

TUSCANIA

Bethard, Otto Earle
1894 IL – 1964 NM



Otto Bethard

Sixteen Illinois Men Aboard.

There are known to have been at least sixteen Illinois men aboard the Tuscania whose homes were outside of Chicago. Four are members of the One Hundred aero squadron—Otto E. Bethard, Beardstown; Leland S. Radcliffe, Dwight; William P. Jordan, Pana, and Harry Carpenter, Potomac.

Otto Earle Bethard – "Chicago Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/354982227/>

1. NAME OF DECEASED - LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE (Print or Type) Bethard Otto Earl				14. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Tatum Cemetery Tatum, N.M.			
2. SERVICE NUMBER 249862		3. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NUMBER C-2099-213		IMPORTANT - Item 18 on reverse side must be completed. See attached instructions and complete and submit both copies.			
4. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, day, year) 7-21-1917		5. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, day, year) 6-16-1919		15. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the U. S., soldier of the Union or Confederate Armies of the Civil War or for an unmarked memorial plot for a non-recoverable deceased member. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for proper placement at the grave or memorial plot at no expense to the Government.			
6. STATE Mo.		7. MEDALS ✓		NAME OF APPLICANT (Print or Type) Ted Maples		RELATIONSHIP Employer	
8. GRADE OR RANK Pvt.		9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, DIVISION U.S. Army 100 Aero Sqd.		ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Street address, City and State) Tatum, N.M. Box 32			
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) 10-27-1894		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) 2-23-1964		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT <i>Ted Maples</i>		DATE 2-29-64	
12. RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (Check one)		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED		16. FREIGHT STATION Lovington, N.M.			
<input type="checkbox"/> LATIN CROSS (Christian)		<input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE		17. NAME OF CONSIGNEE WHO WILL TRANSPORT STONE OR MARKER J.D. Smith, Lovington, 1356 Box			
<input type="checkbox"/> STAR OF DAVID (Hebrew)		<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER		ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE (Street address, City and State) Lovington, New Mexico Ex. 1356			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO EMBLEM		<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER		I HAVE AGREED TO TAKE THE STONE OR MARKER TO THE CEMETERY.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO EMBLEM		<input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER		SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE <i>J.D. Smith</i>			
DO NOT WRITE HERE							
FOR VERIFICATION MAR 5 - 1964		ORDERED APR 1 1964					
B/L 11549		CONTRACTOR JAMES H. MATTHEWS (321) PITTSBURGH, PA					
Pfc 100 Aero Sqd / hr r r I Smith - Yarbrough Funeral Home							

DD FORM 1330, 1 AUG 60
REPLACES DA FORM 1015

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

Form Approved
Budget Bureau No. 22-R205

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2899868:2375?tid=10110216&pid=200161121958&queryId=6391ce33-8758-42c9-ae27-94aea27405da&phsrc=cPx8253&phstart=successSource>

BETHARD OTTO EARL *3-27-64* C *2099213*
Pvt Cas Det 800 *C-21-122-072* K
902 Ernsperger St Misshawam *A* 3 233 862
Ind
Sn 249 862 Died *2-23-64* T
Born 10/28/94 R
Enl 8/21/17 Dis 6/16/19 Cl 2 181 682
U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7302
INDEX CARD
GPO 2-13060 *11-17-90*
985

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1Q-2S7Z-W?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP8D-9G14&action=view>

Bethard Charles, brkman Burl, r 1102 Adams.
 Bethard Emma Mrs, r 1102 Adams.
 Bethard Otto, r 1102 Adams.
 Bethard William, brkman Burl, r 1102 Adams.
 Bethard Wm T (wf Maud), brkman Burl, r 209 E 2d.

1911 Beardstown IL city directory -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/4702236?pld=367165504>

Broadway
 Bethard Otto E (Bessie H) trucking h
 714 Ernsperger

1927 South Bend IN city directory - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/651945011:2469?tid=10110216&pid=200161121958&queryId=b1c6e527-587e-43d0-b17d-144660a5b7be&phsrc=cPx8260&phstart=successSource>

Bethard Otto E (Bessie) h714 Ironwood dr

1930 South Bend IN city directory - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1341235310:2469?tid=10110216&pid=200161121958&queryId=8d1b56d0-0dbc-461b-bffc-b455648689d2&phsrc=cPx8268&phstart=successSource>

Bethard O E wldr Buddy's Wldg Serv r301 N Linam

1955 Hobbs NM city directory - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1003820121:2469?tid=10110216&pid=200161121958&queryId=c9b946aa-76a2-4628-abea-c0e2737e1b41&phsrc=cPx8262&phstart=successSource>

Bethard Otto E (Anna M) wldr h300 W Cain

1958 Hobbs NM city directory <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/894935413:2469>

Bethard Otto E (Anna M) wldr Ted Maples h301 N Linam

1960 Hobbs NM city directory - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/999649376:2469?tid=10110216&pid=200161121958&queryId=8006acbd-1c47-460c-9b39-809b19b6cb60&phsrc=cPx8265&phstart=successSource>

Life:

OBITUARY

Hannah L. Chrisman.

Miss Hannah L. Chrisman died at the home of her nephew, O. E. Bethard, 1914 Fourth avenue, Moline, at 6 last evening. The end came after four years' illness with Bright's disease.

She was born on a farm in Scott county, Ill., 46 years ago. She came to Moline two months ago and made Moline her home. Left to mourn her passing are two brothers and three sisters. Brothers are J. N. Chrisman and L. E. Chrisman, both of Jacksonville, while Mrs. Emma J. Bethard of Moline, Mrs. C. A. Smith of Beardstown, and Mrs. Arthur Renner of Vermont, Ill., are sisters.

Remains will be sent to Merritt, Ill., this evening and funeral services will be held in that place at 2 tomorrow afternoon with burial in the Merritt cemetery.

"Rock Island (IL) Argus" Saturday 6 Nov 1915 p 16

Chrisman

Miss Hannah L. Chrisman, 46 years old, passed away at the home of her nephew, O. E. Bethard, 1914 Twenty-fourth avenue, Moline, at 6 o'clock last night. Death was caused by Bright's disease of which the deceased had long been a sufferer.

She was born on a farm in Scott county, Illinois, and practically her whole life was spent there. She came to Moline two months ago to make her home with her nephew. She leaves two brothers, J. N. Chrisman and L. E. Chrisman of Jacksonville, Ill., three sisters, Mrs Emma J. Bethard of Moline, Mrs C. A. Smith of Beardstown, Ill., and Mrs Arthur Renner of Vermont, Ill. The funeral will be held at 7 o'clock tonight from the Bethard home with burial in Chapin, Ill.

"Davenport (IA) Daily News" Saturday 6 Nov 1915 p 19

Will Fringer Jordan, of Pana, son of Will F. Jordan, editor of the Palladium of that city, was one of the U. S. fighting men on the British transport Tuscania, which was sunk by a German submarine on Tuesday off the Irish coast. He was a member of the 100th aerial squadron.

No word has been received by his father as to his safety.

Two other Central Illinois men were on the vessel—Otto Bethard of Beardstown, also a member of the 100th aerial squadron, and Captain Will Shaw of Springfield, of the 107th engineers.

"Taylorville (IL) Daily Breeze Courier" Thursday 7 Feb 1918 p 1

ILLINOISANS ON BOARD TRANSPORT TUSCANIA

Among the troops aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed were the following Illinois men: Otto Bethard, Beardstown; William P. Jordan, Pana; Leland S. Radcliffe, Dwight; Harry Carpenter, Potomac; Maurice E. Peck, Rockford; Kendall H. Peck, Monticello; James J. Norris, Odin; J. A. Booth, Springfield; Fred O. Barger, Decatur; Guy W. Burnett, Eldorado; Elmer Jones, Nebo; Morton McKendrick, Mariou; Mo Sapp, Hillsboro; Joe H. Rice, Downer's Grove; Stanley E. Hull, Rockford; Alva Bowman, Carmi.

"Mattoon (IL) Journal Gazette" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 6

Partial List of Survivors of the Tuscania

Otto E. Bethard, 919 Wells street,
Beardstown, Ill.

"Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" Sunday 10 Feb 1919 p 6

FOR SALE—Eskimo puppies. 902 Ern-
berger St. South Side car line. Call be-
tween 2:30 and 9 p. m. Otto Bethard. 21t3

"South Bend (IN) Tribune" Thursday 21 Dec 1922 p 23

Arrested On Traffic Charge

State Patrol Officer Jimmy Ad-
kisson late yesterday afternoon
arrested O. E. Bethard at a sand-
wich stand south of the city, on
a charge of driving with an in-
proper license. The officer states
Bethard had a single Georgia tag
on his car.

A number of small calibre and
old style guns in the car, coupled
with a box of tools aroused the
interest of the officer, but the tools
were explained by Bethard who
stated he was a mechanic and
acetylene welder and had worked
in a canning plant recently in Or-
lando, which statement was veri-
fied by telephone.

"Bradenton (FL) Herald" Wednesday 16 Sep 1936 p 8

Chattel Mortgages	
assg to same).	
To Interstate Secs Co:	
Alex Zackery \$168.85 truck;	motorcycle; O E Bethard et al
Robt O Orchard et al \$125.60	\$936 auto & machy;

"Tulsa (OK) Daily Legal News" Tuesday 6 Jun 1944 p 2

Unclaimed Refund Checks For 1963 Income Taxes Are Held Here by IRS

Internal Revenue Service here has 296 unclaimed refund checks and just by chance your's may be among them.

To assist in locating persons to whom the refunds are due the Journal will run the list in installments.

IRS said the list includes refunds issued during 1964 and

are mainly for refunds for 1963 federal income taxes.

"It is not necessary to consult or engage the services of a 'locating' or 'searching' service or anyone to obtain information with respect to the refund check," said IRS.

"All you have to do is contact the IRS district director in whose office your return was filed and establish your identity and right to receive the refund check. Social Security cards alone will not establish identity."

If you spot your name on the list, you must contact Taxpayer Information Office, Room 1015, Federal Bldg., Fifth and Gold SW, in person and identify yourself as the taxpayer to whom the refund check is issued.

Here is the first installment of names as they appear on IRS records:

L. H. and T. Benally, Kirtland; Rodney A. Berry, Artesia; Otto E. Bethard, Hobbs; A. P. and M. B. Bickham, Farmington; Grady L. Bishop, Deming, and Dale B. Blair.

Excerpts – "Albuquerque (NM) Journal" Wednesday 30 Sep 1964 p 5

Wife Bessie Helen Goodman

73-002890

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. 66 State No. _____

PERMANENT INK
SEE INSTRUCTIONS

DECEASED—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST SEX DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)
Bessie H. Goodman female Jan 22, 1893

RACE white AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS) 77 UNDER 1 YEAR MO. DATE UNDER 1 DAY HOURS MIN. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 2/3/1895 COUNTY OF BIRTH St. Joseph

CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH Mishawaka HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (IF NOT IN EITHER, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER.)
Golden Age Sanator

STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.) Illinois CITIZEN USA MARRIED TO WIVES NAMED (SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE MAIDEN NAME))
divorced

USUAL RESIDENCE WHERE DECEASED LIVED, IF DEATH OCCURRED IN INSTITUTION, GIVE RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION. RESIDENCE—STATE Indiana COUNTY St. Jos. CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION Mishawaka HOSPITALITY LIMITS (SPECIFY YES OR NO) yes TOWNSHIP Penn

STREET AND NUMBER 719 Hubbard Av. WAS DECEASED OVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (YES, NO, IF YES, GIVE DATE OF SERVICE) no IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? no

PARENTS: FATHER—NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST MOTHER—MAIDEN NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST
John C. Goodman Florence Shelton

DECEASED—NAME Mrs. Bessie Pawelski RELATIONSHIP friend RESIDENT ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)
721 Hubbard Av., Mish., Ind. 46544

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c)) APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
1. pneumonia sd.

CONDITIONAL, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST

CAUSE PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE AUTOPSY
no no no

DATE & TIME OF DEATH MONTH DAY YEAR HOUR DATE SIGNED MONTH DAY YEAR
1/24/73 1/24 1973 10:00 David C. Spading 1/24 1973

M.D. OR N.D. PHYSICIAN'S NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) LAST IN ATTENDANCE David C. Spading SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN David C. Spading MD (DEGREE OR TITLE)
427 C.W.E. STREET OR R.F.D. NO. CITY OR TOWN STATE ZIP
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

BURIAL, CREMATION, OR OTHER DISPOSITION (SPECIFY) Burial CEMETERY, CREMATORY, FUNERAL HOME LOCATION CITY OR TOWN STATE
Fairview Mishawaka, Indiana

DISPOSITION DATE (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) FUNERAL HOME—NAME AND ADDRESS (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP)
1/24/73 Bobb Funeral Chapel, 202 N. Main St., Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

HEALTH OFFICER—SIGNATURE H. C. Applegate DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER 1-31-73

EMBALMER'S NAME Gary Seltzer FUNDAL HOME No. 665 FUNDAL DIRECTOR'S LICENSE No. 83 SIGNATURE David W. Dwyer

Disposition Permit Issued 1/1
Provisional Certificate Yes No

5 Spading

IN death record of Otto's 1st wife, Bessie Helen Goodman (with surname Goodman) -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60716/images/45232_354271-00391?pid=820231

Miss Bessie H. Goodman

Miss Bessie H. Goodman, 77, of 719 Hubbard St., died at 11:45 a.m. Monday in the Golden Age Manor Nursing Home, where she had been a patient since November, 1972. She had been in failing health for two years. She was born in Reynoldsville, Ill., on Feb. 9, 1895, and came to Mishawaka from that city in 1937.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Eva Stone of Galesburg, Ill., and two nieces, Mrs. Virginia Connors and Mrs. Roberta Smith of Galesburg. She was employed for 20 years by Uniroyal, Inc., until her retirement in 1957. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Bubb Funeral Chapel, where services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Rev. Lyle Loomis, pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church, South Bend, will officiate and burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

Find A Grave 8508496 and https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/27510006/person/382414342864/media/beb300ca-2698-45dc-b9e5-686cfb54796b?queryId=711e0c15-1a96-4842-9a05-70352da69dd0&_phsrc=cPx8224&_phstart=successSource

Bessie Goodman

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name	Bessie Goodman
Social Security Number	309-10-5835
Birth Date	9 Feb 1895
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Indiana
Last Residence	46544, Mishawaka, St Joseph, Indiana, USA
Death Date	Jan 1973

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/22947833:3693>

Wife Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight Freeman Bethard Stewart Anderson

Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
Name	Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight
Gender	Female
Age	28
Birth Year	abt 1914
Residence	El Dorado, Union, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Otto E Bethard
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	40
Spouse's Residence	Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Marriage Date	18 Sep 1942
Marriage License Date	10 Sep 1942
Marriage County	Ouachita
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	2020525

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3434048:2548?tid=&pid=&queryId=10fa688c-2953-470d-b24e-d82a4649a4be&_phsrc=cPx8275&_phstart=successSource



Divorce action – “Tulsa (OK) Daily Legal News” Tuesday 18 Dec 1945 p 1
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/904221343/?article=51a5a632-e170-46e5-8874-397b9d4b00f7&xid=5581>

DIVORCES ASKED
 Mildred Asbury from Fred Asbury,
 cruelty alleged.
 Agnes E. Goodnight Bethard vs. Otto
 E. Bethard, non-support alleged.

"Tulsa (OK) World" Wednesday 19 Dec 1945 p 18

**PROCEEDINGS
 BEFORE JUDGE WEBB**
 D 17379—Nichols v Nichols deft in
 contempt & contd to June 4; hrg
 as to child support set for Jan
 18.
 72774—Johnson v Ward, upon
 payment of \$213.88 to plff, title
 quieted in deft.
 D 34299—Ruby Brooks v George
 Brooks decree for plff.
 D 34786—Thelma Richardson v
 Tony Richardson same.
 D 29548—Mary Spencer v Billie
 Spencer same.
 D 32813—Mary Clifton v James
 Clifton same.
 D 34816—Julia Critser v Jas Crit-
 ser decree for plff.
 D 34768—Dolly Fox v Lowell Fox
 same.
 D 34793—Agnes Bethard v O E
 Bethard decree for plff.

"Tulsa (OK) Daily Legal News" Friday 4 Jan 1946 p 1

DIVORCES GRANTED
 Ruby V. Brooks from George E. Brooks.
 Thelma Richardson from Tony Richard-
 son.
 Mary Allie Spencer from Billie Earl
 Spencer.
 Mary Clifton from James C. Clifton.
 Julia Critser from James B. Critser.
 Dolly Mae Fox from Lowell G. Fox.
 Agnes G. Bethard from Otto G. Bethard.
 Mary Miller from Earl Miller.

