# UCF Veterans Legacy Program



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Willie Zeigler

1920 - 1947

Corporal: United States Army

World War II

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Willie's Parents in the 1910 United States Census

"1910 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Bill Zeigler, St James, Clarendon, South Carolina.

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## **Birth Certificate**

"South Carolina, U.S., Births, 1915-1920," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Loyal Zeigler, Saint Paul, Clarendon, South Carolina.

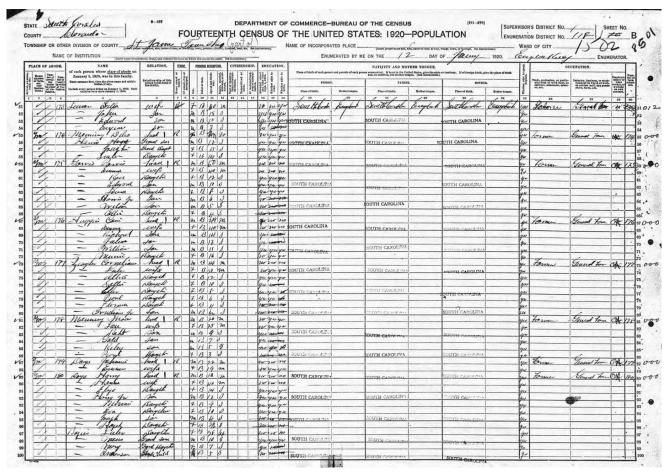
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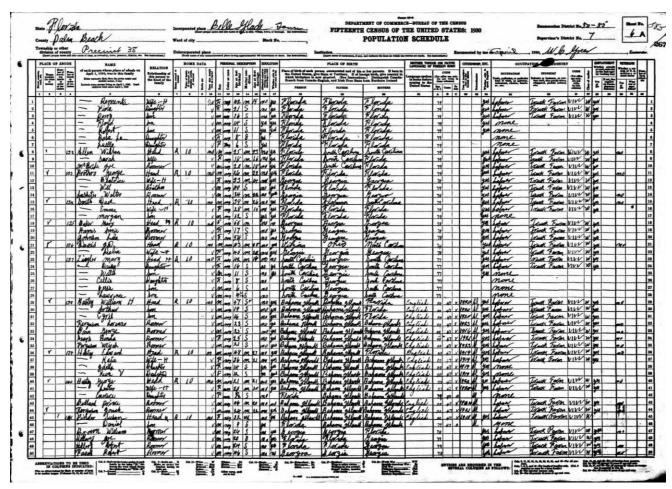
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1920 United States Census (listed as Cornelius Jr.)

"1920 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Lulu Zeigler, St James, Clarendon, South Carolina.

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**1930 United States Census** 

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Belle Glade, Palm Beach, Florida.

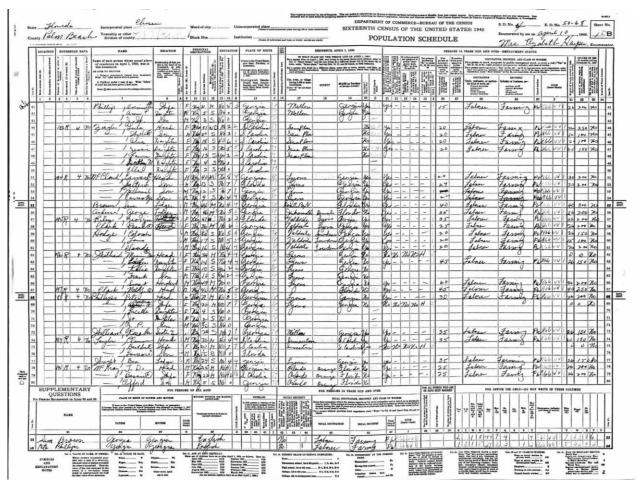
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## **Death of Willie's Sister Joe Ella**

"Florida Deaths, 1877-1939," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Joe Ella Graham, Belle Glade, Florida.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FPSW-HQ1



**1940 United States Census** 

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Palm Beach, Florida.

