

FAMILY GROUP NO. 1/26 **Husband's Full Name** Josiah Clemens THOMAS

This information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	12Jan 1835	Powell Valley Lee		VA	
Chr'nd					
Marr.	18Nov 1859		Lee	VA	
Death	5Sept 1913	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
Burial	8Sept 1913	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	

Orange County Hist. Book-Sam'l Armor 1921 (Calif)

#3 Death Cert. #4 Death Cert. #4 Birth Article Bartley-McNeil Fam. History
 Places of Residence LeeCo., VA; GrantCo., KY; Hiawatha, BrownCo., K
 Occupation Farmer/Retailmer Church Affiliation Method. Epis. Military Rec.
 Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr. 2. Sarah E. Johnson 1838-1932 no children
 His Father James THOMAS Mother's Maiden Name Hannah

Wife's Full Maiden Name Nancy BARTLEY

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	7Apr 1841			VA	
Chr'nd					
Death	26Mar 1866	Powell Valley Lee		VA	
Burial		Powell Valley Lee		VA	

Compiler C. Dawn ALVAREZ Places of Residence
 Address 1202 N. Linwood Occupation Church Affiliation Methodist Military Rec.
 City, State Santa Ana, CA Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.
 Date May 1975 Her Father James BARTLEY Mother's Maiden Name Sarah Jane SPEAK

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1 Melville C. THOMAS	Birth	1860		Lee	VA	1 ch.
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death	8Sept 1900	Galveston flood/Galveston		TX	
		Burial					
	2 Francis Marion THOMAS	Birth	29Jan 1862	Nr. Rosehill	Lee	VA	6 ch.
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	15Aug 1888		Orange	CA	
	Zoura KERR	Death	1936				
		Burial		Fairhaven Cem.	Orange	CA	
	3 Sarah Alice THOMAS	Birth	4Dec 1863	Williamsburg	Grant	KY	3 children
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.	19Aug 1880	Hiawatha	Brown	KS	by #1husb.
	1. Sam'l Ellsworth HISKEY	Death	2Feb 1948	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
	2. Otis Bassett BRIDGFORD	Burial	4Feb 1948	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
	4 Charles Lewis THOMAS	Birth	25Jul 1865	Williamsburg	Grant	KY	
	Full Name of Spouse	Death	12Sept 1953	Los Angeles	L.A.	CA	
	1. Fannie	Burial	15Sept 1953	Inglewood Pk.	L.A.	CA	
	2. Lillian	Birth		Lillian signed Death Cert. as informant)			
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.		Bramble-Best Funeral Home			
		Death					
		Burial					
	6	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	7	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	8	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	9	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	10	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					

* For additional children use Everton Publishers' Children Continuation Sheet, Form A11

Form A1, Family Group Sheet by The Everton Publishers, P.O. Box 366, Logan, UT 84321. Publishers of The Genealogical Helper. Send for a free catalogue with list and full descriptions of many genealogical aids.

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ORIGINAL

Zela Deardorff related
this information to Dawn
ca 1980s

After Josiah C. Thomas moved to California in 1883, he never did live on the 200 acres of farmland he purchased south of town. He had purchased property on Spurgeon St. on east side of town of Santa Ana and had a craftsman style 2 story home built at 619 N. Spurgeon. He had given the land south of the house to the United Methodist congregation, on which to build a church. I have seen papers (deed?) that show that he sold the land to the church.

While his home was being built, he ~~lived in~~ ^{brought} an apartment building just to the north of 619, and lived in one of the apartments while the building took place.

J.C. purchased one of the first Buicks in Santa Ana. He had a cow and a horse named Zenora that he kept in the barn that still stands.

The Thomas' used to travel to different places around the United States as J.C. tried to find relief for his dropsy. The different hot springs were tried, hoping that would help his condition. He and his wife were in Arkansas at a resort when Samuel Hickey, his son-in-law, got typhoid and died in 1891, in Santa Ana. Did he come home right away? There was a newspaper report

Recorded in
Los Angeles Co.
file 1889.

of the death of Samuel E.

A few years later, death again reared its head: In ^{Sep} 1900, a huge hurricane bore down on Galveston^{TX} and surroundings. It devastated the island, the town and surprised many by its fierceness. Melville Thomas and his wife and step-child lived there. Mel worked on the docks. When the storm got bad, Mel left his job and went to help his wife at home. It has been said that if he had stayed at the docks, he would have survived. His father went down to Galveston but never found him or his ~~wife's~~ step-child.

Josiah had suffered most of his life from dropsy and had a nurse to help him in later life. His death certificate gave cause of death as diabetes mellitus. That was before there ~~were~~ ^{were} insulin injections. The nurse was Dorothy Reuter, wife of Theo Reuter, who died a few years later. Theo was brother of Ernie Reuter an uncle of Doug Manning, Dawn's school mate.

Lela was very close to her step-grandmother, Sarah. She spent much time at the house on Spurgeon and driving her step-grandmother, Sarah, all around the area. They used the Buick that J.C. left upon his death.

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Sarah wanted Lela and Johnny to be married at her home and though Lela wasn't completely for that, her father Frank, encouraged her to do so. The wedding took place in 1915 before the fireplace in the living room at 619 N. Spurgeon, Santa Ana.

Sarah later married a Mr. Anderson who died about a year later. He is buried near Sarah and Josiah C. at Santa Ana Cemetery.

Lela remembers helping her Great Aunt Emma Thomas to write letters to sister Eliza Jane Haynes who still lived in Lee Co, VA. This was in early 1900s. Eliza lived to be over 100.

J.C. Thomas owned some land in El Modena. His 2 brothers Abijah and Joshua helped farm it. Joshua had moved to California from Brown County, Kansas. Joshua had at least one child born in El Modena (on J.C.'s ranch?)

Josiah Clemons Thomas

Born in Powell's Valley, Lee County, Virginia on 12 January 1835. This place is about 12 miles from Jonesville, the county seat. Parents were James & Hannah Thomas.

He lived on the family farm run by his father, James Thomas, until he was 21. He had obtained his education and worked summers on farms, earning \$9 a month one summer and \$11 a month the next summer.

He went to Kentucky, across the mountains where he worked for three years, 1856 to 1859 then returned to Powell's Valley. He married Nancy Bartley on 18 November, 1859. He farmed for three years then moved with his family to Grant County, Kentucky. He farmed there for three years. His daughter, Sarah Alice Thomas was born in ^{Williamstown} ~~Jonesville~~, Kentucky Dec. 4 1863.

He bought a farm in 1864 and sold it a year later for almost double the price. (1865)

He went back to Powell's Valley, Va. ^{with his family} in Dec. 1865. In March 1866, his wife Nancy (Bartley) died of typhoid fever, leaving him with 4 children. He married a year later, 1867, to Sarah E. Johnson ^{widow} and they moved to Grant Co., Ky. He purchased timber land and worked on a neighboring farm for a year. (Till 1868.?)

date?

Failing health caused him to trade what he had for a stock of merchandise in Pendleton Co., Ky. 1867. He was there for a year. In the spring of ^{Jan.} 1869(?) went to Hiawatha, Kansas. His family settled on a partly improved farm 1 mile east of present city of Hiawatha. From then, has bought & sold many farms. In November 1873, he opened a general merchandise store at Hiawatha with brother Elijah H. Thomas. In fall of 1881, J.C. erected a building where he then carried on business. He built an L shape, fronting on 2 streets, Oregon & 7th.

He was a director of 1st National Bank of Hiawatha and connected with the following societies:

Hiawatha Lodge No. 85, I.O.O.F.

Star of Hope Lodge, No. 1338

Knights of H. and K. L. of H. (Knights of Hiawatha?)

Member of Hiawatha Methodist Episcopal Church

Went to Orange Co. Calif in 1883.

from Kansas History

To Mrs. W. Walker
(Cochran)

Sept 1975

Heritage Tour Oct. 1975

History of Thomas House N. Spurgeon, Santa Ana

Isiah Clemons Thomas, a native of Virginia and born in 1855, came to California in 1883 and purchased 200 acres of farmland southeast of Santa Ana, from McFadden to Warner on ~~Frank St.~~ ^{McClay St.} (later changed to Grand, S.A.)

Then after about 2 years, he moved into town of Santa Ana on property purchased on N. Spurgeon. He built present house before 1890 and is said to have donated the land to ~~First~~ Methodist Episcopal Church of Santa Ana on which that church now stands just south of the house, running to corner of 6th and Spurgeon.

He passed away in 1913, leaving house to his wife, the step-mother who ^{had} raised his ⁴ ~~mother~~ children since they were very young.

She passed on in 1925 and house was inherited ^{by} the Thomas' daughter, Sarah Alice Hickey Bridgford. It was rented out. ~~When~~ Upon Mrs. Bridgford's death ^{in 1948} the house was inherited by her daughter Nancy Hickey McClay who sold it sometime after 1948.

The ~~Holton~~ family bought it, Mrs. Phillips

by 1946.
Later becoming Mrs. Horton. ^{by 1946} She is the present ^{Mrs Horton now} ^{widow} owner.

Walter E. Huskey ^{the grandson of G.P.T.} recalled to his granddaughter how he as a ~~small~~ ^{small} boy in late 1800's would visit grandpa's ~~house~~ ^{house} and walk down Spurgeon to 4th St. ^{SA.} past fields of mustard, to visit the meat ~~meat~~ ^{meat} market on 4th St. who would give him a ^{frankfurter} ~~frankfurter~~ ^{to eat as} a special treat.

Santa Ana
Zela's book

History of First Methodist Episcopal Church - 1848

When Josiah Clemons Thomas moved into Santa Ana city, he bought land at corner of 6th and Spurgeon. 1885 (Called Thomas addition in Deed Books)

He was present at ^{board} meeting Jan. 13 1900 and proposed to sell to 1st Methodist Episcopal Church of Santa Ana for purpose of building a church and parsonage $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 14, lot 15, lot 16 and $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 17 of Thomas addition to Santa Ana for sum of \$1200.⁰⁰ It was moved, seconded and carried that the board accept the offer.

Deed was recorded May 5, 1900 that read: J. C. Thomas to First Methodist Episcopal Church, lot 14, lot 15; lot 16 & lot 17, Thomas addition to Santa Ana for sum of \$1400.⁰⁰ (Located on N. E. corner 6th and Spurgeon. Santa Ana, Orange Co., Calif.)

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of our new church building was held Aug. 30, 1900. The building was completed and dedicated Jan. 6, 1901 by Bishop J. W. Hamilton with presiding Elder Dr. W. M. Sterling present. Pastor Rev. John B. Green, Trustees J. C. Thomas, R. M. Baker, etc.

copied by C.D.G. Sept 12, 1975

over

It was stated on Sept 12, 1975 that J. C. Thomas gave 1st \$1,000 to start the church building. Also Zela Thomas Beurdorf stated that he gave mortgage for ^{land} back to church. i.e., gave them the land.

Deed Books - Orange Co. Recorder's Office

about 1900.

Loan taken out by Josiah C. Thomas and _____ as Pres. & secretary of 1st Method. Episcopal Ch.



Josiah C. Thomas born in
Virginia Jan (I think) 1835
married Nancy Bartleyⁱⁿ 1859 she
died 1866 in Kentucky. They had
4 children, Melven, Francis, Alice
and Charley.

Sarah Alice born in Louisville
Kentucky Dec 4, 1863 married
Samuel Ellsworth Hiskey (1880?)
born in Iowa April 1861 died 1891
They were married in Hiawatha
Kansas. They had three children
Maud + Nancy born in Kansas
and Walter born in Calif.

Sarah Alice died Feb 2, 1948.

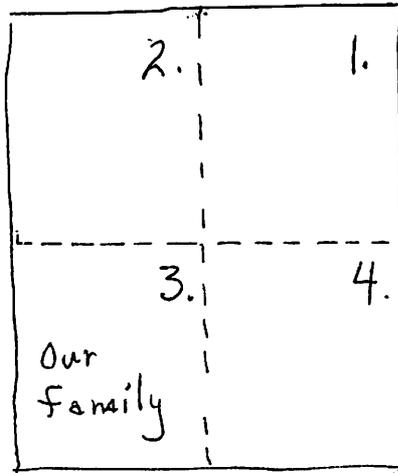
Santa Ana Cemetery Lots-

Original Purchase by Josiah C. THOMAS - 1891

Book of Lot OWNERS

	Section	Block	Lot	SPACE
Sarah Alice Bridgford	I	20	W 1/2 3	Sgraves
J.. C. Thomas et al	I	20	E 1/2	Sec. 3
J. C. THOMAS	S	9	E 1/2 4	
Mrs. Emmeline THOMAS	S	9	W 1/2 4	

Sec. 1
BLK. 20



S.A. Cem.
Lot

	Interment #	Section	Block	Lot	SPACE
Walter E. Hiskey	11624	I	20	W $\frac{1}{2}$ 3	7

Book of
Lot Owners

S. Alice Bridgeford

Section	Blk	Lot
I	20	W $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 (5 graves)

J.C. Thomas et al

I	20	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 3
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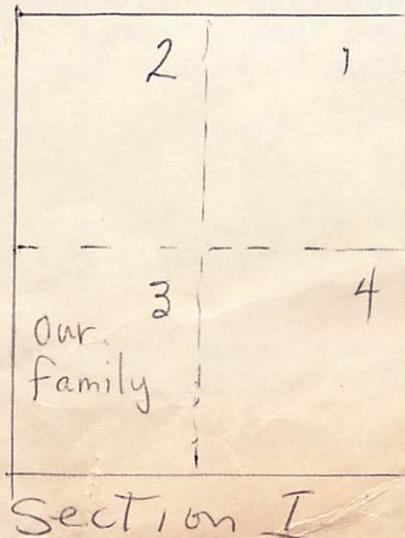
J.C. THOMAS

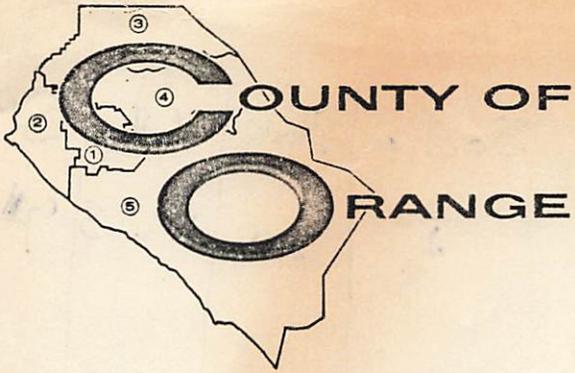
S	9	E $\frac{1}{2}$ 4
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Mrs. Emmeline Thomas

S	9	W $\frac{1}{2}$ 4
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Lots numbered thus





EL TORO CEMETERY
 25751 TRABUCO ROAD
 EL TORO, CA 92630
 (714) 951-8244

SANTA ANA CEMETERY
 1919 E. SANTA CLARA AVENUE
 SANTA ANA, CA
 (714) 953-2959

ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT NO. 1

MAILING ADDRESS: 25751 TRABUCO ROAD • EL TORO, CA 92630

*10 Plots
 in 1 LOT*

CHARGES

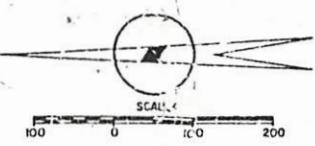
*Plotted
 e To W.*

ADULT - Grave Plot	\$300.00
Endowment Care Fund	90.00
Opening & Closing	190.00
Cement Box/Bell Liner	100.00*
URN - Grave Plot	\$150.00
Endowment Care Fund	45.00
Opening & Closing	40.00
Urn Vault	50.00*
BABY - Grave Plot	\$ 80.00
Endowment Care Fund	40.00
Opening & Closing	75.00
Cement Box/Bell Liner	50.00*
Saturday/Holiday Burials**	
Adult	\$170.00
Urn or Baby	75.00
Eligible Non-Resident	
Adult	\$170.00
Urn	80.00
Baby	40.00
Setting of Granite Marker	\$ 35.00
Setting of Bronze Marker	50.00
Border for Companion Marker	15.00
Flower Vase - Galvanized	\$ 7.50*
Flower Vase - Bronze	20.00*
Setting of Flower Vase	5.00
Lot Transfer/Assignment Fees	\$ 20.00

*Price includes state sales tax.

**Saturday/Holiday burials require 3-day notice.

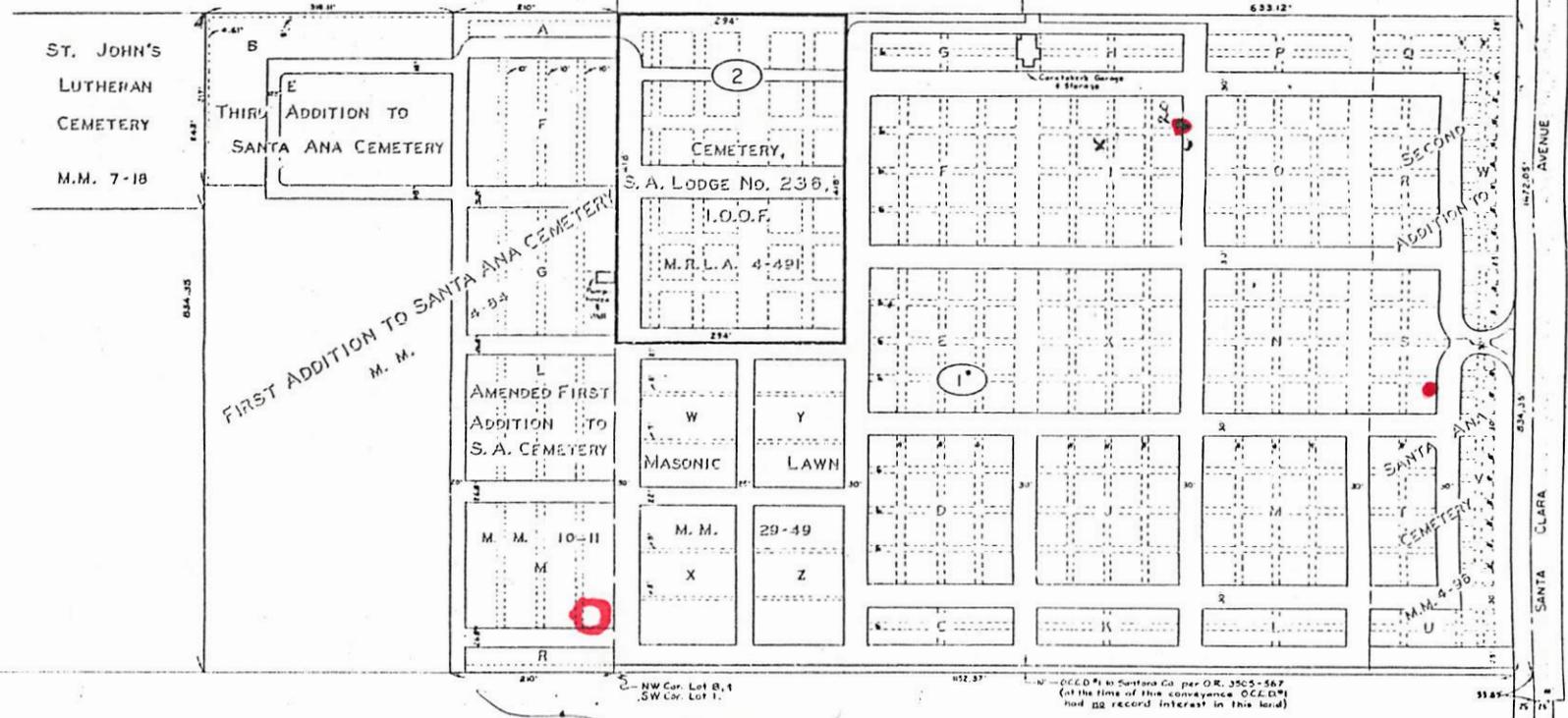
Interment order must be signed and payment
 in full received before burial is permitted.



A. B. CHAPMAN TRACT
M. M. 102-15

TUSTIN AVENUE

BLOCK "A"
LOT 1 LOT 8



THIRD ADDITION TO SANTA ANA CEMETERY
FIRST ADDITION TO SANTA ANA CEMETERY
M. M.
AMENDED FIRST ADDITION TO S. A. CEMETERY
M. M. 10-11
M. M. 29-49

CCED #1 in Santa Ana per O.R. 3505-567
(at the time of this conveyance C.C.E.D.#1 had no record interest in this land)

A. GREEN LOT

Fairhaven
Joseph Thomas Burials
32-38
MEMORIAL PARK

- NOTES:**
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2	I.O. of Old Fellows	O.C. Cemetery Dist. #1	F	2.82 ac.	616-346	5-21-62
1	Fairhaven Mem. Park, Inc.	O.C. Cemetery Dist. #1	F		6349-38	12-5-62

5-9-79	AV	FA	GENERAL UPDATE CHECKED BY RFD
1-10-84	44		Original Map
DATE	BY	APP	REVISIONS
COUNTY OF ORANGE			
DEPARTMENT OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES			
ACQUISITION			
ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY			
DISTRICT NO. 1			
In the City of Santa Ana			
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THOMAS PLOTS

4 Sec. = about 40 ft.

THOMAS

Fannie and baby that are buried next to Otis Bridgeford in Santa Ana Cemetary are the wife and child (unborn) of Charles Thomas, the brother of Sarah Alice Thomas and Francis Thomas.

His wives--- 1. Fannie, 2. Genevieve 3. Lillian-a nurse who outlived him.

Which corner of 6th Street in Santa Ana, Cal. is Abijah H. THOMAS' house that he built just before he died???



At the house that Josiah C. THOMAS owned, he had a horse named Lenore that he kept out back in barn. Later it was converted into a garage and apartment up over top.

About the middle of July, 1979, Dawn Alvarez was driving by the old THOMAS house and saw a lady on porch so she stopped and talked to the young woman. She lives there but is moving soon. She said that after Mrs. Horton died a few years ago, the house was empty for a long time and vagrants broke in and were living there. They broke windows, tore up the beautiful fireplace and in general did damage to the place. It was finally rented out to a young girl that had lived close. It is to be decided soon who gets the house from the estate. The girl said it will not be torn down but is to be fixed up and refurbished. The large bay window has been broken by a rock and it is very expensive to replace it.

The present person in charge of it is Floyd Horton, 9 W. Richland, Santa Ana, Cal.

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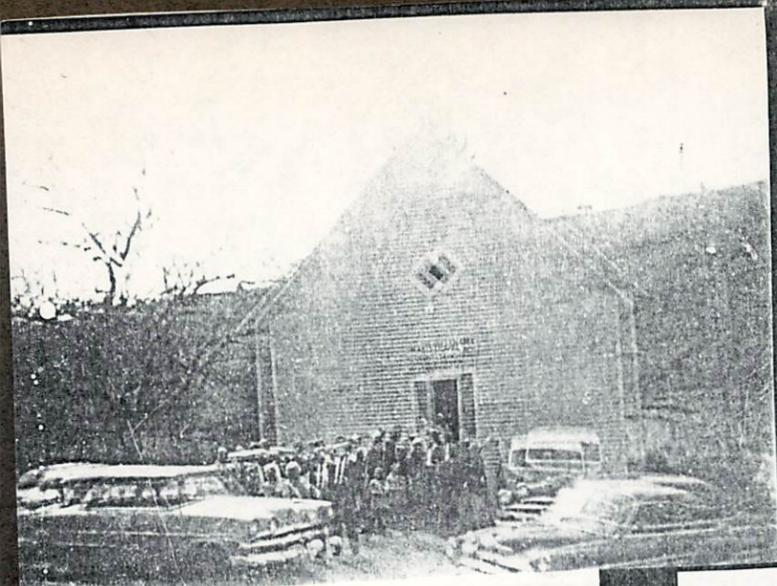
Santa Ana, California STANDARD
Saturday, November 7, 1891

LOCAL NEWS -- Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Thomas left Thursday
for Arkansas for the benefit of Mr.
Thomas' health, which is very poor.

Santa Ana, California STANDARD
Saturday, November 21, 1891

DIED----- In Santa Ana on the 14th, S.A. Hiskey, aged 33yrs.

Walter Hiskey's father, Samuel Ellsworth HISKEY
died on Saturday Nov 14, 1891 of Typhoid Fever



married sisters
and they belonged
to the Bartley family
mentioned in the
family history.

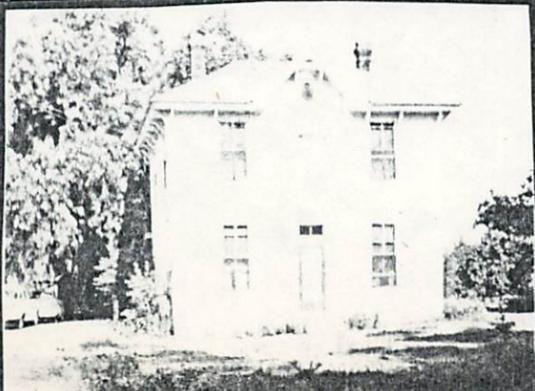
First Methodist
Church, Santa Ana
Calif. Home church
of J. C. Thomas and
family. The church
was built on lot
owned by J. C. Thomas



Spurgeon street
home of J. C. Thomas
where he was
living when he
passed away
Santa Ana, Calif



Old ranch house
on the J. C. Thomas
orange ranch in
El Modena, Calif.



PLACE OF DEATH

County of Orange
Town of
or
City of Santa Ana

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE INDEX NO. 106
LOCAL REGISTERED NO.

(No. St.; Ward.) (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution,
give its Name instead of street and number.)

(If death occurs away from usual
Residence, give facts called for
under "Special Information.")

Full Name J. C. Thomas

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

Length of Residence
At Place of Death 30 years, months.
In California 30 years, months.

Sex Male Color or race White
Date of Birth Jan. 12 1. 835
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Age 78 years, 7 months, 23 days.

Single, Married,
Widowed or Divorced Married

Birthplace
(State or Country) Va.

Occupation Retired

Name of
Father James Thomas

Birthplace
of Father
(State or Country) Not known

Maiden Name
of Mother
(State or Country) " " "

Birthplace
of Mother
(State or Country) " " "

The Above Stated Personal Particulars Are True to the Best of
My Knowledge and Belief.

(Informant) Sarah E. Thomas
(Address) Santa Ana, Cal.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Date of Death Sept 5 1913
(Month) (Day) (Year)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from
Jan. 1910, to Sept 5, 1913.
that I last saw h... alive on Sept 4, 1913.
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7 a. M.
The cause of death was as follows:

Diabetes mellitus
.....
(duration) days.

Contributory
(duration) days.

(Signed) John L. Wryer, M. D.
9/6, 1913. (Address) Santa Ana, Cal.

Special Information only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients,
or Recent Residents.
Former or How long at
Usual Residence Place of Death? Days.

Where was disease contracted,
if not at place of death?

Place of Burial or Removal Santa Ana Date of Burial 9/8, 1913.

Undertaker Mills + Hinbiger Address Santa Ana

Filed 191..... Subregistrars.

Filed Sept 6 1913 J. C. Burkhead
Registrar or Deputy.



