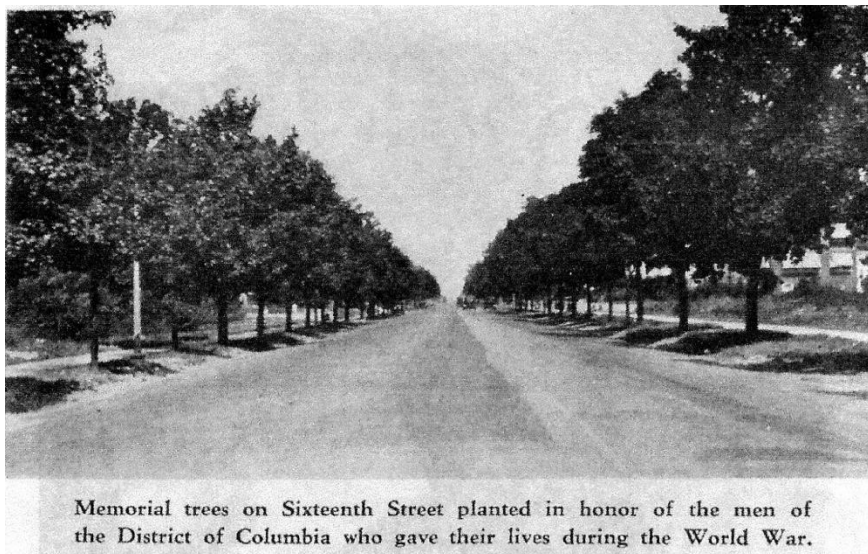


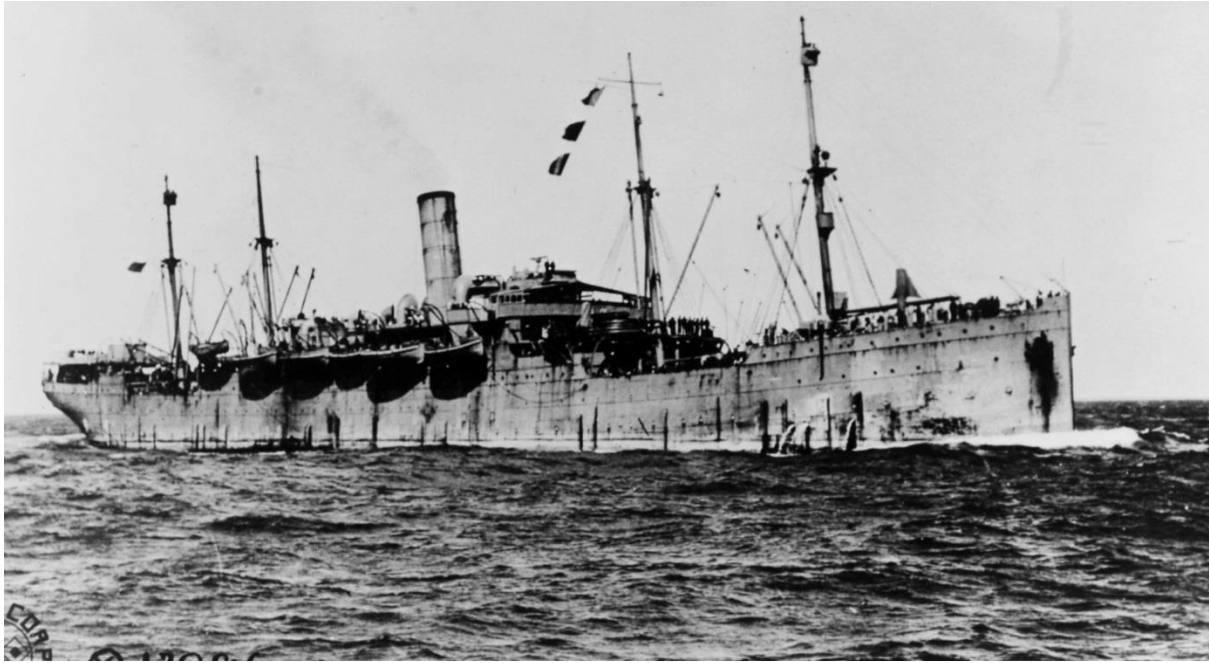
# African American Men on the District of Columbia War Memorial and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street War Memorial Trees and Markers

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Memorial trees on Sixteenth Street planted in honor of the men of the District of Columbia who gave their lives during the World War.

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U.S. World War I Troop Transport Ship the *Susquehanna* (Ancestry)



African American Soldiers Building a Railroad in France in World War I (National Archives)

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The names of 499 men and women are etched in marble on the District of Columbia (DC) War Memorial and 507 known names were honored on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW War Memorial Trees and Markers. Of these, at least 62 are African American soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in service during the Great War. The names as known are listed below; those with numbers are in the order they appeared on the 16th Street Tree Memorial.