Divorce granted Jan 1946 – "Tula (OK) World" Saturday 5 Jan 1946 p 7

Mrs Agnes Goodnight Freeman

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Mrs Agnes Goodnight Freeman [Mrs Agnes Goodnight Bethard] [Mrs Agnes Armstrong] [Mrs Agnes Goodnight] [Mrs Agnes Stewart]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	2 Nov 1919
Birth Place	El Dorado, Arkansas [El Dorado Un??, Arkansas]
Death Date	27 Feb 1996
Father	Smith K Goodnight
Mother	Addie A Simpson
SSN	432124357
Signature on SSN Card	P W Freeman
Relationship of Signature	Signature name differs from NH's name.
Notes	Jun 1939: Name listed as AGNES GOODNIGHT FREEMAN; Dec 1944: Name listed as AGNES GOODNIGHT BETHARD; Dec 1947: Name listed as AGNES GOODNIGHT ARMSTRONG; Aug 1948: Name listed as AGNES ELI GOODNIGHT; Mar 1963: Name listed as AGNES ELI STEWART; 10 Dec 1974: Name listed as AGNES ELIZABETH ANDERSON

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/18882913:60901>

Agnes E Goodnight

in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957

Name	Agnes E Goodnight
Gender	Female
Age	18
Birth Year	abt 1920
Residence	El Dorado, Union, Arkansas
Spouse's Name	Paul W Freeman
Spouse's Gender	Male
Spouse's Age	21
Spouse's Residence	El Dorado, Union, Arkansas
Marriage Date	13 Aug 1938
Marriage License Date	13 Aug 1938
Marriage County	Union
Event Type	Marriage
FHL Film Number	1993218

Marriage of Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight to Paul West Freeman on 13 Aug 1938 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3238343:2548>

MARRIAGE LICENSE *do not put*

(COUPON TO BE DETACHED BY COUNTY CLERK AND FORWARDED TO STATE REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS, STATE CAPITOL)

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF UNION MR. Paul W. Freeman OF El Dorado

COUNTY OF Union STATE OF Arkansas

AGE, 21 NATIONALITY U.S.

MISS Agnes E. Goodnight OF El Dorado AND

COUNTY OF Union STATE OF Arkansas

AGE 18 NATIONALITY U.S.

13 DAY OF Aug 1938

Clarence E. Lott
COUNTY CLERK

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90631180:61775>

STATE OF ARKANSAS
State Board of Health
Bureau of Vital Statistics

County of Clarendon Registration District No. 85 File No. 231
Township _____ Primary Registration Dist. No. 2048 Registered No. 61
City Arkadelphia (No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Paul West Freeman (If child is not yet named; make supplemental report, as directed)

3. Sex of Child Boy 4. Twin, triplet, or other? 1 5. Number in order of birth? 3 6. Legitimate? yes 7. Date of birth May 4 1920
(To be answered only in event of plural births) Month Day Year

8. FULL NAME FATHER A. Freeman 14. FULL MAIDEN NAME MOTHER Alma West
9. RESIDENCE Arkadelphia 15. RESIDENCE Arkadelphia
10. COLOR White 11. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 32 16. COLOR White 17. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 31
Years Years
12. BIRTHPLACE Sum Springs 18. BIRTHPLACE Salark
13. OCCUPATION Carpenter 19. OCCUPATION House Wife

20. Number of children born to this mother including present birth 5 21. Number of children of this mother now living 4
CORRECTED 2-17-1925

22. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was alive at 3 30 M.
on the day above stated. (Signature) A. M. Moore
M.D.
Address Arkadelphia
23. Filed May 4 1920 Registrar
Form V. S. No. 2-90M-7-15-18

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
as this record concerns your child may depend on it. Therefore please see to it that it is properly filled out and returned to the Registrar of the Municipality or town.

AR birth record of Paul West Freeman - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/163723:61774>

Paul Freeman

Funeral services for Paul Freeman, 56, 314 Hart St., Monroe, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Mulhearn Funeral Home of Monroe with Dr. John Traylor officiating. Burial will follow in the Riverview Cemetery.

Mr. Freeman died Monday morning at E. A. Conway Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He was a native of Arkadelphia, Ark. and had been a resident of Monroe for the past 25 years. He was a retired painter.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Princess (Pete) Freeman of Monroe; one son, P. W. Freeman Jr. of Monroe; one brother, A. B. Freeman of El Dorado, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Hodge of El Dorado, Ark.; Mrs. Ester Paul of Falls Church, Va.; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Junior Butler, Rocky Tharp, Bobby Wilson, Jimmy Guyn, Steve Prine and Tommy Crazavich.

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Obituary of Paul Freeman West – "Monroe (LA) News-Star" left: Tuesday 26 Apr 1977 p 11 and right: Wednesday 27 Apr 1977 p 25

DIVORCE PETITION COUPON	
(Coupon to be Forwarded by Clerk to State Registrar of Vital Statistics, State Capital)	
1) In <u>Union</u> Chancery Court	(7) Petitioner <u>wife</u>
(County)	(husband or wife)
2) <u>Agnes Goodnight Freeman</u> , Plaintiff	(8) Where married? _____ Date <u>8-13-38</u>
3) White <u>yes</u> Colored _____	(9) Alleged cause for Petition <u>Rev. Indignities</u>
(4) v No. <u>7268</u>	(10) Residence of Defendant <u>Ark.</u>
(Docket number)	
(5) <u>Paul West Freeman</u> , Defendant	
(6) Date of filing <u>5-6-42</u>	<u>R. E. Burk</u>
	<u>Suey W. Ring</u> D. C. Clerk

Divorce with Paul West Freeman filed 6 May 1942 in Union Co. AR -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/698495:61776>

STATE OF ARKANSAS		MARRIAGE LICENSE COUPON	
(COUPON TO BE DETACHED BY COUNTY CLERK AND FORWARDED TO STATE REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS, STATE CAPITAL.)			
COUNTY OF <u>MADISON</u>	PLACE OF MARRIAGE: COUNTY <u>MADISON</u>	CITY OR TOWN	<u>10157</u>
DATE OF MARRIAGE <u>June 16, 1962</u>	TITLE OF PERSON OFFICIATING <u>Justice of the Peace</u>		
GROOM		BRIDE	
FULL NAME <u>Thomas E. Stewart</u>		FULL NAME <u>Miss Agnes E. Goodnight</u>	
RESIDENCE STATE: <u>Okla.</u>	COUNTY <u>Tulsa</u>	RESIDENCE STATE: <u>Okla.</u>	COUNTY <u>Tulsa</u>
AGE LAST BIRTHDAY <u>44</u> YEARS	COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>	AGE LAST BIRTHDAY <u>42</u> YEARS	COLOR OR RACE <u>W</u>
CITY OR TOWN <u>Tulsa</u>		CITY OR TOWN <u>Tulsa</u>	
BIRTH DATE _____	BIRTH PLACE _____	BIRTH DATE _____	BIRTH PLACE _____
USUAL OCCUPATION _____	INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____	USUAL OCCUPATION _____	INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS _____
DATE <u>June 16,</u> 19 <u>62</u>		<u>Charles Whorin</u> COUNTY CLERK	

Marriage of Miss Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight to Thomas Edison Stewart on 16 Jun 1962 in
 Madison Co. AR - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91400895:61775?tid=&pid=&queryId=a87e8ab5-d583-4360-99f4-549d8e74f60e&_phsrc=cPx8278&_phstart=successSource

USE THIS FORM FOR CORRECTING A CERTIFICATE FILED AT THE TIME THE BIRTH OCCURRED.
THIS FORM CANNOT BE USED FOR CORRECTING RECORDS FILED THROUGH THE PROBATE COURT

