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How Do I Know When I Am Right?

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# Can You Ever Know You Are Right?





YES!!



- Not all evidence is going to agree

Even people who witness the same thing will see and remember it differently.



The sum of the parts  
add up to the answer.



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# Ask A Question And Make A Statement





Create a query or question that has an answer:

*Tell me about John Smith who lived in  
Maine in the 1800s*

This is open ended. How do you know when you've answered it?



*Who was John Smith's father?*

Better, because it has an answer. But....

It doesn't define who John Smith was.  
There are lots of John Smiths in the  
world.



*John Smith was born about 1808 and appears in the Aroostook County, Maine, 1850 census, living with Charlotte and 4 children. Who was his father?*

We can identify who John Smith is and tell him apart from others with the same name.



	<i>Winnah Elmore</i>	<i>7-11</i>		
<i>167 762</i>	<i>Athy Elmore</i>	<i>45-111</i>	<i>Harder</i>	<i>200</i>
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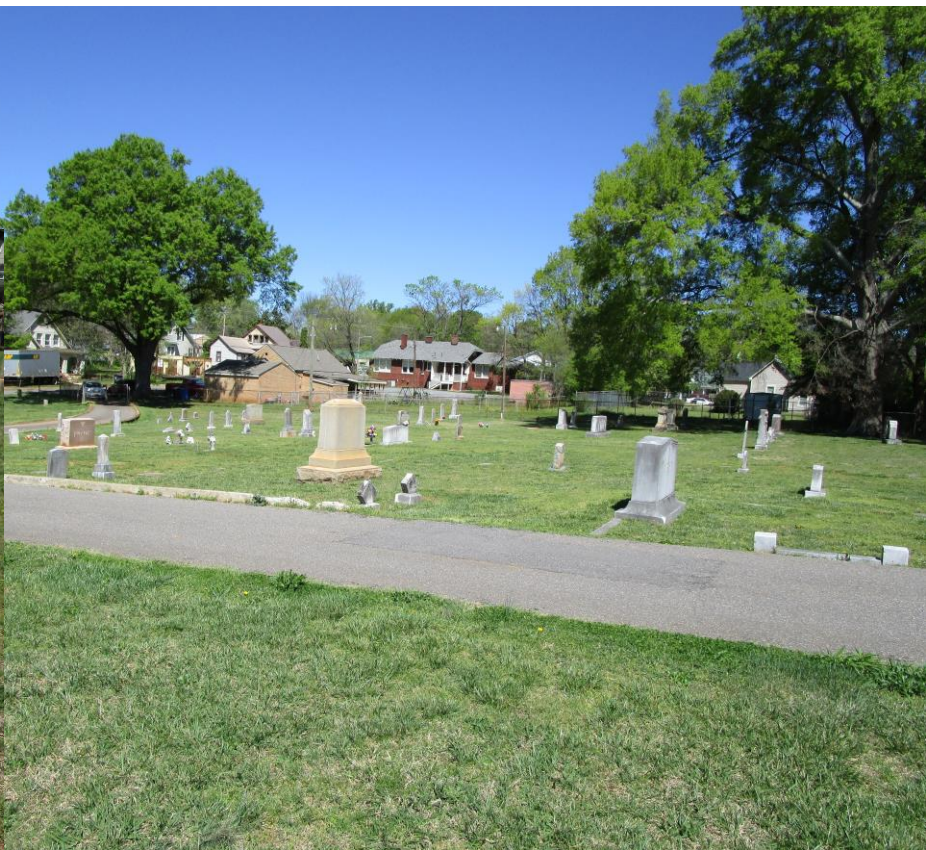
Otto B Payne

Born: 16 Dec 1923

Died: 3 Nov 1999



He's buried with other Payne's  
Mom, dad, sisters, brothers.



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- Otto Payne is believed to be the son of James Robert Payne and Georgie Eva Baxter Payne
- James Robert Payne died 5 January 1923.

N.B.—WRITE MAINLY IN INK. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE RECORD. INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIAN SHOULD STATE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE.

R.V.S.—Form 7 NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH Registration District No. 210-5462 421  
County Fulton 36 State \_\_\_\_\_ Register No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Township Crutcher Mtn or Village \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME James R Payne 500  
(a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S. if not foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 Sex Male 4 Color White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced Married  
6 Date of birth (month, day, and year) Nov 15 1879  
7 Age years Months Days If LESS than 1 day.....hrs. or.....min. 43 1 20  
8 Occupation of deceased (a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work Farmer  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
(c) Name of employer

9 Birthplace (city or town) (State or country) \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Name of Father Thos L Payne  
11 Birthplace of Father (city or town) (State or country) Ind  
12 Maiden Name of Mother Elizabeth Laurel  
13 Birthplace of Mother (city or town) (State or country) U.S.

