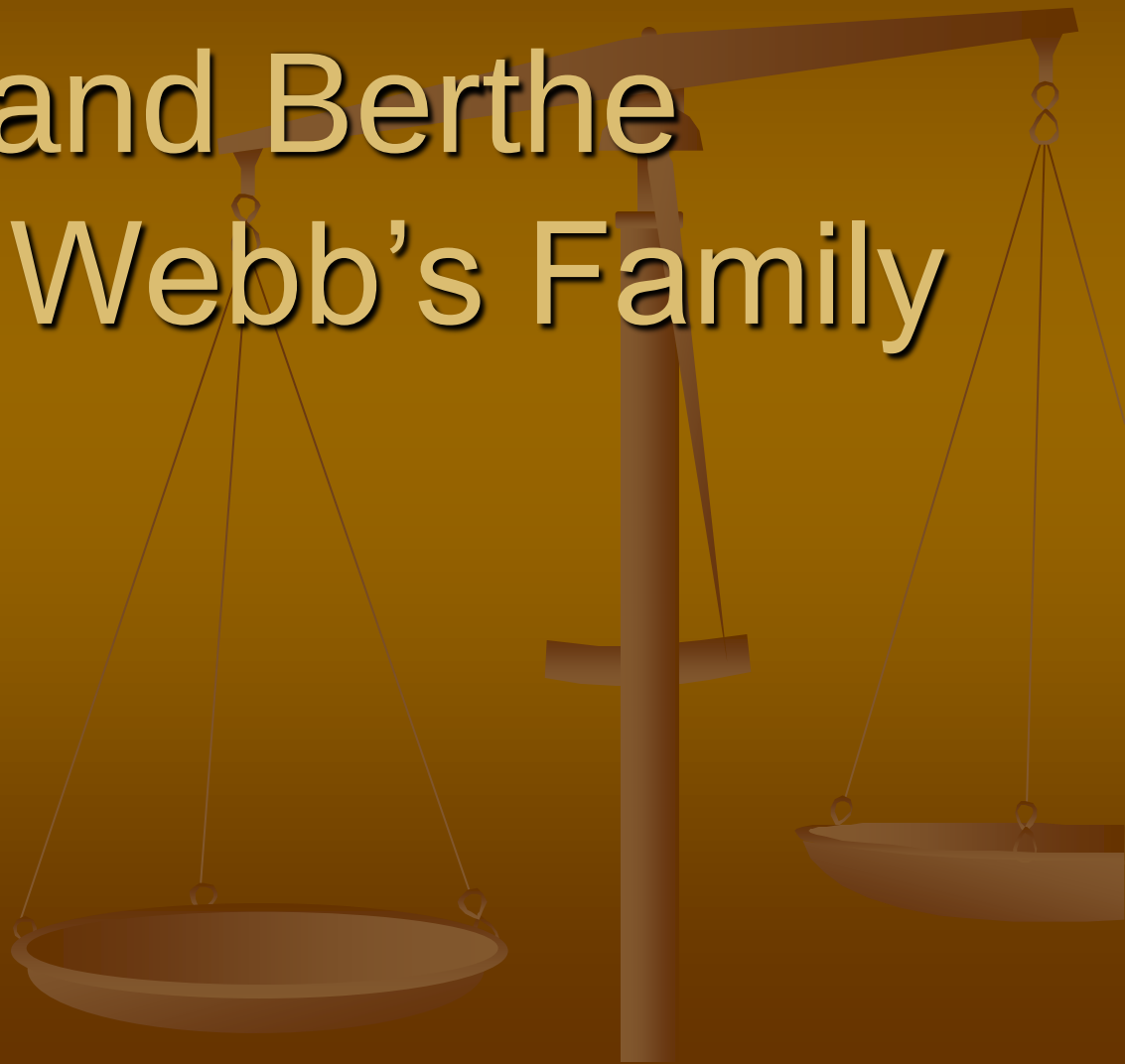
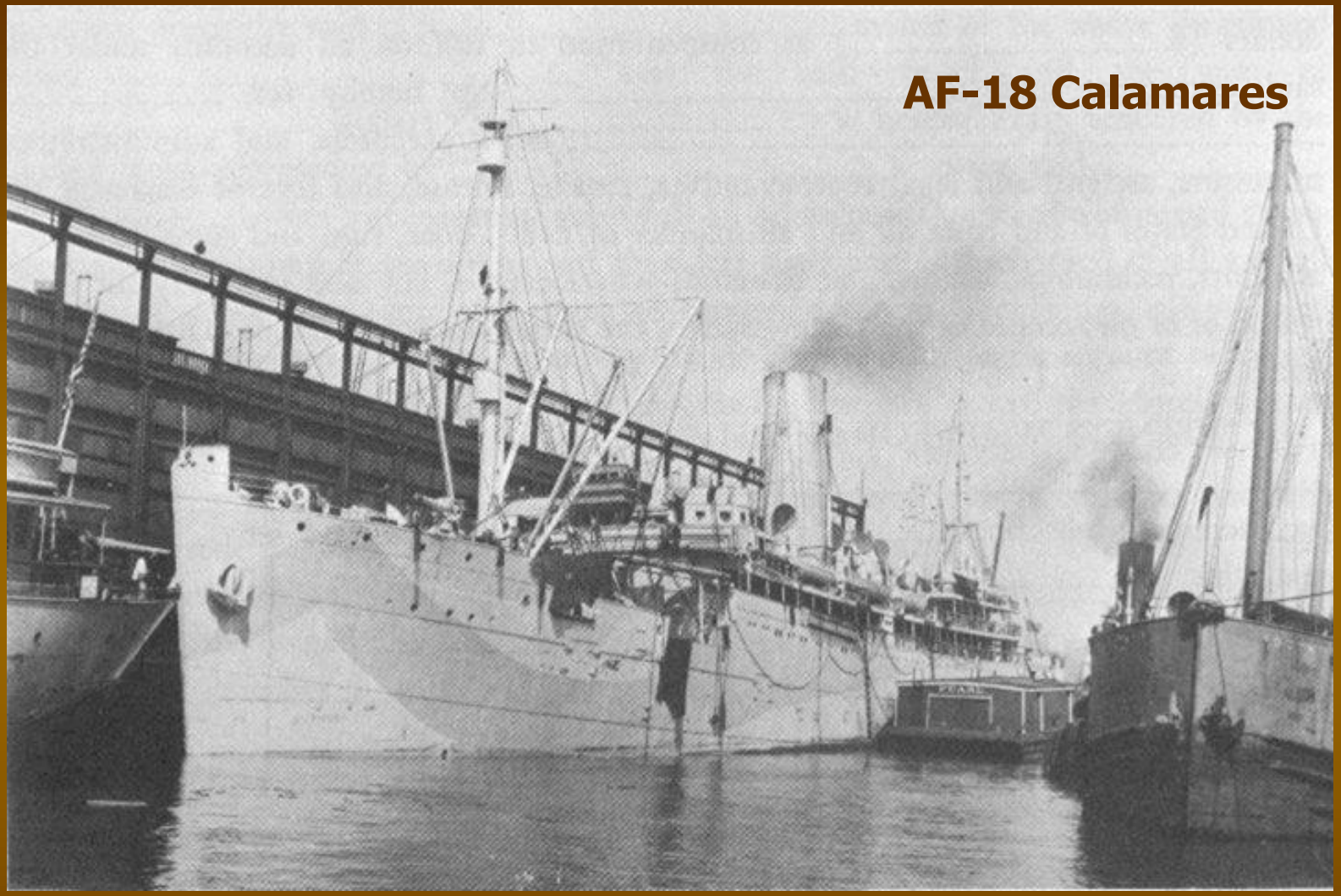
Ulys and Berthe Bourgoin Webb's Family



Ulys 1909

- On November 7, 1917, Ulys enlisted in the Army at Angel Island and arrived at Camp Devens, Mass December 2,1917.
- He was a private in Company B of the 29th Engineers (14th Squad) and departed for overseas on January 28, 1918 on the U.S.A . C T Calamares.