Almost 400,000 African Americans served in World War I; 200,000 of these saw service overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) headed by General John J. Pershing and some number of others served in the United States Navy and Coast Guard. According to W. Douglas Fisher and Joann H. Buckley, 40,000 served in the 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> combat divisions while the other 160,000 served in support roles. The 92<sup>nd</sup> was a complete division with support units and artillery while the 93<sup>rd</sup> composed of four infantry regiments (369<sup>th</sup>, 370<sup>th</sup>, 371<sup>st</sup>, and 372<sup>nd</sup>) was not. As a result, the 93<sup>rd</sup> was referred to as a Provisional Division. The 372<sup>nd</sup> consisted of National Guard units from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Connecticut and draftees from some of the other states; it set sail for France on March 30, 1918 from Newport News, Virginia on the U.S. Army Transport Service ship the *Susquehanna* camouflaged to avoid German U-boats. The book by Fisher and Buckley highlights the lives of the 104 African American doctors assigned to these two divisions and includes an organizational chart for the 92<sup>nd</sup>. Many from DC served in the 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 92<sup>nd</sup>; they set sail for France on June 15, 1918 from Hoboken, New Jersey on the U.S. Army Transport Service ship the *George Washington*. The web site "Black Soldiers Mattered" depicts the many categories of service in which African Americans were assigned. For example, the 808 Pioneer Infantry Regiment was the first of the Pioneer regiments to arrive in France in September 1918; they performed salvage work, did road and narrow-gauge railroad construction under the First and Second Army Engineers. According to Mitchell Yockelson in his book, General Pershing did allow the Pioneer regiments at the front to repair damaged roads and carry out other tasks where they were subject to artillery fire and gas attacks.

While they both performed admirably, the 93<sup>rd</sup> Division had a better experience than the 92<sup>nd</sup> as the four regiments were transferred to French command where they were armed and equipped as a French unit. The 372<sup>nd</sup> served under Marshall Ferdinand Foch and was assigned to the French 157<sup>th</sup> "Red Hand" Division. They fought in Champagne, assisted in the capture of Monthois, and in the Meuse-Argonne, Lorraine and Alsace campaigns. For its performance in the Meuse-Argonne, the regiment received the Croix de Guerre with Palm. The American flag was even added to that of the 157<sup>th</sup> Division. Numerous individuals as well received the Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'Honneur. A monument to the 372<sup>nd</sup> regiment was erected to commemorate its fighting in the Champagne region; it is located south of Monthois in France.

While on a visit to the United States, Marshall Foch was invited to Howard University where on November 16, 1921, he was honored with a Doctor of Laws Degree. In response to the greeting and honor, he paid tribute to Howard University for its contributions to the war and spoke of "the commendable and indispensable service rendered by the colored troops upon the soil of France."

At least 19 of the 62 soldiers and sailors are buried or listed on Tablets of the Missing in four (Brookwood, Meuse-Argonne, Oise-Aisne, and Suresnes) of the nine World War I American Cemeteries

overseen by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) in Europe and England. The 9<sup>th</sup> cemetery was added on January 9, 2017 when the AMBC assumed ownership of the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery acknowledging the birth place of American combat aviation. In 1929, the U.S. Army announced that mothers and wives were eligible for a pilgrimage in 1930 paid for by the government to visit the gravesites of those buried overseas. Some families chose to have their loved ones repatriated for burial in the United States. At least 34 are buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington County, Virginia.

The names of the African American men, their units of service, and burial sites are provided below. Where known, information on their family members is included.

- 3 **Frederick Anderson** (1882-1918), Wagoner, USA, Supply Co., 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot D Row 5 Grave 28), France. He was born on May 12, 1882 in Virginia and moved to the District of Columbia. As a Wagoner, he had to know how to secure loads on the wagon, to care for the vehicles and the animals. He died in an accident and other causes in France on July 4, 1918. At the time of his enlistment for the war, his next of kin was his cousin Olivia Brown married to Fred Brown who resided at 948 Barry Place, NW, Washington, DC.
- 0 **Benjamin Baylor** (1890-1918), Wardroom Steward, USN, *USS Ticonderosa*, died when the ship was torpedoed on September 30, 1918, listed on Tablets of the Missing, Suresnes American Cemetery, France. He entered service from the District of Columbia. He was married to Eva Baylor. In 1920, she was residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her mother Nettie Burrell.
- 32 **Charles H. Bolden** (1896-1918), Private, USA, Co. D, 301<sup>st</sup> Stevedore Regiment, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, 192). He was born in November 1896 in Washington, DC and died on April 10, 1918 of disease in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his widowed mother Ida Bolden and his siblings (Bertha, Charlotte, Lillie, Barbara and Elsie) at 32 McCullough Place in the District. His mother was born in Maryland and his father Horace in Washington, DC. His mother's occupation was that of Servant. Charles was assigned as a Stevedore whose tasks were to unload ships at the docks in France.
- 40 **William Boxley** (1892-1918), Wagoner, USA, Supply Co., 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 23, 21.874). He was born on July 18, 1892 in Washington, DC and died on October 17, 1918 of Tuberculosis at the U.S. Army General Hospital at Waynesville, North Carolina. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is married and living at 2247 Cleveland Avenue, NW in the District; his occupation is Chauffeur for Frayee Laundry Company and Private in the Infantry. His next of kin was his mother Maria Boxley residing at 1525 Corcoran Street, Washington, DC.
- 49 **Douglas M(elvan) Brown** (1891-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 426<sup>th</sup> Reserve Labor Battalion, died at Camp Sevier Base Hospital, Greenville, South Carolina, buried in Harmony Cemetery in Washington, DC. He was born on January 9, 1891 in Washington, DC and died on October 18, 1918 of broncho pneumonia at Camp Sevier. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Isaiah and Jane W. Brown and siblings (William I., Thomas H. and John B.) at 1141 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Washington, DC. His father was born in the District and his mother in Virginia; his father's occupation is Watchman and his mother that of Laundry Work. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents and siblings at the same

address; his father's occupation is Messenger for the Government; that of Douglas is Porter for an apartment. According to a 1915 City Directory, he was employed as an Elevator Operator. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 1141 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC. His occupation is Bellman at the Lafayette Hotel at 1618 I Street, NW. He was assigned to a domestic unit at Camp Sevier.

