

Chester Alba SUMMITT (1887–1970)

Chester Alba SUMMITT was my grandfather. I called him Papa. He was my dad's dad. Everyone called him Papa.

As with my dad, myself, and all the other people told of in these collections of family history essays, Chester was a victim of his time. I refer to us all as victims of our time because we had little to say about the culture and events that we grew up in that affect how we perceive and react to the world we must deal with. Where you are born and when you are born remove certain decisions from your purview. It's simply the way it is in your reality.

Chester was born on March 4, 1887, in the city of Dyersburg in Dyer County, Tennessee¹. His father, James, was 46 and his mother, Lucy, was 32. James Lee and Lucy had been married before and had children from their previous marriages. James Lee had six children with his first wife, Amy REAGAN, five sons and a daughter. Lucy had three children with her first husband, Charles YOUNG, two sons and a daughter.

In 1887, when Chester was born, Dyersburg, Tennessee, was a dynamic town with a rich background and a diverse population. Dyer County is in the northwestern part of the state. As the county seat, Dyersburg was a hub for agriculture and trade. The lands around the town were fertile and supported a thriving farming community, with cotton being the primary crop. Several cotton gins and warehouses were located there, facilitating the processing and export of cotton to markets across the country. Additionally, the railroad had arrived in Dyersburg in the 1870s and therefore played an important role in connecting the town to larger cities and enabling the transportation of goods.

The population of Dyersburg was diverse, with people from various ethnicities, including African Americans, European Americans, and immigrants from different countries. James Lee had brought his family from Eastern Tennessee to Dyer County by way of Indiana. The diversity of the town's population contributed to a vigorous cultural scene, with music, art, and literature flourishing. Religion played a fundamental role in the community, providing places of worship, social gatherings, and support networks.

Dyersburg made significant strides in the area of education. There were public schools which provided education to both boys and girls. The local newspaper, *The Dyersburg Gazette*, provided residents with regional and national news.

¹ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ssdi&h=60886847&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

Chester's younger brother, Joseph Homer, was born on January 26, 1889, in Bruceville, Dyer County, Tennessee², when Chester Alba was 1.

Another younger brother, George Weekly, was born on April 1, 1891³, in Tennessee when Chester Alba was 4. On that date, painter and sculptor, Paul Gauguin, left Marseille for Tahiti⁴

Chester's brother Virgil Anderson was born on October 4, 1893⁵, in Tennessee when he was 6 years old. Two days before, the 3rd worst hurricane in US history killed 1,800 people in Louisiana (it was one of the first hurricanes to be classified as a category 4 storm).⁶ Near the end of the month, on the 28th, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky conducted the first performance of his Symphony Number Six in B minor, "Pathetique", in St. Petersburg, Russia. Nine days later, Tchaikovsky died.

Twins, a sister, Elinor, and a brother, Elsworth, were born on September 23, 1896. Chester was 9. Elinor SUMMITT 1896-, 23 Sep 1896, Elsworth SUMMITT 1896-, 23 Sep 1896⁷.

Chester's half-brother William Henry died in 1898 when Chester was 11 years old. William Henry SUMMITT 1859–1898 1898. In January of that year, Ito HiroBumi began his third term as Prime Minister of Japan. In February, the USS Maine sank in Havana harbor, the cause unknown. Two hundred fifty-eight died in the sinking. That same month, in Lake City, South Carolina, a black postmaster was lynched, and his wife and his three daughters were shot. Later that month, the first modern submarine achieved a successful test run off Staten Island, submerging for one hour and forty minutes. In April, Spain declared war on the United States. In May, the U.S. fleet routed the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor in the Philippines. That same month, Louisiana adopted a new constitution with a "grandfather clause" designed to eliminate black voters. In June, China leased Hong Kong's new territories to the United Kingdom for 99 years, US Marines landed in Cuba, and Filipino revolutionary forces under General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from the colonial rule of Spain. That same month, the US House of Representatives passed a resolution to annex Hawaii, US Marines attacked Spanish forces off Guantánamo, Cuba, and the US captured Guam from Spain. In

² <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ssdi&h=60887001&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

³ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1900usfedcen&h=60255413&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

⁴ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1891/april/1>

⁵ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ssdi&h=60887154&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

⁶ <https://www.onthisday.com/events/date/1893/october>

⁷ Ancestry Family Trees. This information comes from 1 or more individual Ancestry Family Tree files. This source citation points you to a current version of those files. Note: The owners of these tree files may have removed or changed information since this source citation was created. Online publication - Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com. Original data: Family Tree files submitted by Ancestry members.

July, American troops, in route to the Philippines on the SS China, raised the American flag on Wake Island, The U.S. Navy defeated the Spanish fleet in Santiago harbor, Cuba, and the French liner "La Bourgogne" collided with the bark Cromartyshire and five hundred sixty people died. The shooting death of crime boss Soapy Smith released Skagway, Alaska from his iron grasp. Later that month, the Spaniards surrendered to US forces at Santiago de Cuba, the first US troops landed and occupied Puerto Rico and declared victory in Puerto Rico over the Spanish forces. In August, US forces under Admiral George Dewey captured Manila and seven hundred Greeks and fifteen Englishmen were slaughtered by the Turks in Heraklion, Greece. In September, Lord Kitchener retook Sudan for Britain during the Battle of Omdurman. In Austria, Empress Elizabeth was assassinated by anarchist Luigi Lucheni. Wassoulou Empire leader Samori Ture was captured by French troops in West Africa ending his 20-year rule. In October, the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico. In November, the SS Portland, known as "The Titanic of New England," left for Cape Cod and shipwrecked off Cape Ann. All one hundred ninety-two people on board died. In December, the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Spanish-American War, was signed by US President McKinley. The treaty granted the US control of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Guam. Later that month, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium.⁸

Chester Alba SUMMITT lived in Dyer, Tennessee, in 1900 with his mother and father. According to the census he was 13; his marital status was single, and his relation to the head of the house was son.

