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James Ramon Smoker

1899 - 1933

Corporal: United States Marine Corps

World War I

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1899 James Ramon Smoker Birth Record

"Tennessee, U.S., City Birth Records, 1881-1915," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James Ramon Smoker, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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1900 United States Census

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1904 James and Brother Eugene Letters to Santa

"The Little Folk's Letters to Santa Claus," Knoxville Sentinel, December 10, 1904.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/585517315/?terms=ramon\%20smoker\&match=1}$

Transcription:

"Dear Sweet old Santa, I am only five years old and I want so many nice things but you must be sure and not forget Papa & Mama Please bring me a drum a little wagon with a horse & Briddle and a whip I would like a little stove and a little stove lifter and a little frying pan don't forget oranges nuts candy so Bye Bye your little Boy

RAMON SMOKER

My Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 7 years old I go to school and try to be good I want you to bring me a little engin a nice story Book and a new reader I would like a little foot Ball and plenty of oranges candy and nuts, so Bye Bye Dear old Santa. Your Little friend,

EUGENE SMOKER

P.S.-Please send me a little Trysickle and a little horse with a saddle on it."

1905 James and Brother Eugene Letters to Santa

"Letters from Little Ones to Santa Claus," Knoxville Sentinel, December 18, 1905.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/585693997/?terms=ramon%20smoker&match=1

Transcription:

"My Dear Santa.

I am a little Boy eight years old. Please bring me some street cars a foot Ball and a Big drum I would like to have a little Patrole wagon a story Book and pleanty of apples oranges and candy Please don't forget Pappa and Mama Bye Bye Dear Santa your little friend

EUGENE SMOKER

Dear Sweet Santa

You was so good to me last Xmas I am 6 years old now I go to school and try to be good Boye now please dear Santa bring me a Ball a Bat and glive some rolling scates and a little express wagon and pleanty of nuts and candy please dont for get my little cousins so bye bye

your little Boy

RAMON SMOKER"

1908 James and Brother Eugene Letters to Santa

"The Little Children's Appeals to St. Nicholas," Knoxville Sentinel, December 21, 1908.

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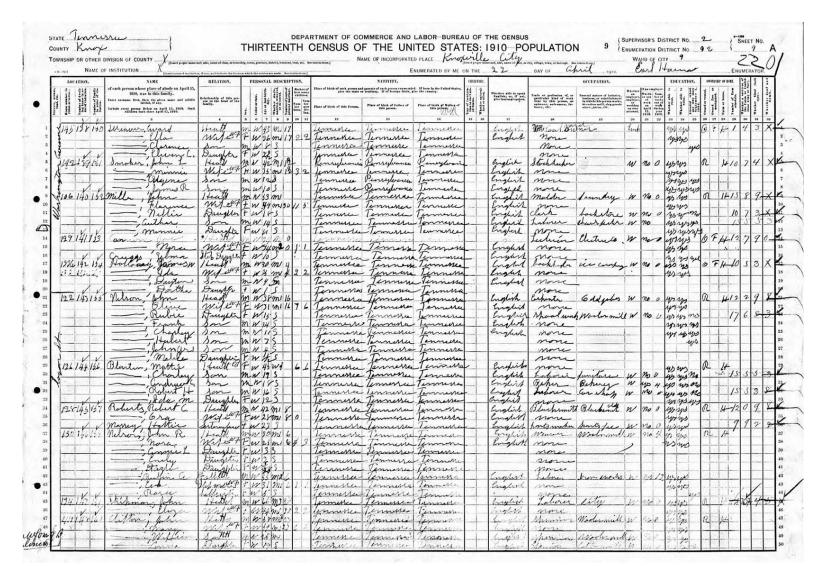
Transcription:

"Dear Old Santa.—You was so good to me last Christmas and I want you to please bring me a football, a tool box, a singet ring, new pair of shoes and a drum and a dont forget to bring my papa and mama some nice things. As ever your little boy,

ROY RAMON SMOKER

Dear Old Santa:—As you was so good to me last Xmas I want you to bring me a little gun and shots and fire crackers and lots of candy and oranges and nuts and tool box and a drum and roman candles and good ball Yours truly,

EUGENE SMOKER"



1910 United States Census

"1910 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James R Smoker, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Death of James' Mother

"Deaths-Mrs. Minnie Smoker," Knoxville Sentinel, May 5, 1914.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/586672811/?match=1&terms=john%201%20smoker

Transcription:

"Mrs. Minnie Smoker, aged 38 years, wife of John L. Smoker, died at a local hospital Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock. The remains were prepared for burial and removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Crittendon, No. 1111 West Fifth avenue.