- 0 **James R(ussell) Brown** (1889-1918), Private, USA, QMC, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC. He was born on September 13, 1889 in Woodville, Virginia and died on October 16, 1918 of lobar pneumonia at Fort Myer Military Post, Virginia. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his mother Mary E. Brown and siblings Bertha and William H. on 8<sup>th</sup> Street in the District; his occupation is Laborer. His mother was born in Virginia and his father in Tennessee. He married Annette Simmons on May 1, 1916 in the District. According to his Draft Registration, James is married and they are residing at 1515 M Street, NW in Washington, DC; his occupation is Chauffeur for Geo. D. Horning. He and Annette had a daughter Mary Rosaline born on December 21, 1917. She died on November 22, 1920 and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery (Section 54). At the time, Annette Brown was residing at 1441 Corcoran Street, NW in the District.
- 0 **Oliver Brown** (1887-1919), Private, USA, Co. 15, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 155<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade Training Center, died at Camp Lee, Prince George County, Virginia, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 23, 21.906). He was born on November 12, 1887 in Washington, DC and died on April 3, 1919 at Camp Lee. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 1117 Fusselle Court, NW in Washington, DC; his occupation is Laborer. He was assigned to a domestic unit at Camp Lee.
- 0 **Edward Carter** (1892-1918), Private, USA, Co. 8, Vet Training School, died at Camp Lee Base Hospital, Prince George County, Virginia, buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery (East Side) in Washington, DC. He was born on December 2, 1892 in Rockville, Maryland and died on September 30, 1918 at Camp Lee. Both of his parents were born in Maryland. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing in Tenleytown, DC. His occupation was that of Driver. At the time of his death, his surviving family members were his four married sisters: Lucy Martin, Eliza Brisco, Mary Scott and Addelia Wilson.
- 79 **Charles E. Clark** (1896-1918), Sergeant, USA, Machine Gun Co., 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot E Row 29 Grave 17), France. He was born in September 1896 in Suitland, Prince George's County, Maryland and was killed in action on September 9, 1918 in France. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Mary Clark living in Anacostia, DC.
- 0 **Charles Ellsworth Clark** (1893-1918), Private, USA, 27 Co I Ext. Battalion, buried in Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC. He was born on March 25, 1893 and died on October 2, 1918 in Washington, DC.
- 83 **Sandy Cohen** (1896-1918), Private, USA, Co. M, 63 Pioneer Infantry, buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery (West Side) in Washington, DC. He was born on July 28, 1896 in Washington, DC and died on September 24, 1918. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Alexander and Fannie Cohen and sibling Viola at 2404 Snows Court, NW in Washington, DC. His father was born in Maryland and his mother in the District of Columbia.

His father's occupation is Day Laborer. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents and siblings (Viola, Bertha, Ursaline and Mary Ellen) at 922 Snows Court in the District. His father's occupation is Driver for Express Co. and that of his mother is Laundress. According to his Draft Registration, Sandy is living at 807 26<sup>th</sup> Street in the District; he is employed with Littlefield Alvord & Co. He married Lillie Gaskins on February 5, 1917 in the District.

- 84 **Howard R(ichard) Colbert** (1890-1918), Private, USA, 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry, died at sea and taken to Camp Sevier Base Hospital, Greenville, South Carolina, buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He was born on May 8, 1890 in Washington, DC and died on October 2, 1918 of pneumonia on the U.S. Army Transport Service ship the *Leviathan*. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is living with his widowed mother Annie Louise Colbert and sibling Eola at 228 O Street, NW. His mother and father Richard Colbert were born in Virginia and her occupation is Housekeeper. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and living at 316 Elm Street, NW. His occupation is Janitor at Municipality Wilson Normal and is also a Private in the DC National Guard. He served on the Mexico border in 1916. His next of kin was his mother living at 316 Elm Street, NW and his married sister Daisy Enola Martin. His name is listed on the sculpture "The Supreme Sacrifice" in the Wilson Building honoring the government workers of the District of Columbia who gave their lives in World War I.
- 85 **John Cole** (1890-1918), Mess Attendant, USNRF, *USS Westover*, died when the ship was torpedoed on July 11, 1918, listed on Tablets of the Missing, Brookwood American Cemetery, England. He was born on April 5, 1890. His next of kin was his father Louis J. Cole living in Brentwood, Prince George's County, Maryland.
- 86 **James H. Coleman** (1890-1918), Private, USA, HQ Co. 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 234-A-1). He was born in April 1890 in Virginia and died on September 18, 1918 of disease in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is living with his widowed father Isaac and siblings (Sarah, William, Earnest and Edward) in Mangohick, King William County, Virginia. Both of his parents were born in Virginia. His father's occupation is Laborer (Saw Mill). His next of kin was his sister Mrs. Sarah Watson married to Edward Watson and living at 1019 Third Street in Washington, DC.
- 87 **Warren Coleman** (1895-1918), Private, USA, Co. D, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93rd Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 290). He was born on May 7, 1895 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia and died on May 15, 1918 of disease. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Warren and Larretta Coleman both born in Virginia and his cousins Claud Coleman and Annie Jackson in Berkeley, Spotsylvania County, Virginia. His father is a Farmer. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is living at 2263 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC; he had been a sailor on a British government ship and was unemployed at this time. He married Isabelle Poindexter on November 28, 1917 in the District of Columbia. His next of kin was his wife Isabelle Coleman living at 55 K Street NE in Washington, DC.
- 93 **Boyd F(loyd) Conley** (1888-1918), Private, USA, Co. B, 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Grave 271). He was born on February 13, 1888 in Linville, Rockingham County, Virginia and died on September 18, 1918 of disease in France. He married Rosa Smith on August 6, 1917 in the District of Columbia. His next of kin was his wife

Mrs. Rosa Smith Conley residing at 406 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SW in Washington, DC. She was born on June 28, 1886 and died on August 24, 1972; she is buried with him in Arlington National Cemetery.

