

HARVEY MUNN  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
WW I

JUDGE /COMMISSIONERS:

I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO SUBMIT THE NAME OF HARVEY MUNN TO BE ADDED TO THE TITUS COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL, HONORING THOSE THAT DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE US MILITARY DURING WW I.

I WAS APPROACHED BY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY (MRS. JOE DICK HAMILTON AND BARRY HAMILTON) AND ASKED "WHY HIS NAME WAS MISSING AND IF I FOUND SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE, COULD I DO ANYTHING TO GET IT ADDED?" SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE IN ATTENDANCE TODAY.

THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WWI MONUMENT, DEDICATED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1967 (ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE), REFERENCES NAMES OF TITUS COUNTY HONOREES ARE NOTED IN THE LOBBY OF THE COURTHOUSE. AMONG THOSE WE FIND THE NAME OF HARVEY MUNN, A DONATION GIVEN IN HIS MEMORY BY ~~AK~~ BENSON. 2/20/1897


~~THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL (WEST SIDE OF COURTHOUSE) WAS DEDICATED~~. THE PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING AND APPROVING NAMES FOR EACH SECTION IS NOT RECORDED. IT IS APPARENT HOWEVER THAT MANY TITUS COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY HAD PITTSBURG ADDRESSES. THIS COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE OVERSIGHT.

... ON 5 SEPTEMBER, 1918, THE TROOP SHIP, *USS MT. VERNON ID-4508* WAS IN CONVOY WHEN THE LOOKOUT, ON GUN MOUNT #1, SIGHTED A PERISCOPE AND SOUNDED THE ALARM. AS THE SHIP TURNED, TAKING EVASSIVE ACTION, THE SUB CAME UNDER FIRE FROM THE #2 GUN MOUNT BUT THE SUB SIMULTANEOUSLY LAUNCHED A TORPEDO (MISSILE). IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE #2 GUNNERY CREW MAY HAVE HIT THE SUB, IDENTIFIED AS U-82, BUT DID NOT DO SUFFICIENT DAMAGE TO SINK HER. THE TORPEDO STRUCK THE *MT. VERNON* AMIDSHIPS JUST BELOW THE WATERLINE, PUTTING HALF OF HER BOILERS OUT OF COMMISSION, KILLING 36 OF HER CREW AND INJURING 13 MORE. NUMEROUS CONVOY ESCORTS CAME TO HER AID, DROPPING DEPTH CHARGES AND LAYING SMOKE. A SECOND TROOP SHIP, THE *AGAMEMNON ID-3004*, TRANSFERRED OVER MANY OF THE TROOPS, WHILE THE SHIP WAS BEING PROTECTED BY THE SWARMING CONVOY ESCORTS. AMONG THE CASUALTIES WAS FM2 HARVEY MUNN, US NAVY... FAMILY MEMBER, --- MUNN, WILL READ THE ORIGINAL COMMUNIQUE TO THE FAMILY FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE *USS MT. VERNON* ... (READ TO COURT)


NOW, 97 YEARS AFTER HIS SACRIFICE, THE COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER, THE TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND THE MUNN FAMILY, HEREBY REQUEST THE ADDITION OF THE NAME OF HARVEY MUNN TO THE WWI SECTION OF THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL.


JOHN FITCH, OF FITCH MEMORIALS IS PRESENT AND HAS BID THE PROJECT AT \$150. (JOHN-...Q/A)

