

**TCHS SPECIAL ADDITION B ----WWI FINAL
THE PEOPLE INVOLVED FROM TONGANOXIE JAN 26, 2015**

Charles Hicks-- He enlisted Dec 26, 1917 at age of 21. He was a private in the Army who saw battle at the Vosges and at Meuse-Argonne. After the war he was a laborer.

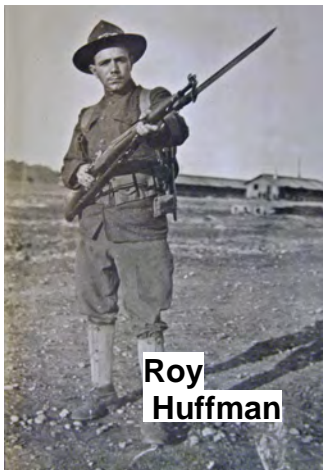
Henry Hicks- He enlisted July 19, 1918. He was married and age 26 1/2 at the time. He was a Teamster in the 805 Pioneer Infantry. This was an all black military unit. He served in the Meuse-Argonne battle. He also served in the Chateau-Checery area. He received one gold chevron. He ran a dance hall where the nursing home is now located.

Clarence A. Hitzeman-- He was from Ackerman, KS. He was a Pvt. in Co.E of the 139th Infantry. He served in the battle of Meuse-Argonne Oct. 11, 1918, St. Mihiel, and WHE. In the Ackerland area he was a farmer. The farm was located in Co. Rd. 8 on the NW corner of the cross road west of Jeanin farm. Later farmed on east side of Stranger.

Charles Dewey Hoey (JACK)--He enlisted on April 20, 1917 at Ft. Leavenworth and trained at Camp Funston, Kansas. He was in Co. E of 35th Infantry as a bugler. He was a qualified sharpshooter. He was stationed in San Antonio, TX and served on the Mexican border. Charles was discharged and came back to Tonganoxie to be with his brother, Frank. Jack Hoey, as he was known, won international acclaim as a champion (with the silver buckle) rodeo cowboy. He also was a silent western film star. He made 4 silent movies of which TCHS has one where Jack plays Harry Tracy a noted outlaw



Wm Hoey--After the war worked a ranch in Colo.



Ralph O. Hoskins-- He was an engineer and also did dirt work. I believe Ed Hoskins, grocer, was his son.

Roy T Huffman-- He was a Pvt. 1st Class in HQ 44th Infantry from June 1918 until Feb. 19, 1919 and then in the 2nd batt of 164th DB until discharged. After the war he was a barber and sold fire works--lots of fire works.

Clyde E. Hunter-- He was a Pvt. 1st Class in the 3rd Co. of the 164th DB bn. This was a Casualty Detachment at Ft. Riley, KS. He was Elsie Hunters husband who owned the Hunter Lumber Co. in east Tonganoxie, Ks.

Alex Jackson-- He was inducted on July 9, 1918. He was a farmer and single. He served in the 805 Pioneer Infantry. He was in the Meuse-Argonne battle. He was entitled to wear one gold service chevron. He farmed NE of Tonganoxie and worked at the Sunflower Ordinance Plant, His children were Vernon, Coreen, Delmar and Wilma

Lester Jackson-- He enlisted Aug 18, 1918 at Camp Dodge, IA and was discharged 4 Aug, 1919. He was in the 810 Demo Group. He was part of the AEF. Sometime after the war, he was killed

Harry Jenkins-- He was a Seaman 2nd class in the 9th Naval Dist (Chicago-Kansas city regions).

Frank Jenkins-- He enlisted Dec. 5, 1917 and was discharged Feb. 19, 1919. He was in Co. 1, 164th Infantry of the 52 ammo train. He was in the Meuse-Argonne.

George A. Johnson-- He was a Sgt. in the Demolition Group. He was in the AEF and entitled to wear one gold chevron.

He was a self-employed plumber. He lived next door (north) to the swimming pool. The house is now gone. He had two daughters, one, Martha Cloe, married Wally Musselman (he died) and later Dean Mitchell, the other daughter was a bedfast invalid.

Emmett Kelsall-- He operated a store in Reno. Most likely he was one of the Kelsall family who began the Methodist Church in Reno.