- ***Pastores Class Stores Ship***: Built 1913 at Workman, Clark and Co., Belfast Northern Ireland; Acquired by the Army from United Fruit Co., Transferred to the Navy,1 April 1918 ; Converted for Naval service as a *Transport* at New York; Commissioned **USS Calamares** 10 April 1918; Assigned to the Naval Overseas Transportation Service (NOTS), 11 October 1918 and converted to a refrigerator ship; Decommissioned, 18 September 1919; Reacquired by the Navy, 12 December 1941; Converted to a *Provisions Stores Ship* and recommissioned, **USS Calamares (AF-18)**, 10 April 1943; Decommissioned, 25 April 1946 at Baltimore, MD; Struck from the Naval Register (date unknown: Returned to the Maritime Commission for disposal; Final disposition, fate unknown.



- ***Specifications***: Displacement 12,625 t.(fl); Length 486' 6"; Beam 55'; Draft 27' 4"; Speed 14.3kts; Complement 40; Cargo Capacity, 2,300 DWT; Armament 1 single 5"/38 dual purpose gun mount, four 3"/50 guns., eight 20mm guns; Propulsion, reciprocating engines; twin screws, 6,500 shp.

"This is the boat that I was
on June-July 1919 to
St. Nazire to Newport News"
Ulys Webb
U.S.S. Mercury

- **USS *Mercury* (ID # 3012), 1917-1919. Originally the German Passenger Liner *Barbarossa* and was briefly USS *Barbarossa* in 1917**
- USS *Mercury*, a 10984 gross ton troop transport, was built at Hamburg, Germany, in 1896 as the passenger liner *Barbarossa*. For nearly two decades she served in commercial trade under the flag of the North German Lloyd firm. Laid up at Hoboken, New Jersey, after the outbreak of World War I in August 1914, she was seized there when the United States entered the conflict in April 1917. The ship was turned over to the Navy for repair and conversion and commissioned as USS *Barbarossa* in early August 1917. Soon renamed *Mercury*, and later assigned the registry ID # 3012, she began carrying military personnel to France a few days after the beginning of 1918. The ship made seven trips to France, with over 18,000 passengers, until the 11 November 1918 Armistice halted the fighting. *Mercury* then began the process of bringing American troops home. She made eight more trips for this purpose, carrying over 20,000 men. In September 1919, after her final trip, USS *Mercury* was decommissioned and transferred to the War Department for use as an Army transport. The Army turned her over to the U.S. Shipping Board in August 1920. Though subsequently sold to a private shipping firm, her new owners defaulted and the ship came back to the Shipping Board in January 1921. She was sold for scrapping in February 1924.

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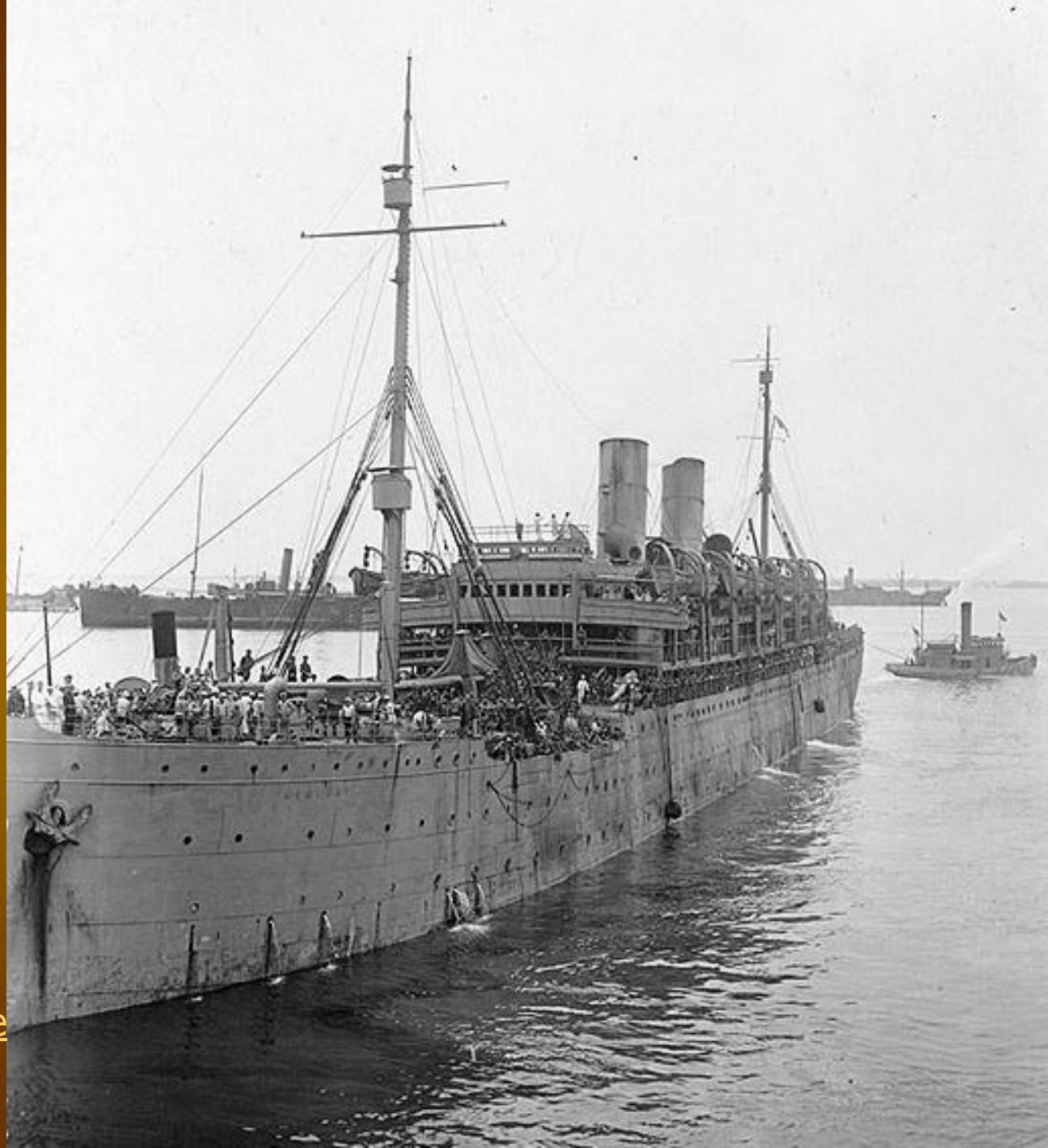
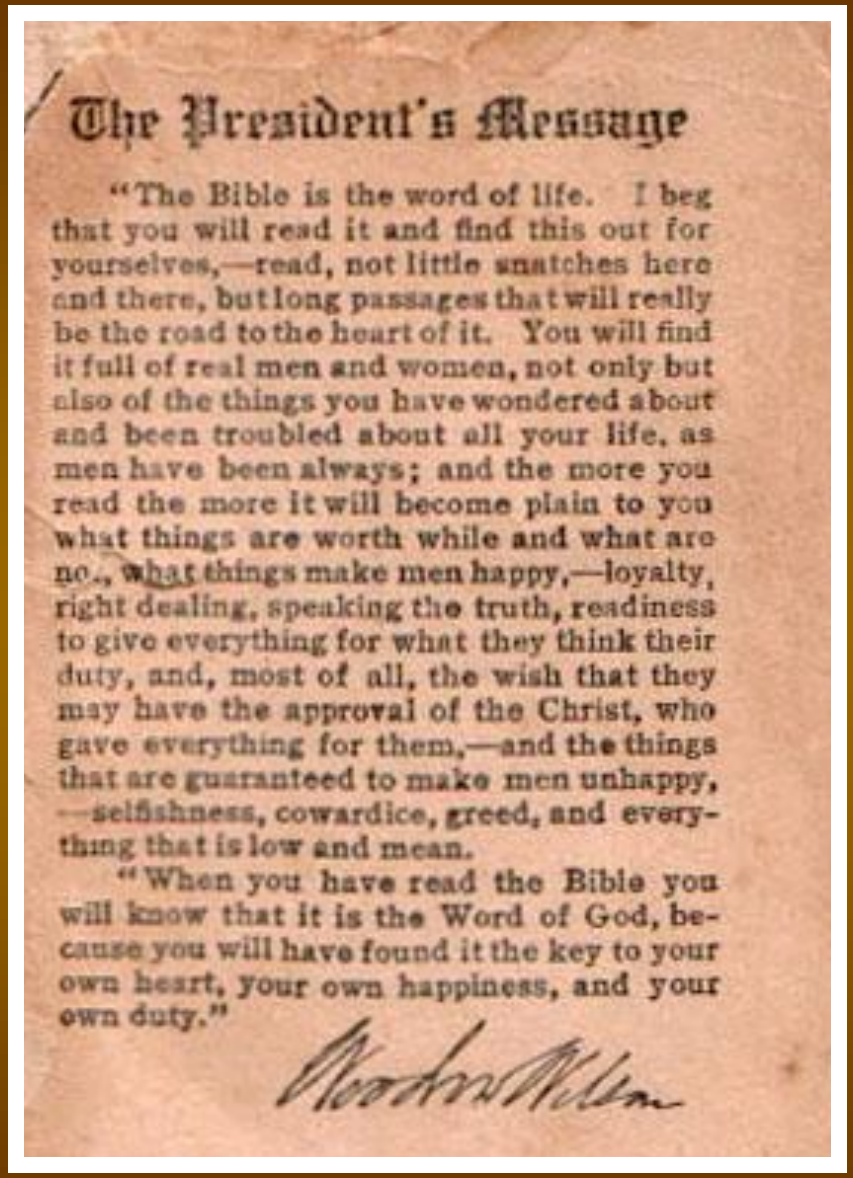




