TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Thompson, Tula B.
1894/1895 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



TULA B. THOMPSON
Tuscania Victim

HER LOYAL SON

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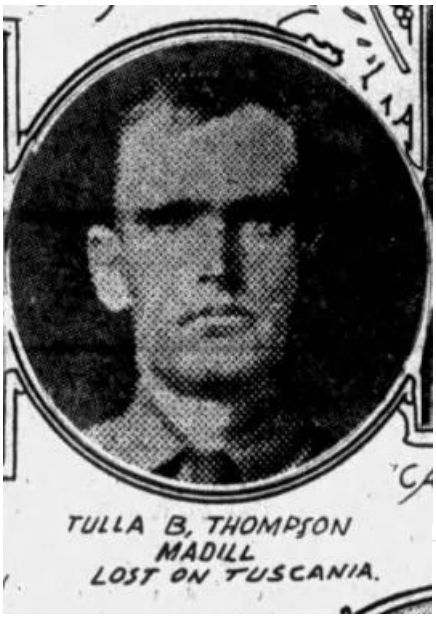
He heard Humanity's clear call,
And knew the voice divine;
He gave his life, he gave his all,
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The silent stars in love look down
Where lies my loyal son;
In frost and dew they weave a crown
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Tula B. Thompson – left: "Elk City (OK) News" 21 Feb 1918 p 1

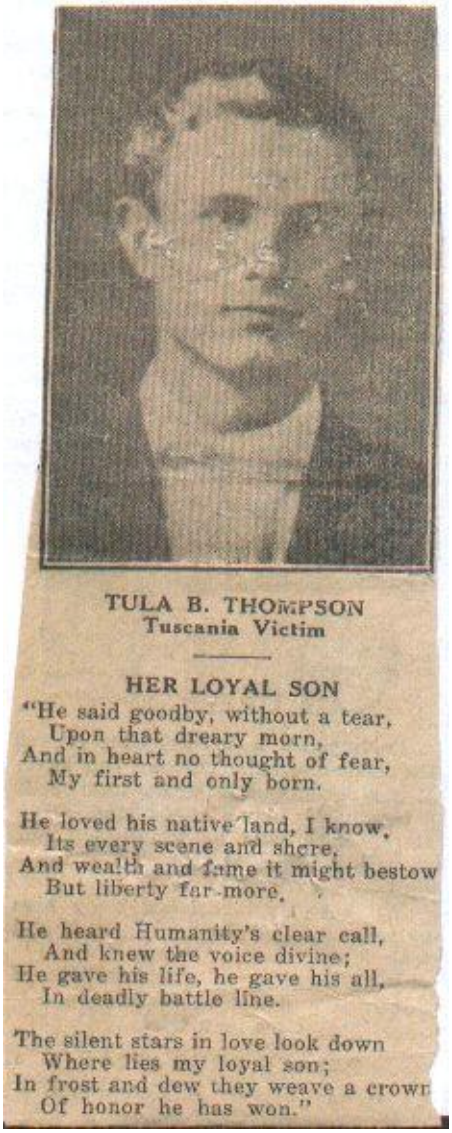


Tula B. Thompson - “Daily Oklahoman” (Oklahoma City OK 3 Mar 1918 p 25



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Tula B. Thompson – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA, published in Elk City (OK) News" 21 Feb 1918 p 1



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Tula B. Thompson & friend – 1912 - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/12466378/person/-254076207/media/1136cee7-350b-4fae-b23f-24c724497c1d?_phsrc=hFB62264&_phstart=successSource



TULA B. THOMPSON
Born October 25, 1895.
Tuscania Victim.

"Elk City (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 26 May 1921 p 3



TULA B. THOMPSON. (Standing)

Tula B. Thompson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson of Dill. He went into the service with the contingent that left Cordell October 4, 1917. He was given a brief period of training and was among the first selected men of Oklahoma that were sent overseas.

He went down with the sinking of the transport, Tuscania, which was sunk by a German submarine, February 6, 1918, about 12 miles off the coast of Ireland.

He was single and 22 years of age. He made his home with his parents at Dill prior to entering the service.

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Tula's grave in the Port Charlotte cemetery, isle of Islay, Scotland – cemetery no longer in existence – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA



Tula's tombstone at home – the only place where "R" is listed as his middle intiial – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

TO OBSERVE DECORATION DAY MONDAY

Graves of All War-Veterans Who Died During War or Since Will Be Decorated Next Monday.

The Legion boys of the Cordell Post have planned a big program and down town parade for next Monday morninf, May 30th, and will fully observe decoration day. All the Civil war, Confederate, Spanish-American and World war veterans are requested to meet at the Legion hall at 10:30 prompt in order that all may go together to the services and program at the Baptist church. All of the World war veterans are asked to be dressed in the O. D. Blouse, Rugulation trousers and leggins for this occasion. The children are to meet at the Court House square at 10:30 A. M. when the parade will be formed.

Up to this time only a few names of the deceased war veterans have been received by the Post here and assistance along this line will be very much appreciated by the boys as they do not want to miss a single soldier's grave.

The Legion boys of Cordell also report that they have sent money to National headquarters in order to have all the graves of our buddies of Washita county decorated on May 30th, Decoration Day.

The program which has been prepared will be held at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and will be as follows:

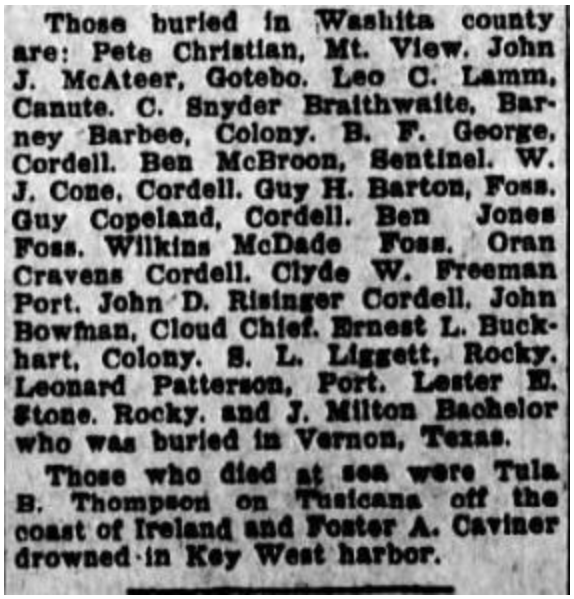
Opening prayer by Rev. T D.. Murphy.
Song by Choir.
Sermon by Rev. O. A. Morris.
Song by Choir.
Reading, "You Didn't Put any Flowers on Daddy's Grave," by Mrs. Smith.
Speech by Hon Geo. Zinck of Hobart.
Song by Choir.
Closing prayer by Rev. E. D. Gregory.

All business houses are to close their doors from 10:00 A M until 12 o'clock in order that every citizen may observe the occasion and show due respect to those who fought so bravely for our peace and prosperity.

The names of the deceased war veterans of this county which have been secured by the Legion boys are as follows:

Those Buried in France:

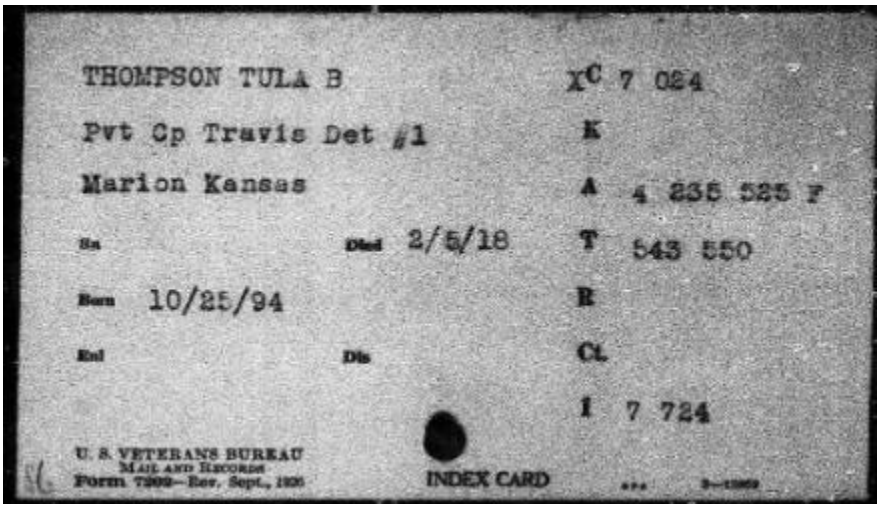
Bert L. Allen, Cordell. Ernest L. Hull, Cordell Roy G. Zoellner, Cordell, Edward Higginbotham, Sentinel, C. E. Young, Dill, Ernest Wright, Cloud Chief. Walter E. Duke Port, James F. Bass, Elk City, Henry Hamburger, Weatherford, Troy E. Green, Rocky, Clint Clark, Dill, Warren Shepherd, Cordell.