1. PLACE OF BIRTH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
STATE OF TEXAS			
COUNTY OF <u>Lee</u>			
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <u>Knobbs, Texas</u>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
2. FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>THOMAS EDISON STEWART.</u>			
RESIDENCE OF THE MOTHER { STREET AND NO. <u> </u> CITY <u>Knobbs</u> COUNTY <u>Lee</u> STATE <u>Texas</u>			
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. TWIN, TRIPLET, OTHER <u> </u>	5. NUMBER, IN ORDER OF BIRTH <u> </u>	6. LEGITIMATE? <u>yes</u>
		7. DATE OF BIRTH <u>March 4, 1918</u> , 19	
8. FULL NAME <u>Ben Thomas Stewart</u>		14. FULL MAIDEN NAME <u>Minnie Viola Byrd</u>	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <u>--</u>		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <u>--</u>	
9. POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u>Knobbs, Texas</u>		15. POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u>Knobbs, Texas</u>	
10. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	11. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>34</u> (YEARS)	16. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17. AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH <u>34</u> (YEARS)
12. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Lee County, Texas</u>		18. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Alabama</u>	
13A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Farm</u>		19A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <u>Housewife</u>	
13B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u> </u>		19B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <u> </u>	
20. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER INCLUDING THIS BIRTH <u>7</u>		21. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER AND NOW LIVING <u>7</u>	
SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT <u>Mrs. B. J. Stewart</u>		ADDRESS OF INFORMANT <u>Rochelle, TEXAS</u>	
22. MEDICAL ATTENDANCE <u>Mrs. V. Stewart</u>		22. MEDICAL ATTENDANCE <u>Rochelle, TEXAS</u>	
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD <u>BORN ALIVE</u> AT <u>8:30</u> P. M. ON THE ABOVE DATE.			
AND THE PROPHYLACTIC USED TO PREVENT OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM WAS <u>--</u>			
DATE <u>May 6th, 1944</u>		SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u>Mrs. B. J. Stewart</u> Mother <u>Rochelle, TEXAS</u>	
23. FILE NUMBER <u>194</u>	FILE DATE <u>194</u>	SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <u> </u>	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <u> </u>

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCulloch

Before me on this day appeared Mrs. B. T. Stewart, known to me to be the person whose name is signed to the above certificate, who on oath deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing certificate are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that this certificate is filed for the purpose of correcting the original record of the birth of Stewart (Thomas Edison Stewart)

(Name appearing on original certificate)

Signature Mrs. B. J. StewartSworn to and subscribed before me, this 6 day of May, 194 4.Geo. C. Parker, Co. ClerkMcCullochCounty, Texas.

Velma Guthrie Deputy
Notary Public
in and for

TX birth record of Thomas Edison Stewart (4 Mar 1918) -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1434104:2275>

Tom Edison Stewart

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	Tom Edison Stewart [Thomas Edison Stewart] [Thomas Stewart]
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	4 Mar 1918
Birth Place	Knob Springs, Texas [Knob Spgs, Texas]
Death Date	4 Oct 1999
Father	Benjamen T Stewart
Mother	Minnie V Byrd
SSN	464166598
Notes	Dec 1938: Name listed as TOM EDISON STEWART; 25 Jan 1984: Name listed as THOMAS EDISON STEWART; 19 Oct 1999: Name listed as THOMAS E STEWART

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/47216507:60901>

Thomas E Stewart

in the Oklahoma, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1890-1995

Name	Thomas E Stewart
Gender	Male
Age	45
Birth Date	abt 1918
Marriage Date	22 Nov 1963
Marriage Place	Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Dorothy L Whalen
Film Number	001021640

Thomas Edison Stewart remarried 17 months after his marriage to Agnes Goodnight -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/63981688:61379>

Thomas E. Stewart**in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014**

Name	Thomas E. Stewart
Social Security Number	464-16-6598
Birth Date	4 Mar 1918
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	74135, Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	4 Oct 1999

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/60087933:3693>

STATE OF ARKANSAS } ss. **BOND FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE**
County of Pulaski

Know All Men By These Presents, That we, ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON

as Principal, and AGNES ELIZABETH GOODNIGHT, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Arkansas, for the use and benefit of the Common School Fund of Pulaski County, in the penal sum of One Hundred Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Signed this 17th day of AUGUST 1966.

This condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas, the above bounden

ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON has this day applied to

the Clerk of the County Court of Pulaski County, for a License authorizing the solemnizing of the Rite of Matrimony between the said

ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON

and AGNES ELIZABETH GOODNIGHT

Now if the said parties applying for said License have a lawful right to the same, and if they shall faithfully carry into effect and comply with the provisions thereof, and shall, within sixty days from the date hereof, return the said License to the office of the Clerk of the County Court of said County duly executed and officially signed by some one authorized by law to solemnize the Rite of Matrimony, then this obligation shall be void; but otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our signature the day above written.

Robert J. Anderson, Principal
Agnes E. Goodnight, Surety

STATE OF ARKANSAS } ss. **AFFIDAVIT**
County of Pulaski

In the office of the Clerk of the County Court of said County:

I, ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON of the County of PULASKI, and State of ARKANSAS

being duly sworn, depose and say that I am ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON who makes

this application for a Marriage License, and have arrived at the age of 48 years, and that M.

AGNES ELIZABETH GOODNIGHT has arrived at the age of 46 years; that we, the parties for whom said application is made, are now single and unmarried, and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

Robert J. Anderson Agnes E. Goodnight

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of AUGUST 1966.

R. S. PETERS, County Clerk, By Mary Alice White, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF ARKANSAS } ss. **MARRIAGE LICENSE**
County of Pulaski

To Any Person Authorized By Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between

Mr. ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON St. No. 221 GREGORY of JACKSONVILLE

in the County of PULASKI, and State of ARKANSAS age 48 years,

Place of Birth TROY, ILLINOIS Date of Birth JUNE 15, 1918

and AGNES ELIZABETH GOODNIGHT St. No. of JACKSONVILLE

in the County of PULASKI, and State of ARKANSAS age 46 years,

Place of Birth EL DORADO, ARKANSAS Date of Birth NOVEMBER 2, 1919

according to law, and officially sign and return this License to the parties herein named.

Witness my hand and seal, this 17th day of AUGUST 1966.

(Seal) R. S. PETERS, County Clerk, By Mary Alice White, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF ARKANSAS } ss. **CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE**
County of Pulaski

I, REV. ROY E. BELCHER, do hereby certify,

that on the 17th day of AUGUST 1966, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and seal, this 17th day of AUGUST 1966.

REV. ROY E. BELCHER
MINISTER

My credentials are recorded in SEVIER County, Arkansas, Book A-1 Page 266

STATE OF ARKANSAS } ss. **CERTIFICATE OF RECORD**
County of Pulaski

I, R. S. PETERS, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do certify that the above License for and Certificate of Marriage of

ROBERT JAMES ANDERSON and
AGNES ELIZABETH GOODNIGHT

were on the 22 day of AUGUST 1966, filed in my office and the same are now duly recorded

in Book 222, Page 611, of Marriage Records.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 22 day of AUGUST 1966.

(Seal) R. S. PETERS, County Clerk
By Mary Alice White, Deputy Clerk

Marriage of Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight to Robert James Anderson in 1966 -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90215743:61797>

Wife Anna Marie Lyons Reynolds



Seated (left to right); mother Anna Karoline (Carrie) Hillers Lyons – Thelma, father William Franklin Lyons Sr. – standing (left to right): Anna Marie Lyons Reynolds, her husband Benjamin Vernet Reynolds, Lena, Tommy, William Franklin Lyons Jr. -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/47858569/person/28037969545/media/e615bc16-ae81-4ce3-8024-aa1d4656990d>



Anna Marie Lyons Reynolds Bethard - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/14751083/person/160584577/media/feae8696-538f-4c2c-97a8-ab31b3ea2aba>



Anna Reynolds (far left) with grandchildren – at back (left to right): Mason, Carol, Tommy Jean, George – front: Ray, Joe Glenn, Trudy Vaunna - - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/14751083/person/160584577/media/99886ab2-5065-4605-a966-92d6a1a1796f?queryId=f300e842-e5c4-4bfc-9444-1b0dd26c38df&_phsrc=cPx8245&_phstart=successSource

MRS. ANNA BETHARD
HOBBS, N.M. (Staff) — Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Marie Bethard, 88, were to be at 10 a.m. today in the Griffin Funeral Home Chapel here.

Burial was to be in Prairie Haven Cemetery directed by Griffin Funeral Home.

She died at her home here Sunday. She had been a resident of Hobbs since 1936.

Survivors include her husband, O. E. Bethard; two daughters, Mrs. T. W. Hollis, Odessa, and Mrs. A. W. May, Sterling, Colo.; a son, C. T. Reynolds, Hobbs; two sisters; a brother; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Obituary – "Odessa (TX) American" Thursday 19 Dec 1963 p 2

Collection Adds Many Memorials

The following memorials have been received by the Ector County Library.