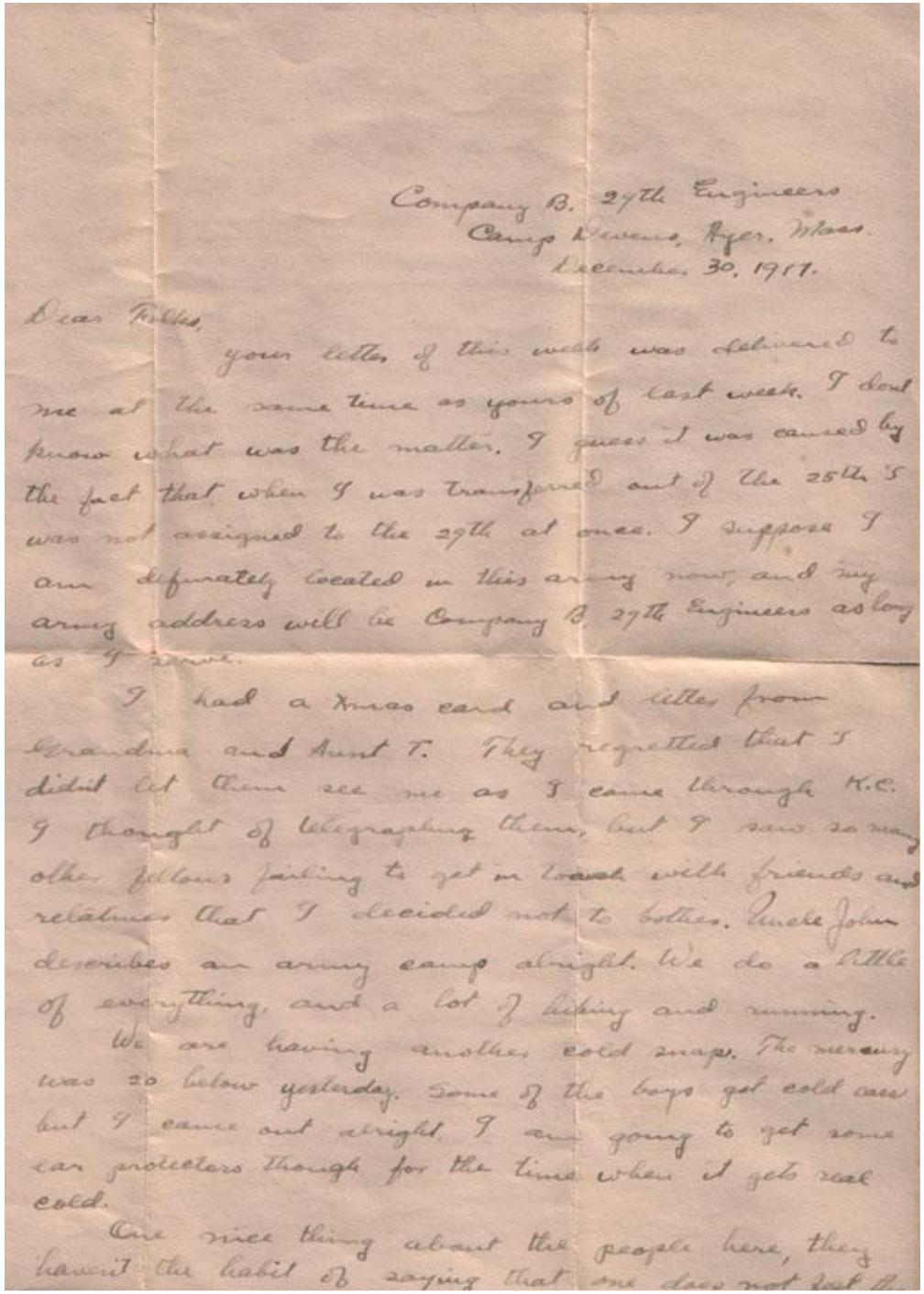
The President's Message

"The Bible is the word of life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves,—read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it. You will find it full of real men and women, not only but also of the things you have wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as men have been always; and the more you read the more it will become plain to you what things are worth while and what are not, what things make men happy,—loyalty, right dealing, speaking the truth, readiness to give everything for what they think their duty, and, most of all, the wish that they may have the approval of the Christ, who gave everything for them,—and the things that are guaranteed to make men unhappy, —selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean.

"When you have read the Bible you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty."

Woodrow Wilson

- First page of Bible given to soldiers during WWI. Signed by Woodrow Wilson.



Company B. 27th Engineers
Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.
December 30, 1917.

Dear Folks,

your letter of this week was delivered to me at the same time as yours of last week. I dont know what was the matter. I guess I was caused by the fact that when I was transferred out of the 25th I was not assigned to the 27th at once. I suppose I am definately located in this army now, and my army address will be Company B 27th Engineers as long as I stay.

I had a Xmas card and letter from Grandma and Aunt T. They regretted that I didnt let them see me as I came through K.C. I thought of telegraphing them, but I saw so many other fellows failing to get in touch with friends and relatives that I decided not to bother. Uncle John describes an army camp alright. We do a little of everything, and a lot of hiking and running.

We are having another cold snap. The mercury was 20 below yesterday. Some of the boys got cold ears but I came out alright. I am going to get some ear protectors though for the time when it gets real cold.

One nice thing about the people here, they haven't the habit of saying that one does not feel th

1917

- Letter from Ulys Webb to parents during WWI

the cold. I've fast none of the natives brag on the climate. The first time in several years, I haven't heard someone bragging about the climate.