The deceased is survived by her husband, two sons, Eugene and Raymond [Ramon], her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trotter, of Bank, Blount county, one sister, Mrs. Mollie Crittendon, of this city, three brothers, Isaac and James Trotter, of Sevierville, and William Trotter, of this city."

James Becomes a Marine

"Local Boy Now Full-Fledged Marine," Searchlight (Greenville, TN), December 21, 1916.

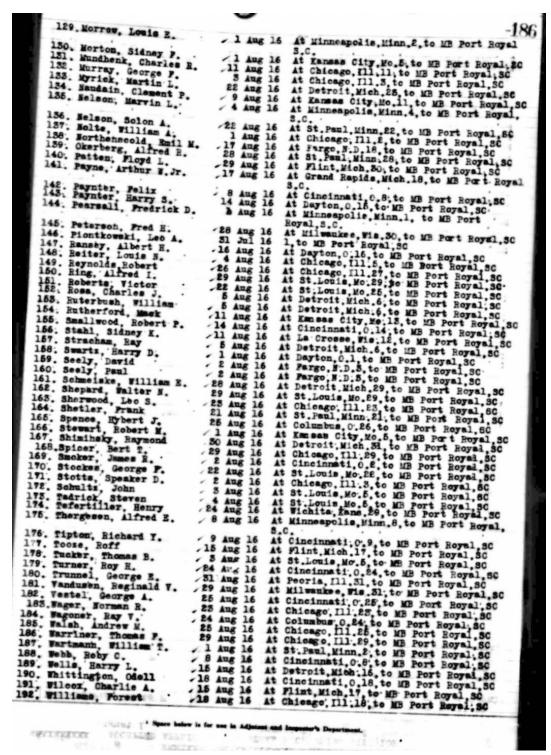
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Transcription:

"Experiencing that peculiar pride that comes to the trained marine when he realizes the responsibility that rests upon him as a defender of his country's flag. James R. Smoker, of Greenville, is now a full-fledged regular in the United States marine corps.

For the past few months he has been undergoing a course of instruction in the drills, duties, etc., and recently was turned over for duty at Norfolk, Va., where he is awaiting the call to expeditionary, sea or foreign shore duty. The marines wear a distinctively military uniform, and are proud of the traditions and record of their corps,—the first line of defense.

James, who is a son of John L. Smoker, Rt. 6, Greeneville, enlisted in the United States marine corps at its Cincinnati recruiting station on August 8, 1916."