- 95 **George Thomas Contee** (1894-1918), Wagoner, USA, Supply 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 390). He was born on December 8, 1894 in Prince George's County, Maryland and died on September 30, 1918 of wounds in France. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents George and Margaret Contee, both born in Maryland, and his siblings (Joseph, Grace, Johnie, Ida and Helen) at 1504 Turner Street, NE in Washington, DC. His father's occupation is laborer with Telephone Company. George Thomas married Eva Morris on April 9, 1914 in the District of Columbia. At the time of his Draft Registration, they are residing at 1805 Benning Road in Washington, DC and he is employed as a Laborer by M.R. Ready. His next of kin was his mother Margaret Contee residing at 1504 Turner Street, NE in the District.
- 103 **Daniel W(illiam) Crawford** (1892-1919), Private, USA, Co. B, 325<sup>th</sup> Field Signal Battalion, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 85). He was born on August 1, 1892 in Washington, DC and died on February 16, 1919 of disease in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Daniel and Louisa Crawford and sibling Harry at 924 Dartmouth Street in Washington, DC. His father was born in South Carolina and his mother in Virginia; his occupation suggests that he was working for a Congressman. At the time of Daniel William's Draft Registration, he is single and living at 1020 Lamont Street, NW in the District; his occupation is that of Chauffeur. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Louisa A. Crawford residing at 1020 Lamont Street in the District.
- 110 **John S(ylvester) Curry** (1894-1919), Private, USA, Co. C, 543<sup>rd</sup> Engineers Ser Battalion, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 436). He was born on December 23, 1894 in Washington, DC and died on January 23, 1919 in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is married and residing at 21 Jackson Street, NW in the District. His occupation is Porter for the Washington Terminal Co. at Union Station. His next of kin was his wife Mrs. Ruth S. Curry residing at 432 Washington Street, NW in the District.
- 115 **Stafford L(aranzo) Davis** (1895-1919), Private, USA, Co. B, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 23, Site 21917). He was born on July 6, 1895 in Washington, DC and died on June 4, 1919. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Charles and Julia Davis, his siblings (Charles H., Luray and Harriet) and cousin Hannah Gordon at 238 14 ½ Street, NE in Washington, DC. His father was born in Maryland and his mother in Virginia; his father's occupation is Day Laborer. At the time of his Draft Registration, Stafford is single and residing at 238 14 ½ Street, NE in the District; his occupation is Porter for a Market Company. His next of kin was his sister Luray Davis.
- 144 **Julius E. Eades** (1900-1918), Private, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, listed on Tablet of the Missing, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France. He was born on August 10, 1900 in Maryland and was killed in action on September 29, 1918 in France. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Samuel Simon and Carrie M. Eades and siblings (Samuel Jr., Essie and Helen) on Marlborough Oak Grove Road in Prince George's County, Maryland. Both parents were born in Maryland; his father's occupation is Laborer on a

General Farm. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Carrie Eades who was residing at 214 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE in the District.

- 0 **Theodore S(trong) Elliott** (1887-1918), Sergeant, USA, Co. B, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot C Row 9 Grave 15), France. He was born on March 28, 1887 in Selma, Alabama and died on October 7, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents G. M. and Hattie Elliott and siblings (Winslow D., Pauline N., David L. and Archibald) in St. Augustine, Saint Johns County, Florida. His father was born in Virginia and his mother in Alabama; his father's occupation is Principal of Public School. Theodore married Hattie Jones on February 20, 1911 in Washington, DC. According to the 1915 City Directory, they are residing at 2128a 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; his occupation is Messenger for the U.S. Government War Department. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is married and residing at 1912 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC; his occupation is Messenger for the U.S. Government in the War Department. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Hattie L. Elliott who was residing at 820 Hickory Street in Pine Bluff, Arkansas; his home was at 1004 Fairmont Street, NW in Washington, DC.
- 0 **John W(esley) Evans** (1888-1918), Corporal, USA, Co. K, 371<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 361). He was born on January 19, 1888 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland and was killed in action on September 29, 1918 in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is married and residing at 1722 New Jersey Avenue, NW in Washington, DC; his occupation is Driver for the Hub Furniture Company. His next of kin was C. E. Evans who was residing at 736 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SE in the District.
- 164 **William D(allas) Fenwick** (1888-1918), Private, USA, Co. C, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, burial place in Washington, DC to be determined. He was born on March 24, 1888 in Washington, DC and died on August 2, 1918 of disease in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 4315 Sheriff Road, NE, Washington, DC; his occupation is Laborer for the Federal Government Interior Department. His next of kin was his sister Annie B. Brown who was residing at 4315 Sheriff Road, NE in the District. According to a Washington Tribune article, his only relative Mrs. Annie B. Brown was advised that he died of appendicitis.
- 0 **Joseph H. Ford** (1890-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 18, 346 COLO). He was born in August 1890 in Maryland and died on October 2, 1918. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Joseph and Elisabeth Ford and siblings (Elisabeth, Fannie F., Benjamin F., Mary E., William L. and Lil) in Kent, Prince George's County, Maryland. His father and mother were both born in Maryland; his father's occupation is Work on a Farm. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is living with his stepfather Daniel Spriggs and mother Elisabeth, Ford siblings (Benjamin T., Mary E., Walter L., Richard A.) and step sibling Cornelia M. Spriggs on Carmody Road, Prince George's County, Maryland. Daniel Spriggs' occupation is Laborer on Railroad and Joseph H.'s occupation is that of Laborer Street Work. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Elisabeth Spriggs who was residing at RFD Landover, Maryland.
- 177 **William H(enry) Giles** (1893-1918), Private, USA, 37<sup>th</sup> 154th Co. D, Brigade, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 23, Site 21870). He was born on February 17, 1893 in Washington, DC and died on October 13, 1918 of disease at Camp Meade, Maryland. He