1900 Federal Census Civil District 3, Dyer, Tennessee

⁸ <https://www.onthisday.com/events/date/1898>

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

State Tennessee County Way Supervisor's District No. 9 Sheet No. 112
 Enumeration District No. 12
 Township or other division of county District 3 Name of Institution, X
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, _____ Ward of city, _____
 Enumerated by me on the 1 day of June, 1900, John L. Craig, Enumerator.

LOCATION		NAME		RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION					NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION		EDUCATION		CHECKED BY BUREAU
IN OTHER		of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1901, was in this family		Relationship of each person to head of the family	Age on June 1, 1901	Sex	Date of birth	Color	Time	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person	Place of birth of mother of this person	Years of citizenship in the United States	Occupation, trade, or profession	Years of school	Years of college	Years of business	
1	2	3	4															5
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Head	1816	M	83			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
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13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1876	F	24			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1877	M	23			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1878	F	22			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1879	M	21			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1880	F	20			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1881	M	19			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0
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13344	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Barce Vatin	Child	1900	F	0			Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee		Farmer	0	0	0	0

Living in Dyer, Tennessee, USA in the year 1900 at the age of thirteen offered a unique experience for Chester that shaped him by the historical context of the time. The county in 1900 was still primarily an agricultural community, with farming being the main occupation of many of its inhabitants as with Chester and his family. The combination of fertile soil and a favorable climate allowed for growing crops such as cotton, corn, and tobacco.

Religion still played a central role in this close-knit community. Dyersburg boasted various churches, including Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian, catering to the diverse Christian beliefs of its inhabitants. There were few non-Christian houses of worship.

Education was still highly valued in Dyersburg. The curriculum of the local schools focused on the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Cultural events, like fairs and picnics, provided a sense of togetherness and entertainment.

Chester Alba SUMMITT married Katie Okalona DARDEN in Cardwell, Missouri, on February 29, 1908, when he was twenty. Katie was seventeen. Katie Okalona DARDEN, 1890–1953, 29 Feb 1908, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States⁹. Also on that date, Pat Garrett, an American Western lawman, died at fifty-seven. Also, Dutch scientists first produced solid helium.

A little over two years later, while Chester was 23 and Katie was 19, their first child, a son, Andrew Lavern, was born on July 19, 1910, in Cardwell, Missouri. Andrew Lavern SUMMITT, 1910–1911, 19 Jul 1910, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, United States¹⁰.

Living in Cardwell, Missouri, USA in 1910 offered an experience shaped by the small town's location in what is known as the bootheel of Missouri. Cardwell is just about as far South and West as one can travel in the bootheel and remain in Missouri. The economy around Cardwell in 1910 was driven by agriculture. The area's fertile land allowed for prosperous farming, with crops like corn, wheat, and tobacco being major contributors.

Cardwell's population in 1910 was primarily white. African Americans, both free and formerly enslaved, were mainly segregated around the community of Haiti-Heights and along the Mississippi River to the east. Most of the people I knew and know from Cardwell and the surrounding area were descended from German, Irish, and Scottish immigrants.

During this time, Missouri witnessed some progressive reforms that aimed at improving living conditions and promoting social justice. The state implemented child labor laws (which didn't affect children on farms that much), established compulsory education, and

⁹ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=momarrriages&h=12014485&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

¹⁰ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

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1910 Census Age 23 Residence Chester Alba SUMMITT lived in Buffalo, Dunklin, Missouri, in 1910

Abt 1910 Age 23



1. James Lee Summitt 2. Lucy "Lou" Francis White Young Summitt 3. John Franklin Summitt 4. Unknown 5. Chester Alba Summitt 6. Nathan H. Summitt 7. Nancy Jane Summitt 8. Virgil Anderson Summitt 9. Cordelia "Delia" Elizabeth Summitt 10. Unknown

Chester's son Andrew Lavern passed away on May 8, 1911, in Cardwell, Missouri, when he was less than a year old. Andrew Lavern SUMMITT, 1910–1911, 8 May 1911, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, United States¹¹. In May of 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court dissolved the monopoly of Standard Oil (Sherman Antitrust Act). In Germany, the Zeppelin airship "Deutschland II" (LZ 8) was wrecked while leaving the balloon hangar at Dusseldorf. In Morocco, French troops entered Fez to quell anti-European agitation. South of the US border, a revolution overthrew long-time Mexican President Porfirio Díaz who fled Mexico and headed for Sudan. Back in Germany, legislation was passed that organized Alsace and Lorraine as an autonomous state with a legislature¹². I point this out as from our best

¹¹ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

¹² <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1911/may>

research it appears that the Sammet (Summit/Summitt) family may have originated in these areas.

