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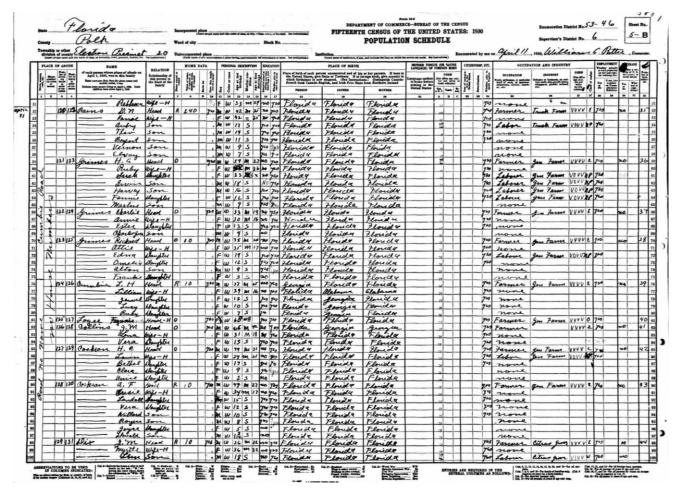
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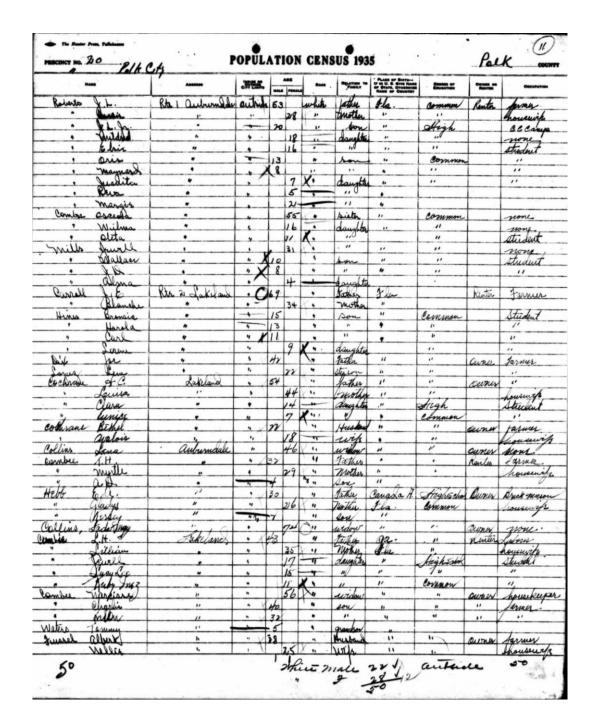
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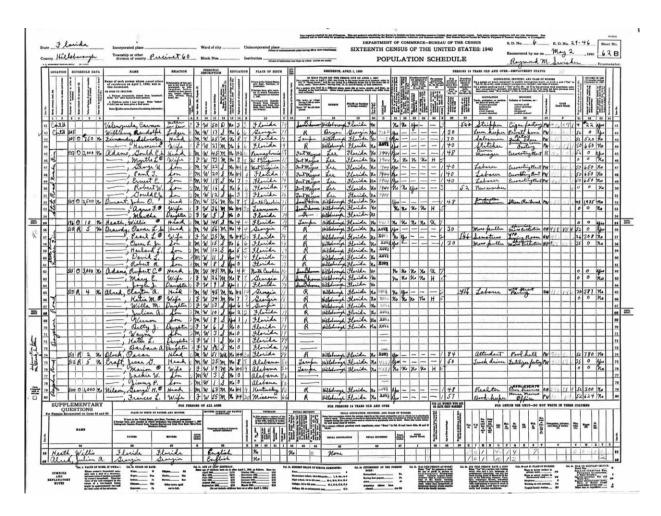
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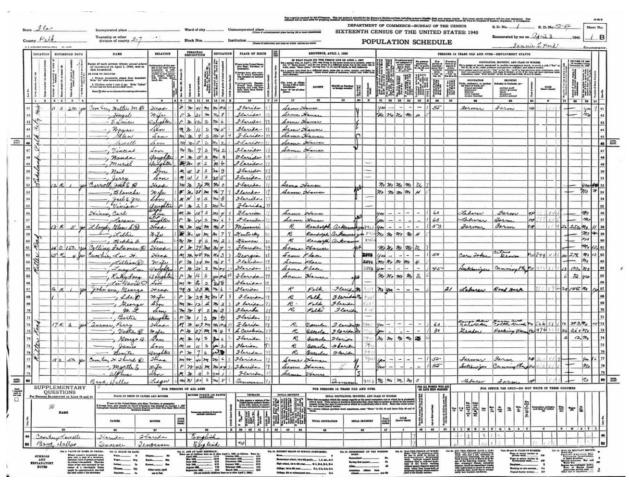
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Wendell's Father's World War II Draft Registration Card

