

Randolph County
North Carolina
World War I Casualties



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Historical Context & Research Methodology

In April 1944 the Asheboro Rotary Club unveiled a memorial plaque in the lobby of the county courthouse to honor "the county's war dead to date." The plaque was made in the woodworking shop of Lucas Industries, Inc., under the direction of former Asheboro Mayor Clyde Lucas. Another larger plaque had been made by Lucas Industries in 1944 and hung in the lobby of Lucas Industries to list the names of company employees who were serving in the war. By the end of World War II the original plaque had become too small for the number of dead servicemen, and an additional plywood board was added which could hold more than 50 names. The World War II plaque was never fully completed, but remained in the courthouse until its renovation in the 1960s.

The two plaques were saved and stored for many years by Joe Ross, historian of the Asheboro Rotary Club. They were discovered, cleaned and refinished by the Club in 2009, and given back to Randolph County for display in the historic courthouse. It was thought that the smaller plaque could be retrofitted as a memorial to the dead of the First World War, and the larger could hold all the names from the Second World War.

As no definitive list exists naming the Randolph County dead for either war, the Randolph Room, as the county's history

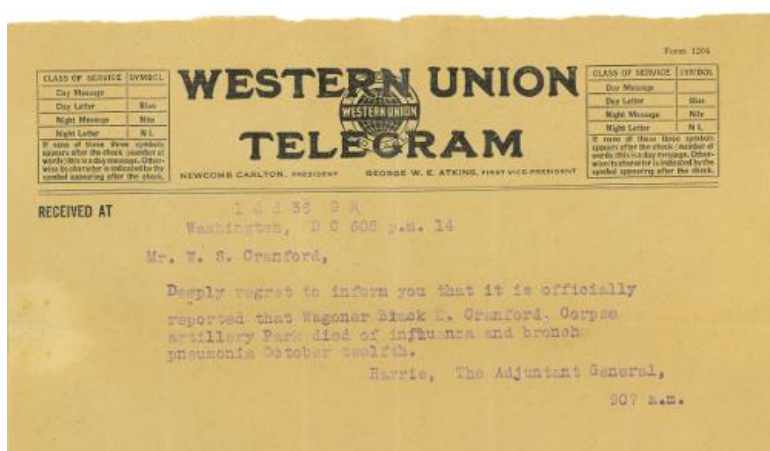
repository, conducted an extensive research project seeking to identify the county's world war casualties. This booklet contains the result for the war dead of 1917-1919.

Our research was initially guided using World War I Service Cards in which men listed Randolph as their county of residence (or a community within Randolph County). Microfilm of local newspapers for the years 1917-1919 were also used to identify lost service members. Our efforts here were hampered somewhat because of large gaps in our microfilm archive from this period. We continue to solicit local newspapers from the era in hopes we may have a more complete collection. Additional resources include "Soldiers of the Great War" (a three-volume set published in 1920 by Soldiers Record Pub. Association (available online)), "Fathers of the Greatest Generation: The Thomasville Blues" (2010) by Jim Little, access to a number of online genealogy resources, and families of some of these men.

In November, 2018, an updated plaque was hung in the Randolph County Historic 1909 Courthouse honoring Randolph County servicemen who had died during World War I. At that time we believed that 852 men from Randolph County had served during that conflict and that 46 had lost their lives. A booklet of short biographical sketches of these men was made available to the County Commissioners.

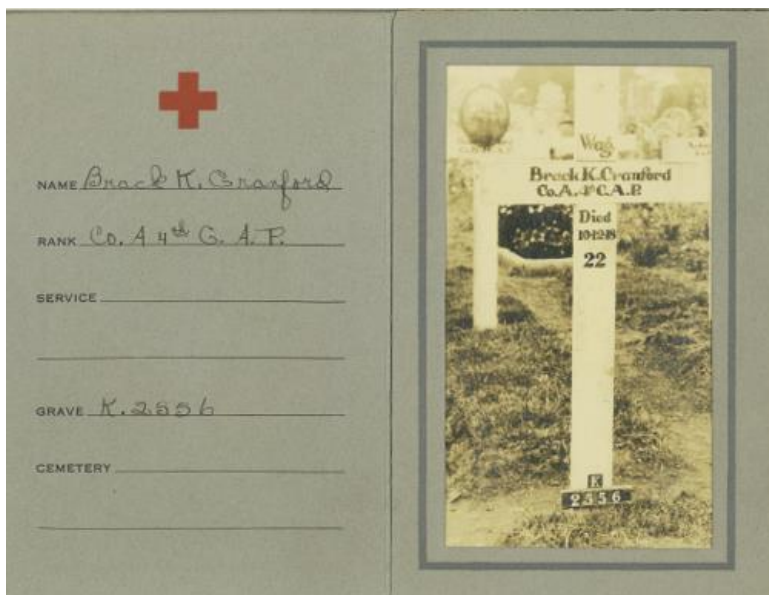
Since then, however, research has revealed additional serviceman to be added to the plaque. One of those men’s biographical information is included in this booklet. We initially “missed” Braxton K. (Brack) Cranford because he had moved from Randolph County and listed Wake County as his residence on his enlistment card. However, one of his relatives, a long-time Asheboro citizen, came forward with service artifacts that helped us to acknowledge Brack’s connections to people in Randolph County during the war and afterward.

Official letters from the Army following the death of Brack, including the original Western Union Telegram, make up a large part of these artifacts.



Also, during his time in the war, Brack wrote to William Lee Cranford, one of his brothers, in Asheboro asking for money and not to be forgotten. One very moving letter was addressed to “Mr. W.L. Cranford, Esq., Asheboro” from Brack’s commanding

officer upon his death. In addition to other official notifications regarding final effects and insurance proceeds, Brack's family was notified of his temporary grave with the following item:



We are grateful to Mr. Cranford's family for temporarily sharing these artifacts with us.

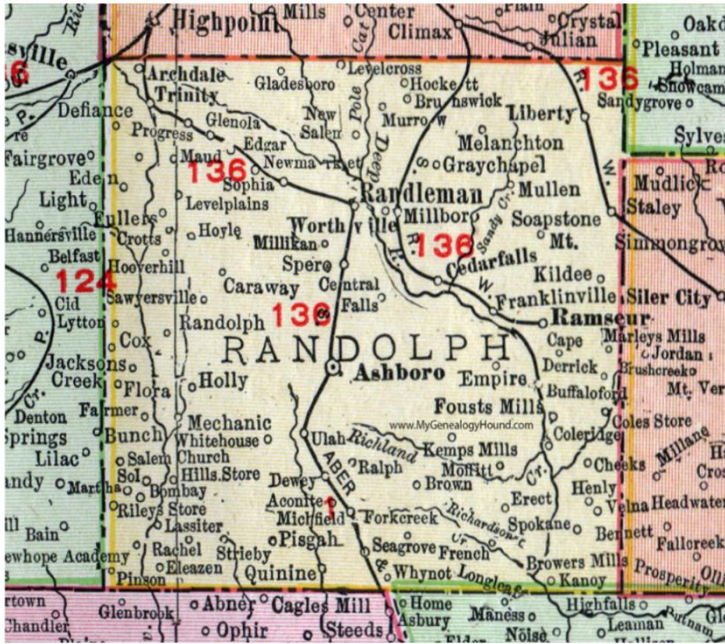
Two additional men's connections need further study: Nickey/Mickey Hopkins (1895-1918), served in Co. L, 120th Infantry from Thomasville. He lived in the New Hope area of Randolph County according to the 1900 and 1910 censuses but was in Davidson County when he entered the Army. Maceo T. Alston (1895-1919) was born in Liberty but entered the Army from Greensboro; we are not sure when he moved or if any of his family remained in Randolph County during the war. We will continue to research both of these servicemen.

The following are update biographical sketches, adding or correcting information contained in the initial booklet, and include the additional serviceman for a total of 47.