14 Informant (Name and Address) J R Payne  
Crutcher Mtn  
15 Filed 2/6 1923 D R Matlock REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 Date of Death (month, day, and year) Jan 5 1923  
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Dec 27 1922 to Jan 5 1923 that I last saw him alive on Jan 4 1923 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 A.M.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
Influenza Pneumonia  
(duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds.  
Contributory (SECONDARY) (duration).....yrs.....mos.....ds.  
18 Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?  
Did an operation precede death? no Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
Was there an autopsy? no  
What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) J R Matlock M.D.  
1/27/23 Address King's Mtn  
\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 Place of Burial, Cremation, or removal (Address) Crutcher Mtn Date of Burial 1/5 1923  
20 Undertaker (Address) Shelton Fulton Crutcher Mtn

James Robert Payne

Died: 5 Jan 1923

Otto B Payne

Born: 16 Dec 1923

If this is true, then James Robert  
Payne is not Otto's father.



# Question. Statement.

## Ask A Question

Otto Payne is the son of Georgie Eva Baxter Payne and he died 3 Nov 1999.

What year was he born?

## Make a statement

Otto Payne is the son of Georgie Eva Baxter Payne and he died 3 Nov 1999.

He was born in December 1922.

I want to prove or disprove that he was born on December of 1922.

# Research Report

**SUBJECT or GOAL:** To determine Otto Baxter Payne's year of birth.

**STATEMENT TO PROVE OR DISPROVE:** Otto Baxter Payne was born in December 1922 which makes it possible for James Robert Payne to be his father.

## **BACKGROUND SUMMARY**

Otto Baxter Payne is believed to be the youngest child of James Robert Payne and Eva Georgia Baxter. Otto's gravestone states that he was born December 16, 1923<sup>1</sup>. James' death certificate states that he died on January 23, 1923<sup>2</sup>. If these two dates are correct, it is highly unlikely that James is Otto's father. If Otto was born in 1922 it would be possible for James to be his father.

# Limitations and Boundaries

What are your limitations?

- Time versus money
- Some states restrict who can get certain vital records

I have time, but I don't want to spend money if I don't have to.

# Research Report

## **RESTRICTIONS or LIMITATIONS**

Do a survey of records that can be found online to determine the year Otto was born.

# I Just Need Three Documents And I'm Done



# 3 Documents

## Otto B Payne

in the U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006



Add alternate information

Report issue

Name:	Otto B Payne
Service Info.:	TEC 4 US ARMY KOREA
Birth Date:	16 Dec 1923
Death Date:	3 Nov 1999
Cemetery:	Mountain Rest C
Cemetery Address:	S Dilling St Kings 28086

SAVE

Cancel

Birth: Dec. 16, 1923  
Death: Nov. 3, 1999

SGGT: US AF  
WW2 - Korea

MONROE — Otto B. Payne, 75, of Smith Nursing Center, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Nov. 3, 1999, at home. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late James Robert and Georgia Ann Baxter Payne, retired auditor from Comfort Inn, member of Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, Army veteran of World War II.

INTERMENT: Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain

Family links:

Parents:

[James Robert Payne \(1879 - 1923\)](#)  
[Georgia E Baxter Payne \(1880 - 1928\)](#)

Siblings:

[Lela Mae Payne \(1903 - 1985\)\\*](#)  
[Floyd Ratchford Payne \(1910 - 1992\)\\*](#)  
[Thomas Herman Payne \(1913 - 1984\)\\*](#)  
[Robert Hord Payne \(1914 - 1984\)\\*](#)  
[Daisy Payne Grigg \(1917 - 1980\)\\*](#)  
[Otto B Payne \(1923 - 1999\)](#)



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Leave flowers  
and a note

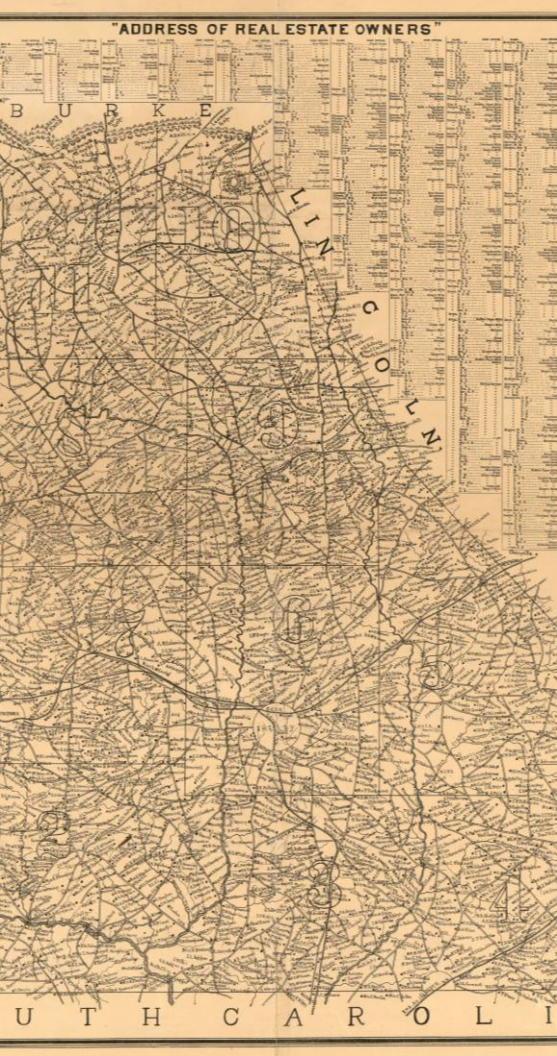


# Map Out Your Search



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So where should you start looking?

Should you do a random search on a well-known genealogy site?