Chester's son, Herbert Allison, was born February 12, 1912, in Cardwell, Missouri. Herbert Allison SUMMITT, 1912–1974, 12 Feb 1912, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States.¹³ Four days earlier, the British Emissary had journeyed to Berlin to suggest that Britain might support German colonial aspirations in Africa if Germany would agree to hold her current naval strength at its current strength.

Chester's son, Raymond Eugene, was born May 21, 1914, in Cardwell, Missouri. Raymond Eugene SUMMITT, 1914–1914, 21 May 1914, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri¹⁴. In May 1914, the British House of Lords rejected women's suffrage, the US Congress established Mother's Day, and US Colonel Edward House set sail for Europe to try and persuade the major powers to reduce their armies and navies. From Germany, Colonel House reported back that "Everybody's nerves are tense; it only needs a spark to set the whole thing off¹⁵."

Raymond Eugene passed away on November 7, 1914, in Cardwell, Missouri, when he was less than a year old. Raymond Eugene SUMMITT, 1914–1914, 7 Nov 1914, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri.¹⁶ That day the Japanese attacked the German concession on the Chinese peninsula of Shanghai¹⁷. World War I began with the Germans and the British fighting a naval battle at Coronel, Chile. In Germany, Paul von Hindenburg was named marshal of the Eastern Front. Russia declared war on the Ottoman Empire. Britain declared war on Turkey and annexed Cyprus, which they had occupied since 1878, and declared the entire North Sea a military area, meaning that neutral ships would cross it at their own risk. Britain landed troops (mostly from the Indian Army) at the head of the Persian Gulf in Mesopotamia and began moving westward to draw Turkish troops from other fronts. Off Cocos Island, near Sumatra, the Australian cruiser 'Sydney' sank the German cruiser 'Emden', which had been attacking ships in the Pacific. Turkish sultan Jamal Pasja declared a German holy war. The US declared the Panama Canal Zone neutral, and the US State Department started requiring photographs on passports. Toward the end of the month, the US Army withdrew from Mexico. In England, the Battleship HMS Bulwark exploded at Sheerness Harbor. Seven hundred eighty-eight died¹⁸.

¹³ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ssdi&h=60886950&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

¹⁴ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

¹⁵ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1914/may>

¹⁶ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

¹⁷ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1914/november/7>

¹⁸ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1914/november>



Left to right – Reana (Burcham) Summitt, Connie, Amma and Ola with baby, Jim Burcham, Chester, Katty holding Raymond, Herbert, John, Aunt Molley (Mary), George, Nathean, – Children in front row, Doyle Beasley, Knox Summitt, Paul Summitt, Fletcher (Homer's boy), Edker Faulkner, Evie Young and Children. Grandpa and Grandma James L. Summitt holding Vergil's baby. Behind Grandpa is Aunt Dellie holding baby Dois Young, Mrs. Evies husband, Euell Summitt. Clarence in front row and Edd Faulkner.

Family Portrait, 1914 Age 27

Chester's daughter, Hettie Augusta, was born September 9, 1915, in Cardwell, Missouri. Hettie Augusta SUMMITT, 1915–1916, 9 Sep 1915, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri¹⁹. On this day the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was formed in Chicago by Carter G. Woodson and others. The organization is now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Other events of the month included the German ambassador to the US pledged again that German submarines would no longer sink liners without warning and would provide for the safety of passengers and crew following the sinking of the British liner "Arabic." An anti-war conference took place in Zimmerwald, Switzerland. Distressed by increasing Russian losses, Tsar Nicholas II assumed personal command of his nation's military forces. The US took control of the customs and finances of Haiti for ten years. The Battle of Loos started late in the month and lasted until the 14th

¹⁹ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

of October. Chlorine gas was deployed by the British but was blown back into their trenches resulting in 59,000 British and 26,000 German casualties. The Second Battle of Champagne began with a French offensive against the Germans but ended with the French retreating in November. At the Battle of Kut-el-Amara, the British defeated the Turks in Mesopotamia²⁰.

Hettie Augusta passed away on May 17, 1916, in Cardwell, Missouri, when she was less than a year old. Hettie Augusta SUMMITT, 1915–1916, 17 May 1916, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri²¹. That month, in England, Irish Nationalists Patrick Pearse, Thomas MacDonagh, and Thomas Clarke were executed by firing squad following their involvement in the Easter Rising. At the request of the US, Germany agrees to curtail its submarine warfare. Claiming that the USA must act to quell dangerous disorder, US Marines invaded the Dominican Republic and ended up staying until 1924. Belgian troops marched into Kigali, German East Africa. A German munitions bunker in Fort Douaumont exploded killing 679 German soldiers. Asiago, Italy, fell when Austrian troops attacked the Italian front. The Battle of Verdun started with French troops assaulting Fort Douaumont but failed to recapture it after hours of dogged fighting. President Woodrow Wilson addressed the League to Enforce Peace, founded in 1915, and gave public support to the idea of a League of Nations. Unfortunately, the US Congress did not support the idea. The largest naval battle of World War I took place between the British Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet. Eight thousand six hundred and forty-five were killed in the inconclusive battle but resulted in a strategic British victory as the German fleet never put out to sea again in WWI²².

