



FLORIDA FRANCE SOLDIER STORIES

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Henry Franklin Wilson

1918 – 1944

Private First Class: US Army

Company C, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 14 DAY OF January, 1920. SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 13 SHEET No. 3 A

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Montague WARD OF CITY 1751 ENUMERATOR R. L. Wilson

PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	TIME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE		OCCUPATION
							Place of birth	Mother tongue	
1	George L. Wilson	Head	31	W 5' 10" H 170 lbs	U.S. born	High school	Texas	English	Farmer
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1920 Federal Census (1 of 2)

In 1920, the Wilson family, George (31), Mary (29), and Onie (2) lived in Montague, TX. Henry's father, George, worked as a farmer, while his mother, Mary, took care of the family. The family all lived together; we find Henry on the top of the next page of the census (see below).

En 1920, la famille d'Henry Wilson, George (31 ans), Mary (29 ans) et Onie (2 ans), vivait à Montague (Texas). Le père d'Henry, George, était agriculteur, tandis que sa mère, Mary, s'occupait de la famille. Ils vivaient ensemble mais nous trouvons Henry en haut de la page suivante du recensement (voir ci-dessous).

"1920 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/43562105>

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1920 Federal Census (2 of 2)

Henry appeared as the first name on the next page of the Montague, TX census. He was 14 months old at the time.

Henry apparaît en premier sur la page suivante du recensement; il n'avait alors que 14 mois.

“1920 United States Federal Census,” database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/43562108?tid=&pid=&queryId=2fb277cc-199c-4322-a1f8-84ea17442078&phsrc=GHn37&phstart=successSource>

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514 MARRIAGE RECORD

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Montague.

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Texas,—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN

Mr. *Cyrus S. Palmer* (age 32 yrs) and Mrs. *Ninnie E. Bell* (age 62 yrs) ¹⁹³⁸
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in Montague, Texas, the 15th day of November, 1938.

Seal *Willard Shackelford*
Clerk of the County Court, Montague County

By _____ Deputy.

I, *Earl C. Fitts*, County Judge, hereby certify that on the 15th day of November, 1938, I united in Marriage *Mr. Cyrus S. Palmer* and *Mrs. Ninnie E. Bell*, the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand, this 15th day of November, 1938.

Earl C. Fitts
County Judge, Montague Co. Texas

Returned and filed for record the 15th day of Nov., 1938, and recorded the 15th day of November, 1938.

Willard Shackelford, County Clerk.
By *Grace Tompkins*, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Montague.

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Texas,—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN

Mr. *Henry F. Wilson* (age 21 yrs) and Miss *Virginia Griffith* (age 18 yrs)
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in Montague, Texas, the 15th day of October, 1938.

Seal *Willard Shackelford*
Clerk of the County Court, Montague County

By _____ Deputy.

I, *Wm. Ray Hand*, hereby certify that on the 15th day of October, 1938, I united in Marriage *Mr. Henry F. Wilson* and *Miss Virginia Griffith*, the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand, this 15th day of October, 1938.

Wm. Ray Hand
Mrs. Ray Hand

Returned and filed for record the 18th day of Nov., 1938, and recorded the 18th day of November, 1938.

Willard Shackelford, County Clerk.
By *Grace Tompkins*, Deputy.

Marriage Record

On October 15, 1938, Henry F. Wilson, aged 21, married Virginia Griffin, aged 18.

Le 15 octobre 1938, Henry F. Wilson, âgé de 21 ans, épousa Virginia Griffin, âgée de 18 ans.

"Montague, Texas, United States records," database, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org: accessed September 17, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L9WY-THP7?view=index>

