# VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK GREENEVILLE WORLD WAR I GREENE COUNTY SOLDIERS ROLL OF HONOR

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Veterans Memorial Park, Forest Street Greeneville, Tennessee

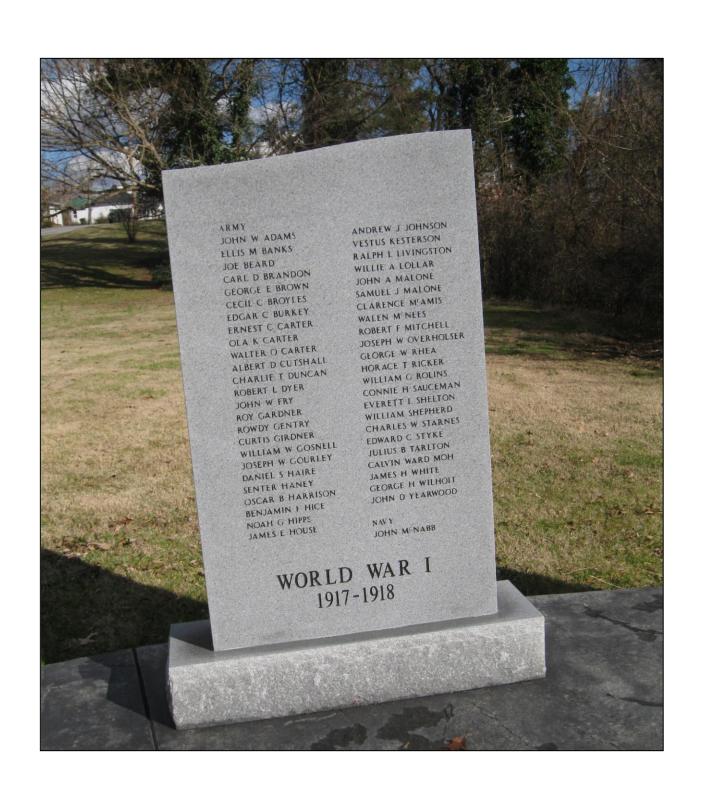
Dedicated May 25, 2016



Names of the Honored Dead have been inscribed on individual stone tablets for each War, beginning with World War I, up to the present. The Park Dedication was held on May 25, 2016.



Grady Barefield, commander of American Legion Post 64, Dedication Speaker



# ROLL OF HONOR WORLD WAR I

# **John Westley Adams**

117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division; born August 20, 1894; died September 12, 1918;

Burial: St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France;

Draft Record: resides Route 4 Baileyton, Single;

A son of William T. Adams (1862-1937) and Elizabeth Horton Adams (1861-1938), buried Oakdale Missionary Baptist Cemetery.

#### Ellis M. Banks

Sgt., Company H, 28th Infantry and 11th Cavalry; born March 23, 1894; died August 14, 1917: "Killed when horse fell on him"; Resided on Allen's Bridge Road;

Tombstone: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

A son of A. M. Banks (1855-1920. buried Oak Grove Cemetery) and Harriet Banks.

#### Joe Beard

Draft Record: born April 17, 1888; age 29; born: Mosheim, TN; resides: Knoxville; Single; Race: "African"; In 1910 Joe lived on Jackland Street in Knoxville with his widowed Mother and siblings. Joe worked as a Fireman for the Railroad.

A son of Martha Beard, who in 1910 stated she was the Mother of 11 children, 4 living. Another son, Henry Beard, born March 10, 1879, lived in Midway when he registered for the draft.

## **Carl Dana Brandon**

Corporal, 117th Infantry, 30th Division;

Died October 8, 1918; Burial: Plot D, Grave 13, Row 4 Somme American Cemetery, Bony, France:

A son of Andrew Jerome Brandon (1876-1953) and Cora May Pierce Brandon (1878-1966), buried Lovelace Cemetery.



Cpl. Carl Dana Brandon

# George E. Brown

Draft Record: born January 10, 1896, Greene County; Age 21; resides 754 W. Baxter Street,

Knoxville;

Died October 12, 1918; Burial: Suresnes American Cemetery, Suresnes, France.