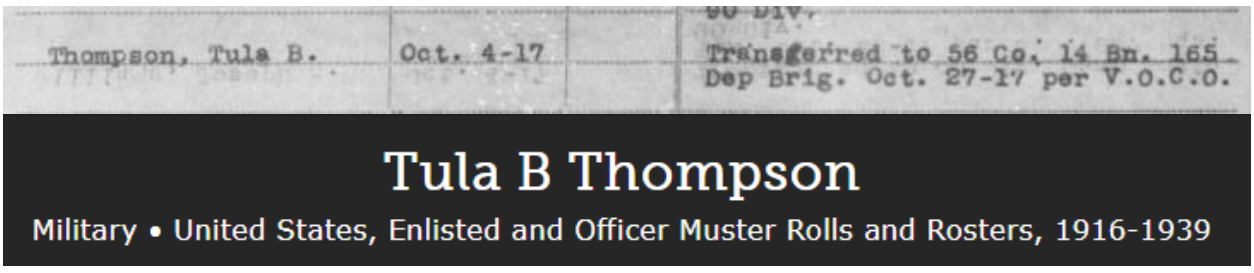
Those buried in Washita county are: Pete Christian, Mt. View. John J. McAteer, Gotebo. Leo C. Lamm, Canute. C. Snyder Braithwaite, Barney Barbee, Colony. B. F. George, Cordell. Ben McBroon, Sentinel. W. J. Cone, Cordell. Guy H. Barton, Foss. Guy Copeland, Cordell. Ben Jones Foss. Wilkins McDade Foss. Oran Cravens Cordell. Clyde W. Freeman Port. John D. Risinger Cordell. John Bowman, Cloud Chief. Ernest L. Buckhart, Colony. S. L. Liggett, Rocky. Leonard Patterson, Port. Lester E. Stone. Rocky. and J. Milton Bachelor who was buried in Vernon, Texas.

Those who died at sea were Tula B. Thompson on Tusicana off the coast of Ireland and Foster A. Caviner drowned in Key West harbor.

Tula was lost on the Tuscania, not the Tusicana – "Cornell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 26 May 1921 p 1



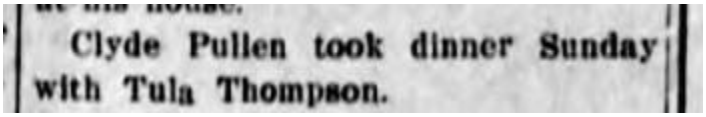
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Life:



Clyde Pullen took dinner Sunday with Tula Thompson.

Canute OK news: “Cordell (OK) Beacon” Thursday 10 Apr 1913 p 7

123 ENTRAIN FOR CAMP TRAVIS TODAY

Washita County's Contingent Given Lively Reception Before Leaving for Training at Army Camp.

One hundred twenty-three men leave this evening by special train as Washita county's contingent to the training camp at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas ,to become members of the national army of the United States. They are in command of one of their number for the trip.

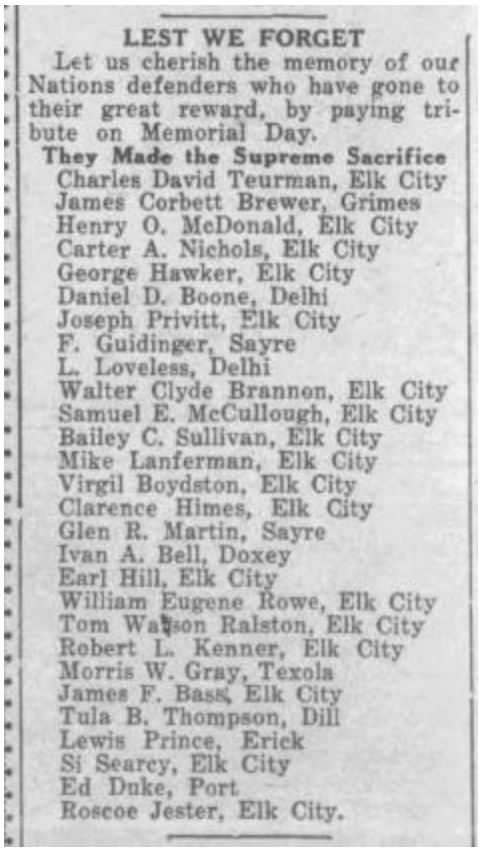
The men were honored this afternoon by a general program for their benefit. A parade was formed, headed by the members of the contingent, the Cordell band and the Boy Scouts, and followed by the children of the city schools. The band furnished music following the parade and addresses to the boys were scheduled by Attorneys Beets, Burnette and Billups and by Bob Harvey, mayor of Cordell and chairman of the local board for Washita county. It was intended to have S. P. Freeling, attorney general of the state of Oklahoma, here to make an address but he could not come, and it was impossible to get any one else of state-wide reputation to address the boys, although an effort to get them was made.

DILL: Albert Seal, J. E. Williams, W. Q. Huckleberry, C. E. Young, Clarence Dooley, Wm. E. T. Rodgers, John Parrish, Tula B. Thompson, J. W. Hinds.

[article continues} - “Cornell (OK) Beacon” Thursday 4 Oct 1917 p 1

At another point in a long grave are forty-nine bodies. They are all in coffins and are numbered from 1 to 49 in the following order: Unidentified private, Jesse M. Rholles, Captain Leo P. Lebron, John Jenkins, wireless operator, James A. Price, Boise, two unidentified privates, Claud W. Walker, Los Angeles, E. O. Peca, George W. Tomlins, Ethan Allen White, unidentified private, Oscar Lee Smith Winters, Edgar E. Bruna, unidentified member of crew, Geo. Mernes, unidentified private, Tula B. Thompson, Dell Walter Leonard, Whittington Sherman, Lieutenant E. Phillip Lightall, W. E. Wilson, unidentified private, Daniel Trobridge Bryant, unidentified private, William O. Williams, Fletcher Odell Pledeger, three unidentified privates, W. E. Bickers, unidentified private, J. J. Buckley, J. B. Bishop, two unidentified privates, Engel Percy, three unidentified privates, Captain Philip V. Sherman, unidentified private, unidentified member of crew, three unidentified privates, William Arthur Moore, Oris E. Hutchins.

"Winfield (KS) Daily Courier" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 1



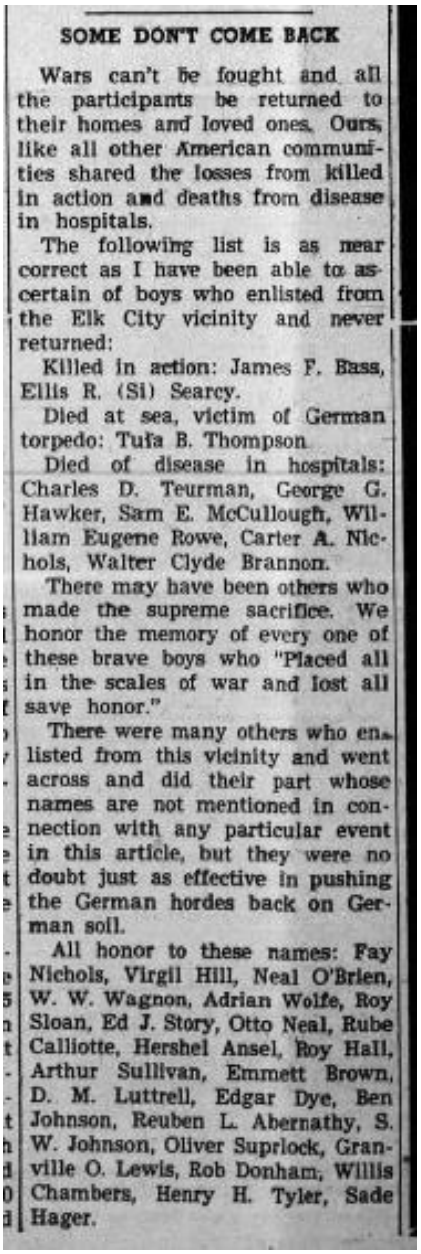
LEST WE FORGET

Let us cherish the memory of our Nations defenders who have gone to their great reward, by paying tribute on Memorial Day.