"The Lord's Prayer — An Interpretation," was given by the L. F. Hollands in memory of Mrs. O. E. Bethard, mother of Mrs. T. W. Hollis.

Excerpt - Daughter Wilma Reynolds Hollis - "Odessa (TX) American" Sunday 16 Feb 1964 p 20

<p>LEGAL NOTICE Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 1964</p> <p>IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LEA COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO</p> <p>IN THE MATTER) OF THE LAST WILL) AND TESTAMENT) AND THE ESTATE) No. 2481 OF ANNA M. REYN-) OLDS BETHARD.)</p> <p>NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL</p> <p>TO: WILMA HOLLIS, CHARLES THOMAS REYNOLDS, EVA CAROL MAY, and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Anna M. Reynolds Bethard, de- ceased, has been filed for pro- bate in the Probate Court of Lea County, New Mexico, and that by order of said Court the 24th day of February, 1964, at the office of the Probate Court in the Lea County Court House, in the city of Lovington, New Mexico, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M., has been appoint- ed as the day, time and place for hearing proof of said will and testament.</p>	<p>Any person or persons desir- ing to enter objections to the probating of said will and testa- ment are notified to file or enter such objections in the office of the County Clerk of said coun- ty on or before the time set for said hearing.</p> <p>WITNESS my hand and seal this the 21st day of January, 1964.</p> <p>s/ JANE RICE County Clerk and ex- officio Clerk of the Probate Court.</p> <p>By VELMA E. BOLAND, Deputy</p> <p>(SEAL)</p>
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"Hobbs (NM) Daily News-Sun" Friday 14 Feb 1964 p 11

Oklahoma, County Marriages, 1890-1995

Name	Ben Reynolds
Gender	Male
Age	22
Birth Date	abt 1892
Marriage Date	24 Oct 1914
Marriage Place	Oklahoma, Oklahoma, USA
Spouse	Anna Lyons
Film Number	002168899

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/47858569/person/28037979744/facts>

California, Death Index, 1940-1997

[View record](#)

Name	Benjamin Verdett Reynolds
Social Security #	527014103
Gender	Male
Birth Date	14 Apr 1893
Birth Place	Wisconsin
Death Date	6 Jul 1958
Death Place	Imperial
Mother's Maiden Name	Englehart
Father's Surname	Reynolds

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/47858569/person/28037979744/facts>

Services for Ben Reynolds set at Reydon

Funeral services for Ben V. Reynolds, El Centro, California, who died Sunday at El Centro will be held Thursday at the Reydon community building at 3:00 p.m. with Reverend Lynn Heard and Reverend W. S. Little officiating.

Born April 14, 1893 at River Falls, Wisconsin, Reynolds came to Edmond, Oklahoma in 1909 moving to Hobbs, New Mexico in 1930 and has since worked in Arizona and California until retirement. A member of the masonic order he was a 32nd degree mason.

In 1915 he was married to Anna Lyons at Oklahoma City.

Survivors include three children, Mrs. Wilma Hollis, Odessa, Texas, Mrs. Eva Wray, of Montana and Tom Reynolds, Midland, Texas; 8 grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Doty, Reydon, Mrs. Edith Conrad, Reydon, Mrs. Alberta Beierschmidt, Elk City; three brothers, Marion Reynolds, Liberal, Mo., Chuck Reynolds, Reydon, Marvin Reynolds, Liberal, Mo.

Casket bearers are Otis Shelton, Elzie McEntire, Dink Barker, John R. Peterson, Ely Clay, Gene Estes.

Interment will be in the White Rose cemetery with Moore Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Benjamin V. Reynolds – "Sayre (OK) Sun" Thursday 10 Jul 1958 p 1

Movie Extra Shoots Self

HOLLYWOOD, July 15.—(UP)—A 360-pound film camera man was questioned tonight by police seeking to unravel the strange suicide of tiny blond Julian Graham, film extra and former Sisterville, W. Va., choir singer, whose nude body was found crumpled before a mirror, shot through the temple.

Benjamin Reynolds, 44 years old, ponderous companion of the dead girl, in whose home she apparently shot herself, was taken in custody by police for questioning.

He said he left her in his living room the previous night, went to bed, and awakened when he heard the shot. The girl, entirely unclothed, was lying on the floor, crying, he said.

The girl shot herself, Reynolds said, with one of his pistols.

It was revealed the girl, employed as an extra in the production of "Rose of the Rancho," had been taken off the set Saturday, violently ill.

She had accompanied Reynolds to Catalina island where they stopped overnight under assumed names, the camera man said.

Reynolds, who reportedly is separated from his wife, brought the girl to his home Sunday night.

"She was drinking a good deal," he said, "and seemed to be in a good humor. She began to worry about getting back to the studio for a 7:30 a. m. call.

"She said she was in no condition to go home and asked me if I could put her up in my home. I told her I wouldn't—that my wife was away.

"She insisted, however, and lying down on the couch, went to sleep immediately."

Reynolds said he went to his own bed room, where he was awakened by the sound of a shot.

"I am a heavy sleeper," he said. "At first I could see nothing. Then I looked, and there was the girl, crumpled up at the foot of my bed."

Reynolds said he rushed to the phone and yelled, "for God's sake, send the police."

"Then I dressed, and when they came, I was ready to go with them."

Miss Graham first crashed the

film lots as a "bit" girl as a result of a previous attempt at suicide. Earl Carroll, producer at the studio where Reynolds also is employed, saw stories of her suicide effort and gave her a screen test. Later she signed a contract with a stock company.

Police said she has a mother, Mrs. Harry Graham, in Sisterville.

Her first suicide attempt was on March 2, when she swallowed poison, leaving a note which said, "I'm tired of living and I hate life."

On September 27 she tried it again, and reportedly left a note saying she would "try it again."

Is this him? Linked on Ancestry.com but unlikely as Benjamin Reynolds weighed 185 pounds in WWII, not 360 - "Arizona Republic" (Phoenix AZ) Tuesday 16 Jul 1935 p 8
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/117228312/?xid=4721>

Stepchildren:

8 Called
Rec.
2-2-77
17/537
37

STATE OF TEXAS 068-01 068-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 796-3 STATE FILE NO. 09211

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Ector
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Odessa
c. LENGTH OF STAY 24-Yrs.
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 304 Sunset Lane
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution residence before admission)
a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Ector
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Odessa
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 304 Sunset Lane
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
a. First WILMA b. Middle VERNETT c. Last HOLLIS
4. DATE OF DEATH 1-25-1977

5. SEX Female 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. Marital Status: Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH 1-27-1916 9. AGE (In years last birthday) 60 10. UNDER 1 YEAR: Months Days Hours Minutes
11. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife 12. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Home 13. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Oklahoma 14. COUNTRY OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

15. FATHER'S NAME Benjamin Reynolds 16. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Anna Lyons
17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 460 04 8201 18. INFORMATION 'Ray Hollis-Son'
19. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Natural Causes
CONDITION, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b) DUE TO (c) RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (a)
20. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☒ NO ☐

21. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
22a. SIGNATURE [Signature] 22b. DATE SIGNED 2-2-77
23a. BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
23b. DATE 1-29-1977
23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Sunset Memorial Gardens
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Odessa, Texas
23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE [Signature] Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home, Inc.
23f. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE [Signature]
24. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 1072 25. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 2-2-77

TX death record of **stepdaughter Wilma Vernett Reynolds Hollis (1916-1977)** -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/33154_b063001-00230?pld=60991193



Wilma - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/47858569/person/28037981436/media/e732af5a-9839-4d3c-a6fd-2a2c57043d6f>



Stepson Charles Thomas Reynolds (1918-1973) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/47858569/person/28037982278/media/3bdbc656-e848-4147-86e1-73c4c8af50a5>

Social Security Death Index	
View record	
Name	Charles Reynolds
Social Security Number	458-09-8919
Birth Date	29 Jun 1918
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Texas
Last Residence	73401, Ardmore, Carter, Oklahoma, USA
Death Date	May 1973

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/47858569/person/28037982278/facts>

Eva Carol May, 69, of Phoenix, a homemaker, died March 17, 1991. She was born in Oklahoma. Survivors include her husband, Almus May; three daughters; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Greer Chapel, 5921 W. Thomas Road. Graveside services: 2 p.m. Thursday, St. Francis Cemetery, 4800 E. Oak St. Contributions: Hospice of the Valley, 240 W. Osborn Road, Phoenix, 85013.

