

**FRANK DENNEY WINCHESTER STORY**

b. 1914

d. 9 March 1945

h/o Edith Amonette Winchester Carney

**REMEMBER A SOLDIER WHO DIED IN '45 FOR US**

Tennessean Newspaper, TN - 27 November 1998

To the Editor:

I read the article in the November 11 Tennessean, headlined "Meet pair of old warhorses who embody veteran spirit." It told about Gen. Hugh B. Mott and PFC John Mullane during World War II.

Mott was a hero of the Bridge at Remagen. Mullane was a soldier in the South Pacific.

The article made me feel good to know that someone remembers and cares about what happened during that time.

I have read every article, story and book I could find about the Bridge at Remagen. No doubt, Mott - then a lieutenant in the Army - was a hero.

Not all of the heroes at Remagan merely risked their lives - many gave their lives, including **1st Lt. Frank D. Winchester, my first cousin.**

Never a March 9 passes that I don't think about him. He was killed at the Remagen Bridge.

Frank was a happy civilian when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He had made it through the Great Depression, finished high school, worked his way through college and gotten his master's degree.

He was very athletic, playing football and boxing in high school and college. He was happily married to his longtime girl friend, **Edith Amonette** and was employed by the Department of Agriculture in Pike County, KY. He had just purchased a new Ford.

In today's language, we would say that Frank had it made. But World War II was to change his life and also end it. He never got to enjoy the freedoms that Gen. Mott and PFC Mullane enjoy, nor the freedom that I have enjoyed for the past 53 years since that fateful day.

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**Note:** Edith (Amonette) Winchester md 2nd Jim Carney. Edith is kin to Maurine (Ensor) Patton, Historian of Putnam Co., TN.

Private James L. Fletcher  
March 1943 - 19 yrs. old  
Radio Operator School  
Port Arthur College  
Port Arthur, TX

Photo taken at  
Smith County Heritage  
Museum  
Smith Co., TN

October 2007



James L. Fletcher  
T/Sgt.  
30 yrs. old  
126 Bomber Wing  
Communication Squadron  
Bordeaux AB, France

Photo taken at  
Smith County Heritage  
Museum  
Smith Co., TN  
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**Source:** US WWII ARMY ENLISTMENT RECORDS, 1938-1946:

Name: **FRANK D. WINCHESTER**

Birth Year: 1914

Race: White, citizen

Nativity State or Country: Tennessee

State: Tennessee

County or City: Putnam

Enlistment Date: 9 January 1943

Enlistment State: Texas

Enlistment City: Hondo Army Air Field

Branch: Air Corps

Branch Code: Air Corps

Grade: Private

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Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law.

Component: Reserves - exclusive of Regular Army Reserve and Officers of the Officers Reserve Corps on active duty under the Thomason Act (Officers and Enlisted Men - O.R.C. and E.R.C. and Nurses - Reserve Status)

Source: Enlisted Reserve or Medical Administrative Corps (MAC) Officer

Education: 4 years of college

Civil: Cable Splicer, Telephone and Telegraph or Geologist or Meteorologist or Personnel Consultant (Military psychologist) or Personnel Technician (Military personnel technician) or Geographer or Mathematician or Vocational Adviser or Physicist or Biologist.

Marital Status: Married

Height: 01

Weight: 111

**Source:** US ROSTERS OF WWII DEAD, 1939-1945

Name: **Frank D. Winchester**

Gender: White

Religion: Protestant

Cemetery: Henri-Chapelle Permanent Cemetery, Belgium

Grave Number: E 918

Disposition: According to next of kin

Service Branch: Army

Rank: First Lieutenant

Service: 1061032

Frank Denney Winchester, s/o Rufas Toi Winchester & Margaret Dona Fletcher, d/o Lewis Henry Fletcher & Martha H. Denney, d/o William Ira Denney & Teresa Scudders Bates.

1870 census 21st Dist., Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 69 Family: 69

**Nancy Fletcher** Head F W 72 House Keeping VA

Lucy Fletcher F W 25 House Keeping TN

Victory Fletcher F W 16 TN

**Louis Fletcher** M W 14 TN

James Fletcher M W 11 TN

Arabell Fletcher F W 2 TN

Vernon Fletcher M W 10/12 b. Aug. TN

REMARKS: Unsure of age, may say 11/12, birth month is Aug.

Lucy Fletcher F W 70 TN

Census Place: 1880 District 8, Smith Co., Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255280 National Archives Film T9-1280 Page 99C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Lewis FLETCHER</b>	Self	M	M	W	24	TN
Occ:	Farm Laborer	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
<b>Martha FLETCHER</b>	Wife	F	M	W	23	TN
Occ:	Keeping House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			

1900 census 8th Dist., Smith Co., TN

**L. H. Fletcher** b. May 1855 (md 21 yrs.) Farmer TN TN TN

**Martha H. (Denny) Fletcher** Wife b. October 1855 TN TN TN

Lassie Fletcher Dau b. October 1882 TN TN TN

Minnie Fletcher Dau b. July 1883 TN TN TN

Cora L. Fletcher Dau b. March 1887 TN TN TN

James Fletcher Son b. March 1889 TN TN TN

John L. Fletcher Son b. April 1892 TN TN TN

1900 census 8th Dist., Rock Spring Rd., Smith Co., TN

Dwl: 154 Family: 154

**Martha H. (Denny) Fletcher** Head F W 74 Widow (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) Farmer Poultry Truck TN TN TN

Jim R. Fletcher 41 Son M W Single Farmer TN TN TN

Cora Boyd Dau 43 F W Widow (22 yrs. old 1<sup>st</sup> marriage) TN TN TN

*(Cora Lee Fletcher, b. 13 March 1887 – d. 13 March 1963, Putnam Co., TN. She md Muncy Luther Boyd on the 5 December 1909, Putnam Co., TN. Muncy L. Boyd, b. 25 July 1885, Putnam Co., TN – d. October 1914, Putnam Co., TN. He was the s/o Alexander Lafayette Boyd & Nancy Elizabeth Nichols. Muncy & Cora Boyd are both buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN).*

Virgil Lankford Hired Hand 40 M W Widow Laborer on farm TN TN TN

FLECTHER CEMETERY: The Fletcher Cemetery is located behind the home of Mrs. Guy Boyd at #850 Boyd Cedar Lane. This old Fletcher homeplace is on a narrow strip of land of Smith County which protrudes into Putnam County. 36-10-25N 85-48-04W.

FLECTHER, J.C.

25 May 1829 - 5 Oct 1896

FLECTHER, Amy W.

15 Oct 1834 - 29 Oct 1859

FLECTHER, Arabell

22 Dec 1867 - 6 Oct 1879

FLECTHER, Lewis Henry

14 May 1855 - 3 Feb 1929

FLECTHER, Martha Denny

9 Oct 1855 - 14 Oct 1939

\*See Chapter 5 at:

<http://www.ajlambert.com>



Frank Denney Winchester, b. 1914 – d. 9 March 1945, Remagen Bridge, Rhine River Valley, Germany during WWII. He married Edith Amonette Winchester. She later married Jim Carney. Frank is buried in plot E, row 9, grave 18, in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. He has a marker in the Rock Springs Cemetery next to his wife Edith Amonette Winchester Carney.