Since coming over here we are not training as hard as we were at Company D. We have more special duty to do are developing "personal responsibility" I get this last term from the head of the "Colonial Dames" as reported in in the Boston American. She noticed that look in the face of the soldiers she has seen in Boston. That look I take it to be closely connected with the stern face or wooden face of the model soldier at attention. The best soldier is he who can banish all signs of emotion or feeling from his face. But I will write no more at this time about the characteristics of a soldier.

We've had a fair time for Xmas in quarters. Someone or some how all the candy, nuts, cigars and cigarettes we could use were furnished free from Sunday until Wednesday. Only the necessary duties were performed. We put on a show, local talent of course. On Xmas day we put on a parade. I believe I had as good a time as I would if I'd got ff to Boston. You know after being here a while one looses interest in the cities nearby.

Lots of the boys here have wrists watches, I guess I belong to the conservatives. I still use the ordinary watch. So far I find it satisfactory. One thing about a bigger watch is that there's more room on the face of it for a picture. I haven't a picture for the face of mine, but should I get one I'd have a nice place to put it.

I am studying French, I ordered a book and found it not exactly what I wanted. I'll try again. Beside my French I am learning the code of signaling and on top of that I still read Law. As a diversion I am wading through Co. M's library of novels furnished by the good people of Quincy. Some boys kick about being in camp, but so do I wonder that I am happy with time for all this.

By the way has my box from Nevada put in its appearance yet. I wrote to Benson about it but have had no reply. I almost wish now that I'd had him send it by express. I wrote to the Service there asking about my Nov. pay. I have three days coming and I don't see why it doesn't get to me.

Will close for this time.

As Ever,

Ulyss Webb

Company B, 19th Engineers

Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Extract from General Orders, No. 203

"I thank you for your PATIENCE and COURAGE with which you have endured - - - "

JOHN J. PERSHING,
Commander-in-Chief

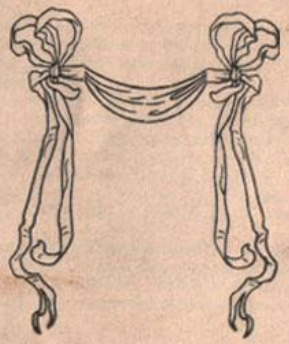
CHRISTMAS

TOUL

FRANCE

Company B
29th Engineers

American Expeditionary
Forces † France



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BRIEF STATEMENT

CONCERNING

CO. B, 29th ENGINEERS

This company left Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., in the afternoon of January 28, 1918; reached Hoboken in the morning, January 29, and by noon of that day the members were all on board the U. S. A. C. T. Calamares with baggage stowed.

At 12:00 noon on January 30 the transport left the pier and on February 15, at 9:15 a. m. dropped anchor in the harbor of Brest, France.

The company remained on shipboard until the morning of the 17th, when it disembarked and occupied quarters in the Napoleonic Barracks (Pontanezen), about five kilometers outside the city. Returning to Brest on the 19th it entrained at 7 p. m. for Langres (A. P. O. 714). Left Brest at 10 p. m and on the 23rd at 2:30 a. m. the company arrived in Langres.

The following pages of this booklet contain a roster of the company and a roster of the 447th Depot Detachment Engineers, attached to Company B for the journey abroad. There is given also a copy of the three orders on which the company traveled from Camp Devens to Langres.

ROSTER OF CO. B, 29th ENGINEERS

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Herbert H. Hodgeson.....Captain
Ernest E. Weibel.....Captain
Oscar H. Nelson .....1st Lt.
John Q. Stewart .....1st Lt.
Arthur J. Fecht .....1st Lt.
Leo B. Roberts .....2nd Lt.
Chas. H. Davey .....2nd Lt.
Fred W. Crisp .....2nd Lt.
George Hampton .....2nd Lt.
Howard Clark .....2nd Lt.
John G. Dorrance .....2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Peattie, Roderick, Acting 1st Sgt. 1358 E. 58th St., Chicago, Ill.
Amery, George H. Anaqua, Victoria Co., Texas.

THIRD PLATOON

Antrim, Hugh B. Actg. Sgt. Cloverdale, Oregon.

Thirteenth Squad—
Drummond, Scott E. 801 7th St., S., Fargo, North Dakota.
Rivers, William. 1301 7th Ave., N., Great Falls, Mont.
Ross, Kenneth W. Calais, Maine.
Smith, Ralph E. Meyersdale, Penna.
Pyne, Raymond M. 114 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal.
Simons, Sprague T. Oxford Hotel, 15th and Pa., N. W., Washington, D.C.
Stage, William L. Vassar, Michigan.
Thenen, Emil T. J. 412 E. 137th St., New York, N. Y.

Fourteenth Squad—
Treanor, Leo M. 815 Hague Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Thompson, Chester A. 158 Dana Ave., Albany, N. Y.
Webb, Ulys. Tipton, Oklahoma.
Wolfinger, Oliver R. 5224 Brooklyn Ave., Seattle, Wash.
Twomey, Michael J. 56 Hooper, Chelsea, Mass.
Wilson, Charles A. 617 N. Detroit St., Bellefontaine, Ohio.
Alsing, Alvin A. 706 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, Calif.
Boss, Samuel. 702 East St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Fifteenth Squad—
Bandemer, William E. 806 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
Bradley, Frank E. 1412 N. Perth St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Nelson, Hilmer A. 894 Scott St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Fuller, Russell L. Muncy, Penna.
Clowdsley, John U. 346 W. Acacia St., Stockton, Calif.
Formica, Felix J. 305 E. 31st St., New York, N. Y.
Low, Frederick V. 259 Igleheart Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Giboney, David F. Great Falls, Montana.

Sixteenth Squad—
McCullough, Hillis K. 114 S. Xanthus St., Tulsa, Okla.
Graham, William S. 3027 Windsor Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Christensen, John D. 288 9th St., San Francisco, Cal.
Brislawn, Ferdinand L. Oshoto, Wyoming.
Griffith, Dice W. 646 Tacoma Ave., Portland, Oregon.
Balch, Thomas E. 1744 9th Ave., Oakland, Calif.
Brown, Strother C. Sturgeon, Mo.
Burns, James F. 54 Fernwood Ave., Revere, Mass.

Seventeenth Squad—
Manning, William P. 469 W. 166th St., New York, N. Y.
De Long, Harry J. 547 E. 134th St., New York, N. Y.
Halloran, Ralph P. 515 E. 3rd St., Newport, Conn.
Heilman, Clyde A. 5612 Lemon Grove Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
Geiser, Ernest. 641 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
Harris, Walter C. Walkertown, Indiana.
Jaynes, Thomas J. 74 Wiecopee St., Beacon, N. Y.
Jones, John Paul. Sand Lake, Mich.

Eighteenth Squad—
Mallon, Alfred E. 3136 Pillsbury Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
Lauer, Edward W. Alturas, Modoc Co., Cal.
Mayer, Lovis W. 2143 S. E. St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Nelson, David T. 2302 7th St. N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
McKinley, George M. Lincoln St., Uniontown, Pa.
Murphy, Charles J. Harlem, Montana.
Prasse, Paul Peter, Jr. 73 8th St., Cliffside, N. J.
Purser, William G. 2911 Hickory St., Dallas, Texas.

FOURTH PLATOON

Anderson, Sven H. Actg. Sgt. 115 Dwight St., New Britain, Conn.

Nineteenth Squad—
Noyes, Donald. 1412 Chapin St., Washington, D. C.
Ring, William E. Morris, Minnesota.
Schraml, James W. 1840 E. Biddle St., Baltimore, Md.
Skooglum, Oscar. 750 Maryland St., St. Paul, Minn.
Sanborn, Robert H. 407 Gaylord Ave., Ludington, Mich.
Shaw, Ralph. 226 N. 20th St., Lacrosse, Wis.
Ferguson, Carroll E. 475 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cronin, Cornelius. 23 Winthrope Ave., Revere, Mass.