# **Cecil Clinton Broyles**

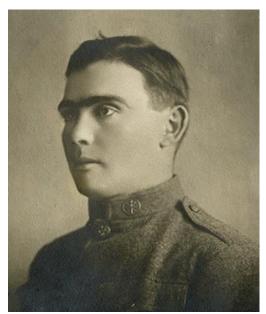
Draft Record: born February, 21, 1893; resides Chuckey; Single;

Private, 320 Aero SQ; died December 14, 1918, Ellis Island, New York;

Tombstone: Philadelphia Cemetery, Washington County;

A son of Ira Broyles (1852-1914) and Eveline Housely Broyles (1856-1903), buried Philadelphia

Cemetery, Washington County



**Private Cecil Clinton Broyles** 

#### **Edgar Coulburne Burkey**

Cpl., Company B, 57th Pioneer Infantry; born October 19, 1896;

Died October 13, 1918; Cause of death: Pneumonia;

Original burial: Cemetery #536, Lambazellec, Consumere, Finistere, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

A son of Alva Edgar Burkey (1865-1934) and Lou Ennis Roberts Burkey (1869-1959), buried

Cedar Hill C. P. Church Cemetery.

## **Ernest Clayton Carter**

Draft Record: born November 14, 1895; age 21; resides Chuckey; Single;

Medical Dept., 117th Infantry, 30th Division;

Tombstone: Chuckey Community Cemetery: "Killed in France";

A son of Rezin C. Carter (1870-1937) and Alice C. Walters Carter (1860-1932), buried

Chuckey Community Cemetery.

# **Ola Kyle Carter**

Draft Record: born May 10, 1897; age 21; resides RFD #1 Mosheim; Single; Nearest Relative:

T. H. Carter;

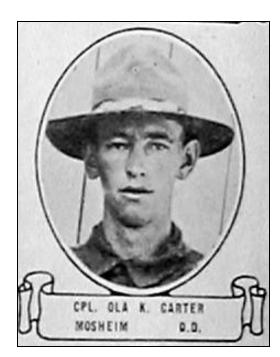
Cpl., Company F, 330th Infantry;

Died December 5, 1918; Cause of death: Pneumonia;

Original burial: Section C, Grave 129, American Cemetery, Lemans, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville

A son of Thomas H. Carter (1861-1936) and Nancy Ann Hartman Carter (1870-DOD unknown), buried Price Cemetery, Romeo.



## **Walter Otto Carter**

Draft Record: born July 9, 1895; age 21; Resides: Mosheim; Single;

Private, Company G, 3rd Depot Division;

Died October 5, 1918; Cause of Death: Pneumonia;

Original Burial: Grave 6, Church Cemetery American Section, Charenton-Sur-Cher, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

Brother Charles Hubert Carter (1898-1960), buried Price Cemetery, Romeo and

Brother Elmer Monroe Carter (1893-1965), buried Browns Spring Cemetery, Mosheim, both

registered for the WWI Draft. It is not known of the brothers actually served.

Sons of James D. Carter (1858-1928) and Orlena "Lenia" Poe Carter (1872-1955), buried Carter's Station UMC Cemetery.

## **Albert Douglas Cutshawl (Cutshall)**

Draft Record: born March 12, 1893; age 24, Resides, RFD #11 Greeneville; Single;

Private, Company L, 117th Infantry, 30th Division;

Died October 6, 1918, Bellicourt, France;

Original burial: Grave 5, Row 1, Plot C, American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville.

A son of Joseph Hancher Cutshall (1854-1926) and Malinda Etta Rader Cutshall (1868-1922), buried Harrison Cemetery, Greystone.

## **Charlie Thomas Duncan**

Draft Record: born June 23, 1890; age 26; Resides: Greeneville; Single;

Company F, 325th Infantry;

Died October 15, 1918;

Tombstone: Cross Anchor Cemetery, "Killed in Action Overseas";

A son of John Brooks Duncan (1860-1938) and Julia A. Harmon Duncan (1859-1949), buried Cross Anchor Cemetery.