Do a survey of records that can be found online to determine the year Otto was born.

# Card Catalog on Ancestry

## Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

Keyword(s)

**SEARCH** or [Clear All](#)

Filter Titles

- USA
- North Carolina
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Filter By Collection

- [Birth, Baptism & Christening](#) 532
- [Marriage & Divorce](#) 161
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Filter By Location

Results 1-25 of 634

Sort By **Popularity** ▼

[Search entire "Birth, Marriage & Death" Category](#)

Title	Collection	Records	Activity
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	136,399,718	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	94,331,864	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-2015</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	34,652,642	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,268,406	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	7,543,578	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Web: Obituary Daily Times Index, 1995-Current</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	16,094,500	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">North Carolina, Birth Indexes, 1800-2000</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	6,916,988	
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010</a>	Birth, Marriage & Death	14,465,014	

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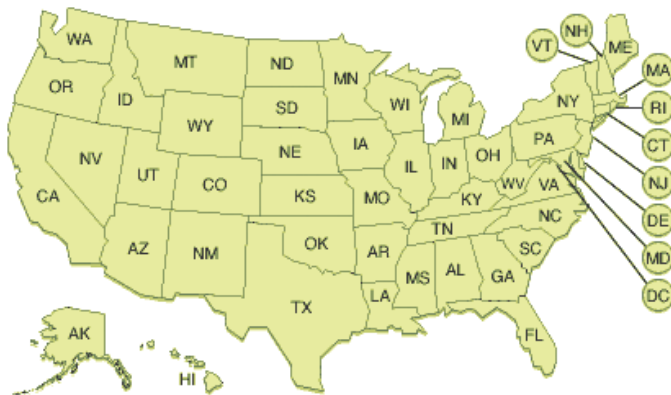
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AUSTRALIA & NZ

### United States

Recent additions  
include:

- [1940 United States Federal Census - New](#)
- [1930 United States Federal Census - Updated](#)
- [U.S. City Directories \(Beta\)](#)



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# North Carolina

## North Carolina

Welcome to our North Carolina family history research page. Here you'll find record collections, history, and genealogy resources to help you trace your North Carolina ancestors.

**COLLECTIONS**

HISTORY

RESOURCES

### Data Collections

#### North Carolina Census & Voter Lists

1810 United States Federal Census	830,631
U.S. Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820	171,563
North Carolina, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890	141,002
North Carolina, State Census, 1784-1787 <b>FREE</b>	13,416
North Carolina Heads of families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790.	291

[View all North Carolina Census & Voter Lists \(7\)](#)

#### North Carolina Birth, Marriage & Death

North Carolina, Marriage Records, 1741-2011	10,884,574
North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976	7,543,578
North Carolina, Birth Indexes, 1800-2000	6,916,988
North Carolina, Death Indexes, 1908-2004	4,134,003
North Carolina, Marriage Index, 1741-2004	2,709,602

Search for historical records for ancestors in North Carolina.

**SEARCH**

Select another state or region

USA

North Carolin.

Narrow by region

Select a region to view its unique collections.

Alamance	11	Johnston	1
Alleghany	1	Jones	1
Anson	2	Lenoir	2
Buncombe	2	Lincoln	3
Cabarrus	7	Mecklenburg	31

# Let's start with these:

## Census Records

- 1920, 1930, 1940

## Death records

- Find A Grave
- Veterans Gravesites, ca 1775-1006
- Social Security Administration
- Obituaries

## Birth records

- North Carolina Birth Index, 1800-2000



## Research Plans Are Iterative



# How Good Are Census Records?



# 1920 Census

STATE North Carolina  
 COUNTY Watauga  
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Crowder Mountain

9-527

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

66

(191-279)

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 242 SHEET NO. 7 A  
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 30

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 14 DAY OF April, 1920

WARD OF CITY Rowland  
 ENUMERATOR Rowland

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	RACE	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE						OCCUPATION		
							ETHNIC		GERMAN		OTHER			Place of Birth	Mother tongue
							Place of Birth	Mother tongue	Place of Birth	Mother tongue	Place of Birth	Mother tongue			

✓	107	116	Bayne James R	Husband	M	W	37	M	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Gargie	Wife	F	W	36	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Lela	Daughter	F	W	17	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	

✓			Bayne	Son	M	W	15	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Jennie	Daughter	F	W	13	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Floyd	Son	M	W	12	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Thomas	Son	M	W	8	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Robert	Son	M	W	6	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Orisy	Daughter	F	W	3	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	

Wm O Road

✓	107	116	Munkley Phillip	Son	M	W	33	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Dora	Daughter	F	W	28	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Zepha	Son	M	W	16	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Robert	Son	M	W	11	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Conrad	Son	M	W	8	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Beatrice	Daughter	F	W	5	S	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓	107	116	William	Son	M	W	19	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Louis	Son	M	W	12	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Edward	Son	M	W	7	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			William	Son	M	W	5	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓	107	116	Thomas	Son	M	W	18	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Mary	Daughter	F	W	16	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			William	Son	M	W	12	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			William	Son	M	W	8	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			Frank	Son	M	W	5	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓	107	116	John	Son	M	W	12	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	8	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	5	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	3	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	2	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	1	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	0	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	0	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	
✓			John	Son	M	W	0	W	Yes	Yes	Yes	North Carolina	

