

Timeline for William Harrison Whalen

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Year	Individual event
1882	William Harrison was born on the 21 st of May in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee to James Knox Polk Whalen and Malinda Wilcox
1883	In September his sister, Stella, was born in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee.
1885	His brother, James Campbell Caywood was born on the 27 th of January in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee.
1887	His brother, John Roy, was born on the 8 th of April in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee.
1889	His brother, Carl Danney, was born on the 2 nd of February in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee.
1890	His mother, Malinda Wilcox, dies sometime between 1889 and 1896
1896	William's father married 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, William is living with his father and his second wife, Mary Lane, in North Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee. William works as a spinner in a woollen mill.
1903	William is living with his father and his second wife, Mary, in Sherman Heights, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.
1910	According to the 1910 US Federal Census, William is living with his father and his second wife, Mary, at 108 Sterling Avenue in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. William works as a presser in a hosiery mill.
1913	William married Martha Alice Manning on the 15 th of November in Hamilton County, Tennessee.
1914	A daughter, Thelma Lee, was born on the 16 th of July in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.
1917	A second daughter, Stella Velma, was born on the 17 th of February in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee and died on the 14 th of March. She is buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.
1918	A son, Raymond Knox, was born on 8 th March in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. On 12 th September William Harrison registers for the WWI draft. The draft registration describes him as being of medium height, gray eyes and dark hair. He is listed as working as a miner with the Montlake Coal Company. His permanent residence is Daisy and his nearest relative is his wife, Martha Alice.

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1919	<p>William's father, James Knox Polk Whalen, died on the 11th of May in Daisy, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He was living with William Harrison and his wife, Martha Alice. James Knox Polk Whalen was 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>
1920	<p>According to the 1920 US Federal Census, William Harrison is working as a laborer at a pottery company in Daisy, Hamilton County, Tennessee. He and his family live on Chattanooga-Dayton Pike in Daisy.</p>
1921	<p>A daughter, Catharine, was born on the 6th of January in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>
1922	
1923	<p>A son, Eugene Milburn, was born on the 19th of March in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p> <p>His daughter, Catherine, died on the 29th of April of pneumonia/whooping cough. She was buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p> <p>His eldest daughter Thelma Lee drowns in a well at the family's home in Daisy on the 27th of June while Martha Alice looks on unable to help her. Someone went and got William from work at the pottery company, but he could only pull her lifeless body from the well. Dr Ritchie was the doctor who signed the death certificate. Cause of death was drowning and Dr Ritchie states that Thelma died instantly. Thelma was buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee on the 28th of June. After her death the family moves from Daisy back to Chattanooga.</p>
1925	<p>An infant female child, name unknown, died at birth and was buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>
1926	<p>The twins, Paul and Pauline, were born on the 14th of May in Chattanooga. Paul died on the 15th of May, Pauline on the 30th of May. Both were buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>
1927	<p>A daughter, Violet Belle, was born on the 4th of September on Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee somewhere near Billy Goat Hill. The attending physician was Dr. E. H. Byrd.</p>

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1928	<p>William Harrison was working as a carpenter doing construction work in Chattanooga. He died on the 20th of October as a result of a fall off the Medical Arts Building in Chattanooga, Tennessee - which was under construction at the time - suffering a "bruise thru chest & internal hemmorage with contributory shock." William was buried in Hensley Cemetery, Hixson, Hamilton County, Tennessee.</p>