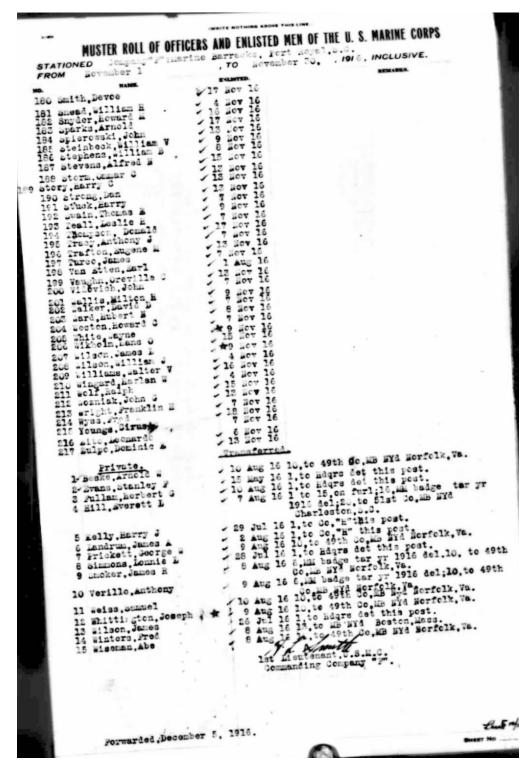
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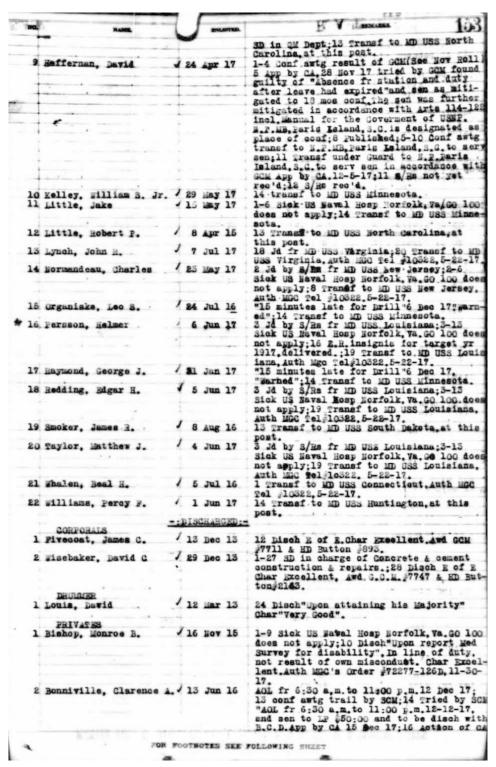
August 1916 Company F, Marine Barracks, Port Royal, South Carolina

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November 1916 Transferred to 49th Company, Norfolk, Virginia

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December 1917 Transferred to USS South Dakota

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Marriage to Zelma Scruggs

"Weddings-Smoker-Scruggs," Knoxville Sentinel, August 17, 1918.

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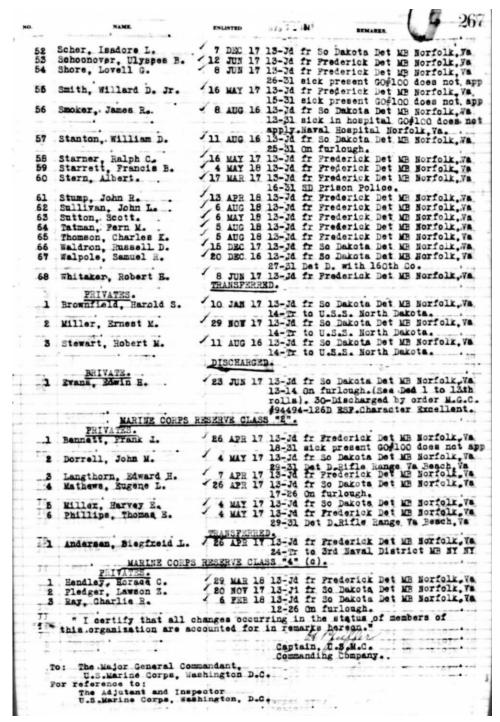
"James R. Smoker, of the United States marine corps, and Miss Zelma Scruggs were quietly married Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Smoker, of the battleship South Dakota, is in the city on a twelve day furlough, and leaves Tuesday, for oversea duty.

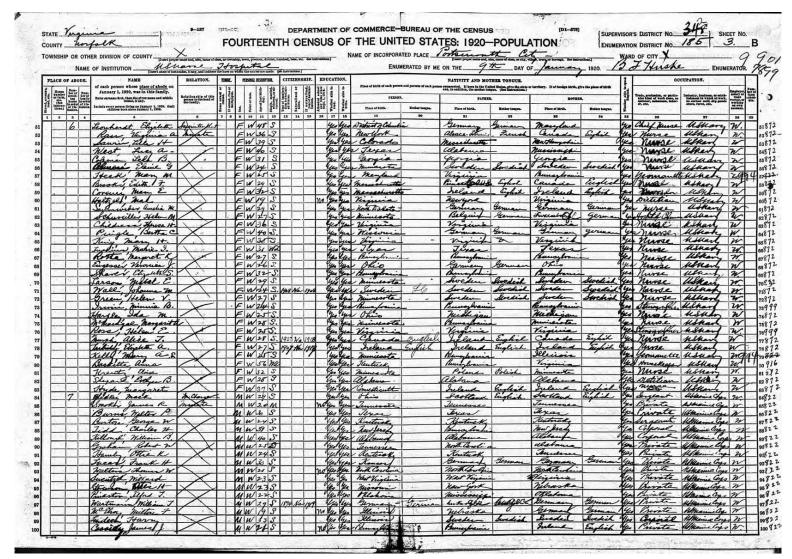
Mrs. Smoker will remain at the home of her mother, Mrs. Nora Scruggs, 129 Elliot avenue, until Christmas. At this time she expects to join her husband in New York.