They Made the Supreme Sacrifice

Charles David Teurman, Elk City
James Corbett Brewer, Grimes
Henry O. McDonald, Elk City
Carter A. Nichols, Elk City
George Hawker, Elk City
Daniel D. Boone, Delhi
Joseph Privitt, Elk City
F. Guidinger, Sayre
L. Loveless, Delhi
Walter Clyde Brannon, Elk City
Samuel E. McCullough, Elk City
Bailey C. Sullivan, Elk City
Mike Lanferman, Elk City
Virgil Boydston, Elk City
Clarence Himes, Elk City
Glen R. Martin, Sayre
Ivan A. Bell, Doxey
Earl Hill, Elk City
William Eugene Rowe, Elk City
Tom Watson Ralston, Elk City
Robert L. Kenner, Elk City
Morris W. Gray, Texola
James F. Bass, Elk City
Tula B. Thompson, Dill
Lewis Prince, Erick
Si Searcy, Elk City
Ed Duke, Port
Roscoe Jester, Elk City.

"Elk City (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 29 May 1924 p 1



SOME DON'T COME BACK

Wars can't be fought and all the participants be returned to their homes and loved ones. Ours, like all other American communities shared the losses from killed in action and deaths from disease in hospitals.

The following list is as near correct as I have been able to ascertain of boys who enlisted from the Elk City vicinity and never returned:

Killed in action: James F. Bass, Ellis R. (Si) Searcy.

Died at sea, victim of German torpedo: Tufa B. Thompson.

Died of disease in hospitals: Charles D. Teurman, George G. Hawker, Sam E. McCullough, William Eugene Rowe, Carter A. Nichols, Walter Clyde Brannon.

There may have been others who made the supreme sacrifice. We honor the memory of every one of these brave boys who "Placed all in the scales of war and lost all save honor."

There were many others who enlisted from this vicinity and went across and did their part whose names are not mentioned in connection with any particular event in this article, but they were no doubt just as effective in pushing the German hordes back on German soil.

All honor to these names: Fay Nichols, Virgil Hill, Neal O'Brien, W. W. Wagnon, Adrian Wolfe, Roy Sloan, Ed J. Story, Otto Neal, Rube Calliotte, Hershel Ansel, Roy Hall, Arthur Sullivan, Emmett Brown, D. M. Luttrell, Edgar Dye, Ben Johnson, Reuben L. Abernathy, S. W. Johnson, Oliver Suprlock, Granville O. Lewis, Rob Donham, Willis Chambers, Henry H. Tyler, Sade Hager.

"Elk City (OK) Journal" Thursday 1 May 1941 p 8

Wife?



Jessie May Swehla - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/30993436/person/12543787895/media/f9b1cc6e-7a85-4120-8e44-701248784a29

44. JESSIE MAY[7] SWEHLA *(MATHIAS[6], FRANTISEK[5] SVEHLA, FRANTISEK[4], JAN[3], KASPER[2], JIRI[1])* was born November 10, 1897 in Spillville, Wnnshk, Iowa, and died March 18, 1920 in Los Angeles, California. She married (1) TULA B THOMPSON. He was born October 25, 1895 in Freestone Co Texas, and died Unknown in At Sea WW I when ship Tuscania was hit by German Torpedo fire. She married (2) CHARLES BRADY. She married (3) WILLIAM RAZOR.

More About JESSIE MAY SWEHLA:

Burial: March 23, 1920, Marion Kansas

Child of JESSIE SWEHLA and TULA THOMPSON is:

121. i. CAROLINE MAY SWEHLA[8] THOMPSON, b. June 11, 1915, Elk City Oklahoma; d. December 25, 1972, Marion Kansas.

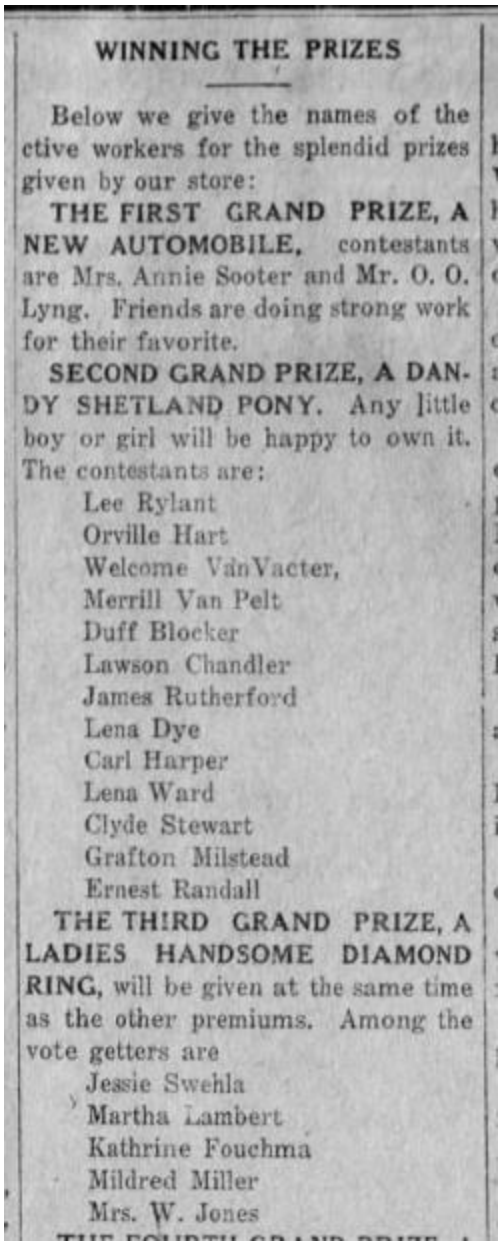
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Iowa, Births and Christenings Index, 1857-1947

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Name	Jessie Svehla
Gender	Female
Birth Date	10 Nov 1897
Birth Place	Winneshiek, Iowa
Father	Matt Svehla
Mother	Veronica Fisher

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WINNING THE PRIZES

Below we give the names of the ctive workers for the splendid prizes given by our store:

THE FIRST GRAND PRIZE, A NEW AUTOMOBILE, contestants are Mrs. Annie Sooter and Mr. O. O. Lyng. Friends are doing strong work for their favorite.

SECOND GRAND PRIZE, A DANDY SHETLAND PONY. Any little boy or girl will be happy to own it. The contestants are:

Lee Rylant
Orville Hart
Welcome VanVacter,
Merrill Van Pelt
Duff Blocker
Lawson Chandler
James Rutherford
Lena Dye
Carl Harper
Lena Ward
Clyde Stewart
Grafton Milstead
Ernest Randall

THE THIRD GRAND PRIZE, A LADIES HANDSOME DIAMOND RING, will be given at the same time as the other premiums. Among the vote getters are

Jessie Swehla
Martha Lambert
Kathrine Fouchma
Mildred Miller
Mrs. W. Jones

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Note that in Aug 1915 Jessie is using her maiden surname – "Elk County (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 26 Aug 1915 p 3

LAWSON CHANDLER WINS PONY

VanAntwerp & Son have received returns from the contest they held during the winter. In the report it did not tell who received the automobile, for ten different places were in that contest, but they gave the votes for auto counted at Elk City. Mrs. Annie Sooter was ahead, she receiving 3,207,300, while the next highest was O. O. Lyng, who received 130,355 votes. The other votes were as follows:

Pony Contest

Lawson Chandler	2,464,135
James Rutherford	834,360
M. VanPelt	685,701
M. Miller	396,800
Lee Rylant	262,000
O. Hunt	142,510

Lawson Chandler receives the pony and James Rutherford the bicycle.

Ladies Lavalliere

Jessie Swehla	837,254
Mrs. W. Jones	745,020
Martha Lambert	212,645

Jessie Swehla receives Lavalliere and Mrs. Jones the parasol.