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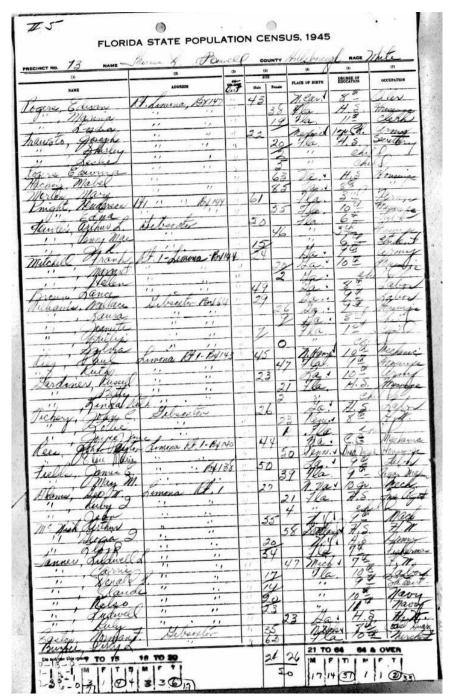
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Marriage Index for Wendell's Parents

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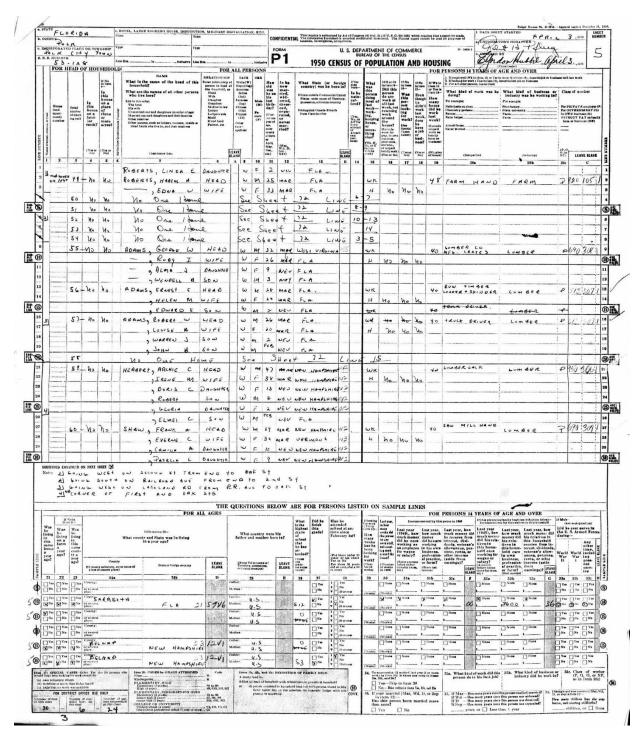
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Wendell's Parents in the 1945 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed May 19, 2023), entry for Jean Adams, Hillsborough, Florida.

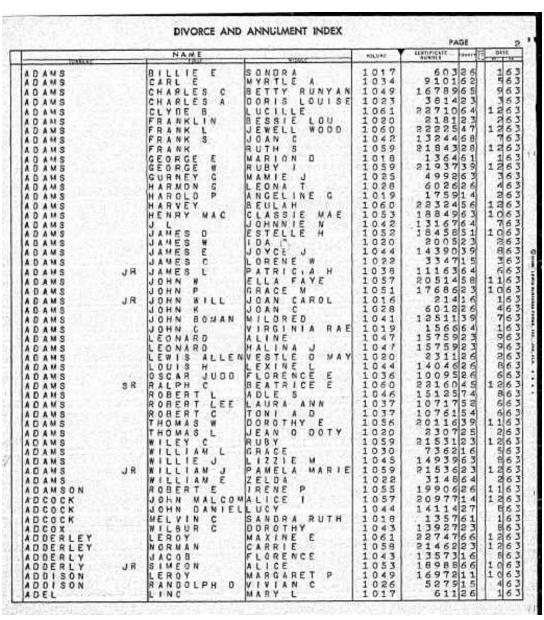
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1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 16, 2023), entry for Wendell B Adams, Polk City, Polk, Florida.