All of Randolph County was involved in this conflict and truly every part of the county felt the pain of losing loved ones. The following geographic list of casualties is based on the current commissioner districts in Randolph County:

District	Casualties
1	Ben F. Dixon, Jack C. Foust, J. Clyde Frazier, Walter B. Hussey, John E. King, John H. Kivett, Charles L. Lambeth, Ross Lowe, Thomas J. McDowell, Wayne J. Miller, Samuel L. Phillips, Frank C. Pierce, W. Earl Poole, Edward L. Sledge, Gurney Smitherman, Samuel S. Strickland
2	Dalton E. Smith, Edward G. Tomlinson, Willie L. Underwood, Robert O. Wall, Gilbert B. White
3	George W. Allred, John H. Bean, James M. Beason, Floyd B. Cox, Floyd F. Craven, Fred L. Finison, William O. Forrester, Walter L. Jones, William C. Leonard, Cyrus Lineberry, Roscoe C. Moffitt
4	George H. Allred, Daniel W. Allred, Jesse F. Blair, R. Edgar Davis, Harvey M. Ledwell, James Lewis Nelson, Otis A. Osborne, James H. Wall
5	John Bean, W. Arthur Cagle, Braxton K. Cranford, Ben L. Gatlin, William D. Harmon, Delbert Y. Lucas, Eugene Rachell, Walter Staley

Randolph County North Carolina - 1911



<http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/maps/North-Carolina-Maps/NC-Randolph-County-North-Carolina-Map-1911-Rand-McNally.html>

Highlighted communities below indicate where our soldiers lived:
 Aconite, Archdale, Asheboro (Ashboro), Bombay, Browers Mills, Brown, Brunswick, Buffaloford (Buffalo Ford), Cape, Caraway, Cedarfalls (Cedar Falls), Central Falls, Checks, Coleridge, Coles Store, Cox, Crotts, Defiance, Derrick, Dewey, Eden, Edgar, Eleazen, Empire, Erect, Farmer, Flora, Forkcreek, Fousts Mills, Franklinville, French, Fullers, Gladesboro, Glenola, Graychapel (Grays Chapel), Henly, Hills Store, Hockett, Holly, Hooverhill, Hoyle, Jacksons Creek, Kanoy, Kemps Mills, Kildee, Lassiter, Levelcross (Level Cross), Levelplains (Level Plains), Liberty, Lytton, Marleys Mills, Maud, Mechanic, Melanchton, Michfield, Millboro, Millikan, Moffitt, Mullen, Murrow, New Hope Academy, Newmarket (New Market), New Salem, Pinson, Pisgah, Progress, Quinine, Rachel, Ralph, Ramseur, Randleman, Rileys Store, Salem Church, Sawyersville, Seagrove, Soapstone Mountain, Sol, Sophia, Spero, Spokane, Staley, Strieby, Trinity, Ulah, Velna Headwaters, Whitehouse, Whynot, Worthville.

Allred, Daniel W.

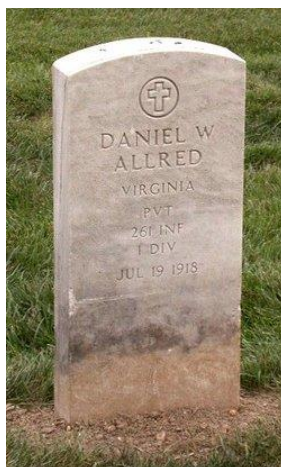
March 1889 - July 19, 1918

Daniel Allred grew up in Randleman, living with his single mother, Mary M. Allred, an older brother, Charles and two younger sisters, Maudie B. and Martha J. Allred. In 1900, Daniel and his brother worked in a cotton mill as sweepers. Before joining the Army, he lived with his widowed sister-in-law in High Point, NC and worked in the furniture industry.

Striking out on his own, he enlisted in the Army at Ft. Slocum, NY on February 7, 1912 and was honorably discharged on February 6, 1915 after serving three years in Company K, 17th Infantry. He re-enlisted as a Private First Class in Company C, 26th Infantry and was sent overseas after war was declared. Little is known about his death. Newspapers reported that he was severely injured but gave no date or location. PFC Daniel W. Allred's remains were shipped back to the Port of New York in 1922 and re-interred in Arlington National Cemetery on March 2, 1922.

Researcher's Note:

Even though Daniel's tombstone says he is from Virginia, most of his military records and newspaper accounts list Randleman, NC as his hometown.



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Doc Wilson.)

Allred, George Henry

May 22, 1892 - June 14, 1918

Prior to enlisting, George Allred was a fireman for Southern Railroad. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy as Fireman 2nd Class in Raleigh on June 21, 1917 and was sent to Norfolk, VA. On August 15, 1917, he was assigned duty on the *U.S.S. Collier Cyclops*.



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On March 4, 1918, the *Cyclops* left the port of Barbados and was never heard from again. The crew and passengers on board were declared dead and lost at sea on June 14, 1918.



F2C George H. Allred was survived by his parents, Joseph and Salina (Stevens) Allred of Randleman, four sisters and three brothers.

His gravestone was engraved as a cenotaph as there was no body. The opposite side of the

memorial was

dedicated to George's brother Dennis who died in 1915 and was buried in this location at the Midway Wesleyan Church Cemetery, Randleman, NC.

GEORGE H.
ALLRED
MAY 22, 1892
LOST ON U.S.S.
CYCLOPS
1918

(AWP photo)

Allred, George Washington

December 22, 1892 – August 18, 1918

George W. Allred was a son of Henry M. and Sophia (McAllister) Allred. His father was a farmer in the East Franklinville area of Randolph County. His mother died in 1898 when George was just 6 years old.

Prior to being inducted into the Army on June 17, 1918, George worked for Southern Railroad. At Camp Lee, VA, he was assigned to the 45th Company, 12th Provisional Battalion, 155th Depot Brigade from June 19, 1918 until July 8, 1918. Private Allred transferred to Company D, 320th Labor Battalion, Quarter Master Company on July 9, 1918. He shipped out from Newport News, VA with his unit on July 18th aboard the *Princess Matoika*. Pvt. George W. Allred died of lobar pneumonia one month later and was buried overseas.



GEORGE W. ALLRED
PVT. 320 LABOR BATTN.
NORTH CAROLINA AUG 18 1918

Meuse-Argonne American
Cemetery
Romagne, France

(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by soilsister.)

Bean, John

June 18, 1888 - October 23, 1918

John Bean was born in the Pisgah community to Rachel (Presnell) Bean. His father's name is unknown. A farmer, John registered for the draft in the Union precinct of Randolph County on June 5, 1917. When he was inducted into the army in Asheboro on July 18, 1918, he listed his friend Newton Luck from Seagrove as the person to notify in case of death.

Pvt. John Bean served in 39th Company, 154th Depot Brigade from July 19, 1918 until August 29, 1918. He transferred to Company C, 543rd Engineers (Service Battalion) and completed his training at Camp A. A. Humphreys in Virginia. His company left from New York City on September 18, 1918 aboard the *Rochambeau*.

Private Bean contracted pneumonia shortly after the voyage and passed away in Europe on October 23, 1918. His body was returned to the United States aboard the *Pocohontas* from Bordeaux, France. After arriving in Hoboken, NJ on October 18, 1920, his body was transferred to Randolph County. Pvt. John Bean was buried in an unnamed cemetery in Union Township, which contains 17 unreadable fieldstones.

Bean, John Harris

April 28, 1892 - September 29, 1918

John H. Bean was born in Asheboro and grew up on the family farm in the East Franklinville area of Randolph County. His parents, Cicero Harris Bean and Amy (Williams) Bean had seven children. John, being the only son in his family, helped his father with the farm until he went into the service.