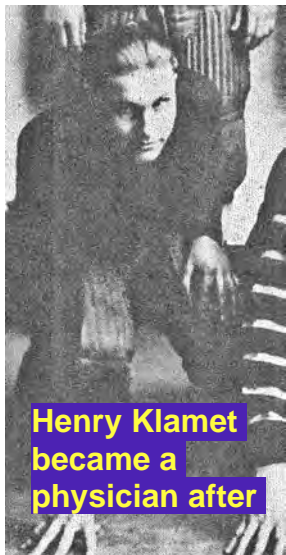
Henry Klamet-- He was a Pvt. at Kansas University. He was in no battles. He is related to Louis Seufert's mother. The Klamets lived near the Theno family in SE. part of the County, near K-32 Hwy.

Edward Klinkenberg-- He was a Corporal in the Army. He was in St. Miheil , Sept 12, and at Meuse-Argonne, Oct 21, 1918. He was wounded in his back... He was a farmer north east. of Tonganoxie. He also worked as a guard at the prisons in Leavenworth. Elinor Lenahan is his daughter.

Walter Klinkenberg-- He was a private 1st class in Co. F of the 10th ammo train. He saw no battle service. He spent most of his time after the war in the St. Louis area.

Foster Laming- He enlisted Dec. 5, 1917. He was a Waggoner. He did not serve overseas. After the war he operated a telephone co. which late became part of Southwestern Bell.

Charles Laming-- His father was J. C. Laming. He was an insurance salesman and involved with operation of the Ford Motor Car business in Tonganoxie



Henry Klamet became a physician after



Ed Klinkenberg



Steve Kramer- He was a Bugler in Harry Truman's outfit, Battery D, 129th field artillery unit, 60th Brigade of the 35th Division. He enlisted May 1917. He saw action Sept 25, 1918, Meuse Argonne, and Verdun on Oct 10, 1918. Steve never married and came back to Tonganoxie and was Dairyman/farmer. This artillery unit saw considerable action. He is buried in the Catholic section of Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mack Lawrence-- He was involved with Battery B of the 342nd field artillery unit. Received 2 gold chevrons. 12/15/1918 to May 12, 1919 he was part of the occupational forces. His vocation was operation of water services.

George Lawrence-- He was a Pvt at University of Kansas (Pharmacy). He saw no battles. After the war he was a drug clerk and eventually owned and operated 4 drug stores in Lawrence, KS., one was the Crown Drug Store. He also owned a parcel of land near 23rd and Iowa in Lawrence. His sister was Mabel Peters, the wife of Homer Peters (lived east on Old Forty Hw (now Evans Road). The Virginia Motel on west 6th street was owned and operated by him. The motel on 6th St. (Lawrence) called The Virginia Inn is in honor of his invalid daughter, Virginia.,

Stanley Lloyd-- In Tonganoxie he was a shoe cobbler.

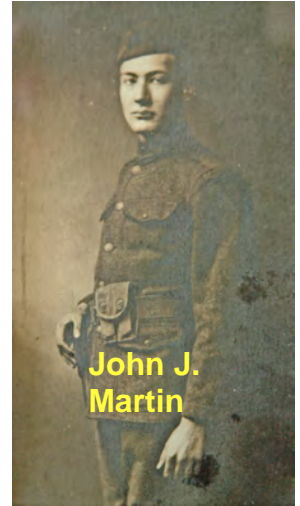
Ben Matthews-- He enlisted in July 19, 1918 and was discharged in 8 July 1919. He served in the Meuse- Argonne from Oct. 2, 1918 to Nov. 11. 1918. One gold chevron was issued to him. He also served in the 805th Pioneer Infantry. He lived in Reno, Kansas and farmed. He also worked for the Phenicie



Stanley Lloyd

Brothers and Norman Wiley.

John J. Martin- enlisted at age 17 into the 30th US Infantry of the 3rd Division. He was a corporal in a machine gun company. He was gassed with Mustard Gas and went to base hospital #70. He suffered with skin problems the rest of his life. He was in many significant battles: Chamapgne-Marne Defensive, Chatau-Thierry, St. Miheil, Meuse-Argonne, Allgne Defensive. After moving to the Tonganoxie area, he worked for the VA in the capacity of Chauffer/Ambulance driver. Ray and John Martin are his sons.