- married Sarah Carter on March 24, 1914 in the District. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, she is widowed and residing with their two children (Richard and Nanetta) at 603 Third Street, SW; her occupation is Laundress. He served in a domestic unit. His wife Sarah (1894-1938) died on May 10, 1938 and is buried with him in Arlington National Cemetery.
- 179 **Ernest (Ignatius) Gillem** (1890-1918), Private, USA, HDQRS 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 209). He was born on March 31, 1890 in Washington, DC and died on October 19, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Alexandria and Mary C. Gillem and siblings (Anna, Mary M., Clemintina and Dennis F.) at 1217 D Street, SE in Washington, DC. His father and mother were born in Maryland; he was employed as a Laborer and she was employed as a Laundress. According to his Draft Registration, Ernest is single and residing at 1241 D Street, SE in the District; he is employed as a Laborer with the D.C. government. His next of kin was his father Alexandria W. Gillem residing at 1241 D Street, SE in the District.
- 183 **Frank Gordon** (1889-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 337). He was born on April 11, 1889 in Charles County, Maryland and died on October 21, 1918 of wounds in France. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 2139 Newport Place in Washington, DC. He had worked as a Sailor and was not employed at this time. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Harriet Gordon residing at 2139 Newport Place in the District.
- 217 **Leroy B. Holcombe** (1896-1918), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, listed on the Tablets of the Missing at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France. He was born in 1896 and killed in action on October 5, 1918 in France. His parents were Samuel W. and Rachel Holcombe; his siblings were Arthur G. and Lillian E. His father was born in Virginia and his mother in Maryland. He married Louise Nelson on July 31, 1917 in the District of Columbia. She was his next of kin residing at 1014 Whittingham Street, NE in Washington, DC. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, she is widowed and residing with her aunt Bertha Chase in Ashbury Park, Monmouth, New Jersey. In the 1920 and 1930 United States Federal Census, Leroy's parents are residing at 4420 Sheriff Road in the District; his father's occupation respectively was Chauffeur and Messenger for the U.S. Government.
- 219 **Claude Holley** (1898-1919), Private, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 314). He was born on October 16, 1898 and died on March 17, 1919. His residence was at 1000 D Street, SE in Washington, DC. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Catherine Holley residing at 207 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE in Washington, DC.
- 222 **Matthew Holmes** (1896-1919), Private, USA, Battery F, 349 Field Artillery, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 6). He was born on October 21, 1896 in Washington, DC and died on February 24, 1919 of disease in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Isaak and Susan Holmes and siblings (John, Fannie and William) at 620 K Street, Washington, DC. Both of his parents were born in Virginia. His father's occupation is Driver; that of his mother is Laundress. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents at 1235 Blacanne Road, SW in the District; his father's occupation is Foreman of Stable. According to his Draft

- Registration, Matthew is single and residing at 1219 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE in the District; his occupation is Chauffeur for J.J. Hammond. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Susan Holmes residing at 1219 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE in the District.
- 232 **Maurice James Hutton** (1879-1918), Cook, US Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Tampa* sunk by enemy submarine in Bristol Channel on September 26, 1918 when all on board were lost, his name is on the U. S. Coast Guard Memorial (south face, lower left panel), Arlington National Cemetery. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents James and Elenora Hutton and siblings (Dessie, Ernest, Mary, Everett, Hattie and Bertha) at 1128 New Jersey Avenue, SE in Washington, DC. His father was born in the District of Columbia and his mother in Maryland. His father's occupation was Fireman, and that of Maurice was Barber.
- 0 **Edward Jackson** (1895-1918), Private, USA, Co. H, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section EUR, Site 352). He was born in January 1895 in Maryland and was killed in action on October 16, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Charles and Sarah Jackson and sibling Samuel in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Both of his parents were born in Maryland; his father's occupation is Farm Laborer. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Sarah Jackson residing at 1755 N Street in the District. In the 1919 City Directory, she is residing at this address; her occupation is Maid.
- 0 **Joseph J. Jackson** (1894-1918) Private, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, died at Camp Sherman Base Hospital, Scioto, Ohio, buried In Arlington National Cemetery (Section 23, Site 21845). He was born in Washington, DC and died on June 12, 1918 in Ohio of Diabetes Mellitus and Nephritis. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Marguerite Jackson residing in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
- 235 **Wilson (Waldorf) Jackson** (1892-1918), Private, USA, Supply Co., 805<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section EU CO, Site 329). He was born on April 10, 1892 in Washington, DC and died on October 8, 1918 of disease in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is living with his parents Arthur and Catherine Jackson and his siblings (Florence, Arthur, Marie and Victoria) at 306 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE in Washington, DC. His father was born in Maryland and his mother in Pennsylvania; his father's occupation is Cook and that of his mother Laundress. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents and siblings (Arthur, Marie and Victoria) at 306 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SE in the District; his father's occupation is Cook in Lunchroom. At the time of his Draft Registration, Wilson is single and residing at 810 Third Street, SE in the District. His occupation is Laborer. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Catherine Young who was residing at 811 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, SE in Washington, DC.
- 237 **Hubert Alfred Johnson** (1894-1918), Mess Attendant 2 CL, USN, USACT *Ticonderosa*, died when the Ship was torpedoed by enemy submarine on September 30, 1918, listed on Tablets of the Missing at Suresnes American Cemetery, France. He was born on October 5, 1894 in Danville, Virginia. He married Margaretta Mahoney on November 16, 1916 in the District of Columbia. At the time of his Draft Registration, they are residing at 1916 L Street, NW in the District; his occupation is Mechanic and he is self-employed. She was his next of kin living at this address. Their son Hubert Alfred Johnson, Jr. was born on January 18, 1918 in Washington,

