

TUSCANIA

***brother of Tuscania survivor Fensky Conroe Terzia
Terzia, Leo Frank (Sr.)
1894 LA – 1952 LA**



Leo Frank Terzia Sr. – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” 22 Oct 1952 p 1

State Senator Leo Terzia



With Representative D. F. Ed-ville, are looking after the inter-wards of West Carroll, State Sen-ests of this section during the cur-ators Leo Terzia (above), of Bas-rent session of the state legisla-trop, and R. W. Rhodes, of Farmer-ture. (See legislative news reports.)

"West Carroll Gazette" (Oak Grove LA) Thursday 12 May 1938 p 14

Senator Terzia Served Parish In Legislature

One of the early pioneer families in this area was the Terzia family which included State Senator Leo F. Terzia who served in the state legislature representing Morehouse, Union, Lincoln and West Carroll parishes. His terms of office in the upper house was from 1932 to 1940.

He was born in 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Terzia of Bastrop and received his early education here and later at the well known Quincy Business College, Quincy, Illinois.

The Tensas Basic Levee Board honored him by electing him as president which office he held at the time of his death Oct. 12, 1952.

Mr. Terzia served for 18 months in France in World War I being regional color sergeant for the 20th engineers.

He was one of the few survivors of the ill-fated troopship, the Tuscania, in the Irish Sea. It was the victim of a torpedo attack on February 5, 1918 and was one of the tragic events of the entire war.

It was at the close of this war that he and his brothers established the Parlor City Lumber Company, with the late Theodore Terzia as company president.

Theodore Terzia was one of the best known men in Bastrop, interested in civic affairs and politics and at the time of his death at an early age in 1932, was serving as president of Ouachita Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Terzia was married to Totsy Bain of Portland, Ark. and

they were the parents of one son, Leo F. Terzia Jr., of Monroe. He had three brothers, Fensky and Felix Terzia Jr., both of Monroe and William F. Terzia who lived in Saginaw, Mich. at the time of the senator's death.

Senator Terzia was naturally interested deeply in service men's organizations and held

membership in the V. F. W. Post in Bastrop and was a charter member of the L. B. Faulk Post No. 13 in Monroe. He was also a member of Rodney J. Hobbs Post

V. F. W. in Monroe, the Western Star Lodge of Masons, Chamber of Commerce of Monroe and West Monroe and Teflis Grotto.





Senator Huey Long is shown with members of the committee of the Louisiana legislature which Saturday began investigating "vice and corruption" in New Orleans whose mayor, T. Semmes Walmsley, is the other side of the famous Long-Walmsley political fight. Left to right, standing, are, Senator Long, committee counsel; Representative W. J. Hammond, Jonesboro; House Sergeant-at-Arms C. A. Thomas, Baton Rouge; Senator Thomas C. Wingate, Leesville; Representative R. S. Wild, Windsville. Seated, Senator Leo F. Terzia, Bastrop; Senator James A. Noe, Monroe, chairman of committee; and Senator F. E. Delahoussaye, New Iberia.—Associated Press photo.

US Senator Huey Pierce Long, the "Kingfish," standing at far left, with LA State Senator Leo Frank Terzia seated at left (white shirt, dark tie) – "Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 2 Sep 1934 p 6
– this photograph ran nationwide



Leo Frank Terzia's inscribed signature on his tombstone – Find A Grave 16361935

Leo. F. Terzia, Prominent Merchant, Former Senator, Dies Monroe Today; Funeral Services to Be Held Thursday

Leo F. Terzit, 53, a former resident of Bastrop, died in a Monroe hospital early Wednesday morning. He was taken to the hospital from his residence in that city Saturday after his condition became grave.

The funeral will be held at Grace Episcopal church, Monroe, of which he was a member, Thursday at 3 p.m. Rev. Father John M. Allen, rector, will officiate. Assisting him will be Rev. O'Neal, Presbyterian minister of Ruston. Interment will be in Riverview Burial park at Monroe.

The son of F. A. Terzia and Mrs. Terzia of Bastrop, Mr. Terzia received his early education here. He later attended Quincy Business college in Illinois.

Since graduating he has actively engaged in lumber and hardware business and was one of the which comprised the Terzia Lumfounders of the Terzia interests which comprises the Terzia Lumber and Hardware here and the

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It was at the close of this war that he and his brothers established the Parlor City Lumber company, with the late Theodore Terzia as company president.

Theodore Terzia was one of Monroe's best known men. Interested in civic affairs and politics, at the time of his death 20 years ago, he was serving as president of Ouachita Parish Police jury.

Leo Terzia was naturally interested deeply in servicemen's organizations. He was a former Commander of the V. F. W. post in Bastrop and a charter member of the L. B. Faulk post No. 12 of the American Legion in Mon-

Parlor City Lumber company at Monroe.

He served as Senator from this district from 1932 to 1940. Following the completion of his second term he removed to Monroe and has since resided there.

The Tensas Basin Levee board honored him by election as president which office he held at the time of his death. He also was a member from Louisiana of the advisory board of the Small Defense Plants Administration, which has headquarters for this area in Dallas.

Two members are selected from area states and Mr. Terzia and one other member represented Louisiana.

Mr. Terzia served for 18 mon-

roe. Other organizations of which he was a member were the Dodney J. Hobbs post of V. F. W. in Monroe, to which he transferred membership when he moved there; Western Star lodge of Masons, Chamber of Commerce of Monroe and West Monroe, and Teflis Grotto.

He was married to Totsy Bain, Portland, Arkansas, who survives. Other survivors are a son, Leo F. Terzia, jr., of Monroe; two grandchildren; three brothers Finsky C. Terzia and Felix A. Terzia, jr., both of Monroe; and William F. Terzia, Saginaw, Mich. and a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral Held Thursday For Leo F. Terzia

Funeral service for Leo F. Terzia, former state senator, who died in a Monroe hospital Wednesday morning, were held Thursday afternoon at Grace Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. Rev. John Allin, the church's rector, officiated, and interment followed in Riverview burial park.

Mr. Terzia, son of F. A. Terzia and Mrs. Terzia of Bastrop, was born in that city and received his early education there and later at the well known Quincy Business College, Quincy, Ill.

He entered business upon graduating and through the years was actively engaged in lumber and hardware lines, being one of the founders of the extensive Terzia interests which comprised the Parlor City Lumber Company, in Monroe, and the Terzia Lumber and Hardware Company in Bastrop.

He had served in the state legislature, being elected senator from his district, which comprises the parishes of Morehouse, Union, Lincoln and West Carroll. His terms of office in the upper house were from 1932 to 1940.

Following the completion of his second term, he moved to Monroe and had resided there ever since.

The Tensas Basin Levee Board honored him by election as president, which office he held at the time of death.

Mr. Terzia was married to Totsy Bain, Portland, Ark., who survives. Other survivors are a son, Leo P. Terzia, Jr., Monroe; two grandchildren, Cynthia Le and Leo F. Terzia III; three brothers, Fensky C. Terzia and Felix A. Terzia, Jr., both of Monroe; and William F. Terzia, Saginaw, Mich., besides a number of nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were David I. Garrett, Jr., Dr. V. H. Reitzell, A. B. Myatt, Jr., Will Harvey Todd, Jr., Joe J. Turpin Col. C. F. Baird, W. B. Gladney, and Fred Fudickar Jr.