J. C. THOMAS home built 1890's on
north Spurgeon St. Santa Ana, CA.

1ST Christian Church 1979
W. 17th, Santa Ana, CA

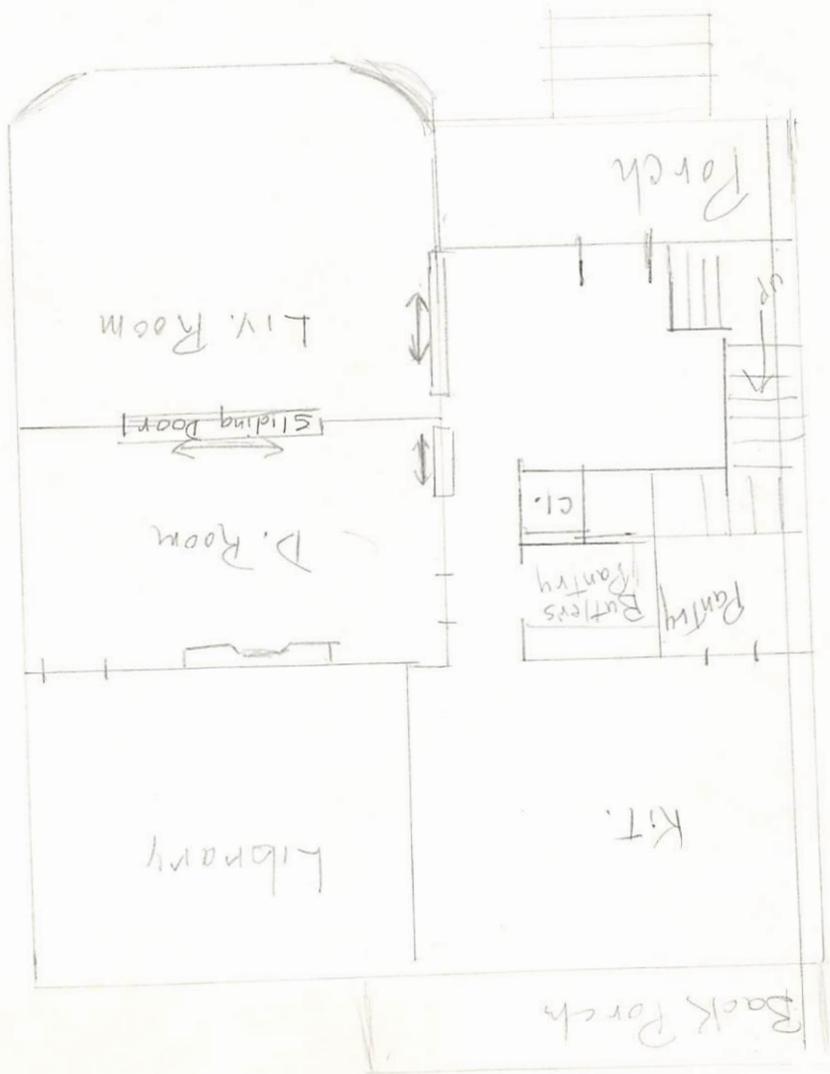
Window 2 - pd. for by
A. H. THOMAS
Christ ~~standing~~ standing
* A H Thomas
1837-1905

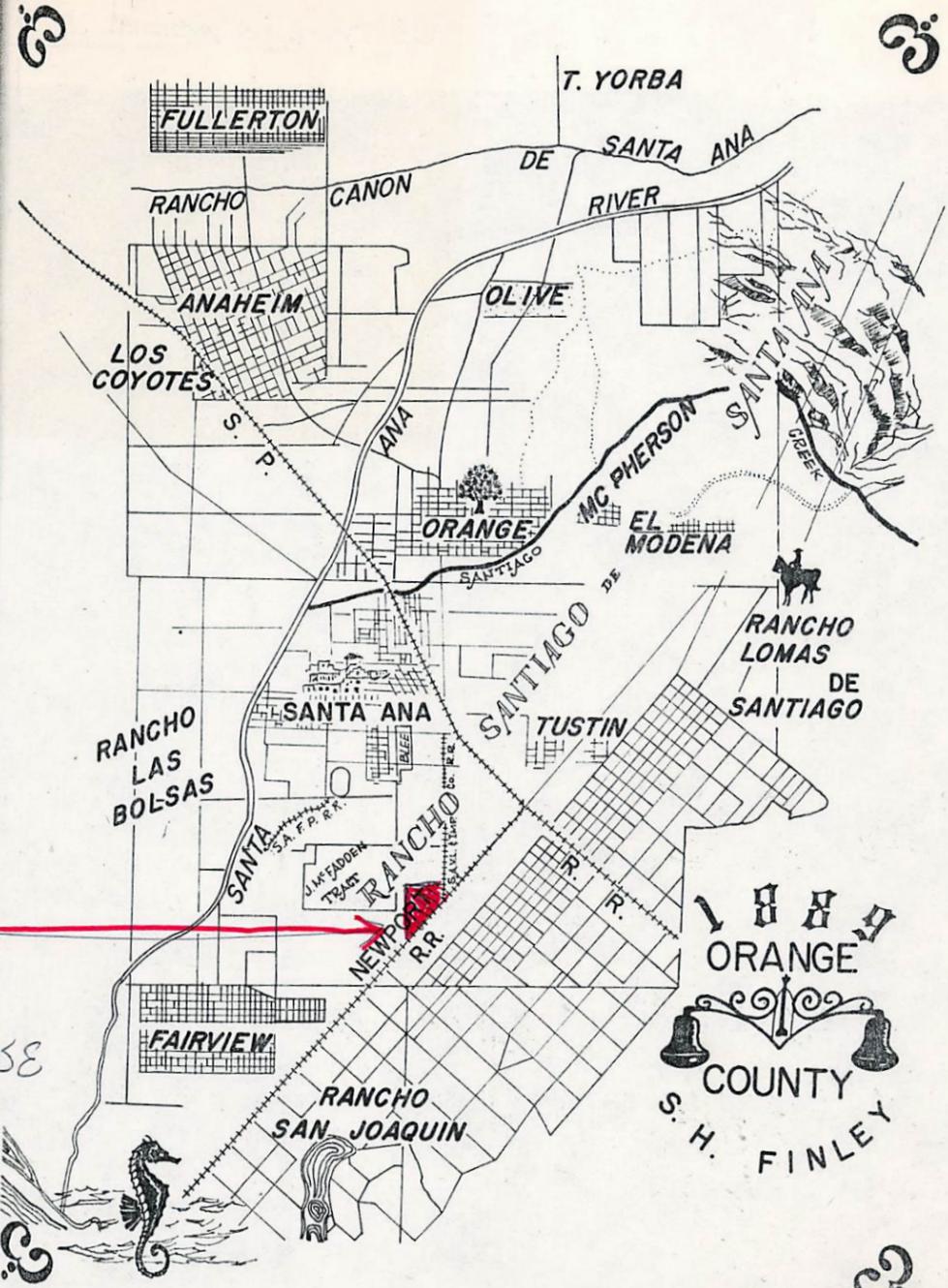
Window 1 Sitting
Christ ~~standing~~
* Mrs Emeline Thomas
1843-1925

Window 3 Christ with lambs
Ethel M Freeman

Window 4 Christ Praying
Mrs C. Siteman

Josiah C. THOMAS House - built ca. 1886
619 N. Spurgeon Santa Ana, CA





Approx.
Location of
J.C. THOMAS
RANCH PURCHASE
1883 or 1884
CALIFORNIA

CURIO

In the days before drainage ditches were constructed to hurry water to the sea, all the rain that fell on the western foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains and the eastern slope of the San Joaquin Hills trickled into the low land that extended from Upper Newport Bay almost to Red Hill. This long, wide stretch of waterlogged country was covered with willows, tules, guatamotes, marshy ground and open water. During winter months it was a swamp that could not be crossed, even on horseback. Millions of tree frogs lived in the swamp, and in the spring they joined their high-pitched voices into a mighty

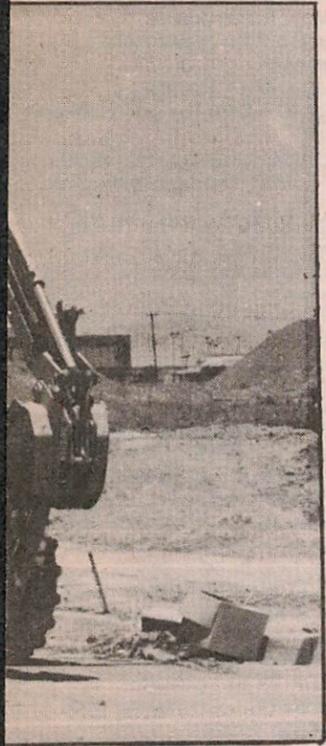


and Los Angeles as the Swamp of the Frogs, La Cienega de las Ranas. It determined the route of the Camino Real; it was a day and night landmark; and it gave its name to many lesser features of the county. Water conservation has taken away

Business

J.C. Thomas purchased land - 1883

This land was Walter Hiskey's and Lela Thomas Deardorff's land before Santa Fe bought it.



Karen Keiso/The Register

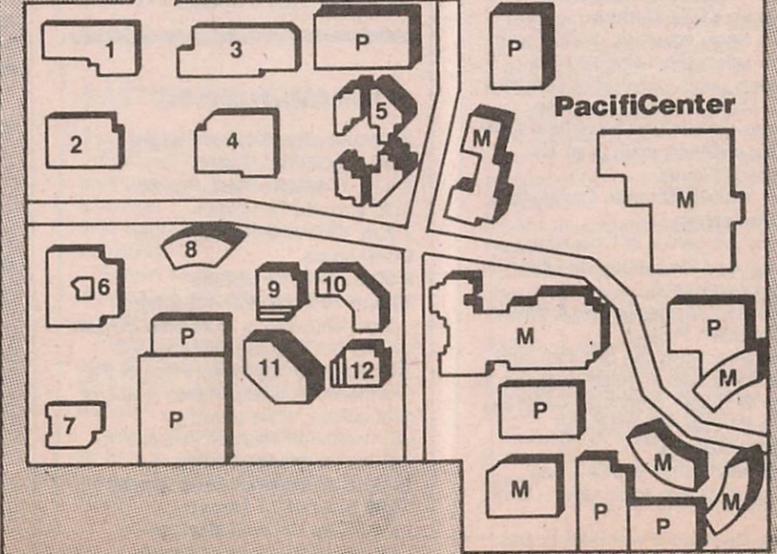
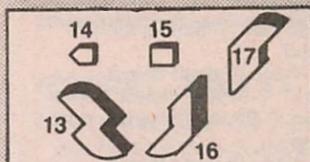
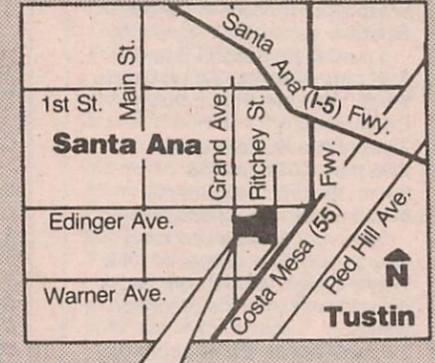
PacifiCenter

PacifiCenter consists of 123 acres. Seventy will be developed by Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corp., the remainder by McDonnell Douglas. The two corporations are coordinating development of the property. As presently envisioned, PacifiCenter will include 15 office and research-and-development buildings, and two restaurants.

Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corporation	
1 R&D	10 Office
2 R&D	11 Office
3 R&D	12 Office
4 R&D	13 Office
5 Office	14 Restaurant
6 R&D	15 Restaurant
7 R&D	16 Office
8 Office	17 Office
9 Office	

McDonnell Douglas Corporation

Buildings M
Parking
Buildings P



Source: Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corp.

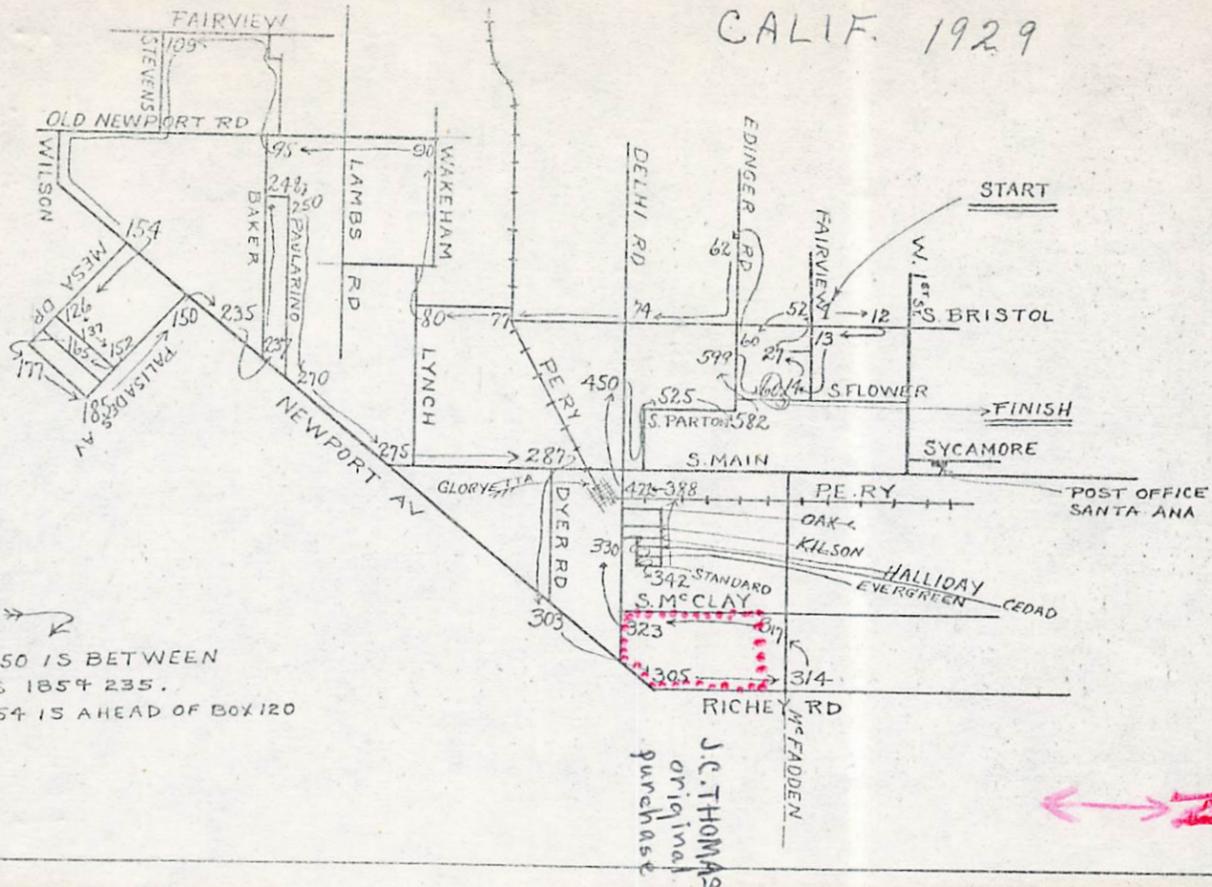
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Two companies are planning 17 buildings ranging from one to six stories; however, that could change by the time the park is completed in eight to 10 years. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$90 million.

Santa Fe also plans to begin two other buildings in early 1988 with occupancy scheduled for 1988 or 1989, Ibbetson said.

The project, which is to include a lake, two restaurants, a health club and a day-care center, will be Santa Fe's centerpiece.

SANTA ANA R.D. 4.
CALIF. 1929



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1929

IT is a probability that J.C. THOMAS
WENT to San Juan Hot Springs To Try
To get relief for his dropsy.

CURIOS:



eral miles up what is now the Ortega Highway from the center of San Juan Capistrano, these springs were known for their extraordinary curative powers.

Accommodations, however, were poor. Visitors had to bring their own "gunny sack or rabbit skin for a bed" as the nights were cool. Lindley and Widney, in "California of the South," said: "There is no hotel, but the patients have tents or cheap houses to live in during their treatment."

— Orange County:
Indians to Industry
By C.E. and Marilyn Parker

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Hot springs were big in those open-air days before the turn of the century. Historically, none in Orange County ever exceeded the popularity of those at Rancho Agua Caliente, more familiar to old-timers as San Juan Hot Springs.

Known centuries ago by Indians of both sides of the mountains for their curative power, the abandoned springs still bubble 13 miles east of Capistrano on what is today the Ortega Highway.

San Juan's sulfuric waters are mentioned in early church annals, and were enjoyed by priests from as far away as San Luis Rey. By 1880, the steaming pools became a mecca for the gringo farmers of the Santa Ana Valley as well.

— Turn the Rascals Out!
By Jim Sleeper,
Orange County historian

Wedded at Home of Grandmother

The home of Mrs. J. C. Thomas, 621 Spurgeon street, was the scene of a quiet family wedding yesterday evening at eight o'clock, when her charming granddaughter, Miss Lela Thomas, became the bride of Clyde Deardorff, of Tustin. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thomas, Santa Ana pioneers, and the bridegroom the son of Mrs. Holford, of the San Joaquin ranch, who have also been residents here for many years.

In honor of the Yuletide season, a red and green color scheme was used, poinsettias and smilax blending prettily. At eight o'clock the young people took their places in the archway between the parlors, where they were made man and wife by Rev. J. A. Stevenson, of the First Presbyterian Church, who used the ring ceremony.

The bride was lovely in her natty military suit of midnight blue with harmonizing accessories, while her attendant, Miss Anna Walker, wore blue chiffon and messaline. Clyde Flowers, of the San Joaquin ranch, stood with the groom.

The young couple received numerous handsome gifts, many of which enter into the furnishing of the pretty new home built by the groom at Tustin, and to which they went immediately after congratulations had been extended by the relatives and few intimate friends, who witnessed the ceremony.

The automobile, which was cosily arranged to protect the bridal party from the elements, was also trimmed with signs and old shoes and caused much merriment while the company of young folks was in the White Cross partaking of refreshments, the best man, Clyde Flowers, acting as host.

A number of young friends accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Deardorff to their future home and were invited in to inspect it. Mr. Deardorff is in the grocery business at Tustin and both popular young people will receive a host of good wishes from their many friends.

Those who witnessed the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Thomas, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mrs. C. E. Price, Misses Beulah and Gladys Thomas and Helene McNeill.

That of Miss Lela Thomas, who was united in marriage to Clyde Deardorff at the handsome Spurgeon street home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Thomas. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, is a winsome young woman of much charm, which was enhanced by the smart traveling suit of midnight blue, tailored and trimmed with black in chic military effect. Miss Anna Walker and Clyde Flowers attended the bride and groom, and places were taken to wedding music, the marriage service being read by Dr. J. A. Stevenson of the First Presbyterian Church. Immediately following the ceremony the wedding party, mostly relatives, with a few close friends, motored to the lovely bungalow home built and furnished for the bride, on Tustin avenue. The house was cheery with lights and the blazing open fire, and the brilliant glow radiating from shaded electroliters illumined the artistic furnishings. An over-the-house inspection was a delightfully interesting diversion for the guests, and the array of elegant wedding gifts that had been showered on the bride were properly admired before good-nights, mingling with congratulations and good wishes, were said. The bride's popularity was shown by the many pre-nuptial courtesies she received. The bridegroom is a young business man of Tustin and, like his charming young bride, has spent most of his life here.

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Miss McNeill and Miss Anna Walker were the hostesses at a miscellaneous shower. The lovely rooms were gay with garlands of red hearts and many blue eyed violets peeped from graceful baskets and bowl vases.

Progressive whist was the interesting diversion planned for the afternoon, Miss Thomas very appropriately being the winner of the prize, a brass basket filled with violets and tied with violet ribbon.

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Grow-Jenson
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Rink Opens.

The new skating rink opens tonight at Second and Bush streets. Robert Bros., from San Luis Obispo, are the proprietors, and are preparing the music, lights and floor to the best advantage.

Arrested for Speeding.

G. B. Kelly was arrested for speeding his auto on North Main street at the rate of twenty-six miles an hour. He will appear September 12.

Change in Time of Burial

The funeral services of J. C. Thomas have been changed from the residence to the First Methodist Church at 10 a. m., Monday.

Discharged

Thomas L. McFadden, who was arrested for speeding, appeared yesterday and was discharged.

New Deputy

C. E. Ruddock has appointed W. W. Vestal, A. Henderson and Ike Fields as Deputy Sheriffs of Orange county.

Subscribe for the Blade, 50c a month.

The Blue Front SALES BARN

708-9 West First Street (near city water works).

Horses and mules bought

H. Clay Kellogg and family are at home again after a delightful vacation at the beach. They report Balboa as building up rapidly—it must be because people like to go to the end of the line.

Newport is the resort

in the foliage of the trees. An orchestra by Messrs B. F. Dol Elliott and Louis Stevens presented several fine selections.

The finest thing on the program drawing silhouette pictures for guests. Miss Viola Hill was the

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Death of Old Resident

J. C. Thomas, a resident of Santa Ana for many years, died at his home at No. 621 Spurgeon street this morning, aged 78 years.

Mr. Thomas had resided here for thirty years and had a host of friends. He had retired from active business life and has been quietly passing his days at his home, where his last serious illness overcame him.

All that loving care could accomplish was done, but to no avail and he passed away this morning.

The services will be held Monday at 10 o'clock from the residence.

In addition to his own pastor, Rev. E. J. Inwood, of the First Methodist Church, who will have charge of the services, will be former Santa Ana ministers from Los Angeles, Rev. J.

C. Green, Rev. Miller and Rev. A. L. Deering, who will participate in the services.

Mr. Thomas leaves a wife, a daughter, Mrs. O. B. Bridgford, a son, Frank Thomas, of this city, and a son, Charles Thomas, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. C. Cravath Home

Mrs. C. C. Cravath, wife of "Gavy" Cravath, the well known ball player, arrived here last night. She went to San Diego today to spend a few days with her parents. She was accompanied by her daughter, Kathryn. Her husband has made a fine record with the Philadelphia Nationals this season. He will not return home until after the championship series. A Chalmers machine is to be given to the most popular play-

To Abijah H. Thomas from his
brother, Josiah Clemens Thomas

Dec. 1883

THE ONE PRICE STORE.

J. C. THOMAS.

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Ready-Made Clothing, Groceries,

Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes, Notions, Etc., Etc.

WEST SIDE OF PUBLIC SQUARE,

Hiawatha, Kansas, Dec 14th 1883

Mr A. N. Thomas. Dear Brother & sister
~~of mine~~ I have the opportunity of
writing to you from our California
Home. & I will first say that we
are all well & healthy. I have not
got over my cold yet. I have
had a very bad cold in my
head but feel much better to
day. I think I will get well now
soon. we slept in our house
last night for the first time
have been getting in our furniture
to day which is some what less
in price than in Hiawatha. Stoves
about the same price. we purchased
\$150⁰⁰ worth of furniture & stove
I bought a nice little coal black
team yesterday 4 & 5 years old under
the for \$200⁰⁰ and

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Hiawatha, Kansas, 1883

I think I am going to like
~~the country fine~~ ~~being things~~
so green & nice there is plenty
of anian & lettuce & every thing
as same as summer there. in fact
we cant realize that there is
winter at all there is more
here. I would love to know
how it is & has been there
since we left. we are going
down to the east as soon as
can it is only about 1 mile
we can see it late in the
Evening & near the Surf Road
Wagstaff bought in Los Angeles
are let a house a beautiful
place for \$3000⁰⁰. He is all carried
away with this country. over

After Josiah C. Thomas and wife moved
out to Santa Ana, CA, he wrote to his
brother back in Hiawatha, Kansas. Dec. 1883

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Hiawatha, Kansas, 188

well I must have some more
~~money soon I am about out~~
I wish you would see Mr Smalley
or Fulton & have them notes cashed
& get up all you can & send a
N.Y. Draft. so as to get here
By the first of Jan. I have about
six hundred Dollars interest to
pay them. & it will take that
much more to fit us up
and the farm yet well I find
the country about as I did
when I was here land is going
up in price. one 23 acre piece that
was offered to me when I was in
June for \$3500⁰⁰ has been sold for
\$4600⁰⁰ & the neighbors say that
our first 100 acres is worth that
I paid for it all. over

we have had what the people
call Santa Ana winds here ever
sin we came. & Blowed the
Dust to day a little like
Kans. wind. the weather was
Been clear & Bright ever
since we left Hiawatha. there
was a Big Rain in the evening
the night after we left
Hiawatha. it is quite warm
here dont need any fire & is
pleasant with with the doors
open. I presume you have my
Bank Book I left it in the
Bank for posting. I written an
~~order to pay over my~~
note & also the note & mortgage
on the land I sold to Davis
Being payed off. they were neither
of them there at the time & Mr
Fulton said he would give them
to you when they come
& want you to pay yourself
well for all the trouble you are at
for me

Horses are very high. that is
good Horses. they are from
three to five & Eight Hundred
Dollars a span. I am very sorry
of not shipping Jim. He would
~~be worth the money~~
Here. Buggys are from fifty to
one Hundred Dollars. Here the
wagone fifty Dollars. This course
about double. my farm is very
much abused since I bought it
the alfalfa is eat down to
the ground & the fencing distrayer
& only about 7 or 8 tons of hay
put up for my share. & the
Horses & cattle Run to that.
But they will not Run in it
any more. He says he was paid
thundered \$6 of Alfalfa seed
for me. But I have not seen
it yet. they have about 100
cars of fruit. But no green
appear as we have seen yet.

Dr Turner has bought west
of Santa Ana two or three
miles. I have not saw as
many Pumpkins in ten
years. I believe I might twenty
years as I have seen in
two days here. If some of
them so large that I could
not lift them. I want you
to write to us soon. so I
will close for the present.
God Knight

J. L. Thomas

To Alice Niskey from her father Nov 1991

Upon death of S. Edworth Niskey - Nov. 1891

Hot Springs Ark. Nov 18th 91.