On June 5, 1917, John registered for the draft and enlisted 25 days later in the North Carolina National Guard (NCG) at Asheboro as a Private in Company K, 3rd Infantry, NCG. He was promoted to Private First Class on February 1, 1918. The National Guard unit became Company K, 120th Infantry after being federalized due to the war in Europe. His newly renamed unit left the United States from Boston aboard the *Miltiades* on May 17, 1918.

PFC John H. Bean was killed in action on September 29, 1918 at the Battle of Bellicourt in France, one of many North Carolinians killed on that day. His remains were shipped from Antwerp, Belgium aboard the *Wheaton* and arrived in Hoboken, NJ on July 2, 1921. He was buried in the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Asheboro, NC.



(AWP photo)

Beason, James Monroe

August 21, 1894 - October 16, 1918



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

James Beason was the son of William E. and Annie D. (Steen) Beason. He was born in the New Salem area on his parents' farm. When he registered for the draft on June 5, 1917, he was a brick layer who lived in Climax, NC.

He entered the Army as a Private in Company E, 322nd Infantry on October 16, 1917 at Camp Jackson, SC. He transferred to Company K, 11th Infantry on February 6, 1918 and left for France on the *Leviathan* from Hoboken, NJ on April 24, 1918. His company was engaged in a series of costly frontal assaults that finally broke through the main German defenses of the Hindenburg Line.

Pvt. James M. Beason was killed in action on October 16, 1918. On August 6, 1921, his remains were returned to the United States aboard the *Wheaton*. He was buried in the Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery in Climax, NC.



(AWP photo)

Blair, Jesse Frank

June 28, 1891 – March 15, 1917

Jesse Blair was born to Lafayette and Rebecca A. (Robbins) Blair on their farm in New Market Township. He enlisted in the Army in 1909, the same year that his mother died. He served in the 11th Cavalry from 1909-1912 and in the 8th Cavalry from 1912-1915. The 1910 Census lists his residence as Ft. Oglethorpe, GA.



*Courtesy of the
North Carolina Archives*

On June 2, 1916, he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) and pledged his allegiance to King George. No one knows his reasons but by this time both parents were deceased, he was single and may have just wanted to help our allies more directly.

Private Blair joined the 47th Battalion, CEF and sailed to Great Britain in late October 1916. His battalion joined the 10th Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Division in France. Within six weeks he was wounded when shrapnel injured his left hand. He returned to his unit after spending four days in the hospital.

On March 13, 1917, his unit was assigned to the frontlines near Souchez, France. Two days later, Private Blair was killed in action. The Canadian government buried him in the Villers Station Military Cemetery, near Viller-au-Bois, France. He was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Cagle, William Arthur

February 25, 1892 - December 12, 1917

Arthur Cagle was a son of Matthew and Louella M. (Vuncannon) Cagle. They lived and farmed in the Pisgah Community.

Arthur registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 at Ophir Precinct in Montgomery County, NC, close to where he worked at a saw mill. He enlisted two days later in Asheboro, NC and was assigned as a Private in the National Guard Unit that became Company K, 120th Infantry, 1st Division, US Army. At the end of August, he transferred to Camp Sevier, SC for training.

Private Cagle did well when he first arrived at Camp Sevier and was promoted to Private First Class on October 10, 1917. Unfortunately, he contracted measles and was admitted to the base hospital on November 11th. While there he contracted pneumonia and passed away on December 12th. PFC William Arthur Cagle was buried in Pisgah United Methodist Church Cemetery, Asheboro, NC.

**W^M ARTHUR
CAGLE**

**Born
Feb 25, 1892**

**Died
Dec 12, 1917**

**God's hand touched
him and he slept.**



(AWP photo)

Cox, Floyd Bruce

March 12, 1896 - March 15, 1919

Floyd Cox was born in Kemps Mill to Eleazar Franklin and Nancy “Wincy” Ann (Upton) Cox. He grew up with three brothers and two sisters. He was farming for himself in Ramseur before joining the Army.

He registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 at Coleridge Precinct in Randolph County and was inducted into military service in Asheboro on December 4, 1917. Private Cox was assigned to the 156th Depot Brigade until December 21, 1917. After joining Battery B, 318th Field Artillery, he was transferred to Camp Funston in Kansas for training. While in Kansas, Pvt. Floyd B. Cox contracted pneumonia and died on March 15, 1919. He was buried beside his older sister Maxie Gertrude Cox who died of influenza on the same day at home. They share a gravestone in Pleasant Ridge Christian Church Cemetery in Ramseur, NC.



(AWP photo)

FLOYED B COX
MAR 12 1896
MAR 15 1919
MAXIE G COX
FEB 7 1894
MAR 15 1919

Researcher's Note: *FLOYED* was the name engraved on his gravestone. The spelling *FLOYD* was used by newspapers, local and military records.

Cranford, Braxton Kindle

May 29, 1898 – October 12, 1918

Brack Cranford was born in Asheboro to Calvin C. and Emma (Shaw) Crawford who lived in New Hope, NC. He was the youngest of nine children. His father, a farm laborer and Civil War veteran, passed away in 1902. After his father's death, the family moved to Thomasville where his mother was reared. According to the 1910 Census, Brack worked in a chair factory when he was 12 years old. He joined the Army on May 26, 1918 and was inducted into the 35th Company, 9th Training Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade as a Private and transferred to Camp Jackson, SC for training.

Pvt. Braxton K. Cranford transferred to Company A, 4th Corps Artillery Park in late July and served overseas in France from September 3, 1918 until his death from influenza and bronchial pneumonia. Five days prior to his death, he was promoted to Wagoneer. He was buried in the New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery in the New Hope community near Denton.



(AWP photo)

Craven, Floyd Franklin

April 8, 1895 - November 9, 1918

Floyd Craven, born in the Cole's Store community, grew up with his parents, Benjamin F. and Rodemia E. Craven, five brothers and three sisters. In 1900 the family lived in Pleasant Grove, NC and in 1910, they were living in Coleridge, NC. His father was a farm laborer. Floyd registered for the draft at the Coleridge precinct on June 5, 1917.

When inducted into the Army on May 29, 1918, Floyd was living in Ramseur. He was assigned as a Private in the 15th Company, 4th Training Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade on May 30, 1918. Private Craven transferred on June 27, 1918 to Company H, 323rd Infantry, with whom he shipped overseas.



He was killed in action on November 9, 1918 in Lorraine, France, two days before the armistice went into effect. Pvt. Floyd F. Craven was buried in St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial, Lorraine, France.

FLOYD FRANKLIN CRAVEN
PVT 323 INF 81 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA NOV 9 1918

(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Doc Wilson.)

Davis, Reuben Edgar

January 30, 1897 - August 31, 1918

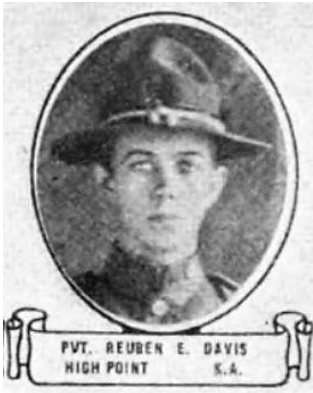


Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

Edgar Davis grew up in the Glenola/New Market area of Randolph County. He was born to Reuben Leander and Mary Alice (Spencer) Davis.

He enlisted in the National Guard on April 28, 1917. As member of Company L, 3rd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, he was

promoted to Private First Class on November 1, 1917. His unit was renamed Company L, 120th Infantry after being federalized. The 120th Infantry left Boston, MA for Europe on May 17, 1918 aboard the *Miltiades*.

PFC Reuben Edgar Davis was killed in action on August 31, 1918 in Belgium and was buried in the Marlboro Friends Meeting Cemetery in Sophia, NC.



(AWP photo)

Dixon, Benjamin Franklin

May 29, 1879 - September 29, 1918

Born in Kings Mountain, NC, Captain Dixon became the commander of Company K, North Carolina National Guard prior to federalization into the regular U.S. Army. He loved Randolph County and adopted Asheboro as his new hometown.