Wallace Emery Matthews-- He was a Pvt. in the Cas. Det 1191 Demo group. He enlisted Aug 2, 1918 and was discharged July 29, 1919. He had excellent character. His last assignment was Co. E. 815th Pioneer Infantry. He rode a horse sometimes in WW I. He was not in any battles. After the war he farmed, raised some peanuts to sell at school bazaars. He also worked in Miller's Orchard. He farmed with mules all of his life. His Horses/mules were top quality. At some time he was a prison guard in Leavenworth.

Sheridan McCafferty-- He was John Lyman McCafferty's grandfather. He lived in Stranger Leimkuhler's place near the Cliffs.

Bottom near Fred

Leo Benard McNulty-- He was in Co. E of the 3rd Infantry Batallion. He also had the distinction of serving in WW I and WW II. In WW I he got a hardship discharge. After the war he did dirt work around town. He ran Lakewood Lodge and for a period of time work at the Franklin plant.



Pete Joseph McNulty-- He was a Pvt in the war. Lived in Ridgecrest Ca. Died at Ft. Dodge, KS

Henry McGraw--He was gassed in WW I. He is the father of Bill McGraw. He lived where Kenny Shoemaker now lives. Henry was never able to work after WW I.

Edgar McRill--He was a Pvt. in WWI. He was in school at Kansas University and saw no battles. He was the brother of Babe McRill. Pictures of him are in football uniform. In those days Tonganoxie also had a town team of those who had graduated.

Charles Miller-- He was a Sgt. He was in Co. G of 352 Infantry. Served in the Haight-Alsace and Meuse-Argonne Oct 28 to Nov. 11, 1918. He was a millwright,

owner of the Tonganoxie Mill and orchard near Neeley, and a state senator.



Floyd E. Mills- He was born in Stockton, Ks. In the war he was bugler in Battery D. of 340th Field Artillery. He joined in Sep.2, 1917. He served in the St. Milheil in Sept 12-16 and Meuse-Argonne. After the war he was killed when his dump loaded with rock was hit by a train. He was the father of Ed and Fred Mills.

Wade Mitchell--He was a farmer on the hill west of the State lake. He is Velma Mitchell Baker and Dean Mitchell's father. He built a cement basement near Friendship Valley School.

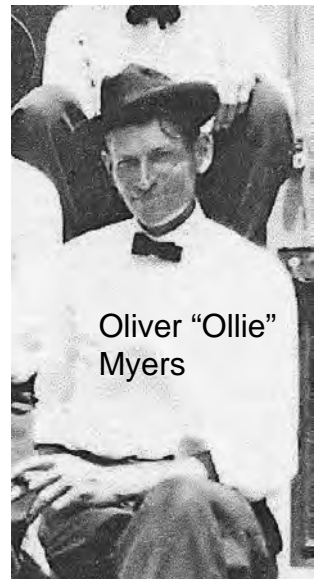
John Mondero- He worked at the Veteran's Hospital as a chauffer/ambulance driver. He and John J. Martin worked in the same department. He lived in Lansing at the time.

John E. Murphy-- He was a corporal assigned to Co. D. of the 217th Engineers. He was a Railroad Fireman. His sons were Bob and Dan Murphy. He lived west U.S. 24/40 at 8 mile corner.

William (Will) Musil-- He was in the Navy and was a Seaman 1st Class. He was discharged Sept. 30, 1921. When he was discharged he was 26 years old. He was involved with the bakery and owned it until 1947 when he sold it and moved to Manhattan, KS. He married H. Toburen's daughter, Susan Henrietta. He was a very successful operator and manager of the bakery. in Tonganoxie.

Wilson R. (Jake) Myers-- He was the son of Molly Myers. He was a Pvt. in the medical department. He served in the Meuse-Argonne (Sept.6 to Oct 1, 1918) battle. He was gassed on Oct 1, 1918. After the war he was a farmer. He owned 140 acres near of Ed Schilling's place. He was a factor in building the pool. He and his wife, Frances, used to entertain with music, dancing and most likely some booze on the second floor of the historic Moore house on Co. Rd 5. He was known for driving a jeep with a B 29 nose on top of the jeep for protection. His son, Wilson ("Bay"), Myers was killed during jet fighter training. A mid air collision resulted when two planes turned into each other.