- DC. According to his Draft Card for World War II dated October 16, 1940, he is residing at 1510 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in the District and his next of kin was his mother Mrs. Margaretta Johnson.
- 238 **James W. Johnson** (1881-1918), Private, USA, Co. B, 545<sup>th</sup> Engineer Regiment, buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery (Plot C Row 14 Grave 32), France. He was born on December 11, 1881 and died on October 11, 1918 of disease in France. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 318 Oakdale Street, NW in Washington, DC with his nearest relative Emma Johnson. His occupation is Handy Man for the U.S. Engineer Office Filtration Plant. In the 1918 City Directory, he is a Laborer residing at 318 Oakdale Place, NW and Emma is a Domestic; his brother George W. is a Laborer residing at 232 Oakdale Place, NW. His next of kin was his brother George W. Johnson residing at 237 Oakdale Place, NW in Washington, DC.
- 0 **Milton Johnson** (1895-1918), USA, Co. C, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot H Row 28 Grave 39), France. He was born In Washington, DC and was killed in action on October 14, 1918 in France. He married Julia Young on October 25, 1916 in the District. His wife Julia Johnson was his next of kin residing at 422 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC.
- 0 **Relious (Daves) Latney** (1893-1918), Private, USA, Co. C, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot D Row 23 Grave 26), France. He was born on May 23, 1893 in Caroline County, Virginia and died on October 1, 1918 in France. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 616 25<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC. His occupation is Driver for Hugh Reilly Company. His next of kin was his mother Edith Latney. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, she is widowed and residing with her brother Philip Latney at 1920 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 270 **Fred Lee** (1892-1918), Private, USA, Unassigned Unit, died in Fort Monroe, Elizabeth City, Virginia, buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Washington, DC. He was born on July 15, 1892 in Washington, DC and died of Influenza at Fort Monroe Post Hospital on October 12, 1918. According to his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 1224 D Street, NW in the District. His occupation was Laborer for Construction Company and he was a Private in Infantry with the DC National Guard.
- 274 **Kenneth Lewis** (1900-1918), Private, USA, Medical Detachment, 372<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 278). He was born in Washington, DC and died on August 2, 1918 of wounds in France. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents George and Hettie B. Lewis and sister Anita. Both of his parents were born in the District of Columbia; his father's occupation is Clerk with the Government. Kenneth's next of kin was his mother Mrs. Hettie B. Lewis residing at 2006 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in the District. His sister Anita (1905-1995) married Dr. Samuel A. Brown (1904-1987); they are buried in Rock Creek Cemetery (Section L, Lot N, Grave 10), Washington, DC.
- 281 **Joseph Lovings** (1889-1919), Corporal, USA, Co. I, 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 399). He was born on May 29, 1889 in Washington, DC and died on June 26, 1919. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his widowed mother Bertha Lovings at 2514 Messmore Avenue in Washington, DC. Both his mother and father James Lovings were born in Virginia; his mother's occupation is Nurse. In

- the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his mother on Mamou Street in the District; Joseph's occupation is Operator for a Carpenter. According to his Draft Registration, Joseph is single and residing at 1635 R Street, NW in the District. His occupation is Janitor for Weaver Bros. Real Estate. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Bertha E. Lovings residing at 1322 V Street, NW in the District. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, his mother was living at this same address.
- 297 **George Magruder** (1887-1918), Private, USA, Co. E, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section COL, Site 380). He was born on May 28, 1887 in Washington, DC and was killed in action on September 26, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his mother Millie Magruder and siblings (Robert, Thomas, Lottie and Samuel) at 1101 Half Street Court in the District. Both his parents were born in Virginia; his mother's occupation is Laundress. According to his Draft Registration, George is single and residing at 1103 Half Street Court, NW in the District; his occupation is Laborer. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Millie Magruder residing at 1103 Half Street, NW in Washington, DC.
- 299 **Maurice F. Mahoney** (1896-1918), Private, USA, Machine Gun Co., 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot H Row 4 Grave 24), France. He was born in February 1896 in Maryland and was killed in action on October 1, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is living with his grandparents Fredrick and Louise Mahoney at Harris Lot, Charles County, Maryland. His grandfather and both father and mother were born in Maryland. His grandfather's occupation is Farmer. His next of kin was his aunt Rosa Mahoney residing at 1200 19<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC.
- 0 **Harace Matthews** (1880-1918), Private, USA, Co. D, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 383). He was born in 1880 and was killed in action on September 6, 1918 in France. He married Nannie Williams on November 12, 1917 in the District of Columbia. His next of kin was his wife Mrs. Nannie Matthews residing at 211 K Street, NW in Washington, DC. In the 1935 City Directory, she is widowed and was residing at 133 L Street, NW in the District.
- 308 **Milton S. Medley** (1901-1918), Corporal, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot D Row 18 Grave 14), France. He was born in 1901 in Maryland and died on October 1, 1918 in France. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents James R. H. and Alice B. Medley and his siblings (Maud, Mabel and Horace J. R.) at 45 Pearson Place in Washington, DC. His parents were both born in Maryland; his father's occupation is Clerk in Museum. His next of kin was his mother Alice Medley residing at 1240 9<sup>th</sup> Street, SE in the District.
- 319 **Samuel Moore** (1891-1918), Private, USA, Co. C, 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, 284). He was born on October 15, 1891 in Caroline County, Virginia and died on October 2, 1918. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Edward and Leonia Moore and his siblings (Benjamin and Mary) at 1405 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in Washington, DC. Both of his parents were born in Virginia; his father's occupation is Day Laborer. At the time of his Draft Registration, Samuel is single and living at 216 Bryant Street, NW in the District. His occupation is Laborer for the DC Government

Sewer Department. Before he departed for France, he was married. His next of kin was his wife Mrs. Rosa B. Moore.