Friends unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Smoker all happiness."



December 1918 Sick in Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia

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1920 United States Census

"1920 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James R Smoker, Portsmouth, Virginia.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/55824639:6061

Divorce From Zelma Scruggs

"Two Divorce Suits Filed," Knoxville Sentinel, September 17, 1920.

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Summary:

Zelma files for divorce from James.

James Returns Home For the Holidays

"Personals," Greenville Democrat-Sun (TN), December 20, 1923.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/585300620/?match=1\&terms=james\%20r\%20smoker}$

Transcription:

"Corporal James R. Smoker of the U.S. Marine Corps arrived in Greenville yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays. He has just returned from the West Indies. After the holidays he will be stationed at Quantico Va. for duty."

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WHEREAS Frank George Mc Caffrey has applied to me for a License to authorize his man	rriage with
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Marriage to Gladys Marshall

"Florida Marriages, 1837-1974," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed August 26, 2024), entry for James Ramon Smoker, Escambia, Florida.

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	FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS REPORT OF DIVORCE GRANTE 73
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BOX 135.	Full name of husband James R. Smoker Address Pensacola, Fla. Maidan name of wife Gladys Marshall & moher Address Pensacola, Fla.
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	(SIGNED) Sangley Bell Clerk Circuit Court.
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Divorce From Gladys Marshall

"Florida, Divorce, 1927-1950," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed August 26, 2024), entry for James R Smoker, Escambia, Florida.

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"U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James R Smoker, Pensacola, Florida.

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James Hit By Prize Fighter

"Stribling Pays \$100 For Blow," Pensacola News Journal, October 24, 1928.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/352747022/?match=1&terms=j%20r%20smoker

Transcription:

"Young' Stribling, prize fighter, has had to pay \$100 for giving J. R. Smoker, of Pensacola, a black eye. A damage suit against the pugilist for 'injuries' to the Pensacolian was settled out of court today for \$100 and costs.

Winning a prize fight from Charles Rammell at Legion Field in Pensacola several months ago, got Stribling into the trouble. The beating he was giving Rammell incensed Smoker, a ring side spectator. Smoker's 'boos' and uncomplimentary remarks angered Stribling. Strib took a punch at the heckler when he left the ring after the decision.

Smoker hired an attorney, J. McHenry Jones, to enter suit for damages against the prize ring plutocrat. Stribling retained John M. Coe to defend him.

The lawyers today agreed upon a settlement."

James' Prohibition Arrest

"Joe Johnson is Nabbed in Raid by Federal Men," Pensacola News Journal, July 22, 1929.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/352770951/?match=1\&terms=j\%20r\%20smoker}$

Summary:

Police raided James' "beer garden" and arrested him for the sale of alcohol. He got caught by an undercover agent.

James' Prohibition Charge

"Joe Johnson Will Get Hearing Today," Pensacola News Journal, August 15, 1929.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/352773028/?match=1&terms=j%20r%20smoker

Summary:

James is given a hearing and charged with the sale of whisky.