# **Robert Lee Dyer**

Draft Record: born June 16, 1892; age 24; Resides: Mohawk; Single;

A son of John A. Dyer (1861-1903) and Laura Lynch Dyer (Golden) (died April 6, 1950, age 80), buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Mohawk.

[A stepson of James Golden (1834-1920, burial National Cemetery, location unknown, Civil War, 3rd TN Cavalry, Union), a survivor of the SS Sultana disaster.]

# John Wesley Fry

Draft Record: born November 27, 1895; age 22; Resides: Bulls Gap; Married; Trade: Saw Mill; Date, place of death and burial not known.

Wife: Rebecca Jane Barnes, married 1916, a daughter of Jackson "Jack" and Lula Carter Barnes. Rebecca Jane Barnes Fry, born September 8, 1900; died May 29, 1922, is buried at Pilot Knob C.P. Church Cemetery near Bulls Gap. Jackson "Jack" Barnes, and a brother, James F. Barnes, are also buried there.

The parents of John Wesley Fry are not identified; however, they may be associated with the Frye families buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

# Alfred Leroy "Roy" Gardner

Draft Record: born August 30, 1892; age 25; Resides: Route 4, Baileyton; Single;

Private, Company I, 1st Development BN, Camp Sevier, SC;

Died August 19, 1918, Base Hospital: "body sent to Greeneville by train";

Buried Weems Cemetery, Van Hill, Hamblen County;

A son of George Washington Gardner (1860-1913) and Martha Almira McLain Gardner (1864-1899), buried Weems Cemetery, Van Hill, Hamblen County.

## **Rowdy Gentry**

1st Lt., Company K, 363rd TN Infantry, 91st Division;

Born: 1896; Died: October 31, 1918;

Burial: Arrondisement Kortrijk, West Flanders, Belgium;

Tombstone: Mt. Olivet Church Cemetery;

A son of Andrew Jackson Gentry (1848-1939) and Temperance Franklin Gentry (1851-1935),

buried Mt. Olivet Church Cemetery.

#### **Girdner Brothers:**

#### **Curtis Girdner**

Private, Co. L 120th Infantry, 60th Brigade, 30th Division;

Born May 4, 1899; Died August 31, 1918, Belgium: "shot in stomach and died on the field";

Tombstone: Monte Vista Memorial Park, Johnson City;

# William Ernest Girdner

Private, Co. L, 120th Infantry and 123rd Infantry, 30th Division;

Born July 1893; Died September 29, 1918, Bellicourt, France: "Offensive in Belgium and France, shrapnel would to stomach";

Reinterred April 23, 1929, Monte Vista Cemetery, Johnson City.

Sons of William (1831-1900 > 09, burial unknown) and Catherine Marshall Girdner (1865-1914), buried Mt. Hebron.

## William Wesley Gosnell

Private, 28th TN Infantry;

Born March 27, 1897; Died May 29, 1918;

Original Burial: Grave 113, American Cemetery, Bonviller, Oise, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

A son of Benjamin Franklin Gosnell (1876-1940, buried Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City) and Sarah Alice Hensley Gosnell Bible Miller (1878-1953, buried River Hill. [Father, Benjamin Franklin Gosnell (1876-1940), served in the Spanish American War, Company K, 31st US Vol. Infantry; Wounded August 25, 1899: injury to the spine; Discharged January 13, 1900. He resided in the Woolsey College area, and he died in the Mountain Home Hospital on January 11, 1940. His death certificate states his occupation as "retired Policeman".]

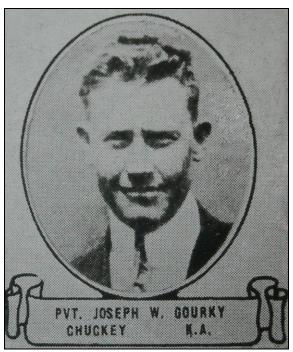
## **Joseph Walter Gourley**

Private, Company D, 168th Infantry;

Born September 6, 1894; Died July 30, 1918, France; Single;

Tombstone: Philadelphia Community Cemetery, Washington County;

A son of Joseph B. Gourley (1861-1944) and Mary Louise Walter Gourley (1867-1927), buried Philadelphia Community Cemetery, Washington County.