Gentleman's Ring

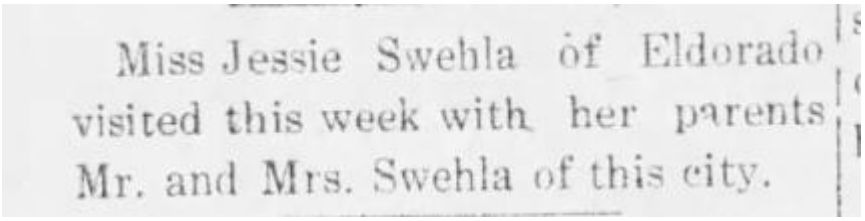
Homer Vinson	745,745
A. J. McKinney	468,860
Hearn Noe	345,450
W. H. Hughes	98,280

Homer Vinson wins ring and A. J. McKinney receives a watch.

"Elk City (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 11 May 1916 p 1


Miss Jessie Swehla spent July Fourth with friends at Thomas. She reports a very enjoyable time.

Canute OK news: "Elk City (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 12 Jul 1917 p 2


Miss Jessie Swehla of Eldorado visited this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Swehla of this city.

"Marion (KS) Review" Thursday 3 Apr 1919 p 5

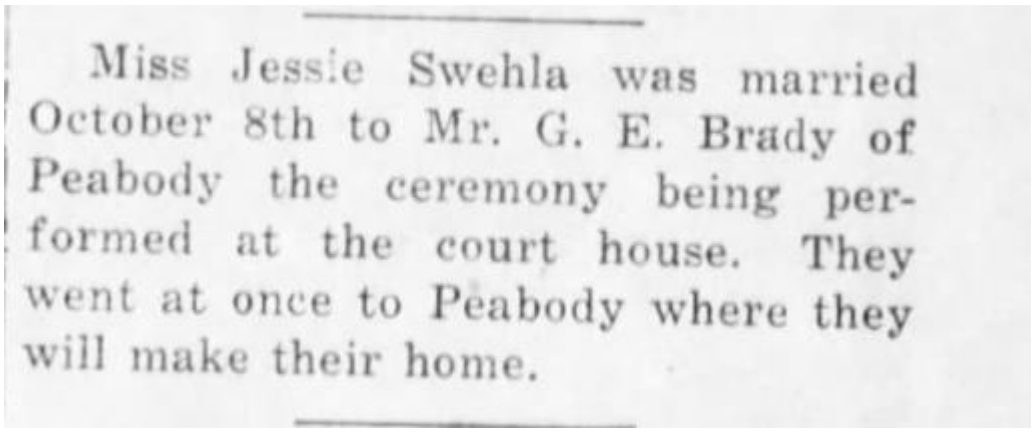


MARRIAGE LICENSES

G. E. Brady, Peabody

Jessie Swehla, Marion

Jessie married Charles Elmer (C.E.) Brady - "Marion (KS) Record" Thursday 16 Oct 1919 p 1



Miss Jessie Swehla was married October 8th to Mr. G. E. Brady of Peabody the ceremony being performed at the court house. They went at once to Peabody where they will make their home.

Charles Elmer Brady (C.E.) - "Marion (KS) Record" Thursday 16 Oct 1919 p 4

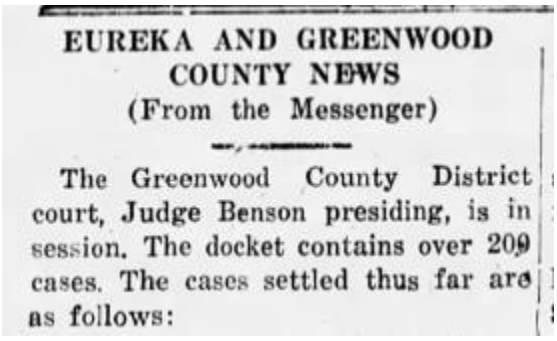


MARRIAGE LICENSES

C. E. Brady.....Peabody, Kan.

Jessie Swelba .....Marion, Kan.

This time, C.E. Brady is correct but Jessie Swelba is misspelled – "Marion (KS) Review" Thursday 16 Oct 1919 p 1

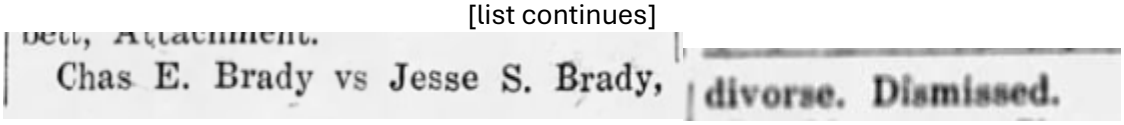


EUREKA AND GREENWOOD COUNTY NEWS

(From the Messenger)

The Greenwood County District court, Judge Benson presiding, is in session. The docket contains over 209 cases. The cases settled thus far are as follows:

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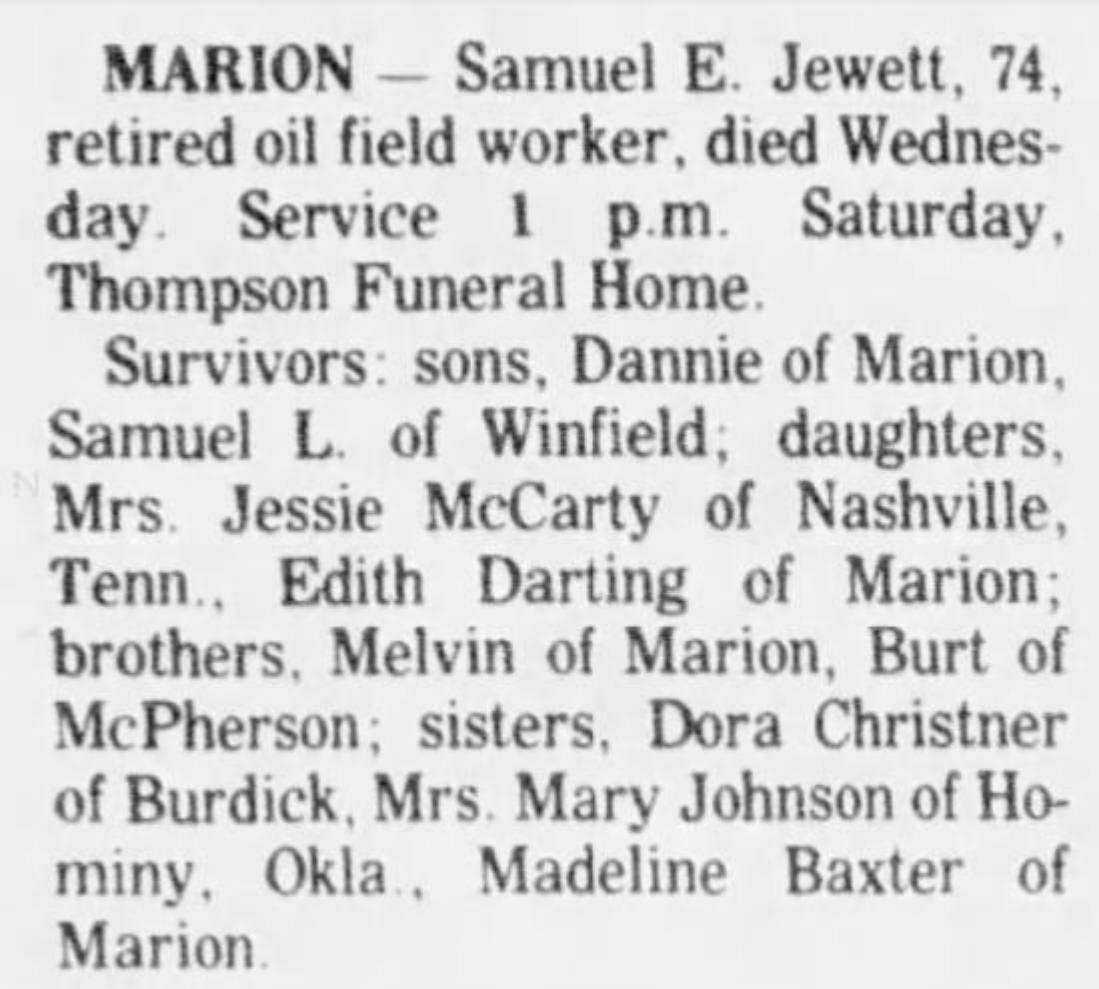
Chas E. Brady vs Jesse S. Brady, divorse. Dismissed.

Jessie died in 1920 ? - "Neosho Rapids (KS) Record" Wednesday 30 May 1923 p 4



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Daughter (?)