Terzia	Leo P	250-659	White	Colored
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Residence, Street and No.	City	Parish		
RA Jefferson Bks No. Nov. 25-17	Bastrop La.		23-8-12 yrs	
Enlisted or inducted	Date	Place of birth		Age or date of birth
Organizations:	Hq Det 20 Engrs to disch			
Grades with dates of appointment	Col 3gt Mch 8-19			
Engagements				
Wounds or other injuries received in service	none			
Served overseas from	Jan 24-18 to May 28-19	from		to
Honorably discharged on demobilization	June 12-19			
In view of occupation, he was, on date of discharge, reported	0% disabled			
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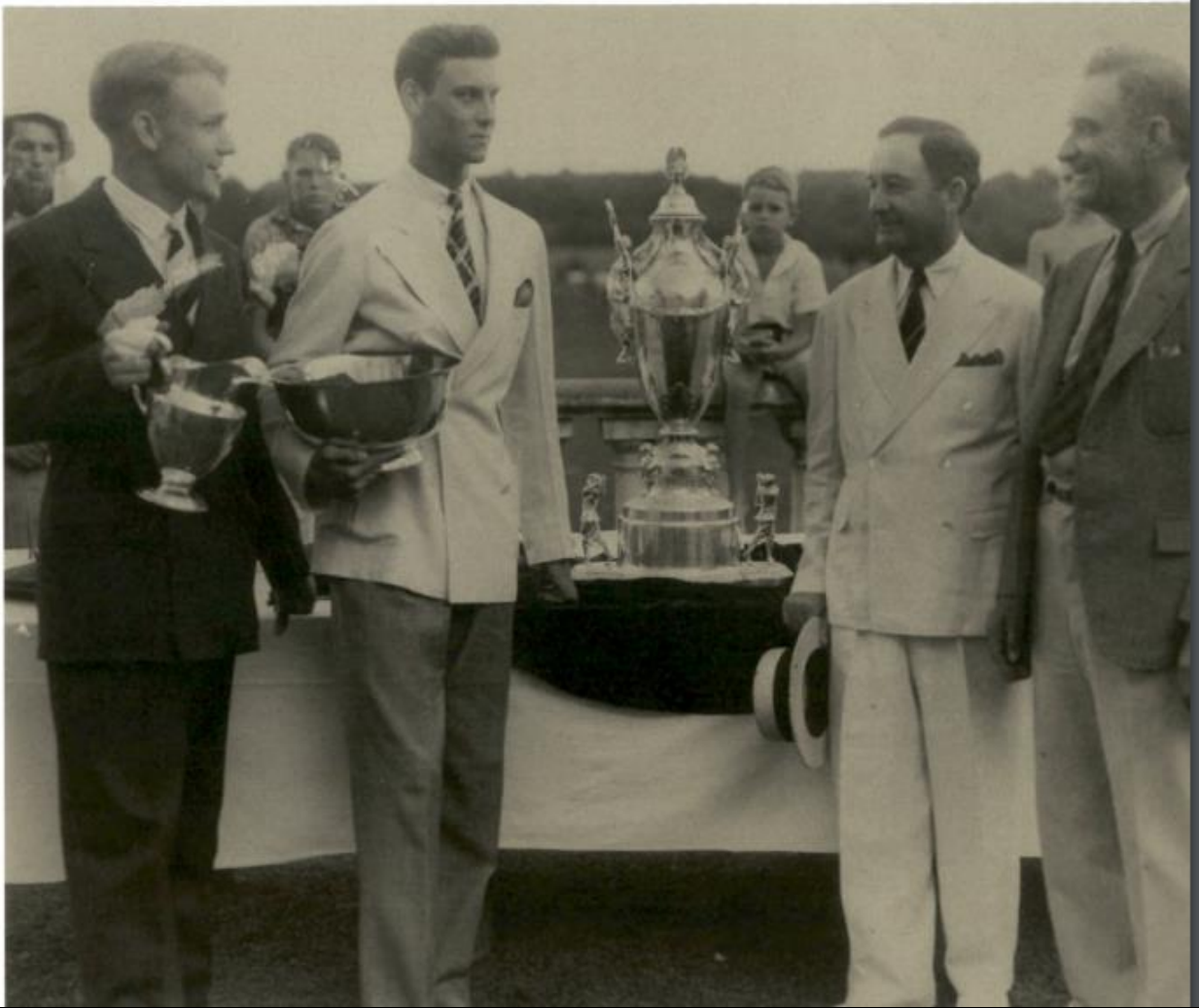
Three players, Sam Perry of Birmingham, Fred Haas Jr., of New Orleans, and Charles Yates of Atlanta, quickly established themselves as the premier golfers in the South in the 1930s.

Emmett Spicer, however, had always been a threat and he won his second Southern Amateur in 1930 at Sedgefield

Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina. Spicer defeated hometowner Tulley Blair, 5 and 4, in the finals. To get there, Spicer had to beat upstart Fred Webb, a fifteen-year-old from Shelby, North Carolina, 2-up. Webb was vying to become the youngest Southern Amateur champion since Bobby Jones, who was fifteen years, three months old when he won his first of three in Birmingham in 1917. Webb defeated two Memphis veterans, Chasteen Harris, 1-up, and Tom J. White Jr., 5 and 4, to get to the semis.

The following year at Chattanooga, Harris, Spicer's club mate at Colonial, won. Harris's road to victory included wins over three state champions: Bob Gornley, Laurel, Mississippi; A. P. "Polly" Boyd, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Jack Toomer, Jacksonville, Florida. Young Charles Yates of Atlanta defeated Spicer, 1-up, in the quarterfinals and Toomer beat Yates, 1-up. Sam Perry won his second in 1932 on his home course, Country Club of Birmingham.

Haas was the only player to win twice in the 1930s. His wins were over Perry, 10 and 8, at New Orleans in 1934 and over Yates, 1-up, at Charlotte in 1937. He also was runner-up to Jack "Red" Munger in Memphis in 1936. Seeding was used in the 1934 tournament and Haas, the eighteen-year-old son of the golf professional at Colonial Country Club in New Orleans, defeated four of the seeds. Before conquering Perry, the No. 1 seed, in the finals, 10 and 8, he beat unseeded Alvin Everett, 1-up, No. 8 seed George Bush, 1-up, No. 4 seed Julius Hughes, 4 and 3, and No. 2 seed Billy Howell, a Walker Cup player, 1-up.



*1937 Southern Amateur
presentation, from left, Charles
Yates, Fred Haas, SGA president
Charles V. Rainwater, and
Charlotte Country Club president
H.M Wade. Photo courtesy of
Charlotte Country Club,
Charlotte, North Carolina.*

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It was at Chickasaw in Memphis just days after the war ended (1945) that amateur Haas won the Memphis Open to end Byron Nelson's streak of eleven straight victories on the PGA Tour. The next year Freddie turned pro. Haas was the first college player to successfully play tour golf. Art Doering of Stanford was the first to make the jump, but did not make a career of it. At the time even the best tour players, such as Nelson and Ben Hogan, held club jobs, too. Many were former caddies who had never gone to college. "The tour began to pick up about that time," Haas said. "There weren't enough tournaments for me to play in when I graduated in 1937, so I had to work until I was twenty-five years old. I talked with my wife and said we needed to take a chance. We didn't want to wake up at fifty and say, 'Maybe we could have done it.' We either got to do it or don't. She said, 'If you're game, I am.'"

"Fortunately I was able to continue selling insurance. I was selling it to the guys on the tour. That's when I sold the most, because nobody else could get close to the players and I was living with them. I was able to make a living playing the tour and selling insurance. I couldn't have made it on just one of them. I had to have both."

The Haas family lived in Dermott, Arkansas, when Freddie was in high school. His father turned pro and took a job at Morehouse Country Club in Bastrop, Louisiana. Fred's uncle, Louisiana Senator Leo Terzia, encouraged him to enter the Louisiana State Amateur. He lost in the finals. "After the match, here comes Uncle Leo with Huey Long," Freddie remembered.

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"Your uncle tells me you can get me the best golf team in the country at LSU," Long said to Freddie.

"Well, I think I could because I know all the really good junior golfers, but I've got a scholarship at Arkansas."

"Oh, no, you're coming to LSU. Meet me tomorrow morning at the stadium at eight o'clock and we'll talk about this thing."

The following morning Haas met Long. "Now the thing to do is for you to enroll and we'll take care of things here," the Louisiana political legend said.

"At the time the only schools with golf teams were the likes of Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Michigan, and Stanford," Haas added. "We didn't win the NCAA until sometime in the '40s, but I happened to win the NCAA individual in 1937." LSU was co-champion with Princeton in 1940 and Stanford in 1942. LSU was the first university in the South to put an emphasis on golf, but any number of individuals from the South won the NCAA and its forerunner, the National Intercollegiate. In the 1940s, universities were beginning to spend money on golf programs and the best players were beginning to realize that the best schools to attend if they wanted to play college golf were in the Sun Belt because of the weather. North Texas State (now University of North Texas) won four straight championships under coach Fred Cobb beginning in 1949, and the University of Houston won its first of 15 under coach Dave Williams in 1956.

Haas lived up to his word to Huey Long. He got LSU good players. One of the players was Paul Leslie, who lost to Haas in the all-LSU finals of the National

Intercollegiate in 1937. Golfers that followed Haas and Leslie to LSU included Earl Stewart, Gardner Dickinson Jr., Johnny Pott, Dale Morcy, Jimmy Wittenberg, Bert McDowell, and Sonny Ellis.

"While we were there at the stadium I said, 'Senator, where are we going to play golf? We've got to have a golf course to play golf.'"

"Oh, we'll make some arrangement," Long said.

"Right across the road there between us and the railroad track is an empty piece of ground," Haas said. "Why don't we build a golf course right there? See all those cows there. All they are doing is munching on the grass."

"Son, I can't move those cows. If I did, I would lose every farmer's vote in the state. That's out."

Twenty-five years later Haas got a call from LSU. They wanted him to dedicate a golf course the university had built. "Can you believe it?" he said. "They built it right where those cows were. The original course was nine holes, but subsequently another nine was added by going across the railroad tracks."