Oliver Myers-- He was a quartermaster. He enlisted at Waco, Texas feb. 25, 1918 and was discharged April 29, 1919. He was the brother to two sisters (unrelated to Wilson/ Jake Myers) who lived across the street from Neibarger/Musselman place. He worked for Foster Laming's telephone company. His daughter was Marge Myers. Oliver died of Tularemia (rabbit fever) after cleaning a rabbit.



Oliver "Ollie" Myers



Walt Neibarger

Walt Neibarger-- He enlisted Oct 1, 1918 and was discharged Dec. 11, 1918. He was a student at Kansas State. He saw no battles. In his private life he was the editor of the Tonganoxie Mirror. He was also the state printer for two terms

Clem W. Nichols-- He was a Pvt. (drafted) in the army assigned to Co. C of 312 Bn. He enlisted in Kansas City, Mo and was discharged at Camp Zachary Taylor, KY. He was a laborer. He was related to the Jarrett's

John Joseph Nirschl- He was a Pvt. in Co. F. of the 313th Ammo Train of the 88th Div. He was a clerk. He was in the Haute-Alsace center sector. He had one gold chevron. The two brothers operated a business where the Salmon's family later

operated a mechanic business. The brothers sold batteries, electrical items and repaired them. In 1935 he lived on Lee Freeman's property in the north part of town.

Herman Nirschl- John and Herman were brothers. Herman enlisted in the Engineer Corp in KC, MO. He was sent to Camp Brownsville. He was sent to England, but was sent back without seeing any battles. The Nirschl family lived on the edge of Tonganoxie, in what was the Flott place, now owned by Shilling family.

William Nirschl He was the first to enlist from his family. He was in the 35th Infantry. He was in training in Arizona, saw service in Texas, and then at Ft. Lewis Washington. He never was out of the United States.

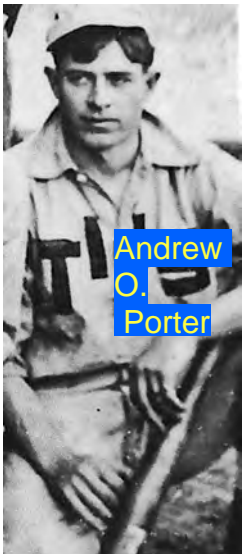
Joe A. O'Brien-- He was a Pvt. 1st Class in the Demo Group. He was in the Meuse-Argonne 9/10/1918 entitled to one gold chevron. He enlisted May 15, 1918 and discharged July 12, 1919. After the war he was a bricklayer. He lived on Cap Moore's/Don Hebner's place ca. 1 mile N E of Tonganoxie on Co. Rd 5.

Edward Otto-- He was a Pvt. in Btn 13 130 Demo. He served in the Vosges, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Verdun. After the War he farmed west of the Tonganoxie State Lake. The family still owns that farm.

Charles A. Papenhausen-- He enlisted April 23, 1917 and was discharged July 8, 1919. He was a Sgt. in the Demolition Group. At one time he was in the Signal Corps. He saw battle from Oct 10 to Nov. 11, 1918. He served in the Proventiales section. After the war he was a painter and Jack of all trades in Tonganoxie. He was Rosalie Papenhausen's grandfather.

John Papenhausen-- He enlisted May 28, 1917 and was discharged May 9, 1919. He was a Corporal in Co. E of the 139th Infantry of the 35th Div. He saw battle in the Wasserling Sector, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Verdun. He was entitled to wear 2 gold chevrons. He was a farmer in Stranger Township and 1935 moved to California.

Matilda Papenhausen-- She was a nurse. She was a student first at Cushing Hospital and later at the Swedish Hospital (graduated) in KC, Mo. She served in the Base Hospital at Camp Price, Arkansas. She had duty with the British forces in England, and later she served in Sovernay, France, and Rouen, France. Later she served at the Evacuation Hospital #36 at Nants, France. After the war she eventually moved to California.



Wallace J. Peters-- He was a Corporal in the 139th Inf. of the 35th Div. He served in the Meuse-Argonne. After the war he was a fireman.