Alice Dear Child,
 and Maund, Marnie, & Walter Dear grand children,
 the sad news came to us this afternoon
 in a letter from Charlie of your most
 unbearable Bereavement. the parting of
 one you loved so much. Oh we can
 not hardly think of it. Here so far from
 you all, and no one but strangers to
 us. Oh if we could just be with you
 to console you in such affliction.
 we do not understand why such sad
 things occur. But they very often do, and
 it must be in some way that we do
 not understand all for the Best, as
 the Lord does all things for the Best,
 and for our good. Poor Charlie has to
 bear it all alone only with strangers
 Dear El. How little did we think
 the Day we was there that it would
 be the last time we would see him on earth

Dear Alice and little
 children Oh if we were
 there to be with you
 with you but we
 are here all alone
 to need my heart is
 aching for you I had to
 to leave there so
 fast it seemed
 to me that something
 would happen, you
 must have hit the
 boat you came and
 things of your little
 father the children
 it is cold here
 I hope you will
 come home well,
 I hope you very & I
 am ever with you

By Sarah E. Thomas Nov. 1891 Arkansas

I want to see
 you all so bad
 we got a letter from
 Charlie every day
 or two I am afraid
 he will get home
 sick he is
 I will hope this
 time I hope

By 2nd wife of S. Edworth Niskey & step mother of Alice Niskey

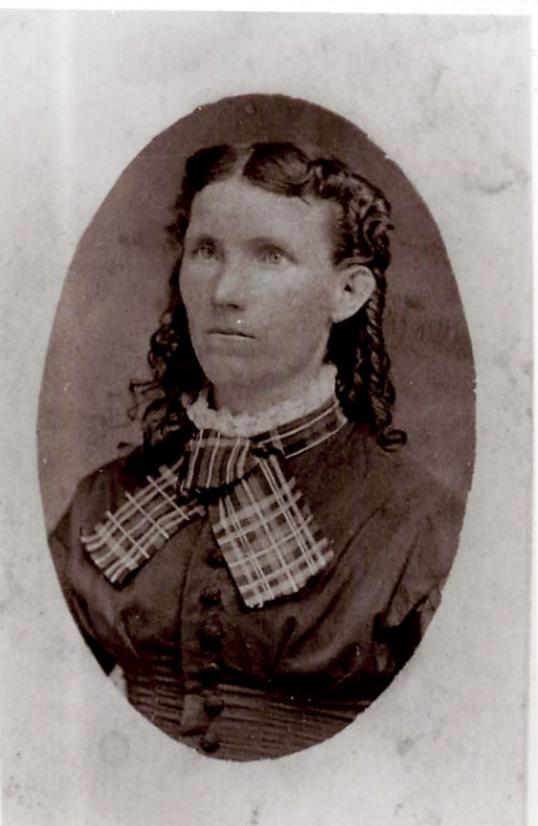


Sarah THOMAS
+
Josiah Clemons THOMAS
6 - N. SPURGEON
SANTA ANA, CA

In back yard?
ca. 1905-10?
She was step-mother to
Frank, Alice, Charles + Mel.



Wife of J.C. Thomas, Sarah, and
Margaret HISKEY - ca. 1911



Step mother of Alice Hiskey Bridgford

Step-mother of
Sarah Alice Thomas
Sarah Johnson
THOMAS



J. C. THOMAS at 6 N. Spurgeon



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ca 1939-40
Methodist Episcopal
Church - 6th & Spurgeon, S.A.



Santa Ana Cemetery
Calif.
Thomas Graves
Josiah + Sarah
Abijah + Emma
Memorial Day
1980



The Thomas Graves
Memorial Day
May 1981
Lola's flowers



1983
J.C. Thomas grave
Abijah + Emmaline
Thomas grave
Santa Ana Cemetery
Santa Clara St.
Santa Ana, CA



Kansas photo-
grapher

Abijah Hobbs
THOMAS
bro. of J. C. THOMAS



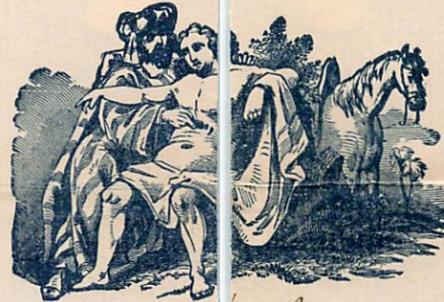
Thought to be home of Abijah H. Thomas
and wife Emmaline - Early 1910 - 1925

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 Babies Home and Hospital,
 ST. LOUIS.

Central Old Peoples' Home,
 JACKSONVILLE, ILLS.

For General Information address
GEO. L. SNIVELY,
 903 AUBERT AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO.



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 Childs' Hospital,
 CLEVELAND, - - - OHIO.

Eastern Old Peoples' Home.
 EAST AURORA, N. Y.

Proposed Orphanage, Loveland, Colo.

SEND ALL MONEY TO
Mrs. J. K. HANSBROUGH, Cor. Sec.,
 5018 Cabanne Ave., ST. LOUIS, MO.

This is to Certify that *Mr. A. H. Thomas* of *Santa Ana, Calif.*
 is hereby appointed Vice-President of The National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church, for the
Christian congregation, and is authorized to receive donations of Food, Clothing and
 Money for the support of its various Institutions and to forward the same to the Corresponding Secretary, also to
 receive subscriptions for the "Orphans' Cry."

Said *A. H. Thomas* is also the accredited representative of the Association in the matter of
 choosing Orphans and the Aged for our Homes and for reporting concerning the care of Children who may be sent to
 homes in her community.

This appointment is made upon recommendation and after due consideration and with the desire that great in-
 fluence may be exerted on all departments of the Church to secure help for the extension of Christian philanthropy.

We invoke the Lord's blessing upon you in the discharge of these important duties, and to the end that you will
 delight in having fellowship with us in this sacred ministry.

Done at the National Headquarters in the City of St. Louis, Mo., 903 Aubert avenue, this

Fourth day of *May* A. D., 19*07*.

Geo. L. Snively General Secretary.

Emily J. Van Meter President.



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Kansas

Emmeline Bartley
THOMAS - sister of
Nancy Bartley



Emmeline Bartley THOMAS, sis of Nancy Bartley
& wife of Abijah. On porch of her house at
6th & Miuter. N.W. Corner, south of Ebell Club.
House still stands.

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and Abijah H. Thomas
and his wife Emeline.

Located at Santa Ana
Cemetery, next to Fairhaven
Cemetery, Fairhaven St., ^{Santa} Clara,
Santa Ana, Calif.

They are on front
drive very close to Eagle
Statue at center.

Nancy Bartley Thomas, first

wife of J. C. Thomas
and A. H.'s wife, Emeline,
were sisters.



Grave of
Abijah H. Thomas
and wife
Emeline (Bartley)
Thomas



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Abijah Mack Thomas - bro. to
Josiah C. THOMAS - Powhattan Cem.
Brow. Co., KS



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Cynthia H }
Abijah M } Thomas
Veteran of Confederacy
Tom's great grandfather
(Tom Fletcher - TN.)
Parents of Mary Elizabeth

Powhattan Cem., Brown Co., KS



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Wife of Abijah Mack Thomas
Buried at Pawhatten Cem., Brn. Co.
Photo - ca. 1980's by Tom Fletcher

Abijah Mack Thomas
aka: Mack Thomas

Notes

From the Lee Co. Bicentennial book - Abijah M. Thomas b. April 21 1837-d. Jan 30 1903 married Cynthia Collingsworth (b. abt 1844). They moved to Kansas. They had 6 children.

Some documentation spells name as Abijah. The tombstone says Abijah. The obituary says Alijah. Record written by son says Abijah.

General: CENSUS: 1880 Mission TWP, Brown county, Kansas PG. 6 ED 19.

Probate court of Brown County, Kansas Petition for Letters of Administration regarding the estate of A.M. Thomas: Estate was valued at \$1,800. Heirs were C.H. Thomas (wife) aged 59, James F. Thomas age 36, Mary E. Fletcher age 34, Maggie E. Sprague age 32, Martha E. Fordyce age 30, Maude A. Cox age 27, A. H. Thomas age 25. Appointed administrator was A.H. Thomas. Articles allowed without appraisal included the family Bible, books, pictures, musical instruments, wearing apparel, all beds and their furnishings, the necessary food chosen by said widow for the support of live stock for one year to wit: All the oats about 60 bushels, 300 bushels of corn, one stack of hay about 8 tons, grain, meat, vegetables, groceries and other provisions on hand necessary for the support of said widow and children for one year, to wit: ten bushels of wheat together with the groceries and other provisions on hand, and all the fuel on hand necessary for the use of said widow and children for one year, to wit: all coal, wood and cobs on hand. Articles allowed with appraisal: All household furniture not above enumerated, to wit: worth \$150; plus, one wagon \$10, one plow \$1, one drag \$1, one team \$20, plus others to equal \$153.

Brown County World - February 6, 1903:

Alijah M. Thomas was born in Lee County, Va., on April 21, 1837. Was married to Cynthia H. Collinsworth, September 15, 1861. He died January 30, 1903, aged 65 years and nine months. He joined the Methodist Church and was baptized in Powell's river, Virginia, at the age of 14. At the age of 21 he moved to Hancock Co., Tenn., where he married and lived about six years, moving afterward to Pendleton Co., Ky. He lived there for four years and in 1873 came to Brown County, Ks. The last twenty five years of his life were given to the building up of his pleasant farm home East of Powhattan. He served many years as Class Leader, steward, trustee, and the various offices of the M.E. Church, and was found faithful, giving freely of both time and money. During his last illness he sang his favorite songs and was cheerful always. Three children have gone on before him, but he leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Powhattan, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mayor officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Grand Prairie Cemetery one-half mile North of Powhattan. Pallbearers were: J.A. Hewitt, J.P. McKnight, J.G. Hanna, J.S. Lewis, Nels Allen and Geo. Scaman. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mallison, of Kansas City, J.W. Johnson, of Wichita. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. John Duerson, of Uniontown, Kansas., were here for the funeral.

Recollections of J.E. Bartley:

"Uncle "Mack" Thomas lived about one mile East and 1/4 mile North of Powhattan. Here he had built a nice comfortable home and other out buildings to assist in maintaining an up-to-date farm home. Among other assets, on the farm, he built a "pond" of considerable size and convenient depth for what he felt would be of value to the community, as well as to themselves. This pond served three community projects, or conveniences: 1. supplying ice in the winter to those individuals, or to merchants, who could store the ice for summer needs. People came for considerable distances to obtain ice for their summer needs. 2. Also, the pond was used by several Churches when it was time for the Immersion Ceremonies of individuals who had been converted during regular Church Services, or, in a Revival Meeting effort. 3. A third activity at the pond was engaged in by the younger people as to a place to skate - if the pond was not furnishing ice as above mentioned. I do not know whether Uncle "Mack" received any considerable income from the sale of ice but since he was an outstanding Church man I am sure there was never a charge for use of the pond for purposes of baptizing. The pond was built directly West of the house and toward the North & South roadway and furnished a nice foreground and setting for the buildings. I do not know how long the pond was maintained but it was used for several years. I believe the water came from a well so was reasonably clean."

Another researcher: Mary Hauck, Rt 1 Box 533, Maridan, Kansas 66512



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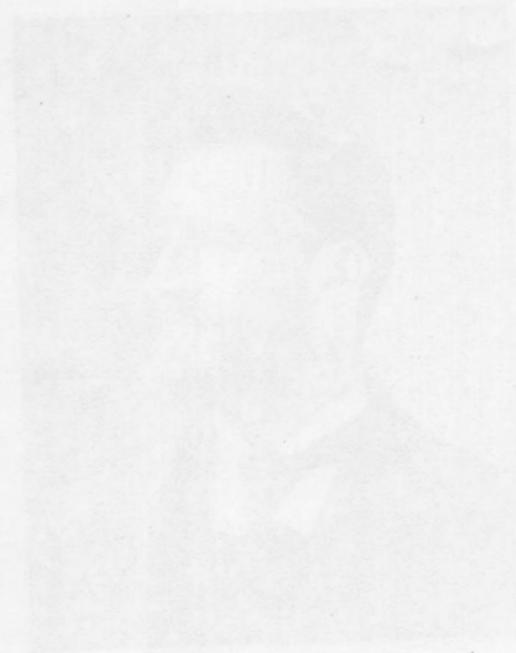


CHARLES L. THOMAS, D. D. S. (Delegate)

CHARLES L. THOMAS, the subject of this sketch, was born in Williamstown, Grant Co., Ky., 1865. He chose Dental Surgery as his life work, graduating from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1894. Since which time he has been following his profession in Escondido, where he is now located and has a lucrative practice. Fourteen years ago he became identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of Santa Ana, California, during Rev. VanCleve's pastorate. He is now one of the most faithful members of the Escondido charge. Bro. Thomas is a candidate for the suffrages of the brethren for General Conference and is sure of a strong support from the San Diego District.

These "Growing Lads"

We are told that when David Livingston, while yet a youth, was received into the fellowship of our church at a Scottish communion, there was great grumbling that for six months there had been but one convert, and that that one "was nothing but a growing lad." Ah, these "growing lads!" They are the most valuable accessions the church can have. Not everyone can hold in him, like Livingston, the future of the kingdom of God in Africa; but in each one, however obscure and unpromising, lie tremendous possibilities for good or



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Son of J.C. Thomas, ca. 1890's
Charles Thomas & 1st wife Fannie
(Lela thinks)

The Twenty-Third Psalm
 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
 paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
 shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
 for thou art with me; thy rod and
 thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the
 presence of mine enemies:
 thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
 me all the days of my life:
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Loving Memory of
EUGENE ROSS "GENE" THOMAS
 MAY 24, 1902 -- FEBRUARY 6, 1984
 NATIVE OF SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Services From
 WAVERLEY CHURCH
 FAIRHAVEN MEMORIAL PARK
 FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 10, 1984 - 3:00 P.M.

Officiating
 DR. HOWARD M. JAMIESON, PASTOR
 TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Organist
 ESTHER M. GORDON

Pallbearers
 Dwight Ahern Dennis Hayden
 Dr. Wayne Duggleby Jess Parks
 Duane Gilker Dr. George Van Druff

Interment
 FAIRHAVEN MEMORIAL PARK
 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

Fairhaven Mortuary Directing

EUGENE ROSS "GENE" THOMAS
 THOMAS, EUGENE ROSS "GENE", age 81, passed away February 6, 1984 after a brief illness; Born May 24, 1902 at the family ranch still located on So. Grand Avenue where his parents settled in 1888. Mr. Thomas attended Delhi High School and was a member of Santa Ana High School Class of 1921. He was an Owner of the Irvine Blacksmith Shop for 50 years, retiring in 1980. He also had been an Orange Rancher since 1934. Always involved in Community Affairs, he was a Charter Member of the Tustin Lions Club serving as Chairman of the Mother's Day Breakfast 17 years; President in 1967-1968 and was voted Lion of the Year in 1968-1969 and again in 1975-1976. He received his Life Membership in 1983. An active Sportsman, he rode his horses in the Tournament of Roses Parade, acting as Marshal of the Division for 36 years. He also belonged to the Los Flores Camp of the Rancheros Visadores. He was past President and long time member of the El Rodeo Riding Club. He was President of the Val Verde Club and a member of the Southern California Skeet Assoc., National Skeet Assoc., and the California Indians. He served time as a member of the Fourth District Fish & Game Commission in 1970 and was an interested member of the Tustin Historical Society. Mr. Thomas was a 45 year member of the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794, past President of the Tustin School Board which he served for 10 years in the 1940's; and was Captain of the Sheriff's Mounted Reserve from 1941-1965. Gene Thomas is survived by his wife of 58 years, Irene of the home; daughters Shirley Grow of Orange and Barbara McCalla of Santa Ana; five granddaughters Sherill Jenson of Corona, Patricia Lee of Huntington Beach, Barbara Williams of Anaheim, Erin Washington of Santa Ana and Shan McCalla of Phoenix, AZ.; four great grandchildren Thomas Jenson, Robert and Wendy Washington and Katie Lee. He is also survived by 3 sisters: LaDeardorf of Santa Ana, Gladys Thomas of Santa Ana and Semone Otto of Oceanside; and five nieces and nephews. Services Friday, February 10, 1984 at 3 PM to be held at Waverley Church, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana. Officiant Dr. Howard M. Jamieson, Pastor of the Tustin Presbyterian Church. Interment Fairhaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be at Fairhaven Mortuary Thursday, February 9, from 10 AM-9 PM. Directed by FAIRHAVEN MORTUARY.



LIFETIME LION—Gene Thomas, center, was presented with a lifetime membership in the Tustin Lions Club at the June 11 installation banquet at the Camelot Restaurant. Norman Metzger, left, outgoing president, and John Roach, new president, made the presentation. Thomas, a native of Orange County, is a charter member of the Tustin Lions Club and is prominently known for his work with the annual Mother's Day breakfast, which the local club has sponsored for 26 years. The Tustin club was chartered in 1948.

Service for OC rancher

A memorial service will be held Friday for Eugene Ross Thomas of Santa Ana, owner of Irvine Blacksmith Shop for 50 years. Mr. Thomas, 81, died Monday.

An Orange County rancher since 1934, Mr. Thomas was a charter member of the Lions Club, the Santa Ana Elks Club, the El Rodeo Riding Club and the Val Verde Club. He also served as a member of the Fish and Game Commission and the Tustin school board.

Mr. Thomas rode his horses in the Tournament of Roses Day Parade, acting as division marshal for 36 years.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; two daughters, Shirley Grow of Orange and Barbara McCalla of Santa Ana; three sisters; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

The service will begin at 3 p.m. at Waverley Church in Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.

IRENE D. THOMAS
 THOMAS, IRENE D., 92, a resident of Santa Ana for 73 years, died of natural causes April 18, 1998. Survived by daughters, Barbara and Shirley; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation Monday, April 20th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Memorial Park. Private Graveside Services 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21st at Fairhaven.

Wife of Gene THOMAS

FRANCIS M. THOMAS.—An enterprising rancher who by years of unremitting industry and the maintenance of a high sense of honor, always pursuing a conservatively progressive program toward a definite, laudable goal, is Francis M. Thomas, of 914 South Main Street, Santa Ana, where he resides in a beautiful two-story frame structure, in the full enjoyment of his interesting family. He was born in Lee County, Va., near Rose Hill, on January 29, 1862, the son of Josiah Clemmens Thomas, a native of Powells Valley, Lee County, where he was born on January 12, 1835. The latter grew up on a farm east of Cumberland Gap, some twelve miles west of the county seat, Jonesville, with little educational opportunity, owing to the modest circumstances of his parents and the dearth of public schools there. When nineteen years old, he undertook farming for himself, and the first summer managed to make about nine dollars a month and his board, and the second summer eleven dollars. Then he went to a private school and studied reading, writing and arithmetic. When twenty-one, he crossed over the mountains into Kentucky and for three years worked on a farm, where his cash allowance was from ten to twenty dollars a month. By saving his money, he was able to get back to the old home in Virginia, and there, on November 18, 1859, he was joined in holy matrimony with Nancy Bartley. After farming there for three years, they moved with their family to Grant County, Ky., where they lived on a farm for four years. The third year he purchased a farm, and the fourth year he was able to dispose of it again for practically double the price which he gave for it.

Dropsy, however, sorely afflicted him, and with his family he moved back to Lee County, Va., toward Christmas, 1865 and there found relief in a cure effected by Dr. Henly Robinson; but while he was still ill, his good wife died of typhoid fever, her demise occurring on March 26, 1866. She left him four children, and a year later he married Miss Sarah E. Johnson, after which, taking his household, he moved back to Grant County, Ky., purchased some timber land, and went to work for a year on a neighboring farm. Failing health induced him to make another change and to trade what he had for a stock of general merchandise in Pendleton County, Ky.; but after a year, he moved his family to Hiawatha, Kans., and in January, 1869, purchased a farm one mile east of the town. At the end of another year, half eaten out by grasshoppers, he sold his holdings, and purchased 160 acres of land on the Kickapoo Reservation, and there for four years, he labored hard to improve it. Then, selling out, he moved into Hiawatha and there formed a partnership with his brother, A. H. Thomas, for the transaction of mercantile business. They succeeded, as anyone who knew them, their standards and their personalities, would have expected, and then they sold out. In the meantime, Josiah C. Thomas had bought one after another of four fine farms near Hiawatha, improved them and later sold them at a profit.

In the early summer of 1883, Mr. Thomas made a trip to California, on account of renewed illness, and taken with the climate and the prospects of Orange County, he bought 200 acres of land two miles southeast of Santa Ana. Returning to Hiawatha, he brought his family from Kansas to the Coast, and for a couple of years improved the new home farm. He then moved into Santa Ana, on Spurgeon Street, and there he died, in September, 1913. The four children left him by his first wife were: Melville C., Francis M., our subject, Alice and Charles L. Thomas. Melville died by drowning in the Galveston flood, he, his wife, their one child and their home having been swept away by the angry waters. He was a railroad man, and for years had worked in the railway yards at Galveston. Alice is the wife of Otis Bridgeford, the rancher; she was formerly Mrs. L. Hiskey, and is the mother of Walter E. Hiskey, a rancher in the Delhi district of Orange County. The last or youngest is Dr. Charles L. Thomas, the dental surgeon, of Los Angeles, who owns extensive, valuable citrus property at El Modena.

Francis M. Thomas left Virginia with his parents when he was five years old and for two years lived in Kentucky, then removed to Kansas, where he was educated in the public schools of Hiawatha. With his older brother he looked after the farm, while his father bought and sold farms and dealt in dry goods and groceries. He was twenty-two years of age when, in the spring of 1884, he came out to California and settled at Santa Ana. He worked out for a year or two, getting used to the climate and the ways of the country.

At Santa Ana, August 15, 1886, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Zoura Kerr, a native of Mexico, Audrain County, Mo., who came to Santa Ana in March, 1886, with her mother, Mrs. Serilda (Bates) Kerr, a native of Lee County, Va., who came to visit her brother, A. T. Bates, whom she had not seen for forty-two years. Mr. Bates had crossed the plains during the gold rush and was an early settler near Santa Ana. Mrs. Thomas' father, William Kerr, was born near Rockbridge, Va., later coming to Missouri, where he engaged in farming, passing away there when Mrs. Thomas was nineteen years of age. Mrs. Kerr died at the Thomas ranch August 7, 1910, at the age of seventy-nine, the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are the parents of six children: Lester R. is a mechanic with a specialty of automobiles and resides at Phoenix, Ariz.; Lelah married Clyde Deardorff, a tenant on Mr. Thomas' ranch; they have one child, Beverly June; Beulah is the wife of Harold Bullock, a tenant on her father's ranch and a partner with Mr. Deardorff; Gladys is an accomplished musician and resides at home; Eugene and Semone attend the Santa Ana high school. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the First

Mr. Thomas had ranched a number of years in Orange County when he bought his first farm and this was added to until he has 140 acres in one body that he still owns. It is a very valuable ranch, devoted largely to the raising of citrus fruit and to mixed farming. He set out orchards of walnuts and oranges to the extent of about fifty acres. For many years, he also followed dairy farming. In the early days of 1885 he ran a self-binder over the southern part of the city of Santa Ana that is now all built up and so he has cut and reaped grain on the spot where his residence now stands on South Main Street. He is a Republican in matters of national politics, but never permits a narrow partisanship to interfere with a hearty support of local measures and local men.

"Sarah Bartley, Mr. Thomas' maternal grandmother, died at Grand Prairie, Brown County, Kans., on December 10, 1889, aged eighty-two years. She was born in Washington County, Va., on May 22, 1807, and with her parents removed to Lee County, Va., in 1828, her father being a Methodist minister. In 1829, Miss Sarah Speak married James Bartley of Lee County, Va. This was indeed a happy marriage; for over sixty years they walked side by side, and during this time they were trusting God. Their home, until they moved to Kansas in 1884, was the home of the itinerant preacher, who always found a welcome and a share in the best of home comforts. This family was wonderfully blessed with good health—only one death in sixty years. One daughter passed on, but nine children survive her, all having homes of their own and enjoying prosperity. The last year of her life was passed in Kansas, that she and her husband might be with their children. She was a great sufferer during that year, and death, when it came, was welcome, for she passed away in the triumph of faith. Her husband, eighty-three years of age, yet survives." Such is part of an obituary notice, honoring this widely-honored lady. Another obituary notice bearing upon the story of Mrs. Thomas' life reads as follows:

"William H. Kerr, Esq., of Milo, Vernon County, whose remains were interred in Deepwood Cemetery, Wednesday, was born in Augusta County, Va., in 1819. He moved to this state (Missouri) in 1840, and has lived here ever since. He united with the Presbyterian Church when he was nineteen years old, and has been an honored and faithful member for nearly half a century. He married Serilda Bates in January, 1846, and leaves nine children. It is a remarkable fact that in so large a family, there has not been a death these forty-one years. A good man has gone, and few have left behind them a more worthy life record for the comfort and imitation of their children."

Zoura Campbell Kerr, B. 1867 Married to
Francis Marion Thomas (B. 1862)

Issue: Leslie Ray Thomas, B. December 23, 1889 D.

Lela Thomas, B. August 30, 1893. Married to
Clyde Marion Deardorff, B. December 17, 1891

Issue: Beverly-June Deardorff, B. January 22, 19

Glenna-Jean Deardorff, B. January 29, 19 Married
to J. Leslie Monsen. Two children Sandra, John

Beulah Thomas, B. Married to -
Harold T. Bullock

Issue
Virginia
Marion
Dorothy

over

Francis and Zoura Thomas' Family.

Leslie Ray-
Born December 23, 1889 and died when he was thirty six. He was a very good
machanic. He did not like farming.

Lela-
Born August 30, 1893. Married to Clyde M. Deardorff who was in the Grocery
business at that time. Three years later Mr. Deardorff took the ranch over
for his father-in-law as Mr. Thomas wished to retire. They are still on the
ranch and raise Oranges. They had two daughters--the oldest Beverly-June
who died when two years and seven months old. Their second daughter is Glenna
Jean Monsen and lives in Seattle, Washington. Her husband is J. Leslie Monsen
and they have two children--Sandra Renee and John B. Glenna-Jean was grad-
uated from the University of Redlands and is a mathematic teacher. Her hus-
band is also a University of Redlands graduate.

Beulah-
Born February 16, 1895. Married to Harold T. Bullock who farmed with Mr. Deardorff
for several years then went to work for the Union Oil Co. He now cares
for their orange grove which is a part of the Thomas ranch and live in Santa
Ana on South Ross Street. They have two daughters--Marion and Dorothy. Both
are married and have a family. The Bullocks lost a daughter when two and half
years old, she was the first child.

Gladys-
Born August 2, 1896. She is single and lives in the family home where her folks
lived when they passed away. She is very active in church work and is an ac-
complished musician. She was with the Strocks Jewelry Co. for many years, they
also sold pianos which she played for buyers. She also kept books for the com-
pany. Her home and outside activities keeps her very busy and happy.

Eugene Ross-
Born May 24, 1902. He married Irene Stewart and they have two daughters---
Barbara Jean and Shirley Ann. Barbara is married to Robert McCalla and they
have two daughters, Erin and Shan. They live in Tustin and Bob is in the pump
and well business. Shirley is married to Chas Grow and they have three girls
Sherrill, Patty and Barbara. They live in San Bernardino, Calif.
Eugene has the Irvine Blacksmith shop and serves all of Orange Co. He has an
active life as he flies, rides horseback and is Captain of the Orange County
Sheriff posse. He fishes and enjoys hunting. They live in Tustin not far from
the old Thomas Ranch. The State took his Ranch for a Freeway so he had to
sell much to his distress. He has a beautiful home on Tropic Lane which they
enjoy very much.

Semone-
Born September 13, 1903. Married to Clyde Otto and they have two boys, Richard
Thomas and Donald. Both are married and have a family. Semone and Clyde live
in Coasta Mesa where they have lived for many years. Clyde is head bookkeeper
for a building Company. They sold their part of the old ranch.