Joseph Walter Gourley (the surname on the photograph was misspelled)

## Daniel S. Haire

Private, 318th Field Artillery, 81st Division;

Born August 1894; Died October 10, 1918, place unknown;

Tombstone: Haire Family Cemetery, South Greene County;

A son of Rufus Deadrick Haire (1858-1940) and Martha E. Lamons Haire (1861-1936), buried Haire Family Cemetery.

## **Senter Haney**

Draft Record: born July 23, 1891, age 26; Resides: 105 Lake Street, Greeneville; Married, 1

child; Trade: Works for Fellers Construction;

Company F, 117th TN Infantry, 30th Division;

Died February 16, 1919, place unknown;

Tombstone: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville.

Wife: Willie Irene McAffrey Haney (1899-1971), buried Andrew Johnson National Cemetery; A son of Van Calvin Haney (1856-1921) and Margaret G'Fellers Haney (1856-1927), buried River Hill UMC Cemetery.

# **Oscar Byrd Harrison**

Draft Record: born November 30, 1895; age 21; Resides: Rte #15 Greeneville; Single;

Private, Company 125th Infantry, 32nd Division;

Died October 22, 1918;

Burial: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, France;

A son of William Bruce Harrison (1868-1957) and Arra B. Crum Harrison (1872-1939), buried Mount Olive Cemetery, Greystone.

## **Benjamin Franklin Hice**

Draft Record: born November 8, 1888; age 29, born Chuckey; Single;

Private, Battery A, 128th Field Artillery, 35th Division;

Died June 21, 1918, France;

Tombstone: Chuckey Community Cemetery;

A son of John Wesley Hice (1846-1929) and Memora A. Bolton Hice (1865-1889), buried

Chuckey Community Cemetery.



**Benjamin Franklin Hice** 

[Father, John Wesley Hice, was a Civil War Soldier, first serving in Company F, 12th (Days) TN Cavalry, Confederate; and later in Company A, 3rd NC Mounted Infantry, Union.]

## **Noah Gardner Hipps**

Draft Record: born November 9, 1894; age 23; Resides: #12 RFD Greeneville; Employment: works for S. W. Lamb; Single;

Died December 4, 1917, Richland County, South Carolina;

Tombstone: Lamb Cemetery, South Greene County;

A son of John Jackson Hipps (1852-1905) and Saphrona E. Trammel Hipps (1856-1898), buried Lamb Cemetery.

#### **James Edward House**

Draft Record: born January 21, 1895; age 21; Resides: RD #3, Parrotsville; Single;

Private, 57th Pioneer Infantry;

Died December 16, 1918, Base Hospital, France;

Tombstone: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Greene County;

A son of John Jacob House (1867-1943) and Elizabeth Carolyn Johnson House (1874-1952),

buried Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

## Andrew J. Johnson

Corporal, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division;

Died: September 29, 1918;

Burial: Somme American Cemetery, Bony, France;

A son of Minister, William H. Johnson (1847-1928) and Sarah Van Ross Johnson (1858-1910), buried Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Cemetery, Greeneville.

[Father, Reverend William H. Johnson was a Civil War Soldier serving in Company I, 1st TN Cavalry, Union.]

## **Vestus Kesterson**

Draft Record: born June 14, 1897, age 21; Single; Nearest Relative: brother, Elbert Kesterson, RFD #1, Mohawk;

Died October 9, 1918;

Tombstone: Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery, Mohawk

A son of John Thomas Kesterson (1861-1914), buried Stroud Cemetery, Mohawk, unmarked; and Nancy C. Redinour Kesterson (1865-DOD and burial unknown).