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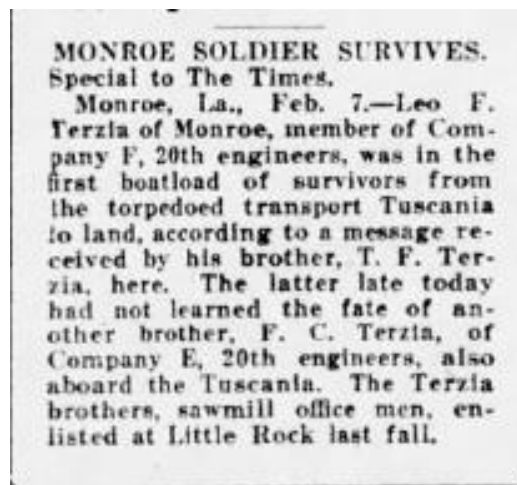
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State legislators: Elmer E. Holmes (1892-1971), a private in the 158th Aero Squadron, became a state legislator in Pennsylvania. *Ralph Rogers/Roger Wescott* (1894-1951) of the 107th Supply, Company A, an attorney, served in both World War I and II and as a state legislator in Wisconsin. *Leo Frank Terzia*, onboard with his brother Fensky ("Fris"), whose

letter to their brother Theo (Ted) has been excerpted in this text, served in the Louisiana state senate from 1932 to 1940. A photograph of him with Huey Long, Louisiana's controversial governor who then became a U.S. Senator, can be found online, as well as some court cases concerning Terzia's political activities. On September 8, 1935, grocer C.T. Matlock, from Terzia's birthplace of Bastrop, Louisiana, encountered Terzia in the hallway of the state capitol building. After their conversation, Matlock and his wife had just stepped outside the capitol when they heard a gunshot. Huey Long had been shot by an assassin; he died two days later. Terzia was a private in the 20th Engineers, Company E.

From Marilyn C. Gahm's "The Sinking of the Tuscania" page 383

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"Shreveport (LA) Times" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Monroe Man Among Survivors.

Monroe, La., Feb. 8.—Leo F. Terzia of Monroe, member of Company F, Twentieth Engineers, was in the first boatload of survivors from the torpedoed transport Tuscania, to land, according to a message received by his brother, T. F. Terzia, here. The latter late yesterday had not learned the fate of another brother, F. C. Terzia of Company E, Twentieth Engineers, who was also aboard the Tuscania, it is said. The Terzia brothers, saw mill office men, enlisted at Little Rock last fall.

“Alexandria (LA) Town Talk” Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 6

Graphic Story of Ship Disaster By Leo Terzia, Survivor of the Tuscania

MONROE MAN, HOWEVER, SAYS
INCIDENT PUT FIGHTING
BLOOD INTO HIS VEINS.

In a letter just received by T. F. Terzia of this city from his brother, Leo F. Terzia, who, with Fensky Terzia, was saved from the torpedoed transport Tuscania, the first detailed information of that awful sea disaster, as told by a man personally known here, is contained.

The "little incident," as Leo Terzia characterizes the sinking of the Tuscania, has put lots of fighting blood into the veins of the survivors, who are "just rearin'" to pay back the Germans for getting 'em wet.

The letter follows:

Text of Letter.

Somewhere in England, Feb. 12, '18.

My Dear Theo: I guess that by this time you all know that Fensky and I were on the ill-fated Tuscania and pulled through all O K., because "no news is always good news," but,

all of the survivors of the ship and we, of course, thought all of the rest were lost.

Would Make "Fritz" Pay.

The little incident has certainly put lots of fighting blood into our veins and we know that it has had the same effect on the people back there. We are both feeling fine now and are ready to pay "Fritz" for getting us "all wet."

Theo, we lost everything we had in the world, and it is going to be quite a while before we get outfitted personally like we were, as you know when we left Washington we stocked up on everything we needed. We will be here for some time, and it is impossible to get some things that we need, so get busy and send us a complete outfit. So far I do not like the cigaretttes from Scotland, Ireland or England and I guess in France they will be the same.

When our raft landed on an island off the Scottish coast, we were in the most beautiful little town I ever saw, and I will never forget the

boy, we certainly had an awful experience and a mighty narrow escape.

We were separated from each other for five long days and you can imagine how uneasy we were about each other, not knowing what the fate of the other was. We were supposed to leave the *Tuscania* in the same life boat, both having been assigned to "No. A-13," but, in some way Fensky did not get on it. I headed the line of Company "E" and was the first to go down the rope, but, before I went down I called for Fensky but receiving no answer I took it for granted that he was in the boat when she was lowered. I found out better, however, as soon as we pulled away from the ship, and you can just imagine how it made me feel.

Torpedoed at 6:10 p. m.

We were torpedoed at 6:10 p. m. and landed at just about 5:00 a. m. after fighting the rocks for about 8 hours. Out of some 7 or 8 life boats, our raft was the only one that made a landing without being smashed to pieces against the rocks, but, Theo, we sure had to do some fighting. We had 32 men on our boat when we left the *Tuscania*, and we landed the whole bunch safely. The other boats, that left alongside our boat,

with probably 20 men aboard, would show up with less than half living after being smashed against the rocks. I saw more horrible sights

treatment received from those "Oh honest-to-God people." Fensky was picked up from his raft by a trawler and landed in Ireland. You will receive a cable from us in the next few days and I trust that you will let all of our friends know that we are all right.

Strong for English Navy.

We are certainly strong for the English Navy; they certainly did their share and that is the only reason that we are alive today. All of the people threw open their arms to us and we have been treated royally everywhere we went. We were received by Ambassador Page today and we were glad indeed to have this honor. He certainly made a fine speech.

As you know we only lost a few men in the disaster, but, of course, it was hard to lose these fine boys. It is all in the game though and we have to take it as though it was for the best.

I know all of you were worried about us.

Give our very best wishes to all of our friends back there and with love to you and all of the folks, I am

Affectionately,

LEO F. TERZIA,

Co. "E" 6th Bat. 20th Engineers, Co. American Expeditionary Forces, Via New York.

—W.S.S.—

than I expect to ever see again. I believe that nearly all of the missing were accounted for as dead, near the spot where I landed, and of course this fact made me think that nearly all the rest met the same fate. I did not close my eyes for five long nights.

I was in the first bunch of 90 that reported at the concentration camp in England and Fensky came with the next bunch ————— were

“Monroe (LA) News-Star” Monday 11 Mar 1918 p 1

A Call for Names.

At an early date there will be placed, with appropriate ceremony, in the Methodist church a memorial tablet to the soldier boys of the Methodist church, who have enlisted and some of them making the supreme sacrifice in the greatest war the world has ever known.

That there may be no omission of the name of a single soldier who was a member of the Methodist church, or whose parents were Methodist, and the inclination of the soldier was for this church, a call is now made for all names so far not enrolled.

The engraver is now in town, ready for work. Below we print the list. If there is any correction in name or initials, or other names to be added, kindly phone at once the chairman of the memorial tablet committee, Mrs. J. C. Sadler, phone 454, as the engraver will begin at once:

A. G. Cook, Jr., Chas. E. McKenzie, Lonan G. Johnson, Jason H. Johnson, Frank T. Dawkins, Larry H. Henry, Robt. T. McLeod, Thomas T. Gillen, A. Ross Mallory, Aubrey Blake, Frank Thompson, Robt. E. Young, Harold Bell, Robt. Brooks, Thomas G. Hart, Elmer Anderson, Joe B. Mangham, Sims C. Nettles, J. Drew Hayward, David Thompson, W. Woodard Cooper, Jno. P. Parker, Jr., Robt. E. Moran, Dr. Geo. W. Wright, Finsky C. Terzia, Leo. F. Terzia, Sterling Newton, T. C. New-

ton, Emmet Brewton, Richard A. Young, Dr. Armand McHenry, Thomas E. Utley, Dr. Barkdull Faulk, David I. Garrett, Robert Frierson Cook, Jeff Thomas Bryant, Claude G. Dunn, Peter David Dunn, Jno. G. Keller, Jr., Malcolm Beidenharn, Henry Parker Blanks, Jim O'Reilly, E. Hunt Arant, Fred Strong, Thomas Standifer Gunby, Harry W. Hicks, Ralph M. Sparks, Jno. W. Blanks, Lawrence Johnston, Alvin Volk, Franklin Bond Garrett, Jno. Duff, Neal McHenry, B. B. Handy, Milton Bell, Grayson Scott Young, A. W. Riggs, Jr., Horace Hale, H. J. Holloman, Ronald Lee Davis, Chas. Boatner Grayson, Lewis Hayden, Jno. Donovan, David A. Johnston, Jr., Dr. Phillip M. Gayle, Edwin Ball Johnston, Felix Brown, Albert E. Lucy, Miss Edna Brown, Joseph B. Dawkins, Lucien Dawkins, Mrs. Bessie Russell Ansley, Frederick Jos. Johnson, Commodore Ryan, Fred Thompson, Ellis Brown.

"Monroe (LA) News-Star" Thursday 8 May 1919 p 2

Building permits amounting to \$9,500 were issued here yesterday by City Secretary-Treasurer A. P. Poag for the erection of two residences. Leo F. Terzia will build a six-room frame residence on North Third street at a cost of \$5,500, E. Trout being the contractor. A. J. Brooks is preparing to erect a five-room residence on Bres avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets at a cost of \$4,000.

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" Wednesday 6 Oct 1920 p 11

Political Announcements

The Enterprise is authorized to announce the following as candidates for district or parish offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next January:

FOR SHERIFF
Y. D. CRAWFORD
S. B. SHELL
J. F. CARPENTER
W. H. McCARTY
MAX BRODNAX

FOR CORONER
DR. R. B. LEAVELL
DR. O. M. PATTERSON

POLICE JURY MEMBER
Ward 3
GEORGE P. COX
J. NELSON JONES
Ward Four
WALTER L. HOOD

STATE SENATOR
Position No. 2
LEO F. TERZIA

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 24 Sep 1931 p 7

LEO F. TERZIA ANNOUNCES FOR SENATOR

Local Man Throws Hat in
Ring Today for State
Senator

In an interview today, Leo Terzia authorized the announcement of his candidacy for Senator of the 28th Senatorial District composed of the parishes of Morehouse, West Carroll, Lincoln and Union, for position No. 2, designated, being Senator from east of the Ouachita river.