Image from Randolph Room,
Asheboro Public Library

He was drafted into federal service on August 5, 1917 in his position of Captain and served with valor until his death on September 29, 1918 during the Battle of Bellicourt. Capt. Benjamin F. Dixon was buried in the Old Hickory No. 3 section of the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial in France and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. His mother, Mrs. B. F. Dixon, lived in Gastonia.



BEN FRANKLIN DIXON
CAPT 120 INF 30 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA SEP 29, 1918

D. S. C.

Somme American Cemetery and Memorial,
Bony, Picardie, France

(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Doc Wilson.)

Finison, Frederick Lee

April 25, 1894 - September 3, 1918



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

Fred Finison was born in Moore County to Merrill H. and Nannie V. Finison. He had two brothers and two sisters. The family moved to Ramseur sometime after 1900. He worked for Southern Bell before enlisting in the Army.

He registered for the draft on June 5, 1917 and enlisted three days later as a Private in the 402nd Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps. On February 1, 1918, he was promoted to Private First Class. He was shipped overseas from Newport News, VA on June 30, 1918 aboard the *Kursk*. In France PFC Frederick L. Finison served with the 35th Aero Service Company, Signal Corps until his death from pneumonia in Paris, France. He was buried at Sunset Knoll Cemetery in Ramseur, NC.



FRED L.
FINISON
NORTH CAROLINA
VI 35 AERO SQUADRON

(AWP photo)

Forrester, William Oren

January 18, 1892 - September 29, 1918

Oren Forrester was born in Ramseur to James Oren and Fannie (Lane) Forrester. His mother died in 1903 after which his father married Nancy King. Oren had 3 younger brothers and one younger half-sister.



Image from Randolph Room,
Asheboro Public Library

He enlisted in a North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) unit at Asheboro on May 27, 1915 as a Private. He was promoted to Artificer (mechanic) on June 1, 1915, to Corporal on July 25, 1917, and to Sergeant on August 1, 1917. During that period, he was a member of Company K, 3rd Infantry, NCNG, which became Company K, 120th Infantry. On March 30, 1918, Sergeant Forrester married Frances L. Hughes who lived in Greenville, SC. He met her while training with his military unit at Camp Sevier, SC.

Sgt. William O. Forrester died in the Battle of Bellicourt and was buried at Somme American Cemetery and Memorial, Bony, France.

WILLIAM O. FORRESTER
SGT 120 INF 30 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA SEP 29, 1918

(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*,
added by Linkert.)



Foust, Jack Clarence

August 16, 1901 - October 6, 1918

Jack Foust was the oldest child of Willard Lee and Alma (Bulla) Foust of Asheboro. In addition to Jack they had two daughters. The youngest died in May 1906 and his mother died one month later. His father remarried and Jack became a half-brother to two boys. His step-mother died in 1910 and his father remarried again, adding more half-siblings.

Jack went to Greensboro in July 1917 to enlist and was sent to Ft. Thomas, KY as a Private in a Coastal Artillery company. At the time of his enlistment, he had been working at *The Courier* newspaper in Asheboro. In 1918, he was assigned to Company 2, Coastal Artillery at Ft. Screven, GA where he was promoted to Sergeant.

Sgt. Jack C. Foust was lost at sea when his troop transport ship *HMS Otranto* collided with a steamship and sank off the coast of Scotland on October 6, 1918. His name was engraved on the Tablets of the Missing Memorial Wall at the Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial in Suresnes, France.



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Donna Buchanan.)

Sergeant Foust was survived by his father, step-mother, one sister, two half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Frazier, James Clyde

December 19, 1894 - September 29, 1918



Clyde Frazier was born to Calvin G. and Rachel (Barker) Frazier in Staley, NC. The family later moved to Asheboro. Prior to enlistment, Clyde was a manager of the Montgomery Telephone Company in Troy. On June 5, 1917, Clyde registered for the draft in Asheboro and five weeks later he enlisted as a Private in the Company K, 3rd Infantry of the NC

National Guard. He quickly moved up through the ranks by being promoted to Private First Class on August 1, 1917 and Corporal on October 10, 1917. Due to the escalation of the war in Europe, his company was federalized and known as Company K, 120th Infantry. He left Boston, MA for France aboard the *Miltiades* on May 17, 1918.

Corporal Frazier was killed during the Battle of Bellicourt on September 29, 1918. He was buried in the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial, Bony France. There is also a cenotaph in Green Hill Cemetery, Greensboro, NC at his parents' gravesite. *The Courier* reported a memorial service in his honor at the Baptist Church in Asheboro on November 27, 1918.

JAMES C FRAZIER
CORPL 120 INF 30 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA SEP 29, 1918



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by soilsister.)

Gatlin, Benjamin Lewis

September 24, 1895 - September 29, 1918



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

Bennie Gatlin was the son of Garrett F. and Elizabeth A. (Stewart) Gatlin who were farmers in the community of Erect, NC. His mother died in 1909 and in 1910 his father married Cornelia Baldwin.

Private Gatlin was a member of Company K, 3rd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, which became Company K, 120th Infantry when the National Guard was

federalized. He enlisted on June 5, 1917 in Asheboro and was promoted to Private First Class on October 10, 1917. He was sent overseas aboard the *Miltiades* on May 17, 1918.

PFC Benjamin L. Gatlin was killed in the Battle of Bellicourt on September 29, 1918. Since his body was never recovered, he was memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, France.

Below is a re-creation of a portion of the Tablets of the Missing at Somme American Cemetery and Memorial. The walls inside the chapel memorialize, in alphabetical order, 333 missing soldiers.

THE NAMES RECORDED ON THESE WALLS ARE THOSE OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT IN THIS REGION AND WHO SLEEP IN UNKNOWN GRAVES.

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GATLIN BEN L PVT 1ST CL 120TH INF 30TH DIV SEPT 29 1918 NORTH CAROLINA
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Harmon, William David

January 7, 1896 - September 29, 1918

Will Harmon of Seagrove, NC was born to K. David and Roxana (Heads) Harmon. He was working in a sawmill prior to being inducted in the Army on October 10, 1917 in Asheboro. He was assigned as a Private in Company H, 322nd Infantry. On October 16, 1917 he transferred to Company A, 119th Infantry.

Private Harmon shipped overseas on May 11, 1918 aboard the *Ascania* with other members of Company A, 119th Infantry. He was killed in the Battle of Bellicourt on September 29, 1918.



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*, believed to be mis-identified; Should read "Pvt. William D. Harmon"



Pvt. William D. Harmon was buried in the Seagrove Christian Church Cemetery. He had the honor of being the first to be buried there. About 1,500 people gathered in remembrance of "Willie" when he was re-interred on April 24, 1921. He was survived by his parents and several siblings.

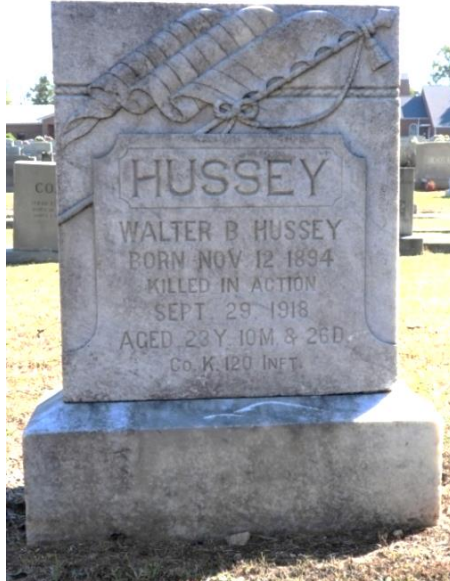
(AWP photo)

Hussey, Walter B.