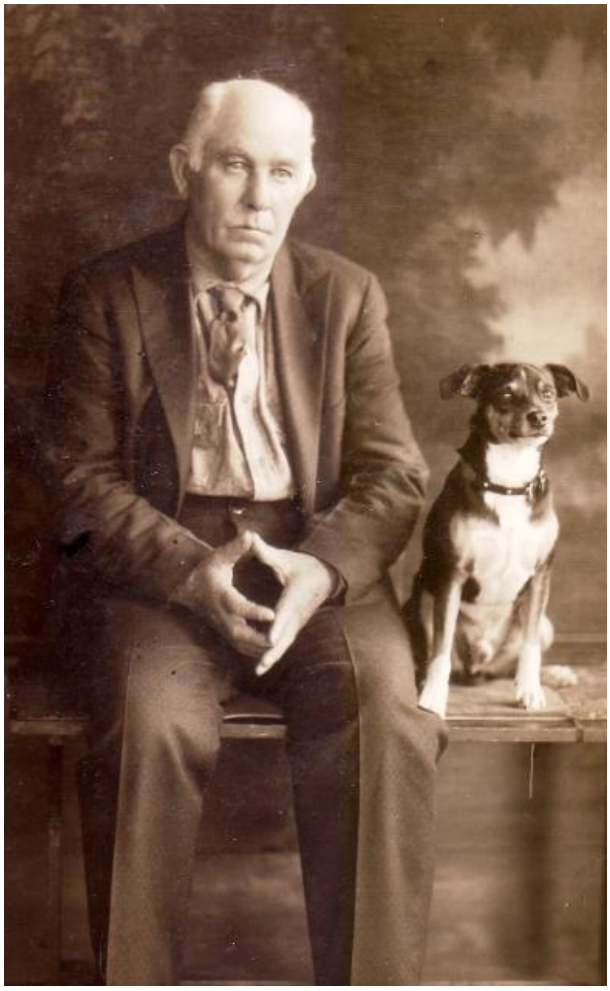


MARION — Samuel E. Jewett, 74, retired oil field worker, died Wednesday. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Thompson Funeral Home.

Survivors: sons, Dannie of Marion, Samuel L. of Winfield; daughters, Mrs. Jessie McCarty of Nashville, Tenn., Edith Darting of Marion; brothers, Melvin of Marion, Burt of McPherson; sisters, Dora Christner of Burdick, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Hominy, Okla., Madeline Baxter of Marion.

Obituary of Carrie May Swehla [Thompson?] Jewett's husband Samuel E. Jewett – "Wichita (KS) Eagle" Thursday 8 Feb 1979 p 33

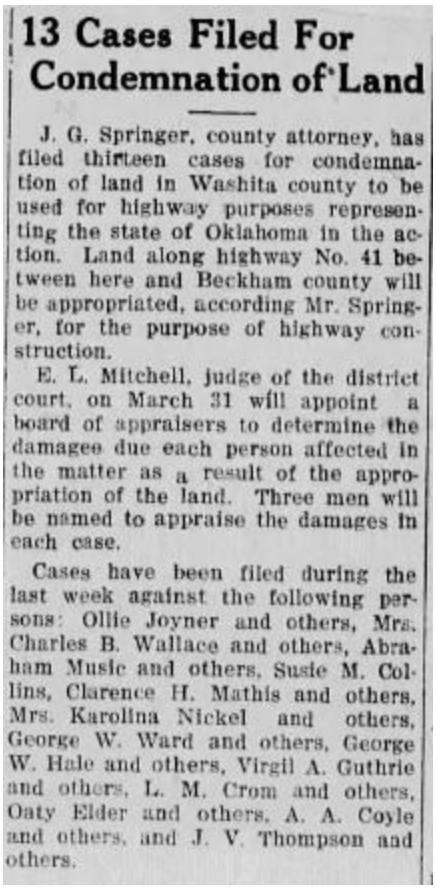
Father:



Father John V. Thompson - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/30993436/person/12543773929/media/7d60c1ed-9e34-46d0-b21b-3b4d93ddf911

J. V. Thompson of Dill has been here most of this week to be with his wife who underwent an operation for gall stones, in the Sentinel Hospital. Tuesday morning.

"Sentinel (OK) Leader" Thursday 28 Jun 1923 p 8



13 Cases Filed For Condemnation of Land

J. G. Springer, county attorney, has filed thirteen cases for condemnation of land in Washita county to be used for highway purposes representing the state of Oklahoma in the action. Land along highway No. 41 between here and Beckham county will be appropriated, according Mr. Springer, for the purpose of highway construction.

E. L. Mitchell, judge of the district court, on March 31 will appoint a board of appraisers to determine the damagee due each person affected in the matter as a result of the appropriation of the land. Three men will be named to appraise the damages in each case.

Cases have been filed during the last week against the following persons: Ollie Joyner and others, Mrs. Charles B. Wallace and others, Abraham Music and others, Susie M. Collins, Clarence H. Mathis and others, Mrs. Karolina Nickel and others, George W. Ward and others, George W. Hale and others, Virgil A. Guthrie and others, L. M. Crom and others, Oaty Elder and others, A. A. Coyle and others, and J. V. Thompson and others.

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 15 Mar 1928 p 1



NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

No. 12 680

M. H. Addy, Plaintiff

vs

J. V. Thompson, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of sale issued out of the district court of Grady County, Oklahoma on the 13th day of March 1931, in an action wherein M. H. Addy is plaintiff and J. V. Thompson is defendant, directed to me, the undersigned sheriff of Washita County, commanding me to levy upon and sell, with appraisement, the following described property:

Lots 7-8-9-10-11 and 12 Block 54 in the original town of Dill City, Washita County, Oklahoma.

to satisfy said judgment in favor of plaintiff, and against said defendant, which said judgment is now of record in said court for the sum of $187.50 together with costs in the sum of $8.10, with interest at the rate of 10 from July 5 1930, until paid, and all costs of this sale; I will on the 20th day of April, 1931, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock, A. M. of said day, at the front door of the court house in the city of Cordell, in said county and state, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, the said property above described.

Witness my hand, this 16 day of March, 1931.

PHILO LAMBERT

Sheriff, Washita County, State of Oklahoma.

By A. L. Brence, Undersheriff.

First Pub'l Mar. 19, 1931,—5 times.

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 26 Mar 1931 p 8

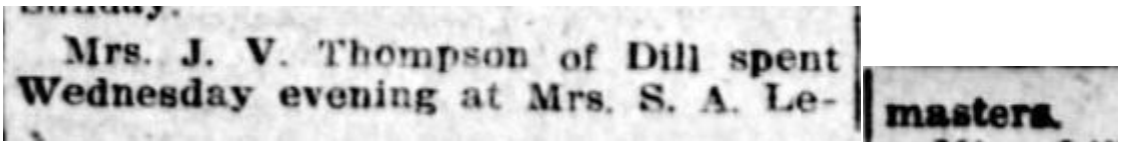
Mother:



Mother Rachel Alice Townsend Thompson – Find A Grave 80261382

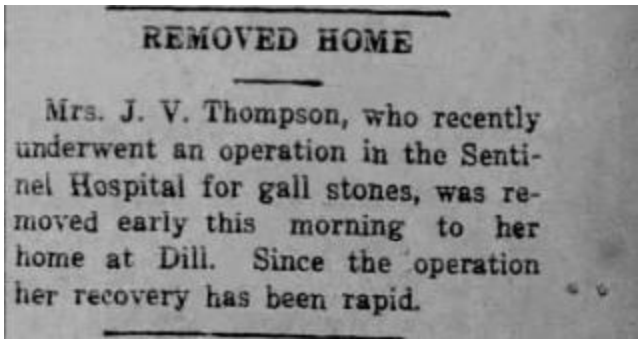


Rachel Alice Townsend Thompson - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/30993436/person/12543773930/media/8d838a05-088c-4aa5-b1ee-fdc0fe0ab4ee



Mrs. J. V. Thompson of Dill spent Wednesday evening at Mrs. S. A. Le- masters.