Twentieth Squad—
Davidson, Edgar C. Polson, Montana.
Smith, Lawrence W. 1122 8th Ave., Moore, Penna.
Volkers, George R. 33 Grace St., Pittsburg, Penna.
Loftus, Thomas H. 607 Lafayette, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Tracy, Raymond M. 504 7th Ave., So., Jamestown, N. D.
West, Charles E. 7 Cleveland St., Arlington, Mass.
Perkins, Rupert G. 138 Prospect St., Berlin, N. H.
Aasland, Christopher. 2341 James Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn.

Twenty-first Squad—
Murphy, William E. 2100 Avenue A, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Hearne, Cannon C. 605 Times Building, St. Louis, Mo.
Bohannon, Frederick G. 44 Hillside Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Christiansen, Milton C. Cupertino, Santa Clara County, California
Beaver, Edgar E. Worthington, Ohio
Burns, Alfred A. Tacoma News, Tacoma, Washington
Downing, Andrew. Fresno, Calif.
Evangelista, Anthony J. 88 Webster St., E. Boston, Mass.

Twenty-Second Squad—
White, James G. Vacaville, Calif.
Harwood, Donald H. Hotel Johnson, South Haven, Mich.
Johnson, Dudley H. 980 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.
Leith, James S. 994 Lathrop Ave., Detroit Mich.
Hocker, Harry T. Roseville, Calif.
Jordan, Joseph R. 3341 2nd Avenue, Columbus, Georgia
Lemley, Robert. 1144 No. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Marousek, Charles J. 3643 E. 104 St., Cleveland, Ohio

Twenty-Third Squad—
Carroll, John J. 46 1st Avenue, No. Pelham, N. Y.
Maguire, Leo J. 112 So. 9th St., Newark, N. J.
O'Grady, John P. 124 Aiken Ave., Lowell, Mass.
Puliafito, Anthony J. 730 Cass St., Milwaukee, Wis.
McMillan, Laning R. Corona, Calif.
Paige, Frank L. 255 Sahara Ave., San Jose, Calif.
Ritter, Leo J. 652 E. 4th St., Winona, Minn.
Roche, Joseph F. 781 Broadway, Chelsea, Boston, Mass.

Twenty-Fourth Squad—
Hogeland, Edward E. Hampton, Iowa.
Saunders, Samuel E. Roseland, Virginia
Shorey, Ralph O. Rennadale, Penna.
Frederiksen, Hans 492 7th Ave., N. Troy, N. Y.
Seide, William 395 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Wolcott, Luther A. 125 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Hardin, William O. 1538 Dudley St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Christensen, Sigfred G. 112 Winnipeg Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

CHRISTMAS, 1918 *TOUL, FRANCE*

MENU

Chicken Soup
"All together, boys,_____ _____"

Steak
"Cheval, Premier Quality"

French Fried
"Post's Special"

Creamed Peas
"Just Like Mother Used to Fix"

Bread and Butter
"Straight Dope, No Oleo There"

Raisin Pie
"S. O. S."

Mixed Nuts and Grapes
"Secret Bags of Joy"

Candy
"Sgt's Xmas Box Must be Open"

Smokes
"Beech Leaves and Cabbage"

Coffee, milk and sugar
"Well, Christmas Comes but Once a Year"

"FINI"

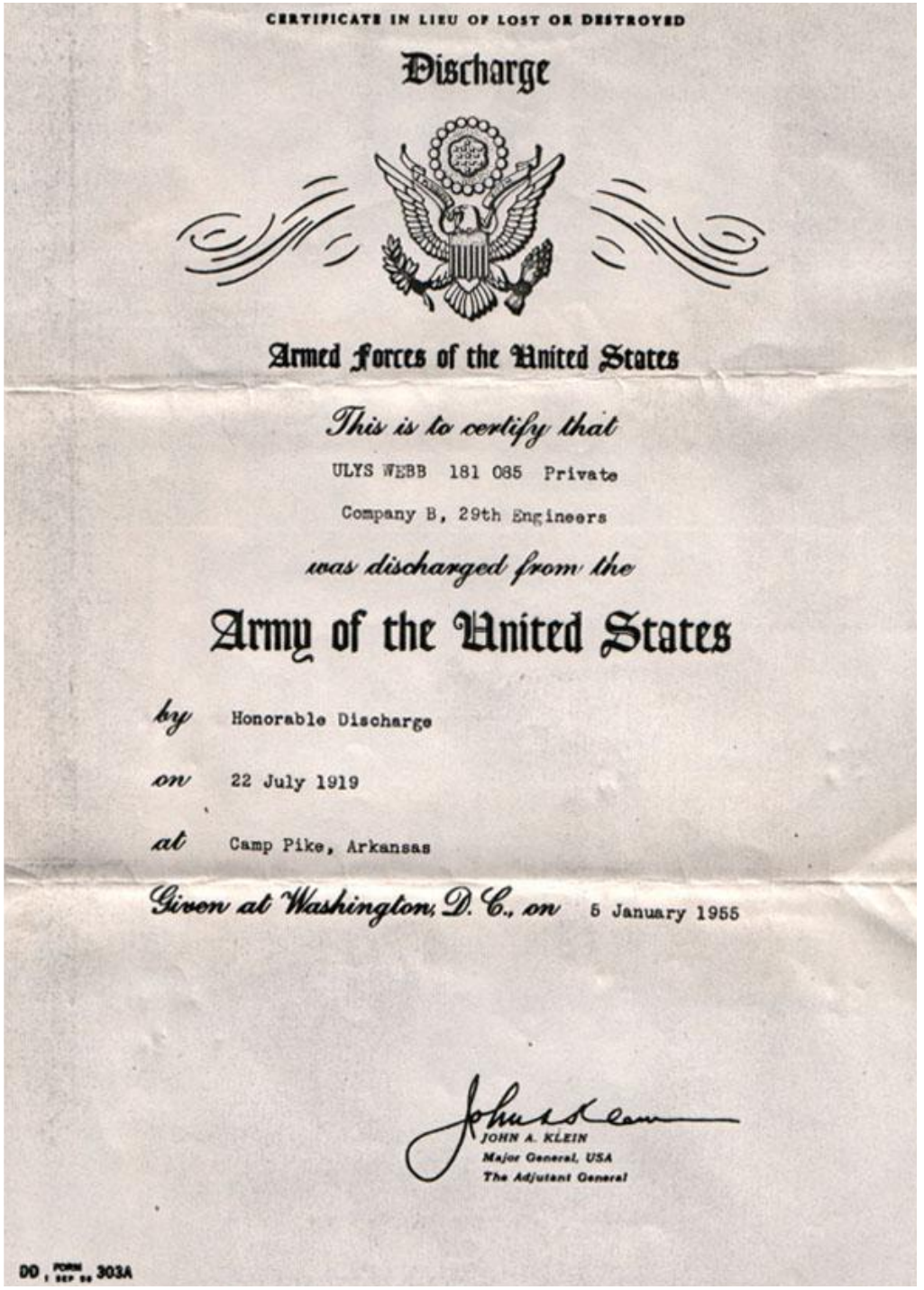
Ulys Webb, standing, 3rd from left

Left to Right—Sitting—Roy L. Nelson, Corpl. John U. Clowdsley, Chester M. Hinds, Francis A. McManus, Timothy J. Moran, Dennis J. Grillo Robert O. Fowler, Frank J. Musso, Lawrence W. Smith, Daniel B. Reardon, Gurrie R. Henson, Frank Colley, Arthur H. Hansbury Bert M. McDonald, William F. Thomas. Standing—George S. Williams, Fred Giessner, Ulys Webb, Gordon J. Carter Robert L. Bartlett, Bernard E. Hammer, Sgt. James H. Page, Charles O. Coleman, Corpl. James H. Tandy, Cecil R. Glasgow Capt. Herbert H. Hodgeson, Basil Tuttle, Lieut. Fred A. Crisp, Robert E. Adams, Lieut. Richard T. Evans, Sgt. Albert L. Kleinecke Lieut. Benjamin H. Yoakum, Sgt. Carl W. Clarke, Carl R. Hutchinson, Harold Mattison, Kai Gottschalk, William S. Coleman Paul Y. Wilson, George W. Lane, Rex W. Rogers, Sgt. William N. Edwards.