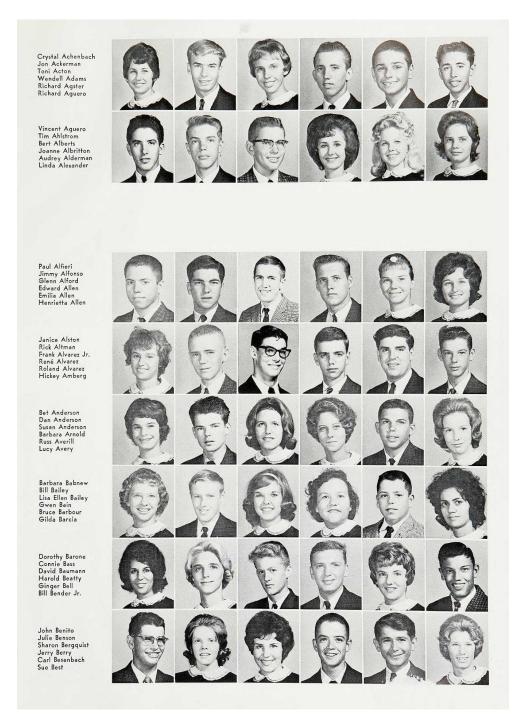
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Divorce Index for Wendell's Parents

"Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 16, 2023), entry for Ruby I Adams and George W Adams, Hillsborough, Florida.

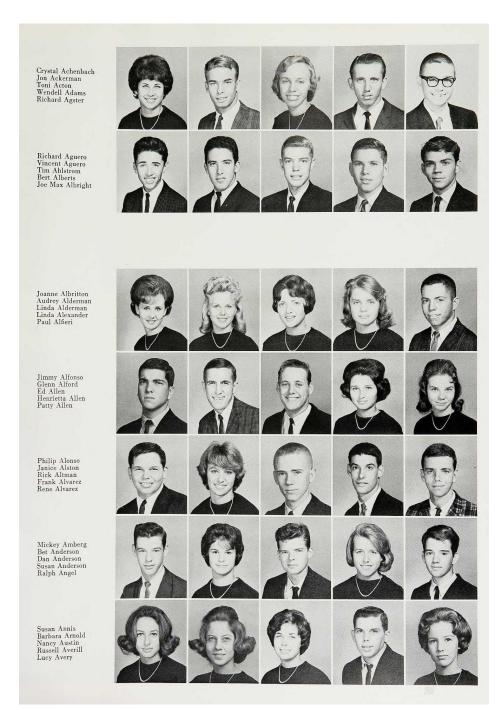
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1963 H B Plant High School Yearbook

"U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 21, 2023), entry for Wendell Adams, Tampa, Florida

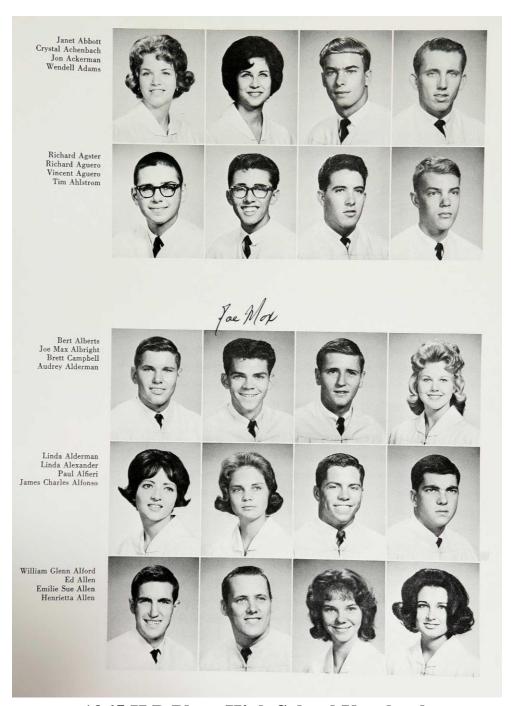
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Engagement Announcement

"Davies-Adams," Tampa Tribune, November 12, 1967.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/331541400/?match=1&terms=wendell%20b%20adams

Transcription:

"Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Davies, 3914 Dale Ave., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Annette, to U.S. Marine Cpl. Wendell B. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Adams of Brandon.

Miss Davies is a graduate of Plant High School.

Mr. Adams attended South Georgia College in Douglas, Ga. He is serving with the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

The wedding is planned for July at First Baptist Church."

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Marriage to Jean Annette Davies

"Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 16, 2023), entry for Wendell Bruce Adams and Jean Annette Davies, Hillsborough, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2829001:8784

Name	Wendell B Adams
Gender	Male
Spouse's Name	Jean
Divorce Date	9 Oct 1979
Divorce Place	Hillsborough, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	055116

Divorce from Jean

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2289474:8837

[&]quot;Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 16, 2023), entry for Wendell B Adams, Hillsborough, Florida.