November 12, 1894 - September 29, 1918

Walter Hussey was born in the Ulah area of Randolph County to Enoch O. and Nancy E. (Williams) Hussey. He enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard on September 3, 1917. On October 10, 1917 he was promoted to Private First Class. Shortly after his unit became Company K, 120th Infantry, he sailed for France aboard the *Miltiades*.

PFC Walter B. Hussey was killed in action during the Battle of Bellicourt on September 29, 1918. He was survived by his father and step-mother, S. Louella (Deaton) Hussey. His mother died prior to 1900. He was also survived by three brothers, three half-brothers, and three half-sisters. PFC Hussey was buried in Flag Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery.



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Jones, Walter L.

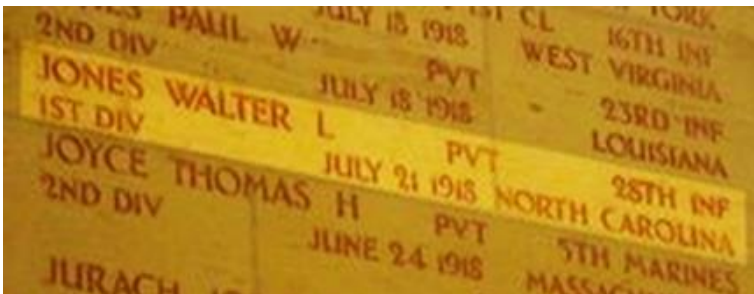
May 1900 - July 21, 1918

Walter was the only son of George Henry and Jennie (Turner) Jones of Franklinville. He enlisted in the Army at Ft. Screven, GA on April 23, 1917. At the time of his enlistment he was 17 years old. Private Jones was assigned to Company E, 2nd Infantry, North Carolina National Guard, and then Company E, 28th Infantry.



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April 17, 1919, p. 1

Pvt. Walter L. Jones was killed in action on July 21, 1918. His name is listed on the Missing in Action plaque in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery located near Belleau, France. He was survived by his parents and two sisters.



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Doc Wilson.)

King, John E.

April 1897 - June 2, 1918

John King of Asheboro enlisted in the Army at Columbus Barracks, Ohio on November 5, 1915. He listed his father as James M. King of Asheboro. While serving on the Mexican border, he was wounded in the neck. After recovering, he was assigned to Company G, 18th Infantry until January 15, 1918, when he was transferred to the Signal Section, Headquarters Company, 18th Infantry. Pvt. John E. King died in France on June 2, 1918 from wounds received in action.



NC State Archives Image



Temporarily buried in Flanders, France, his body was returned to his family by a military escort. Private King was buried at Flag Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery, Asheboro, April 3, 1921.

JOHN E. KING
NORTH CAROLINA
PVT 18 INF
1 DIV
JUNE 2 1918

(AWP photo)

Kivett, John Henry

February 22, 1900 - September 29, 1918

John Kivett was born to Stephen W. and R. Annie (Farlow) Kivett in Asheboro. Since John was only 17 years old, his mother gave him permission to enlist in the National Guard on June 30, 1917 as a Private. On October 10, 1917, he was promoted to Private First Class.



Image from
Soldiers of the Great War

His National Guard unit became Company K, 120th Infantry and on May 17, 1918, PFC John H. Kivett boarded the *Miltiades* along with others in the 120th Infantry and left the United States for France. Four months later on September 29, 1918, he was killed in the Battle of Bellicourt and buried in the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial in Bony, France.



Somme American Cemetery
(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by soilsister)

JOHN H KIVETT
PVT 1 CL 120 INF 30 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA SEPT 29 1918

(Photo from
FindaGrave.com,
added by Todd
Callahan.)



(Cenotaph in the Kivett family plot of the Asheboro City Cemetery; photo by AWP.)

Lambeth, Charles Lewis

May 29, 1895 - October 23, 1918

Charlie Lambeth was inducted in the Army on his 23rd birthday. Initially assigned to 15th Company, 4th Battalion Depot Brigade, he transferred to Company M, 322nd Infantry on June 27, 1918. In July of 1918 he was reassigned to 2nd Company, 1st Development Battalion at Camp Sevier, SC. He died of bronchial pneumonia on October 23, 1918 at Camp Sevier. Charlie was survived by his widowed mother, Mrs. Lee Lambeth, three brothers and five sisters and was buried at Science Hill Cemetery on October 26th.

His sister, Ellen (Ella) Lambeth Thornburg, who taught in several schools in Randolph County, related the following during a 1978 interview:

“Poor little Charlie was just able and old enough to help her [their mother] out ... was sent back in a pine box ... a pine box without a handle on it.”



(AWP photo)

CHARLIE
LAMBETH
MAY 29, 1895
OCT 23, 1918

Asleep in Jesus

Ledwell, Harvey M.

July 12, 1876 - July 26, 1918

Harvey Ledwell was the son of John and Margaret (Thornburg) Ledwell of Randolph County. He enlisted in the 36th Coastal Artillery in 1904 and was sent to Fort Moultrie, SC. Harvey was a bricklayer prior to his enlistment. He remained in the military until his death. In 1907, he married Lena Reece in New Hanover County. Corporal Ledwell left the Coastal Artillery and enlisted in the



Image from "Our Nation's Roll of Honor" *New York Times*, Oct. 3, 1918

regular army on June 7, 1916. He was promoted to Sergeant on December 8, 1917 while serving at Fort Benjamin Harrison Training Camp, IN. He boarded the *Madawaksa* for Europe on April 15, 1918 at Newport News, VA as a member of Company

A, 4th Infantry, 3rd Division. He listed his half-sister, Mrs. Gertrude Holland of Randleman, as the person to notify in case of death.



Sgt. Harvey M. Ledwell was fatally wounded in action in Northern France and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in the battle near Le Charmel. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in VA.

Leonard, William Claude

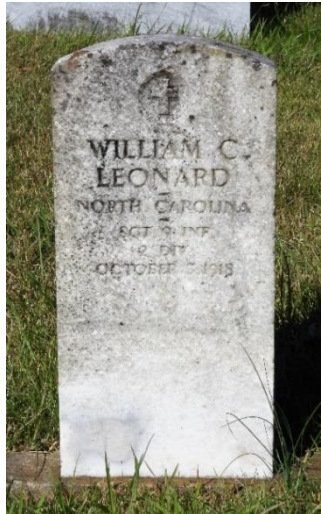
May 1890 - October 3, 1918

William Leonard was the son of William Vance and Zenri Golda (Oates) Leonard. He was born in Ore Hill, NC but grew up in Cedar Falls. His mother died in 1901. William married N. Emma Graves on September 27, 1911. She passed away several months later on January 26, 1912. He enlisted in the Army on April 26, 1912 and remained in the military until his death.

Private Leonard was promoted to Private First Class in 1916, to Corporal in 1917, and to Sergeant on May 16, 1918. As a member of Company F, 9th Infantry, 2nd Division, he had many engagements, including at least three stints in the trenches. He participated in battles at the Veaux Chateau Thierry Sector and the 2nd Battle of the Marne.

Sgt. William C. Leonard was wounded on June 18, 1918 and later killed in action on October 3, 1918. He was buried in Cedar Falls United Methodist Church Cemetery, Asheboro, NC.

WILLIAM C.
LEONARD
NORTH CAROLINA
SGT 9 INF
2 DIV
OCTOBER 3 1918



(AWP photo)

Lineberry, Cyrus W.

April 20, 1889 - October 5, 1918

Cyrus Lineberry was born to George H. and Martitia (Pugh) Lineberry. His parents were farmers in northern Randolph County, near Climax.

Cyrus was inducted in the Army on October 8, 1917 in Asheboro. He served in Battery E, 317th Field Artillery until October 20, 1917. He then transferred to Company A, 119th Infantry where he

served until he was killed in action on October 5, 1918. Private Cyrus W. Lineberry was buried in the Somme American Cemetery and Memorial in Bony, France.