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Marriage to Mary Cravey

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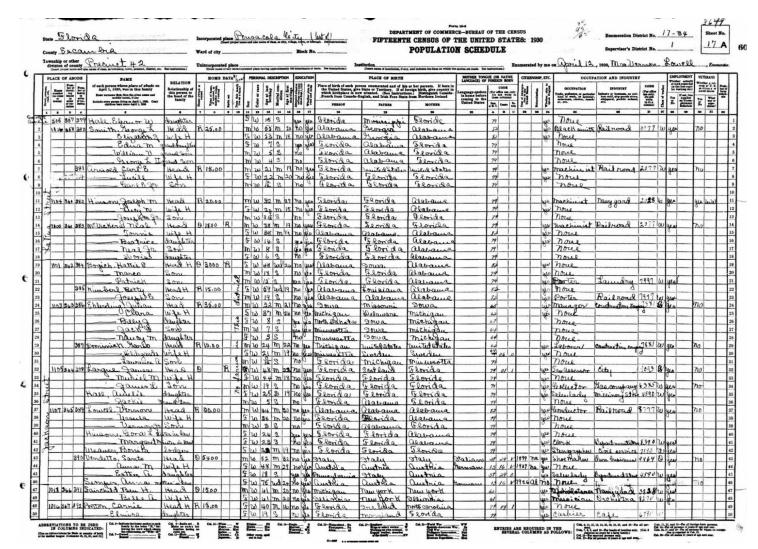
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Divorce From Mary Cravey

"Florida Divorce, 1927-1950," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed August 26, 2024), entry for James R Smoker, Escambia, Florida.

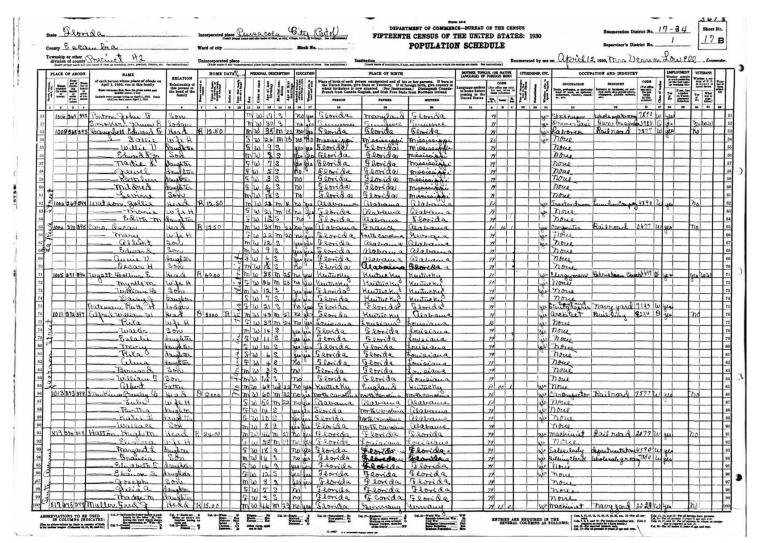
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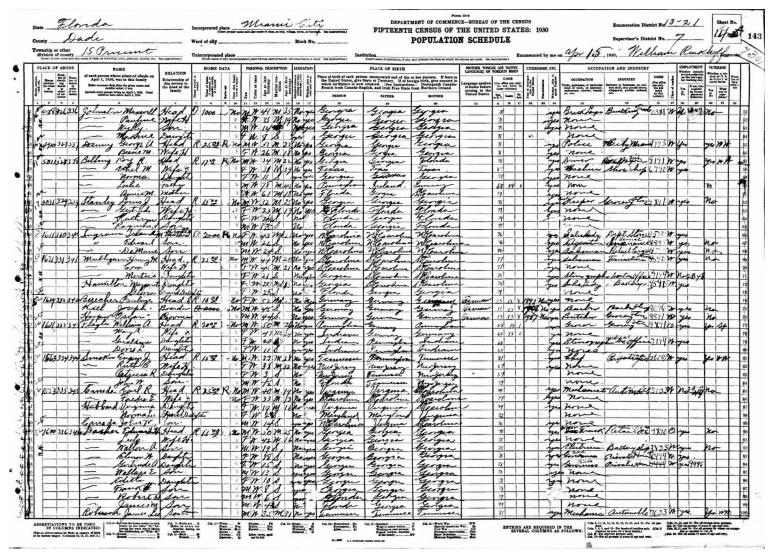
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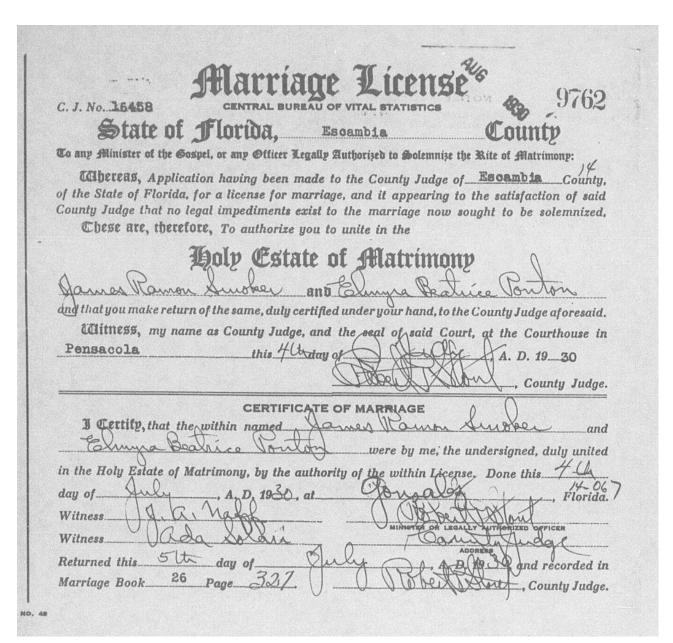
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James' Brother Eugene in the 1930 United States Census