August 15, 1888

CUPID'S CAPERS.

Another Santa Ana Couple Succumb to His Effective Fire.

At the Presbyterian church this afternoon, at 1:30, the marriage of Frank M. Thomas to Miss Zoura C. Kerr was solemnized, Rev. J. G. Fackler officiating. Quite a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple witnessed the nuptials, and the heartiest congratulations were showered upon them. The happy groom and bride departed on the 2:15 train this afternoon for Los Angeles, where they will spend a few days of their honeymoon. On their return they will take up their residence on the "home" farm, two and a half miles southeast of this city. Both these young people have long been residents of this city and their hosts of friends will join the BLADE in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

2 sis-in-laws



Zoura Kerr Thomas

ca. 1890s

Sarah Alice Thomas Hiskey

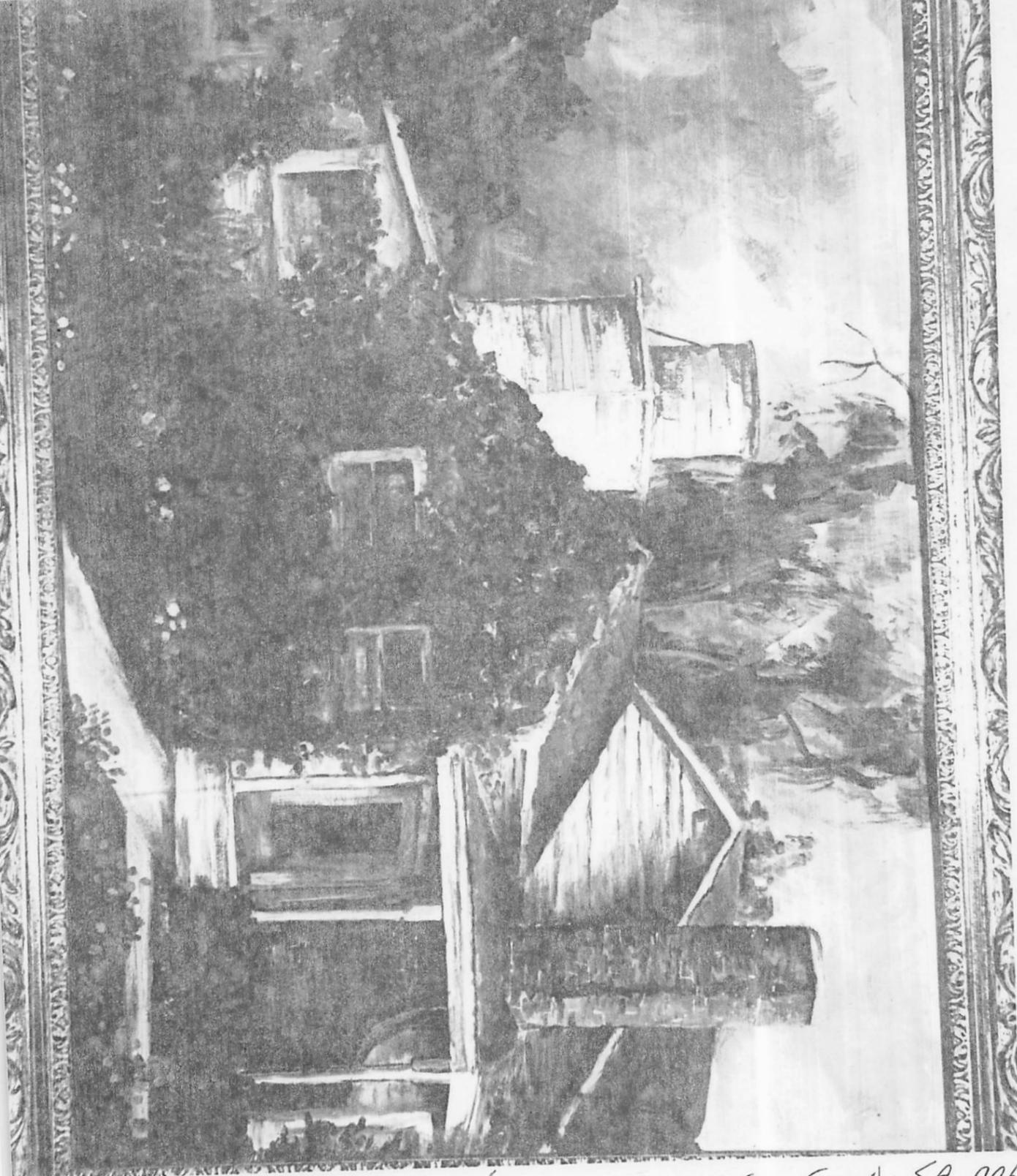


Deardorff Clan



Johnny

Cousin of Walter Hiskey, Leslie THOMAS
Baby Beverly June Deardorff - ca. 1920



Frank Thomas home. So. McClay (now Grand) S.A., CALIF.

SOCIETY AND CLUBS

12-18-14
Deardorf-Thomas

The marriage of Clyde Deardorf to Miss Lela Thomas on Wednesday evening was something of a surprise, although it was generally understood that the pretty new bungalow was being built for the reception of a bride.

Only the relatives and close friends of the principals were present, but the wedding was a very pretty one. It took place at the home of Mrs. J. C. Thomas, grandmother of the bride. Beautiful poinsettias, maidenhair fern and smilax adorned the house. The ring ceremony was used and the marriage lines were read by Dr. J. A. Stevenson.

Most of the guests accompanied the bridal party to the new Tustin home, where a short time was spent in inspecting the pretty bungalow, which was illuminated and heated with a cheery open fire.

A good many handsome gifts were added to the already beautiful furnishings.

A call by the reporter yesterday afternoon failed to find the happy couple at home, but the rice-covered porch plainly indicated what had happened.

The sincerest good wishes for a happy future will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf by their friends.

PRETTY EVENING WEDDING

Miss Lela Thomas Becomes Bride of Clyde Deardorf; Couple Well Known

12-17-14

An interesting wedding took place last evening at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, 621 Spurgeon street, where Miss Lela Thomas became the bride of Clyde Deardorf. The house was charmingly adorned with bouquets of poinsettias, and a profusion of maidenhair fern and smilax. The marriage lines were read by Dr. J. A. Stevenson, the single ring ceremony being used. Miss Anna Walker attended the bride, who was charming in a chic tailored suit of midnight blue made in military effect with trimmings of black. The best man was Clyde Flowers. Only the immediate relatives and close friends of the principals were present at the pretty wedding.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bridal party and most of the guests motored to the lovely new bungalow at Tustin awaiting Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf. The house, completely furnished and with fire already laid in the grate of the fireplace, presented an inviting appearance. When the open fire sent out its cheery glow, and the lights cheerily illuminated the cosy rooms and their beautiful furnishings, the guests were taken on a tour of inspection of the new home. A happy half hour was enjoyed by the visitors who repeated good wishes and congratulations before good nights were said. Many lovely gifts were displayed in the pretty rooms, tokens of the popularity of the two young people just wedded.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, has lived here all of her life and has hosts of friends. She was the recipient of many prenuptial courtesies, repeated showers being given for her. The bridegroom, the son of Mrs. James Hofford of the San Joaquin ranch, is also well known from long-time residence in this community. He is in the grocery business at Tustin.

The sincerest of good wishes for a happy future will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf by their friends.

JOLLY "WIENIE" BAKE

The Misses Thomas Are Hostesses at Merrymaking at Laguna Beach

7-26-15

Misses Gladys and Louisa Thomas, whose delightful hospitality is so often enjoyed by their many friends, entertained with a jolly wienie bake at Laguna Beach Saturday evening.

The obliging father of the hostesses, Mr. Frank Thomas, and Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Price were the genial chaperones, three auto loads of young people sharing the evening's fun.

After spending an hour at the dancing pavilion, a big campfire was built on the sands and here wienies were roasted and coffee made, which, with the addition of buns, pickles and delicious salad, abundantly satisfied the keen appetites aroused by the drive to the beach.

The return trip was made by moonlight, the merrymakers including Misses Marguerite Wallace, Ruth Richards, Beulah and Gladys Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deardorf, Messrs. Chas. Swanner, Lotus Morrison, Harry Whitman, Roy Osborne, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Price and Mr. Frank Thomas.



Laura + Frank



Frank Thomas' 3 oldest daughters
Lela. ca. 1900
Gladys
Beulah



Frank, wife Louisa, her mother, Mrs. Kerr
Lela, bro. Leslie (on horse)
Frank Thomas Ranch - San McClay (Grand)
Looking north Santa Ana, CA 1895 (approx.)



Ca. 1928-30??^① Semone + Clyde OTTO, 2 sons
^② Beulah + Harold BULLOCK, 2 daughts - Dorothy + Marian
Front of Fireplace - Mother Louisa Kerr THOMAS,
w/ Barbara THOMAS, Frank THOMAS, Glenna Jean Deardoff
Back right - Gladys THOMAS, Clyde D. ~~Beck~~ THOMAS, daught, Shirley
Vela + Irene THOMAS

About 1894 - Lela about 2 yrs.

Frank Thomas - son of J. Clemons Thomas
brother of Sarah Alice Thomas Hiskey
on his dairy ranch. Wife + children
Lela + Leslie by buggy.

Ranch of Sarah Alice Thomas Hiskey, in
background. Located on McClay St, south
of Santa Ana, Calif.



(bro. of Sarah Alice Thomas Hiskey)
Francis M. Thomas, bride Laura Kerr
15 Aug. 1888 Santa Ana, CA



Bro. of Sarah Alice
Frank THOMAS



Brother of Sarah Alice THOMAS
Frank THOMAS + unident. friend
ca. 1878-80?





Frank Thomas + Friend
Kansas?
ca 1880-82 (?)



Frances THOMAS (bro. of
Sarah Alice)
+
gr. daughter; Glenna Jean Deardorff
THOMAS



FAMILY GROUP No. Husband's Full Name **James THOMAS Sr**

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Census-1850 Lee Co VA	Birth	ca1803-4		Loudon	VA	
	Chr'nd					
	Mar.					
Marrs-Lee Co VA Court Records	Death	ca1869-70				
	Burial					

Places of Residence
 Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. (2) Nancy M. TUCKER
 Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father **Joseph THOMAS** Mother's Maiden Name **Elizabeth**

Wife's Full Maiden Name **Hannah**

Wife's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	ca1803		Smyth Co	VA	
Chr'nd					
Death	bef. 1866				
Burial					

Compiler **Dawn Alvarez** Places of Residence _____
 Address **1202 N. Linwood** Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____
 City, State **Santa Ana, CA** Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. _____
 Date **Sep 4 1984** 9270 Make separate sheet for each mar.
 Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Child
1	John R THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* b. 1838 Nancy	Birth	ca1829-30		Lee	VA	
		Mar.					
		Death	bef 1870				
		Burial					
2	James V THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* Susanna ROUSE	Birth	4 Mar 1831				11 Ch
		Mar.					
		Death	22 Jan 1917	Netawaka	Jackson	KA	
		Burial					
3	THOMAS Josiah Clemons Full Name of Spouse* (1) Nancy BARTLEY	Birth	12 Jan 1835		Lee	VA	(2) Sarah E Johnson m. 1866 VA
		Mar.	18 Nov 1859				
		Death	5 Sep 1913	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
		Burial	1913	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
4	Abijah Hobbs THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* Emeline BARTLEY	Birth	21 Apr 1837		Lee	VA	no issue
		Mar.	29 Jan 1862		Lee	VA	
		Death	5 Oct 1905	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
		Burial	1905				
5	Abijah M. THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* Cynthia H. COLLINGSWORTH	Birth	21 Apr 1837		Lee	VA	
		Mar.	15 Sep 1861				
		Death	30 Jan 1903		Brown	KA	
		Burial		Powhatten Cem	Brown	KA	
6	Columbia Eliz. THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* William Runnell BARTLEY	Birth	19 Dec 1840		Lee	VA	
		Mar.					
		Death	13 Jul 1895		Brown	KA	
		Burial		Powhatten	Brown	KA	
7	Nathan Morgan THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* b17 Apr 1844 Nancy Jane MARTIN	Birth	18 May 1844		Lee	VA	
		Mar.	(March 3) Feb 1870				
		Death	30 Dec 1921	Rose Hill	Lee	VA	
		Burial		Rose Hill	Lee	VA	
8	Joshua Ewing THOMAS Full Name of Spouse* 1852 Margaret Eliz. RAMEY	Birth	20 Oct 1846			VA	9 or 10 ch.
		Mar.	22 Jul 1870				
		Death	2 Aug 1914	Long Beach	Los Angeles	CA	
		Burial	4 Aug 1914	Santa Ana	Orange	CA	
9	Jaskena THOMAS Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	ca. 1848		Lee	VA	
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10	Peyton THOMAS Full Name of Spouse*	Birth					
		Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

THOMAS

*If married more than once, give No. each mar., (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

COPY OF LETTER FROM JAMES THOMAS AND NANCY M. THOMAS
TO JAMES M. SMITH AND MARY CAROLINE SMITH, 13 APRIL 1867

SISTER TO
Nancy TUCKER THOMAS

Lee Co., Virginia, April 13th 1867

Dear Brother, Sister, nieces and nephews:

We have long and most impatiently waited for an answer to our last letter and this morning we gladly received your letter bearing the date of February 14th, which informed us you were all well, and found us only in tolerable health in consequence of severe colds. Little Daniel Bird has been very bad off with it some ten or twelve days, and Nancy has been complaining with it several days, but I hope that the unfolding of this letter may find you all enjoying good health and much pleasure. We have nothing interesting to write to you at present but have to send you some very solemn and mournful news indeed, which we will tell you before we bring our letter to a close.

Alexander Snodgrass received a letter from you a few days ago which stated that you knew nothing of such a man as Mr. Thomas, which somewhat astonished me as I have written my name, as I thought so any one could read it, and also have been personally acquainted with Mr. Smith. But, it may that you may think that I am not worthy to be called Mr. Thomas in consequence of my holding fast to the good old Union which my grandfathers fought and bled to sustain. God forbid that I should ever dishonor so glorious a cause while there is one drop of Union blood in my veins; so right here I will give you a little sketch of my birth place and the places of my residence up to the present date. I suppose I was born in Loudon County, Pa. (*), Sept. 19th 1802; my parents came to Lee County in 1803 and I have been a resident of Lee County ever since (with the exception of a little upwards of twelve months which I lived in Smyth County, Va.) and my name had been very familiarly called Mr. Thomas, but of late (I have) been called in general, Uncle Jimmy. So now as I have given you this short history of my life, I hope you will have some idea of who I am and where I live. So if you ever come to Lee County, come up on the headwaters of the Yellow Branch, and you will find me there, if living, with your only sister Nancy M. and little Daniel Bird, enjoying all the peace and happiness of man and wife; if dead, on yonder hill with my departed friends.

But now comes my mournful story. In short, your dear old Mother had been living with us for the last few weeks and apparently enjoying better health than she had for the last few months previous to the time of her departure; and on the Saturday night previous to her death went to bed as usual so far as we knew and appeared to rest well all night and next morning (being Sabbath March 31st 1867), I suppose something near 7 o'clock, Nancy had got here breakfast about ready. She went to her mattress bed and spoke to her in words similar to these: "Mother, aren't you going to get up?" "Yes", she replied. So Nancy said to her "Are you not well?". She answered and said her head ached a little. Nancy, supposing there was nothing more than common the matter, stepped into the kitchen to her breakfast and had just sat down to eat when the dear old Mother stepped in, apparently well, and as she walked to her chair, said she, "Nancy, how is the child?" (he had been ailing for some time) and this was the last word she was ever heard to utter in this world, and as she went to her chair to sit down, we heard a noise and she had sunk down against her chair. We ran to her in haste and took her in our arms and patted her with camphor, but all in vain. I told Nancy she was gone. Her pulse ceased to beat and she took her happy flight to Heaven attended by bright angels to meet her dear Redeemer, and now that dear old lady that has nursed and cherished her children is lying on yonder hill by the side of our dear little daughter Victoria. Then I will say,

wife
James married Hannah supposedly in Smyth Co., VA

(over)

James Thomas was the father of Josiah Clemons Thomas,
as well as other brothers and 1 sister, Columbia.

The original was written in James' own hand to
sister (and bro.-in-law) of his second wife, Nancy
Tucker Thomas.

The sister and her family had moved to CA.
before April 1867.

in short, "Sleep on, Dear Mother! I hope to rise with you when Gabriel's trumpet shall sound to awake the dead both great and small!"

And now, in conclusion, I would say to you and all if unprepared, prepare to meet your sainted Mother. Amen.

Dear Sister:

I sent myself to write you a few lines in the way of Satisfaction. You wanted to know how many children Daniel's wife has and what their names are. She has four, two girls and two boys. I will put down their names, beginning with the eldest which is William Younger, Permelia Anaddymile, Martha Frances, and Daniel Bavin. Your old Father and Mother Smith are as well as common and all the rest so far as I know at present.

Caroline, it seems like I can never get over the death of Mother. Just to see her drop off so suddenly and I could hear her speak no more! All the consolation that I have is that she is gone to Heaven, which is a great one. I would be glad to see you all but if we never see each other on earth any more, I want us all to try to meet in Heaven, where parting will be no more.

No more at presents, but (we) remain friends until death. Write soon.

(s) JAMES AND NANCY^{ALVAREZ} THOMAS

to James and Caroline Smith and Family.

Given To C. Dawn Alvarez by Mary Parkey, who rec'd it
From Wilma Rouse, gr. daughter of Robt. P. THOMAS.

Tharp, Lewis to Judy Vernon Nathan Vernon, Sec.	10 Sept.	1817
Thomas, George to Maria Johnson Thomas W. Bradshaw, Sec.	21 Dec.	1861
Thomas, James A. to Sarah A. Henry m. 4 Nov. by D. D. Anderson, M.G.	1 Nov.	1858
Thomas, Nancy to William H. Campbell	11 June	1861
Thomas, Susan to Andrew Yonas	30 Dec.	1847
Thompson, Jesse to Jean Looney John Thompson, Sec.	21 Sept.	1808
Thompson, Maria to David Booker	2 Sept.	1859
Thompson, Nancy to John N. Smith	9 July	1853
Thompson, Sarah Ann to Gooldman Davisson	19 Feb.	1845
Thornberry, Sarah to Thomas C. G. Davis	16 Apr.	1837
Thrasher, Louisa to Michael Rork	1 May	1845
Thrasher, Rachel to George Hogwood	24 Oct.	1855
Thresher, Isaac H. to Sarah Cline [endorsed: Caroline] m. 4 Dec. by W. T. Senter, M.G.	21 Nov.	1836
Thurman, Dickenson to Ann McPheters Jas. Y. Crawford, Sec.	21 June	1839
Thurman, Mary to Thomas Wilhelm	24 May	1842
Thurman, William to Elizabeth Watterson Jeremiah Seaver, Sec.	30 May	1849
Tibbs, Martha Ann to Pleasant J. Roach	30 Jan.	1841
Tibbs, Nancy to Robert Cantrell	4 Apr.	1855
Tirey, John to Julia Ann Blevins Francis M. Nugent, Sec. m. 22 June by M. Baugh, J.P.	21 June	1845
Trail, Andrew to Martha Wolfe John Turmire, Sec.	26 Aug.	1846
Trammel, Sarah to Thomas Lambert Wilson	28 Aug.	1823
Treadway, Lilbern to Elizabeth Cameron John H. Johnson, Sec. m. 28 July by C. P. Talley, M.G.	28 July	1859

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Mrs. Alvarez,

This is the only James Thomas, Mariner
record that we have - I also searched
the wills + cannot find anything.

Ancestors of James Mack Thomas

Generation No. 1

1. **James Mack Thomas**, born September 4, 1855 in Perry Co., KY; died February 17, 1930 in Atwood, Rawlins Co., KS. He was the son of 2. **James Vernon Thomas, Jr.** and 3. **Susanna Rouse**. He married (1) **Ellen Richards** December 4, 1879 in Brown Co., KS. She was born September 18, 1861 in Pilton, England, and died June 5, 1898 in Atwood, Rawlins Co., KS. She was the daughter of Emanuel Richards and Eliza Richards.

Generation No. 2

2. **James Vernon Thomas, Jr.**, born March 4, 1831 in Lee Co., VA; died January 22, 1917 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS. He was the son of 4. **James Vernon Thomas, Sr.** and 5. **Hannah Greiver**. He married 3. **Susanna Rouse** February 23, 1853 in VA.

3. **Susanna Rouse**, born June 15, 1832 in Washington Co., VA; died September 5, 1914 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS. She was the daughter of 6. **Phillip Rouse** and 7. **Elizabeth Widener**.

Notes for James Vernon Thomas, Jr.:

The year James Jr. was born, Andrew Jackson was president of the USA. It was the year that Robert L. Stevens set up America's first steam railway.

Granddaughter Grace Thomas McKinley remembers her father saying that his parents came to Kansas from Kentucky in 1870. His parents had moved to Kentucky from Virginia. The move from Kentucky to Kansas was by covered wagon pulled by oxen.

Powhattan, KS was on the Pony Express route going Southeast and the Oregon and California covered wagon trails going Southwest. Hiawatha is an area of rolling hills, trees, and a small, winding river. Netawaka in 2000 had a population of 167. There is a Kickapoo tribe Indian reservation between the towns. Muddy Creek runs nearby.

Mrs. McKinley was also told that her Grandfather, James Vernon Thomas, Jr., was of English, Scotch-Irish and Welsh descent. Her grandmother, Susanna Rouse Thomas was Pennsylvania Dutch, which is German.

Sources: Furnished by Mrs. Grace Thomas McKinley, Atwell, KS, from records given to her by Mrs. Gladys Thomas Lowry, Wetmore, KS, daughter of Samuel R. & Rosina Richards Thomas. Family Bible records.

Family Bible records of James Mack Thomas, son of James Vernon Thomas, show that the Thomas family moved from Perry County, Kentucky to Kansas in July, 1870 (post Civil War).

James appeared on the Assessment Roll Brown County, KS 1874. He appeared in the 1860 Perry Co., KY census 127/125. On Assessment Roll 1885, page 8, Powhattan Township, Brown County, Kansas Value of Taxable was 1 horse valued at \$15, 6 neat cattle valued at \$60, 2 mules & asses valued at \$50, 9 hogs valued at \$20, 20 farm implements and one wagon. J.V., age 69 and wife Susan, age 68, of Powhattan were listed in the 1900 Brown County Kansas Assessment Rolls.

From June Anderson, Sept. 2002: "Two houses here in Netawaka belonged to James Vernon and Susanah Thomas. One was their home and the other William Morgan and Josiah lived. The houses are still there. I don't know what shape they are in now. An elderly couple we knew lived in James V.'s home. Two of the rooms were changed but the rest of the house was the same. The barn was falling apart and was being torn down. I got a barn board and a manger board. I do woodburning, I did one picture of an old barn, the other two was an old mill picture, plus I did another barn picture.

The first city meeting for Netawaka started July 1, 1884. Plans for a "calaboose" approved March 19, 1886. Thr first marshall was John AGibbons, July 21, 1884. Crimes were usually corrected by having the person or persons serving their time as doing street repairs. To keep them from running away, a ball and chain was attached to their legs. A lot of boot leg whiskey was sold to the Kickapoo Indians as well as the white people. The town marshall or constable could use the help of passersby in catching the crooks. If a crime occured at night, the person or persons were put in the jail house by the marshall. Then the next day they would see the judge.

Work for city July 19, 1912: Josiah Thomas - labor in park, \$5.00; Morgan Thomas - street work, \$9.80; Morgan Thomas - services of city marshall \$3.00; Payton Thomas - November 25, 1912 for watering fire \$1.00; April 3, 1914, Morgan Thomas presented resignation as marshall and commissioner; June 3, 1921 - Morgan Thomas was appointed town marshall. Bradley was marshall before him; Ed Thomas - September 6, 1926, street work \$4.80; City of Netawaka rejected Payton Thomas of getting some hay at one time.

I found a land deed that James V. and Susanna owned at one time. It was located next to where Uncle Edwin Thomas and

Grandma Rosina Thomas lived here in town, so I don't think Uncle Payton owned any of the land."

From "Bicentennial History of Lee Co., VA" - James V. Thomas, Jr. born March 4 1831-d. Jan 22, 1917 in Kansas, the 2nd son, married Susannah Rouse (b. June 15, 1832-d. Sept 5 1914). They had 9 possibly 10 children.

Obituary - Brown County World February 2, 1917: Mr. James V. Thomas died at his home near Netawaka Monday, Jan. 22. Jan. 13, Mr. Thomas fell and broke his hip, which was the direct cause of his death. He is survived by 11 children, his wife having died about three years ago. He was a brother of the late Matt Thomas, of Powhattan. He was 86 years old and before moving to Netawaka lived on the Gottlieb Wenger farm near Powhattan for 25 years. He came to Brown county from Virginia 50 years ago. The funeral services were held in Netawaka Wednesday. (buried Netawaka Cemetery plot 157)

Obituary - The -- Recorder: James V. Thomas first saw the light of day in Lee County, Virginia, March 6, 1831. On February 23, 1853, he was united in marriage to Susannah Rouse in the county where he was born. To this union were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

In 1870 he moved to Kansas, where he made his home with the exception of the four years he lived in Oklahoma. He passed from earthly scenes, at his home in Netawaka, Jan. 22, 1917, at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 14 days.

For many years Mr. Thomas had been a successful farmer within a few miles of Netawaka, and had a large circle of acquaintances. He fell heavily to the ground a few days ago, and broke his hip, which was the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church at Netawaka on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24, by the writer. The church was filled with relatives, friends and neighbors of the deceased. The choir beautifully sang some appropriate hymns for the occasion. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, tributes of relatives and friends. The family desires to thank all their friends for their many kindnesses and for the many beautiful floral offerings on the occasion of the funeral rites.

Mr. Thomas was laid to rest by the side of his wife, in the Netawaka cemetery, who died in September, 1914.

The writer would join the friends of the deceased in expressions of sympathy in their sorrow for the departure of their loved one. Frank P. Reno

Will of James V. Thomas, Jr.:

"I, James V. Thomas" of Netawaka, Jackson co., KS., at the age of 83 years considering the uncertainties of life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit: First, it is my will that my funeral expenses, the expenses of my last illness, the cost of a suitable monument erected at my grave and all my just debts to be fully paid. After the foregoing terms of this my last Will and testament have been complied with, I direct that my property both real and personal remain intact for the sole use, benefit and support of my beloved wife Susan Thomas during her natural life time, and I direct that any part thereof necessary for her support shall be used, and after her death I direct my executor hereinafter named to divide my estate then remaining as hereinafter provided. First, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Morgan Thomas all of lots numbered 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10 in block 21 in the city of Netawaka, Jackson Co., Kansas. I also bequeath to my son Morgan Thomas any and all horses or cattle owned by me at the time of my death. I charge my son Morgan Thomas, however, that he provide a home and proper care free of charge and without any compensation for my son Josiah C. Thomas during the natural lifetime of my son, Josiah C. Thomas. I also give to my son, Morgan Thomas the bed which is known in my family as my own bed, and I give to my son Josiah C. Thomas the bed which is known in my family as their Mothers bed.