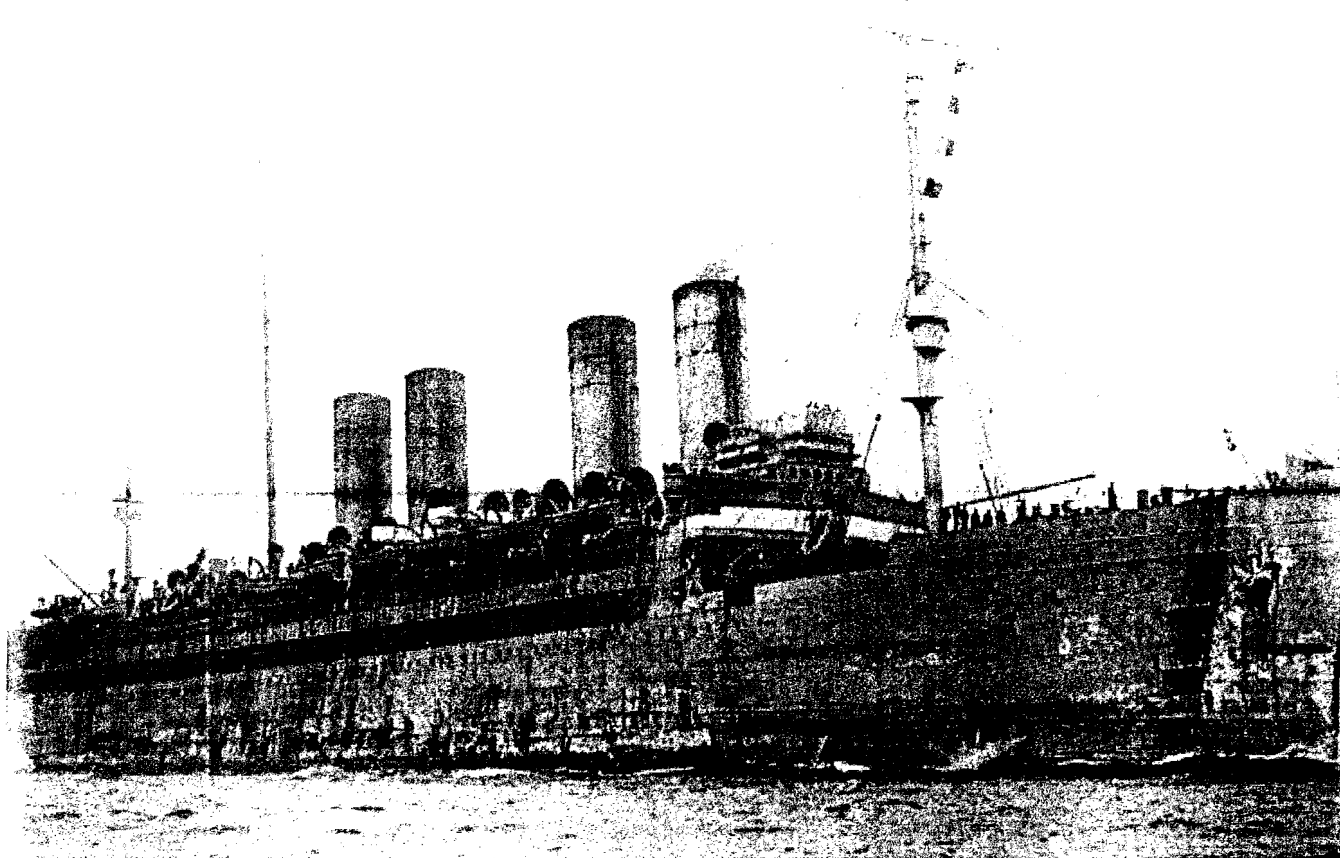
## USS Mount Vernon, Torpedoed, 5 September 1918

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On 5 September 1918 the 29,650-ton transport Mount Vernon was enroute back to the United States after delivering troops to the European war zone. While underway in convoy some 200 miles west of France, she spotted a periscope and opened fire. However, unlike many such incidents, this time the periscope was real, belonging to the German submarine U-82, which launched a torpedo. Though she attempted to evade, Mount Vernon was hit amidships. The resulting explosion blew a large hole in her side, putting half her boilers out of action. Thirty-six of her crew were killed and another thirteen injured, but damage control efforts contained her flooding and kept her underway. Mount Vernon steamed back to Brest, France, where she was dry-docked for initial repairs. Later she crossed the Atlantic to Boston, Massachusetts, to undergo further work. The ship was again ready for service in February 1919, three months after the November 1918 Armistice had ended the fighting, but in time to help bring American service personnel home from France.

	81k	<p>5 September 1918 <i>SUB SIGHTED BY #1-6th CREW</i></p> <p>Her number two (port side) 5" gun comes into action as the ship turns away from the suspected position of U-82. Gunfire and depth charges helped to keep the submarine under while the damaged trooper made her escape, accompanied by Agamemnon and three of the five escorting destroyers</p> <p><i>Naval History and Heritage Command photo from "Great Liners at War" by Stephen Harding</i></p>	Robert Hurst
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	115k	<p>Hole in the ship's hull made by the German submarine torpedo that hit her on 5 September 1918. Photographed in drydock at Brest, France.</p> <p><i>U.S. Navy photo NH 45744</i></p>	Naval Historical Center
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## Munn Genealogy

From the information I have gathered the Munn name originated in Ireland and Scotland. Lots of these people came to America before the American Revolution. It seems that the Irish Munns settled in the New York and Boston area, while the Scottish Munns settled in the North Carolina area, some migrated south to Georgia, then Ala., Texas and Etc. and some went west to Tenn. several stopping in Carroll County Tenn. and then moving on to new grounds. A bunch of these Carroll cty. Munns settled in Navada County Ark and some still there today.