Chester's half-brother, John Franklin, died on February 22, 1920, in Henderson, Tennessee, when Chester Alba was 32 years old. John Franklin SUMMITT, 1870–1920, 22 Feb 1920, Henderson, Tennessee, United States²³. That month, Estonia declared its Independence from Russia. On the same day, France occupied the German Memel territory. Russian Imperial Navy Admiral Kolchak, the leader of the anti-communist "White Movement," was executed by a Bolshevik firing squad in Irkutsk, Russia. Bolshevik troops captured Odessa, which brought an end to foreign involvement in the resistance against Bolshevik rule. Swiss men voted against women's suffrage. The League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland, allowing Switzerland to rejoin the League. The League of Women Voters was formed in Chicago. Adolf Hitler made his first official speech as head of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazi) at the Hofbräuhaus in Munich, Germany.

²⁰ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1915/september>

²¹ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

²² <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1916/may>

²³ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=tndeathrecords&h=597220&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

The German silent horror film classic "The Cabinet of Dr Caligari" starring Werner Krauss was released. Czechoslovakia adopted a constitution in an attempt to maintain its independence from both Germany and the USSR²⁴.

The next month, Chester's daughter, Glendola Dell, was born March 31, 1920, in Cardwell, Missouri. Glendola Dell SUMMITT, 1920–2014, 31Mar1920, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri²⁵. Previously in March, Syria had proclaimed Emir Feisal king after the country successfully fought off French domination. After the German government was forced to cut its army to 10,000 men because of the Treaty of Versailles, German military groups plotted an unsuccessful coup that ended with a general strike. The US Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles for the second time, refusing to ratify the League of Nations covenant and maintaining a policy of isolation. Hermann Muller became the German chancellor. White Russian troops, commanded by Anton Denkin, were defeated by the Bolsheviks and the Soviets at Novorossiysk on the Black Sea. The British aided Denkin in his escape²⁶.

Chester's half-brother Nathan Hargus died on October 24, 1920, in Cardwell, Missouri, when Chester Alba was 33 years old. Nathan Hargus SUMMITT, 1868–1920, 24 Oct 1920, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States²⁷. The events of October 1920 included an eight-hour working day being mandated by Dutch Law. The Chinese signed an agreement with the Russo-Asiatic Bank, largely controlled by France and Russia, which would oversee the Chinese Eastern Railway, but give local supervision to China. African demonstrators were shot in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The League of Nations moved its headquarters in Geneva²⁸.

1920 Age 33, Residence, Chester Alba SUMMITT lived in Cardwell, Missouri, in 1920.

²⁴ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1920/february>

²⁵ U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1

²⁶ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1920/march>

²⁷ <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/Archives/ArchivesMvc/DeathCertificates#searchDB>

²⁸ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1920/october>

STATE Missouri COUNTY Butler TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Butler Township NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Cardwell, Mo. SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 12 SHEET NO. 20 B1

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

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 16th DAY OF February 1920. Willard E. Gandy ENUMERATOR 2529

PAGE OF AGES	NAME	RELATIVE	SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	ACTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT		OCCUPATION
							Place of Birth	Place of Birth	
1	Henry J. Hodge	Head	M	34	10/24/77	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	Harriet Hodge	Wife	F	32	11/13/78	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	10	10/24/18	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	8	10/24/19	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	6	10/24/20	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	4	10/24/21	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	2	10/24/22	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	1	10/24/23	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/24	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/25	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/26	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/27	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/28	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/29	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/30	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/31	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/32	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/33	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
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1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/42	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/43	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/44	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/45	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/46	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/47	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
1	John H. Hodge	Son	M	0	10/24/48	Missouri	Farmer	Farmer	Farmer
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1920 Census

In 1920, Cardwell, Missouri, USA was a small town with a population of around 500 people. Life in Cardwell then was influenced by various factors, including the aftermath of World War I, the Prohibition era, and the evolving role of women in society.

After World War I, Cardwell, like many other towns in the United States, experienced a period of adjustment. The war had brought significant changes to the economy of Cardwell and it had to adapt to the post-war realities. Many returning soldiers around the country faced challenges in finding employment. Most in Cardwell returned to farming, however.

The Prohibition era, beginning in 1920, had a notable impact on Cardwell. With the ban on the production, sale, and distribution of alcoholic beverages, it saw an increase in the production of illegal moonshine. Moonshiners operated discreetly, often in rural areas surrounding Cardwell, such as in the woods along the St. Francis River, to avoid detection by law enforcement. This illicit activity created a unique dynamic within the community. I can remember my mother's father telling stories of going out to the river where roadhouses

had been built. According to him, liquor and prostitution was rampant along the river's edge.

Chester's mother, Lucy Frances, passed away on June 29, 1922, in Dyersburg, Tennessee, at the age of 67. Lucy Frances WHITE, 1855–1922, 29 Jun 1922, Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee, United States²⁹. Earlier in the month, over 50,000 Fascists gathered for a meeting in Bologna where Mussolini warned that he would lead a full-scale revolt against any government favoring an 'anti-Fascist reaction.' The Banker's Committee of the Reparations Commission refused to issue an international loan to Germany. US President Warren G. Harding became the first US President to use radio, dedicating the Francis Scott Key memorial in Baltimore. Known as the Herrin massacre, nineteen strikebreakers and two union miners were killed in Herrin, Illinois. Adolf Hitler began a month-long prison sentence for paramilitary operations after railing against the 'Jewish sell-out' of Germany to the Bolsheviks. Also in Germany, the emergency decrees under Article 48 of the Weimar Constitution were invoked by the government to deal with deteriorating economic conditions³⁰.