1920 U.S. Census, Gaston county, North Carolina, population schedule, Crowder Mountain, enumeration district 75, sheet 6-B, 7-A, dwelling 107 family 116, J R Payne household; database and digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 Nov 2009); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 1691. [photocopy attached; Figure 2]

- **Payne, James R;** head; owns home, mortgaged; male/white; age 37; married; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: farmer, general farm; #91 on farm schedule.
- **Payne, Georgie;** wife; female/white; age 36; married; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none
- **Payne, Lela;** daughter; female/white; age 17; single; attended school; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: laborer, house farm
- **Payne, Boyce;** son; male/white; age 15; single; attended school; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: laborer, house farm
- **Payne, Jennie;** daughter; female/white; age 13; single; attended school; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none
- **Payne, Floyd;** son; male/white; age 12; single; attended school; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none
- **Payne, Thomas;** son; male/white; age 8; single; attended school; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none listed
- **Payne, Robert;** son; male/white; age 6; single; attended school; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none listed
- **Payne, Daisy;** daughter; male/white; age 3; single; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: none listed

## Why the 1920 census?

- Otto is not on this census record, including for continuity of the family.
- He is never listed on the census with parents, but in 1930 is listed with brothers and sisters
- This shows his brothers and sisters with their parents.

# 1930 Census

Form 1-34  
3524

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930  
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State: North Carolina Incorporated place: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Hertford Ward of city: \_\_\_\_\_ Block No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township or other division of county: Bradley Mountain Disincorporated place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enumeration District No.: 9 Supervisor's District No.: 7  
Enumerated by me on: April 29, 1930 John P. Moore

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	KNOWS ENGLISH OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY		EMPLOYMENT	VETERAN
									CLASS	CODE		
	<u>Helma A</u>	<u>Daughter</u>					X	<u>W</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>		
<u>280 314</u>	<u>Payne, Floyd B.</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>yes</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>	
	<u>Lela M</u>	<u>Sister - H</u>					X	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>8</u>	
	<u>None</u>										<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes Farmer</u>			<u>General Farm</u>			<u>yes</u>				<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes none</u>										<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes none</u>										<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes Laborer</u>			<u>Farm</u>			<u>yes</u>				<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes Laborer</u>			<u>Farm</u>			<u>yes</u>				<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes none</u>										<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes none</u>										<u>8</u>	
	<u>yes none</u>										<u>8</u>	

ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED IN COLUMNS INDICATED: (See instructions on back of sheet.)

EXEMPT ARE REQUIRED IN THE SEVERAL COLUMNS AS FOLLOWS: (See instructions on back of sheet.)

1930 U.S. Census, Gaston county, North Carolina, population schedule, Crowder Mountain, p. 133 (stamped), enumeration district 36-9, sheet 18-A, dwelling 280, family 314, Floyd R Payne household; database and digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 20 Nov 2009); citing NARA microfilm publication T626, roll 1691. [photocopy attached; Figure 2]

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- **Payne, Lila M;** sister-h; female/white; age 25; single; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; no occupation
- **Payne, Jennie E;** sister; female/white; age 22; single; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; no occupation
- **Payne, Thomas H;** brother; male/white; age 17; single; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: laborer, farm, unpaid worker, member of family
- **Payne, Robert H;** brother; male/white; age 14; single; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; occupation: laborer, farm, unpaid worker, member of family
- **Payne, Daisy M;** sister; female/white; age 12; single; can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; no occupation
- **Payne, Eva M;** sister; female/white; age 10; single; attended school, can read/write; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; no occupation
- **Payne, Otto B;** brother; male/white; age 8; single; attended school; b. North Carolina; father b. North Carolina; mother b. North Carolina; no occupation

# When was Otto Born?

Otto is listed as 8 years of age on Apr 29, 1930. If his birthday is in December, then he would have been born in 1921.

Otto is living a household of eight people all of whom are brothers and sisters of his brother Floyd, and presumably his brothers and sisters as well.

While Floyd is not the oldest child, he is the oldest male in the household and is listed as head of the household.

The family income appears to be generated by running the family farm which they own. The lack of parents in a household of eight young adults and children suggests that the parents are deceased or possibly in an institution of some kind.

# 1940 Census

Incorporated place Rock Creek Ward of city \_\_\_\_\_ Unincorporated place \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Rock Township or other division of county London Block No. \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940  
 POPULATION SCHEDULE  
 S. D. No. 10 S. D. No. 26-104 Sheet No. 1 B  
 Enumerated on or near April 14 1940  
Ray D. Gammah

LOCATION	BIRTHED DATE	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	ENROLLMENT APRIL 1, 1940	PERSONS IN FAMILY WHO ARE OVER-EMPLOYMENT STATUS
		<u>William T.</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>0</u>	
		<u>Bellie C.</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>123 O 2000 yrs</u>	<u>payne</u>	<u>Lela M.</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

Household Continued

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	9	10	11	12	13	14	B	15
							<u>Robert H.</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>much Can</u>
									<u>5</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>H4</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>much Can</u>
									<u>5</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>H4</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>much Can</u>