1919

- WWI
- 29h Engineers AEF (American Expeditionary Force) France
- Ulys is on back row, 3rd from left

- Ulys Webb's discharge papers (duplicate)



CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF LOST OR DESTROYED

Discharge

Armed Forces of the United States

This is to certify that

ULYS WEBB 181 085 Private

Company B, 29th Engineers

was discharged from the

Army of the United States

by Honorable Discharge

on 22 July 1919

at Camp Pike, Arkansas

Given at Washington, D. C., on 5 January 1955

JOHN A. KLEIN
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

DD, FORM 303A

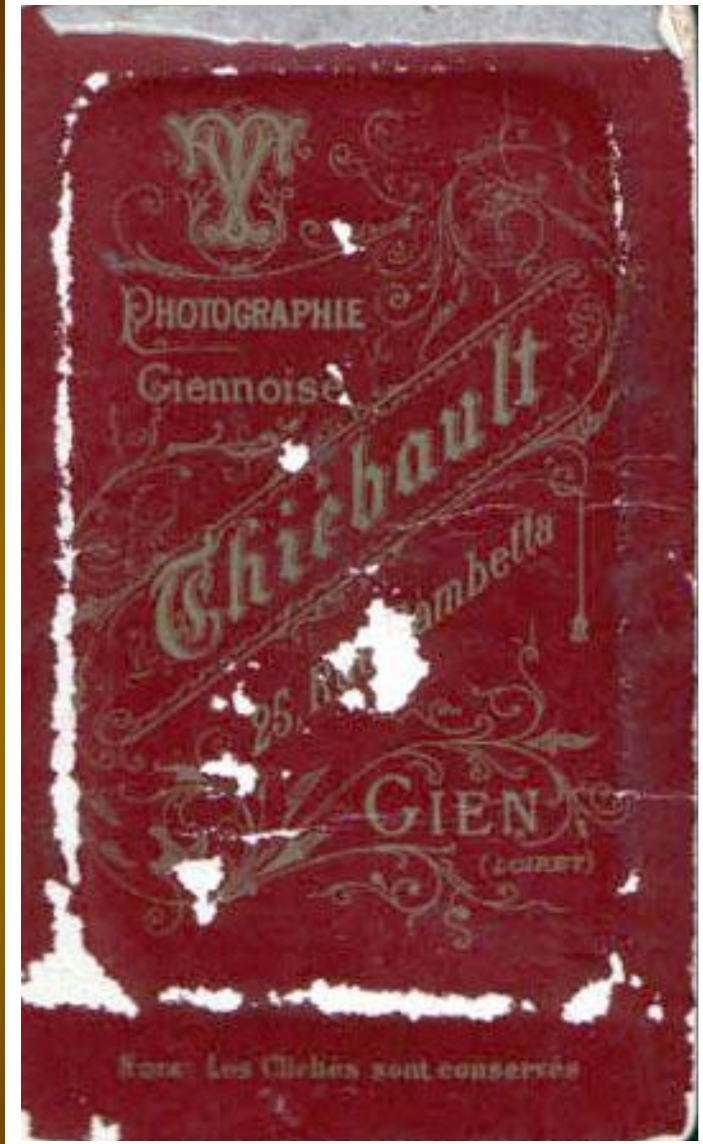
- Berthe and Friend
- 1st Communion
- St Martin sur Ocre

- Berthe Bourgoin and brothers

1914

- Berthe
- School Teacher
- Paris, France

Superior School, Paris
Berthe



- Marie Marchain, mother of Berthe Bourgoin Webb
- July 17, 1880 - 1917

- Philippe Bourgoin
- 1864-1935
- Father of Berthe Bourgoin Webb

- Camille Bourgoin, July 1977

7-17-80
St Martin sur Ocre
Phillip Bourgoins home -

Phillip Bourgoin
1862 - 1935
Marie Marchain - died
1917
7-17-80

1919

Ellis Island

First Name:	*Berthe Louise*
Last Name:	*Bourgoin*
Ethnicity:	*France, French*
Last Place of Residence:	*St Mande, France*
Date of Arrival:	*October 25, 1920*
Age at Arrival:	*26* *Gender: F* *Marital Status: S*
Ship of Travel:	*La Savoie*
Port of Departure:	*LeHavre*
Manifest Line Number:	*0005*

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December 1920

- Ulys Webb

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Ulys Webb

Born:	February 26, 1886	in:	Exeter, Barry County, Missouri
Married:	October 30, 1920	in:	Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma
Died:	July 20, 1957	in:	Skiatook, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
Father:	John Franklin Webb		
Mother:	Alzira Elizabeth Stubblefield		

Wife: Berthe Louise Bourgoin

Born:	November 25, 1893	in:	St. Martin, France, sur Ocre
Died:	June 3, 1972	in:	Skiatook, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
Father:	Philipe Bourgoin		
Mother:	Marie Marchain		

CHILDREN

1	Name:	Jacqueline Elisabeth Webb	
F	Born:	July 28, 1921	in: Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma
	Married:		
	Spouse:	Keegan Carter	