Chester's sister Cordelia Elisabeth (Delia) died on June 26, 1924, in Dyer, Tennessee, when Chester Alba was 37 years old. Cordelia Elisabeth (Delia) SUMMITT, 1885–1924, 26Jun1924, Dyer, Tennessee, United States³¹. As can be seen on the death certificate below, Cordelia was struck by ball lightning while hanging out the laundry on a clear day.

²⁹ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=tnddeathrecords&h=322318&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

³⁰ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1922/june>

³¹ Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955

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1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Jefferson
City Paducah
Village Paducah
City Paducah

2 FULL NAME Cordelia Elizabeth Bentley

3 SEX Female 4 COLOR OR RACE White

5 DATE OF BIRTH July 1, 1924

6 AGE 38 yrs. 9 mos. 24 days

7 OCCUPATION housekeeping

8 PLACE OF BIRTH Paducah, Ky.

9 DATE OF DEATH June 26, 1964

10 CAUSE OF DEATH Stroke

11 SIGNATURE OF DECEASED Cordelia Bentley

12 SIGNATURE OF WITNESS W. B. Brown

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That same date, after 8 years of occupation, US troops left the Dominican Republic. Also, in June, President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act (also known as Snyder Act), declaring all Native Americans to be American citizens. The first political convention, the Republicans at Cleveland, was broadcast on radio. J. Edgar Hoover assumed the leadership of the FBI. A tornado struck Sandusky and Lorain, Ohio, killing ninety-three. J. B. M. Hertzog became Primes Minister, head of a coalition government between the National and Labor Parties in South Africa³².

Chester's daughter "Lady" Ruth was born on July 1, 1924, in Cardwell, Missouri. "Lady" Ruth SUMMITT, 1924–2018, 1 Jul 1924, Cardwell (Dunklin) Missouri USA³³. I list her as "Lady" Ruth because my dad always called her that. Her children informed me that her name was simply Ruth. It's interesting to me that one person's fact can be another person's fiction.

Other events of the month include Denmark taking Greenland as Norway ended its claim. In India, Muslims and Hindus rebelled in Delhi. A conference over German recovery payments began in London. Tehran, Persia comes under martial law after the American vice consul, Robert Imbrie, was killed by a religious mob enraged by rumors he had poisoned a fountain and killed several people³⁴.

³² <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1924/june>

³³ Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers, 1847-2002

³⁴ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1924/july>

Chester's father, James Lee, had come from Tennessee to Cardwell to live with Chester's family sometime around 1925. The story goes that Chester Alba was plowing a field behind a mule when he saw what appeared to be a hobo walking across the field toward him. As the apparent hobo got closer, Chester Alba recognized him as his father, James Lee. James Lee had walked from Dyersburg, Tennessee, to Cardwell, Missouri, crossing the Mississippi by walking across a railroad trestle.

James Lee passed away on January 13, 1927, in Cardwell, Missouri, at the age of 86. James Lee SUMMITT, 1840–1927, 13 Jan 1927, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States³⁵.

James Lee died about four years before my dad was born. Dad never met him. That month US Marines returned to Nicaragua. A fire in the Laurier Palace cinema in Montreal killed seventy-eight children. In Berlin, Fritz Lang's silent film "Metropolis" premiered. The Tennessee Supreme Court overturned (on a technicality) John T. Scopes' guilty verdict for teaching evolution in the "Scopes monkey trial", but the law itself remained in force for the time being. The British government sent troops to China. The Serbian-Croatian-Slavic government of Oozonowitsj failed³⁶.

Chester's son, William Sherrill, was born October 23, 1927, in Cardwell, Missouri. William Sherrill SUMMITT, 1927–1989, 23 Oct 1927, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States³⁷. Events of the month included Gutzon Borglum beginning sculpting on Mt. Rushmore (works on till 1941), "The Jazz Singer", directed by Alan Crosland, starring Al Jolson and May McAvoy, was released. This was the first film with a soundtrack (it received an Honorary Academy Award in 1928) and sounded the death knell for silent movies. Also released that month was "The Second Hundred Years," a silent short film starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. This was the first Laurel and Hardy film with them appearing as a team³⁸.

Chester's half-brother Robert Francis died on March 31, 1928, in Monroe, Arkansas, when Chester Alba was 41 years old. Robert Francis SUMMITT, 1874–1928, 31 Mar 1928, Monroe, Monroe, Arkansas, United States³⁹. Events of March 1928 included the St. Francis Dam in California failing and killing over 600 people. Benito Mussolini modified Italy's electoral system abolishing the right to choose. "Amos & Andy" debuted on the radio (NBC Blue Network-WMAQ Chicago)⁴⁰.

³⁵ Tennessee, U.S., Death Records, 1908-1965

³⁶ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1927/january>

³⁷ Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers, 1847-2002

³⁸ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1927/october>

³⁹ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ardeathindex&h=310807&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

⁴⁰ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1928/march>

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It is my understanding from conversations with family members that Papa was a banker during the depression. He was under the impression that the railroad was making Cardwell a railroad hub. There used to be a railroad terminal along the tracks that went through Cardwell. It's my understanding that Papa foreclosed on people and bought up the land but then the railroad decided to put the hub in Kennett.