WaterBrick International (Wendell's Company) Website

"Making a Difference for People in Need," *WaterBrick International*, accessed June 20, 2023, https://www.waterbrick.org/about-us/.

Transcription:

"WaterBrick International, Our Vision

In 2003 Jean-Michel Cousteau, the son of legendary oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, met with his friend, Wendell Adams, founder and inventor of WaterBrick, for breakfast one morning. During their conversation, Jean-Michel challenged Wendell to address the global need for clean water and the recycling of plastic waste worldwide. What started as a casual conversation soon became the catalyst for a major movement. Adams accepted Cousteau's challenge and became determined to create a plastic water container that could deliver water and food to people living in remote, impoverished parts of the world and also victims of natural disasters like storms, tsunamis and earthquakes. That container, once emptied of its contents, could then be repurposed to build transitional or basic housing."

WaterBrick International Donates to Haitian Aid

Victor Manuel Ramos, "Area doctors feel moved to aid quake's victims," *Orlando Sentinel*, January 16, 2010.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/269143804/?match=1&terms=waterbrick%20international

Transcription:

(The article details several central Florida contributors to Haitian aid after a devastating earthquake.)

"Wendell Adams, president of Orlando-based WaterBrick International, is donating 5,500 of industrial containers filled with 187,000 gallons of water, mostly to supply Port-au-Prince hospitals. The containers, which he invented, are designed to be used as "plastic bricks" or building materials once their contents are emptied. He expects to send thousands more in the next few weeks.

'When Haiti happened, I thought of my mission statement and decided we had to be there,' Adams said. 'Our mantra is building hope and saving lives, and that's what's needed."'

Wendell Bruce Adams Obituary

"Wendell Bruce Adams," *FindAGrave*, accessed June 16, 2023, https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/191367425/wendell_bruce-adams.

Transcription:

"Wendell B. Adams of Mount Dora, Florida passed away on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the age of 71 years.

He was born in Bartow, Florida and has lived in the central Florida region his entire life, living in Polk City, Tampa, Bradenton, Orlando and Mount Dora. He proudly served in the US Marine Corps. in the Vietnam War, serving two tours. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and a Silver Star.

Wendell was an entrepreneur, owning and managing Waterbrick International, producing plastic containers out of Windermere, Florida. He loved the outdoors, shooting, riding his motorcycle and traveling cross country.

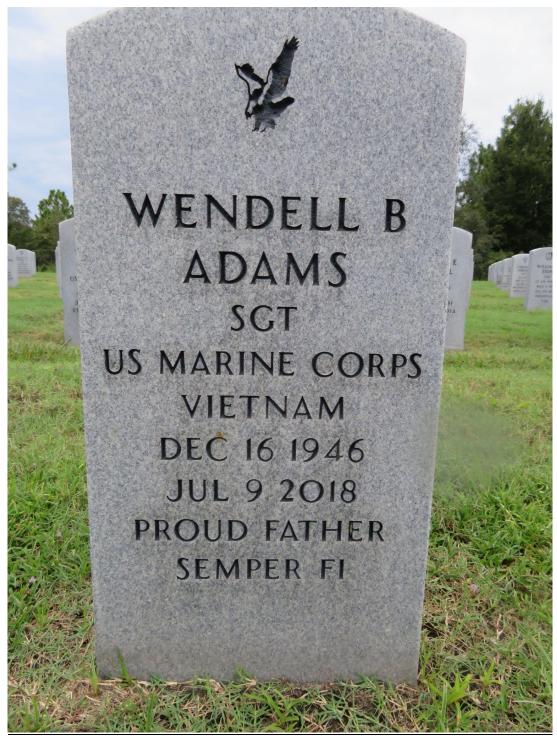
He was preceded in death by his parents, George William and Ruby Inez Adams. Wendell was remembered and will be dearly missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Jillian Adams of Windermere; son, Mark Adams of Tampa; sister, Alma Jean Wilder of Polk City, Florida and 3 grandchildren, Griffin, Madelyn and Christopher."

Full Name	Adams, Wendell B
Birth Date	16 Dec 1946
Death Date	9 Jul 2018
Cemetery	Florida National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	6502 Sw 102nd Ave
Cemetery City	Bushnell
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Section	627
Cemetery Plot	2270
Branch	US Marine Corps
Rank	SGT
Conflict	Vietnam
Served For	United States of America

Wendell Adams Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed March 19, 2024), entry for Wendell B Adams, Florida National Cemetery.

https://www.fold3.com/record/716548218/adams-wendell-b-us-veterans-gravesites-ca1775-2019



Wendell Adams' Headstone in Florida National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Wendell B Adams*, photograph, 2023, Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.