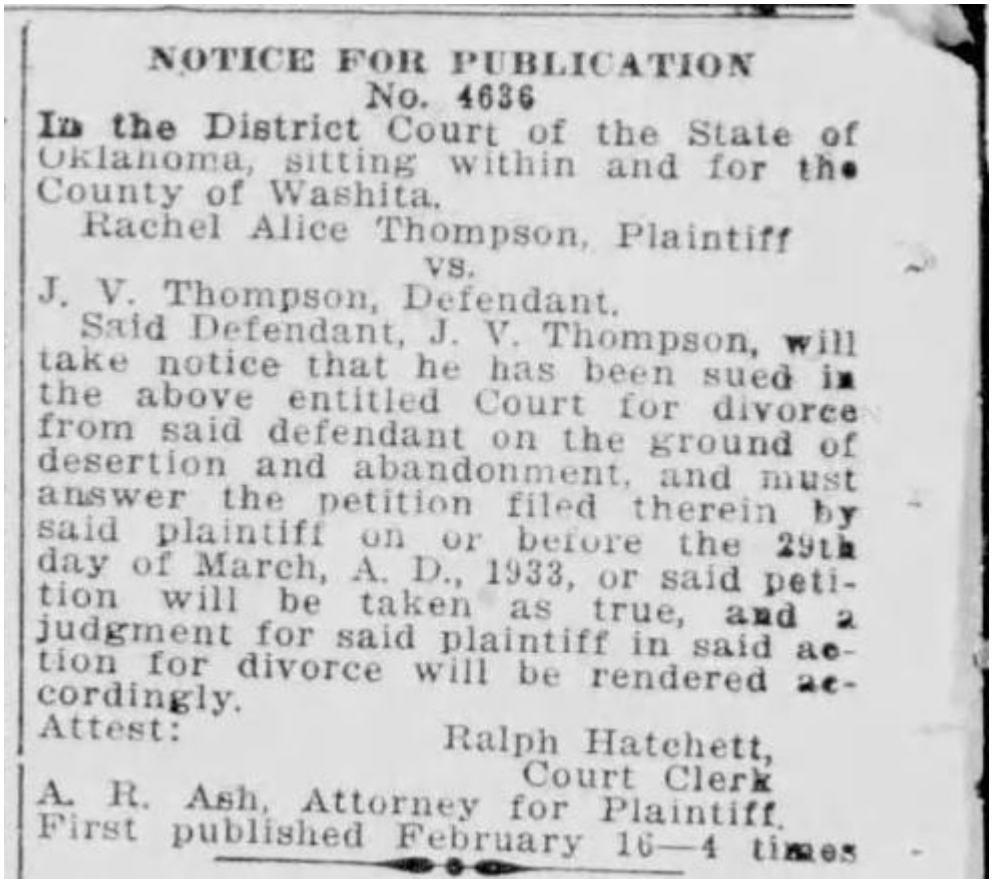
"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 11 Nov 1920 p 9



REMOVED HOME

Mrs. J. V. Thompson, who recently underwent an operation in the Sentinel Hospital for gall stones, was removed early this morning to her home at Dill. Since the operation her recovery has been rapid.

"Sentinel (OK) Leader" Thursday 12 Jul 1923 p 1



NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
No. 4636

In the District Court of the State of Oklahoma, sitting within and for the County of Washita.

Rachel Alice Thompson, Plaintiff

vs.

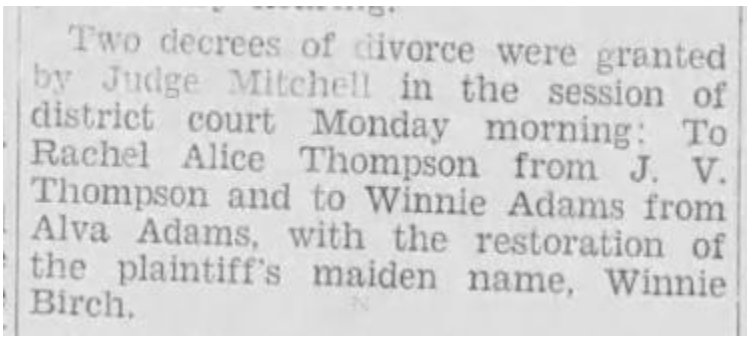
J. V. Thompson, Defendant.

Said Defendant, J. V. Thompson, will take notice that he has been sued in the above entitled Court for divorce from said defendant on the ground of desertion and abandonment, and must answer the petition filed therein by said plaintiff on or before the 29th day of March, A. D., 1933, or said petition will be taken as true, and a judgment for said plaintiff in said action for divorce will be rendered accordingly.

Attest: Ralph Hatchett,
Court Clerk

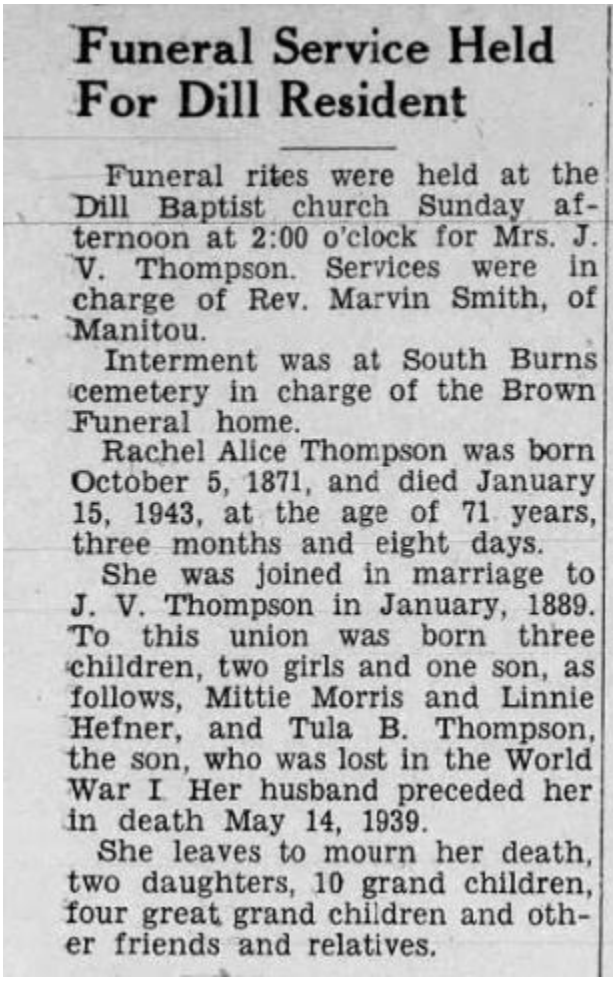
A. R. Ash, Attorney for Plaintiff.
First published February 16—4 times

Divorce of parents – mother sues on grounds of desertion & abandonment – "Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 23 Feb 1933 p 6



Two decrees of divorce were granted by Judge Mitchell in the session of district court Monday morning: To Rachel Alice Thompson from J. V. Thompson and to Winnie Adams from Alva Adams, with the restoration of the plaintiff's maiden name, Winnie Birch.

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 27 Apr 1933 p 1



Funeral Service Held For Dill Resident

Funeral rites were held at the Dill Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. J. V. Thompson. Services were in charge of Rev. Marvin Smith, of Manitou.

Interment was at South Burns cemetery in charge of the Brown Funeral home.