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for Eugene J Smoker, Miami, Dade, Florida.

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Marriage to Elmyra Ponton

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"Florida Deaths, 1877-1939," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James Ramon Smoker.

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James Ramon Smoker Obituary

"Deaths-Ramon Smoker," Greeneville Sun (TN), March 14, 1933.

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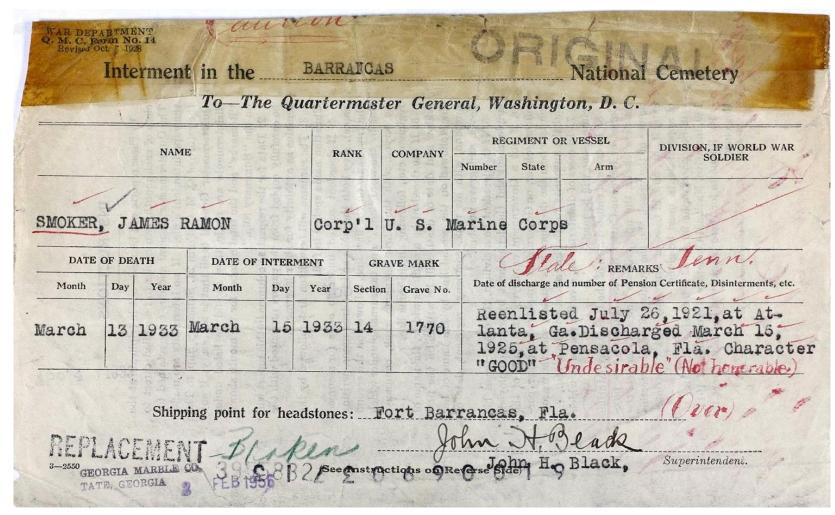
Transcription:

"Mr. Ramon Smoker, aged 31, son of Mr. J. L. Smoker of Greenville, died yesterday, March 13th in the Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held there sometime tomorrow. Definite arrangements have not been learned here. Interment will take place in the National Cemetery at Pensacola.

He is survived by his wife and a 3-year-old son, John. Also his father and one brother, Eugene Smoker of Miami, Fla. His mother died in 1914.

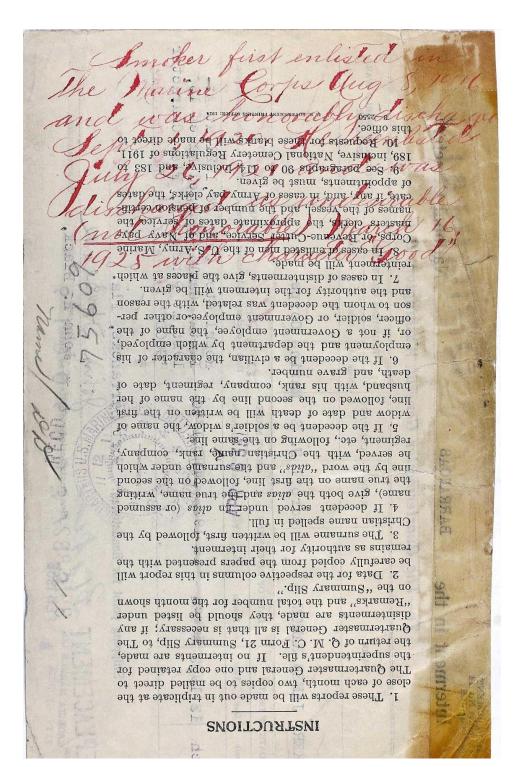
Mr. Smoker joined the Marines when quite young, where he served for eight years. He served on the convoy during the World War, after which he received his honorable discharge. He was born and raised in Knoxville, but had a number of friends here, having visited here several times. The last time he visited his father was two years ago."