Wife: Shortly after his draft registration, Vestus married Cassie Lou Voiles on March 9, 1918. After Vestus' death, Cassie remarried to Thomas B. Gentry. Cassie (1899-1966) is buried at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery with her first husband, Vestus Kesterson.

The Kesterson family photographs are provided courtesy of Anna Kesterson:



Left-to-Right: Father, John Thomas Kesterson, and sons Elbert and Vestus.

Mohawk, Tennessee

Older brother, Jacob Elbert Kesterson (1889-1918), died in the Spanish Influenza epidemic. He is buried in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mohawk.







# Ralph L. Livingston

Private, 166th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division; Died November 3, 1918;

Burial: Plot A, Row 13, Grave 36, St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Thiaucourt, France; A son of William Thomas (1871-1956) and Lydia Caroline Lamons (1875-1948) Livingston, buried St. Joseph Chapel Cemetery, Midway.

## William "Willie" A. Lollar

Draft Record: born May 16, 1893, age 24; Race: African; Resides: Bulls Gap; Married; Trade: Laborer, Southern Railroad Company.

Wife: Otha Lee Jackson Loller. They had one known child, Etta Eva Loller (1912-1916), who is buried in Bulls Gap (unmarked).

A son of Felix Loller and Sarah J. Sliger Loller who lived in the Warrensburg area; A stepson of William Russell.

Willie's brother, Sanford W. Loller, born December 18, 1895, also served in WWI, Private, Company F, 368th Infantry. Sanford (1895-1929), died in the Soldiers Home in Johnson City and is buried at Mountain Home National Cemetery. Sanford's widow was Mrs. Daisy Loller who lived at 410 Fulton Street in Johnson City.

#### **Clarence McAmis**

Draft Record: born October 4, 1891, age 25; Resides: RFD #6 Baileyton; Single;

Company C, 45th Regiment Infantry;

Died October 17,1918;

Tombstone: Cross Anchor Cemetery;

A son of Elbert William McAmis (1858-1937) and Emma V. Loyd McAmis (1858-1931), buried

Cross Anchor Cemetery, Greene County.

#### Walen McNees

Draft Record: born September 26, 1896, age 21; Resides: RFD #1 Mosheim; Single; Nearest

Relative: Father, George McNees, Mosheim;

Cpl., Company B, 67th Pioneer Infantry;

Tombstone: Price Cemetery, Romeo;

A son of George McNees (1865-1935) and Lula Mae Everhart McNees (1873-1905), buried

Price Cemetery, Romeo.

#### John A. Malone

Draft Record: born May 17, 1894, age 23; Resides: RFD #1 Afton; Single;

Private, Company C, 117th Infantry, 30th Division;

Died September 21, 1918;

Tombstone: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

A brother, William Dawson "Doss" Malone (1896-1944), also registered for the Draft: born

April 1, 1896; age 22; Resides: RFD #1 Afton; Single; Father: Dan Malone. It is not known if

Doss actually served. Doss Malone is buried at Cross Anchor Cemetery;

Sons of Daniel Malone (1867-1947) and Hillie E. Gass Malone (1869-1922), buried Cross

Anchor Cemetery.

# Samuel J. Malone

Draft Record: born September 11, 1890, age 26; Resides: RR #5 Greeneville; Single; Trade:

works in rubber factory, Jonesboro, Indiana;

Private, 2nd Company;

Died August 20, 1918;

Tombstone: Cross Anchor Cemetery;

A son of George W. Malone (1854-1923) and Jane Reynolds Malone (1855-1921), buried Cross

Anchor Cemetery.

#### John McNabb

Fireman, U. S. Navy

Born August 26, 1884; Died May 27, 1918: Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia; cause of death "Tuberculosis":

Tombstone: Carter Family Cemetery, Greene County;

Wife: Bessie Lillian (Burger) McNabb, RR #1, Mosheim, (1890-1918), buried Carter Family Cemetery;

Brother, James McNabb, registered for the WWI draft: born May 12, 1893; Resides Route 1,

Mosheim; Single. It is not known if James saw service. He died in Illinois in 1977.