Mr. Terzia is 37 years old and was born and reared in Bastrop and is very much interested in the progress of North Louisiana, and particularly the parishes comprising this senatorial district.

Mr. Terzia received his education in the schools of Morehouse parish. In the early part of the World War he enlisted as a buck private and later was promoted to Regimental Color Sergeant and served with the 29th Engineer Regiment in France. He and his brother were on the Tuscania, which was the only American troop transport torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, and in this disaster several hundred of the soldiers on board lost their lives and the Terzia brothers were among those who were rescued.

Leo is at present commander of the American Legion Post of Morehouse parish, serving his second term in that office, and has been very active in American Legion affairs since the organization of the Legion. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Terzia entered business as an office employee of the Grayling Lumber Company in 1913 and, after the war, in 1919, with his brothers, organized the Palor City Lumber Company in Monroe, and his business ability is demonstrated by the progress made by that company and his success in the organization as manager of the Morehouse Lumber & Buliding Material Company which was established in Bastrop by Mr. Terzia and his associates in 1927.

Mr. Terzia says that if elected he pledges himself to serve the people of the four parishes in the district and to represent the district fairly and impartially to the best of his ability and believes that he is qualified on account of his experience and training and is familiar with the problems of all the parishes. He expressed himself as being strongly in favor of the continuation of all public improvements, especially public schools, highways, bridges and the establishment of a charity hospital in northeast Louisiana, and particularly the completion of the East and West highway through this senatorial district, as soon as possible.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 24 Sep 1931 p 1

**Here's How Ballot
Will Look**

SECOND PRIMARY
Democratic Party
Parish Democratic Primary

PARISH ELECTION FOR
NOMINATION FOR PARISH OFFICERS

Election
Tuesday, February 23, 1932
PARISH of MOREHOUSE

To vote for a candidate make a cross
mark X with a lead pencil in the square
opposite his or her name.

FOR SENATORS, 28TH
SENATORIAL DISTRICT
(Vote for two of the candidates, but
from different parishes.)

LINCOLN PARISH	
J. WALTER ELDER	
CLYDE S. RODGERS	
MOREHOUSE PARISH	
LEO. F. TERZIA	
UNION PARISH	
E. B. ROBINSON	

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 18 Feb 1932 p 1

<i>Election Returns From Morehouse Parish in Tuesday's Run-Off</i>																	
	Ward 1	Ward 2 Pct. 1	Ward 2 Pct. 2	Ward 3	Ward 4 Pct. 1	Ward 4 Pct. 2	Ward 4 Pct. 3	Ward 4 Pct. 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8	Ward 9 Pct. 1	Ward 9 Pct. 2	Ward 10 Pct. 1	Ward 10 Pct. 2	Totals
State Senator																	
J. Walter Elder	13	21	33	45	120	112	192	142	42	142	28	46	28	13	29	45	1062
Clyde S. Rodgers	10	16	19	16	26	25	45	33	39	29	11	39	8	15	35	12	378
Leo F. Terzia	53	53	87	114	217	173	344	319	137	230	71	135	42	23	109	131	2238
E. B. Robinson	49	33	91	85	187	150	297	262	66	114	55	76	21	19	81	86	1672

Leo wins the election for LA state senator from Morehouse Parish in a 4-way race with 2,238 votes – the others got 1,1672, 1,062 & 378 – "Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 25 Feb 1932 p 1

and wishes him success.

The two senators from the Twenty-Eighth Senatorial District, which comprises Morehouse, West Carroll, Union and Lincoln parishes, will be E. B. Robinson, incumbent of Union parish and Leo F. Terzia of Morehouse parish. The two gentlemen were elected in Tuesday's run-off by good margins over their two opponents. Senator E. B. Robinson was high man and he received a large vote in every parish in the district. This is a splendid compliment to the gentleman who has served this district faithfully and well for the past four years. It is a vote of confidence that the people of this district have in him. Leo Terzia, in being elected to the State Senate, made a remarkable race, and deserves commendations on his election. In him, Morehouse parish has the first senator in the Louisiana Legislature for about twenty years. The Enterprise extends its congratulations to Messrs. Robinson and Terzia on their election. The next Legislature will have a large number of important tasks confronting them and with Messrs. Robinson and Terzia representing this district, the parishes of Morehouse, West Carroll, Union and Lincoln can be assured of able and honest representation in the senate in the next legislature.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 3 Mar 1932 p 2

Morehouse Solons Given Important Com. Assignments

**Senator Leo Terzia and Representative James Madison
On Many Committees**

Senator Leo F. Terzia and Representative James Madison, Morehouse solons in the Louisiana Legislature, were given several important committee assignments in the various committees in the House and Senate as announced last week.

Senator Terzia was appointed on six committees and was made chairman of the committee on Railroads, Insurance and Industries. The Senate committee assignments were made by John B. Fournet, Lieutenant Governor.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 26 May 1932 p 6

NEW SENATORIAL DISTRICT

A measure of unusual interest in this section which has been introduced in the Louisiana Legislature is a proposed Constitutional Amendment by Senator Leo F. Terzia of Morehouse parish, proposing a 34th Senatorial District to be composed of the parishes of Morehouse and West Carroll.

The Senatorial District to which Morehouse at present belongs is composed of four parishes, the other three parishes being West Carroll, Union and Lincoln. This district is allowed two senators. Under the provisions of Senator Terzia's measure, the district would be divided into two, and Morehouse and West Carroll would be entitled to one senator, while Union and Lincoln would be entitled to one senator.

There is much merit to this proposal and we believe it meets with the approval of Morehouse and West Carroll parishes. The interests of these two parishes are somewhat similar and different from the interests of the parishes across the river. It would therefore be a popular move to divide the district into two parts, and we trust that this will be accomplished before the next Senatorial election.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 23 Jun 1932 p 2

EARLY START OF PROBE FAVORED BY LONG'S AIDE

Noe Of Monroe And
Terzia Of Bastrop Are
On Committee

WILL EYE BANK FUNDS

Personal Fortunes Of City
Officials Will Be
Viewed

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 27.—(AP)—An early start of the legislative investigation of the New Orleans city government was indicated here today when Lieutenant-Governor John B. Fournet appointed a senate committee to conduct the inquiry. The house committee was appointed several days ago.

Sitting in Governor O. K. Allen's office with Senator Huey P. Long, the lieutenant-governor said he had named Senators Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop, Thomas Wingate of Leesville, F. E. Delahoussaye of New Iberia and James A. Noe of Monroe, to the committee.

Senator Long, dictator of state politics, said he thought the investigation should start immediately.

"The first thing the committee should do," he said, "is look into the bank accounts, bank boxes and the personal fortunes of the public officials in New Orleans."

Fournet recommended that the senate committee meet immediately and organize.

"I think that the investigation should start immediately," he said. "I don't agree with Speaker (Allen) Ellender that a start before the election would be mixing the investigation with politics."

Ellender, speaker of the house, after appointing the house committee last week, suggested that the investigation be delayed until after the September 11 congressional primary election.

Those appointed on the house committee last week by Speaker Ellender were Isom J. Guillory, St. Landry parish; William J. Hammon, Jackson parish; James T. Burns, St. Tammany parish; R. S. Wilds, Concordia parish, and Monette Jones, Beauregard parish.

The legislative committee was clothed with the powers of a court when it was authorized at the recent special session of the legislature.

Its announced purpose was to make a sweeping investigation of governmental affairs in New Orleans. Asserted vice and corruption was expected to draw major attention.

Senator Long and Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley are supporting rival candidates in the congressional primary, and the investigation was one of the pre-election blows aimed at the city by the Louisiana "kingfish."

TERZIA NAMED ON N. O. PROBE COMMITTEE

**Selection of Morehouse Solon
Said to Have Come As
Surprise**

Senator Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop was named a member of the special committee authorized by the recent special session of the Louisiana to probe the affairs of the City of New Orleans, which is another part of the political battle between the state administration forces of Senator Huey P. Long and the Old Regulars of New Orleans headed by Mayor T. Semmes Walsmley.

Senator Terzia's appointment was announced in Baton Rouge Monday by Lieutenant-Governor John B. Fournet. Other members of the Senate committee named by the Lieutenant Governor were Senator James Noe of Ouachita parish, Senator F. E. Delahoussaye of Iberia parish and Senator Thomas Wingate of Vernon parish. These four together with five members of the House of Representative appointed by Allen Ellender, Speaker of the House, are to conduct the investigation. The members of the House on the probe committee are Isom J. Guillory, St. Landry parish, William J. Hammon, Jackson parish; James T. Burns, St. Tammany parish; R. S. Wilds, Concordia parish; and Monette Jones, Beauregard parish.