Rena Switzer Butler Mill 27 28 29 30 31 32 33  
Nurse pro Farming Farm 20 100 VV 4 50 0 yo 2 Can  
Clark pro Nurse private 24 V36 92 1 25 75 0 no  
Clark pro Stenographer private 21 236 99 1 12 168 no

							<u>Maid</u>	<u>Private family</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	
							<u>Bob</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	

INDEXED \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIALIZED \_\_\_\_\_  
 FILED \_\_\_\_\_  
 APR 15 1940  
 ROCK CREEK, MISSOURI  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS



1940 U.S. Census, Gaston county, North Carolina, population schedule, Crowder Mountain, [unnumbered], enumeration district 36-10, sheet 8-B,9-A, dwelling 123, Lela M Payne household; database and digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 25 Sep 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T627. [photocopy attached; Figures 3-a,3-b]

- **Payne, Lela M;** head (reporter); female/white; age 36; single; 8<sup>th</sup> grade; b. North Carolina; no occupation
- **Payne, James B;** brother, male/white; age 34, single; 7<sup>th</sup> grade; b. North Carolina; Rug Twister, Cotton Mill
- **Payne, Jennie E;** sister, female/white, age 32, single; HS 2; b. North Carolina; Nurse, Private
- **Payne, Floyd R;** brother, male/white, age 29, single; HS 2; b. North Carolina; Clerk, Drug Store
- **Payne, Tommie H;** brother, male/white, age 28, single HS 3; b. North Carolina, Clerk, Grocery Store
- **Payne, Robert H;** brother, male/white, age 26, single; 6<sup>th</sup> grade; b. North Carolina; Farming, Farm
- **Payne, Daisy M;** sister, female/white, age 23, single; HS 4; b. North Carolina; Nurse, Private
- **Payne, Eva A;** sister, female/white, age 19, single; HS 4; b. North Carolina; Stenographer, Private
- **Payne, Otto B;** brother, male/white, age 16, single, HS 1; b. North Carolina; no occupation; On supplemental line, parents born in North Carolina, Father was a veteran of Spanish American War and World War
- **Dubose, Annie;** maid, female/black, age 82, widowed; no education, b. North Carolina; Maid, Private Family

# When was Otto born?

Otto is listed as 16 years of age on Apr 1, 1940.

If his birthday is in December, then he would have been born in 1923.

The informant was his older sister Lela, age 36.

She would have been 20 when Otto was born and was no doubt aware of his birth.

# The Supplemental Line

40 | *Mary E.* | *daughter* | *11/17/15* | *1944* | *30* | *North Carolina* | *10*

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS For Persons Enumerated on Lines 4 and 40		FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES									
Line No.	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER AND MOTHER			MOTHER TONGUE (OR NATIVE LANGUAGE)  Language spoken in home in earliest childhood	CODE (Leave blank)	VETERANS				Does this person have a Federal Social Security Number? (Yes or No)
		FATHER	MOTHER	CODE (Leave blank)			Is this person a veteran of the United States military forces; or the wife, widow, or under-18-year-old child of a veteran?	Is father or mother a veteran?	If child, is veteran's father dead? (Yes or No)	War or military service	
	35	36	37	G	38	H	39	40	41	I	42
4	<i>Payne, Otto</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>		<i>English</i>		<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>NO</i>
40	<i>Hoban, Mary E.</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>		<i>English</i>						<i>NO</i>

Col. 1. VALUE OF HOME, IF OWNED:      Col. 13. COLOR OR RACE:      Col. 11. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY:      Col. 14. HH

# Can I Trust This Record?



# What do you need to do with every record?

## 1. Sc ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS

## 2. E> Death Records

3. Li: 1. *Find A Grave*, database and images (<http://findagrave.com> : accessed 17 Oct 2013), memorial page for Otto B Payne, Find A Grave Memorial no. 11082230, citing Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

4. W *Comment: The tombstone states that Otto died on November 3, 1993 at the age of 75. He was born on December 16, 1923. The source of the information is unknown.*

## 5. Fi Genealogically significant facts:

- Name: Otto B Payne
- Birth: Dec 16, 1923
- Death: Nov 3, 1999
- Served as a TEC 4 in the US Army and a SSGT in the US Air Force in World War II and Korea
- Has a Christian Cross on the tombstone
- Buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC

# Source the image

Genealogist record where they find a record so:

1. They can find it again
2. They can decide if the source for the information is reliable.

# Examine the Index and the Image

## Find a grave index

### Otto B Payne in the U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current



Want to get involved? Click here!

Report issue

Name:	Otto B Payne
Birth Date:	16 Dec 1923
Death Date:	3 Nov 1999
Cemetery:	Mountain Rest Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, North Carolina, USA
Has Bio?:	Y
Father:	James Robert Payne
Mother:	Georgia E Payne
URL:	<a href="http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-...">http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-...</a>

SAVE  Cancel


## Find a grave

[Learn about entering site data from this monument](#)



Birth:	Dec. 16, 1923
Death:	Nov. 3, 1999

SGGT: US AF  
WW2 - Korea

MONROE — Otto B. Payne, 75, of Smith Nursing Center, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Nov. 3, 1999, at home. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late James Robert and Georgia Ann Baxter Payne, retired auditor from Comfort Inn, member of Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, Army veteran of World War II.



Added by: [Elizabeth Olmstead](#)


[Add a photo for this person](#)  [Request A Photo](#) 


Photos may be scaled. Click on image for full size.


