

Family Group Sheet for George & Ida Tooker

Husband	George Washington Tooker ¹		
Born	23 Jun 1849	Big Foot Prairie, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA ²	
Christened	date:	place:	
Died	27 Dec 1926	Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA	
Cause of Death	stroke of paralysis		
Buried	29 Dec 1926	Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA	
Father	Amos W Tooker (1813-1868) ³		Mother Lydia Ann Brown (1820-1880) ⁴
Marriage	25 Aug 1872	Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA ^{2,5}	
Events			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He appeared on the 7th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1850 in Chemung, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA. ⁴ The census indicates he lived with his parents. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He appeared on the 8th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1860 in Chemung, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA. ³ The census indicates he lived with his parents. The census also indicates he attended school within the last year. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 12 Feb 1865, he was described in his enlistment papers as follows: "This soldier has black eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, is 5 feet 6 inches high".⁶ 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 12 Feb 1865, on his enlistment papers he listed his occupation as farmer. ⁶ 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He served as a Private in Company B, 153rd Regiment, Illinois Infantry; he enlisted on 12 Feb 1865 (at the age of 15) for a period of 1 year at Marengo, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA and served until 22 Sep 1865. ^{6,7} <p>153rd Regiment, Illinois Infantry</p> <p>"Organized at Camp Fry, Chicago, Ill., and mustered in for 1 year February 27, 1865. Moved to Nashville, Tenn.; thence to Tullahoma, Tenn., March 4-10. Attached to 2nd Brigade, Defences of Nashville & Chattanooga R. R., Dept. of the Cumberland, to April, 1865. 2nd Brigade, 1st Sub-District, District of Middle Tennessee, to July, 1865. 1st Infantry Brigade, District of West Tennessee, to September, 1865.</p> <p>SERVICE. - Assigned to guard duty on Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. till July, 1865. Moved to Memphis, Tenn., July 1, and duty there till September. Mustered out September 15, 1865, and discharged September 24, 1865.</p> <p>Regiment lost during service by disease 37." -- National Park System, <i>Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System</i>, (www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He worked as a farmer in Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA, according to the 1880 census. ⁸ 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post No. 16, which was organized on 20 Feb 1883 in Edgar, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.⁹ 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He owned land according to the <i>Historical Plat Book of Clay County Nebraska</i> in Logan Precinct, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.¹⁰ His 160 acres were described as follows: the northwest quarter of Section 28 in Township 5 north of Range 5 west of the 6th Principal Meridian, Nebraska. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He appeared on the 11th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1890 in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA. ¹¹ He is listed on the Special Schedule.--Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc. 			

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- As a Civil War veteran, George filed a pension application on 16 Aug 1890 in Nebraska, USA. ^{12, 13} According to the 1 Oct 1891 issue of the *Lincoln Evening News*, his pension was granted on 30 Sep 1891.
- He is listed as a farmer in Clay Co, Nebraska, USA in the *Nebraska State Gazetteer for 1890-1891*. ¹⁴
- He worked as a stock raiser in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA, according to the 1900 census. ¹⁵
- He worked as a stock raiser in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA, according to the 1910 census. ¹⁶
- He worked as a farmer (small farm) in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA, according to the 1920 census. ¹⁷

His obituary was published in Clay Center, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.

GEORGE W. TOOKER

"George W. Tooker was born at Big Foote Prairie, Illinois, June 23, 1849. Died at his home in Ong, December 27, 1926, aged 77 years, 6 months and 4 days. He was married to Ida May Townsend, August 25, 1872. To this union was born three children, Mrs. R. L. Bures of Wheatland, Wyoming, Mrs. A. E. Bures of Nelson and Mrs. E. A. Bjork of Ong. He was called to the services of his country as a soldier, February 12, 1865 was a member of Company B 153 regiment of Illinois infantry and was honorably discharged September 22, 1865. After coming to Nebraska he lived on a farm until 1882 when he moved to Edgar and lived there for some time, then moved back to the farm, moving to Ong in 1891 where he lived until his death. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church since a young man. The cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis. He leaves to mourn his departure his faithful wife, three children, seven grand children and a brother at Edgar. Funeral was held from the home December 29 conducted by the Rev. Caldwell, pastor of the American M. E. church, at Ong, who spoke very briefly from the 23rd Psalm. The choir sang, 'Lead Kindly Light,' and 'God Will Take Care of You.' The flowers were many and beautiful. The flower bearers were Mildred and Hazel Bumgardner. The pall bearers were John Swanson, Frank Bottom, C. A. Sandberg, Jake Killion, Fred Bumgardner, E. A. Stoner. At the grave, bugle taps were sounded by John Eckwall. All the children were present at the funeral. His body was laid to rest in the Ong cemetery."

