

Cards have just been received announcing the marriage of Miss Clarabell Childs and Richard Hurst, the ceremony having taken place in Chickashaw, Oklahoma, on August 23rd. They are now at home at 502 Ramsey street, Stillwater, Oklahoma, where both Mr. Hurst and his bride will attend college the coming winter.

Miss Childs made her home in Pomona for four years, taking a course in the Pomona High school and graduating with the class of 1918, consequently she has a wide circle of friends who will be interested in the announcement. During that period she lived with her cousin, Mrs W. R. Stevens, 569 West Fourth street, and was active in Pilgrim Congregational church, particularly in the Christian Endeavor Society. She is a neice of Mrs. Guy L. Paine, 1065 West Fifth street.

In June of last year, soon after her graduation, Miss Childs left for her home in Pocasset, Oklahoma. Mr. Hurst, to whom she was then engaged, was with the Navy and stationed at that time at Mare Island. He recently received his discharge and returned to his home in Oklahoma City. The wedding trip took the couple to Mangum, Oklahoma, to visit the bridegroom's grandparents.

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Pomona CA

Abbreviations:
b = born
d = died
F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)
NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Raymond Thomas Hurst
Name variations: Thomas Hurst
Military:
On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade, 62nd Co. - private
Serial number: Serial numbers were not assigned to Army enlisted men until the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Raymond did not have one at the time of his death
Entered service from: Pocasset, Grady OK
Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Raymond T. Hurst
Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father E. Hurst, Pocasset OK
First buried on isle of Islay in Scotland: 1st buried in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland - grave 27, as Raymond T. Hurst
Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920
Body listed on return ship as: Raymond T. Hurst
Rank: pvt, Casual Co. #2
World War I draft registration (1917): as Raymond T. Hurst - b. 21 Sep 1894 Corsicana TX; res: Pocasset, Grady OK. Single. Farmer for self at Pocasset OK. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate
Enlisted
Discharged
Address:
Rank/unit:

Birth & death:
Born: 21 Sep 1894 Corsicana, Navarro TX (or Baggett TX)
Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania
Find A Grave record: 44741353, presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower
Burial location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK
Cemetery: Rose Hill Burial Park
Tombstone: tombstone: Co 53, Reg 14

Father: Elkanah ("Ellie") Lawrence Easley Hurst, 9 May 1867 Oxford, Calhoun AL (also found as Wilcox Co. AL) – 30 May 1945 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.
Son of James L. Hurst & Martha Ann Burson.
His Find A Grave record uses name Elbert S. Hurst.
Buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.
Find A Grave: 63514429

Mother: Tommie Gerblick/Gorman DeArman Hurst, 5 Jan 1876 Oxford, Calhoun AL – 24 Feb 1975 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.
Although "Gerblick" is listed as her middle name on Ancestry.com, all records (mostly legal oil & gas leases & real estate transactions) list her as Tommie Gorman Hurst.
SSN 444-48-1946.
Daughter of Thomas Sandusky DeArman & Caroline Esther Mellon.
Buried in Rose Hill Burial Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK.
Find A Grave: 63514528

Parents' marriage: 13 Oct 1891 Texarkana, Miller Co. AL, obtaining their marriage license & being married on the same day. E.S.E. [or E.S.C.] Hurst, age 24, resident of Corsicana, Navarro TX & Tammie G. Dearman, age 17.

Spouse:
Spouse Find A Grave:
Marriage:

Children: https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LH2N-2FC/elkanah-lawrence-early-hurst-1867-1945

Siblings:

- A FamilySearch.org person-supplied family tree lists Dorothy Hurst, b. 1892. But in the 1900 & 1910 censuses, mother Tommie indicates she has given birth to 2 children, 2 of whom are living (Raymond & Richard)
- Richard ("Dick") Hurst, 2 Nov 1896 Corsicana, Navarro TX – 5 Oct 1994 Orange Co. CA. - SSN 443-05-1006. - Married 23 Aug 1919 in Grady Co. OK to Clara Bell Childs (1898-1991, F: 94528248). Student at Texas A&M. - After Richard's death, Dick enlists in the US Navy. "Orange & Black" (Stillwater OK) 9 Jul 1918 p 2 (the TX A&M newspaper) – Dick Hurst is 1 of 4 A&M boys who went by train to Mare Island CA, noted in a letter written by A.O. Martin on 27 Jun 1918 from CA. - On his 1942 WWII draft card, he resides in Enid OK with wife Mrs. Clarabell Hurst & is employed as a district superintendent at Continental Oil Co. He is listed as "Dick – only name – Hurst." - Buried as Dick with Clara Bell in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress, Orange CA. F: 94528249

Pre-war:

"Caddo County Tribune" (Anadarko OK) 10 Jun 1909 p 4 – the public schools of Caddo County OK will hold their commencement on 17 Jun 1909. Graduating from Fort Cobb is Raymond Hurst.