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS						
CYCLE: 01 THROUGH 99 1939 BIRTHS. PAGE 2198						
NAME	COUNTY	DATE	SEX	MOTHER	FATHER	
WILSON, THOMAS J. IV	212	MAY 27	M	HAZES, JULIA ANN	WILSON, T. J.	
WILSON, THOMAS JAMES JR.	057	AUG 07	M	ARD, MARY LOUISE	WILSON, THOMAS JAMES	
WILSON, THOMAS LEWIS	243	FEB 13	M	FLOWERS, GLADYS	WILSON, CHARLES WILLIAM	
WILSON, THOMAS RAY	060	NOV 21	M	BAKER, HAZEL	WILSON, RAY	
WILSON, THOMAS ROOSEVELT	101	MAR 15	M	SAMUELS, NELLIE	WILSON, ROOSEVELT	
WILSON, TOMMIE	250	MAR 21	M	TELL, DESELENE	WILSON, ASIA	
WILSON, TOMMIE ELAINE	207	SEP 13	F	LEWIS, IVA DELL	WILSON, HARMON TOM	
WILSON, TOMMY ROSS	091	MAY 20	M	TALLEY, MAY	WILSON, J. B.	
WILSON, TORRENCE BEMENT III	243	SEP 15	M	HENDON, TURNER LEA	WILSON, TORRENCE BEMENT JR	
WILSON, TRAMEL REX	226	JUN 17	M	MOORHEAD, PEARL	WILSON, TRAMEL	
WILSON, TWYLA JO	200	MAY 01	F	MONK, JANE	WILSON, WOODROW	
WILSON, VIOLA LUCILE	037	JAN 05	F	DECKARD, FANNIE	WILSON, ALBERT	
WILSON, VIRGIL LEROY	221	DEC 28	M	ROACH, PEARL	WILSON, C. C.	
WILSON, VIRGINIA ANN	014	OCT 08	F	KOCTAR, JULIA MILDRED	WILSON, E. L. JR	
WILSON, VIRGINIA LEE	101	FEB 20	F	COLLINS, GERTRUDE TRESHA	WILSON, WILLIAM MCMAUGLET	
WILSON, VIRGINIA LYNN	028	DEC 27	F	FOX, LOLA ELIZABETH	WILSON, JAMES	
WILSON, VIRGINIA NELL	189	JUL 16	F	GRIFFITH, VIRGINIA DARE	WILSON, M. F.	
WILSON, VIRGINIA WYVONNE	140	JUL 07	F	COX, DOLLY FRANCES	WILSON, EULESS BAIRD	
WILSON, W. E. INF OF	092	JUL 01	F	CONNALLY, BRESSIE	WILSON, W. E.	
WILSON, WALDEAN	062	JUN 30	F	KELSAW, MARY ANNA	WILSON, FRANKIE	
WILSON, WALLACE INF OF	057	NOV 13	M	CARLIN, FLORA RUTH	WILSON, WALLACE	
WILSON, WALLAS LEE	033	FEB 12	M	PATRICK, RUTH	WILSON, F. J.	
WILSON, WALTER NEAL	101	MAR 26	M	BATTLE, MILDRED MARYEE	WILSON, JOHN AARON	
WILSON, WANDA SUE	074	MAY 25	F	EDWARDS, MARY LENA	WILSON, J. P.	
WILSON, WARNER	122	NOV 25	M	HUNTER, LEONA	WILSON, TERRY	
WILSON, WELDON DE WITT INF O	101	JAN 08	F	JACKSON, MAE DELLE	WILSON, WELDON DE WITT	
WILSON, WILLIA JUNE	101	SEP 19	F	STONE, MYRLE LOUISE	WILSON, FORREST WILLIAM	
WILSON, WILLIAM BRAITHWAITE	101	DEC 19	M	KESELJEVICH, JULIA ANN	WILSON, ALBERT GEORGE	
WILSON, WILLIAM CHRIS	235	JUN 26	M	GILLIG, GRACE MARJORIE	WILSON, WOODROW BENJAMIN	
WILSON, WILLIAM DAVID	057	MAR 04	M	KING, LORRINE	WILSON, JAMES FREDRICK	
WILSON, WILLIAM DERREL JR.	071	MAY 14	M	TORRES, MARIA	WILSON, WILLIAM DERREL SR.	
WILSON, WILLIAM ELBERT JR.	241	JAN 22	M	DAVIDSON, RUTH TENNESSEE	WILSON, WILLIAM ALBERT	
WILSON, WILLIAM EUGENE	245	APR 07	M	TUTTERROW, VIRGINIA AGNES	WILSON, WOODROW ALLEN	
WILSON, WILLIAM JOHN JR.	071	MAR 02	M	SCHUMAKER, GLENNA LENORE	WILSON, WILLIAM JOHN	
WILSON, WILLIAM LOAL	101	SEP 20	M	THOMPSON, ELSIE LEE	WILSON, JAMES EUGENE	
WILSON, WILLIAM ROYCE	127	OCT 24	M	WYATT, VELMA CARRIE	WILSON, EARL	
WILSON, WILLIE JR	021	JAN 26	M	JONES, LILLIAN	WILSON, WILLIE	
WILSON, WILLIE JEAN	147	APR 30	F	SATCHEL, ROSA	WILSON, ROBERT	
WILSON, WILLIE JOE	155	JUN 10	M	PERRYMAN, RUBY MAE	WILSON, WILLIE	
WILSON, WILLIE MANUEL	092	APR 04	M	RHODES, GERTRUDE	WILSON, WILLIE MALVIN	
WILSON, WILLIE RUTH	144	SEP 29	F	TAYLOR, MALINDA	WILSON, THOMAS	
WILSON, WILNA KAY	097	OCT 03	F	CLEPPER, BAMA ROSE	***DO NOT ISSUE***	
WILSON, WOODE WAYNE	057	JUL 11	M	PEESE, IRA LEE VIRGINIA	WILSON, HAROLD WAYNE	
WILSON, WOODROW FRANKLIN	101	MAR 24	M	WILSON, ELLA MAY	WILSON, HENRY	
WILSON, ZORA INF OF	246	JUL 30	M	WILSON, ZORA		
WILTON, NANCY HELEN	123	JUL 25	F	STONER, HELEN LUCILLE	WILTON, HARRY MAURICE	
WILTON, JOHN CALVIN	015	OCT 20	M	ROBERSON, JIMMIE LEE	WILTON, JAMES A.	
WILTON, JUDY INEZ	243	AUG 30	F	HUSKEY, EULA MAE	WILTON, CLEO M.	
WILTON, THOMAS WILLIAM JR	226	OCT 18	M	WELLS, OTHA JEWEL	WILTON, THOMAS WILLIAM	
WIMAN, ELIZABETH ANN	177	OCT 13	F	HAWKINS, LOU VEE	WIMAN, JOHN ARTHUR	
WIMBERLEY, BRUCE CABOT	188	JUL 13	M	BABER, LOIS ANN	WIMBERLEY, CHARLES AUBREY	
WIMBERLEY, DAVID NORDELL	072	OCT 07	M	RUFE, MARY LEE	WIMBERLEY, CHRISTOPHER C.	
WIMBERLEY, SHEILA TOM	152	APR 06	F	BAKER, VELDA MARGUERITE	WIMBERLEY, RUSSELL ELWOOD	
WIMBERLEY, WILLIAM WARREN 5TH	188	OCT 25	M	OBERST, WILHELMINA	WIMBERLEY, WILLIAM WARREN	

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Texas Department of Health Vital Statistics

On July 16, 1939, Henry and Virginia welcomed their first daughter, Virginia Nell Wilson. Her name appears about 17 lines down in the left column of the document.

Le 16 juillet 1939, Henry et Virginia ont accueilli leur première fille, Virginia Nell Wilson. Son nom apparaît environ 17 lignes plus bas dans la colonne de gauche.

"Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8781/records/303122989>

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1940 Federal Census

In 1940, Henry, his wife, Virginia, and their daughter, Virginia Nell, lived in a rented house on a farm. Henry, who worked as a farm laborer, had a fifth-grade education. Virginia, had completed seventh grade. Note that Henry and his family lived next door to his parents and siblings, working on rented farms.

En 1940, Henry, sa femme Virginia et leur fille Virginia Nell vivaient dans une maison louée dans une ferme. Henry, qui travaillait comme ouvrier agricole, avait suivi des études jusqu'en cinquième année. Virginia avait terminé la septième année. Henry et sa famille vivaient à côté de ses parents et de ses frères et sœurs, travaillant dans des fermes louées.