Obituary of Eva Carol Reynolds May – “Arizona Republic” Wednesday 20 Mar 1991 p 49



Stepdaughter Eva Carol Reynolds May (1921-1991) – Find A Grave 122424011

Father:



David Thomas Bethard - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/16247435/person/19597977358/media/03557518-7779-4704-9bc6-499c651779cc?queryId=2dc1cd58-573d-430e-a45f-f876d1500001&phsrc=cPx8205&phstart=successSource>

Mother:



Emma Chrisman - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/16247435/person/19597968430/media/d66a0ef4-f609-4ea2-8d47-9a656f42d972>

Note of Emma Bethard Illness

Purely Personal

Walter Whitney, a student at the University of Illinois is spending the summer vacation with his parents here.

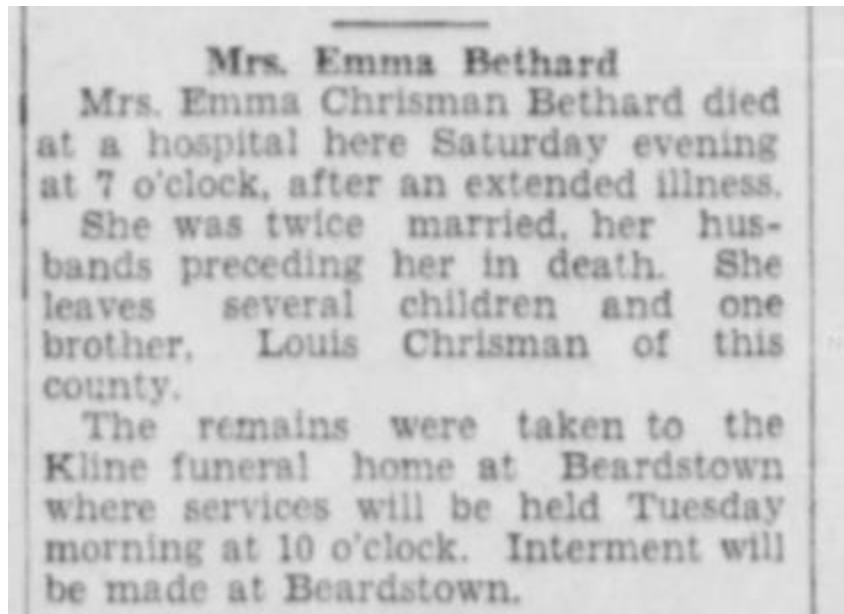
Clarence H. Frouman and wife

Otto Bethard, Emily Rexroat and Marjorie Rexroat of St. Louis Mo. arrived this morning to visit with Mr. Bethard's mother Mrs. Emma Bethard who is quite seriously ill at the home of her sister Mrs. Martha Renner on East Third street.

Page 6 of The Illinoian - Star, published in Beardstown, Illinois on Wednesday, June 15th, 1932

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Obituary of Emma Chrisman Bethard Rexroat – “Jacksonville (IL) Daily Journal” Wednesday 30 Aug 1933 p 10

David T Bethard

in the Illinois, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1800-1940

Name	David T Bethard
Gender	Male
Age	22
Birth Year	abt 1861
Marriage Date	18 Feb 1883
Marriage Place	Scott, Illinois, USA
Father	John Bethard
Mother	Mary J Pinkerton
Spouse	Emma J Crisman

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1324740:61370?tid=47858569&pid=28037987963&queryId=72066962-0f8c-4b10-ad07-0774831c6248&phsrc=cPx8203&phstart=successSource>

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Return of a Marriage to County Clerk.

1. Full Name of GROOM, David J. Bethard
 2. Place of Residence, Chapin
 3. Occupation, Farmer
 4. Age next Birthday, 22 years. Color, Race, Cau
 5. Place of Birth, Berdan Green Co Ill
 6. Father's Name, John Bethard
 7. Mother's Maiden Name, Mary J. Pinkerton
 8. Number of Groom's Marriage, 1st
 9. Full Name of BRIDE, Emma J. Crisman
 Maiden Name, if a Widow,
 10. Place of Residence, Merrett
 11. Age next Birthday, 22 years. Color, Race, Cau
 12. Place of Birth, Lynn Co Va
 13. Father's Name, John B. Crisman
 14. Mother's Maiden Name, Gepphardt, Crisman
 15. Number of Bride's Marriage, 1st
 16. Married at Merrett in the County of Scott
 and State of Illinois, the 15
 day of Feb. 1883
 17. Witnesses to Marriage, Geo. W. Gilbert
Miss Della L. Lewis

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c., Marriage of each.
 17 give names of subscribing witnesses to the Marriage Certificate. If no sub-
 scribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

Feb 15th 1883

We Hereby Certify that the information above given is correct,
 to the best of our knowledge and belief.

David J. Bethard (Groom.)
Emma J. Crisman (Bride.)

to be carefully filled out and returned with the Marriage License. This Return does not take the place of the Certificate which comes attached to the License, but is IN ADDITION THERE TO.

I Hereby Certify that the above is a correct return of a Marriage solemnized by me.

A. W. Harney

Dated at *Woodson* this *19th* day of *Feb.* 188*3*

No. *4373,*

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

ADULT.

Mr *D. J. Pettit*

with

Mrs *E. Christman*

Issued *February 13th* 188*3*

Married _____ 188_____

Book "I" P 31

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/16247435/person/19597977358/media/7fe4461e-9037-4d1f-ab96-5cd4e587802e?queryId=377b4cdf-00cf-4357-a76d-48f15f838d6f&phsrc=cPx8206&phstart=successSource>

Siblings:



Sister Hattie Eva Bethard Rexroat (1885-1926) at right – unidentified male Rexroat at left, Emily Rexroat in center- in St. Louis MO - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/16247435/person/19602583237/media/4c7c057d-fd50-4bdb-b601-f191b2e46016?queryId=a758aafe-99f2-4fdb-8ad1-e6f62e34a87c&_phsrc=cPx8210&_phstart=successSource

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County _____ Registration District No. 791
Towship _____ Precinct No. 1003
City St. Louis (If nonresident give city or town and State) _____

2. FULL NAME Hattie (Rexma) Rexroat
(a) Residence, No. 3201 Chalmers Ward Central Mo.
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (prior to the death) Married

5a. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED
HUSBAND OF Wm. Rexroat
(OR) WIFE OF _____

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Feb 8 - 1884

7. AGE YEARS 42 MONTHS 9 DAYS 9 If LESS than 1 day, ____ hrs. ____ min.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Illinois
(STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

10. NAME OF FATHER Thomas Bethard

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Illinois
(STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

12. MAIDEN NAME OF DECEASED Emma Chismar

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Illinois
(STATE OR COUNTRY) _____

14. INFORMANT Arthur Monnelly
(Address) City Hospital

15. AGED 18 1925 Mar 6 St. Louis

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) Nov 17 1946

I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Nov 6 to Nov 13 1946
that I last saw her alive on Nov 17 1946 and that death occurred on the date stated above, at _____

THE CAUSE OF DEATH* WAS AS FOLLOWS:
chronic valvular disease
toxic pneumonia
lobar pneumonia
42A (duration) yrs. ____ mos. ____ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) 900

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED? _____
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH _____
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? _____ DATE OF _____
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? _____

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS? _____
(Signed) Dr. Mayor M.D.
4/17/46 (Address) City Hospital

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from TRAUMATIC CAUSE, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Chapin Sec DATE OF BURIAL 11-19 1946
20. UNDERTAKER Arthur Monnelly ADDRESS 2039 N. 4th St

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

MO death record of Hattie Eva Bethard Rexroat - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/428527:60382?tid=47858569&pid=28037987965&queryId=5285f161-1ce5-4035-afbb-e73bf52d4bf2&phsrc=cPx8216&phstart=successSource>

William T. Bethard

in the Illinois, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1800-1940

Name	William T. Bethard
Gender	Male
Age	24
Birth Year	abt 1886
Marriage Date	8 Oct 1910
Marriage Place	Virginia, Cass, Illinois, USA
Father	David T. Bethard
Mother	Emma. Chrisman
Spouse	Maude C. Johnson

Marriage of **brother William Thomas Bethard (1886-1913)** -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/949878:61370?tid=47858569&pid=28037987966&queryId=c897ad58-438b-44ed-b553-7bb793b1f870&phsrc=cPx8219&phstart=successSource>