- 351 **Griffin Payne** (1889-1918), Private, USA, Co. C, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section COL E, Site 509). He was born about December 1889 in Washington, DC and was killed in action on October 5, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his widowed mother Katherine Payne and her mother-in-law Jane Payne and his siblings (James, Iola and Rosina) at 1715 Vermont Avenue, NW in the District. Both his mother and his father James H. Payne were born in Virginia. His mother's occupation is Laundress; Griffin's occupation is Waiter for Private Family. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 2025 Tenth Street, NW in Washington, DC. His occupation is Laborer. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Kate Payne who was living at 2025 Tenth Street, NW in the District.
- 397 **Henry H. Scott** (1898-1918), Corporal, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section EUR, Site 253-Col). He was born in June 1898 in Washington, DC and died on October 6, 1918. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Mercer and Florence Scott, his siblings (Jennie, Maggie and Elizabeth) and Mercer's widowed sister Martha Burroughs and her daughter Octavio at 1928 New Hampshire Avenue, NW in the District. Both his parents were born in Virginia. His father's occupation is Waiter; and that of his mother was Dressmaker. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Florence Scott who was residing at 1328 B street, NW in the District.
- 0 **John H(enry) Seaburn** (1897-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 310) and honored on the Peace Cross Memorial in Bladensburg, Prince George's County, Maryland. He was born on October 27, 1897 in Maryland and was killed in action on October 4, 1918 in France. He resided with his parents John H. and Annie O. Seaburn and his siblings (Onie, Mary D., Gladys Beatrice, Annie Belle and Annabelle) in Brentwood, Prince George's County, Maryland. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, his father's occupation is Day Laborer and in the 1910 United States Federal Census, his occupation is Fireman. John's next of kin was his mother Mrs. Annie Seaburn residing in Brentwood, Maryland. In 2018, authors Anne E. Marimow and Michael E. Ruane interviewed John Seaburn's niece Alvergia Guyton and nephew Addison Hobbs for their article on the Peace Cross Memorial for [The Washington Post](#). The relatives displayed a photograph of their uncle and his niece has donated his papers to the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center.
- 400 **Richard Mcallster Shamley** (1896-1918), Private, USA, Co. G, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot D Row 38 Grave 16), France. He was born on December 7, 1896 in Washington, DC and died of wounds on October 13, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Lonnie and Fannie Shamley, her mother Emmeline McDade, his father's brother Melvin Shamley and his sibling Maurice at 1018 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC. His parents were both born in North Carolina; his father's occupation is Hostler. In the 1910 United States Federal Census, Richard is residing with his parents, her mother, and his siblings Maurice and Sophronia at 1724 L Street, NW, in the District. His father's occupation is Coachman for Private Family, and his mother's occupation is that of Laundress. At the time of his Draft Registration, Richard is single and living at 1011 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; his occupation is Elevator Conductor for the Farnsboro

Apartment House at 2129 Florida Avenue in the District. He subsequently married Julia Gordon. He was a member of the Co. #2 Camp Meade Replacement Draft and sailed on April 23, 1918 for France as a member of the 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry; upon arrival in France, he was transferred to the 372nd Infantry Regiment. His mother Mrs. Fannie Shamley was his next of kin and was living at 1011 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in the District. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, Fannie Shamley is residing with her two children Maurice and Sophronia at 2026 Twelfth Street in the District; her occupation is that of Charwoman, that of Maurice is Messenger in Government Building and Sophronia's is that of Maid in Store. In 1929 Fannie Shamley signed up for the Mother's Pilgrimage to her son's gravesite in France; she arrived back from Cherbourg, France on August 12, 1930 on an American Merchant ship. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, Julia Shamley is residing with her mother and son Richard M. Shamley, Jr. at 1920 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW in the District. Their son was born on June 21, 1918 and in his Draft Card for World War II, his mother Julia Shamley was his next of kin.