“1940 United States Federal Census,” database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/records/156197373?tid=&pid=&queryId=c2c4a2e1-7140-4252-ab1b-5bf370d3c351&phsrc=GHN41&phstart=successSource>

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SERIAL NUMBER <i>2314</i>	1. NAME (Print) <i>Deceased (Honor roll)</i> HENRY FRANKLIN WILSON (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER <i>1518</i>
2. ADDRESS (Print) NOCONA MONTAGUE TEXAS (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE <i>none</i>	4. AGE IN YEARS <i>21</i>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH NOCONA TEXAS (Town or county) (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <i>U. S. A.</i>
DATE OF BIRTH <i>Oct. 20, 1918</i> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)			
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <i>Mr. George Washington Wilson</i> (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <i>father</i>	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON NOCONA, MONTAGUE, TEXAS. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <i>none</i>			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <i>none</i> (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		<i>Henry Wilson</i> (Registrant's signature)	

World War II Draft Registration Card (Front)

Henry registered for the World War II draft on October 16, 1940. At the time, he lived in Nocona, Montague County, TX. He did not list an employer, but likely worked on the family's farm. He listed his father, George Washington, as his point of contact.

Henry s'est enregistré à la conscription pour la Seconde Guerre mondiale le 16 octobre 1940. À l'époque, il vivait à Nocona, dans le comté de Montague (Texas). Il n'a pas indiqué d'employeur, mais il travaillait probablement sur la ferme familiale. Il a désigné son père, George Washington, comme point de contact.

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238/records/20514046?tid=&pid=&queryId=241ea3d6-bcf4-4be5-b2c6-fe98dae4b6ff&_phsrc=GHN23&_phstart=successSource

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT						
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT						
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION			
White	✓ 5ft. 9in	140	Sallow			
	EYES	HAIR	Light			
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy			
	Gray	Red	Dark			
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled			
	Brown	Black	Light brown			
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown			
		Bald	Black			
Filipino						

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....
none

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

#20 Florence Switzer
 (Signature of registrar)
 Registrar for *Henry Lawrence H.M.*
 (President) (Ward) (City or county) (State)
 Date of registration *Oct. 16, 1940*

LOCAL BOARD

OCT 25 1940

MONTAGUE, MONTAGUE CO., TEXAS

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

World War II Draft Registration Card (Back)

The back of Henry's draft registration card provided a description of his physical appearance: he was 5'9" and weighed 140 lbs., with grey eyes, brown hair, and a freckled complexion.

Au verso de la fiche d'enregistrement militaire d'Henry figurait une description de son apparence physique : il mesurait 1,75 m et pesait 63,5 kg, avait les yeux gris, les cheveux bruns et le teint parsemé de taches de rousseur.

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS						
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NAME	COUNTY	DATE	SEX	MOTHER	FATHER	
WILSON, BARBARA ANN	178	JUL 25	F	MIZZELL, DOROTHY MARION	WILSON, COKE DILWORTH	
WILSON, BARBARA ANN	212	AUG 04	F	MC MILLAN, FLORENCE DELILAH	WILSON, WILLIAM ANDREW	
WILSON, BARBARA ANNA	001	JUL 20	F	BISHOP, VIOLA ANNA	WILSON, JESSE RAY	
WILSON, BARBARA DAWN	015	SEP 23	F	HASSELMIER, THERESA	WILSON, THOMAS FRANKLIN	
WILSON, BARBARA EVELYN	101	MAR 26	F	BABBS, LILLIE EVELINA	WILSON, JOHN THOMAS	
WILSON, BARBARA JO	015	MAR 03	F	HERBERT, LUCILLE	WILSON, CLARENCE JR	
WILSON, BARBARA LEE	244	JUN 15	F	MOERBE, ADLINE EVLINE	WILSON, ELLIS CLIFTON	
WILSON, BARBARA NELL	220	NOV 01	F	SIMS, HELEN BARBARA	WILSON, JAMES EDGAR	
WILSON, BARBARA IRENE	049	FEB 14	F	BLAKEY, MAURINE	WILSON, JAMES D.	
WILSON, BARBARA JEAN	116	MAR 29	F	CONWAY, JEWEL MARIE	WILSON, LEAMON LESTER	
WILSON, BEATRICE ELIZABETH	178	APR 23	F	RHEA, EMMA BEATRICE	WILSON, CLOMER LEE	
WILSON, BENNIE LEON JR	198	OCT 09	M	PORTIS, FLONNIE LEE	WILSON, BENNIE LEON SR	
WILSON, BENNY JAMES	095	MAY 05	M	WILLIAMS, MINNIE FRANCES	WILSON, BEN J.	
WILSON, BERTHA MAE	011	FEB 24	F	BARNETT, MAGGIE	WILSON, LEE MOORE	
WILSON, BETTIE BERNELL	116	MAY 13	F	NEWELL, RUBY CHRISTINE	WILSON, WM. DONNIE	
WILSON, BETTIE JOYCE	079	OCT 30	F	GODKIN, ALICE	WILSON, HALLIE B	
WILSON, BETTIE RUTH	166	APR 01	F	HAFLEY, EMMA LOUISE	WILSON, JOE BROWN	
WILSON, BETTY ELAINE	220	DEC 28	F	KAHLER, MARGARET	WILSON, JAMES TAYLOR	
WILSON, BETTY JANE	C15	JAN 17	F	JONES, DOROTHY	WILSON, JOHN PROCTOR	
WILSON, BETTY JEAN	157	APR 05	F	PRUITT, VERA MAE	WILSON, CLEM	
WILSON, BETTY JEAN	244	DEC 15	F	WHITEN, LILLY MAE	WILSON, A. C.	
WILSON, BETTY LOUISE	169	JUL 16	F	MORROW, BESSIE LEE	WILSON, JOHN LEWIS	
WILSON, BETTY MARIE	070	AUG 09	F	KELLY, MARGIE	WILSON, CHARLIE BUFORD	
WILSON, BETTY YVONNE	220	MAR 24	F	JOHNSON, BIRDIE ALMA	WILSON, COLEMAN CY	
WILSON, BEVERLEY CAROLE	233	APR 11	F	BRYANT, ETHEL ELIZABETH	WILSON, THOMAS ROYAL	
WILSON, BEVERLY MARIE	125	OCT 02	F	ST. CLAIR, HELEN MABLE	ST. CLAIR, HARRY HARRIS	
WILSON, BILLIE JOE	021	DEC 05	M	COLFORD, MINNIE OLA	WILSON, BINNIE	
WILSON, BILLIE YVONNE	071	JUL 26	F	RODDEN, SCENETH INEZ	WILSON, JACK	
WILSON, BILLY DON	058	JAN 08	M	TEAGUE, BILLY SUE	WILSON, WILLIAM CLYDE	
WILSON, BILLY DU WAYNE	220	NOV 19	M	PULLIAM, MARGARET AGATHA	WILSON, BILL	
WILSON, BILLY MELTON	104	MAY 06	M	RALSTON, NELLIE BELL LEWEL	WILSON, LEWIS FRANK	
WILSON, BILLY RAY	117	AUG 09	M	TILLERY, DORTHY MAE	WILSON, RAY BILL	
WILSON, BILLY WARREN	205	JUN 28	M	BROWN, CALLIE	WILSON, HENRY WARREN	
WILSON, BIRDIE JOYCE	051	SEP 24	F	WILLIAMS, PAULINE	WILSON, GROVER R.	
WILSON, BOBBIE ALICE	226	MAR 01	F	JONAS, ANNIE EVELINE	WILSON, STANLEY ATKINS	
WILSON, BOBBIE ELLEN	147	AUG 18	F	MALONE, RUBY	WILSON, THIRKIELD	
WILSON, BOBBY GILMAN	223	JAN 21	M	BRAZELTON, ADA	WILSON, CLAUDE ESTES	
WILSON, BOBBY WAYNE	200	NOV 02	M	KING, HAZEL EUGENIA	WILSON, VIRGIL PHILLIP	
WILSON, BONNIE NELL	021	AUG 16	F	MC NAIR, WELLIE GREY	WILSON, HENRY ODOM	
WILSON, BRENDA JEAN	157	JUN 09	F	STARNES, ILO VELLE	WILSON, ROY DALTON	
WILSON, BRUCE KEITH	188	JUL 21	M	KEITH, ROBBIE PAULINE	WILSON, WILLIE BENJAMIN	
WILSON, CARL DWAYNE	077	APR 24	M	JEFFERSON, MARY E.	WILSON, CARL PORTER	
WILSON, CARL LYNN	057	OCT 09	M	COMMANDER, M. VIVIAN	NUMBER EXISTS** **DEATH F	
WILSON, CARLA FAY	105	APR 22	F	SHAVER, MYRTIE EDNA	WILSON, CARL COLUMBUS	
WILSON, CAROL ANN	103	DEC 22	F	DOUBRAVA, ANGELINE D.	WILSON, GLENN C.	
WILSON, CAROL LOUISE	101	SEP 05	F	STONE, MYRL LOUISE	WILSON, FORREST WILLIAM	
WILSON, CAROLE ANN	101	AUG 29	F	TRYON, HAZEL RUTH	WILSON, WILLIAM	
WILSON, CAROLE ANN	057	OCT 09	F	STIGLER, ANNA MARIE	WILSON, LONNIE WALDO SR.	
WILSON, CAROLE ANNETTE	015	OCT 19	F	HOBBS, PEGGY AVIS	WILSON, LEON ORVILLE	
WILSON, CAROLE KAY	155	JUN 20	F	SMITH, CHRISTINE	WILSON, STANLEY EUGENE	
WILSON, CAROLINE JEAN	114	MAY 09	F	ELROD, JACQUELINE VEOLA	WILSON, JACK CARRINGTON	
WILSON, CAROLYN JEAN	169	APR 19	F	GRIFFITH, VIRGINIE DAN	WILSON, HENRY F.	
WILSON, CAROLYN JUNE	070	JUN 01	F	GRANTHAM, EMILY LEE	WILSON, J. C.	
WILSON, CAROLYN KAY	003	AUG 14	F	ALBRITTON, MARY ANN	WILSON, LEO	