William T Bethard

in the Web: Illinois, U.S., Select Deaths Index, 1877-1916

Name	William T Bethard
Birth Year	abt 1887
Gender	Male
Age	26 Yr
Death Date	21 Mar 1913
Death Place	Wood Slough, Cass, Illinois
Volume	4
Page	191
URL	http://www.ilsos.gov/isavital/deathsrch.jsp

IL death record of William Thomas Bethard - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/69787:9758>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Otto Earle Bethard

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 3rd Squad - private

Serial number: 249,862

Entered service from: Beardstown, Cass OH

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Otto E. Bethard

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Emma Bethard, 919 Wall St., Bearstown
[sic/Beardstown] IL

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Otto E. Bethard

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Emma Bethard, Bealdstown
[sic/Beardstown] IL(PFC, 100th Aero Sq)World War I draft registration (1917): as Otto Earle Bethard - b. 28 Oct 1894 Wrights IL; res:
919 Wall St., Beardstown, Cass IL. Single. Dependent mother. Brakeman, Beardstown Div.,
CB & Q Railroad, Beardstown IL. Tall in height, medium build.World War II draft registration (1942): as Otto Earle Bethard - b. 28 Oct 1894 Wrights IL; res:
Hudson Hotel, Tulsa, Tulsa OK. Contact: Mr. Evans, manager of the Hudson Hotel, Tulsa
OK. Employed by Leonard Const. Co., Melville Refueling, Portsmouth, Newport RI. Height:
5'9" – 160 lbs. Registered 27 Apr 1942

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Otto Earl Bethard

Enlisted 21 Aug 1917

Discharged 16 Jun 1919

Address: 902 Ernsperberger St., Misshawaka [sic/Mishawaka] IN

Rank/unit: private, Casual Detachment 800

Birth & death:

Born: 28 Oct 1894 Wrights, Greene IL

Died: 23 Feb 1964 Hobbs, Lea NM

Find A Grave record: 37618544 - presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Tatum, Lea NM

Cemetery: Tatum

Tombstone:

Father: David Thomas ("Tom") Bethard, 4 Nov 1861 Wrights, Greene IL – 16 Apr 1898
Wrights, Greene IL. Son of John Bethard & Mary Jane Pinkerton.
Son of John Bethard & Mary J. Pinkerton.

Buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Wrights, Greene IL.
Find A Grave: 59598437

Mother: Emma Chrisman Bethard Rexroat, buried as Bethard, Feb 1863 Morgan Co. IL – 26 Aug 1933 Jacksonville, Morgan Co. IL.

Daughter of John Bobbitt Chrisman (1826-1908, F: 108027639) & Zilpha Ann Graves (1837-1913, F: 143920210).

According to the Green Co. IL Historical Society, Emma Bethard married Mathias (Methias) Peter ("Tice") Rexroat on 21 Mar 1921. Mathias was born 2 Jul 1848 IL & died 30 Jan 1928 in Overland, St. Louis MO. He had first married Josephine Kelly (1849-1911, F: 102254738) on 23 May 1872 in Green Co. IL. He was the son of John G. Rexroat (1799-1878) & Nancy Balenger Sells (1807-1879). Mathias is buried as Tice Rexroat in White Hall Cemetery, White Hall, Greene IL.

Was married to another man, according to her obituary, but died with surname of 1st husband Bethard. . "Jacksonville (IL) Daily Journal" 30 Aug 1933 p. 10 – Mrs. Emma Chrisman Bethard d. in a Jacksonville IL hospital 26 Aug 1933. She was twice married, and both her husbands predeceased her. She is survived by several children & her brother, Louis Chrisman, of Jacksonville IL. Her body was taken to Beardstown IL for the funeral & burial. Her marriage to John T. Bethard was her first. She is listed in the 1930 census in St. Louis MO with her daughter Hattie Bethard Rexroat's children.

Buried in Beardstown City Cemetery, Beardstown, Cass IL.

Find A Grave: 143426878

Parents' marriage: David T. Bethard, age 22 on his next birthday, son of John Bethard & Mary J. Pinkerton, resident Chapin IL, farmer, b. Berdan, Greene IL - married on 18 Feb 1883 in Merritt, Scott Co. IL to (Miss) Emma J. Crisman [sic], age 20 on her next birthday, daughter of John B. & Zylpha Crisman [sic], resident of Merritt IL, b. Lynn (spelling?), Morgan Co. IL. First marriage for both.

Spouse: Bessie Helen Goodman Bethard, reverted to Goodman, 9 Feb 1895 Reynoldsville, Union IL – 22 Jan 1973 Mishawaka, St. Joseph IN.

Daughter of John C. Goodman (1856-1923, F: 51045843) & his 2nd wife, Florence Shelton; she was their only child but she had half-siblings from her father's 1st marriage.

Was age 24, b. IL in the 1920 census when she & husband Otto lived in South Bend, St. Joseph IN with his married brother Charles, his wife & daughter.

From her IN death certificate: died in Golden Age Manor of pneumonia. Divorced. Retired from Uniroyal.

Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka, St. Joseph IN.

Spouse Find A Grave: 8508496

Marriage: Divorced by the 1940 census.

Spouse: Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight Freeman Bethard Stewart Anderson, reverted to Goodnight in between marriages, 2 (or 12) Nov 1919 El Dorado, Union AR – 27 Feb 1996 Union Co. AR.

Daughter of Smith Kees Goodnight (1889-1960, F: 94684101) & Addie Simpson (1901-2000, F: 94604222).

Married 13 Aug 1938 in Union Co. AR to Paul West Freeman as Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight. She filed for divorce on 6 May 1942 in Union Co. AR. Paul (4 May 1920 Arkadelphia, Clark AR – 25 Apr 1977 LA), the son of Arthur Barlow Freeman & Alma West, is buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA, F: 16175461.

Married 18 Sep 1942 Ouachita Co. AR to Otto Earle Bethard as Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight. Divorced Jan 1946.

Married 16 Jun 1962 in Madison Co. AR to Thomas Edison (Tom) Stewart, age 44, born Tulsa OK. Agnes E. Goodnight was age 42, giving a birthplace in Tulsa OK. Thomas was born 4 Mar 1918 in Knobbs, Lee TX & died 4 Oct 1999. He was the son of Benjamin Thomas Stewart (F: 53057403) & Minnie Viola Byrd (F: 53057486). This was apparently a short-lived marriage, as Thomas married 22 Nov 1963 in Tulsa, Tulsa OK to Dorothy L. Wheeler, which was 17 months after his marriage to Agnes. Thomas divorced Dorothy on 13 Apr 1970 in FL. Married 17 Aug 1966 in Pulaski Co. AR – Agnes E. Goodnight and Robert James Anderson (1918-1984, F: 286857).

Buried as Agnes Anderson in Woodlawn Cemetery, El Dorado, Union AR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 94450237

Marriage: 18 Sep 1942 Ouachita Co. AR. Agnes Elizabeth Goodnight, age 28, resident of El Dorado, Union AR & Otto E. Bethard, resident of Tulsa OK.

She petitioned for a divorce in Dec 1945 on the grounds of non-support; granted Jan 1946.

Spouse: Anna Marie ("Mema") Lyons Reynolds Bethard, 6 Apr 1897 Sangamon Co. IL – 16 Dec 1963 Hobbs, Lea NM.

Daughter of William Franklin Lyons Sr. & Anna Karoline ("Carrie") Hillers.

Between 1900 & 1909, moved with her parents to OK, where she met & married her first husband, Benjamin Vernett (Vernette/Vernell) Reynolds (14 Apr 1893 River Falls, Pierce, WI -1958, F: 64230800). His middle name is found as VERNELL on his WWII draft registration – or did someone forget to cross the T's? They had 3 children: Wilma [whose middle name is Vernett], Charles & Eva (listed below as Otto's stepchildren).

Ben Reynolds was the son of Vernon Doane Reynolds & Mary Eva Viola Englehart. Anna & Ben married 24 Oct 1941 in Oklahoma Co. OK. When he registered for the WWII draft on 25 Apr 1942 as Benjamin Vernell Reynolds, he resided in Somerton AZ & listed his married daughter Mrs. T.W. Hollis of Denver City TX as his next-of-kin. He was 5'8" & 158 pounds. In the 1940 census, Anna Reynolds lives with her married son Charles Thomas Reynolds in Hobbs, Lea NM. She says she is widowed. Meanwhile, Benjamin Reynolds, 46 WI, divorced, who had lived in Phoenix, Maricopa AZ in 1935, lives in Yuma Co. AZ, employed as a laborer in a vegetable packing shed.