Senator Leo Terzia Offers His Aid To Reduce Gas Rates

Offer Is Accepted By Mayor Ludlum Who Invites Suggestions

Commenting on the order of the Public Service Commission, Senator Leo Terzia of Bastrop stated this week that since the announced reduction in telephone rates had been made, he has been besieged by people asking for reduction in gas rates. The senator made public today a letter he had written to Mayor J. R. Ludlum and members of the town council on the matter. The letter is as follows:

"Mayor J. R. Ludlum and
Members of Town Council,
Gentlemen:

I will be glad to cooperate with you in every way relative to securing reductions in electric and gas rates for the town of Bastrop.

I am not familiar with comparative electric rates, but do feel that in comparison to Monroe we are entitled to a reduction in gas rates. We have a gas well within the corporate limits of our town whereas gas for the city of Monroe is carried in pipe lines many miles, yet we are charged 50% more for gas than the people of Monroe.

I feel that our city officials should lead and pave the way to secure reductions for our people, if possible, and I assure you that I will, as stated, gladly cooperate with you.

Yours very respectfully,
LEO TERZIA, Senator."

Mayor's Statement

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In connection with the above letter, Mayor Ludlum had this to say:

"The matter of rate reductions on our public utilities was discussed fully at our last council meeting, and it was agreed that everything possible would be done to accomplish this end. We are very glad to obtain Senator Terzia's help and cooperation and will call a special meeting of the council soon to discuss this with Senator Terzia at which time we will request from him suggestions of procedure."

IGNORE ICKES WARNING OVER RELIEF FUNDS

Senator's Forces Quickly
Override 10 Members Op-
posed To Proposal

OTHER ACTION IS TAKEN
Election Control And Measures
Pertaining To Other Topics
Are Speeded

BATON ROUGE, La., April 19. (AP)—The full membership of the State Senate was present for the session today and passed by the same vote—29 to 10—Huey Long's major "dictator" bills.

Among the bills passed by the identical vote were those preventing governing agencies from seeking federal court readjustment of finances without state approval, changing the personnel of the New Orleans board of supervisors of election, placing the finances of local governing bodies under state supervision and giving the state control of federal relief funds in the state.

The roll call for the bills follows:

YES—Blanche, Bremer, Byrne, Cranor, Davis, Delshoussaye, Dugas, Fisher, Fleming, Fredericks, Gilbert, Guillory, Heard, Holland, Hollenshead, Lindsey, Noe, Nunez, Oser, Peltier, Pollingue, H. C. Richardson, J. J. Richardson, Robinson, Terzia, Wingate, J. J. Wingrave, R. A. Wingrave, Woods. Total, 29.

NO—Bistes, Boudreaux, Brodtmann, Chasez, Gardiner, Heywood, Moss, Reitmeyer, Schwing, Sevier. Total, 10.

Absent or not voting—none.

"Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser" Friday 19 Apr 1935 p 1

The seventh special session concludes its work today, with certain agreements for a batch of bills sponsored by Senator Long, including one which would provide a fine or imprisonment for federal employees found guilty by the state courts of violating the tenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Roll Call on Bills.

The roll call on the bill providing imprisonment of federal representatives exercising "unconstitutional" powers in the state:

For the Bill—Bistes of New Orleans, Blanche of Baton Rouge, Bremer of Opelousas, Brodtman of New Orleans, Carbajal of New Orleans, Cranor of Shreveport, Davis of Olla, Delahoussaye of New Iberia, Dugas of Lafayette, Fisher of Manila Village, Fleming of Ferriday, Fredericks of Natchitoches, Gilbert of Wisner, Guillory of Ville Platte, Heard of Mansfield, Holland of Greensburg, Hollenshead of Haynesville, Lindsey of Minden, McConnell of New Orleans, Noe of Monroe, Nunez of St. Bernard, Oser of New Orleans, Peltier of Thibodeaux, Pollinque of Gretna, Reitmeyer of New Orleans, H. C. Richardson of Franklinton, James A. Richardson of Norwood, Robinson of Bernice, Terzia of Bastrop, Wingate of Leesville, J. J. Wingrave of New Orleans, R. A. Wingrave of New Orleans, Woods of Lutchet. Total, 33.

Against the Bill—Boudreaux of Abbeville, A. C. Gardiner of Church Point, Moss of Lake Charles and Schwing of Plaquemine. Total, 4.

Not Voting—Heywood of Jennings and Sevier of Tallulah. Total, 2.

The vote on the bill—

Leo Frank Terzia voting in favor of bills "dictated" by US Senator Huey Long, who died 10 Sep 1935 from an assassination attempt – "Shreveport (LA) Journal" Wednesday 11 Sep 1935 p 9

Local Post Well Represented At V. F. W. Convention

Thousands of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars from all parts of the nation and from Europe are in New Orleans this week attending the annual encampment of the organization. The Boone-McDowell Post of Bastrop is well represented at the convention with ten delegates.

The convention started Monday and will come to an end Friday. Outstanding speakers have addressed the convention including a number of United States senators and governors. Elaborate entertainment has been given the guests.

Among those from Bastrop who are in attendance at the convention are W. H. Todd, Jr., Senator Leo Terzia, Geo. Halpy, W. G. Denton, Joe Stivers, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Westbrook, Mrs. Arant, E. C. Cooper and G. A. Cooper.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 19 Sep 1935 p 1

Other parish and district offices to be voted on are State Senator, District Judge and District Attorney and Parish Representative. W. B. Oliver has been heard to be mentioned as a candidate for Representative. Senator Leo Terzia is expected to run for re-election, although he has not made any definite announcement. Judge J. T. Shell is expected to seek re-election, his friends say and also Frank W. Hawthorne, District Attorney. Whether these officials will have any opposition is not known. None have been prominently mentioned this far.

C. T. Matlock, local leader of the Share the Wealth Society has been mentioned as a probable candidate for some office, probably Representative, although he has not committed himself publicly.

"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 26 Sep 1935 p 1

LONG TIME MASONS WILL GET AWARDS

Western Star Lodge No. 24 F. and A. M. at the special meeting which will be preceded by a banquet at the Masonic Temple building on Saturday at 7 p. m., will make awards to members.





Fifty year certificates will be awarded to two members who have held membership for that period of time. They are Windsor Pipes and T. L. Morris.

Members of the lodge who have held membership for 25 years and who will also receive certificates to that effect are as follows: Harry Benjamin Phillips, Leo Frank Terzia, Paul Jones Newman, Warren Fisher Taylor, L. Milton King, Raymond Melvin Sigfred Swanson, Rudolph Elroy Bedwell, Seaborn Booker DeLee, Victor Gardner Gordy, Henry Alvin Biedenharn, Claude Stewart Causey, David A. Whitfield, E. Howard Holmes, Russell F. Adams, Otho B. Brown, Milton Coverdale, Thomas W. Douglas, Horace V. Fluker, Fred G. Hudson, Jr., Robert Layton, Sigmund Masur, Clarence D. Oakley, Fensky C. Terzia.

The presentation of certificates will be made by Dr. Dee A. Strickland.

"Monroe (LA) News-Star" Tuesday 27 Aug 1946 p 3

The Dedication of Terzia High School

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Terzia was the forerunner of Richwood High School. It was dedicated in 1952. This rare program is in the Library's collection and has been digitized on the Louisiana Digital Library.

<https://ouachitaparishhistory.com/2021/04/07/the-dedication-of-terzia-high-school/>

Richwood High School History

In the late 1800's a determined group of sharecroppers moved to this community, which at that time was a wooded and undeveloped region.

The soil seemed unusually fertile. The sharecropper thought that they could build their homes and rear their families from the resources from the land. The settlement and a good beginning and the area grew and developed into a community.

As the community grew, the need for a school became evident. The citizens felt a need for a school, and having no one to turn to, they formed a committee to work out plans to structure a building that could be used as a place of worship on Sunday and a school during the week days.

Everyone worked hard to build this church, which was known as Pleasant Green Chapel, named in honor of the community's founder. The structure was a framed building with inadequate heating and lighting, but the citizens had done their best. The school board sent a teacher to teach in the church.

Later when the school year was extended to seven months, the Odd Fellows made available their hall for educational use. With this and the growth of the community, the eighth grade was added in 1936. For twenty year-six years, the children of the community were taught and educated in the community church or lodge hall.

Feeling a need to expose their children to the same type of educational facilities that were available in other surrounding communities a parent-teacher association was organized. They worked out the plans to build the first school building.

According to Mrs. Malissie Wesley, a student at the school at that time, three groups were organized to raise the first \$500.00. In 1939, the late Mr. Napoleon Brown Sr. donated the two acres of land to the Ouachita Parish School Board. The first school building was erected.

The school was named Richwood because the site donated was so fertile and located in a wooded area. This frame building served until 1951.

The first brick structure was created in 1951. The school's name was changed from Richwood to Terzia High because the donation and contribution which was made by Terzia Lumber Company of Ouachita Parish. The school's program continued to develop and grow. The main building was destroyed by fire in 1960 and the church across the street was used for classes, and the library was converted to classrooms. In 1961, the present structure was erected. To perpetuate the memory and noble contributions of the founders of the community and school, the name was reverted to Richwood High upon request from the citizens of the community.