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On April 19, 1942, Henry and Virginia welcomed their second daughter, Carolyn Jean Wilson. Her name appears third from the bottom of the left column on the document.

Le 19 avril 1942, Henry et Virginia ont accueilli leur deuxième fille, Carolyn Jean Wilson. Son nom figure en troisième position, à partir du bas, dans la colonne de gauche.

"Texas, U.S., Birth Index, 1903-1997," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8781/records/153531123>

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Field Title	Value	Meaning
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	38686155	38686155
NAME	WILSON#HENRY#F#*****	WILSON#HENRY#F#*****
RESIDENCE: STATE	85	TEXAS
RESIDENCE: COUNTY	097	COOKE
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	8679	CP WOLTERS TEXAS
DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY	28	28
DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH	04	04
DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR	44	44
GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION	PVT#	Private
GRADE: CODE	8	Private
BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION	NO#	No branch assignment
BRANCH: CODE	02	No branch assignment
FIELD USE AS DESIRED	#	#
TERM OF ENLISTMENT	5	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
LONGEVITY	###	###
SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL	0	Civil Life
NATIVITY	85	TEXAS
YEAR OF BIRTH	18	18
RACE AND CITIZENSHIP	1	White, citizen
EDUCATION	0	Grammar school
CIVILIAN OCCUPATION	316	Farm hands, general farms
MARITAL STATUS	2	Married
COMPONENT OF THE ARMY	7	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
CARD NUMBER	#	#
BOX NUMBER	1367	1367
FILM REEL NUMBER	6.133	6.133

Enlistment Records

The Army called Henry to service on April 4, 1944. At the time, he lived in Cooke County, TX, had a grammar school education, was married, and worked as a farmer.

Henry est rentré dans l'armée le 4 avril 1944. À l'époque, il vivait dans le comté de Cooke (Texas), avait suivi une scolarité primaire, était marié et travaillait comme agriculteur.

"World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938–1946," database, *Access to Archival Databases (AAD)*, *National Archives* (<https://aad.archives.gov>: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry F Wilson.

<https://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=893&mtch=1&cat=WR26&tf=F&q=38686155&bc=,sl.sd&rpp=10&pg=1&id=7471459>

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Family Photo

This family photo portrays Henry in uniform, his wife, Virginia, and their two daughters, Virginia N. and Carolyn J. Wilson.

Cette photo de famille montre Henry en uniforme, sa femme, Virginia, et leurs deux filles, Virginia N. et Carolyn J. Wilson.

"PFC Henry Franklin Wilson," database, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com: accessed September 15, 2025), entry for Henry F. Wilson.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/73720406/henry-franklin-wilson>

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Henry F Wilson

in the U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

Detail

Source

Name	Henry F Wilson
Race	White, includes Mexican (White)
Rank	Enlisted Man
Admission Age	25
Birth Date	abt 1919
Admission Date	Aug 1944
Discharge Date	Aug 1944
Military Branch	Infantry, General or Unspecified
Diagnosis	Diagnosis: Cellulitis; SecondDiagnosis: Varicocele
Type of Injury	Disease
Medical Treatment	Incision and drainage (of gland, not elsewhere classified) (Lymphadenotomy)
Injured in Line of Duty	In line of duty
Type of Discharge	Duty
Length of Service	0 Year(s), 4 Month(s)
Service Number	38686155

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Hospital Record

Henry's August 1944 hospital record shows that he suffered from a skin condition called cellulitis, which led to complications, including an abscess in the glands. He also had a varicocele, an injury to his scrotum. Doctors treated these conditions with incisions and drainage, then returned him to duty.