Homer Peters-- He was a Private in 40th Company of the 165th Depo Brigade. He was stationed in Camp Travis, Texas. He was in no battles. After the war he was a farmer who lived on "OLD Forty" highway (small rock house) just west of the Parson house. This road is now Evans Road. He also worked at Sunflower Ammunition plant in Desoto, Kansas. He had a good sense of humor.

Willis Edward Peters. He was a Private in the Marine Corp. He saw no action. After the war he was a baker and an insurance salesman. He was once struck by lightning at 4 AM on his way to the bakery. He married Rosella McEnulty. Later he was a meat cutter. Called "Met Peters".

Henry O. Peterson-- He was a Private in the 69th Infantry, Medical Detachment

Andrew Oscar Porter-- He joined the Navy on Apr 7, 1917. He served in the 9th Naval Dist. He was a Carpenter's Mate 3rd Class. He was a reservist at Great Lakes. He was discharged on Sept 30, 1920.

John "Floyd" Ratliff-- He was a Sargent 3rd Co. #rd Bn of 164 D. B. and in the Medical Dept 164th Db at Camp Funston, KS. He was entitled to wear on service chevron. He was a 22 y.o. pharmacist. He was discharged march 26th 1919. He his private life he was owner of the Ratliff Drug Store. I believe he built the building. Later, his brother Dean Ratliff worked there and eventually bought the store. He lived on K-16 Hwy. near Amos Wilson.

Herbert Joel Ratliff-- He was a Pvt. SATC at University of Kansas. He was discharged Dec. 21, 1918. He was part of the Ratliff family, but he was a bank clerk.

Flavel Reno-- He was a physician in Tonganoxie, Kansas after the war. His medical degree was from the University of Chicago. J.W. Evans is his great grand nephew.

Chester Reynolds ("Chick)- He was a successful bootlegger. He was a tall black man with a thin mustache. Lived on Jarrett Street

Roy Reynolds-- He was in the 4th Company 1st Bn of 164th D. B. 9th sanitary train at Camp Sheridan, Alabama. He saw no battles. He was a farmer north of town and slightly west of Ed Schilling's place. Go north to the T and then west. His place was the NW corner as you turned north again.

Merle Ridgeway-- Pvt. in 1st Co. 164th DB Bn (noted also served in 137th Infantry. He was in the AEF and entitled to wear 1 gold chevron. Wounded Sept.29th 1918 (p r o b a b l y





Meuse-Argonne).

Jesse Scott-- He was a Private 1st Class in Co. L. He served in the O.S., St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne.

Earl F. Sechrest--He served in the Washington D.C. He lived and farmed west of Tonganoxie. The farm was slightly south of Hubble Hill Cemetery. It is now owned by Reichman family. He moved to California.

Charles Seeley--He was in the branch motor company. He served in the Meuse-Argonne.

Guy Sharp-- He was a policeman in Tonganoxie. He was considered a "good guy".

Ed Schilling-- lived north of town. He was a farmer. His wife was Geneva and she taught school in Basehor, Kansas. She also had been a prison guard at the Lansing, Kansas in the female prison.

Walter H. Shirk-- He lived west of the State Lake, near Edna McKone's and Ernie Elston's place. He did custom hay and combining for people. He may also have lived in the 6 mile corners area.

George Shrimplin He lived on a farm in Leavenworth, Co. Kansas. His children went to Stanwood Country School in the 1930's. He got a piece of shrapnel in his eye that effected him all his life.

Wm J. Stephenson-He joined 1 month after graduating from Park University. He was born in Bashor and

was superintendent there. He also taught at Easton, Ks. Later he taught and coached basketball at Tonganoxie. After teaching he became a banker operating the First State Bank of Tonganoxie, until he retired. For his effort at the Champaign sector he was awarded the "Croix De. Guerre". This medal was given by the French Gov't. to individuals and/or to an entire military groups for bravery in battle.He won three other certificates of bravery. Wm Stephenson served in the 2nd Division, a unit that went into battle during the German Spring Offensive towards Paris. Although the French who trained this unit thought they were not ready for battle, the unit achieved many honors and



awards for valor. .

Robert Still-- He was a farmer and a ditch rider in Colo. The family farm was located north of Tonganoxie.

Charles Strong--He lived in/west of Reno. He had 140 acre hay farm. Jim Grinter family bought this farm.

