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OSCAR NAPOLEON JOYNER FAMILY TREE

EARLY SWEENEY FAMILY 1912

Oscar Napoleon Joyner arrived in Sweeny in 1912 as recorded by local historian Pat Ellis. Land records show he bought a lot in Sweeny in 1914 and his 1st daughter Evelyn was born there in 1915. The birth certificate lists his occupation as a lumberman. His WWI draft registration lists manufacturer of crates and wagon _____. He was running a sawmill, although it does not appear he owned the land. Evidence shows he contracted to do some add on work for one of the Rimmer houses in 1917 so he was apparently a carpenter as well. In 1917, he and J G Arrington owned the "Sweeny Garage", but Arrington probably ran it. He started selling off his Sweeny property in 1919 and ended up in Harlingen in July of that year.

Once in Harlingen, records show he worked for Texaco and later owned Joyner oil. It appears he did quite well for an old boy who once lived in Sweeny, Texas.



The Italian villa style home built by W.T. Liston at 613 E. Taylor is for Oscar Nathan Joyner and his wife Anne Evelyn. The house was built in late 1925 and early 1926 for the Joyners who had come to Harlingen in 1919 from Rosdale, TX. The house has 10' ceilings with steel beam reinforcing, 2' deep outside walls, tile roof, and windows of ¾" automobile glass. The Joyner family lived in an apartment over its garage while the main house was being built. Being very attractive it was featured on a post card circulated to promote the city. Mr. Joyner became the first Valley agent for the Texas Co. (Texaco) and will later own the Joyner Oil Company. The house was modeled on Boca Raton, FL homes designed by Addison Mizner, a famous architect of the day. The Joyner family owned it to the early 1980s when the new owner completely restored it. O.N. Joyner was born in Rockdale, TX on 9/1/1891 and attended high school there. He married Annie E. McCalla on 7/15/1913. They came to Harlingen 7/26/19. This Presbyterian member was also a Mason and Shriner;

<http://www.myharlingen.us/users/0118/historical%20info%20HARM/05%20Decade%201920%20to%201929.pdf>

1 Oscar Napoleon Joyner b: 01 Sep 1891 in Rockdale, Milam Co.Texas, d: 05 Aug 1939 in Harlingen, Cameron, Texas, USA

From his Texas certificate of death

Name: Oscar N. Joynor

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Death Date: 05 Aug 1939

Death Place: Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Cameron, Texas

Gender: Male

Race: White

Death Age: 47 years 11 months 4 days

Birth Date: 01 Sept 1891

Birthplace: Rockdale, Texas

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Mrs. O. N. Joynor

Father's Name: K. L. Joynor

Father's Birthplace: Tenn.

Mother's Name: Miss Dolly Reid

Mother's Birthplace: Texas

Occupation: Gasoline & Oils, Wholesale

*Place of Residence: 613 East Taylor St., Harlingen, Texas

Cemetery: Mont Meta

Burial Date: 06 Aug 1939

Informant: Mrs. O.N. Joyner, Harlingen, Texas

It was in the period 1920 to 1939 that, as the professional people of Harlingen became more affluent, the city's first suburb develops just southeast of the business district. Substantial and beautiful houses are constructed on East Taylor Street along the so-called "silk stocking row." In general order of their appearance, these include . . . The Italian villa style home built by W.T. Liston at 613 E. Taylor is for Oscar Nathan Joyner and his wife Anne Evelyn. The house was built in late 1925 and early 1926 for the Joyners who had come to Harlingen in July 1919 from Rockdale, Texas. He became the first Valley agent for the Texas Co. (Texaco). This Presbyterian member was also a Mason and Shriner. The house was modeled on Boca Raton, Florida homes designed by Addison Mizner, a famous architect of the day. The Joyner family owned it to the early 1980s when the new owner completely restored it. O.N. Joyner was born in Rockdale, Texas and attended high school there. He married Annie E. McCalla on July 15, 1913. Training under C.W. Blackwell she is one of the first women in Texas to obtain an aviation license. Her husband purchased a plane for her.

In 1930, Oscar & Annie hosted a dance party for daughter Evelyn.



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Form 1 **74** **REGISTRATION CARD** No. **154412**

1	Name in full <u>Oscar Napoleon Joyner</u> (Given name) (Family name)	Age, in yrs. <u>25</u>
2	Home address <u>Lumber</u> <u>Texas</u> (No.) (Street) (City) (State)	
3	Date of birth <u>September 1st</u> <u>1891</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural Born</u>	
5	Where were you born? <u>Rockdale</u> <u>Texas</u> <u>U.S.A.</u> (Town) (State) (Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Manufacturer of Caskets & Home Interiors</u>	
8	By whom employed? <u>By Self</u> Where employed? <u>Lumber</u> <u>Texas</u>	
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>Yes - Wife & 1 Child</u>	
10	Married or single (which)? <u>Married</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>	
11	What military service have you had? Rank <u>None</u> ; branch <u>None</u> ; years <u>None</u> ; Nation or State <u>None</u>	
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>No</u>	

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

If person is of Alac. is descent, tear off this corner

Oscar Napoleon Joyner
(Signature or mark)

1st wife... + Annie Evelyn McCalla b: 09 Apr 1891 in Texas, d: 15 May 1932 in Harlingen, Cameron, Texas, USA; Age: 41



.....2 Evelyn E Joyner b: 12 Jan 1915 in **Sweeny**, Brazoria, Texas

TEXAS STATE
BOARD OF HEALTH

507
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

959-909-40m

Town.....

County.....

1. Date of Birth <i>Jan 12-1915</i>		2. Name of Child <i>Evelyn E Joyner</i>	
3. Sex <i>Female</i>	4. Race or Color <i>White</i>	5. Legitimate or Otherwise <i>Legitimate</i>	6. Alive or Stillborn <i>alive</i>
7. Place of Birth <i>Sweeney Tex</i>			
8. Name of Father <i>Oscar N. Joyner</i>		9. Nationality <i>American</i>	
10. Maiden Name of Mother <i>M^{rs} Calla</i>		11. Nationality <i>American</i>	
12. Residence of Parents <i>Sweeney Tex</i>		13. Occupation of Father <i>Lumberman</i>	
14. Name and Residence of Person Reporting <i>Wt + Eades Sweeney Tex</i>			

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.....2 Jane Lee Joyner b: 14 Jul 1920 in Harlingen, Cameron, Texas, d: Dec 1989

..... + Leslie Stuart d: 17 Jun 1986

2nd wife ... + Wylette F. Lyford b: 06 Oct 1895 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas, m: 25 Jul 1933 in Raymondsville, Texas, d: 07 Dec 1987 in San Antonio, Bexer Co. Texas; Age at Death: 91