INTERMENT: Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain



Family links:  
Parents:  
James Robert Payne (1879 - 1923)  
Georgia E Baxter Payne (1880 - 1928)

Siblings:  
Lela Mae Payne (1903 - 1985)\*  
Floyd Ratchford Payne (1910 - 1992)\*  
Thomas Herman Payne (1913 - 1987)\*  
Robert Hord Payne (1914 - 1984)\*  
Daisy Payne Grigg (1917 - 1980)\*  
Otto B Payne (1923 - 1999)

 - [Larry](#)  
Added: Jun. 4, 2013

 - [Toney Payne](#)  
Added: Feb. 8, 2008

 - [Toney Payne](#)  
Added: Feb. 8, 2008

 Leave flowers and a note 

# Some record index only

## Otto B Payne

in the U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006



 [Add alternate information](#)

 [Report issue](#)

Name: Otto B Payne

Service Info.: TEC 4 US ARMY WORLD WAR II,  
KOREA

Birth Date: 16 Dec 1923

Death Date: 3 Nov 1999

Cemetery: Mountain Rest Cemetery

Cemetery Address: S Dilling St Kings Mountain, NC  
28086

SAVE 

Cancel



# Write down everything you learn

## From Find A Grave

- Name: Otto B Payne
- Birth: Dec 16, 1923
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# Write down everything you learn

## From U.S. Veterans Gravesites

- Name: Otto B Payne
- Birth: Dec 16, 1923
- Death: Nov 3, 1999
- Served Info: Tec 4 US Army World War II, Korea
- Cemetery: Mountain Rest Cemetery
- Cemetery Address: S Dilling St Kings Mountain, NC, 28086

# Write down everything you learn

## From Obit on Find A Grave

- Name: Otto B Payne
- Last Residence: 28111 Monroe, Union, North Carolina, USA
- Born: 15 Dec 1922
- Died: 3 Nov 1999
- State SSN issued: North Carolina (Before 1951)

# Write down questions and observations

- Who supplied the information on Find A Grave?
- Who supplied the information on obit on Find A Grave?
- Where did the birth year for the tombstone come from? From the U.S. Veterans Gravesites index?

# File everything so that you can find it

## ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS

### Death Records

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# Conflicting Evidence

- And the birth year here is 1922
- Find A Grave : 1923
- Tombstone : 1923
- Veterans Gravestone Index : 1923
- Obit : 1924
- Which one is correct?

## Otto Baxter Payne

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



[Add alternate information](#)  
[Report issue](#)

Name:	Otto Baxter Payne [Otto B Payne]
SSN:	243246449
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	16 Dec 1922
Birth Place:	Bersemer Cit, North Carolina [Kings Mtn, North Carolina]
Death Date:	3 Nov 1999
Father:	James R Payne
Mother:	Georgia E Baxter
Type of Claim:	Original SSN.
Notes:	May 1941: Name listed as OTTO BAXTER PAYNE; 10 Nov 1999: Name listed as OTTO B PAYNE

# Are You Exhausted?



# Where else can I look?

- Are there birth records available?
- Otto was in the military – are there any military records?
- His parents died leaving young children and a possible estate. Are there any records there?



# Birth Index

196-D INDEX TO VITAL STATISTICS—BIRTHS—Gaston County, N. C.													INDEX TO VITAL STATISTICS—BIRTHS—Gaston County, N. C. 196-E																																																																																																																		
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48	1923	May	16	Payne	Julius C	m	w	Bessemer City	Julius C. Payne	Mattie Clemmer	62	1923	May	16	Parrish	Wm P Parrish	Lela Seater	92	1923	Oct	4	Payne	(Stillborn)	m	w	Bessemer City	Howard Payne	Ethel Fuller	46	1922	July	12	Payne		m	w	Bessemer City	John J. Payne	Ola May Clemmer	47	1922	July	16	Patterson		f	w	Bessemer City	R. W. Patterson	Hildah Leigh	81	1922	Nov	13	Patterson	Myrtle	f	w	Bessemer City	Ben Patterson	Della Parker	90	1922	Aug	19	Patterson	Martha M	f	col	Cherryville	Geo. Patterson	Eather Young	91	1922	Nov	7	Painter	Adie	m	w	Cherryville	Robt Painter	Florence Whisnant	21	1922	Mar	27	Paysour		m	w	Crowders mt Sp	Hugh Paysour	Shuford	62	1922	Dec	15	Payne	Otto Baxter	m	w	Crowders mt Sp	Gas. Robt Payne	Lira S. Baxter	39	1922	Aug	21	Payne, Lela	Carline	f	w	Dallas	Burt Payne	Velsie A Whisnant	58	1922	Nov	15	Pasour		m	w	Dallas	Virian Pasour	Lela M. Taylor

# 1942 Draft Registration

*Discharged Mar. 2, 1944*

**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before January 1, 1942)**

SERIAL NUMBER N. 135 1. NAME (Print) Otto Baxter Boy

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) R.F.D. II Kings Mountain  
(Number and street)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE IS THE PLACE OF JURISDICTION; give address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word "Home".)

