

Luther Edmund Reaves

*Jan 6, 1890 - †Oct 4, 1964

Father: ???

Mother: ???

Wives: Rosie (*? - †?)
Nellie Beatrice McManus (*1894 - †1923)

Children: Nettie Lee Reaves (*1915 - †?)
Clifford John Reeves (*1917 - †1972)
Virginia Earl Reaves (*1918 - †2002)
Laverne Anne Reaves (*1920 - †1923)

Birth: Jan 6, 1890
Oklahoma

Occupation: Sharecropper - cotton

Wedding: Sep 27, 1914
Tipton Co, TN
(Nellie Beatrice McManus)

Death: Oct 4, 1964
St. Louis County, MO

Funeral: Oct 7, 1964
Mt. Hope Cemetery, MO

Notes: a) Spelled his last name "Reeves" instead of "Reaves" because "that's how everyone else does it." However, he had signed "Reaves" on his marriage certificate. His son kept Reeves, the girls maintained Reaves but, of course, changed names when marrying.

He said he was an orphan; he said that his father died before he was born, his mother died in childbirth, and he was raised by an Indian family.

WWI Draft Registration Card - June 5, 1917

No 43

Tipton Co, TN

Luther Edmon R*eaves

Age 26

Address Burbina(?) R2

Date of Birth January 6, 1891

Natural Born

Born Indian Territory, USA

Citizen

Farmer

Self employed

Where employed? ___ can't read ___

Dependents: Wife Two Children

Married

White

No military service

No exemptions from final draft claimed

"his mark" with x? Signed Luther Edmun Reaves (maybe someone else signed it?)

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height medium

medium build

blue eyes

light hair

not bald
no arms, legs, etc., disabled
signed by officials
"United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YTS-G9B?cc=1968530&wc=9FWH-VZ9%3A928312101%2C928822901> : 14 May 2014), Tennessee > Tipton County; H-Z > image 2164 of 3929; citing NARA microfilm publication M1509 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

1920 CENSUS

3rd Civil District, Tipton Co, TN

REAVES farm 20/21

Luther, head, rents, 28, reads, writes, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, Oklahoma, farmer, general farming

Nellie, wife, 25, reads, writes, Tennessee, Tennessee, Tennessee

Nettie Lee, daughter, 4 1/2, TN, TN, TN

Clifford, son, 3 1/2, TN, TN, TN

Virginia, daughter 1 1/2, TN, TN, TN

(not really sure it was 1/2 or another number but they're so small it's hard to read)

REEVES

Luther Reeves, 3004 Pasteur, Sun., Oct 4, 1964, husband of the late Rosie Reeves, dear father of Mrs. Nettie Griffey, Mrs. Virginia Doria, and Clifford Reeves. Our grandfather, great-grandfather, step-father, father-in-law, uncle, and cousin.

Funeral Wed., Oct 7, 10:30 a.m. from BAUMANN BROS Funeral Home, 2504 Woodson Rd., Overland.

Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, October 5, 1964, page 30

b) POSSIBILITIES:

There is a Luther Reeves listed in the Oklahoma, County Marriages Book, 1890-1995. No 2109.

"To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage -- GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Luther Reeves of Oswalt, in the Indian Territory, aged 18 years and M. Johny M. Rambo of Pike, in the Indian Territory, aged 17 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to Witness my hand and official seal, this 8 day of Nov. A.D. 1907. By NH. Wekory (?), Deputy.

I, JM Hammons a Minister of the gospel as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand, this 10 day of Nov. A.D., 1907.

Signed JM. Hammons, a minister of the gospel.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Son(?) Judicial Division, Book 6 Page 36.

Filed and duly recorded, this 12 day of Nov. 1907."

"Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939Z-549R-C5?cc=1709399&wc=Q678-7SV%3A130306801> : 21 May 2014), 1313674 (004533024) > image 133 of 648; various county courthouses, Oklahoma.

NOTE: it is possible, then, if Luther was truly from the Oklahoma Indian Territory, that he could have married before moving East. This Luther is at the right age, as 18 in 1907, after his birthday in January 1890, would actually be right on the money age-wise.

c) Nellie Beatrice McManus is mother of: Nettie Lee Reaves (*1915), Clifford John Reeves (*1917), Virginia Earl Reaves (*1918) and Laverne Anne Reaves (*1920)