Chester's youngest son, Chester Moody, my dad, was born on September 9, 1931, in Cardwell, Missouri. Chester Moody SUMMITT, 1931–2009, 09 Sep 1931, Cardwell, Dunklin,

Missouri⁴¹. The next day that year Salvatore Maranzano was murdered by one of Charles Luciano's hitmen at the Helmsley Building in New York City. A few days later, a right-wing radical coup attempt of Dr. Pfrimer failed in Austria. To create a pretext for their invasion of Manchuria, China, a railway explosion, the so-called Mudken Incident, was faked by the Japanese which led to Japanese troops conquering Mukden, South Manchuria⁴².

Chester's youngest child, a daughter named Alice Lucretia, was born on August 23, 1934, in Cardwell, Missouri. Alice Lucretia SUMMITT, 1934–1935, 23 Aug 1934, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, USA⁴³. Earlier in the month, Adolf Hitler became the commander-in-chief of the German armed forces. He then merged the offices of the German Chancellor and German President, declaring himself "Führer" (leader). US troops left Haiti, and the US ended its occupation of Haiti after 19 years which started after the 1915 assassination of Haiti's president. The US Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses."⁴⁴

Alice Lucretia passed away on February 9, 1935, in Cardwell, Missouri, when she was less than a year old. Alice Lucretia SUMMITT, 1934–1935. 9 Feb 1935, Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, USA⁴⁵. Other events in February 1935 included Leonarde Keeler first using his polygraph machine on criminals who were later convicted of assault based on its findings in Portage, Wisconsin. The "Monopoly" board game went on sale for the first time. Mid-month the first secret demonstration of radio signals detecting aircraft (RADAR) by Robert Watson-Watt and Arnold Wilkins at Daventry, England took place. Bruno Hauptmann was found guilty of the kidnap and murder of the Lindbergh infant. He proclaimed his innocence to the end. Airplanes were no longer permitted to fly over the White House. The existence of a re-formed German Luftwaffe, banned in 1920 by the Treaty of Versailles, was revealed with Reichsmarshal Hermann Göring as commander-in-chief⁴⁶.

Chester's half-brother, William Allen, died in 1939 in Dyer, Tennessee when Chester Alba was 52 years old. William Allen YOUNG, 1873–1939. 1939 • Dyer, Tennessee, United States⁴⁷. Events occurring in 1939 included Adolf Hitler threatening Jews during his speech to the German Reichstag (Parliament). Mahatma Gandhi began a fast in Mumbai (Bombay) to protest autocratic rule in India. Madrid fell to the Nationalists headed by Francisco

⁴¹ Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers, 1847-2002

⁴² <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1931/september>

⁴³ Web: Missouri, Find A Grave Index, 1812-2012

⁴⁴ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1934/august>

⁴⁵ Missouri, U.S., Death Certificates, 1910-1969

⁴⁶ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1935/february>

⁴⁷ Tennessee, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955

Franco ending the Spanish Civil War. Germany's Adolf Hitler and Italy's Benito Mussolini signed the "Pact of Steel" formalizing the 1936 alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis. World War II began when Germany invaded Poland by attacking the Free City of Danzig. Britain declared war on Germany after the invasion of Poland. France followed six hours later quickly joined by Australia, New Zealand, South Africa & Canada. The German-Soviet Boundary and Friendship Treaty, signed by Joachim von Ribbentrop and Vyacheslav Molotov, redrew German and Soviet spheres of influence in central Europe and transferred most of Lithuania to the USSR⁴⁸.

In 1940, Cardwell was a small town with approximately 800 people. Nestled in the bootheel part of the state, Cardwell was primarily an agricultural community, with farming being the main occupation for many residents. The fertile soil and favorable climate allowed for the cultivation of crops such as cotton, corn, and soybeans. Farming still played a crucial role in the local economy, shaping the daily lives and routines of the townspeople. I can remember my mom talking about picking cotton by hand. In the early 1970s, I pitched watermelons by hand. Neighbors knew each other well and often came together for social gatherings, church events, and community celebrations. Cardwell had limited modern amenities compared to other, larger communities. Electricity was available to some, but indoor plumbing was not yet widespread. Most households relied on wells for water and outhouses for sanitation.

Chester Alba SUMMITT lived in Cardwell, Missouri, in 1940.

⁴⁸ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1939>

1940 • Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States

IN 1942, military enlistment in Cardwell, Missouri, USA was influenced by the ongoing events of World War II. Young men from Cardwell and its surrounding areas felt a strong sense of duty and patriotism, leading many to join the armed forces. My dad was too young and my grandfather too old. I remember my dad talking about collecting scrap iron for the war effort.

To enlist, individuals in Cardwell had to meet certain criteria, including age, physical fitness, and citizenship. They would typically visit the local recruitment office, which was probably in Kennett, where they would undergo medical examinations and fill out paperwork. Once accepted, they would be sent to training camps across the country for basic military training.

The enlistment of young men in Cardwell had a profound impact. Families bid farewell to their loved ones, uncertain of when or if they would return. The absence of these individuals affected the local economy, as businesses and farms adjusted to the loss of

workers. If you walk around the Cardwell Cemetery, you will find several tombstones of young men who died during World War II.