I further direct my executor to sell and convey by proper deeds of conveyance at such time and in such way, and on such terms as in his judgment may seem best for the interest of my estate all of the balance of my property both personal and real of every kind and nature whatsoever, and divide the proceeds arising therefrom share and share alike among the following named of my legal heirs. To my son James M. Thomas I direct my executor to pay one eighth of the net proceeds; to my son Payton Thomas one eighth; to my son Samuel R. Thomas one eighth; to my son Josiah C. Thomas one eighth; and to my daughter Elizabeth Barnum one eighth; to my daughter Emeline DeBusk one eighth; to the children of my deceased daughter Polly Ann Baum I direct my executor to pay their mother's share one eighth; to the children of my son John W. Thomas I direct my executor to pay their father's share one eighth.

I would state in explanation that during the year of about 1910 it was reported that my son John W. Thomas was drowned in the Colorado River in Arizona. I have never had any positive proof of this, although I have known or heard nothing of his whereabouts since that time, and I direct that should he appear or his whereabouts be known before the distribution of my estate has been made, my executor shall pay the one eighth share belonging to my son John W. Thomas direct to him. However, should he not appear or his whereabouts be unknown at that time, then I direct my executor to pay the one eighth share belonging to my son John Thomas to his children as herein before provided. I further direct that the shares of my estate to be distributed to the children of my deceased daughter Polly Ann Baum and the shares to be paid to the children of my son John W. Thomas be held in trust for them by my executor until such children shall have reached the age of twenty one years, and at that time I direct. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint C.D. Lueck of Jackson Co., Kans., executor of this my last will and testament and I herewith declare and publish this to be my last will and testament, revoking and

annulling all former wills by me made, and ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament. Consisting of about three pages stuck together with paste and brass fasteners.

In Witness Whereof I, the said James V. Thomas have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

Signed James V. Thomas

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said James V. Thomas as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. D.E.T. Myers, my executor to pay their respective share to each C.D. Lueck"
(Copy of will provided by J.E. Bartley)

Order of Final Settlement and Discharge in the matter of the estate of James V. Thomas, deceased, No. 2358: And now on this 10th day of March, 1941, the petition for final settlement and discharge of the executor in the above entitled estate came on for hearing, the executor appearing in person and by his attorneys, Sloan, Hamilton & Sloan, and no other person appearing in opposition to said petition.

Thereupon the executor shows to the court, and the court finds that due and legal notice has been published in all respects as provided by law and that the executor has mailed copies of such notice to each heir and devisee whose address is known to the executor, and it is ordered that the notice and proof thereof be and the same is hereby approved by the court.

Thereupon this cause proceeded to a hearing, and the court, after examining the evidence, including receipts, cancelled checks and reports on file of the executor, finds that all debts chargeable against said estate have been paid and distribution of the remaining assets made in all respects as provided by the last will and testament of James V. Thomas, deceased, and the law relating to descent and distribution; that the executor has accounted for all monies received by him and the disbursement thereof.

The court further finds that the heirs and devisee of James V. Thomas, deceased, at the time of his death were his children, Samuel R. Thomas, James M. Thomas, Josiah C. Thomas, Elizabeth Barnum and Emeline DeBusk; and the children of a deceased son and devisee, John W. Thomas, viz: Melvin Thomas, John James Thomas, William Francis Thomas, Eveline Thomas and Cecil Thomas Pinegar; and the children of a deceased daughter and devisee, Polly Ann Baum, viz: William Baum, Clarence Baum, and Susie Campbell; and the children of a deceased son and devisee, Payton Thomas, viz: Julia Haynes, Ada Hallauer, Hazel Thomas, Roy Thomas, Bertha Thomas, William Thomas, and Grace McKinley.

The court further finds that each of said heirs and beneficiaries have received their respective distributive share of the estate of James V. Thomas, deceased.

It is therefore ordered and decreed by the court that the persons named in the findings herein set out are the heirs and devisees of James V. Thomas, deceased, and the same is hereby assigned to them.

It is further considered ordered and adjudged that the executor, C.D. Lueck, be and he is hereby discharged and his bondsmen released from further liability.

Signed: D.W. Gibson, Probate Judge.

IGI Record James Vernon THOMAS

Born: 4 Mar 1831 Perry Co, Kentucky (I believe incorrect information was submitted; all other records indicate place of birth as Lee Co., VA and all siblings were born in Lee Co., VA. Some of his children were born in Perry Co., KY)

Marriage(s): Spouse: Susanna ROUSE Film Number: 537803 Ref. No: 79865

Notes for Susanna Rouse:

Family information said she was believed born in Lee or Washington Co, VA. In further research, part of Washington Co., VA became Lee Co., VA.

1850 Washington Co, VA census, p. 116

Underwood, Aileen, The Descendants of Paulser Rouse

Crump, Shirley Widener, The Widener Family

Andrew P. Thomas, 7140 N. Haywood Farms Road, Brazil, IN 47834

Obituary: Mrs. James Thomas, of Netawaka was buried Monday in the Netawaka cemetery. Mrs. Thomas was an aunt of J.F. Thomas and A.H. Bartley. She and her husband settled on the place where Gotlieb Wenger now lives nearly 50 years ago, and were well acquainted with all the old settlers. They have lived for some years in Netawaka. She was 93 years old at the time of her death and is survived by her husband who is 94. (Powhattan Bee) (According to family records and death certificates, he was 83 and she was 82)

Marriage Notes for James Thomas and Susanna Rouse: IGI Record

James Vernon THOMAS

Spouse: Susanna ROUSE

Marriage: 23 Feb 1853

I believe the place of marriage to be wrongly submitted, believe it had to be either Lee Co., VA or Perry County, KY, as the first children were born in KY.

Children of James Thomas and Susanna Rouse are:

- i. Hannah Thomas, born February 28, 1854 in Perry Co., KY; died May 28, 1875 in Powhattan, Brown Co., KS.

Notes for Hannah Thomas:

Information received from Mrs. Ada Thomas Hallauer, Powhattan, KS, said Hannah was the first person to be buried in the cemetery at Powhattan, KS cemetery. Her tombstone says "She is not dead, but sleeping".

- ii. James Mack Thomas, born September 4, 1855 in Perry Co., KY; died February 17, 1930 in Atwood, Rawlins Co., KS; married Ellen Richards December 4, 1879 in Brown Co., KS.
- iii. Abijah Thomas, born May 9, 1857 in Perry Co., KY; died May 19, 1859 in Perry Co, KY.
- iv. Payton B. Thomas, born June 3, 1858 in Perry Co., KY; died April 20, 1916 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS; married (1) Emily Richards October 12, 1882; born April 14, 1864 in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, England; died March 19, 1898 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS; married (2) Hannah Charlotte Parker ABT 1899 in Near Holton, KS; born January 5, 1878 in Missouri; died February 14, 1958 in Boyer, TX.

Notes for Payton B. Thomas:

Emily is buried beside Payton in Netawaka, KS. Tombstone has names of Payton, Emily and Hannah on it, but Hannah is buried in Independence, KS. Per Linda Dillingham, Hannah had places beside Payton and her third husband Biggs but she is in a mausoleum all by herself because of her oldest daughter, who didn't want her buried by any one else's father, and hers was killed in a mine cave in in Colorado.

Payton is one of three Thomas brothers who married three Richards sisters.

Hannah's daughter Hallie was two years old when Payton married Hannah.

His homestead was in Celia Twp, Rawlins Co., KS. On Property list: February 26, 1891, Rawlins Co., KS.

According to records in Jackson Co., KS, Payton died without a will.

Payton was listed in the 1895 Brown County Kansas Assessment Rolls in Netawaka, age 36, along with wife Emily, age 30.

Scott Riggs provided Patent Record dated June 6, 1906 : "Whereas, Payton Thomas of Rawlins County Kansas has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Oberlin Kansas whereby it appears that full payment has been made the said Payton Thomas according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the Acts supplemental thereto, for The South West Quarter of Section Thirty four in Township Two South of Rang Thirty Six West of the Principal Meridian in Kansas containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Survey General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Payton Thomas." Dated the 26th day of February 1891, recorded Vol. 14, Page 198; Entered in Transfer Record June 7th, 1906.

Notes for Emily Richards:

Obituary, Netawaka Herald, March 25, 1898 - Mrs. Emily Thomas, wife of Payton Thomas, died at her home north of this city on Saturday, March 19, aged 33 years, 11 months and 5 days.

The deceased had been a sufferer for many years and death was a welcome visitor. Born in Bristol, England, she came with her parents to New York in 1871, from which place she came to Kansas in 1875, where she has since remained.

The funeral services, which were held at the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mitchell, were largely attended. The sympathy of the community goes out to the surviving husband and four children.

- v. Samuel Rouse Thomas, born December 16, 1860 in Cumberland Gap, Cumberland Co., VA; died February 15, 1933 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS; married Rosina Richards June 20, 1885 in KS; born February 15, 1866 in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, England; died August 21, 1959 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS.

Notes for Samuel Rouse Thomas:

He was one of three brothers who married three sisters.

S.R. Thomas, age 42 and wife Rosina, age 38, are listed in the Brown County Kansas Assessment Rolls in 1903.

Front page newspaper notice - Sam Thomas, Dead. Sam Thomas, aged 70, living west of Netawaka, died by his own hand yesterday morning. His body was found suspended in the barn. He was discovered by his nephew, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Thomas had not been well and was mentally deranged. He was before the probate court last week on a test of his mentality, but his relatives preferred to care for him at home. The funeral arrangements have not been completed yet.

Obituary, The Holton Recorder - Samuel Ralph Thomas, son of James and Susanna Thomas, was born December 16, 1860, in Kentucky, and died at his home southwest of Netawaka, Kansas, February 15, 1933, aged 72 years.

His parents moved with him to Kansas when he was about four and a half years old. He has spent most of his life

in Brown and Jackson counties, Kansas, nearly 30 years in this community and the last 26 years on the present home place, which he has taken great pride in improving and beautifying. Mr. Thomas was noted in the community for his expert gardening.

June 20, 1885, he was married to Rosina Richards. To them seven children were born, six of whom survive. They are: Edwin, of Netawaka; Mrs. August (Annie Belle) Banaka, Holyoke, Colorado; Edith, who died in infancy; Mrs. Arval (Mabel) Dunbar, Soldier, Kansas; Orlie, who has been living at home with his parents; Mrs. Roy (Fern) Hathaway, Horton, Kans.; Mrs. Arthur (Gladys) Lowry, of Pea Ridge.

Besides his faithful wife and the six living children he is survived by 21 grandchildren and the following sisters and brother: Joseph, of Netawaka; Mrs. Sam DeBusk, of the Parallel neighborhood; Mrs. Eliz Barnum of Erie, Kansas.

The public funeral service was held in the Netawaka Methodist church, Saturday, February 18, 1933, in charge of the pastor, and burial was in Netawaka cemetery.

From June Anderson 2002: "I have heard some things about Grandpa Sam Thomas' death. Uncle Orlie was living at the home farm. He asked Grandpa Thomas for money a lot of times. Also times were hard then. I don't think Grandma did anything about stopping it as Grandpa wouldn't have hanged himself. A DeBusk cousin was there the day it happened. And also Orlie was there.

"My Dad & Mom (Arthur E. Lowry - Gladys Olive Thomas Lowry) would not have much to do with Orlie after that. Orlie was given money for a head stone for Grandpa & Grandma Thomas. He bought a small stone and pocketed the rest! The DeBusk relative said Orlie had admitted it to him. I guess everyone has a "bad apple" in the basket!

"Grandpa Thomas owned land west and south of Netawaka. A family by the name of Oxandale live on the north part and a family of Ernie Kuhns live on the farm where Grandpa Thomas had built the house.

"My mother told me her grandfather (James Jr.) owned land north of the home place. It's on the west side of the road near the creek. Where Samuel and Rosina lived, the farm was called the "Evergreen View Farm" because of Grandma's love of trees and nature. That was taken out of the 1921 Jackson County Atlas Section 28 Netawaka Township, Wetmore post office.

"When Grandpa (Sam) Thomas built the home place, my mother said he had everything planned out in his mind how he wanted it to look."

Notes for Rosina Richards:

Obituary - Rosina Thoms, a 93-year-old Holton resident, died at her home Thursday.

She was born in London, England, and came to the United States at the age of four. She lived for 50 years in the Netawaka vicinity. She was a member of the Netawaka Methodist Church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Mabel Dunbar, of Downey, Calif., Mrs. Fern Hathaway of Sun Valley, Calif., and Mrs. Gladys Lowry of Wetmore; a son, Orlie Thomas of Holton, and a brother, Walter Richards of Los Angeles, California.

Mercer Funeral Home in Holton will announce funeral arrangements.

From June A. Anderson, granddaughter of Rosina, in letter dated Sept. 4, 2002: "Uncle Edwin Thomas, my mothers' brother, had a house here in Netawaka. My grandmother, Rosina Thomas, lived with him after grandpa Thomas died." She is referring to James Edwin Thomas.

- vi. Elizabeth Katherine Thomas, born August 2, 1862 in Perry Co., KY; died December 27, 1953 in Cope, CO or Stroud, Lincoln Co., KS; married L.H. Barnum.
- vii. Josiah C. Thomas, born October 23, 1864 in Perry Co., KY; died 1939 in Netawaka, KS.

Notes for Josiah C. Thomas:

Grave marker says 1927; other records say 1939 as date of death. June Anderson, of Netawaka, KS, said 1939 is the correct date. Her mother told her that Josiah C. is buried between James V. and Susanna Rouse Thomas, and that Uncle James Edwin is buried to the right side of them. Nobody seems to know where Polly Ann Thomas Baum is buried there.

June also wrote "Mom also told me Josiah Thomas had a saw mill north of Netawaka along Muddy Creek. A man by the name of Hershel Keithline ran the steam engine to run the big saw blade. It was back in the teen's."

- viii. William Morgan Thomas, born June 24, 1866 in Perry Co., KY; died February 27, 1927 in Schofield, MO.

Notes for William Morgan Thomas:

William Thomas age 33, of Powhattan, is listed with J.F. Thomas, age 33, of Powhattan in the 1900 Brown County Kansas Assessment Rolls. I believe this is a misprint and that it should be his brother, Josiah C. Thomas, who was about two years older. According to June Anderson, William Morgan and Josiah C. lived in a home owned by their parents in Netawaka.

I have a copy of a photo of "Uncle Morgan Thomas, a brother of Samuel Thomas and an uncle of Gladys Thomas Lawry" that appeared in the Netawaka newspaper. Caption reads "Mrs. Elmer Kuglin, Netawaka, gave this picture to Mary Margaret Allard along with many other photos in the search for old photos for a bicentennial publication. However, Mrs. Kuglin does not know the man pictured or when or where it was taken. If anyone can identify the picture, please call Mrs. Allard at 364-3532." George Arthur Thomas said the trees behind the picket fence are Thuya trees (pronounced 'tea'). June Anderson said she has the picture and it is of "Uncle Morgan Thomas in his constable suit when he was the town marshall."

June Anderson wrote that "Uncle Morgan Thomas was the town marshall in 1912 through 1921. Mom told me he liked to joke around with people.

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Current researcher Scott Riggs (p.4)

I did find a date for Uncle Morgan Thomas, town constable in 1903. He got \$18.60 a month for his pay. The Cappers paper in Topeka was having a contest about family ancestors. I wrote one on Uncle Morgan. I didn't win anything, but the story is in Topeka at the Historical Museum of History."

Obituary: William Morgan Thomas was born in Perry County, Kentucky May 24, 1866, and moved with his parents to Brown County, Kansas, in 1870, and from there to Jackson County, Kansas, and later to Oklahoma. In 1909, they returned to Jackson County, Kansas, where they lived until the death of his parents about eight years ago. He was the youngest of a large family and was never married.

After the death of his parents and the affairs were settled up, he with his brother Joe, who was two years his senior, loaded their batching outfit into a two-horse wagon and started for "Land of A Million Smiles" to locate near their old neighbor, George Winters, southwest of Buffalo, MO, who came here from Oklahoma.

The two brothers bought a small tract of land near Schofield in this county, pitched their tent in the timber and went to work to make for themselves a home. For four long years they toiled without ceasing and before the work was complete Bro. Morgan passed away.

His suffering was long and severe, but he bore it with patience and Christian fortitude. Everything was done for him that medical skill, kind neighbors and a devoted brother could do, but in vain were their efforts and a 11 o'clock A.M. February 27, 1927 he peacefully passed to his reward, being sixty years, nine months and three days old.

In the fall of 1925, during a protracted meeting at Schofield, he was converted and united with the Baptist church at that place and lived a consistent Christian life during the remainder of his life.

He had no fear of death and often expressed himself as ready to go and be with loved ones gone before.

His last days were indeed sad and lonely, no mother, no companion, no sister, no daughter, no one to care for him except one lone brother.

The neighbors did all that neighbors could do under such circumstances yet many were the long and weary hours that the two brothers spent in their distress all alone.

He leaves to mourn his passing three brothers and two sisters, Mack Thomas of Atwood, Kansas, Samuel Thomas of Netawaka, Kansas, and Joe Thomas of the home address. (note - Schofield, MO) Mrs. Elizabeth Barnam of Cope, Colo., and Mrs. Emaline Debusk of Holton, Kans., and a host of friends.

He was laid away in the beautiful little cemetery at Schofield by his neighbors and the funeral was conducted by the Rev. Geren of Boliver, who made a very appreciate talk.

Morgan Thomas was a devoted bother, a kind neighbor, a public spirited citizen, a consistent Christian and therefore, a good man and will be greatly missed by his brother and friends. - R.H. Anderson

- ix. Columbia Emeline Thomas, born May 15, 1868 in Perry Co., KY; died April 2, 1949 in Powhattan, Brown Co., KS; married Samuel Jasper DeBusk February 25, 1886 in Netawaka, Brown Co., KS; born January 14, 1866 in Boones Path, Lee Co., VA; died August 14, 1939 in West Virginia.

Notes for Columbia Emeline Thomas:

Obituary of brother William Morgan Thomas shows Holton, KS as residency of Emeline in 1927.

Notes for Samuel Jasper DeBusk:

Appears on the United States 1900 Census taken June 15, 1900 in Powhattan Twp., Brown County, KS with wife Columbia and five children.

Obituary, Brown County World, August 18, 1934 - S.J. DeBusk, of Holton, died in West Virginia, Monday, Aug. 14. Mr. Debusk, with his wife, youngest daughter, Mrs. J. McCauley, of Kansas City, Mr. McCauley, small daughter had gone to West Virginia on vacation trip to visit his old home, friends-relatives there. In failing health for a number of years he became critically ill soon after his arrival in West Virginia. Among children who survive him are 2 sons at Morrill, Jim, Ben; a daughter, Mrs. R.F. Nelson, formerly of Morrill how living near Whiting. Charles E. Nelson, of Hiawatha, is a grandson. The body was returned to Holton for funeral services.

- x. Polly Ann Thomas, born September 11, 1871 in Brown Co., KS; died May 1, 1898 in Netawaka, KS; married Edward Baum; born in Sparks, KS.

Notes for Polly Ann Thomas:

Some records indicate she may have been born in Perry Co., KY, but that does not make sense to researchers.

- xi. John W. Thomas, born February 23, 1874 in Brown Co., KS; died September 1, 1910 in Arizona; married Viola Getcher.

Notes for John W. Thomas:

Presumed drowned in Colorado River in Arizona per father's will.

Generation No. 3

4. James Vernon Thomas, Sr., born September 19, 1802 in Loudoun Co., VA; died October 1869 in DeMossville, Pendleton Co., KY. He was the son of 8. Joseph E. Thomas and 9. Elizabeth Unknown. He married 5. Hannah Greiver ABT 1824 in Lee Co, VA.

5. Hannah Greiver, born February 1, 1803 in Smyth Co., VA; died 1863 in Lee Co., VA.

Notes for James Vernon Thomas, Sr.:

Lee Co. VA was originally part of Pennsylvania. James moved from Loudoun Co., VA to Lee Co., VA in 1803, age 1, the same year that Congress established a military academy at West Point, NY. Thomas Jefferson was president of the USA.

James moved to Smyth Co., VA in 1823-24, where he may have met and married wife Hannah.

James stated in a letter in 1867 that both his grandfathers fought and bled to sustain the Union. He was known as "Uncle Jimmy" to nieces & nephews.

James and Nancy sold 100 acres of land in Lee Co., VA in 1869 or 1870, post Civil War. The land was at the headwaters of the Yellow Branch. After James' death, Nancy took her small son and moved to California.

There is a mention of a family Bible being passed down to children, but I have no idea who possesses it currently.

James wrote in a letter dated April 13, 1867 to Nancy's sister and family (after his marriage to Nancy) (excerpt) "So right here I will give you a little sketch of my birth place and the places of my residence up to the present date. I suppose I was born in Loudoun County, Pa., Sept. 19th 1802; my parents came to Lee County in 1803 and I have been a resident of Lee County ever since (with the exception of a little upwards of twelve months which I lived in Smyth County, VA) and my name had been very familiarly called Mr. Thomas, but of late (I have) been called in general, Uncle Jimmy. So now as I have given you this short history of my life, I hope you will have some idea of who I am and where I live. So if you ever come to Lee County, come up on the headwaters of the Yellow Branch, and you will find me there, if living, with your only sister Nancy M. and little Daniel Bird, enjoying all the peace and happiness of man and wife; if dead, on yonder hill with my departed friends."

Will: Lee County, Virginia, Will Book 3, pg 309:

"In the name of God, Amen! I, James Thomas Sr., of the County of Lee and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, but in a bad state of health and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make and publish this, my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say: After all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy M. Thomas all the property she possessed at the time of our marriage viz a loom, one bed, and bedstead, 3 blankets, 3 sleys ic. And also one third part of all my estate, both real and personal, during her natural lifetime.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto Nancy Elizabeth Doolin formerly the widow of my oldest son John R. Thomas Dec'd. and to her son Jasper N. Thomas one dollar each.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto Jefferson P. Thomas, the son of the said John R. Thomas Dec'd. and to each of my surviving children namely: Payton E. Thomas, James V. Thomas, Josiah C. Thomas, Abijah H. Thomas, Abijah M. Thomas, Columbia E. Bartley, Nathan M. Thomas, Joshua E. Thomas and Daniel B. Thomas the residue of all my estate both real and personal in equal proportions. Now, in conclusion, I make, constitute, and appoint my son Nathan M. Thomas my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Signed, Sealed and delivered. James Thomas (seal)

Witnesses: Abraham Whisman, Henry T. Whisman, Eli Davis. Will Probated 21 February, 1870.

Lee Co. 1830 census records:

Thomas, James	3000100000000-0000100000000	000000-000000	000000-000000	00000 0000	324 21
Thomas, John	2110010000000-1210010000000	000000-000000	000000-000000	00000 0000	324 16
Thomas, Joseph	0100010010000-1100100010000	000000-000000	000000-000000	00000 0000	324 17

1840 census Lee Co, VA shows James living near 3 other Thomases: Joseph Thomas, age 40-50 (probably James' brother) with 3 females under 5, one female age 10-17, one female 18-20, and one female 20-30 years old. No older female is listed. John Thomas, age 40-50 (probably another brother) with one male 10-17, one male 18-20, one female under 5, one female 5-10, one female 10-16, 2 females 18-20, one female 40-50 years old. Joseph Thomas, (probable father of Joseph, John, James?) shows 1 male 60-70, 1 male 18-20, one female age 50-60.

1850 Census District 31 Lee Co., VA taken Oct. 5th dwelling #1286, Pg. 397 shows James Thomas, age 48, a farmer with a real estate value of \$300, born in Virginia, wife Hannah, age 48, James, a farmer age 19 who attended school within the year, Josiah, a farmer age 16 who attended school within the year, Abijah, age 13 who attended school within the year, Abijah, age 13 who attended school within the year, Columbia age 9, Nathan age 7, and Joshua age 3.

1860 census shows a Jaskena Thomas aged 12 living in household (birth appx. 1848). Is this an adopted son? What happened to him? No proof of birth for him, and record of him as a child not passed down through family via James V. Thomas Jr. Only ten children were mentioned in the will of James Thomas, Jaskena was not mentioned. He may have been deceased, if he existed in this family at all? The obituary of Abijah H. Thomas said there were eleven children, 10 boys and one girl. The eleven children would have included the half-brother, Daniel Bird Thomas. I have deduced that Jaskena was perhaps a nephew or an orphan living with the family.

1860 Lee Co. census listed in book call #975-5735X2b lists "Thomas, James, age 57, real estate value \$1,000, estate value \$562, born in Loudoun Co., wife Hannah 56, born Smyth Co., Va., Abijah 22, born Lee Co., Va, Nathan N. age 16 laborer, Joshua E. age 12."

The 1870 Lee Co., VA Mortality Schedule Roll 1548 M593 shows James Thomas age 65, white male, born unknown, died October 1869, occupation farmer, cause consumption, reported by family 288 (238?) 339. Son of N. Morgan Thomas.

Place of death of James Thomas has not been documented, but a letter written by Nancy Thomas, his widow, on January 4, 1869 to M.C.Smith and family (her brother-in-law, sister and little nieces and nephews) says, "I take my pen in hand to let you know how I am and where I am. My husband took a notion he wanted to go to Kentucky and to please him I gave up to move. He concluded that he wanted to be with his son Abijah that lived in DeMossville, Kentucky. ... My husband's trip wearied him down mightily and he has been weaker and worse ever since he got here. For the last three or four days he has set up very little. I have but very little hopes of his living long and I don't know whether to go back to Virginia or to try to come to that country. ... postscript Direct your letters to DeMossville, Pendleton Co., Kentucky." A letter dated March 26, 1869 says "We are awl well at present except my husband. He is no beter than when I rote be fore. He is allmost heples when he is helped up he can set up a littl but can't walk a step without help." Nancy apparently returned to Virginia to settle matters there (will was probated February 21, 1870) then went to California to be nearer to her sister. There is a letter to Nancy M. Thomas dated October 3, 1870 from Lee Co., Virginia which states "We, the regular Baptist Church of Christ at Beach Grove now in session do certify that Sister Nancy M. Thomas is a member of the Church in full fellowship with us and in good standing and she is dismissed from us when joined to any other sister Church of the same faith and order. Done by order of the Church, Elder John Gilbert S & M, signed by John Fletcher, Assistant C.C."

From a research helper: "The Kentucky Central (L&N, now Chessie system) railroad runs through DeMossville, and it was there during the Civil War. It would have been real easy to ship the body back home with the railroad right there. Death certificates in KY became required in 1909. Some of the larger cities had them after 1890 or so. Registration of deaths was tried from 1852-1859, and for a few years in the 1870's. So, there would be no doc for an 1869 death, especially in a rural area such as DeMossville."

Notes for Hannah Greiver:

Smyth Co. was Washington Co., VA until 1832. The family came from Germany originally.