- He was buried at the Ong Cemetery in Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA on 29 Dec 1926. ⁹

Wife **Ida May Townsend**

Born	24 Aug 1856	Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York, USA ²
Christened	date:	place:
Died	19 Oct 1940	Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA ^{18, 19}
Buried	date:	Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA
Father	Hiram Townsend (1830-1863) ²	Mother Mary Elizabeth Manning (1833-1869) ^{2, 20}

Events

- She appeared on the 8th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1860 in North Greenbush, Rensselaer Co, New York, USA. ²¹ The census indicates she lived with her parents.
- She worked keeping house in Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA, according to the 1880 census. ⁸

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Events:

- As a widow of a Civil War veteran, Ida filed a pension application in 1927 in Nebraska, USA. ¹²

- Her obituary was published in the *News Tribune* on 21 Oct 1940 in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA. ²²

MRS. IDA TOOKER

"Mrs. Ida Tooker, 84, died Saturday at a local hospital. She had lived here three years and her home was at 4607 South Yakima avenue. She was born in New York. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Eunice Bjork, Mrs. R. L. Bures, both of Tacoma, and Mrs. Angus [*sic*] Bures of Nebraska; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Piper will send the body to Edgar, Neb., for interment."

(The News Tribune, 1950 S State St, Tacoma, WA 98405-2817, USA.)

- Her obituary was published in 1940.

MRS. IDA TOOKER

"Ida M. Townsend was born in Troy, New York, August 24, 1856, and died in Tacoma, Washington, October 19, 1940, at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 25 days. She was the daughter of Hiram and Mary Townsend.

She was married to George Tooker, August 25, 1872. Mr. Tooker, who was a Civil war veteran, preceded her in death, December 27, 1926. The family moved from a farm near Edgar to Ong more than forty years ago and lived there continuously until Mr. Tooker's death at which time Mrs. Tooker went to live with her daughters.

The deceased leaves to mourn her death, three daughters, namely: Mrs. Lulu Bures, Angus, Nebr.; Mrs. Blanche Bures and Mrs. Eunice Bjork, both of Tacoma, Wash. She also leaves six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren besides a host of firends.

She united with the Methodist church at Edgar early in her married life.

Funeral services were conducted at the Ong Methodist chuch Thursday with Rev. Raymond Rush of Edgar in charge. A double duet sang, 'Rock of Ages,' 'Home of the Soul' and 'Abide With Me.'

Pallbearers were: Louis Nelson, Joe Baldwin, Martin Hokom, T. K. Atkison, Gus Swanson and Will Herrick.

Interment was made in the Ong cemetery beside her husband."

- She was buried at the Ong Cemetery in Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.

Marriage Events

- They appeared on the 10th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1880 in Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA. ⁸

- They appeared on the 12th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1900 in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA. ¹⁵ The census indicates they lived in a home, which they owned (mortgaged). The census also indicates they both spoke English and were able to read and write.

- They appeared on the 13th Census of the United States on 15 Apr 1910 in Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA. ¹⁶ The census indicates they lived in a home, which they owned (free). The census also indicates they both spoke English and were able to read and write.

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Events:

- They appeared on the 14th Census of the United States on 1 Jan 1920 in Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA. ¹⁷ The census indicates they lived in a home, which they owned. The census also indicates they both spoke English and were able to read and write.