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## **Marriage to Carrie Keno**

"Florida Marriages, 1830-1993," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Dade, Florida.

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Willie Zeigler World War II Draft Card

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Palm Beach, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12683799:2238

Full Name	Willie Zeigler
Army Serial Number	34204877
Enlistment Date	30 Nov 1945
Army Branch	Quartermaster Corps
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	Negro
Enlistment Term	Enlistment for Hawaiian Department
Source Of Army Personnel	Enlisted Man, Philippine Scout or recall to AD of an enlisted man who had been transferred to the ERC
Army Component	Regular Army (including Officers, Nurses, Warrant Officers, and Enlisted Men)
Level Of Education	Grammar school
Marital Status	Married
Birth Date	1920
Birth Place	South Carolina
Source Box Number	0767
Source Film Reel Number	1.284
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

## **World War II Enlistment Record**

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Army Serial Number 34204877.

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Willie's Brother Lawrence World War II Draft Card

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Lawrence Zeigler, Palm Beach, Florida.

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#### Article About the Incident in which Willie Zeigler was Killed

"3 Wounded In Gun Fight At Belle Glade," Miami Herald, February 5, 1947.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/617056141/?terms=willie&match=1

#### Transcription:

"BELLE GLADE – Two negroes were seriously wounded and Lee Pucket, prominent local resident, was shot in a finger after he attempted to break up a fight in the negro section here Tuesday afternoon.

In the Migratory hospital here are Willie Zigler, negro, on furlough from the Army, and his sister, Jessie Zigler.

Sheriff John Kirk, who investigated the melee, said the Ziglers were attempting to break into a room occupied by Rutha Byrd, another negro.

Zigler had punctured the woman's door 11 times with a butcher knife.

Puckett, who heard the Byrd woman screaming, went to the scene with a pistol. Zigler lunged at him and Puckett shot him through the chest, Kirk said. Jessie then grabbed Puckett and he shot her twice through the hand and once in the hip.

In the fracas, Puckett shot the end of a finger off. He is in the Good Samaritan hospital in West Palm Beach."

## Willie Zeigler Dies in the Hospital

"Man Shot In Row Dies At Belle Glade," Miami Herald, February 7, 1947.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/617057978/?terms=willie%20zeigler&match=1

#### Summary:

The article reports that Willie Zeigler died from the gun wounds he received and his sister remains in the hospital in good condition.

## Willie Zeigler's Shooter is Exonerated

"Inquest Exonerates Belle Glade Official," Palm Beach Post, February 14, 1947.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/133850010/?terms=willie&match=1

#### Transcription:

"Belle Glade City Commissioner Lee Puckett, Jr., was exonerated at an inquest at Belle Glade Wednesday afternoon in the fatal shooting of Willie Ziegler, negro, Feb. 4, State Attorney Phil O'Connell said here Thursday.

The coroner's jury termed the slaying justifiable homicide, testimony showing Ziegler and his sister, Jessie, turned on Puckett when he attempted to stop them from molesting Ruth Byrd with butcher knives in a negro tenement across from his 6th St. store.

The sister was wounded and Puckett, in the melee, shot off the tip of the index finger on his left hand."

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**Interment in St. Augustine National Cemetery** 

"U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, St. Augustine National Cemetery.

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Corporal, 369th (Colored) Infantry, U.S. Army, World War II. Also 2nd Regiment, 9225 T.S. Unit. Service: 9 May 1942 to 3 February 1947. 17 January 1920 to 6 February 1947. Interred 18 February 1947.

(The 369th Infantry was part of the 93rd (Colored) Division in World War II and served in the Southwest Pacific Theater, primarily in New Guinea and the Philipines as defensive garrison troops).

#### St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide

Department of Military Affairs, *St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide: Preliminary Abridged Edition* (St. Augustine, FL: St. Francis Barracks Special Archives, 1989), 200.