Hannah is buried on land near Rose Hill in Lee Co. VA, gravestone purchased by Robert P. Thomas, Hannah's grandson. The DeBusk Cemetery: From east exit to Rose Hill, go east for 1/2 mile on US-58; turn right on SR-667 for 4.2 mi; turn right on SR-668 for 1 mile. Turn on road above Manford Pauley and go up log road about 1/2 mile. The cemetery is on top of the hill. The property was owned by the DeBusk family and in 1995 was owned by Jeff Matlock.

IGI proof of birth, Film #1904032 Hannah Greiver born Feb. 1, 1803 Smyth Co., VA

IGI proof of marriage to James Thomas Sr., Film #1985480 married abt 1824.

I have seen name recorded both as Hannah and as Hanna. Not unusual for tiny discrepancies to be made on documents in that time period.

The Griever, Greaver, Griever book has several references to "at least" so many children. I believe the family from the book is the only one of Washington/Smyth Co., and therefore Hannah is connected to it, but I have no proof.

Possible (and I think probable) family connection:

Date: 5/13/99 7:32:01 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Getbucks

Hi Pat,

I just decided to recheck the Smyth Co, VA queries and finally found a Greever.

I am the great,great grandson of Charles Riley Greever b. 3/2/1813 probably in Smyth Co. He mar. 1843 Martha Jane Senter b. 8/23/1821. He was the son of Feltie Greever (Feltie was the 1/2 brother of Phillip Greever) Charles and Martha had 9 children and among them my great grandmother Susan Vance Greever b. 1/23/1855 mar. 10/15/1872 James Ripley Chambers b. 8/6/1850 They had 13 children and among them my grandmother. I have all the children s names of Charles and Martha and James and Susan and dates of birth if needed. My grandmother Chambers was born in Chilhowie, Va in 1882. What is your line ? Can you tie in to Charles Riley Greever?

Best Wishes, Gary

Children of James Thomas and Hannah Greiver are:

- i. John R. Thomas, born September 30, 1825 in Lee Co., VA; died ABT 1867; married Nancy Elizabeth Dollin 1855; born 1838.

Notes for John R. Thomas:

Discrepancy: date of death, my records show date of death as September 9, 1854, Virginia Kysh shows date of death about 1867. I have not personally checked out this family, however I had children as Jasper and Jefferson only. If her records are correct, then the date of death must have been 1867. More research is necessary; I have added additional children from her records and changed my records to 1867 in this file for the moment.

Notes for Nancy Elizabeth Dollin:

Received \$1 from estate of her father-in-law, James V. Thomas, Sr.

- ii. George S. Thomas, born August 17, 1827 in Lee Co., VA; died October 30, 1830 in Lee Co, VA.
- iii. Peyton E. Thomas, born April 6, 1829 in Lee Co., VA; died Bef. 1905.
- 2 iv. James Vernon Thomas, Jr., born March 4, 1831 in Lee Co., VA; died January 22, 1917 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS; married Susanna Rouse February 23, 1853 in VA.
- * v. Josiah Clemons Thomas, born January 12, 1835 in Powel's Valley, Lee Co., VA; died September 5, 1913 in Santa Ana, Orange Co., CA; married (1) Nancy Bartley August 18, 1859 in Lee Co, VA; born April 7, 1841 in Rose Hill, Lee Co, VA; died March 26, 1866 in Lee Co., VA; married (2) Sarah E. Johnson September 1, 1866 in Lee Co, VA; born December 8, 1846; died 1932. *in Santa Ana, CA.*

* Notes for Josiah Clemons Thomas:

From "Bicentennial History of Lee Co., VA"

Josiah & Nancy moved to KY to farm after the 2 oldest were born. Josiah (Joe or J.C.) was in the mercantile business with his brother Abijah H. After the youngest was born, the family returned to Rose Hill.

After Nancy died of typhoid, Joe married Sarah Johnson and the family returned to KY to make a living. In 1869, they moved to Brown Co., KS, where many of the Thomas and Bartley families were settling. In 1883, J.C. and Sarah moved to Orange Co., CA, bought 200 acres of land south of the town of Santa Ana. Ranch ~~was~~ in El Modena, Orange County, CA *purchased also.*

From "History of Brown County, Kansas" chapter entitled "The County Boundary"

"With the new county government installed, the inflow of new comers and seasonable weather, Brown county began to blossom out, and the settlers began to prosper, get in easier position, get needed favors and accommodations. In the latter part of the year post offices were established as follows: ... Grand Prairie, July 27, 1870, J.C. Thomas..." from chapter entitled "1880" "J.C. Thomas sold his 160-acre place, lately owned by Will E. Hixson, north of Hiawatha, to a Mr. Lea, father of the windmill manufacturer, for \$6,000." Chapter entitled "1881" "A little later J.H. and J.C. Thomas and E. Fulton, judge of the county court of Richardson county, Nebr., purchased the lots on which the First National bank and the Thomas "L" store were originally built." Reference in "Story of the Gas Plant" "In January, 1887, the first new national bank stood where the present one stands. On the west side of it stood the Thomas Bros. "L" store...."

KANSAS COLLECTION BOOKS

William G. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas

BROWN COUNTY, Part 11

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES (THOMAS - UNDERWOOD).

JOSIAH C. THOMAS, dealer in general merchandise, is a native of Lee County, Va., born January 12, 1835, was reared on a farm and received but a common school education; but has, by industry and studious habits, become a thorough practical scholar. In 1857 he moved to Grant County, Ky., and was a prosperous farmer in that locality until his removal to Kansas. This transpired in the spring of 1869, his first settlement being on a partly improved farm one mile east of the present city of Hiawatha; since then he has bought and sold several farms. In November, 1873, he opened a general merchandise store at Hiawatha in company with his brother, Abijah H. This they conducted together until the fall of 1881, when Josiah C. erected a building where he now carries on business. This was built in L shape, thereby fronting on two streets, Oregon and Seventh. The main portion is 90x25, and has its front on Oregon street; while the grocery department, 50x25, is on Seventh, forming one of the most convenient business blocks in the county. Mr. Thomas does a careful and extensive business which is rapidly growing every year, and requires the attendance of four clerks. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Hiawatha, and is connected with the following societies: Hiawatha Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F., Star of Hope Lodge No. 1338, K. of H. and also K. & L. of H., being a charter member of the two last named. He was married in Virginia, in 1859 to his first wife, Miss Nancy Bartley, who died in March, 1866. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter; the two eldest are now operating a large farm of their father's near Baker, on the Missouri Pacific R. R. consisting of a half section. Mr. Thomas' present wife was Miss Sarah E. Johnson, of Lee County, Va. Both have been faithful workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years, and are members of the church of that denomination at Hiawatha.

Samuel Armour's HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY - 1911

"Among the prominent men who have aided in the development and upbuilding of Orange county, mention should be made of Josiah C. Thomas of Santa Ana. He was born in Virginia in 1835, receiving his education in the private

*Dawn's
Gr. Gr.
Grandfather*

schools and making that his home until attaining young manhood, when he removed to Kentucky and for the following ten years engaged in farming. Believing that the west held out better inducements to young men of energy he moved to Hiawatha, Kan., and embarked in the mercantile business and also continued his farming operations until 1883, at which time he came to Santa Ana and has been identified with Southern California since that period. Farming has been his principal occupation since boyhood. Upon locating in Orange county, he began raising barley and later he made alfalfa a specialty. He set out about twenty-six acres of oranges, which he still owns, and which yield him good returns. Besides his oranges he set out thirty-two acres of various kinds of fruit. At one time he owned two and three-fourths acres between Spurgeon and French streets and Sixth and Eighth streets; this he subdivided and sold off in town lots, retaining one for his own residence. In his fruit raising industry he has been very successful and has accumulated a competency. Since 1906 he has lived retired from active cares, but still looks after his own business interests.

In 1859 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Bartley, a native of Virginia, and of this union four children were born, of whom three are living. These children are: Melville C., who lost his life in the Galveston flood in Texas; Francis M., a rancher near Santa Ana; Sarah A., wife of O.B. Bridgeford and a resident of Santa Ana; and Charles L., a dentist of Los Angeles and a resident of Hollywood. In 1866 the wife and mother passed away, in Kentucky. During the same year Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Johnson.

Mr. Thomas served as director of the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation Company for many years and has been an ardent worker in irrigation matters of the county. He was one of the organizers of the John T. Carpenter Water Company and has served as president since its incorporation, with the exception of one year. In politics he has been active in the Prohibition party, both in Kansas and in California. He has been a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Santa Ana for the past twenty-seven years, president of the board of trustees, and was a member of the building committee of the new Methodist Church on Spurgeon street, to which he contributed liberally. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Hiawatha, Kan. In all matters that have been brought to his notice that have for their object the advancement of the social, moral and agricultural upbuilding of Santa Ana and Orange county he has given his hearty co-operation and in every manner possible has shown his public spirit, and by his many kindly acts has surrounded himself with a host of friends."

His granddaughter, Catherine Dawn Alvarez, provided a copy of death certificate. He was known as J.C. and Joe. Dawn said he gave the church the land on which it now sits. She also said the step-mother (Sarah) was a very kind person and that she was hired to care for the children after the death of Nancy Bartley. The land was "sold" to the children, and eventually part of it was sold to the railroad and the rest is now mainly commercial property.

Virginia Kysh shows an additional child, Lela D. Thomas; I believe she is referring to the daughter of Francis Marion Thomas. I have not added her to this family. *Yes*

Marriage Notes for Josiah Thomas and Nancy Bartley:
Could be November 18, 1859.

- vi. Abijah Hobbs Thomas, born April 21, 1837 in Jonesville, Lee Co., VA; died October 5, 1905 in Santa Ana, Orange Co., CA; married Emeline Bartley January 29, 1862 in Lee Co, VA; born May 12, 1843 in Rose Hill, Lee Co, VA; died September 18, 1925 in Santa Ana, Orange Co., CA.

Notes for Abijah Hobbs Thomas:

Abijah H. Thomas age 32 and Emaline Thomas age 28 appear in the 1870 Kentucky Census of DeMossville, Pendleton County, pg 481, left corner of pg. 42, dwelling 305, family 305. Occupations are listed as "retired merchant" and "keeping house", with a value of real estate at \$1,000 and value of personal property \$1,500. Places of birth for both was VA. Also listed in the dwelling was James McCallon age 10, a white male born in KY. This child was believed adopted by Abijah and Emaline.

From "Bicentennial History of Lee Co., VA" -

Abijah H. Thomas born April 21 1837-d. Oct 5 1905 married Emmeline Bartley, sister to Nancy, in Lee Co VA. He was in business with brother Josiah in KY then in Kansas. He and his wife moved to California after his brother bought land there. They had no children.

From Speak/e/s/ Family Assoc. Bulletin, March 1994, p. 31 - Middle initial was incorrectly reported as J.

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BROWN COUNTY, Part 11

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES (THOMAS - UNDERWOOD).

ABIJAH H. THOMAS, with J. C. Thomas, dealer in general merchandise, was born in Lee County, Va., April 21, 1837, was reared on a farm, and received such education as the public schools afforded. In December, 1863, removed to Grant County, Ky., but after a residence of two years, moved into the adjoining county of Pendleton. In July, 1866, Mr. Thomas made his first venture in the merchandise trade, carrying on a successful business for nearly eight years; in November, 1873, he came West and started a store in company with his brother, J. C. Thomas, at

Hiawatha, Kansas, and was a member of that firm until the fall of 1881, when he retired. He is one of the original members and founder of the Christian Church, and is one of the elders in that society. His wife is also a member of the same; her maiden name was Emeline Bartley, whom he married in Virginia, January 29, 1861. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, Hiawatha Lodge No. 35.

Death certificate at Orange Co. Recorder's Office.

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THE DAILY EVENING BLADE - Friday, October 6, 1905, Santa Ana, CA:

"THOMAS - In this city, October 5, 1905, Abijah H. Thomas, aged 63 yrs. Mr. Thomas had been seriously ill for months and last night at 9:00 o'clock passed away at his home on East Sixth Street. He will be buried Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Christian Church, in which he was a devoted worker and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Thomas was brother of J.C. Thomas of this city and leaves a widow and an adopted son who is in business in Kansas City."

Obituary - Abijah H. Thomas, born April 21, 1837, in Lee county, Virginia, died October 5, 1905 in Santa Ana, Cal., aged 68 years, 5 months and fourteen days. Married to Miss Emeline Bartley January 29, 1862.

Moved from Virginia to Grant county, Kentucky, in the winter of 1864, where he engaged in farming until 1866, when he entered the mercantile business at De Mossville, Ky., which he continued until 1873 when he sold out and moved to Hiawatha, Kansas, and still followed merchandising for 17 years. At the end of this period he moved to Santa Ana, Cal., which has since been his home, with the exception of about 2 years, which were spent in the grocery business at Los Angeles, Cal. He was one of 11 children (10 boys and 1 girl), all of whom became Christians, owing to the influence of the parents. Five brothers survive him of whom are James V. Thomas, of Netawaka, Kan.; Josiah C. Thomas, Santa Ana, Cal.; Nathan M. Thomas, of Lee county, Va.; Joshua E. Thomas, Long Beach, Cal.; Daniel B. Thomas, Orrville, Cal. At an early age he was converted and united with the M.E. Church, which was his church home until 1870 when he united with the Christian Church at DeMossville, Ky., where he became an elder, which office he filled until his removal to Kansas. When he reached his new home he found a weak congregation of disciples, but by his influence and means a church building was erected and it became a strong influential congregation. During his residence at Hiawatha, Kas., he continued to fill the office of elder. On his removal to Santa Ana he was immediately called to the eldership, which office he filled at the time of his death. He held the position as Chairman of the official Board. He always took an active part in all branches of the church work, and was Sunday-school superintendent nearly all of the years of his residence in Santa Ana. During all this time he gave himself to the work of the church, visiting the members of the church and Sunday-school, especially looking after the strangers and the sick.

A large majority of those uniting with the church by confession and baptism have been immersed by him. He fulfilled faithfully all the different relations of life. As a husband he was ever loving and kind, as a brother ever tender and true, as a friend loyal, as a citizen patriotic, but it was especially as a Christian, that he was ever faithful and true, which was shown during the three long months of his painful sickness. He never murmured, but ever trusted in God and the promises of His word. He was frequently heard to express himself in prayer. Shortly before his death he bade all his loved ones good bye and fell asleep in Jesus. Truly of him it can be said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labor; and their works do follow them." COMM.

Gravestone says "He died as he lived, a Christian"

Notes for Emeline Bartley:

Card of Thanks. I sincerely thank the dear friends for their willing assistance and expression of sympathy which they tendered during the long illness and death of my loving husband and especially the dear children for their most beautiful floral offerings to us so often. Emeline Thomas.

Abijah Thomas Estate. Petition for letters of administration in the estate of the late Abijah H. Thomas was filed today by E.T. Langley, attorney. The property is valued at \$6139.

Gravestone says "She died as she lived, a Christian"

Marriage Notes for Abijah Thomas and Emeline Bartley:

Lee Co., VA Marriage Register 2 1853-1884 Call #975.5735 V2ca shows record of marriage for Abijah H. Thomas age 24 son of James and H. Thomas to Emeline Bartley age 19 daughter of James & S. Bartley, by Reuben Steel.

- vii. Ahijah Mack Thomas, born April 21, 1837 in Jonesville, Lee Co., VA; died January 30, 1903 in Powhattan, Brown Co., KS; married Cynthia Helen Collingsworth September 15, 1861 in Hancock Co, TN; born August 3, 1842 in Jonesville, Lee Co., VA; died October 13, 1909 in Powhattan, Brown Co., KS.

Notes for Ahijah Mack Thomas:

From the Lee Co. Bicentennial book (information submitted by Dawn Alvarez) - Abijah M. Thomas b. April 21 1837-d. Jan 30 1903 married Cynthia Collingsworth (b. abt 1844). They moved to Kansas. They had 6 children.

Some documentation spells name as Abijah. The will of his father, James Thomas Sr., names him as Abijah M. His tombstone says Ahijah. The obituary says Alijah. Record written by son says Ahijah. I believe he was most commonly known as A.M. Thomas or as Mack Thomas.

Probate court of Brown County, Kansas Petition for Letters of Administration regarding the estate of A.M. Thomas: Estate was valued at \$1,800. Heirs were C.H. Thomas (wife) aged 59, James F. Thomas age 36, Mary E. Fletcher age 34, Maggie E. Sprague age 32, Martha E. Fordyce age 30, Maude A. Cox age 27, A. H. Thomas age 25. Appointed administrator was A.H. Thomas. Articles allowed without appraisal included the family Bible, books, pictures, musical instruments, wearing apparel, all beds and their furnishings, the necessary food chosen by said widow for the support of live stock for one year to wit: All the oats about 60 bushels, 300 bushels of corn, one stack of hay about 8 tons, grain, meat, vegetables, groceries and other provisions on hand necessary for the support of said widow and children for one year, to wit: ten bushels of wheat together with the groceries and other provisions on hand, and all the fuel on hand necessary for the use of said widow and children for one year, to wit: all coal, wood and cobs on hand. Articles allowed with appraisal: All household furniture not above enumerated, to wit: worth \$150; plus, one wagon \$10, one plow \$1, one drag \$1, one team \$20, plus others to equal \$153.

Brown County World - February 6, 1903:

Alijah M. Thomas was born in Lee County, Va., on April 21, 1837. Was married to Cynthia H. Collinsworth, September 15, 1861. He died January 30, 1903, aged 65 years and nine months. He joined the Methodist Church and was baptized in Powell's river, Virginia, at the age of 14. At the age of 21 he moved to Hancock Co., Tenn., where he married and lived about six years, moving afterward to Pendleton Co., Ky. He lived there for four years and in 1873 came to Brown County, Ks. The last twenty five years of his life were given to the building up of his pleasant farm home East of Powhattan. He served many years as Class Leader, steward, trustee, and the various offices of the M.E. Church, and was found faithful, giving freely of both time and money. During his last illness he sang his favorite songs and was cheerful always. Three children have gone on before him, but he leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Powhattan, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mayor officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Grand Prairie Cemetery one-half mile North of Powhattan. Pallbearers were: J.A. Hewitt, J.P. McKnight, J.G. Hanna, J.S. Lewis, Nels Allen and Geo. Seaman. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mallison, of Kansas City, J.W. Johnson, of Wichita. Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. John Duerson, of Uniontown, Kansas., were here for the funeral.

Recollections of J.E. Bartley:

"Uncle "Mack" Thomas lived about one mile East and 1/4 mile North of Powhattan. Here he had built a nice comfortable home and other out buildings to assist in maintaining an up-to-date farm home. Among other assets, on the farm, he built a "pond" of considerable size and convenient depth for what he felt would be of value to the community, as well as to themselves. This pond served three community projects, or conveniences: 1. supplying ice in the winter to those individuals, or to merchants, who could store the ice for summer needs. People came for considerable distances to obtain ice for their summer needs. 2. Also, the pond was used by several Churches when it was time for the Immersion Ceremonies of individuals who had been converted during regular Church Services, or, in a Revival Meeting effort. 3. A third activity at the pond was engaged in by the younger people as to a place to skate - if the pond was not furnishing ice as above mentioned. I do not know whether Uncle "Mack" received any considerable income from the sale of ice but since he was an outstanding Church man I am sure there was never a charge for use of the pond for purposes of baptizing. the pond was built directly West of the house and toward the North & South roadway and furnished a nice foreground and setting for the buildings. I do not know how long the pond was maintained but it was used for several years. I believe the water came from a well so was reasonably clean."

Another researcher: Mary Hauck, Rt 1 Box 533, Maridan, Kansas 66512

Notes for Cynthia Helen Collingsworth:

Last will and testament of Cynthia H. Thomas: In the name of God, Amen. I, Cynthia H. Thomas, of Mission Township in Brown county, Kansas, and being fifty-nine years of age and of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking any and all Wills by me heretofore made.

First: - I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as the same can be conveniently be done.

Second: - I give and bequeath all the household goods and effects of which I shall die siesed, to my six children, vis: James F. Thomas, Mary E. Fletcher, Maggie E. Sprague, Martha E. Fordyce, Maude A. Cox, and Abijah H. Thomas, share and share alike.

Third: - I give, devise and bequeath to my sons, James F. Thomas and Abijah H. Thomas, all the remainder of the property of which I shall die siesed, both personal and real, to have and to hold share and share alike.

Fourth: - I nominate and appoint my said sons, James F. Thomas, and Abijah H. Thomas executors of this my last Will and Testament, and direct that they be not required to give bond for the execution of such trust.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of may, A.D. 1903.

Signed X (her mark) Cynthia H. Thomas

State of Kansas, Brown county, ss.

We, the undersigned, I.N. Smith, and W.F. Means hereby certify that the said testator, Cynthia H. Thomas, signed the foregoing instrument in our presence by her mark and that we at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names hereto as witnesses to the execution thereof.

Obituary: Mrs. Cynthia Thomas died at her home in Powhattan Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. She was stricken with paralysis the night before. She was 70 years old. Her husband has been dead seven years. She leaves two sons, J.S. and A.H. Thoms, of Powhattan, and four daughters, Mrs. Mary Fletcher, Mrs. Martha Fordyce, Mrs. Maggie Sprague and Mrs. Maude Cox. All were at home when their mother died.

- viii. Columbia Elizabeth Thomas, born December 4, 1840 in Lee Co., VA; died July 13, 1895 in Brown Co, KS; married William Runnell Bartley August 18, 1859 in Lee Co, VA; born August 1, 1839 in Rose Hill, Lee Co, VA; died December 14, 1913 in Brown Co., KS.

Notes for Columbia Elizabeth Thomas:

Columbia Elizabeth Thomas b. Dec 19 1840-d. Jul 13 1895 married William Bartley on Sept 18 1859 in Lee Co VA then moved to Kansas. They had 8 children.

only daughter of James V. THOMAS, Sr.

Date of birth could be 12/4 or 12/19, due to conflicting records.

Notes for William Runnell Bartley:

Obituary, Brown County World, December 26, 1913 - William R. Bartley, son of James and Sarah Bartley, was born in Lee County, Virginia, Aug. 1, 1839. August 18, 1859 he was married to Columbia E. Thomas. To this union eight children were born: James, who died in 1897 at Willis; Wm. R., now living at Jennings; Lizzie, wife of C.A. Simmons, of Kansas City; Emmaline, deceased; Jennie, wife of A.C. Baxter, of Waverly; Abijah H., of Powhattan; Alice, wife of E.C. Fulton, of Oakley; and Elsie, who died at the age of three and a half years. Of his brothers and sisters, the following survive: S.P. Bartley, of Powhattan; Francis, of Robinson; John, of Tennessee; Mrs. Emmeline Thomas, of California; Mrs. Nellie Fletcher, of Powhattan; Eliza Haynes, of Virginia, and Mrs. Fannie Bales, of New Mexico. While still under 30 years of age Mr. Bartley brought his family to Kansas, reaching Doniphan county, June 10, 1868. He remained in Doniphan county only until the spring of 1871, when he removed to Brown county, settling on the farm upon which he spent the remainder of his life. At an early age William Bartley was converted and united with the church. Upon coming to Kansas he identified himself with the religious life of the growing community and was one of the charter members of the Grand Prairie Methodist Episcopal Church. organized and for several years holding its meetings in the school house. When the movement for a church building was inaugurated he gave himself without reserve to the work of planning and building. Thruout his life he has entered the work of his Father's house heartily as a part of his best life. The wife of his youth and the mother of his children died July 13, 1894. Aug. 25 he married Mrs. Sarah Powell who died Nov. 16, 1906. The almost 43 years of life this man gave to the upbuilding of Brown county are reflected in the best the community possesses. In the simple home life the quiet earnest fidelity to the church, the genuine interest in the welfare of his neighbors, he gave what he had and asked for nothing but a chance to do his part. The five surviving children, the grandchildren and brothers and sisters are joined by his neighbors and many friends in regret over his departure from our life sweetened by the memory of his years of companionship with us. Death claimed the mortal body Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, after but a few days of illness but preceded by several months of declining vigor. The funeral was held Dec. 16 at Powhattan. E. E. Beauchamp, pastor of the deceased, and associated with him, W.J. Byers, pastor of the surviving brother at Robinson, conducted the service and the interment in the Powhattan cemetery. - Rev. E. E. Beauchamp.

Notice of Death, Brown County World, December 19, 1913 - W.R. Bartley, Sr., died at his home in Powhattan, Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. He had been sick about 10 days but the immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis Sunday morning. He was 74 years old and one of the earliest settlers of Powhattan. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

*Bro. W.R.
Died Sept.
1913*

- ix. Nathan Morgan Thomas, born May 18, 1844 in Lee Co., VA; died December 21, 1921 in Rose Hill, Lee Co, VA; married (1) Nancy Jane Martin February 3, 1870 in Lee Co, VA; born April 17, 1844 in Jefferson, VA; died November 3, 1885 in Lee Co., VA; married (2) Victoria Martin Thompson Aft. 1886; born 1867; died Aft. 1921.

Notes for Nathan Morgan Thomas:

Nathan Morgan Thomas b. May 18 1844-d. Dec 30, 1921. He chose to stay in Lee Co. He married Nancy Jane Martin (d. Nov 3 1886) on Feb 3 1870. He then married a widow, Victoria Martin Thompson (b. 1867) a daughter of Matilda Martin.

He bought 59 acres on Yellow Branch, built a saw mill at Boone's Path (see page 5 Lee Co. book) and had a farm which he is buried on. They had 6 children. His son, Robert Patton farmed the land after his father. Both are buried in the Thomas family cemetery on the farm in Lee County.

From "The Oaks" Rose Hill, Virginia, Rev. J.S. Anderson, Pastor, Mr. Carmil Presbyterian Church: In Memoriam: Nathan Morgan Thomas. Brother Thomas was born in Lee Co., VA May 18, 1844. He was married to Miss Nancy Jane Martin Feb. 3rd, 1870. There were six children born of this union, two of whom are living, Bro. R. P. Thomas of Rose Hill, VA and Mrs. O.W. Burk of Netawaka, Kan.

His first wife having died in 1885, he married Mrs. Victoria Thompson, who is still living.

Bro Thomas had been a member of this church for years and died in the hope of a glorious immortality. Bro. Thomas was made a Mason in Grant Lodge No. 65 KY in 1866. Joined Martin Station Lodge Rose Hill, VA July 12, 1873 and was a faithful and regular attendant.

Served as J.D. of the Lodge 1882 and 1883, as S.D. 1884 and 1887, S.W. 1888, W.M. 1890. He died Dec. 30th,

1921 - age 77 yrs. 7 mos. 12 days. He was buried by the Lodge near his home Dec. 31st 1921.

Resolve I - That in the death of Bro. Thomas, Masonary, the family and community has lost a loving and faithful husband and father and true friend and brother, as a Lodge we extend our sincere sympathy.

Resolve II - That our Lodge be draped and the brothers wear usual badge of mourning for 20 days.

Resolve III - That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of Bro. Thomas.