The first six grades were moved from the school in 1963, leaving the school with grades seven through twelve. The increase in enrollment brought about the addition of Toston hall in 1964 and science Hall in 1965.

During the 1968-69 school year, the framed vocal music and athletic building was destroyed by fire and a portable building was placed on the campus for vocal music instruction.

Ouachita Parish School records reveal that from 1913-1930, eleven different people served as principal. The term served was from one to two years, with only one serving two consecutive terms.

The enrollment during this period from 65-120, and promotions from 2-70. In 1930, Mrs. Eula Hobson was hired as principal and she served until 1934. The higher enrollment during this period was 109. The average number promoted for the same period was seventy-eight.

Mr. J. w. Patterson was hired as principal in 1934-1944. In 1933, Mr. Robert Payne, Sr. was hired as principal, but after one month of hard work and no increase in pay, Mr. Payne resigned the position. He chose to remain at the school as the agriculture instructor.

Mrs. Mary Francis Goins succeeded Mr. Payne and served from 1944-1969. During this time the enrollment grew, the faculty increased, and the curriculum expanded.

The first secretary, Mrs. Etta B. McCoy, was employed in 1966, and Mr. Mackie Freeze became the first assistant principal in 1976. Mr. Robert L. Payne, Sr. became the first Guidance counselor.

Probably one of the last important events of Mrs. Goins's administration was the integration of the faculty. In 1967, Mr. John Youngblood, joined the faculty. Mrs. Ester Yearling and Mrs. Helen Thomas joined the faculty in 1968.

Mrs. Goins was succeeded by Mr. Abe E. Pierce, III, in 1969. Enrollment continued to grow, and ten additional portable buildings were used.

In February, 1970, the faculty was thoroughly integrated (70-30). The student body had 62 Caucasian
<https://www.facebook.com/265160346845149/posts/richwood-high-school-history-in-the-late-1800s-a-determined-group-of-sharecropper/4002758809751932/>



Terzia High School - <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/oplib-camp%3Acollection?page=2>

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State v. Terzia

Opinion

No. 35608.

4 February 9, 1940. *584

Leo F. Terzia was indicted for dual office holding, and to review the correctness of a judgment sustaining a plea to the jurisdiction of the district court, the State, on the relation of George W. Lester, Assistant District Attorney, applies for certiorari, prohibition, and mandamus.

Affirmed.

George W. Lester, Asst. Dist. Atty., of Monroe, for relator.

Madison, Madison Files, of Monroe, for respondents.

HIGGINS, Justice.

This case is before us on writs of certiorari, prohibition, and mandamus, applied for by the State, to have reviewed the correctness of the judgment of the district court sustaining a plea to its jurisdiction.

The learned trial judge favored us with a written opinion, which correctly states the facts, the issues, the law, and the proper conclusions to be drawn therefrom, and we, therefore, quote it with approval:

35 "Defendant in this case, is charged in the bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury of Morehouse Parish in the Fourth District Court with violation of Section 3 of Act 123 of the Extra Session of 1921. The crime, as set out in Section 3, which *585 makes said unlawful act a misdemeanor is `Any person holding one office of profit who shall accept a second office of profit, and shall after his acceptance of the second office, exercise any of the duties or receive any of the emoluments of the first office.' In the present case before the Court it is charged that the defendant, Leo F. Terzia, held an office of profit, to-wit: — Membership in the Louisiana State Senate, and that he accepted a second office of profit, to-wit: An office in the Conservation Department of the State of Louisiana, and that thereafter he did exercise the duties and receive the emoluments of the first office (to-wit, State Senator). _____

"The question of jurisdiction in a criminal case is quite different from the question of jurisdiction in a civil case. The law requires in nearly all cases that a person be sued in a Civil Court at his domicile or residence, while in Criminal Court it is not the residence or domicile of the defendant that determines the question of jurisdiction but the place at which the violation actually occurs.

"Since the crime set out in Section 3 of Act 123 is the exercising of the duties or the receiving of the emoluments of the first office, and in the present case the first office is set forth in the indictment as being that of State Senator, it follows that in order for this Court to have jurisdiction it would be necessary for the duties of said office to be performed within this jurisdiction or the emoluments of the first office to be received in this jurisdiction. The Constitution of the State of Louisiana sets out and defines what is a State Senator and his duties. An
 16 examination of the Constitution ⁵⁸⁶ and laws of which the Court can take judicial cognizance shows clearly that the duties of a State Senator can only be performed as a member of the Legislature and then only in the City of Baton Rouge, which is in the jurisdiction of the Court holding sessions in and for the

the jurisdiction of the Court holding sessions in and for the Parish of East Baton Rouge. The law sets out what the emoluments of the State Senator shall be. He is not paid a yearly salary but is paid a per diem only for his attendance at the Legislature in East Baton Rouge Parish. The testimony on the motion shows that the warrants for the payment of the per diem were delivered to the defendant and he received the same in East Baton Rouge Parish. Of course, these warrants are addressed to the Auditor, whose office is in the Parish of East Baton Rouge also, and the Court therefore is of the opinion that if the question is raised that the delivery of the warrant was not in itself the receipt of the emoluments and that the receipt depends on the actual cashing of said warrant, then it is the opinion of this Court that it would make no difference as to the location of the various banks or firms through whose hands the warrants would pass as the actual cashing would be done after the warrants were returned to the Auditor's office in East Baton Rouge Parish, and a voucher issued for same, which in turn would be finally cashed by the State Treasurer.

"In the light of the above view, the Court is of the opinion that under the law all of the emoluments of the office of State Senator are actually received outside the jurisdiction of this Court and none of the emoluments of said office are received ⁵⁸⁷ in the jurisdiction of this Court, this Court is without jurisdiction and that under this particular section of this particular act only the Court in and for the district in which the Parish of East Baton Rouge is located would have jurisdiction. For that reason the Court sustains the plea to the jurisdiction filed herein and holds that this Court is without jurisdiction in this case."

For the reasons assigned, the judgment of the district court is affirmed.

ODOM, Justice (dissenting).

The grand jury of Morehouse Parish returned an indictment against Senator Leo F. Terzia for dual office holding, as denounced by Act 123, Extra Session of 1921. The indictment charges that he did, in said parish, willfully and unlawfully, "while holding an office of profit, to-wit: State Senator, from the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District of Louisiana, and who, while holding such office, did accept a second office of profit, to-wit: Conservation Agent of the Department of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, and did, after his acceptance of said second office, as Agent of the Department of Conservation, exercise the duties and receive the emoluments of the first office, to-wit: State Senator."

[lengthy discussion continues]

<https://casetext.com/case/state-v-terzia>

Arkansas Democrat  Gazette

An important new resource documenting the role of Arkansans in World War I has recently been posted on the Internet. "The Arkansas Great War Letter Project" contains almost 500 letters written by Arkansas soldiers from 35 counties. The project is the work of the Museum of American History at Cabot High School in Lonoke County.

Readers might be surprised to learn that a high school has a museum, but it has been in existence for more than 30 years. The primary leader of the museum is Michael Polston, a former history teacher, who continues to sponsor the museum program despite his retirement a few years ago. Polston has long had an interest in the role of Arkansans in the war.

Almost 72,000 Arkansans served during the war -- though not all saw combat and many never made it to Europe before the armistice was signed in November 1919. A large percentage of Arkansans called up for service failed the physical examinations. A total of 2,183 Arkansas soldiers died during the war, most from diseases and accidents, while 1,751 were injured.

All of the letters collected by Polston and his students were originally published in newspapers throughout Arkansas. After reading letters from their sons, many parents shared the letters by giving them to local newspaper editors for publication.

Many of the letters begin with an assurance to anxious parents that all is well. Most of the young soldiers had never traveled outside the state, so Europe was a source of amazement. Pvt. Harry G. Yelvington of the tiny Ashley County hamlet of Mist, found France beautiful but "strange to me as I never knew anything about any place except good old Arkansas, and very little of it."

John Lindall of Hot Spring County sent a long letter to the editor of the *Malvern Times Journal* in which he told of sightseeing in France. "Paris by far exceeds my expectations," Lindall wrote before concluding that "it is undoubtedly the finest and most magnificent city in the world."

Like soldiers in any war, the Arkansas troopers had plenty of complaints. Harl K. Jones of near DeQueen in Sevier County exclaimed: "Holy smoke, but I have been so busy scratching ... the cooties. Just think of having your shirt covered with little white crawling things which itch and bite like the devil and you in a place where you can't even wash your hands."

Letters home were censored by the military for security reasons, but they contained a surprising amount of battlefield details. William M. Woodsmall of Little Rock told his mother of a perilous engagement in which his company became lost in thick woods, were subjected to what is today called "friendly fire," and "we finally got clear of our own shells and ran into Fritz's [German] machine gun bullets." Woodsmall then attacked the machine gun nest, killed the crew and brought back the machine gun.

Woodsmall would later receive the Distinguished Service Cross as well as the French Croix de Guerre. Despite the close calls, Woodsmall lived to the ripe old age of 90, not dying until 1978.

Lt. Grady H. Forgy of Mena wrote in a letter to a friend that he not only suffered a wound to the leg, but "I got a pretty bad case of shell shock... I was pretty nervous for a week, but am almost well now and ready to go back."