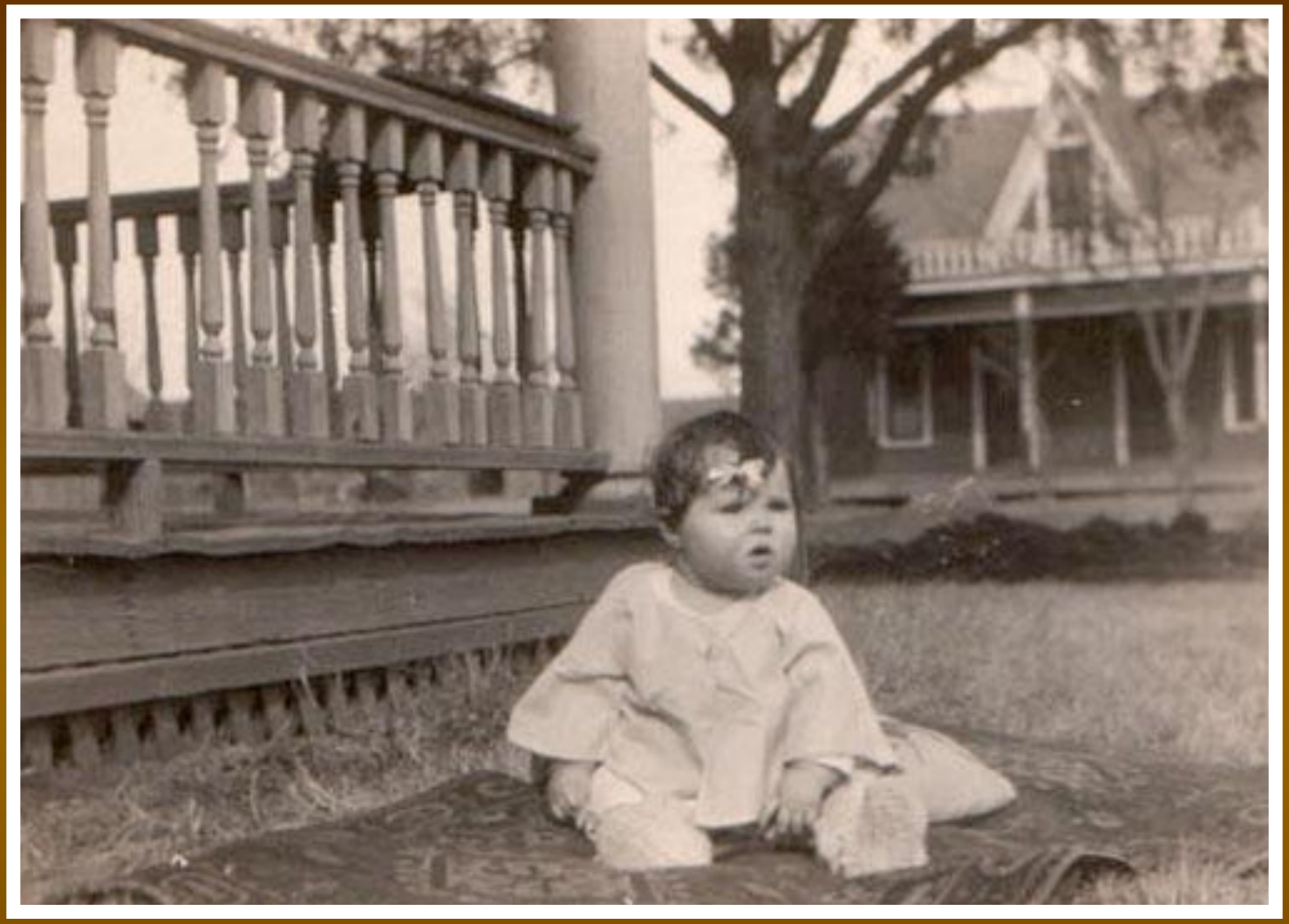
1920

- Ulys Webb and Berthe Bourgoin
- Wedding Picture
- October 30, 1920

1921

- Ulys Webb
- Berthe Bourgoin Webb
- Jacqueline Webb

1921



- Jacqueline Webb's First Christmas
- 222 S. Crawford, Norman, OK

- Passport Picture
- 1925
- Ulys (39 years)
- Berthe
- Jacqueline

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PASSPORT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States of America, hereby request all whom it may concern to permit

Ulys Webb

a citizen of the United States, safely and freely to pass and in case of need to give him all lawful Aid and Protection.

This passport is valid for use only in the following countries and for objects specified, unless amended.

All Countries — NAME OF COUNTRY

Travel — OBJECT OF VISIT

The bearer is accompanied by his wife, Berthe and minor child, Jacqueline E.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Department of State at the City of Washington, the 13th day of May in the year 1925 and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-ninth.

Frank B. Kellogg

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

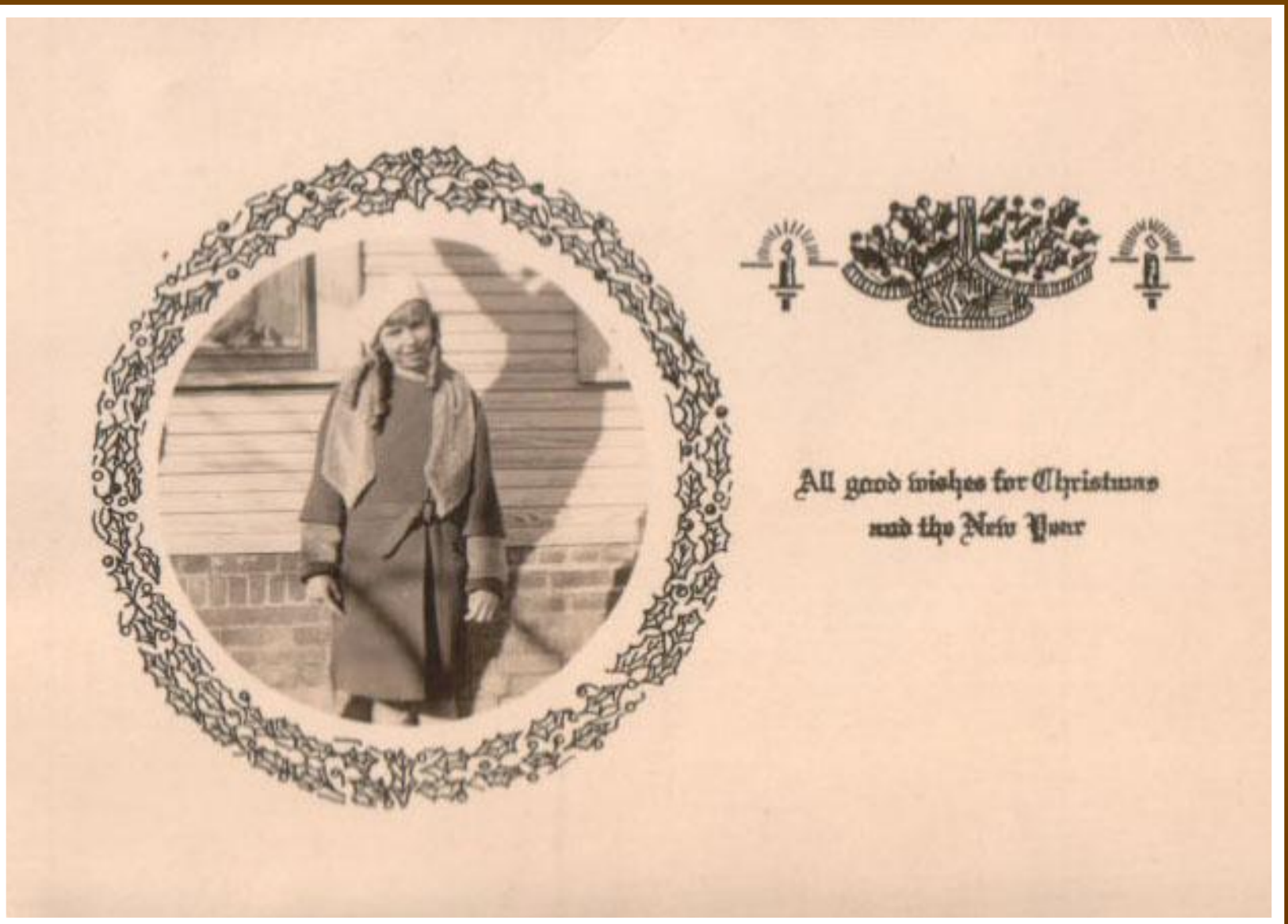
Age 39 years
Height 5 ft. 8 in.
Forehead high
Eyes dark blue
Nose medium
Face oval
Distinguishing marks
Place of birth Exeter, Mo.
Date of birth Feb. 26, 1886
Occupation oil field worker

Ulys Webb

This is to certify that the attached photograph bears the signature and is a likeness of the person to whom this passport is issued. [illegible] the seal of the Department of State is impressed on the photograph.

No. 49604

1929 - Jacquie



- Ulys and Jacqueline
- Dress purchased in France in 1933

1934

- Jacqueline (13 years)
- Ulys

1937

- Jacquie's first long dress.
- 15 years old
- Junior-Senor Prom
- Skiatook, OK

1955

- Berthe Bourgoin Webb

Berthe Bourgoin Webb

Ulys Webb's Home, 211 E. 5th St., Skiatook, OK

Ulys Webb, Jacqueline (Webb) Carter and Berthe Webb in September 1951

ULYS AND BERTHE WEBB
JACQUELINE (WEBB) CARTER

Ulys Webb was born in 1886 in Missouri. He graduated from Oklahoma University in 1912 and worked with the U.S. Reclamation Service before attending law school at the University of Washington. With the Army Engineers, World War I took him to France where he met Berthe Bourgoin. Her father would not let them marry since he knew nothing of Ulys' background. After several years of correspondence, Berthe came to the United States and they were married in Norman, Oklahoma. Ulys taught in Skiatook in 1922 and returned in 1935 as district clerk for Stanolind Pipeline Company. He was a Mason, past master and secretary of the Skiatook Lodge and District Masonic secretary. He was also a member of American Legion Post #131.