Wartime:

"Daily Ardmoreite" (Ardmore OK) 13 Feb 1918 p 1 – among the burials on a Scottish isle are 78 Tuscania casualties in a long trench, numbered 1 to 78. Among them is Raymond T. Hurst.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – Raymond Hurst is the 1st Grady Co. casualty, killed by a "slimy" submarine.Buried in Scotland. Son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Hurst, who lived 1.5 miles west & 1 mile south of Pocasset OK until recently. They have moved to the eastern part of OK, address unknown. A family of farriers. Raymond b. 21 Sep 1894 in Corsicana TX. Moved to the Pocasset farm with his family a few years ago. On 3 Mar 1917 joined the Elks. Had a "sunny dispotion & gentlemanly manner." Worked at a Pocasset drugstore. Was rejected May 1917 by the US Navy due to a physical defect, then by the Army when he tried to enlist, so Raymond bought a farm, prepared crops & was engaged to marry when he passed the physical exam in Pocasset & then at Camp Travis. Raymond left Grady Co. 3 Oct 1917 & got no furlough. A friend said Raymond was the "most clean-minded, manly chap."

“Okfuskee County News” (Okemah OK) 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – “Oklahoma Boys at Rest on Scottish Soil” – there are 12 Oklahoma boys buried in Scotlandm, one of them Raymond T. Hurst, Pocasset OK, father R. Hurst.

"Daily Oklahoman" (Oklahoma City OK) 17 Feb 1918 p 17 - photo – there is a movement in Chickasha for a monument to Hurst of Pocasset, the 1st Grady Co. boy to die in the war. Plans to raise $5,000, with the monument expanded to commemorate all Grady Co. casualties. His father E. Hurst now lives at Mangun but Hurst enlisted from Pocasset & lived in Grady Co. a number of years. He was rejected twice by doctors when he tried to enlist, so Raymond rented a farm near Pocasset, prepared to put in a crop, got engaged to a Pocasset girl, then got drafted & was accepted in the examination.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" 25 Feb 1918 p 2 – there were big crowds at the 24 Feb 1918 memorial held at Pocasset. Some attendees had to stand outside the church.

"Chickasha (OK) Daily Express" 3 May 1918 p 4 – Raymond’s brother Dick, a Texas A&M student, was in Pocasset on 2 May 1918 on the way to his parents in Mangum OK. Dick is enlisting in the Army but is under draft age.

“Orange & Black” (Stillwater OK) Saturday 16 Mar 1918 p 1 (the TX A&M newspaper) – there are 640 stars on the Texas A&M service flag, with 2 of them being casualties. One was Raymond Hurst, a Tuscania victim.

Post-war:

Raymond is the namesake of American Legion Post No. 54 in Chickasha, Grady OK, which was established in Dec 1920. It has since been renamed the Hurst-Beaton Post. Its auxiliary was established in Apr 1921. “Chickasha (OK) Daily Express” Friday 15 Apr 1921 p 1 – mothers, wives, sisters & daughters held a meeting Thursday to form the Hurst American Legion Post Auxiliary. The 2021 mailing address of the Hurst-Beaton American Legion Post is PO Box 1321, Chickasha OK 73023.

“Chickasha (OK) Star” 7 Mar 1919 p 2 – Seaman Dick Hurst came from San Francisco CA to spend a few days’ visit with his parents in Oklahoma City & with friends here in Chickasha. He was a former student at Pocasset High School & was attending TX A&M at the time of his enlistment.

“Chickasha (OK) Star” 21 Aug 1930 p 1 – suit filed in District Court: E. Hurst & Tommie G. Hurst vs. Dick Hurst, etal., quiet title

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 2, Navarro Co. TX – conducted 20 Jun 1900
Elkonah Hurst, 33 AL, May 1867, father b. KY, mother b. AL, married 9 years, farmer
Tommie, 23 AL, Jan 1874, father b. AL, mother b. GA, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife]
Thomas R., 5 TX, Sep 1894
Richard, 3 TX, Nov 1896

1910 Fort Cobb township, Caddo Co. OK – conducted 22/23 Apr 1910
Indexed as Hurat
Ellie S. Hurst, 42 AL, father b. KY, mother b. AL, in 1st marriage, married 19 years, farmer, general farm
Tommie G., 34 AL, father b. AL, mother b. GA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife]
Raymond T., 16 TX [indexed as Raymard]
Dick, 13 TX
& boarder Oscar S. Terry, 31 TX, father b. GA, mother b. AL, farmer, general farmer