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*



CYRUS LINEBERRY
PVT 1 CL 119 INF 30 DIV
NORTH CAROLINA OCT 5 1918

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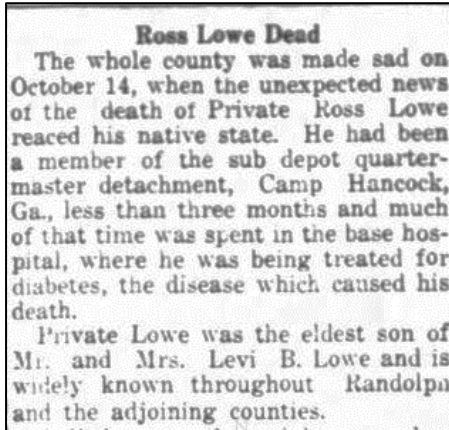
Lowe, Ross

November 29, 1891 – October 14, 1918

Ross Lowe was the son of Levi Branson and Nancy Louisa (Lewis) Lowe of Asheboro. He enlisted in the Army on July 25, 1918 and was assigned to 53rd

Depot Brigade. He was sent to Camp Hancock, GA for basic training but unfortunately died there from complications of diabetes mellitus.

Pvt. Ross Lowe was a well-known and well-liked member of his community as this



clipping from *The Courier* (October 31, 1918) indicates. He was buried at Back Creek Friends Meeting Cemetery, Asheboro, NC.



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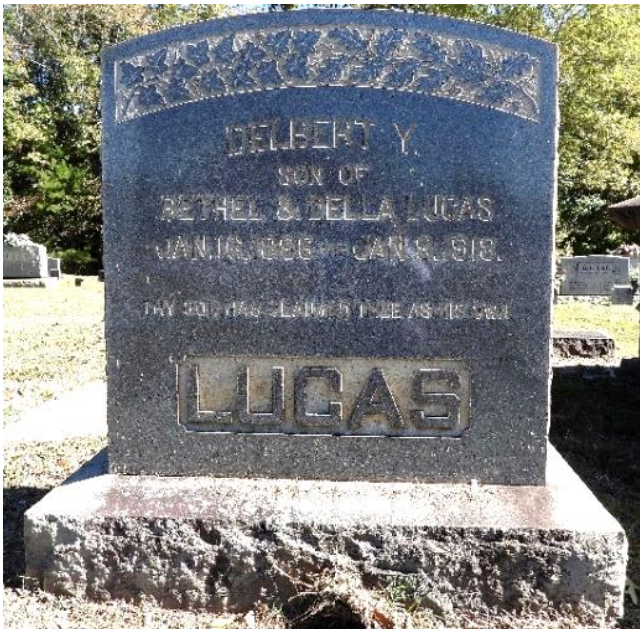
Lucas, Delbert Yow

January 16, 1896 – January 9, 1918

Born in Pisgah, NC, Delbert Lucas was the only son of Bethel and Sarah Della (Yow) Lucas. The Lucas family lived on a farm in the Seagrove area.

He was inducted into service on December 4, 1917 and assigned to 14th Company, 156th Depot Brigade for the duration of his service. While training at Camp Jackson, SC, he contracted measles and bronchial pneumonia and passed away on January 9, 1918.

Pvt. Delbert Y. Lucas was buried at Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Asheboro, NC. He was survived by his parents and one sister.



(AWP photo)

McDowell, Thomas Jefferson

May 29, 1886 - September 29, 1918

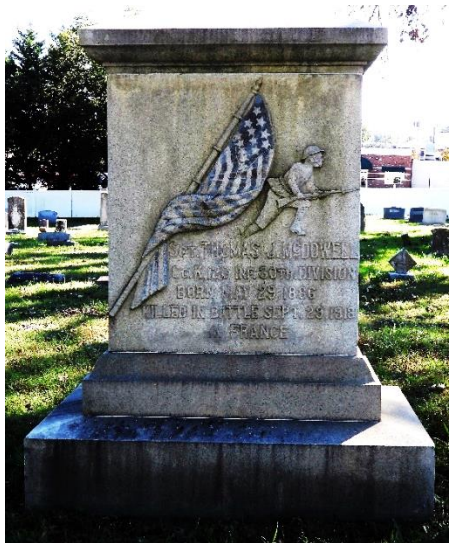


The Courier, Apr. 21, 1921

Thomas McDowell's parents were William Franklin and Edith Aletha (Lewallen) McDowell of Asheboro. Before WWI, he was a member of the regular army from 1910-1912. Later he was a member of the National Guard unit from Asheboro and was promoted to Sergeant on July 25, 1917. He became a member of Company K, 120th Infantry after the United States officially entered the war. Sergeant McDowell

was killed in action on the Hindenburg Line on September 29, 1918 at the Battle of Bellicourt.

Sgt. Thomas J. McDowell's family arranged for the return of his remains to Asheboro, which were buried in the Asheboro City Cemetery and memorialized with this impressive marker.



(AWP photo)

Miller, Wayne Jackson

August 12, 1896 - October 1, 1918

Enlisting in the Navy at the Recruiting Station in Raleigh, NC Wayne Miller was sent to Norfolk, VA on September 3 1918 as a Hospital Apprentice, 2nd Class. After becoming ill, he was admitted to the Naval Hospital as a patient on September 24 and died from bronchial pneumonia on October 1, 1918. He was a resident of Asheboro at the time of his enlistment, and had been preceded in death by his parents, William J. Miller and J. Alice (Skeen) Miller, both of whom had passed away in 1913.



Asheboro City Cemetery (AWP photo)

Moffitt, Roscoe Clayton

December 10, 1894 - October 9, 1918

Inducted in the Army on September 5, 1918, Roscoe Moffitt was assigned to Company 3, 7th Engineers Training Regiment until October 1, 1918 when he was transferred to Company G, 7th Engineers Training Regiment. He developed bronchial pneumonia and passed away on October 9, 1918 at Camp A. A. Humphreys, VA. He was buried at Deep River Baptist Church Cemetery, in Ramseur, NC.

Private Mofitt was survived by his father Eli W. Moffitt, mother Sarah Frances (Leonard) Moffitt, one sister and one brother.

ROSCOE C.
Son of
E. W. & S. F.
MOFFITT
DEC. 10. 1894
OCT. 9. 1918



(AWP photo)

Nelson, James Lewis

November 4, 1887 - October 25, 1918

Inducted in the Army on August 5, 1918, James Nelson of Sophia, NC was assigned to Company F, 5th Pioneer Infantry until August 26. He was then transferred to the Medical Department, Base hospital at Camp Wadsworth, SC where he died of bronchial pneumonia on October 25, 1918. He was survived by his parents, Rufus and Sarah E. (Roach) Nelson, and four siblings, also of Sophia. Pvt. James L. Nelson was buried in Marlboro Friends Meeting Cemetery in Sophia, NC.



(AWP photo)

Osborne, Ottis Algerine

October 22, 1896 - October 18, 1918

Inducted in the Army on August 15, 1918, Private Osborne was assigned 32nd Company, Recruit Receiving Depot, Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock, GA. Hailing from Randleman, where his mother Adelaide Osborne lived, Pvt. Ottis A. Osborne succumbed to influenza and bronchial pneumonia on October 18, 1918. The Oct. 24, 1918 edition of *The Courier* reported him as the son of Algerine Monroe and Maletha Adelaide (Kivett) Osborne who had lived in Worthville (where his father was postmaster) but more recently “near the county home.” He was also survived by one sister and four brothers, none of whom lived in the Randolph County area at the time. He is buried in Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery #1, in Franklinville, NC.