Brother, Willie "Willie" McNabb, registered for the WWI Draft: born June 2, 1897. Willie served as a Private, Company F, 53rd Pioneer Infantry. He died January 28, 1970, and is buried in Mt. Sinai U.M. Cemetery.

Sons of William A. McNabb (1854-1923) and Margaret A. Foshea McNabb (1864-1903), buried in unmarked graves in Greene County.

## **Robert Freeman Mitchell**

Draft Record: born May 23, 1900; Resides: Mohawk; Single; Nearest Relative: Mother, Ivy; 2nd Lt., 328th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Division;

Died October 15, 1918; Buried: Plot B, Row 44, Grave 18, Meuse-American Cemetery, Romagne, Lorraine, France.

## Joseph Wayne Overholser

Draft Record: born July 15, 1894; Age 22; Resides Chicago, IL; born Greeneville, TN; Single; Died July 7, 1918;

Tombstone, Zion U.M. Cemetery, Baileyton: "Killed in Action";

Joseph's brother, Dewey Lexon Overholser (1898-1984) served in WWI, Cpl., Battery F, 18th Field Artillery. Dewey is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in Texas.

Sons of John G. Overholser (died after 1922, DOD unknown, probably Knoxville) and Nancy K. Strong Overholser (1868-1929), buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Knoxville (unmarked).



**Dewey Lexon Overholser** 

## **George Washington Rhea**

Draft Record: born February 22, 1895, age 22; Resides: Rt. 2, Afton; Single; Employer: Marion Jaynes Farm;

Private, Company I, 112th Infantry;

Died November 4, 1918;

Tombstone, Herman U.M. Church Cemetery: "killed somewhere in France";

A son of William M. Rhea (1856-1930) and Mary Elizabeth Prysock Rhea (1868-1955), buried Hermon UM Cemetery.

#### **Horace Thomas Ricker**

Draft Record: born May 6, 1895, age 22; Resides: #12 RFD Greeneville; Single; Nearest

Relative: Mother;

Company M, 328th Infantry;

Died November 29, 1917, Base Hospital, Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Caroline: "burial

Greeneville, TN";

Tombstone: Rehobeth C.P. Church Cemetery;

A son of Charlotte C. Ricker Hipps (1856-1937, buried Rehobeth C.P. Cemetery.

## William Green Berry Rollins

Draft Record: born May 18, 1894; age 29; Resides 18th RHD, (Limestone Springs), Greeneville; Single;

Private, Company A, 117th Infantry;

Died September 24, 1918;

Original Burial: Grave 47, Row 2, Plot A, American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France;

Reinterred: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

A son of Greene B. Rollins (1862-1934) and Alice Martha J. Stills Rollins (1867-1929), buried Prospect Cemetery, Bradley County, TN.

## **Connie Hubert Sauceman**

Draft Record: born October 6, 1895, age 21; Resides: RFD #3 Mosheim; Married;

Tombstone: Private, U.S. Army, Pine Grove UMC Cemetery, Mosheim;

(This memorial headstone was placed sometime after the 1960's.)

A son of James Alvin Sauceman (1877-1952) and first wife, Azalee Gregg Sauceman (1877-1918), buried Pine Grove UMC Cemetery.

## **Everett L. Shelton**

Draft Record: born September 28, 1896, age 21; Resides: Chuckey; Single; Nearest Relative: Wallace Rhea, Gorman, NC;

Died October 18, 1919, place unknown;

Tombstone: Liberty Freewill Baptist, Washington County;

Wife: Everett married Lillie Jane Haire shortly after he registered for the draft, married February, 25, 1918. After Everett's death, Lillie (1902-1985) remarried to Parn Eastman Hensley. Lillie died in South Carolina.

Parents are uncertain; Grandparents, with whom Everett lived were: Shadrack Shelton (1849-1922, died Chuckey), buried in Family Cemetery in North Carolina, and Margaret Ansabelle Sams Shelton (1852-1927), buried Liberty Freewill Baptist, Washington County.