I.S. Anderson, J.L. Keys, Committee; J.L. Seale, Sec.

Virginia Kysh lists children of Nathan Morgan Thomas and Nancy Jane Martin as: Columbia b Nov 13, 1870, Virginia D. born 1871, Thomas born Apr 17 1872, Frank W. born 1873 died March 15, 1877, Robert S. born 1874 and Kate D. born 1878.

Marriage Notes for Nathan Thomas and Nancy Martin:

Lee Co. VA Marriage Register 2 1853-1884 Call #975.5735V2ca shows Nathaniel M. Thomas age 25 son of James & Hannah Thomas married February 3, 1870 to Nancy J. Martin age 25 born Jefferson Co., Va daughter of Daniel C. & Sarah Martin by R.B. McGuire.

- x. Joshua Ewing Thomas, born October 20, 1846 in Jonesville, Lee Co., VA; died August 2, 1914 in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA; married Marguerite Elizabeth Ramey July 22, 1870 in Lee Co, VA; born May 8, 1851 in Russell Co, VA; died May 25, 1919 in Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA.

Notes for Joshua Ewing Thomas:

Nine children before April 1890. Joshua Ewing Thomas b. Oct 20 1846-d. Aug 2 1914. Married Margaret E. Ramey on July 22 1870 in Lee Co VA. In the late 1870's they moved to Brown Co Kansas. In the 1890's he moved to California where he farmed brother Josiah's ranch (named the El Modena) for many years. He later moved to Long Beach California. They had 11 children. *Buried at Santa Ana cem., Santa Clara St. Santa Ana, CA*

Had 11 children, 10 still living in 1900. Date of birth for Joshua Ewing Thomas may be 20th or 23rd. Have photo of gravestone for Joshua, Margaret and James E. in book; somebody has changed date of birth for Joshua Ewing to 1847.

Scott Riggs provided Homestead Certificate No. 7177, Application 1387 dated September 30, 1871 to Joshua E. Thomas for 130 acres in Kansas, South West quarter of Section Twenty-Eight in Township. Town south of (cannot make out rest.)

Notes for Marguerite Elizabeth Ramey:

Some notes say she was born October 31, 1851 in Russell County, VA and died August 5, 1919. Information from some said her name was Margaret Ramey, some said Elizabeth, others had Marguerite Ramey.

Marriage Notes for Joshua Thomas and Marguerite Ramey:

Lee Co., VA Marriage Register 2 1853-1884 Call #975.5735V2ca shows marriage of Joshua E. Thomas age 22 born Lee Co., VA son of James & Hannah Thomas to Margaret E. Ramey age 18 born Russell Co., VA daughter of James & Eliza Ramey by C.C. Blankenship..

- 6. **Phillip Rouse**, born ABT 1782 in Washington Co., VA; died October 11, 1856 in Lee Co., VA. He was the son of 12. **Paulser Rouse** and 13. **Mary Unknown**. He married 7. **Elizabeth Widener** October 13, 1829 in Washington Co., VA.
- 7. **Elizabeth Widener**, born 1803 in Washington Co., VA; died November 26, 1884 in Lee Co., VA. She was the daughter of 14. **John R. Widener** and 15. **Susannah Unknown**.

Notes for Phillip Rouse:

Philip was born in Washington, VA, US about 1782. He married twice. He married Margaret Surber in Washington, VA, US, May 21, 1801. Margaret was born in Washington, VA, US 1786. Margaret was the daughter of Adam Surber and Margaret Hubbell. Margaret died October 2, 1847 at 61 years of age. He married Elizabeth Widener in Washington, VA, US, October 13, 1829. Elizabeth was born in VA, US 1803. Elizabeth was the daughter of John R Widener and Susannah. Elizabeth died November 26, 1884 in Lee, VA, US, at 81 years of age. Philip died October 11, 1856 in Lee Co., VA, US, at 74 years of age.

Family Group Record (LDS)

Husband's Name Phillip ROUSE (AFN:BV48-4B)

Father: Palser ROUSE (AFN:1XQ3-X7W)

Mother: Mary (AFN:1XQ3-X84)

Wife's Name Elizabeth WIDENER (AFN:1XQ5-5MP)

Notes for Elizabeth Widener:

Sources: 1850 Washington Co, VA census, p. 116 Crump, Shirley Widener, The Widener Family Washington Co, VA

Marriage Records, R200

1860 Lee Co., Jonesville, Western District shows Elizabeth Rouse, age 54, 140 p.e., born in Washington Co., Va., Palcer age 40 blacksmith, John age 35, Henry age 21, Andrew age 19, Eunice (Unus) 26, Clarinda age 16, Samuel age 13.

Children of Phillip Rouse and Elizabeth Widener are:

- i. Michael W. Rouse, born 1830 in Washington Co., VA; died August 2, 1892; married Rachael Unknown; born ABT 1833.

Notes for Michael W. Rouse:

1860 Lee Co. census book shows Michael W. Rouse age 28, 63 p.e., born Washing Co., VA, wife 27, John W. age 3 born Lee Co., Va.

- 3 ii. Susanna Rouse, born June 15, 1832 in Washington Co., VA; died September 5, 1914 in Netawaka, Jackson Co., KS; married James Vernon Thomas, Jr. February 23, 1853 in VA.
- iii. Eunice Rouse, born ABT 1836 in Washington Co., VA.

Notes for Eunice Rouse:

may have been born in 1834, name may have been spelled Unice.

- iv. Lewis Rouse, born ABT 1834 in VA.
- v. Henry C. Rouse, born ABT 1838 in Washington Co., VA; married Susan Speak February 27, 1874.
- vi. Andrew W. Rouse, born ABT 1840 in Washington Co., VA.

Notes for Andrew W. Rouse:

some records indicate date of birth may have been Jan 2, 1838, I believe the 1840 is correct.

- vii. Clarinda Rouse, born July 28, 1843 in Washington, VA; died September 15, 1922 in Lee Co., VA; married William Snodgrass January 25, 1866.
- viii. Samuel W. Rouse, born September 7, 1846 in Washington Co., VA; died April 17, 1911 in Lee Co., VA.

Generation No. 4

8. Joseph E. Thomas, born ABT 1765 in Loudoun Co, VA; died ABT 1827. He was the son of **16. John Thomas**. He married **9. Elizabeth Unknown** 1789.

9. Elizabeth Unknown

Notes for Joseph E. Thomas:

A Mary A. Thomas age 42 appeared on the 1850 Lee Co. VA census rolls, along with a Pleasant P. aged 10, household 1282, family 1313. Joseph Thomas was 85 years old in 1850. The census records show that both Mary & Pleasant were born in VA, Joseph born in Loudoun Co., VA. While it is possible that Joseph married Mary in later life, and perhaps even fathered Pleasant at age 75, there has been nothing to indicate such in information passed down through the generations. I suspect that Joseph may have taken in a widow and her son and provided for them, or perhaps she lived and worked for Joseph. I am not adding Mary as a wife because of no documented proof of such a relationship.

Notes from Scott Riggs indicate that Joseph & Elizabeth had the following children in Loudoun County, VA: John Thomas, b. abt 1790, Unknown Thomas between 1790-1800, Joseph Thomas, Jr. abt 1799, Unknown Thoms between 1800-1810, James Vernon Thomas, Sr. September 19, 1802, Unknown Thomas born between 1804-1810, Unknown Thomas born between 1820-1825, Unknown Thomas born before 1825. I have not documented additional unknown children.

Margo Lurvey has listed children as 1) Unknown Thomas m. Dicey, 2) Unknown Thomas m. Mary, 3) John Thomas m. Susan abt 1813, 4) George Thomas b. abt 1799 m. Catherine, 5) Joseph E. b. 1800, m. Elizabeth, 6) James Vernon Thomas, 7) Lewis Thomas b 1810 m. a) Unknown, m. b) Margaret. I have seen no documentation, therefore, I have not listed them in this family record.

Prior to the 12th century, it would have been a reasonable assumption that the name Thomas would not develop into one of the more common surnames in the English language. As a personal name (derived from the Aramaic word for "twin") it was associated with the Apostle Thomas, known as "the doubter." As a result it was one of the less popular choices of the parents naming their children after Biblical figures.

The assassination of Thomas Becket in 1170, however, greatly increased the popularity of the name so that it quickly became one of the most common personal names in Great Britain. From that time it was inevitable that the subsequent

12. Paulser Rouse, born ABT 1738 in Hollen, Germany; died Aft. 1810 in Washington Co., VA. He was the son of 24. John Adam Roush and 25. Susannah Schlern. He married 13. Mary Unknown ABT 1759.

13. Mary Unknown

Notes for Paulser Rouse:

Sources:

- 1.. History of Southwest Virginia by Lewis Preston Summers Came to Washington County, VA in 1767. Received 300 acres on the South Fork of the Holston River with Jacob Hortenstine on 30 Aug 1781. Rouse Home Page
2. Rouse Home Page <http://www.claynet.com/athomas/>

Children of Paulser Rouse and Mary Unknown are:

- i. John Rouse, born ABT 1760; died 1831 in Washington Co., VA.
- ii. Catherine Rouse, born ABT 1763.
- iii. Jacob Rouse, born ABT 1765; died ABT 1842 in Washington Co., VA.
- iv. Mary Rouse, born 1767; married John Thadeus Widener; born 1765.
- v. Hannah Rouse, born December 14, 1772; died March 6, 1849 in Dearborn, IN; married Eleazer Cole III 1790 in Washington, VA; born Bef. 1772; died Aft. 1792.
- vi. George Rouse, born ABT 1774.
- vii. Paulser Jr. Rouse, born ABT 1778; died May 24, 1858 in Washington Co., VA.
- 6 viii. Phillip Rouse, born ABT 1782 in Washington Co., VA; died October 11, 1856 in Lee Co., VA; married (1) Margaret Surber May 21, 1801 in Washington, VA; married (2) Elizabeth Widener October 13, 1829 in Washington Co., VA.
- ix. Rufus Rouse, born ABT 1782; died May 7, 1844 in Smyth Co., VA.

14. John R. Widener, born ABT 1783. He was the son of 28. Michael Widener and 29. Elizabeth Unknown. He married 15. Susannah Unknown.

15. Susannah Unknown, born in TN.

Notes for John R. Widener:

Deed Book 6, page 8 25 Nov 1814 John R. Widener and Susanna for \$400 sold 100 acres lying on both sides of Laurel Fork of Holston River to Thomas Johnston

Deed Book 13, page 421 20 Feb 1839 "John R. Widener bought from David Thomas and Susy his wife for \$5 current money piece of land containing 43 acres, Adjoining the lands of Elijah DeBusk, Wheelwright, Paulser DeBusk, Calaway Grant, the said John R. Widener, this tract of land which Enos Southerland purchased from Thomas and John Edmondson.

Children of John Widener and Susannah Unknown are:

- 7 i. Elizabeth Widener, born 1803 in Washington Co., VA; died November 26, 1884 in Lee Co., VA; married Phillip Rouse October 13, 1829 in Washington Co., VA.
- ii. Joel Widener, born 1813.
- iii. Margaret Widener, born June 17, 1814.
- iv. Samuel B. Widener, born ABT 1825.

Generation No. 5

16. John Thomas, born ABT 1740 in Loudoun Co., VA.

Notes for John Thomas:

Will of John Thomas dated September 15, 1791 in Loudoun Co., VA, naming Joseph and Leonard as sons. I do not have a copy of the will at this time.

Was John possibly in Revolutionary War (per cousin Dawn Alvarez)?

Could John have come from Pennsylvania?

Family rumor is that the Thomas family came originally from Wales (thus the name Morgan passed down through generations).

Additionally, there are undocumented suggestions as to place of birth of John Thomas. One person has suggested he was born in Loudoun County, another person has suggested he was born in Bedford Co., VA. I suggest further studying is done both in Bedford County and in Loudoun Co. As the original information that I received from Elsie Haynes Barnhart

suggested Loudoun Co., I have listed that as place of birth for now.

In a document received from Scott Riggs entitled "The Abijah Mack Thomas Family" and signed by son Abijah Hobbs Thomas: "This is the only information I have of any Grand Parent. (Note - Referring to Mary H. Collinsworth, maternal grandmother). I know nothing direct of the Thomas family, beyond our own father's family as given already. However, I once saw a family tree and history of the Thomases, and it belonged to a woman by name of Bussler, from Boston, Massachusetts, and her former name was Thomas, and she was 104 years old at time, some 25 years ago it was. She said we were of Welch descent all coming from the original Thomas family of Wakes. I know not the truth of this, but tree showed it, so I could not doubt it, and the dear OLD lady declared it was true, also her son who came to look me up was how I learned of this. He was a druggist, but every one called him Dr. I expect to look up again the history, and tree, and get all information I can."

FAMILY NAME ORIGIN

The Thomas surname is found throughout the United Kingdom. It is of patronymic origin, being one of those surnames based on the first name of the father. In this case, it simply means "son of Thomas". The personal name Thomas is, in turn, a biblical name which means "twin" in Aramaic. Before the Norman Conquest of 1066, the personal name Thomas was found as a priest's name, but following the Conquest, it became an extremely popular first-name in both England and Wales.

Although the surname Thomas is found in many countries, it has always been particularly associated with South Wales. Hereditary surnames in Wales are a post-sixteenth century development. It was only in the reign of Henry VIII that surnames began to be hereditary among the gentry of Wales and the custom spread among the rest of the population. The normal type of Welsh surname was patronymic, Evans, Williams and Thomas being amongst the best examples of this. Within Wales, the personal name Thomas, or as it is generally rendered Tomas, has always been particularly popular, thus it was inevitable that it would be used in the new system of identification.

Children of John Thomas are:

- 8 i. Joseph E. Thomas, born ABT 1765 in Loudoun Co, VA; died ABT 1827; married Elizabeth Unknown 1789.
- ii. Leonard Thomas

24. John Adam Roush, born ABT 1711 in Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany; died October 19, 1786 in New Market, Mt. Jackson Co., PA. He married 25. Susannah Schlern.

25. Susannah Schlern, born ABT 1718; died 1796 in New Market, Mt. Jackson Co., PA.

Notes for John Adam Roush:

Information on this family record only was provided by Margo Lurvey. She spelled the name Paulser as Polser. She also has listed two sons named Jacob, one born in 1742, the other abt 1749, both died in 1830. I listed only the one born in 1742 as another child, Daniel, was born in 1749. Additionally, some of the names are spelled Roush and some of the names are spelled Rouse. It was not uncommon to change the spelling of a name during that time or to have the name recorded incorrectly by others.

Children of John Roush and Susannah Schlern are:

- 12 i. Mary Magdalene Roush, born 1737 in Rinkerton, Shenandoah Co., VA; died in Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co., VA.
- ii. Paulser Rouse, born ABT 1738 in Hollen, Germany; died Aft. 1810 in Washington Co., VA; married Mary Unknown ABT 1759.
- iii. Samuel Roush, born ABT 1739 in Shenandoah Co., VA.
- iv. Lewis Roush, born ABT 1740.
- v. Philip Roush, born ABT 1741 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died April 1820 in Cheshire, Gallia Co., OH.
- vi. Jacob Roush, born 1742 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died 1830 in Gallia Co., OH.
- vii. John Roush, born ABT 1743 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died January 30, 1816 in Mason Co., WV.
- viii. Michael Roush, born ABT 1745 in Shenandoah Co., VA.
- ix. Balsler Roush, born ABT 1746.
- x. Daniel Roush, born ABT 1749.
- xi. Eleanor Rouse, born ABT 1751; died 1827.
- xii. Henry Rouse, born October 26, 1752 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died October 26, 1831 in Meigs Co., OH.
- xiii. Elizabeth Rouse, born December 18, 1758 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died August 19, 1833 in Green Co., TN.
- xiv. George Rouse, born ABT 1761 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died May 31, 1845 in Meigs Co., OH.
- xv. Jonas Rouse, born ABT 1763 in Shenandoah Co., VA; died 1850 in Mason, OH.
- xvi. Mark Rouse, born ABT 1767.

28. Michael Widener, born ABT 1759; died April 12, 1843. He was the son of 56. Johaan Widener. He married

29. Elizabeth Unknown.

29. Elizabeth Unknown, died Bef. 1825.

Notes for Michael Widener:

Crump, Shirley, Widener Family of Widener's Valley: Descendants of Michael & Elizabeth Widener, Revolutionary War Soldier, p. 1.

Widener Family of Widener's Valley: Descendants of Michael and Elizabeth Widener, by Shirley Widener Crump, 2510 Beech Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27608

Children of Michael Widener and Elizabeth Unknown are:

- i. Elizabeth Widener, born Bef. 1783.
- 14 ii. John R. Widener, born ABT 1783; married (1) Unknown; married (2) Susannah Unknown.
- iii. Michael R. Widener, born ABT 1794.
- iv. Samuel R. Widener, born ABT 1794.
- v. Thomas Widener, born ABT 1800.
- vi. Sally Widener, born Bet. 1800 - 1810.
- vii. Lucy Widener, born ABT 1805.

Generation No. 6

56. Johaan Widener, born 1742 in Germany; died 1801 in Washington, VA.

Notes for Johaan Widener:

Per athomas@claynet.com Source: History of Southwest Virginia by Lewis Preston Summers
Came to Washington County, VA in 1767, came to America from Germany in 1767

Children of Johaan Widener are:

- i. Elizabeth Widener, married Charles Stigler August 2, 1788 in Washington, VA.
- ii. Mary Catherine Widener, born ABT 1749.
- 28 iii. Michael Widener, born ABT 1759; died April 12, 1843; married (1) Elizabeth Unknown; married (2) Elizabeth Callahan January 13, 1825.
- iv. Mary Elizabeth Widener, born Bef. 1767.
- v. John Thadeus Widener, born 1765; married Mary Rouse; born 1767.

Jackson Co?

PLACE OF DEATH
County Wichita
Township Wichita
City Wichita No. _____ street _____ ward. No. 47

STATE OF KANSAS. 43 845
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Full Name James V. Thomas

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

Sex Male Color or Race White Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced Widowed

Date of Birth Mar 4 1838

Age 85

Occupation Retired Farmer

Birthplace Virginia

Name of Father _____

Birthplace of Father _____

Mother's name _____

Birthplace of Mother _____

The above is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Informant) Mrs. C. E. Debraugh

(Address) Osborne House

Date Jan 29 1917

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Date of Death Jan 22 1917

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 1917, to _____ 1917, that I last saw him alive on January 22 1917, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at 22 M.

The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:

Fracture of neck of thigh bone slipping and fall on side

Contributory old age & calcium

(Signed) Edwin T. Myers M. D.

(Address) Wichita

State the Disease-Causing Death, or its death (from 1st Cause state (1) Cause of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal)

Length of Residence (for hospitals, institutions, transients, or recent residents)

Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death

Place of Burial or Removal

Wichita

Date of Burial Jan 24 1917

Informant Mrs. C. E. Debraugh probably a daughter. Spelling of last name?

James Victor Thomas - brother of Josiah C. Thomas and Abijah Hobbs Thomas.

CERTIFIED COPY
I hereby certify that this is a true and exact reproduction of the original certificate filed in the custody of this office and certified this OCT 6 - 1977 at Topeka, Kansas
VITAL STATISTICS - STATE OF KANSAS
Department of Health & Environment
Irvin G. Frantz
Irvin G. Frantz, State Registrar

Joshua m. Margaret ELIZABETH RAMEY

William

Minnie

Charles Edger

Ida

Abajah

Joshua E. THOMAS FAMILY



Milton

Arthur

Joshua
Ralph

Lennie
Margarete

James Elmer

RECORD OF INTERMENTS

NEPHRITIS
CAUSE OF DEATH

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No. of Interment	NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	LATE RESIDENCE	AGE			SEX	Social State	DATE OF DEATH	
				Years	Months	Days			Year	Month
✓ 1829	Edinger, Christopher	Missouri	Pomona, Cal	75	-	-	M.	M	1914	June
✓ 1830	Bocha, Rosario	Mexico	Santa Ana	24	-	-	F.	M	"	"
✓ 1831	Hilbur, Nora B	Iowa	Los Angeles	42	-	-	F.	M	"	"
✓ 1832	Yorba, Chas.	California	Santa Ana	1	3	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1833	Marchado, Josephine	Mexico	" "	10	10	-	F.	S	"	July
✓ 1834	Mundell, F. T.	N. Virginia	" "	77	-	-	M	M	"	"
✓ 1835	Carter, Eubert	California	Santa Fe Springs, Cal.	3	11	23	M	S	"	"
✓ 1836	Liville, Alfred	Canada	Santa Ana	23	-	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1837	McLaughlin, P. J.	Santa Ana	"	-	-	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1838	Lewis, W. G.	Orange Co.	Orange Co.	-	-	-	F.	S	"	"
✓ 1840	Talbot, J. E.	Assabim	Assabim	-	-	1	F.	S	"	"
✓ 1841	Goitia, Samuel B	Mexico	"	29	8	5	M	M	"	"
✓ 1842	Ortiz, Tomas	California	Delhi, Cal.	9	-	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1843	Ortiz, Anastacio	"	Orange Co.	-	6	-	F.	S	"	"
✓ 1844	Luzana, Mary	Mexico	" "	14	-	-	F.	S	"	"
✓ 1845	Mingars, Lebronia	California	" "	2	-	-	F.	S	"	"
✓ 1846	Buster, Russell	Oregon	Santa Ana	16	-	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1847	Thomas, Joshua E	Not known	Long Beach	67	-	-	M	-	"	Aug 2
✓ 1848	McCullom, Marina	" "	Denver, Col.	55	-	-	F.	M	"	July 3
✓ 1849	Welch, Edward	" "	Orange Co	62	-	-	M	-	"	Aug 7
✓ 1850	Silva, Frank	California	Santa Ana	-	-	-	M	S	"	"
✓ 1851	M. L.	California	Orange	65	-	-	F.	M	"	"

(Aug 4, 1914)

Place of Interment	Section	Lot	Book Page	Lot	LOCATION Sp.	GRAVE FEE	NAME OF UNDERTAKER	NEAREST RELATIVE OR FRIEND	REMARKS
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	29	Co.		80			Mills and Hinblyer		
	24	B.	E/24	5	2		D.A. Blank		
	30	F.		20	E/27		Smith and Pothill		
	29	Y		39			Mills and Hinblyer		
		R	E/21	8	4		Smith and Pothill		
	6	No		3	15 6		Mills and Hinblyer		
	7	Co		84			" "		
	10	F		20	E/26		" "		
	11	L	2 1/2	25	2 1/2 9		Smith and Pothill		
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	30	Co	S/2	69			Mills and Hinblyer		
	30	Co	2 1/2	71			Smith and Pothill		
	31	Co		83			" "		
	31	F		20	2 1/2 1		" "		
	Aug 1	G		36	2		" "		
	" 4	M	E/2	56	2		Cleveland		
	" 4	M	2	10	#2		Mills and Hinblyer		
	" 7	Co		82			Smith and Pothill		
	" 8	Co	2 1/2	72			" "		
	" 10	F	2 1/2	25	8		" "		Removed

Joshua Ewing THOMAS & Margaret RAMEY

William

Minnie

Charles Edger

Ida

Abajah



Milton

Arthur
1886

Joshua
Ralph
1897

Lennie
Margarete

James Elmer

JOSHUA Thomas - bro. of J. C., Abijah
H. + Columbia (THOMAS) BARTLEY
Santa Ana Cemetery - 1919 E. Santa Clara,
Santa Ana, CA.



Jan. 1986
Santa Ana Cem.
Catherine A. Hiskey
Crumley
Her great uncle's grave
Joshua THOMAS
& fam.





ca. 1910 ??
Leslie THOMAS, oldest of
Frank THOMAS' children -
Cousin of Walter HISKEY



Leslie THOMAS - ca 1910 ??
Frank's son + oldest child.
Cousin of Walter HISKEY

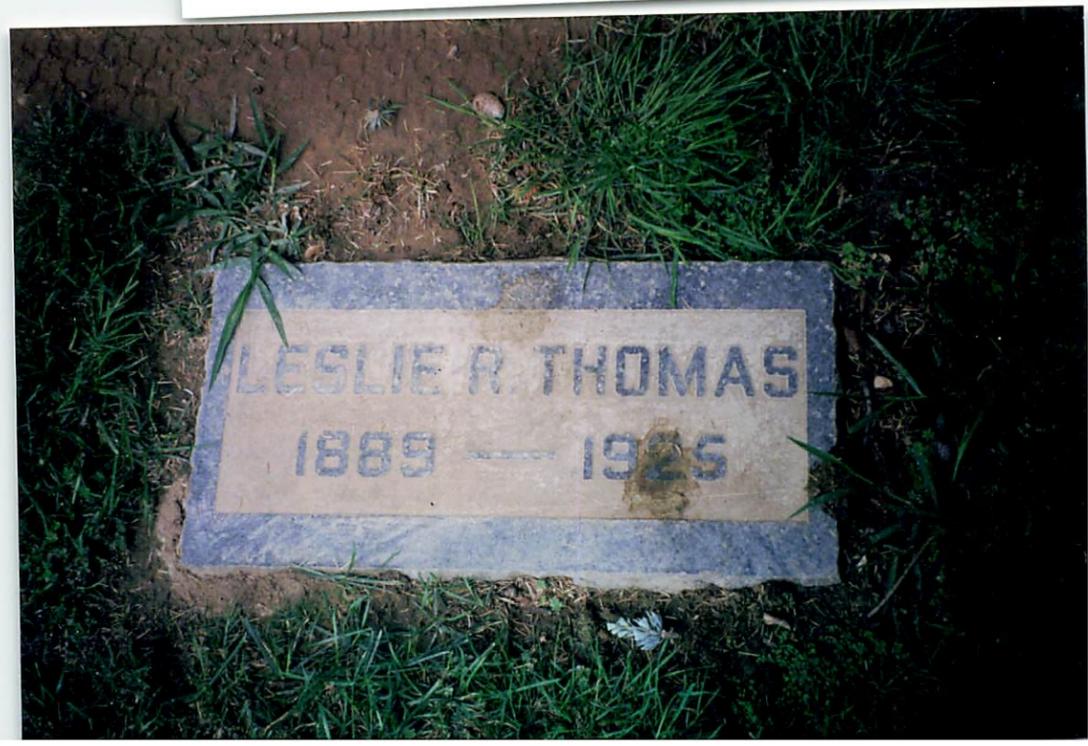


Leslie Thomas
ca 1915



Leslie Thomas with
his race in Phoenix
Arizona

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LESLIE R. THOMAS
1889 — 1925

Leslie R. Thomas - 1st Cousin of
Walter Hiskey - + bro. of Lela Thomas
Fairhaven Cemetery - Santa Ana, CA
1999

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He lost that finger, & got \$900
 Damages from the R.R. Com.
 so He purchased two 25 ft
 lots about 3 miles out on
 the Island a new settlement
 & Built, every Body says, a
 Beautiful cottage & Had a
 nice Home. I find that
 the property was all paid
 for But \$140⁰⁰ the House
 & every thing was carried
 off with the 4 persons
 mentioned above in it
 in to the gulf, so there
 was ^{nothing} left But the two
 lots. I have Been out to
 see them. They are very
 nice lots. He paid \$260⁰⁰
 for them. He was in the
 employment of the Wharf
 Company. I saw a number
 of men in the skunch
 (SWITCH?)