Le dossier médical d'Henry, datant d'août 1944, indique qu'il souffrait d'une affection cutanée appelée cellulite infectieuse, qui a entraîné des complications, notamment un abcès des glandes. Il souffrait également d'une varicocèle, une lésion du scrotum. Les médecins ont traité ces affections par incision et drainage, puis il a repris son service.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/records/17500315?tid=&pid=&queryId=7823e815-5699-4fc3-a633-6c734ad09376&_phsrc=GHn11&_phstart=successSource

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Henry F Wilson

in the U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

Detail

Source

Name	Henry F Wilson
Race	White, includes Mexican (White)
Rank	Enlisted Man
Admission Date	Dec 1944
Discharge Date	Dec 1944
Diagnosis	FirstLocation: Buttock and hip; SecondLocation: Back, generally; ; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
Type of Injury	Casualty, battle
Injured in Line of Duty	In line of duty
Type of Discharge	Died
Service Number	38686155

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Hospital Record

Henry's December 1944 hospital admission record shows that fatal artillery fragments struck his back, buttock and hip. He was 27 years old.

Le dossier d'admission à l'hôpital d'Henry, en décembre 1944, indique que des éclats d'obus mortels l'ont touché au dos, aux fesses et à la hanche. Il avait 27 ans.

"U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/records/17500314?tid=&pid=&queryId=7823e815-5699-4fc3-a633-6c734ad09376&phsrc=GHn11&phstart=successSource>

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HISTORY OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION



The 3d Signal Company posted similar signs throughout the area to aid the campaign to keep in communications.

298 killed, 327 prisoners, and an estimated 1185 wounded. In addition the enemy lost four tanks, twelve mortars, two Flakwagons, forty machine guns, and a large number of artillery pieces.

The 41st Field Artillery Battalion fired 7226 rounds of 105mm howitzer ammunition in seventy-four concentrations and ten TOTs (time on target, a system whereby the fire of all guns of a given number of artillery units is brought to bear simultaneously). Cannon Company fired 5864 rounds of 105 and 75mm ammunition, and a total of ninety-nine rounds of 4.2 mortar ammunition were expended by Company B, 99th Chemical Battalion.

(Beginning December 16, the Fifth and Sixth Panzer Armies of Field Marshal von Rundstedt lashed out in a counteroffensive in Belgium and Luxembourg which stunned the entire Allied camp. Known later as "Battle of the Bulge," German elements achieved a maximum penetration of approximately fifty-five miles before the tide of battle turned and Third and Ninth Armies to either flank of the attacked United States First Army began slashing at the sides of the Bulge. Colmar Pocket, in the big picture, was an irritating little red grease-pencilled twist on the lower end of the situation map, only a minor battle—unless one was there.)

On December 17 the 3d Infantry Division began moving south for the continuance of the relief of 36th Infantry Division. The 2d Battalion, 15th Infantry, was first relieved, to commence its move to the vicinity

of Riquewihr, where it closed in on the following day. It was followed by the 3d and 1st Battalions on December 19. The 1st and 2d Battalions, 7th Infantry, were completely relieved on defensive positions in Strasbourg by other elements of the 36th Division, and command of the former 36th sector passed to Brigadier General Robert N. Young (commanding the Division in the absence of General O'Daniel, on temporary duty in the United States) at 1430, December 21.

Two days later, December 23, the 15th Infantry launched an attack against the two towns of Bennwihr and Sigolsheim, as the first step in securing a more stable line of defense. Defense was the keynote at this time. Seventh Army had received a sizable German counterattack against its barely-won positions in southern Germany and was forced to withdraw to a more tenable line in lower Alsace. It was known that the Germans had announced their intentions of retaking Strasbourg, if possible, as a "Christmas present" for *der Führer*, and a pincers between the forces opposing Seventh Army forces and those opposing French First Army, of which the 3d Infantry Division was now a part, was considered a definite possibility. Our first step, therefore, was to secure Bennwihr and Sigolsheim, the last two towns of any size between that part of our line and the key city of Colmar, and to drive the Germans from all high ground north of a line Sigolsheim-Kayersberg.

Sigolsheim and Bennwihr are located at the extreme western edge of the Alsace Plain and just east of the last high slopes of the Vosges. Advance reconnaissance indicated that Sigolsheim in particular was strongly occupied by the enemy, and later events proved this to be entirely true.

Besides drawing the assignment to take the two towns, 15th Infantry also had the mission of clearing Hill 351, a high mass that lies between them.

The 15th's drive was directed east from positions in the vicinity of Kientzheim, which was held by the 2d Battalion, 30th Infantry. The 1st Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Keith L. Ware, was to capture Sigolsheim; the 3d Battalion, under Maj. John O'Connell, to attack Bennwihr, and the 2d Battalion, under Lt. Col. Eugene A. Salet, was to block and support the attack of the other battalions from positions on the northern slope of Hill 351.

At H-hour, 0730, Companies A and C attacked. Particularly stiff resistance was encountered just before reaching the town when a convent just north of it was found to be an enemy stronghold, with enemy manning machine guns, mortars, and small arms. After a stiff two-hour fight Company A succeeded in pressing through and past this opposition to reach the edge of town at noon.

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The *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II* dedicated a chapter to the combat in the Colmar Pocket (pages 282-324). The 15th Infantry Regiment participated in the liberation of many Alsatian towns, including Ammerschwihr, Riquewihr, Sigolsheim, and Bennwihr. As a soldier in this regiment, Henry likely took part in these objectives before his death on December 25, 1944.

L'ouvrage *The History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II* (Histoire de la troisième division d'infanterie pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale) consacre un chapitre aux combats de la poche de Colmar (pages 282 à 324). Le 15e régiment d'infanterie a participé à la libération de nombreux villages alsaciens, notamment Ammerschwihr, Riquewihr, Sigolsheim et Bennwihr. En tant que soldat de ce régiment, Henry a probablement pris part à ces opérations avant sa mort, le 25 décembre 1944.