## William Shepherd

Draft Record: born May 18, 1894, age 23; Resides: Greeneville; Single; Nearest Relative:

Mother; Employer: Embree Iron Company, Mining;

Died August 23, 1919, place unknown;

Tombstone: Mt. Olive Cemetery, Greystone;

A son of William G. Shepherd (1849-1911) and Lethia Ball Shepherd (1853-1923), buried Mt.

Olive Cemetery.

#### **Charles Walter Starnes**

Draft Record: born June 23, 1895, age 21; born Greene County; Lives: Route 6, Johnson City; Single;

Private, HQS Co. 117th Infantry, 30th Division;

Died October 7, 1918, France. KIA Battle of Montbrehain;

Original Burial: Grave 176, Row 7, Plot A, American Cemetery Bony, Aisne, France;

Tombstone: Arlington National Cemetery

Brother, Roy D. Starnes, born October 6, 1886, served in WWI. He died April 23, 1944 in the Mountain Home Soldiers Hospital in Johnson City. Roy is buried in Zion U. M Church Cemetery, Baileyton.

Brother, John Lawrence Starnes registered for the WWI Draft: born October 17, 1893; Resides Route 6, Baileyton; Single. Whether or not he served is not known. John Lawrence died on April 12, 1965, in Kentucky.

Sons of John Henry Starnes (1852-1919) and Rutha Lucinda Weems Starnes (1854-1909), buried Zion U. M., Baileyton.

# **Edward Clyde Styke**

Draft Record: born January 19, 1997, age 21, born Ashe County, NC; Resides: RFD #1

Mohawk; Single; Nearest Relative: Wm Styke;

Died September 27, 1918, place unknown;

Tombstone: "Corporal", Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery, Mohawk;

Brother, Joseph Raleigh Styke registered for the WWI draft: born May 19, 1895; age 22, Resides Mohawk; Single. He died June 8, 1970, and is buried in Hamblen Memory Garden.

Brother, David Arthur Styke registered for the WWI draft: born September 12, 1891; age 25;

Resides Bybee; Married. He died on June 15, 1959, and is buried in Bewley's Chapel Cemetery, Greene County.

Sons of William M. Styke (1859-1934) and Amanda E. Sapp Styke (1862-1934), buried Fairview Baptist, Mohawk.

## **Julius Berry Tarlton**

Draft Record: born August 28, 1895, age 22; Resides: RFD #14, Greeneville; Married; Private, Company B, 306 MP;

Died December 5, 1917, Base Hospital, Columbia, South Carolina: "Measles and Pneumonia"; Tombstone: Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Greene County.

Wife: Sarah Jane Starnes, married November 8, 1914. Julius and Sarah Jane had one child, Berry Woodrow Tarlton. Sarah and her son lived in Greeneville at 1920 Park Street. Berry Woodrow Tarlton (1918-1963) served in the U. S. Army and is buried at Brown Springs Cemetery, Mosheim.

Sarah Jane Tarlton remarried on February 21, 1920 to George Dewey Wilkerson. Sarah Jane Starnes Tarlton Wilkerson (1898-1955) and George Dewey Wilkerson (1898-1929) are buried at Carters Chapel U.M. Cemetery, Greene County:



Sarah Jane Starnes Tarlton Wilkerson (1898-1955) in later years.

A young widow and mother at age 19.

(Courtesy of R. J. Wilkerson)

Brother, Spencer H. Tarlton (1892-1967) was a Private in WWI, in the 78th PW Escort Company. Brother, Hubert Curtis Tarlton (1891-1954) Registered for WWI, but whether or not he served is not known. Spender and Hubert are buried at Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sons of Reverend Reuben Greenberry Tarlton (1867-1946) and Sarah Elizabeth Tino Tarlton (1867-1946), buried Pine Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

# **James Henry White**

Draft Record: born October 9, 1892; age 24; Single; Resides: RFD#1, Afton; Occupation:

Fireman, Kingsport Power Company;

Company G, 327th Infantry, 82nd Division;

Died October 10, 1918, France;

Original Burial: Chateau Thierry, French National Cemetery;