1942 Age 55 Military Chester Alba SUMMITT registered for the World War II draft in 1942 in Cardwell, Missouri, when he was 55 years old.

Form 1		REGISTRATION CARD		756 19	
1	Name in full	Chester A. Summitt		Age in yrs. 30	
2	Home address	Cardwell Mo			
3	Date of birth	Mch. 4 - 1887			
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural Born			
5	Where were you born?	Dyer Co. Tenn.			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	Why is your present (1) no occupation, or other?	Farming			
8	By whom employed?	Self			
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, who depend on you for support (specify which)?	Wife & one child			
10	Married or single (specify which)?	Married			
11	What military service have you had? How long? (specify which)?	None			
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify exemption)?	No			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
		Chester A. Summitt			

REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Tell, truth or false, whether (1) Tall, medium or short (specify which)? (2) Slender, medium or stout (specify which)?
2	Color of eyes? Blue Color of hair? Black
3	Has person lost vision, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?
No	
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
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1942 • Cardwell (Dunklin) Missouri USA Military

1950 Age 63 Residence Chester Alba SUMMITT lived in Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, USA, in 1950.

Chester's half-sister, Beulah Alberta, died on October 27, 1951, in Fowlkes, Tennessee, when Chester Alba was 64 years old. Beulah Alberta YOUNG, 1879–1951, 27 Oct 1951,

Fowlkes, Dyer, Tennessee, USA⁴⁹. Earlier that month Joseph Stalin proclaimed that the Soviet Union had the atomic bomb and later in the month the USSR performed its first nuclear test. The first Prime Minister of Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan, was assassinated by Said Akbar in Rawalpindi. Egyptian army units fired on British troops. US President Harry Truman formally ended the state of war with Germany. The US performed a nuclear test at a Nevada Test Site. Peace talks aimed at ending the Korean War resumed in Panmunjom⁵⁰.



Chester Alba Summitt and Chester Moody Summitt

⁴⁹ Tennessee State Library and Archives; Nashville, Tennessee; Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1959; Roll #:12

⁵⁰ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1951/october>

Chester's wife, Katie Okalona, passed away on October 21, 1953, in Memphis, Tennessee, at the age of 63. They had been married for 45 years. Katie Okalona DARDEN, 1890-1953, 21 Oct 1953, Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee, United States⁵¹.

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1953 STATE OF TENNESSEE COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS DEATH NO. 53-23951

1. NAME Katie Okalona Summitt 2. DATE OF DEATH Oct. 21 1953

3. COLOR OR RACE W 4. SEX F 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) married 6. DATE OF BIRTH Sept 11 1890 7. AGE (IN YEARS) 63 8. IF UNDER 1 YR. MONTHS 1 DAYS 10 9. IF UNDER 24 HRS. HOURS 1 MINS. 10

6. PLACE OF DEATH A. COUNTY Shelby B. CIVIL DISTRICT 04 RR C. STATE Mo. D. CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) Cardwell

7. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (Where Deceased Lived, If Institution, Residence Before Admission) A. STATE Mo. B. COUNTY Dunklin C. CIVIL DISTRICT 1

8. NAME OF HOSPITAL (If not in Hospital or Institution, Give Street Address and Location) Baptist Memorial Hospital 9. STREET (IF RURAL, GIVE LOCATION) ADDRESS Route 1

10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give Kind of Work Done During Most of Working Life, Even if Retired) Housewife 11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 1-1-1

12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? SPECIFY, YES, NO, UNKNOWN IF YES, GIVE WAR AND DATES OF SERVICE U. S. A. 13. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Tennessee 14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U. S. A.

15. FATHER'S NAME James P. Darden 16. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME May Jane Tucker 17. INFORMANT C. A. Summitt ADDRESS Cardwell Mo.

18. CAUSE OF DEATH 1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (A) Carcinomatosis 19.1 2 mo. ANTECEDENT CAUSES MORBID CONDITIONS, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (A) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST. DUETO (Primary site undetermined) 2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE DISEASE OR CONDITION CAUSING DEATH

19A. DATE OF OPERATION Oct. 8, 1953 19B. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION Abdominal Carcinomatosis 20A. AUTOPSY YES ☒ NO ☐ 20B. FINDINGS AT AUTOPSY 3

21A. ACCIDENT (SPECIFY) SUICIDE 21B. PLACE OF INJURY (In or About Home, Farm, Factory, Street, Office, Boat, etc.) Cardwell 21C. PLACE OF INJURY CITY, TOWN OR RURAL Cardwell STATE Mo.

21D. TIME OF INJURY MONTH Oct DAY 10 YEAR 1953 21E. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE ☐ NOT WHILE ☐ AT WORK ☐ 21F. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? EDV 10 1953

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DECEASED DIED ON THE DATE AND FROM THE CAUSE STATED ABOVE SIGNATURE Glenn P. Schaeffer M.D. ☒ OTHER (SPECIFY) 899 Madison - Memphis ADDRESS 10/21/53 STATE HEALTH EP. 10/21/53

23A. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) 10-21-53 23B. DATE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL 10-21-53 23C. NAME OF Cemetery or Crematory Paragould, Ark. 23D. LOCATION CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY STATE Ark.