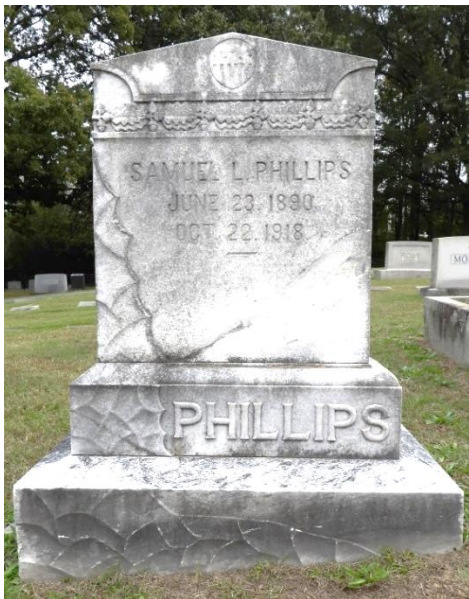


(AWP photo)

Phillips, Samuel Lewis

June 23, 1890 - October 22, 1918

Sam Phillips was the son of Louis Cicero and M. Louise Phillips of Asheboro. He married Erma Lynch of Asheboro six months prior to his death. Phillips was inducted in the Army on July 25, 1918 and was assigned to 22nd Company, Recruit Receiving Depot, Camp Hancock, GA. He transferred to 7th Company, Shop Regiment, Recruit Group at Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL on August 30, 1918. Pvt. Samuel L. Phillips died of influenza and bronchial pneumonia on October 22, 1918.



Asheboro City Cemetery (AWP photo)

Pierce, Franklin Cicero

October 14, 1893 - November 16, 1918

Frank Pierce of Asheboro was born in Randolph County to John Thomas and Elizabeth (Skeen) Pierce. He was inducted in the Army on September 5, 1918 and assigned to 3rd Company, 7th Engineers Training Regiment at Camp A. A. Humphreys, VA until October 1, 1918. He then transferred to Company G, 7th Engineer Training Regiment. He died of meningitis on November 16, 1918 and was buried in Walters Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Lexington, NC.



(AWP photo)

Poole, William Earl

April 25, 1897 - September 29, 1918

On July 26, 1917, Earl Poole enlisted in the Asheboro National Guard unit, Company K. Ten weeks later he was promoted to Private First Class on October 10, 1917. Overseas, he served with Company K, 120th Infantry until his death at the Battle of Bellicourt on September 29, 1918. He was buried in Somme American Cemetery. A cenotaph was erected in his memory at the Back Creek Friends Meeting Cemetery, Asheboro. PFC William Earl Poole was survived by his parents, also of Asheboro, Joseph E. and Abigail (Lowe) Poole and several siblings.



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*



(AWP photo)

Rachell, Eugene

November 16, 1894 - October 19, 1918



Inducted in the Army in Winston-Salem, NC on March 22, 1918, Eugene Rachell was from the Spokane community of southeast Randolph County. He was initially assigned to the 16th Company, 4th Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade but transferred to Company M, 118th Infantry on April 24, 1918. Shipped overseas on June 5, 1918 from Montreal, Canada on

the *Ascanius*, Pvt. Eugene Rachell was killed in action on October 19, 1918 (image from *Soldiers of the Great War*). A casualty report, printed in the December 24, 1918 edition of the *Greensboro Daily News*, listed his name under "Killed in action".

Private Rachell was survived by his parents, Yancey and Sarah (Whitt) Rachell, and one brother. He was buried in Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery, Ramseur, NC.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
EUGENE RACHELL
BORN NOV. 16. 1894
DIED IN FRANCE
OCT. 19. 1918
AGED 23 YRS. 11 MOS.
3 DAYS
KILLED IN ACTION
WHILE SERVING AS AN
INFANTRYMAN

(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Linda Albright.)

Sledge, Edward L.

April 1894 - May 28, 1918

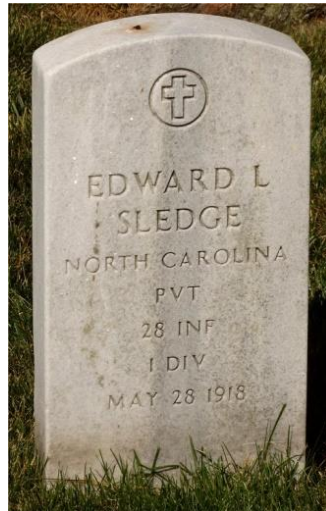
Enlisting in the Army on April 21, 1917, Ed hailed from Asheboro. As a member of Company F, 28th Infantry, he served overseas from June 14, 1917 until his death on May 28, 1918 in Cantigny. He was promoted to Private First Class on December 17, 1917.



Image from the *Courier*
July 11, 1918

The day PFC Edward L. Sledge was killed, the American 1st Division led an assault on the town of Cantigny, France, making it the first divisional attack by the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

He was the first man from Randolph County to be killed during the war. His remains were re-interred in Arlington National Cemetery. Pvt. Edward L. Sledge was survived by his mother, Martha E. (Hudson) Sledge, also of Asheboro and two siblings. His father, Thomas S. Sledge, passed away in 1902.



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*,
added by Doc Wilson.)

Smith, Dalton Edward

July 11, 1895 - October 1, 1918

Dalton Smith left Guilford College and enlisted in the National Guard (NG) Engineer Corps at Greensboro on April 10, 1917. He trained at Camp Sevier, SC, then Camp Stanley, TX, and back again to Camp Sevier. On May 26, 1918 he was shipped overseas aboard the *Talthebius* as a NG Sergeant in Company C, 105th Engineers Regiment. He became a Second Lieutenant on July 16, 1918 while overseas. Lieutenant Smith was wounded in the Somme Offensive, Ypres-Lys on September 29, 1918 and died as a result of his wounds on October 1, 1918 at 55th Casualty Clearing Station, a British Hospital in France.

Lt. Dalton E. Smith was survived by his parents, Luther C. and Ada Millicent (Walker) Smith of Trinity, NC, three brothers and one sister. His body was returned home aboard the *Cambria* in April 1921 and re-interred in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery in Trinity.

IN MEMORY OF
LIEUT. DALTON E.
SON OF
L. C. & A. M. SMITH
JULY 11, 1895
OCT 1, 1918

*He gave his life in the service of his County.
Was buried in France. We will meet again.*

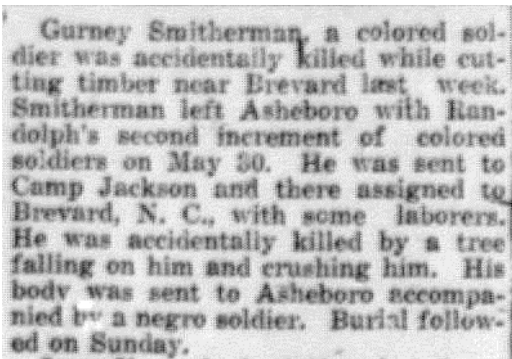


(AWP photo)

Smitherman, Gurney

March 1898 - August 7, 1918

Inducted in the Army in Asheboro on April 29, 1918, Private Smitherman was assigned to 8th Company, 2nd Training Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade for his first month in the service. On May 22, 1918 he transferred to Company C, 328th Labor Battalion, Quarter Master Corps and was promoted to Corporal on August 1, 1918. He was killed by a falling tree on August 7, 1918 in Pisgah Forest, near Brevard, NC, as detailed in the news item from the August 15, 1918 *Courier*:



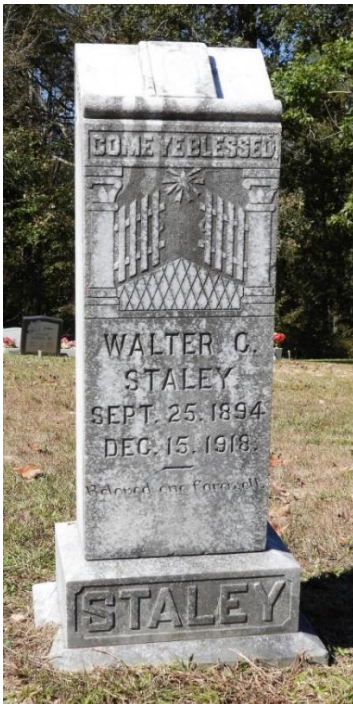
Gurney Smitherman, a colored soldier was accidentally killed while cutting timber near Brevard last week. Smitherman left Asheboro with Randolph's second increment of colored soldiers on May 30. He was sent to Camp Jackson and there assigned to Brevard, N. C., with some laborers. He was accidentally killed by a tree falling on him and crushing him. His body was sent to Asheboro accompanied by a negro soldier. Burial followed on Sunday.

