

Remember Them Forever

Name: Cecil Riley Burch

Birth: 3 March 1900
Marsden, Love County, Oklahoma

Death: 16 May 1974
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas
GPS of grave: 33.631533, -97.1261294

Family

Father: William Hiram Burch
Mother: Cornelia Jane Chaddick
Spouse: Gertrude "Gertie" Lee Branch, married 11 June 1929, Cooke County, Texas
Children: Carroll Imogene Burch, Glen Noel Burch, Doris Wanda Burch

Military: U. S. Army, World War I. Inducted 25 February 1918. Trained in Alabama for the ambulance corps. Served with the HQ 29th Division in France. Returned to U. S. 02 June 1919.

Civilian: In 1910 lived in Burney, Love County, Oklahoma, in 1920 and 1930 in Clay County, Texas, in 1942 and 1950 in Whitesboro, Grayson County, Texas.
Employment: Farmer, Cooke County deputy sheriff, Gainesville city detective, railroad detective, construction worker, and service station operator. He was a Mason, and member of the Gainesville Volunteer Fire Department and the American Legion. Known for his use of fingerprinting as a tool in investigating crime.

Sources: FamilySearch ID LCCF-2VB, Find a Grave, Federal Census Records, Texas Birth Index, Texas Birth Certificates, Texas Death Certificates, Texas Death Index, U. S. World War I Draft Cards, U. S. World War II Draft Cards, Texas County Marriage Records, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, The Gainesville Daily Register, The Daily Ardmoreite, The Celina (Texas) Record, The Bogota (Texas) News, The First Hundred Years in Cooke County by A. Morton Smith

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