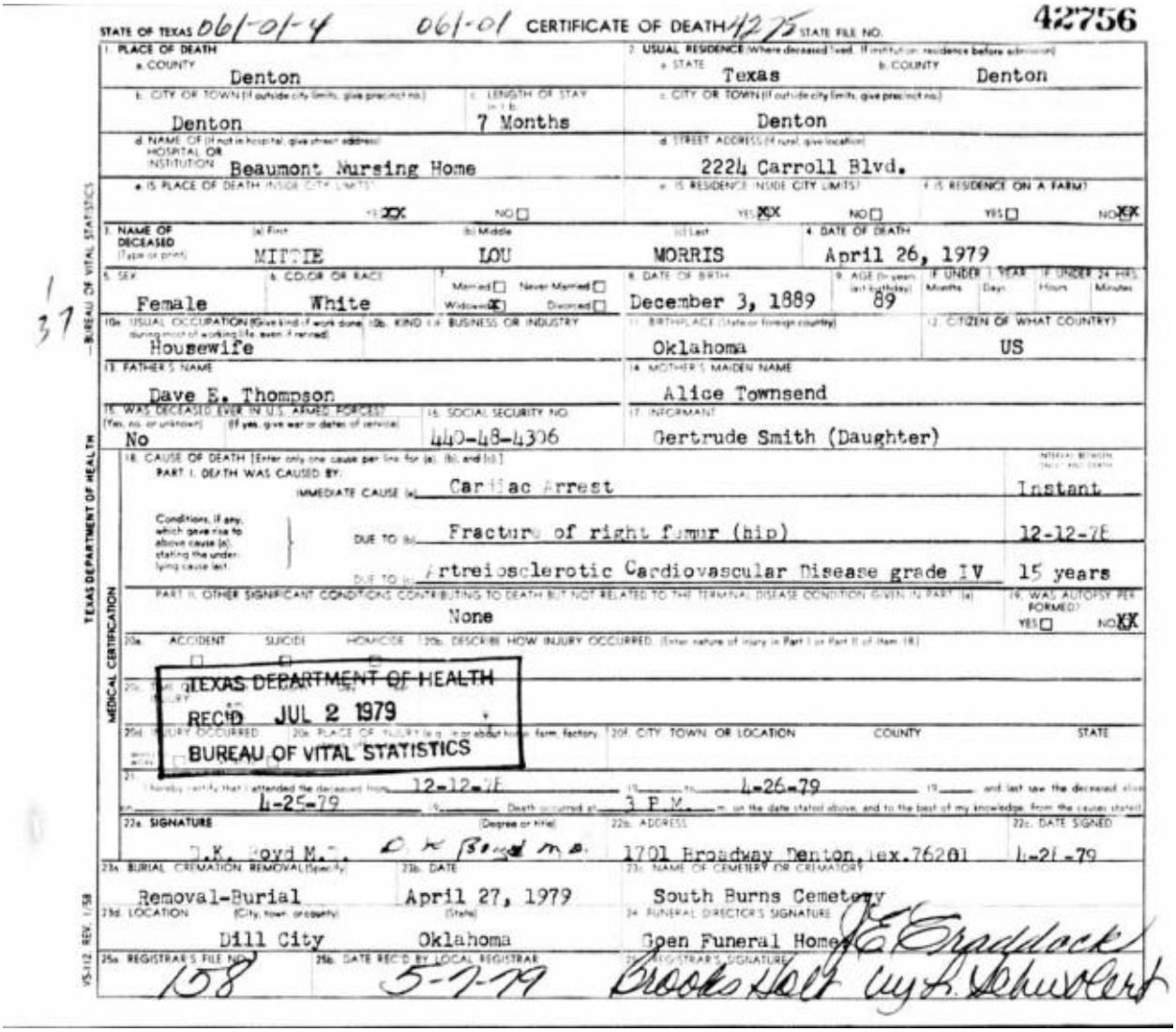
Rachel Alice Thompson was born October 5, 1871, and died January 15, 1943, at the age of 71 years, three months and eight days.

She was joined in marriage to J. V. Thompson in January, 1889. To this union was born three children, two girls and one son, as follows, Mittie Morris and Linnie Hefner, and Tula B. Thompson, the son, who was lost in the World War I Her husband preceded her in death May 14, 1939.

She leaves to mourn her death, two daughters, 10 grand children, four great grand children and other friends and relatives.

Obituary of mother Rachel Alice Townsend Thompson – "Sentinel (OK) Leader" Thursday 21 Jan 1943 p 4

Siblings:



STATE OF TEXAS 061-01-4 061-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 42275 STATE FILE NO. 42756

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY: Denton
b. CITY OR TOWN: Denton
c. LENGTH OF STAY: 7 Months
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION: Beaumont Nursing Home
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES XX NO

2. USUAL RESIDENCE
a. STATE: Texas
b. COUNTY: Denton
c. CITY OR TOWN: Denton
d. STREET ADDRESS: 2224 Carroll Blvd.
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES XX NO
f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES NO XX

3. NAME OF DECEASED: (a) First MITTIE (b) Middle LOU (c) Last MORRIS
4. DATE OF DEATH: April 26, 1979
5. SEX: Female
6. COLOR OR RACE: White
7. Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH: December 3, 1889
9. AGE (In years last birthday): 89
IF UNDER 1 YEAR: Months Days
IF UNDER 24 HRS.: Hours Minutes
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired): Housewife
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country): Oklahoma
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? US
13. FATHER'S NAME: Dave E. Thompson
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Alice Townsend
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown): No (If yes, give war or dates of service)
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO: 440-48-4306
17. INFORMANT: Gertrude Smith (Daughter)

18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).]
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a): Cardiac Arrest — Interval Between Onset and Death: Instant
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.
DUE TO (b): Fracture of right femur (hip) — 12-12-78
DUE TO (c): Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease grade IV — 15 years
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)
None
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO XX

20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☐ 20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RECD JUL 2 1979
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

20d. INJURY OCCURRED 20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory) 20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION COUNTY STATE

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 12-12-78 to 4-26-79 and last saw the deceased alive on 4-25-79. Death occurred at 3 P.M. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge from the causes stated.

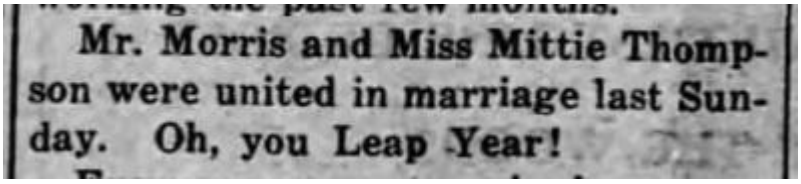
22a. SIGNATURE (Degree or Title): D.K. Boyd M.D. for Boyd M.D.
22b. ADDRESS: 1701 Broadway Denton, Tex. 76201
22c. DATE SIGNED: 4-28-79

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify): Removal-Burial
23b. DATE: April 27, 1979
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY: South Burns Cemetery
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county): Dill City
(State): Oklahoma
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: Green Funeral Home J.E. Craddock

25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.: 158
25b. DATE RECD BY LOCAL REGISTRAR: 5-7-79
25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE: Brooks Holt by K. Schubert

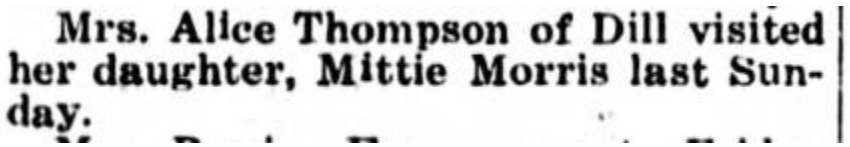
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TX death record of sister Mittie Lou Thompson Morris (1889-1964) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/556356:2272



Mr. Morris and Miss Mittie Thompson were united in marriage last Sunday. Oh, you Leap Year!

Marrige of Mittie Lou Thompson to Cisero Ewing Morris – "Elk City (OK) News-Democrat" Thursday 23 Mar 1916 p 2



Mrs. Alice Thompson of Dill visited her daughter, Mittie Morris last Sunday.

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 13 Jan 1921 p 8

Mrs. Linnie Hefner and daughter, Ann, of Oklahoma City visited Mrs. Mittie Morris of Cordell Saturday and Sunday morning. Mrs. Morris's daughter, Mrs. James Stewart, and family of Burns Flat met them in Dill City Saturday afternoon to visit with them here. The Morrises also visited their farm.

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 1 Mar 1956 p 6

AUCTION SALE

The following property will be sold at public auction at 911 East Ollie St. Cordell, Okla. (last house east of Cordell Court's) on

Saturday, June 30

Starting at 1 o'clock

1 Crosley Shelvador refrigerator, like new

1 Detroit Jewel stove

1 Chrome dinette suite, table and 4 chairs

1 buffet

1 17-in. table model Emerson T-V set and antenna

Dishes, cooking utensils and other odds and ends too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Mittie Morris

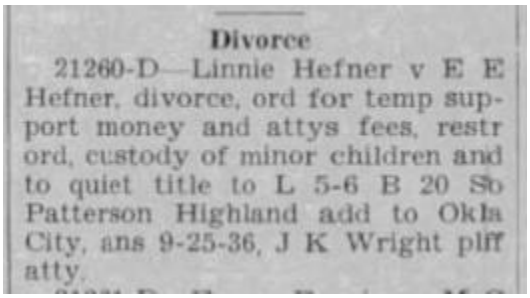
Owner

Auctioner Pat Patterson

"Cordell (OK) Beacon" Thursday 28 Jun 1956 p 7



Sister Linnie Victoria Thompson Hefner (1893-1985) – Find A Grave 38298441



Divorce

21260-D—Linnie Hefner v E E Hefner, divorce, ord for temp support money and attys fees, restr ord, custody of minor children and to quiet title to L 5-6 B 20 So Patterson Highland add to Okla City, ans 9-25-36, J K Wright pltf atty.