Leonard Stanwix-- After the war he farmed west of Vernon Dehoff. This is now near "Taylor Farm". He later moved to the Dehoff place,and finally moved to Tonganoxie.

Ernest E. Trackwell--Pvt. 1st Class. He served in the O.S. St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, W.S. He lived in the Jarbalo area an operated a grocery store. He was known for a string of excellent coon dogs. He had a mail route from Jarbalo to Tonganoxie.

Albert H. Torneden--He was Arnold's brother and lived near Eudora.



Arch Vestal-He was in the Navy. From the Jarbalo area. Mike Vestals grand father.

Anthony Vestal--related to Mike Vestal

Robert Walton--He was a farmer before and after the war. He lived west (about 1 mile) of Kent Quarles place on top of the hill. The house is a 2 story one. He was an excellent brick mason. Bob was a well liked black person who had vitiligo over most of his exposed body.

Charles Ward--He was a Pvt. 1st Class. He was in O.S. and was transferred to the isolation camp in Romsey, England. Romsay England had a military remount facility where horses and mules were trained for duty in WW I. Over 120,000 horses went through training here.

****Eight million horses were killed in WW I. It took 6 horses to pull a canon. More horses for powder and shells.**

Gusta (Gussie) Wash-- He most likely served in one of the pioneer detachments, because he was black. Locally, he lived near the elevators. He did odd jobs, and unloaded railroad cars for the Hunter Lumber Co. His wife took in washing. At one time he painted Merle Reush's 1939 Chevy coupe a rust colored red with a 4" hand paint brush.

Norman Wiley. He was attending college at KU. After the war he farmed in Tonganoxie. Carol Wiley Slawson is his daughter.

Amos Wilson--His wife was Grace Zoellner Wilson. He was a bookkeeper for Fred Zoellner and later for Charles Miller.

Max Woehr--He lived on a small farm SE of Tonganoxie. This was located east of Fred Angell's lake. Helen Seymour was Max Woehr's sister. He had a milk route for the Franklin Plant. His children were Jerry, killed in auto accident, and Shirley. Max (many called him "MOX") emigrated from Germany to the United States. He hadn't been here very long when he was drafted and went back to his home country to fight with the United States forces.

D.L. Wolf--A veterinarian in Tonganoxie, who later moved to Bonner Springs.

Fred Yonally-- He served in the O.S, St. Miheil, Meuse-Argonne, Pres

Carl P. Young--He was a Pvt 1st class in a Demobilization Unit. He enlisted at age 24. in 1919 he was paid \$60.00 bonus money and again in 1925 was paid a claim for \$325.00. After the war he was a farmer in Douglas Co. In 1938 he, his wife and his family of 4 girls moved to Leavenworth Co., KS.

Walt Zoellner-- Fred Zoellner's brother who operated the hardware and machinery portion of the Zoellner family enterprises. Eventually, Fred Zoellner bought this operation from his brother. Walt then moved to Frankfort, Kansas, his wife's home. Fred later sold the



Roy Bachman
John Bartlett
George Bowman
Wm Bretz
Roy Brown
Ray Buchman
Charles Carlisle
Roy Cobb
Carl Dietz
Perry Elis
Frank Emge
Carlos Evans
Charles Evans
George Fowler
Art Gaw
CW Jenkins or Jackson?
Earl Janeway

Kenneth Johnson
V, L. Johnson
Walter Keller
McKinley King
Micael Kinnehy
Joe Knap
Otis Lythen
Mark Mails
Wm McKinney
Jim Mott
Vernon Ohler
Ira Parker
James Passmore
James Piper
Herman Pratt
D. L. Rexford
Ed Richards

Louis Sample
Andy Schneider
Maurice B. Smith
Albert Snyder
T. J. Spence
Harold Steiger
Art Stemmerson
Harry Skagg
Robert Slaughter
Sam Shipley
Audrey W. Stewart
Edward Vance
Leslie Clinton Viets
Mathus Vollintine
Art Werner
George Whitmill
Arthur Whitney

hardware business to Carl Oakson. Walt Zoellner had two boys. One was Munroe who was killed in WW II, and the other was Tommy, a very quiet kid.

Names of veterans who were in WW I, but nothing other than their name is known