Obituary: "Hobbs Daily News" (Hobbs NM) 18 Dec 1963 p 1 with correction 19 Dec 1963 p13 – age first reported as 88 (corrected to age 66), res: 301 N. Linam, Hobbs NM, d. 15 Feb 1963, resident of Hobbs since 1936, buried Prairie Haven Cemetery.

"Odessa (TX) American" 19 Dec 1963 p. 2 – funeral in Hobbs NM 19 Dec. Died at her Hobbs NM home on 15 Dec. Resident of Hobbs since 1936. Survived by husband O.E. Bethard, 2

daughters: Mrs. T.W. Hollis (Odessa TX) & Mrs. A.W. May (Sterling CO) & son C.T. Reynolds.
 “Hobbs (NM) Daily News-Sun” 24 Jan 1946 p 13 – probate of her will, notice to Wilma Hollis, Charles Thomas Reynolds & Eva Carol May.

Buried in Prairie Haven Cemetery, Hobbs, Lea NM.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: ca. 1956?

Stepchildren (by 2nd wife Anna Marie Lyons Reynolds Bethard):

- Wilma Vernett Reynolds Hollis, 27 Jan 1916 OK – 25 Jan 1977 Odessa, Ector TX. Wife of Theo White (“Put”) Hollis (1910-1974, F: 98174849). Buried in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Odessa, Ector TX. F: 98175292
- Charles Thomas (“Tom”) Reynolds, 29 Jun 1918 Okmulgee, Okmulgee OK – 27 May 1973 Ardmore, Carter OK. Age 21 in 1940. – Charles married Mabel Cathryn Kennedy (1919-1997), daughter of William Edward Kennedy (1886-1929) & Vinnie Adeline Threadgill (1898-1990) on 10 Nov 1937 in Hobbs, Lea NM. Mabel was born 5 Dec 1919 Roaring Springs, Motley TX & died 24 Aug 1997 Ocala, Marion FL. – When Charles registered for the WWII draft on 16 Oct 1940 in Okmulgee OK, he listed his mother as Anna Reynolds of Hobbs NM. Buried in Lone Grove Cemetery, Long Grove, Carter OK. F: 90820740
- Eva Carol Reynolds May, 2 May 1921 Okmulgee, Okmulgee OK – 17 Mar 1991 Phoenix, Maricopa AZ. Wife of Almus Wilmer (“Put”/”Sonny”) May (1916-1991, F: 122424047). Buried in St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, Phoenix, Maricopa AZ. F: 122424011

Siblings:

- Hattie Eva Bethard Rexroat, 8 Feb 1885 Scott Co. IL – 17 Nov 1926 St. Louis MO. Married 8 May 1904 in IL to William Samuel Rexroat (1872-1947, F: 118557855), son of John A. Rexroat & Olivvy Francis Maupin. In 1910, William (39 IL) & Hattie (25 IL) live with daughter Emelie (zero, IL) in Beardstown, Cass IL. Buried in Chapin Cemetery, Chapin, Morgan IL. F: 143338560.
- William Thomas Bethard, 18 Sep 1886 Chapin, Morgan IL [also found as Merritt, Scott IL – 21 Mar 1913 Wood Slough, Cass IL. Married 8 Oct 1910 in Virginia, Cass IL, age 24, to Maude C. Johnson, age 22, b. Galesburg IL, daughter of Charles O. Johnson & Bell Connor. Buried in Beardstown City Cemetery, Beardstown, Cass IL. F: 74063314.
- Charles Franklin Bethard, 5 Oct 1890 (obituary: 5 Aug 1890) Winchester, Scott IL – 10 Oct 1970 Washington, Tazewell Co. IL. Married 24 Jul 1912 in Beardstown, Cass IL to Marie Belle Loer (1894-1975, F: 73163818). Obituary: “Bloomington (IL) Pantograph” 12 Oct 1970 p 21 – age 80, d. 10 Oct 1970, burial in Ohio Cemetery, Eureka IL. Born 5 Aug 1890 in Winchester IL, son of Tom & Emma (Chrisman) Bethard. Preceded in death by his sister & 2 brothers. Caterpillar supervisor. Buried in Olio Township Cemetery, Eureka, Woodford IL. F: 73163768

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security Number: 458-10-6768

Censuses:

1900 Merritt Precinct, Scott Co. IL – conducted 12 Jun 1900

Emma Bethard, 37 IL, Feb 1863, parents b. IL, widow, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living, carpet weaver

Hattie E., 15 IL, Feb 1885, in school

William L., 13 IL, Sep 1886, in school

Charles F., 9 IL, Oct 1890, in school

Otto E., 5 IL, Oct 1894

[for all the children: both parents b. IL]

1910 Beardstown, Cass IL – 204 Second St. – conducted 15 Apr 1910

Emma J. Bethard, 47 IL, parents b. US, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

William, 23 IL, railroad brakeman

Chas., 19 IL, railroad brakeman

Otto, 15 IL, fishing

[for all the children: both parents b. IL]

1920 South Bend, St. Joseph IN – 1334 Fassnacht Ave. – conducted 2 Jan 1920 – with 1st wife Bessie Goodman

Charles Bethard, 29 IL, parents b. IL, laborer, Studebaker

Marie, 25 IL, parents b. IL [wife]

Leroy, 6 IL, student [son]

Otto Bethard, 25 IL, married, laborer, Studebaker [brother]

Bessie Bethard, 24 IL, married, parents b. US [sister-in-law – i.e. Otto's wife]

1920 Severs, Okmulgee OK – his future wife Anna Lyons Reynolds

Benjamin Reynolds, 26 WI, parents b. US, lease foreman, oil field

Anna, 22 IL, father b. KY, mother b. IL [wife]

Wilma, 3 years 11 months OK [daughter]

Thomas, 1 year 6 months OK [son]

1930 cannot locate Otto Bethard

1930 Mishawaka, St. Joseph IN – 714 Ironwood Dr. – 1st wife Bessie Goodman Bethard
Bessie H. Bethard, 35 IL, parents b. US, married, presser, shirt factory [head of household]

1930 St. Louis MO – 2812 Calvert – conducted aa Apr 1930 – Ott's mother, apparently
remarried & widowed
Head of household Emma J. Rexroat, 67 IL, widowed, parents b. IL, stock keeper, grocery
With granddaughters:
Emily F. Rexroat, 20 IL, parents b. IL, winder, electric company
Marjorie Rexroat, 5 MO, parents b. IL

Found in the 1930 South Bend IN city directory living with wife Bessie

1930 Wink, Winkler TX – 239 Winkler St. – conducted 8 Apr 1930 – future wife Anna Lyons
Reynolds
Anna Reynolds, 32 IL, father b. IN, mother b. IL, widow, servant, lunch room [ex-husband
Benjamin Reynolds dies in 1958]
Wilma, 14 OK
Tom, 12 OK
Eva, 8 OK
[for the children: father b. WI, mother b. IL]

1935 Florida state census – Miami, Dade FL
Otto E. Bethard, 40 IL, single, truck driver, renter

1940 Flora, Clay IL – 408 W. North Ave. – in 1935 a resident of Orlando FL – line 30 –
conducted 8 Apr 1940
Otto E. Bethard, 45 IL, single, lodger, metal welder, oil production
With Henry Plum, 66 OH, Henry's wife & 7 other male & female lodgers

1940 Mishawaka, St. Joseph IN – former wife Bessie Goodman, who reverted to her maiden
name – residing at 719 Hubbard Ave. – same place in 1935
Bessie Goodman, 44 IL, divorced, service operator, rain coat factory

1940 Hobbs, Lea MN – in 1935 Charles & Anna lived Wink, Winkler TX while Mable lived in
Ranger, Eastland TX – future wife Anna with son
Charles C. Reynold [sic], 21 OK, married, roughneck, oil field [head of household]
Mable, 20 TX [wife]
daughter Tommie J., 1 NM [daughter]
Anna M. Reynold, 43 IL, widow [but her former husband Benjamin does not die until 1958]
[mother]

1950 Streator, La Salle IL - conducted 27/28 Apr 1950 – is this Otto's future wife, back in Illinois?

Anna Reynolds, 53 IL, divorced, keeping house