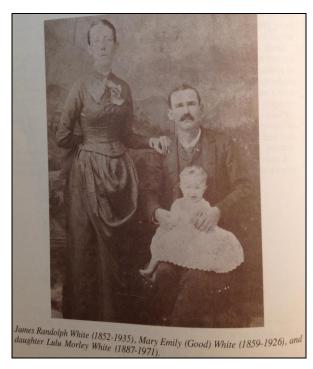
Reinterred: Rheatown Cemetery;

Brother Isaac William "Bill" White registered for the WWI Draft: born September 1, 1885; age 33; "Teamster", Company I, 12th Cavalry. He died in 1956 and is buried in Oak Hill Memorial Park in Kingston, TN.

Sons of James Randolph White (1852-1938) and Mary Ann Emily Good White (1859-1926), buried Rheatown Cemetery.

The White Family photographs are Courtesy of Cyndy Cox. Cyndy relays that James Henry's Mother never recovered from the loss of her young son, and she had his body reinterred from France to Rheatown Cemetery:





**James Henry White** 

Parents James Randolph and Mary Emily Good White

# **George Harold Wilhoit**

Draft Record: born December 24, 1891, age 25; Resides: Rt 3, Afton; Married;

Private, HG Co 117th Infantry;

Died September 29, 1918, Bellicourt, Picardie, France;

Original Burial: Grave 203, Row 8, Plot B, American Cemetery Bony, Aisne, France;

Reburial: Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, Greeneville;

Wife: Rebecca Reeve Lyon Wilhoit (1895-1980), Andrew Johnson National Cemetery.

Brother, Frank Stevenson Wilhoit, registered for the WWI Draft: born September 17, 1893, age 23; resides Route 2 Afton; He died on July 21, 1953 and is buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Chuckey;

Brother, Carl B. Wilhoit, also registered for the WWI Draft: born June 25, 1897; age 21; resides Route 3, Afton; Nearest relative: S. B. Wilhoit. Carl died on November 4, 1973, and is buried at Hermon U. M. Church Cemetery.

Sons of Samuel Brown Wihoit (1856-1937) and Mary June Bowman Wilhoit (1861-1894), buried Hermon U. M. Church Cemetery.

## John Dyke Yearwood

Draft Record: born July 18, 1896, age 21; Resides: Rt. 13, Greeneville; Nearest Relative: Nancy Adelaid Yearwood;

Died October 10, 1918, place unknown;

Tombstone: Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery;

A son of James Hiram Yearwood (1835-1905) and Nancy Adelaid Stevenson Yearwood (1854-1933), buried Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

[James Hiram was a Confederate Soldier serving with the 5th South Carolina Infantry.]

#### John Calvin Ward

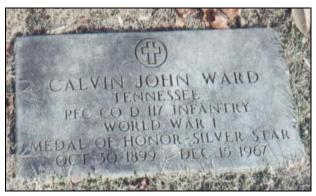
As a Medal of Honor recipient, WWI Soldier, Calvin John Ward's name is also inscribed on the WWI Memorial Tablet at Veterans Memorial Park:

Private, Company D, 117th Infantry;

born October 30, 1890; died December 15, 1967, unmarried; buried Glenwood Cemetery, Bristol, Tennessee;

A son of Alvin Lewis Ward (1870-1951) and Rena Moore Ward (1865-1951), buried Shepherd Cemetery, Bulls Gap.





A Memorial posted to Find-A-Grave states Calvin was one of the most decorated Dough Boys in World War I from Greene County. He received the Medal of Honor award from U. S. Army General John J. Pershing on December 31, 1919, for his actions on October 8, 1918, near Estrees, France, during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Calvin also received the Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Service Cross, the World War I Victory Medal, and six different foreign awards.

## His Medal of Honor citation reads:

"During an advance, Pvt. Ward's company was held up by a machinegun, which was enfilading the line. Accompanied by a noncommissioned officer, he advanced against this post and succeeded in reducing the nest by killing 3 and capturing 7 of the enemy and their guns." [posted by William Bjornstad]