Donald G. Taggart, *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II*. vol. I. Infantry Journal Inc., 1947, 282-324.

<https://archive.org/details/HistoryOfTheThirdID/page/290/mode/1up>

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† Killed in Action. * Prisoner of War. ‡ Missing in Action. § Died of Wounds.

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This page of the 3rd ID Unit History lists the names of soldiers who served with the 15th Infantry Regiment during World War II. Henry is listed towards the middle of the second column as a Private First Class, Killed In Action.

Cette page de l'historique de la 3e division d'infanterie répertorie les noms des soldats ayant servi au 15e régiment d'infanterie pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Henry figure au milieu de la deuxième colonne en tant que soldat de première classe, mort au combat.

Donald G. Taggart, *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II. vol. I.* Infantry Journal Inc., 1947, 506.

<https://archive.org/details/HistoryOfTheThirdID/page/506/mode/1up>

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US Army Rosters of World War II Dead

The US Army Roster of World War II Dead listed Henry among the deceased, including his name, service number, and rank, Private First Class (PFC).

La liste des soldats américains morts pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale répertoriait Henry parmi les défunts, avec son nom, son matricule et son grade, soldat de première classe (PFC).

"U.S., Rosters of World War II Dead, 1939-1945" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1102/records/347149?tid=&pid=&queryId=cd06872b-afcc-4345-a6ef-0a835cc7fa35&phsrc=GHN18&phstart=successSource>

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 BOSWELL HARRY 38003375 PFC DNB
 BRANDON ERBERT B 38224545 PFC DOW
 BRIDGEL R HORACE A 38228918 TEC5 KIA
 BROWN B Y J 38215123 S SC W
 BYRD OLEN C 38118508 S SC KIA
 CAREY OTTIS O 0-789450 CAPT DNB
 CARY NYETT R 38040180 PFC KIA
 CLAYTON AUBREY L 38635246 PVT DNB
 COFFMAN DAVID T 38020949 S SC KIA
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 DUEWALL KENNETH E 18003816 PFC DNB
 DYER WALTER T JR 38115782 CPL DNB
 ELLESON ARLIS C 38128106 S SC FOD
 GRIGSBY WILLIAM T 38435144 CPL DNB
 HARMON AZZAH E 38477244 PFC DOW
 HARRY CECIL E 38287100 PVT KIA
 HEARD CHARLES W 38164793 PFC KIA
 HILL BILLY J 18065878 S SC DNB
 HOLMAN MADE O 0-421092 1 LT FOD
 HUDSON JESS W 6271489 SCT DOW
 HUDSON KENNETH 19015765 PVT KIA
 KING THOMAS L 38062223 SCT KIA
 KUYKENDALL DEMPSEY G 38286001 PVT DNB
 LANEAVE OLICE 6295703 PVT DNB
 LAUDERDALE FRANK E 38132111 PVT DNB
 LAWSON JOHN B 38044681 TEC4 DNB
 LYONS JERVIS L 38624635 S SC KIA
 MARSHALL ELIHU 60817861 PFC KIA
 MC CLELLAN WENDELL R 38285507 S SC FOD
 MC COLLUM JOHN C 38040732 TEC4 DOW
 MC GUIRE THOMAS O 18040701 TEC5 DNB
 MOSS HUBERT W 38689001 PFC KIA
 NICHOLS HENRY K 38285601 PFC KIA
 POSTON LAKEY D 38435127 PVT KIA
 PRICE JOHN H 38046732 PFC FOD
 PROCTOR LOREN W 38048570 PFC KIA
 PRUETT RAYMOND J 38432395 CPL KIA
 REDDY KENNETH E 0-421131 1 LT DNB
 REYNOLDS CLAUDE H 38147238 PFC KIA
 RICH BERTIE L 38682458 PVT KIA
 RICH HORACE E 38434956 S SC KIA
 SCHOOGINS OLIVER H 38630345 PFC KIA
 SHROPSHIRE ROBERT C 0-781080 2 LT DNB
 SIMER ALFRED C 38279994 S SC KIA
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 WINTON STEVEN G 38039200 TEC5 DNB
 YORK JAMES W 38220185 S SC KIA

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 BINFORD DOUGLAS 38052268 S SC KIA
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 HOLBROOK LONZO W 6255916 S SC DOW
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 MC KAY WILBUR D 38161984 PFC KIA
 MURRAY JOE N 38547517 TEC5 DNB
 PRICE EDWARD E JR 18227500 SCT FOD
 SINGLETON JOHN A 38091738 SCT KIA
 SMITH CONNIE L 18042351 PVT KIA
 SOLEAU LOUIS 38054380 PFC KIA
 SOLOMON MELVIN J 38540343 T SC KIA
 THOMAS LORENZA 38245624 PVT DNB
 TORRES ALEXANDER N 38547713 PVT KIA
 TRESCHE LEONARD 38053805 S SC KIA
 WALKER BILLY O 7-186481 FL O FOD
 WATERS HENRY W 0-439780 CAPT FOD
 WILLIAMS GEORGE H 6299304 SCT DNB
 WILLIAMS WILLIE 38241133 PVT DNB
 WOOD KENNETH C 7-132418 FL O KIA

MOORE COUNTY

BAIRD DURWARD D 38425804 SCT KIA
 CARGILL OLEN L 38711888 PFC DOW
 CARTRITE HARVEY L 38107115 S SC FOD
 HOOKER TRIS S 0-776987 2 LT KIA
 IVESTER CECIL B JR 38341737 PFC DNB
 HULANAX K C 38274610 S SC KIA
 MUNOZ EULALIO 38256513 PFC KIA
 MONERY ALTON G 6296928 TEC5 DNB
 PARR JOHN R 38608475 SCT DNB
 SHUPING RUSSELL L 38343798 CPL KIA
 SPARKS J B 6955782 PFC KIA
 STEWART LEE R 0-686507 2 LT DNB
 WITHERSPOON HARVIN J 38606791 PFC DOW