Berthe taught in several French schools including the Lycee Fenelon in Paris. She received an MA degree from Oklahoma University and was a professor of French there in 1934 and again from 1939 to 1943. She was a charter member of the Skiatook Women's Club and an active member of the Hyechka Club in Tulsa. She was also a reviewer for "Books Abroad."

Jacqueline graduated from Skiatook High School as valedictorian in 1938 and from Oklahoma University in 1942 with a BS degree. She worked as a geologist until the end of World War II when she married Keegan Carter after his return from overseas. He was an independent oil man in Kilgore, Texas, and died in 1992. They have three sons, Dr. John Carter, a teacher; Jim, a computer expert; and Paul, development director of the American Red Cross in Washington DC. There are four grandchildren, Colleen, Shawn, Nathan and Nicky.

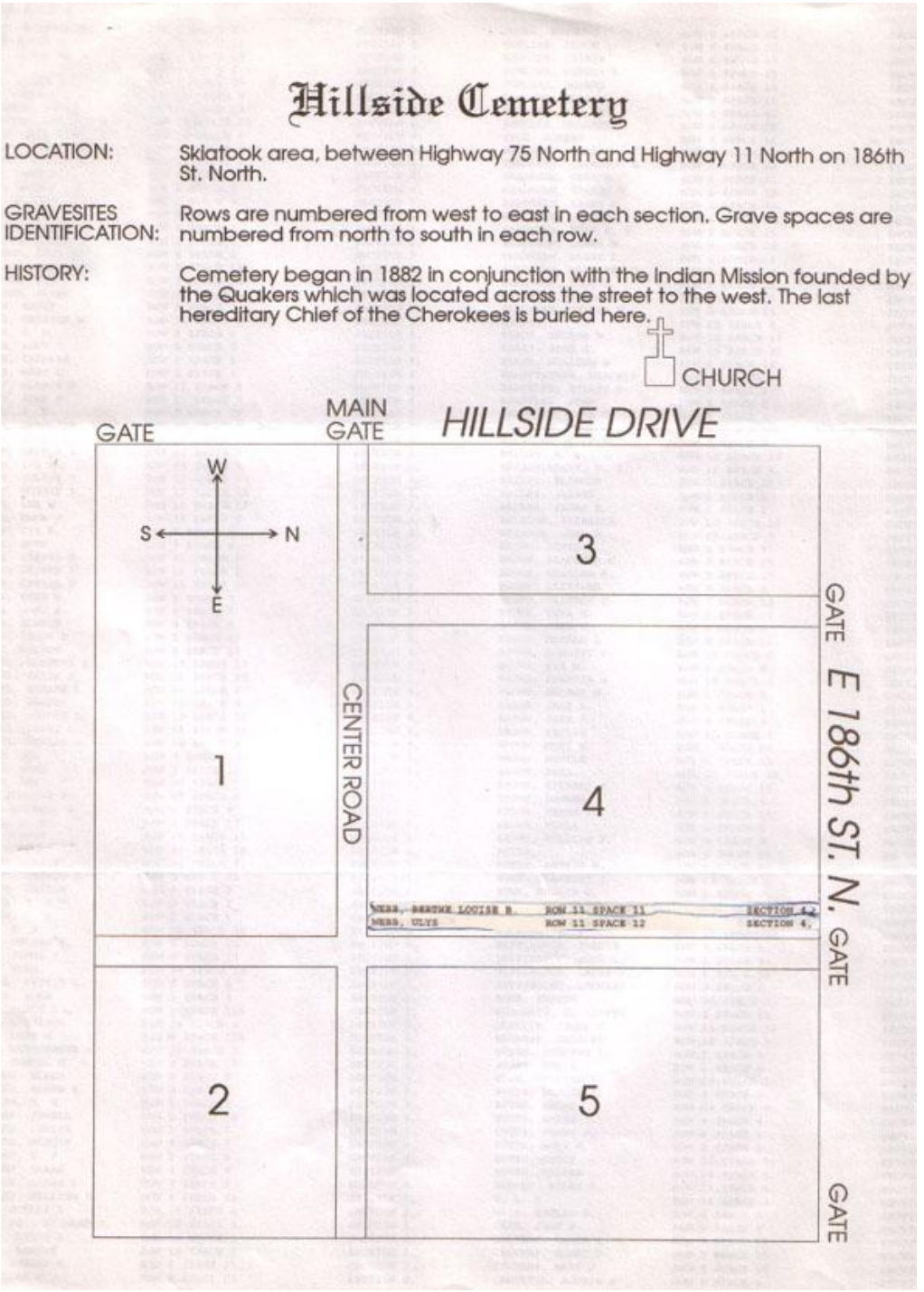
Ulys Webb died in 1957 and Berthe in 1972. Both are buried at Hillside Cemetery.

Submitted by Jacqueline W. Carter

- From a Skiatook History submitted by Jacqueline Webb Carter

- Jacqueline Webb Carter, Hillside Cemetery, Skiatook, OK April 4, 1992. Ulys' grave with Berthe's ashes on top.

- Berthe Louise Webb
  - Row 11, Space 11, Section 4
- Ulys Webb
  - Row 11, Space 12, Section 4



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- Charles Lee
- Noel Lee

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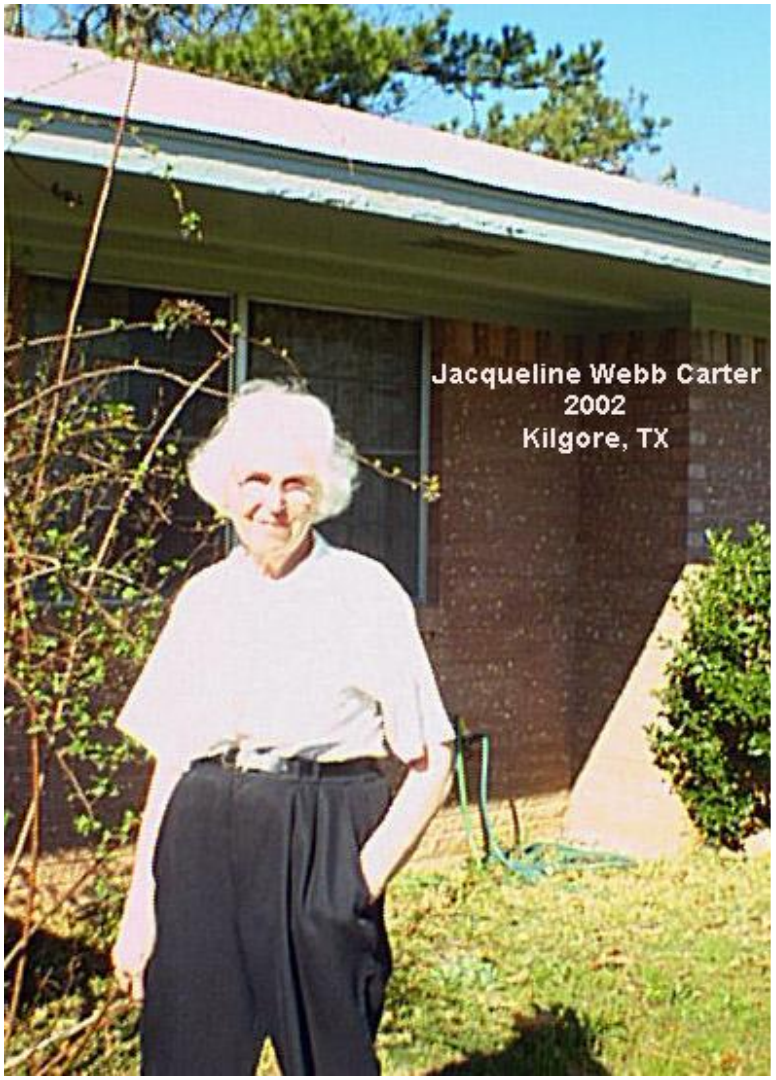
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- Jacquie Webb Carter's great-grandson with Jacquie's rocking chair.