3. MAILING ADDRESS Box 482  
(Mailing address)

4. TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

5. AGE IN YEARS 19

DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 16 1922  
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)

6. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS  
Miss Eva Phoenix No 2 Bessemer High

7. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS  
" -spool room- S.Y.  
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 6-1-42) (over) 616-21630-3 *Otto B.*

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
	Feet	Inches	Pounds	Color	Color	Other
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	11"	135	Blue	Blue	Light <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Black <input type="checkbox"/>				Green	Black	Dark <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="checkbox"/>				Other	Other	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

HAIR:  Blond  Red  Brown  Black  Gray  Bald

Complexion:  Ruddy  Dark  Freckled  Light brown  Dark brown  Tinted

Other characteristics that will aid in identification: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the person registered had read or has had you witnessed his signature or mark and that photos are true, except as follows:  
*my knowledge*

Signature of Registrar: *Paul D. Patrick*  
(Name) (City or street) (State)  
Cleveland N.C.

Registrar for Local Board: 2  
(Name) (City or street) (State)

Date of registration: June 30 1942

Local Board No. 45  
 Cleveland County 045

*OPR*

STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 160-21630-1

# Georgia's probate

Number 204.—APPLICATION FOR GUARDIANSHIP - Printed and for sale at Harrell's Printing House, Weldon, N. C. —4-13-1911-1000.

**THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,** } IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.  
-----  
**Gaston**-----**County.**

B. R. Payseur-----being duly sworn, says that  
Jennie Payne, age 19, Floyd Payne, age 17, Tommie Payne, age 14, Robert Payne  
age 13, Daisy Payne, age 11, Eva Payne age 8 and Otto Payne age 5  
are Orphans, Minors without Guardian, and that their estate is worth about \$100<sup>00</sup>-----  
at the date of this application, and that-----B. R. Payseur  
is the proper person entitled to letters of guardianship on their estate.

-----  
*B. R. Payseur*

Sworn and subscribed before me this the-----  
18th-----day of February  
1908-----

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*S. L. Hendricks*  
-----  
Clerk Superior Court.

# JR Payne's probate

Number 205-7-ADMINISTRATION—APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF—Printed and for sale at Harrell's Printing House, Weldon, N. C.

**THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,** } *IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.*  
Gaston COUNTY. }  
In The Matter of the Administration of the Estate } *Before*  
J. R. Payne } *Dec'd.* } S. C. Hendricks } *C. S. C.*  
Mrs. Georgia Payne } *being sworn doth say: That*  
J. R. Payne } *late of said County, is dead without leaving any*  
*WILL AND TESTAMENT; and that she is the proper person*  
*entitled to LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the Estate of the said J. R. Payne*  
*Further that the value of said Estate, so far as can be ascertained at the date*  
*of this application, is about \$ 3200.00 of which \$ 2700.00 is real property, and*  
*\$ 500.00 is personal property, and that Mrs. Georgia Payne, widow,*  
*Lela Payne, Boyce Payne, Jennie Payne, Floyd Payne, Tommie Payne, Robert*  
*Payne, Daisy Payne, Eva Payne, and Otto Payne*  
*are entitled as heirs and distributees thereof.*  
*Sworn and subscribed before me, this*  
*15th day of March 1923*  
*S. C. Hendricks* } *Georgia E. Payne*  
*Clerk Superior Court.*

See Section 1381 of the Code.

- The process is iterative – evaluate each piece of evidence and decide if you need more.
- Expand your scope – not all evidence is obvious.

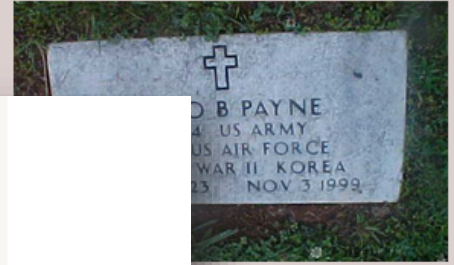
# It's Time To Be Judgmental



# The Evidence Against 1922

- Find A Grave
- Tombstone
- Veterans Gravesite
- 1930 census record
- 1940 census record

Birth: Dec. 16, 1923  
 Death: Nov. 3, 1999  
 SGGT: US AF



Elizabeth Olmstead

## Otto B Payne

in the U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
 No Image  
 Text-only collection

Name: Otto B Payne

Service Info.: TEC 4 US ARMY WORLD WAR II,  
 KOREA

Request  
 A Photo

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	A	9	10	11	12	13	14	B	15	C
<i>Household Continued</i>							Robert H.	Brother	5	M	W	16	5	NO	6	6	Wash Carolina	76
							Daisy M.	Sister	5	F	W	23	5	NO	14	30	Wash Carolina	76
							Eva K.	Sister	5	F	W	19	5	NO	14	30	Wash Carolina	76
Suppl. Quest.							Otto B	brother	5	M	W	16	5	5/10	11	9	Wash Carolina	76
							Dulore, Lemie	Maid	7	F	W	22	Wed	NO	0		Wash Carolina	77
							Jennie El	Sister						X	F	W	22	8
							Thomas H.	Brother						X	F	W	17	8
							Robert H.	Brother						X	M	W	14	8
							Daisy M	Sister						X	F	W	12	8
							Eva M	Sister						X	F	W	10	8
							Otto B.	Brother						X	M	W	8	8

# The Evidence for 1922

- SS Applications and Claims
- Birth index – has possible
- Draft registration
- Probate records

CERTIFICATE NO.
48
62

KINGS MO  
Address if other than place indicated

5. AGE IN YEARS	19
DATE OF BIRTH	Dec. 16
(Mo.)	(Day)

WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW

Otto Baxter Payne

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S. C. Hendricks }  
Clerk Superior Court.