Divorce petition of Linnie Victoria Thompson Hefner – "Oklahoma City (OK) Daily Law Journal" Friday 28 Aug 1936 p 1

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

Name: Tula B. Thompson
Name variations: Tula R. on tombstone – Tulla B. on Tuscania passenger list
Military:
On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 56th Co.- private
Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Tula died without a number
Entered service from: Dill, Washita OK

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Tulla [sic] B. Thompson
Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. Alice Thompson, RR 1, Madill OK
First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland, grave 19, as Tulla B. Thompson
Body returned from war on: "Antigone" from Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland, arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920
Body listed on return ship as: Tulla B. Thompson
Rank & unit on return ship: private, Casual Co. #2
World War I draft registration (1917): as Tula B. Thompson - b. 25 Oct 1894 Freestone TX; res: Dill City, Washita OR. Single. Farming for father & mother 5 ½ miles NW of Dill City OK. Claimed exemption from draft: “Yes, health” – medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index: born 25 Oct 1894, died 5 Feb 1918, middle initial B.
Enlisted: date not recorded
Discharged:
Address: Marion KS
Rank/unit: private, Camp Travis Detachment #1

Birth & death:
Born: 25 Oct 1895 Freestone, Freestone TX (or 24 Oct 1894 according to Veterans Administration Military Index & other sources)
Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania
Find A Grave record: 57194489 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower
Burial location: Arlington, Arlington VA
Cemetery: Arlington National
Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Oklahoma Pvt US Army

Father: John V. Thompson, Oct 1863 TX – 14 May 1939 [according to his wife’s obituary]. He was listed in the 1920 census in Dill, Washita OK, which was conducted 6 Jan 1920. Burial location unknown. Find A Grave record claims he was cremated. F: 92704803

Mother: Rachel Alice Townsend Thompson, 5 Oct 1871 Tarrant Co. TX – 15 Jan 1943 (likely OK). In the 1930 census, Rachel Thompson (55 TX), claims to be widowed. She is living in Pocasset, Grady OK with Cicero E. & Mittie Morris [her daughter Mittie Thompson]. Buried in South Burns Cemetery, Dill City, Washita OK.
Mother Find A Grave: 80261382
Parents’ marriage: 1887 TX – also found as Jan 1889 in her obituary. Rachel petitioned for a divorce in Feb 1933 claiming desertion.

Spouse: Jessie May Swehla Thompson Brady Razor, 10 Nov 1897 Winneshiek Co. IA – 18 Mar 1920 or 23 Mar 1920 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA.
Jessie’s father is Mathias Swehla (19 Mar 1861 Calmar, Winneshiek IA – 10 Jul 1935 Marion, Marion KS, according to F: 65937042) or Mike Swehla (19 Feb 1861 IA – 12 Jul 1936, F: 132778153). He is buried in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion KS.

Jessie's mother is Veronica (Froney/Fronce) Fisher/Fischer (4 Feb 1861 Calmar, Winneshiek IA – 20 Feb 1935 Canute, Washita OK, F: 65937090) or Fronce/Fronie (4 Feb 1861 IA – 20 Feb 1935, F: 132778085). She is also buried in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion KS.
Lack of documentation on Jessie. Her marriage to Tula B. Thompson is based on online family tree information. Tula reported he was single on his 5 Jun 1917 draft registration. His Veterans Administration Military Index card reports his address is Marion KS – which agrees with Jessie's data for the time period.
Newspaper articles show Jessie was listed at this time period as "Miss Jessie Swehla." She is listed in newspapers as Jessie Swehla when she obtains a marriage license & marries Charles Elmer Brady in Marion, Marion KS on 8 Oct 1919. He is a resident of Peabody KS & she of Marion KS at the time. Charles Elmer Brady was born 25 Mar 1898 in Grenola, Elk KS & died 4 Dec 1965. He is buried in Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Arkansas City, Cowley KS, F: 43791277.
In the 1920 census for Peabody, Marion KS, C.E. Brady (21 KS), father b. MO, mother b. IA, a laborer, tool dresser, lives with his wife Jesse (23 IA, parents b. IA). This census is conducted 28/29 Jan 1920.
So – between the end of January, Jessie is supposed to have married William Razor & died in California at the end of March.

Buried in Marion Cemetery, Marion, Marion KS. Tombstone reads: Jessie Swehla Razor. Spouse Find A Grave: 132590968 & 65937890. Birth & death dates differ on records. The latter record indicates she was married to Tula B. Thompson & they had a daughter, then married to Charles Brady, then to William Razor. as death date of 18 Mar 1920
Spouse marriage;

Child (?): by wife (?) Jessie May Swehla

- Caroline (Carrie) May Swehla [Thompson] Jewett, 11 Jun 1915 Elk City, Beckham OK – 25 Dec 1972 Marion, Marion KS. In the 1920 census, Carie Swehla (3 years 6 months KS) is listed as the daughter of Mike Swehla (62 IA) & Fronie Swehla (61 IA) – a biological impossibility. She lives with them & their son Albert Swehla (26) in Marion, Marion KS. This census was enumerated 8 Jan 1920. – In the 1930 census for Marion, Marion KS, 13-year-old Carrie Swehla (13 OK), now listed as a granddaughter, lives with grandparents Mike & Fronce Swehla - Married 25 Dec 1932 in Cottonwood Falls, Chase KS to Samuel E. Jewett (1905-1979, F: 147283647). Buried in Grant Cemetery, Marion, Marion KS. F: 147383275

Siblings:

- Mittie Lou Thompson Morris, 3 Dec 1889 OK – 26 Apr 1979 Cordell, Washita OK. Wife of Cisero Ewing Morris (1896 MO – 1955 OK, F: 31864611). Buried in South Burns Cemetery, Del City, Oklahoma Co. OK. F: 92704803
- Linnie Victoria Thompson Hefner, 16 Mar 1893 OK [then Indian Territory] – 25 Oct 1985 Longview, Gregg TX. Wife of Elzie Eugene Hefner (1888-1953, F: 38298218). She petitions for a divorce. Buried in Sunny Lane Cemetery, Del City, Oklahoma Co. OK. F: 38298441

Notes:

Tula's Find A Grave record uses a middle initial of R. This is found as B. in all his other records, including military, and in the census.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Elk City (OK) News" 21 Feb 1918 p 1 - photo & poem "Her Loyal Son" - Tula B., son of Mr. & Mrs. J.V. Thompson of Dill, formerly of near Elk City, b. Freestone Co TX 25 Oct 1895, came with parents to OK in 1911. Only son, mainstay of aged parents. His father was injured in a car accident over a year ago & is unable to work so Tula farmed & was making a success of it, liking the work. While in the Army, he sent home all but $5 of his wages to his parents. Kind & considerate to all, a "noble son and brother." Survived by 2 sisters Mrs. E.E. Hefner of Elk City & Mrs. E.W. Morris of Dill. Enlisted 4 Oct 1917, a private at Camp Travis. Was hard of hearing so he expected to fail the physical exam so he had made no arrangements for a replacement on the farm.

"Elk City News-Democrat" 7 Mar 1918 p 1 - E.E. Hefner who was in the real estate business in Elk City, has moved to Dill City to farm the J.V. Thompson place as Tula was lost on the Tuscania

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Justice Precinct 2, Henderson Co. TX
John V. Thompson, 36 TX, Oct 1863, parents' birthplaces unknown, married 13 years, farming
Rachael A., 29 TX, Oct 1871, parents' birthplaces unknown, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living
Mittie Lou, 11 OK [Indian Territory actually], Dec 1888
Linne V., 8 OK [Indian Territory actually], Mar 1892
Tula B., 5 TX, Oct 1894

1910 Justice Precinct 4, Runnels Co. TX
J.V. Thompson, 42 TX, parents b. GA, married 21 years, farmer, farm
Allie, 38 TX, parents b. GA, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living, housework
Millie, 20 OK, house work
Linnie, 18 OK
Tula, 15 OK

& hired hands:
J.A. Fenn, 39 TX & Ernest Delson, 17 TX, both single

TUSCANIA