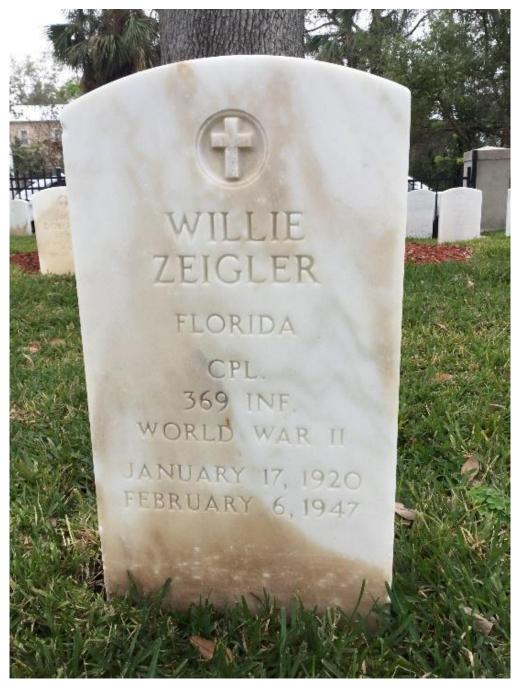
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Full Name	Zeigler, Willie
Birth Date	17 Jan 1920
Enlistment Date	9 May 1942
Discharge Date	3 Feb 1947
Death Date	6 Feb 1947
Burial Date	18 Feb 1947
Cemetery	Saint Augustine National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	104 Marine Street St Augustine, FI 32084
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Plot	Section D Site 72
Notes	Cpl US Army World War II
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

## Willie Zeigler Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca. 1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Willie Zeigler, Saint Augustine National Cemetery.

https://www.fold3.com/record/719504839/zeigler-willie-us-veterans-gravesites-ca1775-2019



Willie Zeigler's Headstone in St. Augustine National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Willie Zeigler*, photograph, 2023, St. Augustine National Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL.

Name	Cellie Zeigler [Cellie Thornton]
Gender	Female
Race	Black
Birth Date	21 Feb 1921
Birth Place	David Statio, South Carolina [Manning Clar??, South Carolina]
Death Date	15 Sep 1993
Father	Willie Zeigler
Father Mother	Willie Zeigler  Lula Manning

## **Death of Willie's Sister Cellie**

"U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Cellie Zeigler.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/23591590:60901

Name Florean Howard

Name Note Name and form dates: Application:

FLOREAN HOWARD (Sep 1944), Death: FLOREAN HOWARD (26 May 1997)

TEOREMY HOWARD (20 May

Alias Florean Zeigler

Sex Female

Birth Date 6 Feb 1916

Birthplace Summington C\*, South Carolina, United

States

Social Program Application Date Sep 1944

Previous Residence Brooklyn, Kings, New York, United States

Previous Residence Postal Code 11217-1205

Death Date 26 May 1997

Race Black

Father's Name Bill Zeigler

Father's Sex Male

Mother's Name Lula Manning

Mother's Sex Female

Additional Person's Name Florean Zeigler

Event Type Social Program Correspondence

### **Death of Willie's Sister Florean**

"United States, Social Security Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Cellie Howard.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6KMG-VV41

Name Daisy Zeigler Washington

Name Note Name and form dates: Application: DAISY

ZEIGLER WASHINGTON (Jun 1941), Claim: DAISY WASHINGTON (06 Jan 1976), Death:

DAISY WASHINGTON (28 Jan 2006)

Alias Daisy Washington

Second Alias Daisy Zeigler

Sex Female

Birth Date 3 Jan 1917

Birthplace Manning, South Carolina, United States

Social Program Application Date Jun 1941

Social Program Claim Date 6 Jan 1976

Previous Residence Annapolis, Anne Arundel, Maryland, United

States

Previous Residence Postal Code 21401-3242

Death Date 28 Jan 2006

Race Black

Father's Name Bill Zeigler

Father's Sex Male

Mother's Name <u>Lule Manning</u>

Mother's Sex Female

Event Type Social Program Correspondence

### **Death of Willie's Sister Daisy**

"United States, Social Security Numerical Identification Files (NUMIDENT), 1936-2007," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed May 26, 2024), entry for Daisy Zeigler Washington.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6KMP-1CKP