Upon death of Melville C. Thomas - Belveston Flood - TX. 1908

Galveston Texas Mech. 15th 03.

Mr & Mrs. G. Bourne Thomas.

Dear son & Daughter. I presume
 that Before this Reaches you that
 you have learned that Melville
 was surely drowned. Him
 & His wife & little step daughter
 & His wife's Brother all was
 carried off into the gulf.
 and never was Recognized
 if found at all. I was not
 here more than 1/2 hour until
 I learned this fact. He had
 married a widow that we
 saw when we were here
 a Mrs Murphy Ebdalen name
 was White from Norwich Conn
 Connecticut. if you Remember
 I told you that He had 3
 fingers when I was here 6 years ago.

yards give me much informa-
tion concerning him. I found
that there was Back pay
Due him, ^{from the Co.} so I went to the
treasury of the Co. & He
said that there ^{was} over \$900.
Due him when he was last.
But a certain man had
prowled up his Death and
got Power of Attorney
& drained the money.
I am quite sure that By
staying here a while and
proving Neirship I could
make the company pay
the money again to me.
But it will not pay me
to stay here & Be at the
Expence to do it. I Hered
last Evening that there
was some money in the
savings Bank here as his

I do not know what
of mine & last Home.
I will try to see them.
B. P. Williams

So that is what I stay over
Sunday for. I will ^{get} about
that to morrow & go
Back over to Huston. I stoped
off there on Friday morning
& stayed till after Dinner
with Mrs. Walker. I have
stoad the trip Better than
any I ever made. I feelled
so well fisically. But
I am so lamsun. I sad
that I could die if it
would do any good. The
thought of the way he
went without any funeral
& very likely was never
Berried. I no evidence of
him ever giving himself to
the Lord who could save him
though. I hope he did before death.
Francis I pray for you every
that ~~the~~ Lord may save you. Oh god
save my Boy in his hands

GALVESTON: Wind and water killed at least 6,000

Galveston, the first city in Texas to have telephones and electricity, was cosmopolitan and sophisticated. In 1900, it was the third largest city in Texas, trailing only San Antonio and Dallas.

But Galveston sat low on a narrow barrier island, and to ships approaching from the Gulf, it was a mirage, a city that floated on the waters.

Its sense of invulnerability was also an illusion.

Even though its highest point was less than 9 feet above sea level, Galveston was sublimely confident that no hurricane could harm it.

Isaac Cline, the subject of Larson's book, was the chief of the National Weather Bureau station in Galveston in 1900 and had studied the situation.

In a speech several years earlier, Cline dismissed the possibility that Galveston could be seriously menaced by a hurricane as "an absurd delusion."

In the days leading up to Sept. 8, 1900, there was no hint that anything beyond a mild storm was in the works. Most expected just another "wash-over" that would quickly pass, leaving behind wet streets and gardens.

But on Sept. 7, the Weather Bureau extended its storm warning west to Galveston. The next day, Cline became alarmed by the falling barometer and rising ocean swells and attempted to warn people of the danger.

His last cable to his superiors in Washington D.C., transmitted at 2:30 p.m. said in part that "the city was fast going under water and great loss of life must result."

In 1900, Galveston was connected to the mainland by three railroad trestles and one long bridge, and all four were knocked out by the storm.

Most of those who holed up on the bayside survived the storm. Those who chose to ride it out on the Gulf side died by the thousands.

In the clinically worded re-

port he filed after the storm, Cline began, "The hurricane which visited Galveston Island on Saturday, September 8, 1900, is no doubt one of the most important meteorological events in the world's history. The ruin which it wrought beggars description and conservative estimates place the loss of life at the appalling figure, 6,000."

In the aftermath, martial law was declared, and Galveston was closed to outsiders. Looters and corpse robbers were shot on sight and able-bodied men were conscripted at gunpoint to collect the dead.

Galveston's city fathers, who years earlier had considered building a sea wall, wasted little time in acting after the hurricane.

Engineers commissioned by the city recommended a 3-mile wall of concrete, 17 feet high, to protect the eastern edge of the city. The wall would have a concave face, to push the force of the waves upward, and be fronted with boulders of red granite.

The engineers also recommended raising the city's elevation behind the wall.

The sea-wall project was begun in early 1903 and finished the next year.

Raising Galveston's grade was more complicated. It involved jacking up more than 2,000 buildings, including the 3,000-ton St. Patrick's Church, and then pumping in more than 16 million cubic yards of sand.

"The majority of the people stayed and rebuilt Galveston. They built the seawall and they raised the grade of the city," Doherty said. "We want people to understand the tenacity of those who stayed. It's a dramatic story."

'Our hearts were sodden with grief'

HISTORY: Often overlooked in the annals of American disaster, the city's hurricane killed at least 6,000.

By **JOHN MacCORMACK**
San Antonio Express-News

GALVESTON, Texas — Dated Sept. 14, 1900, the letter from Charles Rodewald Byrne to his wife Frances in Baltimore began with a plaintive question: "Darling, Darling, Darling, Where am I to begin to tell you this sad, sad story?"

"Thank God there were none of you here to run the awful risks and thank God a thousand times you were not here to witness sights such as perhaps were never seen before."

"Our hearts are sodden with grief. We meet people and they tell us pitiable tales, at every corner, and we can only answer, 'God help you, we can absorb no more.'"

Byrne wrote the letter six days after a ferocious hurricane hit Galveston, taking at least 6,000 lives and destroying 3,600 houses. A century later, it remains the nation's greatest natural disaster.

Never before published, Byrne's letter opened with a circumpect inventory of loss.

"First, your people are all safe — Harris lost three sisters. The Davenports lost three children, that is, all but one. Our neighbors Mrs. Fordtran and sister are dead. Fordtran is still looking for his wife's body. I believe it is under the Ripley house in our lot. They found his sister in our place," he wrote.

In closing, he wrote: "It was chaos."

On that fateful Saturday in early September, Galveston's children frolicked in the rising Gulf waters before their parents sensed the coming danger — too late.

Those who survived the 120 mph winds and the 20-foot tidal surge that hours later washed over the narrow island in the Gulf of Mexico, staggered forth Sunday morning to a sunny new hell.

The forgotten drowning of Galveston

"I went out into the streets and most horrible sights you can ever imagine. I gazed upon dead bodies lying here and there. The houses all blown into pieces; women, men and children all walking the streets in a weak condition with bleeding heads and bodies, and feet all torn to pieces," recalled Charles Law, a visiting salesman caught in Galveston by the storm.

It was indeed, the saddest of sad stories, told many times over in the letters and chronicles of the survivors, and the stark photographs of the aftermath.

But it has taken Galveston a full century to tell it publicly. Now, for the first time, the city is poised to embrace and examine the cataclysm that changed it forever.

The four days of commemorative events will include panel discussions by authors of storm books; memorial services and the placement of wreathes; a centennial tribute at the local stadium featuring CBS News anchor Dan Rather as keynote speaker; and the dedication of a large bronze statue on the granite seawall.

"I'm approaching it in the same way I'd approach a funeral. It's a time of reflection on how lucky we've been and how chance is so involved in our existence," said Kenneth Shelton, a Galveston native and great-grandson of the letter writer, Charles Byrne.

"It will mark a time of a lot of introspection by the people who love this city for what it was, who love the vestiges and remnants of it, and also for the great personal loss," he said.

Days before it hit Galveston, the unnamed storm pummeled Cuba and the Florida Keys before confounding meteorologists, who forecast a route north. Instead it moved rapidly due west.

On the evening of Sept. 8, 1900, the storm made landfall about 30 miles west of Galveston. Between 6,000 and 8,000 people died in and around the island. The exact number was never known.

For months afterward, the bodies of unidentified victims found in the ruins were burned — along with the carcasses of livestock — in funeral pyres on the beaches.

"Huge piles of burning wreckage, in which bodies of victims were being consumed, became such a usual spectacle as to create no comment," recalled Ben Stuart, a Galveston newspaperman who weathered the storm.

It was a disaster of epic dimension, many times more lethal than other, better-known catastrophes such as the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 (452 killed) or the Chicago fire of 1871 (250 killed).

Yet today, a visitor wandering the city's streets would find few clues that anything even vaguely noteworthy happened here a century ago.

A Wal-Mart superstore now sprawls over the beachside site of the old St. Mary's Orphanage where 10 nuns and 90 children died while praying and singing "Queen of the Waves."

The 17-foot-high seawall, built in the aftermath of the hurricane, is decorated with cartoon crabs and fish.

From the beachside Voodoo Daddy bar to the T-shirt shops on the Strand, from the medical school to the new beach homes in the west, there are no statues or inscribed chunks of marble to commemorate Galveston's horrific misfortune.

"Other than a marker in the cemetery over the graves of some of the unknown dead, there is nothing," said Michael Doherty, chairman of the commemoration committee and a descendant of storm survivors.

"This was such a place of business and commerce, and it (the storm) was bad for business. It was our family story, and you didn't talk about it," he said.

Such was apparently the case 50 years ago at the half-century anniversary of the storm. No records exist of any public events held then, and a story about the hurricane published in the Galveston News appeared on Page 5.

But the city has been preparing for two years for the 100th anniversary, and its approach has prompted new books and re-issues of volumes published 100 years ago.

Erik Larson, whose best-selling book, "Isaac's Storm," has introduced hundreds of thousands of readers to the tragedy, said for many Americans it is a new story.

"Outside of Texas, few people knew about this storm until my book came out," he said in a recent interview.

"It was not the kind of event that was installed in the national psyche like the Johnstown flood or the San Francisco earthquake, so there's a fundamental fascination that anything so horrible could have gone unnoticed by the culture."

Even in Galveston, where island-born residents are never far from the radio during hurricane season, the storm of 1900 is unreal to some.

"To the more recent arrivals, it's more abstract. Look at the west end of the island. There are palaces on stilts beyond the seawall," Larson said.

Present-day Galveston is a quirky, eccentric place, mixing a beach town's tacky charm and poor, rundown neighborhoods with pockets of majestic Victorian homes. Improbably attached to the east end is the University of Texas Medical School.

One hundred years ago, Galveston was a far grander place. As the new century dawned, the "Oleander City" was a center of wealth and commerce, sustained by a self-confidence in its own destiny.

Flood occurred Sept. 8 1900

Rev. J. S. Anderson
Pastor
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church

"The Oaks"
Rose Hill, Virginia

In Memoriam,
Nathan Morgan Thomas.

Brother Thomas was born in Dulco, Va
May 18th 1844.

He was married to Miss Nancy
Jane Martin Feb. 3rd 1870.

They were six children born of this
union two of whom are living
Bro. R. P. Thomas of Rose Hill, Va.
and Mrs. O. W. Busk of Nattanaka,
Kan.

His first wife having died in 1885,
he married Mrs. Victoria Thompson
who is still living.

Bro. Thomas had been a member of
the church ^{for years} and died in the hope
of a glorious immortality.
Bro. Thomas was much a Mason in

B. W. Burke = Orna Wilson Burke
marr. Dora Belle Thomas.

From Mary Parkey
who rec'd it from
Walma (?)

Grant Lodge No 65 Ky in 1866. ~~He~~ joined
Martin Station Lodge Res. Hill, Va. July 12 1873
and was a faithful and regular attendant.

Served a J.D. of the Lodge 1882 and 1883.

As S.D. 1884 + 87 S.W. 1888 W.M. ~~+89 +889~~ 1890

He died Dec. 30th 1921. age 77 yrs. 7 mos. - 12 days

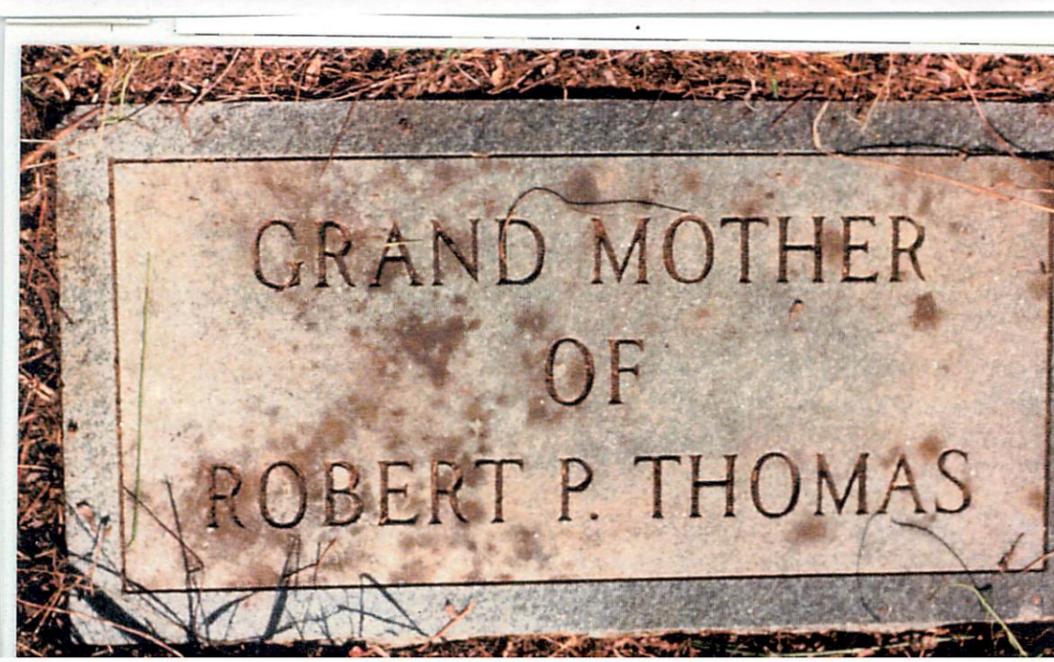
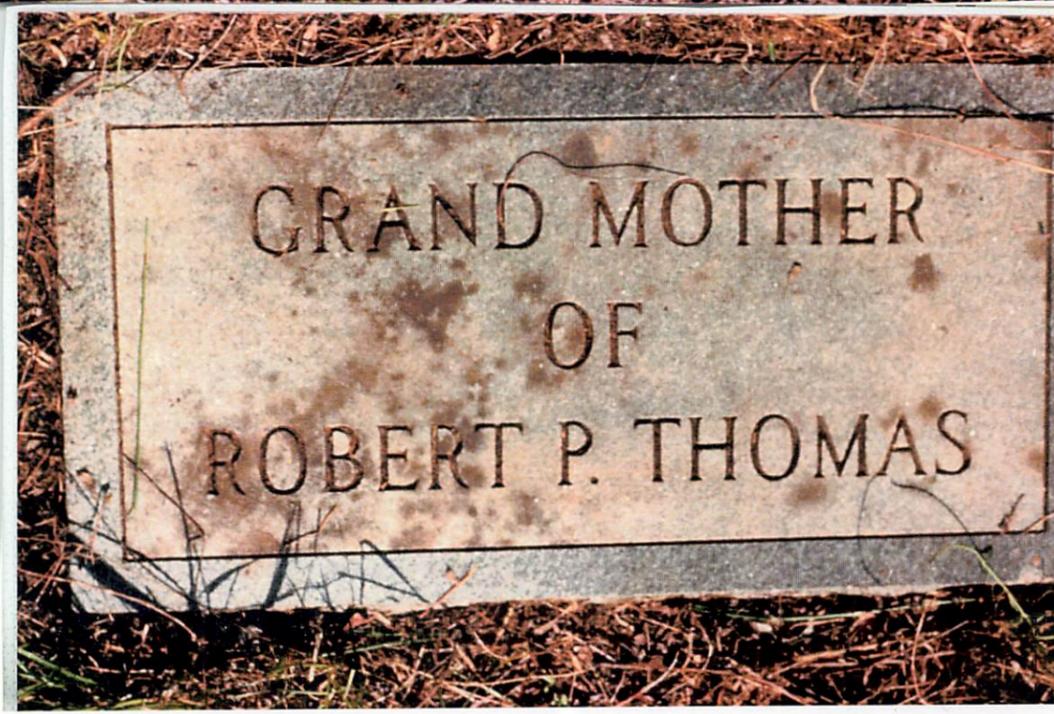
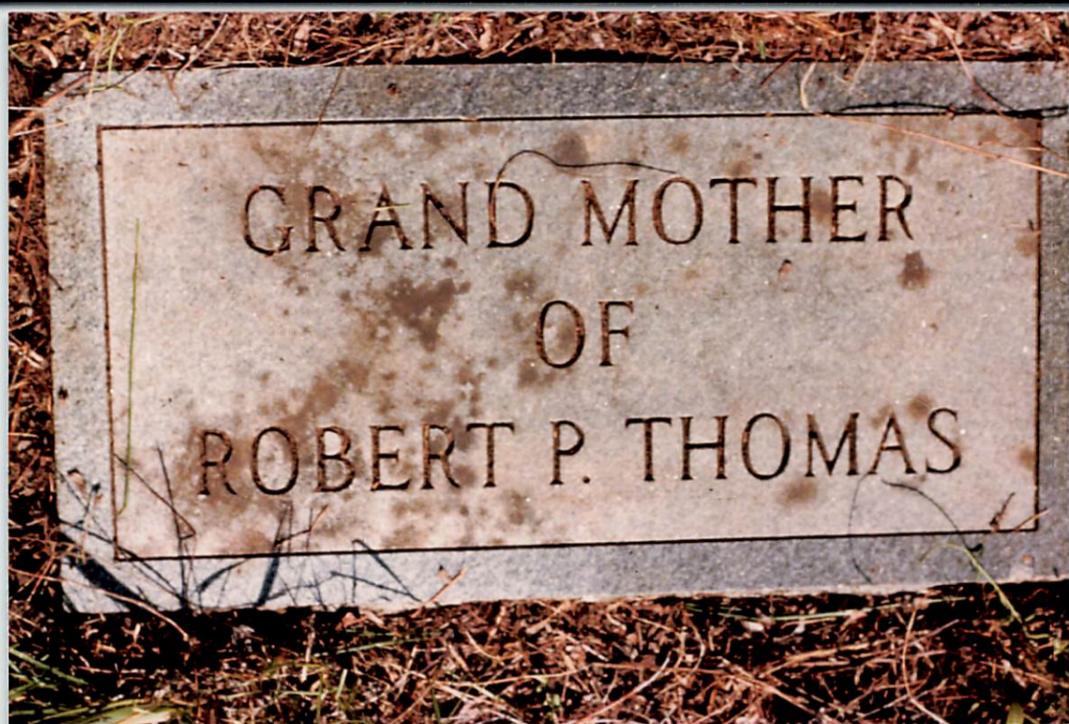
He was buried by the Lodge near his home
Dec. 31st 1921.

~~Resolved~~ Resolved. I. That in the death of
Bro Thomas Masonary, the family and community
has lost a loving & faithful husband and
father and true friend and brother as a
Lodge we extend our sincere sympathy.

II That our Lodge be ^{proped} + the brother ~~to~~ wear
usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

III That a copy of this memorial be
sent to the family of Bro Thomas.

L. S. Anderson) committee.
J. L. Keys
J. L. Seale Sec.



By Mary Parkey - 1986

Photo of grave of Hannah THOMAS
wife of James - ^{Graveyard is up on hill, reached by dirt} Trail, - Near land of James Thomas, now belongs to

Lee Co., VA. - In 1985 & again in 1995(?) Mary Parkey took Dawn Crumley Alvarez up a dirt trail on a hill, to look for graveyard that was said to be on land probably originally owned by James Thomas. His first wife, Hannah's grave was believed to be there. The 2nd trip we did find grave yard, behind a fence, but could not see Hannah's marker.

A few years later, Mary went back up trail and found Hannah's marker! She sent pic to Dawn.

The land is near the headwaters of the Yellow Branch

Lee Co., VA
In 1985 & again in (ca 1995) Mary Parkey took Dawn Crumley Alvarez up dirt trail on a hill, to look for graveyard that was probably on land of James Thomas near the headwaters of the Yellow Branch. Graveyard was believed to hold Hannah Thomas' marker. Mary was told this by ^{Mary never found grave,}

Sarah Alice Thomas

Sarah Alice Thomas was born to Josiah Clemens Thomas and wife, Nancy Bartley Thomas on December 4, 1863 in Grant Co., Kentucky. (It has been written that she was born in Louisville, Ky. But a Methodist Church article found in the Los Angeles Public Library, states that her younger brother, Charles L. Thomas was born in Williamstown, Kentucky. It is very likely that Sarah Alice was also born there as it has been written that her father was in Grant County.) The family went back to Lee County "Toward Christmas" in 1865. Sarah Alice was just over 2 when her mother died of typhoid fever on March 26, 1866 in Powell's Valley, Virginia. The husband Josiah C. Thomas was left with 4 very young children. Nancy was buried in the Bartley-Fee Cemetery on a hill at the back side of Speak's Chapel. There is a bromlick on her grave as well as a broken headstone.

Nine months later, JC Thomas married Sarah E. Johnson. The family moved back to Grant County, Kentucky where they lived on timberland and then went to Pendleton County, Kentucky. After a year, about 1868, they moved to Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas. In January 1869, the father purchased a farm one mile east of town. One year later, he sold his holdings and moved to the Kickapoo Reservation where they lived for four years. Then about 1873 or 1874 they moved back to Hiawatha where father, J.C., formed a partnership with his younger brother, Abijah Hobbs Thomas. Sarah Alice was about 11 years old. The brothers operated a mercantile business. Meantime, J.C. bought four different farms and sold them at a profit.

Sarah Alice married Samuel Ellsworth Hiskey in August 1880. In the early summer of 1883, after the railroad lines reached clear to California, J.C. made a trip there and bought 200 acres 2 miles southeast of Santa Ana from a Mr. Farnsworth. He also purchased land in town near the corner of 6th and Spurgeon, Mr. Thomas brought his family to California and improved his farm. He also built a 2 story home on Spurgeon Street where he and wife, Sarah, lived until his death in September 1913.

Sarah Alice and S. Ellsworth Hiskey had 2 daughters born in Kansas, then moved to Santa Ana where their son, Walter E. was born on a farm on So. McClay Street in 1887. That farm was part of the original purchase of J.C. Thomas. (Santa Ana was still part of Los Angeles County until 1889)

In 1891, after Sarah Alice's husband S.E. had purchased the farm from her father, the husband contracted typhoid fever and died. Walter E. was just 4 years old.

Walter's mother, Sarah Alice, had to go to court to be appointed the guardian of her own three children. She hired Otis B. Bridgford to work her farm and then in December 1903 she married him. Her daughter, Nannie Maybelle had married just a few weeks before her, early in Dec. 1903.

Sarah Alice's 3 brothers were:

Melville C. Thomas—born September 26, 1860
died in 1900 in Galveston Hurricane

François Marion Thomas—born January 29, 1862
died February 2, 1948

Charles Lewis Thomas — born July 25, 1865
died September 12, 1953

Sarah Alice Thomas Hiskey Bridgford died after a short illness at her ranch home on February 2, 1948.

Sarah Alice Thomas

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Sarah Alice Thomas was born to Josiah Clemens Thomas and his wife Nancy (Bartley) Thomas on December 4, 1863 in Grant Co. Kentucky, probably near the town of Williamstown. She went back to Lee County, VA with her family toward Christmas of 1865. The Civil War had ended that year.

Sarah Alice was 3 years old when her mother died of typhoid fever on Mar. 26, 1866 in Powell's Valley Lee Co., VA. Also surviving were Sarah Alice's 3 brothers, Melville C., born 16 Sept. 1860; Frances Marion, born 29 January, 1862 and Charles Lewis Thomas, born 25 July 1865.

Nancy was buried in the Bartley-Free Cemetery up on a hill at the back of Speaks Chapel. Her stone was still upright in early 1900's when son Charles returned and photographed it. By 1990, Catherine Dawn Crumley Alwang, Nancy's great great grand daughter visited, and saw the stone fallen on the ground and broken into 3 pieces. She tried to patch it, but was only partially successful. It was not able to be put upright again. There is a brick covering the grave. That is a coffin sized flat piece of cement.

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In early summer of 1883, J.C. Thomas made a trip to California (by this time, the railroad was operating) and he bought 200 acres of land 2 miles south east of Santa Ana. He also purchased some town lots in Santa Ana near the corner of 6th and Spurgeon in about 1888.

J.C. Thomas brought his family to the west coast and improved his farm. He had a home built on Spurgeon St. in Santa Ana where he resided until his death on 5 Sept. 1913. His second wife Sarah, survived him. She had remarried and was again widowed.

J.C. Thomas and his brother, Abijah H. both have large grave markers near the entrance on Santa Clara St., Santa Ana of the Santa Ana Cemetery. It is owned & managed by Orange Co.

SARAH ALICE THOMAS

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Sarah Alice and Samuel E. Hiskey had 2 daughters born in Kansas, then their son, Walter, Ellsworth Hiskey was born on their farm in Santa Ana in October 1887. Samuel bought the acreage on McClay St. Santa Ana from his father-in-law J.C. Thomas, who originally purchased it from a Mr. Farnsworth (originally from Kansas, I believe.)

Santa Ana was still part of Los Angeles County until 1889, when the Orange County area people voted to break away, & created a separate County.

In 1891, when Walter was 4 yrs. old, Samuel E. died of typhoid fever. Sarah Alice was forced to go to court to request to be named guardian of her 3 children. Her father and uncle Abijah's names were also on the court papers that Dawn found in the Santa Ana Court house.

Sarah Alice needed help on the farm with the heavy chores and eventually hired Otis B. Bridgford to help. Otis and Sarah Alice were married in ^{Dec.} 1903, and he moved in with the family. He was the cousin of Lela Thomas (later Beardorf) on the maternal side of her family. Sarah Alice's brother Frank (Francis) was father of Lela. Frank owned the farm just next door on the south of Sarah Alice & Walter, on McClay St.

After Sarah Alice lost her husband in 1891, and just

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nine years later, lost her oldest brother, Melville (Mel) in the tragic Galveston Hurricane that devastated the coast of Texas unexpectedly. He was working on the docks but went home to help his wife and step-daughter as the storm approached. They were all lost, and never found.

Otis B. Bridgford got sick and died in 1926 of cancer. Sarah Alice discovered, after he died, that he had her sign a paper which gave her farm to his Bridgford family. She swore that she did not know what she was signing, but the courts let the paper stand and upon her death, the land went to the Bridgford family. However - Sarah Alice, by stipulation, had been allowed to live in the farm house and use the land until her death. She died ^{2 Feb} on 1948, then the house was torn down. Dawn believes the farm was sold to the Edison Co. after the Bridgford family received it.

2010 Dawn & her husband, Fred, went to see Alice's home just before it was torn down. They managed to get cupboard glass doors from dining room, and some decorated tiles from around the fire place. The glass doors are kept in Dawn's closet on Lenwood St, S.A.