- 0 **Ernest S. Smith** (1893-1918), Private, USA, Co. H, 368<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 92<sup>nd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 381). He was born in July 1893 in Washington, DC and was killed in action on September 28, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents James and Bettie Smith and his siblings William and Clarence at 1342 Chester Court in Washington, DC. His parents were both born in Virginia; his father's occupation is Laborer. Ernest married Elnora Chatman on February 25, 1918. His next of kin was his wife Mrs. Elnora C. Smith residing at 1813 Vermont Avenue in the District. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, Elnora Smith is residing with her widowed mother Mary Carter and daughter Helen at 4251 Dix Street in the District; their daughter was born in 1919.
- 0 **James E. Smith** (?-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 266). He entered service in Washington, DC and died of disease on October 25, 1918 in France. His next of kin was his aunt Marion Simms residing at 1121 First Street, NW in the District.
- 0 **James L. Smith** (?-1918), Private, USA, Battery 6, Field Artillery Replacement Regiment, buried in Suresnes American Cemetery (Plot A Row 5 Grave 16), France. He entered service in Washington, DC and died on October 31, 1918 in France.
- 418 **William F(rancis) Smith** (1887-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 808<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Infantry, buried in Oise-Aisne American Cemetery (Plot D Row 10 Grave 4), France. He was born on January 1, 1887 in Washington, DC and died of disease on December 8, 1918 in France. His parents were Peter T. and Catherine Smith; his father was born in the District of Columbia and his mother in Maryland. In the 1920 United States Federal Census, his father's occupation is Laborer and his mother's that of Servant. At the time of his Draft Registration, William is single and residing at 5 Baltimore Street in the District. His occupation is Laborer for Thomas R. Clark at 1305 New York Avenue, NW. His mother Mrs. Catherine Smith was his next of kin residing at 5 Baltimore Street, Washington, DC.
- 468 **John W. Vinson** (1894-1918), Sergeant, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot H Row 26 Grave 5), France. He was born on April 8, 1894 in North Carolina and died on October 5, 1918 in France. According to his Draft Registration, he is married with one child and is living at 61 Myrtle NE in Washington, DC. His occupation is Cook for Century Lunch at 309 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW in the District. He

also had served as Private in the DC National Guard for three years. His next of kin was his wife Mrs. Dora Vinson living at 1166 21<sup>st</sup> Street in the District.

- 472 **James Edward Walker** (1874-1918), Major, 372nd Infantry, Ser Battalion DC, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section E Site 3575). His home in Le Droit Park is on the African American Heritage Trail, an American Legion Post is named for him, and his name is listed on the sculpture "The Supreme Sacrifice" in the Wilson Building honoring the government workers of the District of Columbia who gave their lives in World War I. He was born on September 7, 1874 in Albemarle County, Virginia and died from Tuberculosis on April 4, 1918 at Fort Bayard, Grant County, New Mexico. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is a boarder residing at 1809 Thirteenth Street in Washington, DC. Both of his parents were born in Virginia; his occupation is Public School Teacher. He married Beatrice Johnson on September 8, 1906 in the District. He had graduated from M Street High School and Miner Teacher's College; he worked in the DC Schools for more than twenty-four years as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He joined the First Battalion of the DC National Guard when it was organized in 1896 as a Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain in 1909 and Major in 1912 rising to Battalion Commander. His battalion was activated during the Villa Expedition. The unit guarded the water works at Naco, Arizona and returned home in 1916. He was called to active duty during World War I to guard the White House, the U.S. Capitol, and other government buildings. His health was impaired from overwork and he was sent to Fort Bayard to recuperate where he died. In the 1930 United States Federal Census, Beatrice is residing with their two children James E. and Beatrice L. at their home at 504 T Street, NW, Washington, DC.; both she and her daughter are teachers in the DC Public Schools. His wife Beatrice J. Walker (1877-1949) is buried with her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.
- 473 **Louis (Walter) Walker** (1895-1918), Private, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (Plot F Row 39 Grave 37), France. He was born on February 14, 1895 in Louisa County, Virginia and was killed in action on September 28, 1918 in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single residing at 603 W Street, NW in Washington, DC. His occupation is Laborer. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Lizzy Walker residing at 603 W Street, NW in the District.
- 477 **Hillary Washington** (1889-1918), Private, USA, Co. A, 505<sup>th</sup> Engineers Service Battalion, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section COL E, Site 173). He was born on April 18, 1889 in Accokeek, Prince George's County, Maryland and died of wounds on August 24, 1918 in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and residing in Rosedale, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; his occupation is Laborer at Cambia Steel Company. His next of kin was Mrs. M. C. Washington residing at 302 I Street, SE in Washington, DC.
- 479 **Edward M. Watkins** (1895-1918), Private, USA, 801 Company Stevedore Battalion, buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 19, Site 137). He was born in Washington, DC and died of wounds on October 11, 1918 in France. At the time of his Draft Registration, he is single and living at 1008 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. His occupation is Laborer. His next of kin was Mrs. Fannie Shorter residing at 1007 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE in the District.
- 0 **James H. Williams** (1898-1918), Private, USA, Co. B, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, listed on Tablets of the Missing at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, France. He was born on

December 23, 1898 in Maryland and died on September 27, 1918 in France. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Louisa Williams residing in Relay, Maryland.

- 504 **John H(enry) Woodson** (1891-1918), Private, Co. C, 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 93<sup>rd</sup> Division, buried in Payne's Cemetery in Washington, DC. He was born on March 28, 1891 in Washington, DC and died of disease on June 11, 1918 in France. In the 1900 United States Federal Census, he is residing with his parents Moses and Nannie Woodson, siblings (Fred, Edgar and Joseph) and cousins (George, Rosie, Mary and Charles Dyer) at 1928 Tenth Street in Washington, DC. His father was born in Virginia and his mother in Maryland; his father's occupation is Hod Carrier and that of his mother is Laundress. At the time of John's Draft Registration, he is single and residing at 2051 Georgia Avenue in the District; his occupation is Chauffeur for Mr. Harry Wardman. His next of kin was his mother Mrs. Nannie Woodson who was residing at 1337 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, DC.

While not listed on the DC War Memorials, it should be noted that one of the doctors assigned to the 372<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, Dr. and Lieutenant Urban Francis Bass (1880-1918) was the only doctor of the 104 to be killed in the war in France. According to Fisher and Buckley he was working on the wounded at a forward aid station when he came under German fire. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously and is buried in the Fredericksburg National Cemetery in Virginia.

Every effort has been made to identify family members of those on the Memorials. Additional information is welcomed. May this report provide the base for further research on these men who served so well, lost their lives in the Great War and made the "Supreme Sacrifice."

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