

Timeline for James Knox Polk Whalen

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Year	Individual event
1845	James Knox Polk Whalen is born on the 9 th of June to Gardner Jacks Whalen and Elizabeth Day. He is listed in the Whalen family Bible as James Piney.
1850	1850 US Federal Census shows James at the age of 4 living with his family in Jefferson County, Tennessee
1860	1860 US Federal Census shows James at the age of 13 living with his family in Jefferson County, Tennessee; his occupation is listed labourer; his father's occupation is listed as Baptist clergyman
1863	around the 1 st of August enlists in First Regiment East Tennessee Calvary of the Confederate States Army (CSA) and is assigned to Company H; during the war he suffered no injuries.
1864	<p>James is taken prisoner in or around Mossy Creek, Jefferson County, Tennessee on the 1st of April (some records give the 27th of March as the date of capture) and sent to Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee for processing</p> <p>On the 22nd of June he is sent from Knoxville to Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee by Captain Riddles for "safekeeping"; his prisoner record indicates that he was a horse thief</p> <p>From Chattanooga he is sent to Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee and then on the 28th of June forwarded to the US Military Prison in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.</p> <p>James is received in Louisville on the 29th of June; discharged to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana on the 30th June; from the 1st of July he is incarcerated at Camp Morton.</p> <p>Although James' brothers who served in the same regiment as he did and who were captured about the same time, he was the only one to be sent to a POW camp; Gardner J. and Russell B. Whalen swore an oath of allegiance and were free to live north of the Ohio River until the end of the war.</p>
1865	James was released from Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana on oath on the 12 th of June; his place of residence is Jefferson County, Tennessee and he is described as having a dark complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes; he is 5 feet 9 inches tall.
1866	James leaves Tennessee and goes to Kentucky where he stays for about two years.
1868	James then travels from Kentucky to Indiana; how long and where he stayed is still unknown, but it is assumed he visited some of his close relatives who had moved to Indiana from Jefferson County, Tennessee.

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1879	James marries Malinda C. Wilcox on 18 th October in McMinn County, Tennessee.
1880	According to the 1880 US Federal Census James is residing in Calhoun, McMinn County, Tennessee with his first wife, Malinda
1882	his son, William Harrison, is born on the 21 th of May in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee
1883	his daughter, Stella, is born in September in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee
1886	his son, James Campbell Caywood, is born on the 27 th of January in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee; James buys 20 acres of land in Jefferson County from his father, Gardner Jacks Whalen, on the 27 th of July.
1887	his son, John Roy, is born on the 8 th of April in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee
1889	his son, Carl Danney, is born on the 2 nd of February in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee
1895	wife Malinda Wilcox dies (exact year and/or date is not known)
1896	James marries his second wife, Mary Lane née Blankenship, on the 17 th of September 1896 in Maryville, Blout County, Tennessee. With her Mary brings two sons from a previous marriage, Willie and Emmett Lane
1900	According to the 1900 US Federal Census James is residing in North Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee with wife Mary, his four children and two stepsons, Willie L. and Emmett Lane. His occupation is listed as gardener.
1902	His son, James Campbell Caywood, runs away from home because of ill treatment by his step-mother and ends up in a reformatory in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.
1903	James is residing in Sherman Heights, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. In his application for a Civil War pension, James describes his condition as "old, disabled, nervous, heart trouble, stomach trouble, unable to work and rheumatism which came on me in prison at Camp Morton and Burnside Barracks, Indiana - brought on by exposure in prison". James states that he is married and has five children all males (sic). He gives his wife's age as 40 and his children as 21 (William Harrison), 20 (Stella), 18 (Caywood), 16 (John Roy), 14 (Carl Danney). He also states that his children are not able to support him.

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	<p>He gives the value of his private estate at \$50 per property. His wife has no estate of her own.</p> <p>In the last five years, James has supported himself and his family by working as a carpenter and peddling papers. He has lived in the state of Tennessee for 50 years.</p> <p>The examining doctor, B. A. Deakins, states that James Knox Polk Whalen suffers from a nervous debility and locomotor ataxia caused by rheumatism. The applicant claims to have had a severe attack of rheumatism in the years 1865 - 1866. He now has locomotor ataxia and claims to have had it ever since 1867. His impediment is his left leg.</p>
1910	<p>According to the 1910 US Federal Census he is residing at 108 Sterling Avenue, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee with his wife Mary, son William Harrison, stepson Emmet Lane and three boarders. The other children have all left home.</p>
1913	<p>His son, William Harrison, marries Martha Alice Manning on the 15th of November in Hamilton County, Tennessee. They met because they both worked at the same textile mill.</p>
1914	<p>A granddaughter, Thelma Lee, is born on the 16th of July in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>
1917	<p>A granddaughter, Stella Velma, is born on the 17th of February in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee and dies on the 14th of March. She is buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>
1918	<p>A grandson, Raymond Knox, is born on the 8th of March in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p> <p>On 12th September his son William Harrison registers for the WWI draft. His permanent residence is Daisy and his nearest relative is his wife, Martha Alice.</p> <p>On the 12th of September his son, James Campbell Caywood Whalen, gives his father, James P. Whalen living in Melville, Hamilton County, Tennessee, as his next of kin on his World War I draft registration card. Caywood is living in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.</p>

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1919	<p>James dies on the 11th of May in Daisy, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He was living with his eldest son, William Harrison, and his wife, Martha Alice Manning. James is buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p> <p>His death certificate lists the cause of death as pellagra. Pellagra is a disease caused by a lack of the vitamin niacin (vitamin B3). Symptoms include inflamed skin, diarrhea, dementia, and sores in the mouth. Areas of the skin exposed to either sunlight or friction are typically affected first. If left untreated, pellagra can be fatal.</p>