See Section 1381 of the Code.



# Write It Up



# Write up evidence against 1922

## **Evidence against being born in 1922**

- Otto's tombstone and the U.S Veterans Gravesite Index state that he was born in December of 1923. The informant for these two sources is unknown and it is likely that the Index takes its information from the Gravestone. Otto's obit states that he died at the age of 75, implying that he was born in 1923 but it is probable that whoever supplied this information was not alive at the time of Otto's birth or was not old enough to be aware of the year.
- The 1940 census states that Otto was 16 in April of 1940 which implies that he was born in 1923. The information was supplied by his older sister, Lela who was 20 years his senior and was aware of Otto being born and the year it happened as well as his age.

# Write up evidence for 1922

## **Evidence for being born in 1922**

- Georgia Payne applied for Letters of Administration for her husband's estate in March of 1923. All the children are listed including Otto which means he must have been born in 1922. She could not have known in March of 1923 that she would have had a son in December of 1923.
- The Birth Index for Gaston County, North Carolina states that he was born December 15, 1922 and this information was most likely taken from Otto's birth certificate. Georgia's name is stated incorrectly and there is a small possibility that the year may have been transcribed incorrectly, but the register is likely correct.
- The Social Security Death Index states that Otto's birth day is December 15, 1922. This information was most likely taken from Otto's SSN application which was most likely supplied by Otto himself.
- On June 30, 1942 Otto applied for the draft at the age of 19 and stated that his birthday was in December 1922. There was no reason for him to lie; if he had been born in 1923 he would have been 18 and old enough to serve.
- B. R. Payseur, husband of Georgia's sister, applied for Guardianship of Georgia's children on February 18, 1928 and Otto's age is given as 5 implying that he was born in December 1922.

- Write up the summary

### **SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS**

While there are multiple sources that give Otto's birth year as 1923, there is more credible evidence that he was born in the December 1922.

Information given at the time of Otto's death was most likely supplied by someone who wasn't certain of his age and his actual birth date which could account for the error. Census records do not always have the correct ages often due to transcription errors, misunderstanding the instructions or the informant had the wrong information.

The Birth Register, the SSDI, and the World War II Draft Registration card all state that Otto was born in December of 1922. The strongest evidence that Otto was born in 1922 is his mother's application for Letters of Administration in March of 1923. He was listed as a legal heir of his father so we know Otto was alive in March of 1923. He must have been born in December of 1922.

# One More Thing.....



# The Supplemental Line

40 | *Mary E. daughter 11/17/15 44430 North Carolina 10*

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS For Persons Enumerated on Lines 4 and 40		FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES									
		PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER AND MOTHER			MOTHER TONGUE (OR NATIVE LANGUAGE)  Language spoken in home in earliest childhood	CODE (Leave blank)	VETERANS				
LINE No.	NAME	<small>If born in the United States, give State, Territory, or possession If foreign born, give country in which birthplace was situated on January 1, 1927 Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-English and Irish Free State (Eire) from Northern Ireland</small>					<small>Is this person a veteran of the United States military forces; or the wife, widow, or under-18-year-old child of a veteran?</small>	<small>If yes, enter "Yes"</small>	<small>If child, is veteran's father dead? (Yes or No)</small>	<small>War or military service</small>	<small>CODE (Leave blank)</small>
		FATHER	MOTHER	CODE (Leave blank)	39	40					
	35	36	37	G	38	H	39	40	41	I	42
4	<i>Payne, Otto</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>		<i>English</i>		<i>yes</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>No</i>
40	<i>Hobner, Mary E.</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>		<i>English</i>						<i>No</i>

Col. 1. VALUE OF HOME, IF OWNED:    Col. 13. COLOR OR RACE:    Col. 11. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY:    Col. 14. SEX:

# James Roberts Military Record

32—1—70—C  
REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER **3068** ORDER NUMBER

1 *James Robert Payne*  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:  
*Residence City Gaston, N.C.*  
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years **38** Date of Birth **Nov. 15 1879**  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	8
U. S. CITIZEN		ALIEN	
Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13
Non-declarant		14	

15 *Yes*  
 15 I am a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION *None* EMPLOYER'S NAME *None*

17 *None*

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:  
*Residence City Gaston, N.C.*  
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

NEAREST RELATIVE  
 Name **19** *Georgia Payne*  
 Address **20** *Residence City Gaston, N.C.*  
(Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

P. M. G. O. *James Robert Payne*  
 Form No. 1 (Rev. 43-6121) (Registrant's signature or mark) (OVER)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 <i>Blue</i>	28 <i>Light</i>

29 Has person lost arms, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified?  
 (Specify.) *no*

30 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:

*R. Kennedy*  
(Signature of Registrar)

Date of Registration *Sept. 12, 1918*

Local Board for the County of Gaston,  
 State of North Carolina,  
 Gaston, N. C.  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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