MORRIS COUNTY

BASSETT JAY 38475236 PFC KIA
 CARPENTER WILLIE P 6255104 SCT DNB
 CLARK MARION C 38631646 PFC KIA
 COLE JOHN E JR 38140345 SCT KIA
 EVERETT AUGUSTA 38041427 PVT KIA
 FLOOD DURWARD R 18176270 S SC FOD
 FREEMAN JAMES B 0-664754 CAPT DNB
 GIBBS ROBY J 38098227 TEC5 DNB
 GILES LOUIE H 38478279 PFC KIA
 GRANGER DAVID S 38307929 PFC KIA
 HARTE CLAYTON L 0-671651 2 LT DNB
 HIGGINS HOWARD B 38198193 PFC DNB
 HUTSON MARION W 6243958 S SC KIA
 IRVIN JAMES R 38631035 PVT KIA
 JOLLY EDGAR W 38307938 S SC KIA
 MAXEY JESSIE L 38138083 PVT KIA
 MONTGOMERY JEFF D JR 0-671477 1 LT KIA
 PARRISH WILLIAM D 0-666628 1 LT KIA
 PROVINCE CHARLES N 38137888 SCT DNB
 SEARCY THADAS C 18179946 PVT DNB
 THOMAS LOYD 18217308 PVT DOW
 WILKERSON JOHN D 38097224 PVT DNB

MOTLEY COUNTY

ANDERSON CLIFFORD O 38341359 PFC FOD
 BOGGS M T 38056140 S SC DOW
 BOURLAND DALE E 38338652 CPL KIA
 FAULKNER RAYMOND H 7013176 T SC DNB
 HALL DALTON C 38343706 PFC KIA
 HICKMAN PAUL 38633601 PVT DOW
 LONG WILLIAM B 38636050 PVT KIA
 MC DONALD TRAVIS V 38343717 PFC KIA
 MC MAHAN J C 38609320 PVT KIA
 TURNER HAROLD J 38342608 PFC DOW

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

AIRINGTON EARNEST D 18034659 PFC DOW
 ANDERSON RICHARD A 38059697 CPL KIA
 ARRIOLA BILL 38682547 PVT KIA
 BLAIR ARON W 19002803 PVT KIA
 BOBO WILLIAM 38478432 PVT DNB
 BRAY RICHARD D 20810934 SCT KIA
 BRUTON MARCH C 38711888 PFC DNB
 BUCKNER FRED G 0-763481 2 LT FOD
 CLIFTON THOMAS J 38479799 PFC KIA
 CORLEY BURLESON 6298676 SCT KIA
 CRUMP OLLIE T 20810944 PFC KIA
 DAVIS LEON W 18042322 CPL DOW
 DUNKS ALBERT L 01821839 1 LT KIA
 EDWARDS TRAVIS 6283293 H SC DNB
 ESTES ALTON C 38303591 PVT DOW
 FARRELL ELI M 38551518 PVT KIA
 FERGUSON WILLIS C 6283056 CPL DNB
 FLANAGAN T P 38475097 PFC DNB
 FLENIKER J P 38303575 PFC KIA
 FORBIS EUELL A 38051653 SCT KIA
 FORNEY CARL T 38481534 PVT KIA
 FULLER HARVIN B 6299236 PVT DNB
 GATES GEORGE C 6294627 S SC KIA
 TIPSOM JESSIE 38642197 TEC5 DNB
 GRIFFIN WILLIE D 38482037 SCT KIA

US World War II Army and Air Force Casualty List

The US Army and Air Force Casualty List organized entries by state and county, listing Henry Wilson under Montague County, TX with his service number, rank, and KIA status.

La liste des victimes de l'armée et de l'armée de l'air américaines classait les entrées par État et par comté, mentionnant Henry Wilson, du comté de Montague (Texas), avec son numéro de matricule, son grade et son statut de mort au combat.

"World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel from Texas, 1946" database, Fold3 (www.fold3.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/310952996/texas-page-65-us-wwii-army-and-army-air-force-casualty-list-1946>

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**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

Serial No. 38686155
2560

1. PLACE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Montague
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. Nocena

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Pvt. Henry F. Wilson
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED _____ YEARS _____ MONTHS _____ DAYS (SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____)
RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED AND NO. Nocena CITY Montague COUNTY _____ STATE Texas

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX male 4. COLOR OR RACE white
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) married
6. DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 20 - 1918
7. AGE YEARS 27 MONTHS 2 DAYS 5 IF LESS THAN 1 DAY _____ HOURS _____ MIN

8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE U-S-Army
8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Nocena Texas
10. NAME Geo. Wilson
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Texas
12. MAIDEN NAME Don't Know
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Don't Know
14. SIGNATURE Geo Wilson
ADDRESS Nocena _____ TEXAS

15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Nocena _____ TEXAS
DATE Sept. 30 _____ 1948

16. SIGNATURE George W. Daugherty
ADDRESS Nocena _____ TEXAS

17. DATE OF DEATH Dec-25-1944
18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM _____, 194____, TO _____, 194____
I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON _____, 194____
THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT _____ M.
THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS:
Killed in action Dec. 25 - 1944
Serving with 3rd Inf Division
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE in France

IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER:
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE
DATE OF OCCURRENCE _____
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE _____
MANNER OR MEANS
IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY
SIGNATURE _____ M.D. _____
ADDRESS _____ COR. _____ TEXAS

20. FILE NUMBER 40 FILE DATE 9-30-1948 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR D.M. Painter POSTOFFICE ADDRESS Nocena _____ TEXAS

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

Certificate of Death

Henry's father, George W. Wilson, had the Texas Department of Health establish Henry's death certificate on September 30, 1948. In the document, he stated that Henry died on December 25, 1944, while "serving with the 3rd Inf Division in France."

Le 30 septembre 1948, le père d'Henry, George W. Wilson, a demandé au ministère de la Santé du Texas d'établir le certificat de décès d'Henry. Dans ce document, il a déclaré qu'Henry était décédé le 25 décembre 1944 alors qu'il « servait dans la 3e division d'infanterie en France ».

"Texas, Deaths, 1890-1977," database, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org: accessed September 16, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K384-G2Z?lang=en>

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**Re-Interment For
Pvt. Henry F. Wilson**



HENRY F. WILSON

Funeral services were held in Nocona Thursday, Sept. 30, at 2:30 p. m., at the Daugherty Memorial Chapel for Pvt. Henry F. Wilson, who was killed in action Dec. 25, 1944, while serving with the Third Inf. Division in France. Ministers S. W. Driver and Winstead Cooper officiated.

Pvt. Wilson was born Oct. 20, 1918, in the Prairie Valley community. Before entering the service he was employed as a civilian truck driver at Camp Howze.