Interment in Barrancas National Cemetery

"U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James Ramon Smoker, Pensacola, Florida.

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Full Name	Smoker, James Ramon
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Discharge Date	16 Mar 1925
Death Date	13 Mar 1933
Burial Date	15 Mar 1933
Cemetery	Barrancas National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	Naval Air Station, 80 Hovey Road Pensacola, Fl 32508
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Plot	Section 14 Site 1770
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James Smoker Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for James Ramon Smoker, Barrancas National Cemetery.

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James Smoker's Headstone in Barrancas National Cemetery

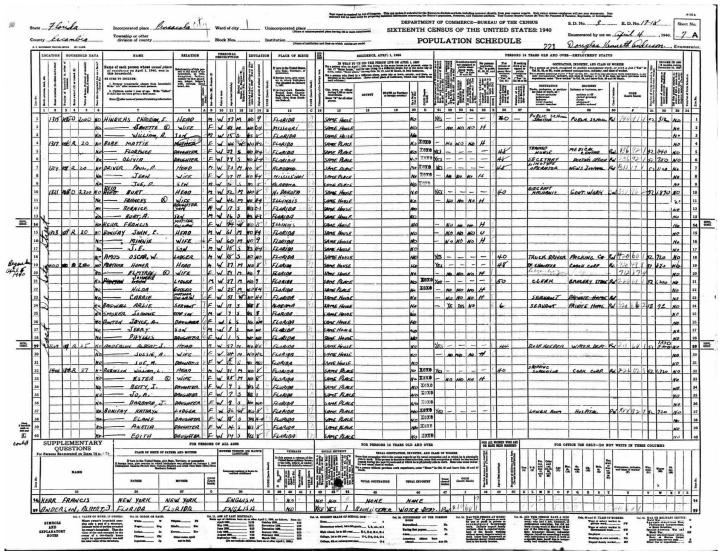
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James' Widow and Son in the 1935 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for John Ramon Smoker, Escambia, Florida.

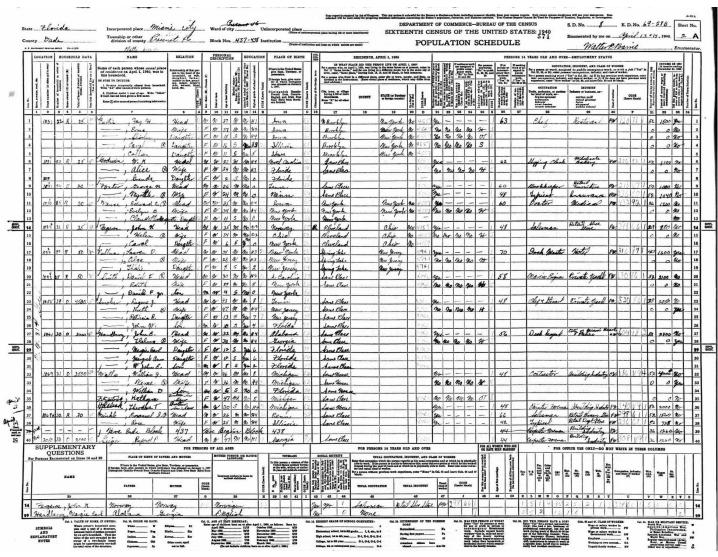
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James' Widow and Son in the 1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for Johnnie Smoker, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