My Great Grand Father, James Munn came from N.C. and settled in Carroll Cty .Tenn and married Martha Kelly there in 1830. He bought a 50 acre farm in the 7th district and raised a family,(names and birthdays listed on seperate page) They raised a family and two of the boys served in Union Army during the Civil War. The father James died in 1859 and is buried in Stamford Cemetery in Carroll county, as is several of their kids. After the War mother Martha and what was left of the family came to Tex. and settled about a mile south of the Monticello Baptist Church. Lurlene Parr can show you exactly where their farm was. My Grand Father was Christopher Columbus Munn, the youngest of this clan. He bought the old Munn farm that is now in the State Park, in the Blodgett community and raised a family.

C. C. , we will call him, for short, first married a woman , named **Debby** some body, I have have never been able to find out just who has was, that had two kids, she didn't live very long. I don't know if it was months or years, she died and the kids went back to her people. She is buried in the Bivins Cemetery C.C. then married Comanchie Coston and raised ten childres , two girls and eight boys. They are all dead but I have a listing as to where each is buried, if you are interested.

# MUNN FAMILY HISTORY

## ALEXANDER McALPINE MUNN

Born Scotland, date unknown, disappeared in the Battle of Moors  
Creek 1776, during the American Revolution'

He was a Torry and loyal to the King of England

About 1777 all of his property and slaves were confiscated by  
the State of North Carolina

(North Carolina and Colonial Records  
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He had several children

One son, James Munn 1740-1814  
married Mary McAlpine Donnell 1752-1808

They has several children, one son  
James Munn, born NC 1806-1859  
married Martha Kelly, born NC 1812-1878

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## MUNN'S OF CARROLL COUNTY TENN. AND TITUS COUNTY TEXAS

James Munn and Martha Kelly were married in 1830 near  
Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tenn. There issu were:

Sarah Ann "Sally"	born Dec. 22, 1832
Richard	Jan 22, 1835
*Alexander	June 24, 1837
*James Leonida	Oct. 12, 1839
Mary Jane	Nov. 9, 1842
Martha Assina	May 27, 1844
Francis Nimrod	May 27, 1846
William Harrison	Nov. 20, 1847

**The Decendants**  
of  
**Christopher Columbus Munn**  
and  
**Comanchie (Manchie) Davis Coston**  
Married 1892

3. Martha Ellan Munn 1894-1973

\*Delmar Ward 1890-1924

4. Junita Ward 1923-1960

\*\*"Dick" Campbell 1918-1976

5. William Jan Campbell 1943-1966

Second husband of Martha Ellan Munn

James "Jim" Teague 1883-1956

4. Mellee Teague 1928

\*Joe Dick Hamilton

5. Joseph Richard Hamilton, Jr. 1950

\*Karen Puckett

6. James Joseph Hamilton 1980

6. Barry Franklin Hamilton 1983

5. Barry Glenn Hamilton 1953

\*Lana Oldham

6. Kristin Lee Hamilton 1983

6. Jordan Rance Hamilton 1987

3. Harvey Munn Feb. 20. 1897 Sept. 5, 1918

Killed in WW 1, when his ship the USS Mt. Vernon was  
torpedoed by German Sub. (Buried in Monticello WOW  
Cemetery)

3. James Preston Munn 1899-1969

\* Thelma Oletha Hayes 1900-1994

4. Charlene Othel Munn 1921

\*1st. Marlin Blake Carpenter 1921-1972

5. Jerry Wayne Carpenter 1947

\*Marty Albert 1947

5. Linda Gail Carpenter 1950

\*Harold "Tootie" Moore

6. Kendra Kellie Moore 1977

7. Kenden Moore 2000

2nd. husband of Charlene Munn, Rev. Clint Acker



[Photo Courtesy Melior Hamilton]

#### Blodgett School in 1907.

Some of the pupils include Mostella Coston (top row, far left—with hat), Ellen Munn (third row from top, third from left), Harvey Munn (second row from bottom, fourth from right), and Jim Benson (second row from bottom, second from right—"bare-legged").

But perhaps the most exciting happening to literally hit Blodgett was the violent storm of April 9, 1919. A tornado struck the little town and surrounding countryside. The twister slammed into the church—its walls crumbled and the roof collapsed. Numerous shingles were torn off other buildings. The catastrophe, though severe, also yielded miraculous stories of whole houses

From *A History of Lake Bob Sandlin State Park* by Laurie E. Jasinski

NOTE: J.E. Benson not Jim Benson (Jimbo's father)



# Blodgett School

about 1902 - 1904

(J.E. Jimbo Benson: bottom row, 6<sup>th</sup> from left, black shorts, white shirt, bow tie)