Interment was made in the Long Branch Cemetery with Daugherty Funeral Home directing arrangements and with military rites at the graveside by the Harris-Hedgepeth-Rolls Post of the American Legion.

Survivors include two daughters, Nell and Carolyn Wilson, of Pilot Point; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Nocona; three sisters, Mrs. A. C. Stanke, Keyport, Washington, Mrs. Floyd Cook, Pilot Point, Texas, and Miss Rowena Wilson, Nocona; two brothers, Alvin and Clifford Wilson of Nocona; one niece and one nephew.

Article from *The Nocona News*

The *Nocona News*, a newspaper published about 85 miles north of Fort Worth, TX, announced on Friday, October 1, 1948, that Henry, initially buried in France, would be reinterred in Texas with military rites. The article listed the family members who survived him, including his two daughters, Nell and Carolyn Wilson, his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Le *Nocona News*, un journal publié à environ 137 km au nord de Fort Worth (Texas), a annoncé le vendredi 1er octobre 1948 que Henry, initialement enterré en France, serait inhumé au Texas avec les honneurs militaires. L'article dressait la liste des membres de sa famille qui lui avaient survécu, notamment ses deux filles, Nell et Carolyn Wilson, ses parents, ses trois sœurs et ses deux frères.

"The Nocona News (Nocona, Tex.), Vol. 43, No. 16, Ed. 1 Friday, October 1, 1948," database, *University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History* (texashistory.unt.edu: accessed September 20, 2025), entry for Henry F. Wilson.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht1216686/m1/1/?q=%22pvt+henry%22~1>

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☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE	ENLISTMENT DATE <i>April 1942</i>	SERIAL No. 38686155 ✓	EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER	DISCHARGE DATE <i>NONE</i>	PENSION No. <i>NONE</i>	☐ HEBREW
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER		STATE <i>TEXAS</i>	☐ NONE
☒ BRONZE MARKER (NOTE RESTRICTIONS)		RANK <i>PFC</i>	COMPANY <i>C</i>
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>WILSON, HENRY F.</i>		U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION <i>USA 15 Inf. 3 Inf Div</i>	
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <i>Oct 20 - 1918</i>	DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) <i>Dec 25 - 1944</i>	LOCATION (City and State) <i>NOCONA - TEXAS</i>	
NAME OF CEMETERY <i>Long Branch, Nocona, Texas</i>		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) <i>NOCONA - TEXAS</i>	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) <i>James V. Blankenship</i> (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE <i>NOCONA - TEXAS</i>	
DO NOT WRITE HERE		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.	
FOR VERIFICATION ORDERED BY J. BAYER CO. BAYON, CALIF. NOV 12 1948		APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE <i>George W. Wilson</i>	
B/L <i>1382</i>		DATE OF APPLICATION	
SHIPPED		ADDRESS (Street, City, State) <i>Route 2, Nocona, Texas</i>	

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US Headstone Application (Front)

George W. Wilson filed a headstone application requesting a military marker for his son. This application confirms Henry's burial in his hometown of Nocona, TX, that he was born in 1918, and that he died on Christmas 1944 while serving in Co C, 15th Regiment, 3rd ID.

George W. Wilson a déposé une demande de pierre tombale pour son fils afin qu'il puisse bénéficier d'une stèle militaire. Cette demande confirme qu'Henry a été inhumé dans sa ville natale de Nocona (Texas), qu'il est né en 1918 et qu'il est décédé à Noël 1944 alors qu'il servait dans la compagnie C du 15e régiment de la 3e division d'infanterie.

"U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375/records/544498?tid=&pid=&queryId=0574ab8e-1712-410a-bf68-750db753af89&phsrc=GHN33&phstart=successSource>

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)

James W. Daugherty
(Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

Date Oct. 2 - 1948

16-11453-4

Return to: OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
MEMORIAL DIVISION,
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

US Headstone Application (Back)

James Daugherty of Long Branch Cemetery signed the back of the application on October 2, 1948, confirming to the Office of the Quartermaster General that the cemetery had received the headstone.

James Daugherty, du cimetière Long Branch, a signé au dos de la demande le 2 octobre 1948, confirmant au Bureau du quartier-maître général que le cimetière avait bien reçu la pierre tombale.

"U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985" database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Henry Franklin Wilson.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2375/records/544498?tid=&pid=&queryId=0574ab8e-1712-410a-bf68-750db753af89&_phsrc=GHN33&_phstart=successSource

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Headstone

Henry F. Wilson's headstone at Long Branch Cemetery in Nocona, TX, lists his rank as Private First Class, his service in the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division during World War II, his date of birth, October 20, 1918, and his date of death, December 25, 1944.

La pierre tombale d'Henry F. Wilson au cimetière Long Branch à Nocona (Texas), indique son grade de soldat de première classe, son service pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale dans le 15^e régiment d'infanterie, 3^e division d'infanterie, sa date de naissance, le 20 octobre 1918, et sa date de décès, le 25 décembre 1944.

"Henry Franklin Wilson," database, *Find A Grave* (www.findagrave.com: accessed September 17, 2025), photograph, 2017, Long Branch Cemetery, Nocona, Texas, entry for Henry F. Wilson.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/73720406/henry-franklin-wilson>

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Memorial

In Ammerschwihr, France, a metal plaque on a rough sandstone boulder typical of the region honors the 3rd Infantry Division's sacrifice during the town's liberation. The 3rd ID played a pivotal role in liberating the village in December 1944; Henry took part in that operation.

Le village d'Ammerschwihr (France) a érigé, sur un rocher de grès typique de la région, une plaque métallique rendant hommage au sacrifice de la 3e division d'infanterie lors de la libération de la ville. La 3e division d'infanterie a joué un rôle central dans la libération du village en décembre 1944, et Henry y a participé.

Florida France Soldier Stories collection, credit Marie Oury.

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Memorial

This hilltop memorial next to the French military cemetery honors the American divisions that fought to reduce the Colmar Pocket. The memorial stands atop Hill 351, also known as 'Bloody Hill,' near the place where Henry suffered his fatal wounds on December 25, 1944.

Ce mémorial situé au sommet d'une colline, à côté du cimetière militaire français, rend hommage aux divisions américaines qui ont combattu pour réduire la poche de Colmar. Le mémorial se dresse au sommet de la colline 351, également appelée « Bloody Hill », près de l'endroit où Henry a été mortellement blessé le 25 décembre 1944.

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