Children

1	F	* Blanche Tooker ²³	
Born	12 Jan 1874	Big Foot, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA ²	
Christened	date:	place:	
Died	30 Aug 1963	Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA ²⁴	
Addr	Clearview Nursing Home, Tacoma, WA, USA		
Cause of Death	cerebro vascular arteriosclerosis ²⁴		
Buried	3 Sep 1963	Lakewood, Pierce Co, Washington, USA ²⁴	
Spouse	Richard Lee Bures (1873-1954) ²³	5 Jan 1898 - Edgar, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA ²⁵	

Events

- She appeared on the 10th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1880 in Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA. ⁸ The census indicates she lived with her parents.
- She owned and operated a grocery store at 4607 S Yakima Avenue in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA, according to the 1939 and 1940 city directories. ^{26, 27}
- She was baptized at the Puyallup Christian Church on 4 Aug 1953 in Puyallup, Pierce Co, Washington, USA. ²⁸
- Her Social Security Number was 536-46-5437.
- Her obituary was published in the *News Tribune* on 31 Aug 1963 in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA. ²⁹

MRS. RICHARD L. BURES

"Mrs. Richard L. (Blanche) Bures, 89, of 4621 S. A St., died Friday in a local hospital. She was born in Big Foot, Ill., and came to Tacoma 25 years ago from Colorado. Mrs. Bures was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Velma Hardy, of the home; a son, Marlon T., of Tacoma; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be announced by Mountain View Funeral Home."
(The News Tribune, 1950 S State St, Tacoma, WA 98405-2817, USA.)

- She was buried at the Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood, Pierce Co, Washington, USA on 3 Sep 1963. ²⁴ Plot: Birch, 44-10.
(Mountain View Memorial Park, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA 98499-4000, USA.)

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2	F	Lulu May Tooker ¹
AKA	Lula May Tooker ³⁰	
Born	1 May 1877	Big Foot, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA ^{1, 2, 31}
Christened	date:	place:
Died	5 Jan 1952	place:
Buried	date:	Edgar, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA ³⁰
Spouse	Alfred Edward Bures (1876-1961) ²³ 20 Sep 1898 - Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA ³²	
Events		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She appeared on the 10th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1880 in Sharon, Walworth Co, Wisconsin, USA.⁸ The census indicates she lived with her parents. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She has conflicting death information of 5 May 1952.¹ 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was buried at the Edgar Cemetery in Edgar, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.³⁰ Block 9, Lot 1, Grave 10. 		
3	F	Eunice Tooker
Born	25 Nov 1880	Big Foot, McHenry Co, Illinois, USA ^{2, 15}
Christened	date:	place:
Died	13 May 1948	Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA ³³
Buried	1948	Lakewood, Pierce Co, Washington, USA
Spouse	Ernest Albine Linas Bjork (1883-1963) 16 Sep 1908 - Ong, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA. (Divorced) ³⁴	
Events		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She has conflicting birth information of 25 Nov 1879. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She appeared on the 12th Census of the United States on 1 Jun 1900 in Logan Township, Clay Co, Nebraska, USA.¹⁵ The census indicates she lived with her parents in a home, which they owned (mortgaged). The census also indicates she attended school within the last year. She spoke English and was able to read and write. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 4607 S Yakima Avenue with her sister Blanche's family in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA, according to the 1939 and 1940 city directories.^{27, 35} 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She resided at 869 S 88th Street with her daughter's family in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA, according to the 1941, 1942, 1945 and 1947 city directories. This house was built in 1924.^{36, 37, 38, 39} 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Her obituary was published in the <i>News Tribune</i> on 15 May 1948 in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, USA.⁴⁰ 		
<p>MRS EUNICE BJORK</p> <p>"Mrs. Eunice Bjork, 68, who was born in Illinois and came to Tacoma 11 years ago from Nebraska, died Wednesday at her home, 869 So. 88th St. She was a member of Faith Lutheran church. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Louis F. Strege, and a son, Marvin [<i>sic</i>] S. Bjork, both of Tacoma; two sisters, Mrs. R. L. Bures of Tacoma and Mrs. A. E. Bures of Angus, Neb., two grandchildren. Mountain View mortuary will announce the services." (The News Tribune, 1950 S State St, Tacoma, WA 98405-2817, USA.)</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was buried at the Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood, Pierce Co, Washington, USA in 1948. Plot: Lutheran 		

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Events (cont.)

Memorial, 183-5.

(Mountain View Memorial Park, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA 98499-4000, USA.)

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