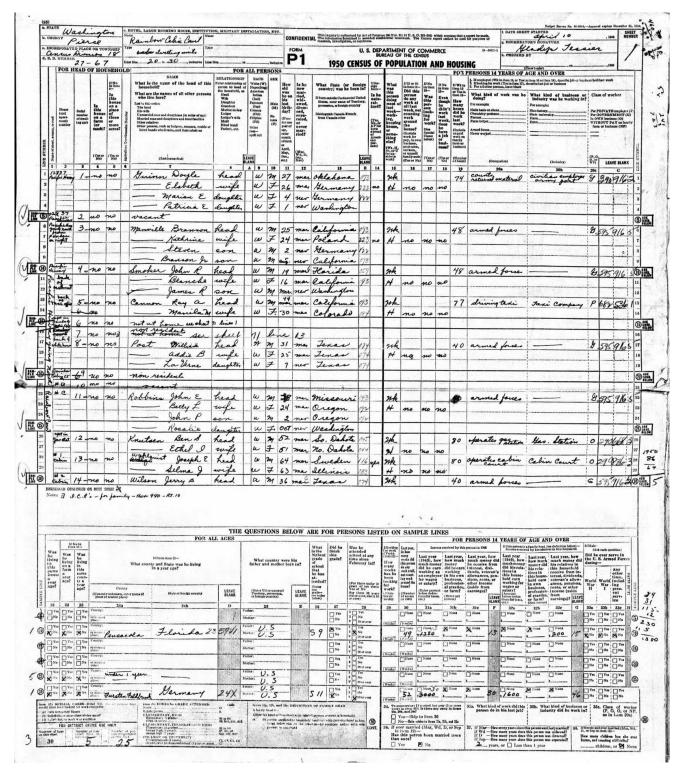
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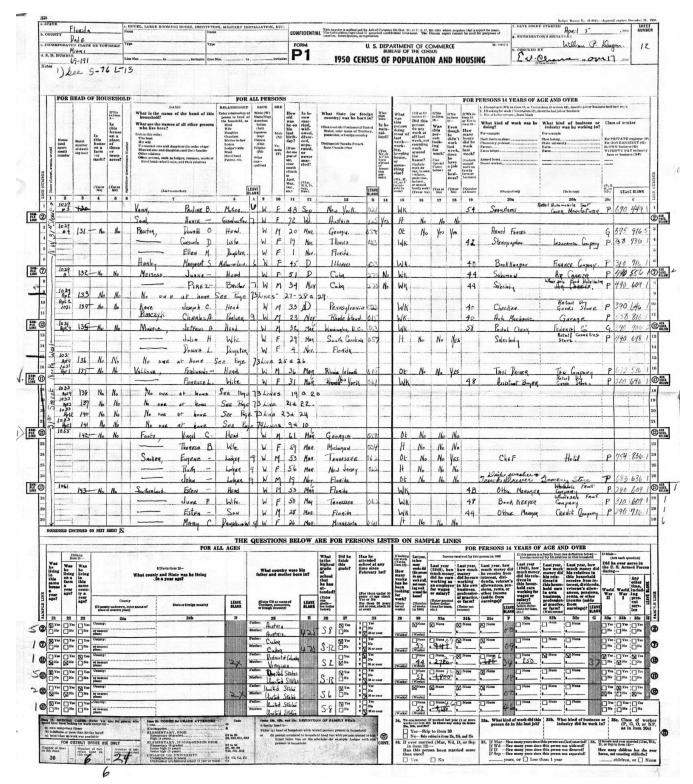
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James' Son in the 1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for John R Smoker, Pierce, Washington.

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Death of James' Father

"John L. Smoker," Miami Herald, October 19, 1951.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/627491084/?match=1\&terms=john\%201\%20smoker}$

Transcription:

"John Lapp Smoker, 84-year-old retired stockman and paper cutter at a Knoxville Tenn., printing plant, died Thursday in a local hospital. He came from Lancaster, Pa., nine years ago and lived at 1055 NW 31st st. Surviving are his son, Eugene J., and three grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Bess Funeral home chapel. Cremation will follow."

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Military Headstone Application for James' Brother Eugene

"U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 23, 2023), entry for Eugene John Smoker, Miami, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2399406:2375