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Heath Funeral Home (Ark.) ADDRESS Paragould, Ark. 25. REGISTRATION LOCAL REG. 791 26. DATE SIGNED BY OCT 22 1953 27. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Wm. Brown

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Katie Okalona Summitt's Death Certificate

⁵¹ Tennessee State Library and Archives; Nashville, Tennessee; Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1959

Abt 1953 Age 66



Herbert, Papa, & Dad

(left to right) Herbert Allison Summitt, Chester Alba Summitt, and Chester Moody Summitt

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(left to right) Herbert Allison Summitt, Chester Alba Summitt, and Chester Moody Summitt

Apr 1954 Age 67



Paul Moody Summitt, Chester Alba Summitt, and Chester Moody Summitt

abt April 1954 Age 67



Papa and Dessie Blackburn

Chester Alba Summitt and Dessie Blackburn

Chester Alba SUMMITT married Lily Mae WILLIS in Cardwell, Missouri, on April 5, 1955, when he was 68. Lily Mae WILLIS, 1898–, 5 Apr 1955, Cardwell, Dunklin, Missouri, United States⁵². Other events during April of 1955 include Anthony Eden succeeding Winston Churchill as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Ruth Ellis shot her jilted lover, David Blakely. She was the last woman to be executed in the UK. The polio vaccine tested by

⁵² <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=momarrriages&h=512014485&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

Jonas Salk was announced to be 'safe and effective' and was given full approval by the US Food and Drug Administration⁵³.

1955 Age 68



Chester Alba Summitt & Paul Moody Summitt 1955

Chester's brother George Weekly died on July 3, 1956, in Memphis, Tennessee, when Chester Alba was 69 years old. George Weekly SUMMITT, 1891–1956, 3 Jul 1956, Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee⁵⁴. Other events that month included Jordan attacking a UN Palestine force. Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser announced plans to nationalize the Suez Canal, initiating the "Suez Crisis."⁵⁵

Chester Alba SUMMITT married Carrie R. BUCK around 1965. Carrie R. BUCK, 1905–1994, around 1965.

⁵³ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1955/april>

⁵⁴ Tennessee State Library and Archives; Nashville, Tennessee; Tennessee Death Records, 1908-1959

⁵⁵ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1956/july>

1967 Age 80



Chester & Miss Carrie

Chester's brother Joseph Homer died on June 20, 1969, in Jackson, Tennessee, when Chester Alba was 82 years old. Joseph Homer SUMMITT, 1889–1969, 20 Jun 1969, Jackson, Madison, Tennessee, United States⁵⁶. Events in June included tobacco advertising being banned on Canadian radio & TV. The Australian aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne sliced the US destroyer the USS Frank E Evans in half off South Vietnam. Seventy-four were killed. The last episode of Star Trek, "Turnabout Intruder," aired on NBC. General Franco closed

⁵⁶ <http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=ssdi&h=60887001&ti=0&indiv=try&gss=pt>

Spain's frontier with Gibraltar. US President Nixon said 25,000 US troops would leave Vietnam by the end of August⁵⁷.

Chester Alba SUMMITT died on March 10, 1970, in Memphis, Tennessee, when he was 83 years old. Age at Death: 83 10 Mar 1970 • Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

11 Mar 1970 Age 83

Services Set Thursday for C. A. Summitt

Funeral services for Chester A. Summitt, well-known Cardwell banker and landowner, will be conducted Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Antioch Church of Christ in Cardwell with C. W. Brinson and Russell McNulty officiating. Burial will be in Cardwell Cemetery with the Heath Funeral Home of Potosi, Ark., in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Summitt was born March 4, 1887 in Dyer County, Tennessee. He died Tuesday at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., at the age of 83.

He was president of the Cardwell State Bank, the last charter member of the Antioch Church of Christ, and a retired farmer and cotton ginster.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Carrie Summitt of Cardwell; three sons, Herbert Summitt of Cardwell, Sherell Summitt of Horse Springs, and Moody Summitt of Louisville, Ky.; two daughters, Mrs. Glenda Harrison of Cardwell and Mrs. Ruth Gier of Potosi.

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Ark.; two step-sons, Elton Back of Leasville, Ark., and Lloyd Back of Flint, Mich.; five step-daughters, Mrs. Leavada Pooler of Westfield, N. J., Mrs. Janella DeLong of Lake Forest, Ill., Mrs. Sue Crough of Rockville, Md., Mrs. Betty Rogers of Norfolk, Ark., and Mrs. Lucille Harris of Albany, Ga.; a brother, Virgil Summitt of Dyersburg, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren, 18 step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

March 11, 1970
died March 10, 1970

Obituary of Chester Alba Summitt

March 11, 1970, Burial Cardwell, Dunklin County, Missouri, USA

⁵⁷ <https://www.onthisday.com/date/1969/june>

I was a sophomore in high school when Papa died. The only time I remember Dad ever crying was at Papa's viewing in 1970. Dad spent his life trying to earn Papa's approval. I don't know if he ever did. I think most of us spend a good deal of time trying to earn the approval of our fathers. I don't think Papa approved of Mom.

Papa was a man of his time. He was a member of the Antioch Church of Christ. He was a Southern Democrat. I think he probably was a good man for his time. I wish I had known him better.