Corporal Smitherman was survived by his father David Smitherman of Asheboro. He was buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery but his gravestone could not be located in 2018. Several stones had been vandalized in that area of the cemetery.

Staley, Walter

September 25, 1894 - October 15, 1918

Inducted in the Army on August 23, 1918, Walter Staley was born in Ramseur and lived in Seagrove, NC. Initially assigned to Recruit #3, Camp Greene, NC, Private Staley was transferred to Supply Company, 810th Pioneer Infantry on September 14, 1918. He developed lobar pneumonia following influenza and passed away on October 15, 1918. He was buried in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery in Seagrove. Pvt. Walter Staley was survived by his widowed mother, Mary (Brady) Staley of Seagrove and one sister, Bessie Lee Staley (Waddell). His father, John Staley, had passed away in 1914.



(AWP photo)

Researcher's Note:

Military records show his death date as October 15, 1918, not December 15 as seen on his tombstone.

Strickland, Samuel S.

September 9, 1897 - October 18, 1918

A native of Asheboro, Sam Strickland was inducted in the Army in Asheboro on April 29, 1918. Previously, he had been a day laborer for A.O. Ferree of Asheboro. Private Strickland served in 8th Company, 2nd Training Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade where he was promoted to Corporal on June 24, 1918. Corp. Samuel S. Strickland died of cerebro-spinal meningitis on October 18, 1918. His death certificate listed his father as Mr. G.B.

Strickland. He was survived by his grandmother, Victoria Covington, also of Asheboro.

More details were printed in the *Courier*, October 24, 1918:

Sam Strickland, a young colored man formerly employed as a delivery boy by Mr. A. O. Ferree, died of spinal meningitis at Camp Meade, a few days ago. The body was brought to Asheboro last Tuesday and burial was in the colored cemetery east of town. Sam was a grandson of Victoria Covington, a well known colored woman of Asheboro.



Shady Grove Methodist Church Cemetery (AWP photo)

Tomlinson, Edward G.

abt. 1880 - June 6, 1918



LIEUT. E. G. TOMLINSON

The son of Jerome B. Tomlinson and Alice (Coble) Tomlinson, of Detroit, MI, Ed Tomlinson was born and grew up in Archdale, NC. Enlisting in 1903, he served in the Spanish-American War and in the Philippines. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1917 after serving time as an enlisted soldier. He was also married in 1917, on April 8 to Mary E. Jackson, according to the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper. No other record of his widow has been found. Lieutenant Tomlinson was sent overseas on August 7, 1917 as an officer for

the Divisional Ammunition Train of the Coastal Artillery Corps. A tribute written by Lt. George D. Riley was printed in the *Courier* on October 24, 1918, and included the following words of praise:

Held Respect of Men
I was on the board of officers appointed to recommend enlisted men for commissions in the army from those most deserving and it was the unanimous opinion of the board that Tomlinson was entitled to one of the highest ratings on his record and known ability. Personally he was of a quiet disposition, but commanded to a marked degree the respect of the men of the garrison, and of the enlisted men he was the first to win his shoulder bars from Fort Howard. Realizing very clearly that the non-commissioned officers are the "backbone and sinew" of all armies, Tomlinson made every day one of loyal and devoted service to the best standards of work, and impressed all those with whom he was thrown in contact by his splendid example.

Underwood, William L.

October 12, 1887 - November 10, 1918

Dying in the closing hours of the war, Sgt. William L. Underwood of Trinity was a widower, having lost his wife Neta Elizabeth (Leonard) Underwood on March 23, 1917 in the High Point Hospital due to complications from appendicitis. Willie and his wife share a gravestone in the Oakwood Cemetery in High Point, NC.



Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

On September 18, 1917, he enlisted as a Private in the Army, Company G, 322nd Infantry, was promoted to Corporal on October 12, 1917, and to Sergeant on November 1, 1918, just nine days before his death.



Sergeant Underwood was survived by his parents, Millard Filmore and Georgia Ann (Welborn) Underwood of Trinity plus numerous siblings.

(AWP photo)

Wall, James Henry

March 8, 1888 - September 29, 1918

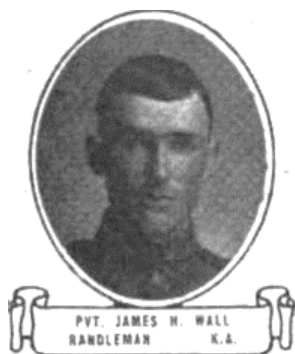


Image from *Soldiers of the Great War*

Born to Simeon Nelson and Charity (Gray) Wall, James grew up on the family farm near Randleman. He signed up for the draft at Level Cross, NC on June 5, 1917 and enlisted in Asheboro on October 10, 1917. Private First Class Wall served in Company I, 322nd Infantry until October 20th, when he transferred to Company E, 120th Infantry. On May 12, 1918, he went overseas from Boston, MA aboard the *Bohemian*.

PFC James H. Wall died at Picardie, France on September 29, 1918 and his final resting place is Arlington National Cemetery. He was survived by his parents and a sister, all of Randleman.

NOTE: His service card and tombstone, show his rank as a private. He was listed as PFC on the roster for the *Bohemian* and on the US National Cemetery Interment Form.



(Photo from *FindaGrave.com*, added by Doc Wilson.)

Wall, Robert Obie

February 27, 1896 - November 9, 1918

Listing his occupation as farmer when inducted in the Army on May 29, 1918, Robert Wall was initially assigned 15th Company, 4th Training Battalion, 156th Depot Brigade. On June 24th he transferred to Company K, 322nd Infantry, the unit with which he shipped overseas from New York City aboard the *Megantic* on July 30, 1918. Company K, 322nd Infantry was involved in engagements east of Verdun and the Somme Dieme region. Pvt. Robert O. Wall was killed in action on November 9, 1918. He was survived by his parents John B. Wall and Elisabeth “Emma” (Sawyer) Wall, three sisters and one brother, all of Trinity. He was buried in Trinity Cemetery, Trinity, NC.



(AWP photo)

White, Gilbert Bolton

November 14, 1895 - September 29, 1918

Born in Bennettsville, SC to David Coltrane and Lena Leota (Bolton) White, Gilbert grew up on the family farm in Trinity. He was a member of Company F, 119th Infantry, shipping out on May 11, 1918 from Philadelphia aboard the *Haverford*. He was promoted to Corporal in October 1917, and Sergeant on June 21, 1918. Sgt. Gilbert B. White was killed during the drive to break the Hindenburg Line in the Second Battle of the Somme, also referred to as the Battle of Bellicourt, on September 29, 1918. Sergeant White's grave is located in the White Family plot, Trinity Cemetery, Trinity, NC.



(AWP photos)

A limited edition booklet of information was printed for the Randolph County Commissioners in conjunction with the newly completed plaque commemorating World War I, and was presented at their November 5, 2018 meeting, Asheboro, North Carolina. This expanded booklet, *Randolph County Casualties of WWI*, was researched and written by L. McKay Whatley, Jr., Ann W. Palmer and Roberta Wood Gavin, staff of the Randolph Room, Randolph County Public Library, with the help of volunteer researcher Wanda Williamson.

Cover art from *The Courier*, May 8, 1919.