The Arkansas soldiers developed a healthy respect for German airplanes. Charles R. Batchelder of Pulaski County survived aerial bombing, but he noted that "we are in danger in any walk of life and we will not go before our time." Within three years of his returning home after the war, Batchelder, who was a Rock Island Railroad conductor, was killed in a train accident.

Not all Arkansas recruits were sent to Europe. Jewel M. Lantz of Baxter County was assigned to a saw mill in Vancouver, Wash., to mill spruce lumber for "the manufacture of flying machines." Even more surprising, Pvt. Charles A. Jacobus, a school teacher from Arkansas County, was stationed at a hospital in, of all places, Vladivostok, Siberia, Russia.

One of the most harrowing letters in the collection was written by Leo F. Terzia, a timber worker from southern Arkansas, who survived the sinking of his transport ship by a German submarine. Embarking from New Jersey, the S.S. Tuscania, a converted passenger ship, made the crossing without incident, but the vessel was sunk as it neared the British coast.

In a long letter to his brother, Terzia recounted how his lifeboat with 32 men aboard made it to shore "without being smashed to pieces against the rocks." Remarking on the stress, Terzia concluded, "I did not close my eyes for five long nights." More than 200 lives were lost in the sinking.

The war had a sobering impact on all who served, but a letter from Capt. John Snyder to his mother in Craighead County addressed his hopes for the future: "Let me assure you, mother dear, that I shall certainly not be soured in life after the war. And I'm most certain that even though I should forget to smile over here, the moment that I [see] you would be quite enough to bring back to my face the happiest smile that I ever smiled, mother dear."

After the war, Capt. Snyder went on to an outstanding career in business and later served as President Harry Truman's secretary of the Treasury.

The Letters Project can be accessed at www.chsarkansasgreatwar.com.

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NAN Profiles on 07/16/2017

Print Headline: World War I in letters

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/jul/16/world-war-i-in-letters-20170716/>

Wife:

Terzia-Bain.

An attractive afternoon wedding was that of Leo Terzia to Miss Totsy Bain at Portland, Ark., on Sunday last. The church was beautifully decorated with southern amilax and ferns, huge baskets of white carnations banked the altar and were in profusion everywhere. The young couple were married under an improvised white canopy covered with tulle and white crysanthemums.

Just before the ceremony Miss Ethel Lowery played Mendelssohn's Spring Song and Schumann's Traumerrie on

the violin followed by Miss Manette Wolff who sang "Because." Miss Wolff was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Naff.

When the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march were sounded by Mrs. Naff the bridal party entered led by the ushers Messrs. John Lewis Adams and Robert Pugh Lindsey, followed by Misses Martha Lindsey and Edith Vaughn who opened the flower covered gates so the bride might enter.

The groomsmen Messrs. Hugh Stodghill and Ben Mayhew, with the bridesmaids Misses May Boyson and Dulleye Sue Stell entered followed by the matrons of honor Mesdames John Sherrill and Glen Holmes sister and cousin of the bride. The ring bearers Nancy Lee Terzia and Werter Pugh carried the rings in white roses and proceeded the groom and his best man Theo Terzia.

Little Mary Elizabeth Bain marched in ahead of the bride and strewed her path with roses.

Rev. J. B. Wise performed the ceremony using the double ring service. The bride a petite blonde was radiant in a gown of white satin embossed in silver roses. A wreath of orange blossoms kept her veil of illusion in place. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and valley lilies.

The bridesmaids were lovely in beautiful orchid chiffon gowns, embossed in silver and carried arm bouquets of Killarney roses. The matrons of honor were attractively gowned in orchid satin with trimmings of silver, they too carried arm bouquets of Killarney roses.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bain of Portland, Ark., and is a popular member of the young set in that place.

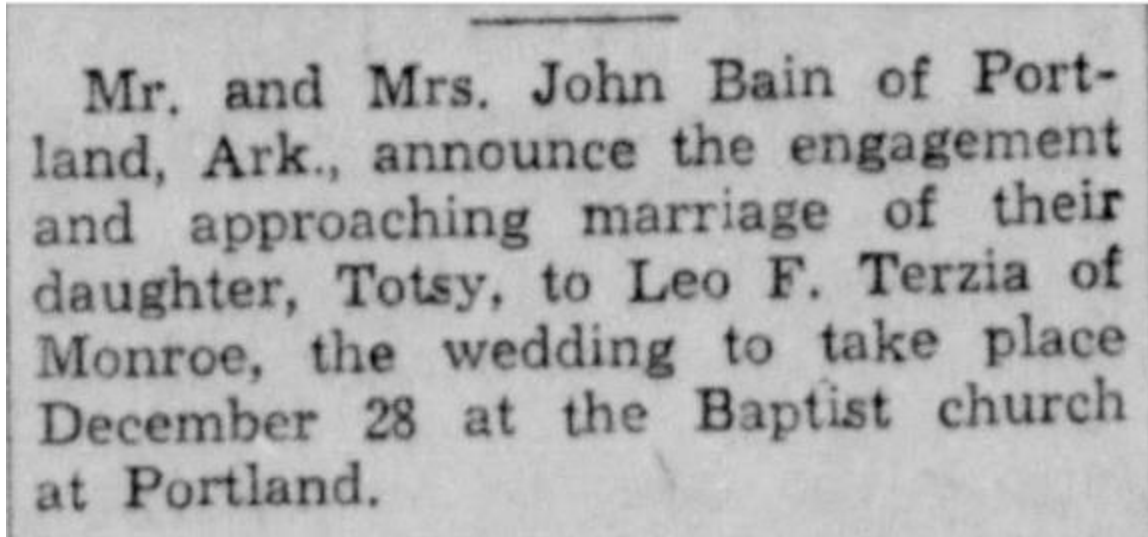
The groom is a rising young lumberman of Monroe and is also well known.

Mr. and Mrs. Terzia were the recipients of many handsome and costly gifts. Following the ceremony the young couple left for New Orleans. The bride's traveling suit was of brown tricotine with beaver trimmings with accessories to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Terzia will be at home after January 1, with Mrs. N. Cosby on Jackson St.

The out of town guests at the wedding included Felix Terzia, father of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Terzia Jr., Theo Terzia and daughter Nancy Lee, Hugh Stodgehill, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gilhousa, Mrs. John Potts, Misses Lenora and Alma Summer Potts of Monroe, Mrs. Glen M. Holmes and Mrs. John Sherrill of Little Rock, Miss Manette Wolff of Tillar, Ben Mayhew of Fordyce, Mrs. Andrew Jackson of Wilmot, and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haas of Dermott.

Marriage of Leo Frank Terzia in Portland, Ashley AR to Olivia (Totsy) Bain on 28 Dec 1919 – note fellow Tuscania survivor Hugh Stodghill attends Leo's wedding - "Monroe (LA) News-Star" Thursday 1 Jan 1920 p 2- <https://www.newspapers.com/image/83451807/>



News of 15 years earlier (1919) – “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Thursday 6 Dec 1934 p 4
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/87444400/?article=badcf617-6aba-402c-b1e7-0fe731c5b7e8&focus=0.50310904,0.6831256,0.6239869,0.724183&xid=3398>

Leo F Terzia	
in the Arkansas, U.S., County Marriages Index, 1837-1957	
Name:	Leo F Terzia
Gender:	Male
Age:	26
Birth Year:	abt 1893
Residence:	Portland, Ashley, Arkansas
Spouse's Name:	Olivia C Bain
Spouse's Gender:	Female
Spouse's Age:	22
Spouse's Residence:	Portland, Ashley, Arkansas
Marriage Date:	28 Dec 1919
Marriage License Date:	26 Dec 1919
Marriage County:	Ashley
Event Type:	Marriage
FHL Film Number:	978030

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1108985:2548?tid=102347282&pid=160014488054&queryId=776a040b9a33fcd71811e40979a67d0d&_phsrc=hFB61672&_phstart=successSource

Olivia Terzia	
in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	
Detail	Source
Name:	Olivia Terzia
Social Security Number:	439-48-9464
Birth Date:	11 Feb 1898
Issue year:	1951-1952
Issue State:	Louisiana
Last Residence:	71201, Monroe, Ouachita, Louisiana, USA
Death Date:	Sep 1983

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/61908274:3693>

Child:



Leo Frank Terzia Jr. – “Monroe (LA) Morning World” Sunday 6 Feb 1944 p 60 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/88054826/> and Find A Grave 16910738

Terzia-Gandy

Tallulah, La., Nov. 16. (Special)—A wedding of interest to many friends in Northeast Louisiana took place at the Baptist church here Saturday morning, Nov. 9, at 11 o'clock, when Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Gandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiley Gandy became the bride of Leo Frank Terzia, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frank Terzia of Monroe. The impressive double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Clarence Crow in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends.

Preceding the entrance of the bridal party, a program of nuptial music was given by Mrs. J. C. Sherwin who played Schubert's "Ave Maria," "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn, "Lieberstraum" by Listz and "Always." She accompanied Mrs. James E. Goodwin who sang "Because" and "At Dawning." During the pledging of vows she played "Clair de Lune." Wagner's Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March were used for the processional and recessional.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Ralph Loe, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Mrs. R. W. Gandy, Jr., sister-in-law of the bride and Miss Marness Lester of Monroe. Barbara Loe, junior bridesmaid and niece of the bride, wore a white net model similar to that of the bride.

The bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. She was radiantly beautiful in her diaphanous wedding gown of imported white net made with fitted bodice, square neckline and long tight sleeves quaintly puffed at the shoulders. The long skirt ended in a train and the finger tip veil of illusion fell from a coronet of pearls. Her flowers were bride's roses, tuberoses and orchids tied with satin ribbon. For something old, she carried a white linen lace-edged handkerchief that the bridegroom's mother and grandmother had used at their weddings.

Jack Terzia, cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man and the ushers were Felix Andrew Teriza III, and R. W. Gandy, Jr.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Frances Jordan and the receiving line consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Gandy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Terzia and the bridal party. From a handsome silver service, Mrs. John Bennett Fudicker of Monroe and Miss Biliye Davis served coffee and were assisted by Miss Frances McGuire of Shreveport and Miss Jane Ayeas of Belzoni, Miss., in serving embossed individual wedding cakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Terzia will reside in Monroe.

The bride is a graduate of Tallulah high school and Northeast Junior college, where she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity. She also attended Louisiana State university where she was a

member of Kappa Delta sorority. The bridegroom attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and Louisiana State university, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is manager of a business concern in Monroe.

LEO F. TERZIA, JR.

Mulhearn Funeral Home
Sterlington Road, Monroe

Services celebrating the life of Leo F. Terzia, Jr., 84, will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Grace Episcopal Church of Monroe, with Father Andy Powell officiating. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home, Sterlington Road, Monroe.

A retired lumberman, he was born in Monroe, LA on October 28, 1920, the son of Leo F. Terzia, Sr. and Olivia "Totsy" Bain Terzia. He died in North Monroe Medical Center on Monday, March 28, 2005, after a period of declining health.

Mr. Terzia was owner and President of Terzia Lumber and Hardware in Bastrop for many years, Past President of Louisiana Building Material Dealers Association, and was one of the founders of Paul Bunyan Building Suppliers which later became Allied Building Stores. He was a WWII Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Eleanor Gandy Terzia; two children, Leo "Buddy" Terzia III and his wife Jennifer of Ruston and Cynthia Henderson and her husband Ben of Canton, GA; and two grandchildren, Laura Terzia Bankston and her husband Matt of Fort Worth, TX and Greg Terzia of Ruston.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Bennie Popwell, Billy Abrahms, Danny Tatum, Nelson Abell III, Rick Nelson, and Jerome Vascocu.

Honorary pallbearers will be George Cannon, Billy Edmondson, Jack Mabry, Roy Johns, Dr. Burchell Liles, Louis Milner, Mike Reed and Haynes Harkey.

Visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Wednesday at Mulhearn Funeral Home, Sterlington Road, Monroe.

Memorials may be made to Grace Episcopal Church in Monroe, Temple Baptist Church in Ruston or favorite charity.

Obituary of Leo Frank Terzia Jr. – "Monroe (LA) News-Star" Wednesday 30 Mar 2005 p 19

Father:

F. A. TERZIA, SR., 75, DIES AT BASTROP

**Father of State Senator
Leo F. Terzia Victim
of Pneumonia**

Bastrop, La., Feb. 7 (P).—Felix A. Terzia, Sr., 75, of Bastrop, La., died Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop, La. His death was caused by pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

Mr. Terzia was a native of Dalmatia, having come to this country when he was twelve years old. He had resided at Bastrop for more than fifty years.

He was president of the Parlor City Lumber Co. of Monroe, La., also president of the Morehouse Lumber and Building Material Co., of Bastrop and a director of the Bastrop Bank and Trust Co., for 50 years. He is survived by four sons, Felix A. Terzia, Jr., and Fencky C. Terzia of Monroe, William F. Terzia, Saginaw, Mich., and State Senator Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop, La.

"Shreveport (LA) Times" Monday 8 Feb 1937 p 8

DEATH OF F. A. TERZIA, SR. IS LOSS TO CITY

One of Bastrop's Most Re-
spected Citizen's Dies
Saturday

Bastrop lost one of her most beloved and respected citizens when Felix A. Terzia, Sr., 75 years old, died at the home of his son, Leo F. Terzia at 5:45 p. m. Saturday. His death was caused by pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Mr. Terzia had been in poor health, however, for the past two years.

He was a native of Dalmatia and came to this country when he was 12 years old to join an older brother who lived in the United States. Later Mr. Terzia's mother also came to this country to persuade her son to return to his native land, but allowed him to stay provided he enter a convent. Soon after he entered the convent the older brother died and Mr. Terzia left for Brookhaven, Miss. There he married Miss Clara Augusta Fensky. A son, Felix A. Terzia, was born there. In 1887 the family moved to Bastrop, where four other sons were born. Mrs. Terzia died in 1898.

Mr. Terzia was a firm believer in Morehouse parish. He had many friends throughout this section and he was successful in the business and social world. He was president of the Parlor City Lumber company, Monroe, president of the Morehouse Lumber and Building Material company, Bastrop, and a director of the Bastrop Bank and Trust company for fifty years. He was a life member of the Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54 F. and A. M.; Livingstone Lodge No. 16 R. A. M.; Sunny South Lodge No. 12, Order of Eastern Star and one of the oldest members of the Knights Templar Lodge in Monroe.

He is survived by four sons, Felix A. Terzia, Jr., and Fensky C. Terzia, Monroe; William F. Terzia, Saginaw, Mich., and Senator Leo F. Terzia, Bastrop, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came. There are twelve grandchildren residing in Monroe and Bastrop. He was the father of the late Theo F. Terzia, who was president of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for a number of years.

Funeral services were held here at 4:30 p. m. Sunday. Interment was made in the old city cemetery. The religious services were conducted by the Rev. H. M. Bennett and Rev. D. Lloyd O'Neal. A Masonic funeral was conducted by the members of Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54 F. and A. M.

Obituary of Felix Andrew Terzia Sr. – "Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 11 Feb 1937 p 1

Mother:

MARRIED.

In Brookhaven on Sunday evening, March 15th, at the residence of Mr. E. J. Schaller, by Rev. W. B. Bingham, of Hazlehurst, Mr. FELIX TERZIA, of Summit, Miss., and Miss CLARA A. FENSKK, of Brookhaven.

Miss Clara is a lovable, noble young lady, and if she receives her just desserts she will be very happy all the days of her life. An elegant supper was served and the fortunate guests delighted in the pleasant smiles of the charming hostess, Mrs. Ida Schaller, sister of the bride.

Marriage of Felix Andrew Terzia & Clara Augusta Fenske (Fensky) – on Sunday, 15 Mar 1885 in Brookhaven, Lincoln MS – “Brookhaven (MS) Semi-Weekly Leader” Thursday 19 Mar 1885 p 3

Mrs. Schaller, Former Resident, Dies In Monroe

Last rites for Mrs. Ida Josephine Fenski Schaller, 84, who died in Monroe Friday morning, were held Saturday at the home of a nephew, Felix A. Terzia. Mrs. Schaller had lived in Bastrop for many years, before moving to Monroe in 1923.

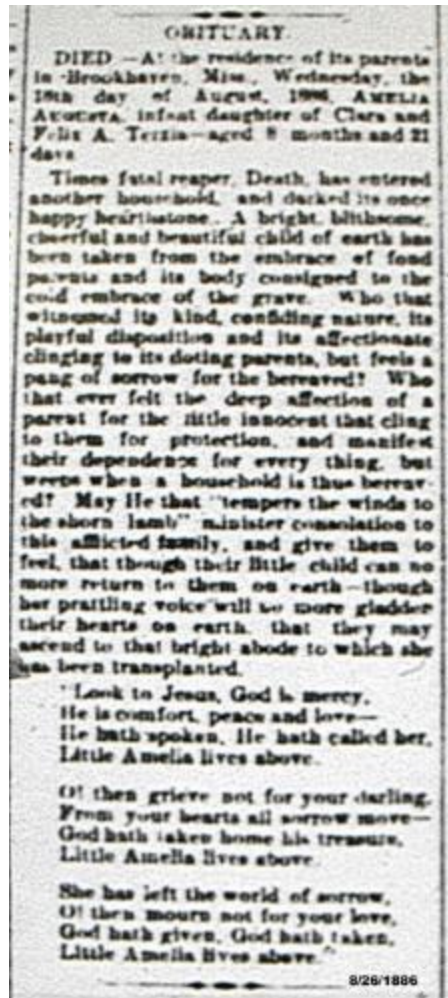
The Rev. Ernest Duncan Holloway, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Monroe, officiated. Burial was in Bastrop. Pall bearers were L. F. Terzia, F. C. Terzia, F. A. Terzia, T. L. Tippit, Flood Madison and Judge David I. Garrett.

Mrs. Schaller is survived by four nephews, Felix A. Terzia, Fensky C. Terzia, and Leo F. Terzia of Monroe, and William F. Terzia of Sagniauw, Mich., and 12 grand-nephews and grand-nieces. The late Theo F. Terzia of Monroe was also a nephew.

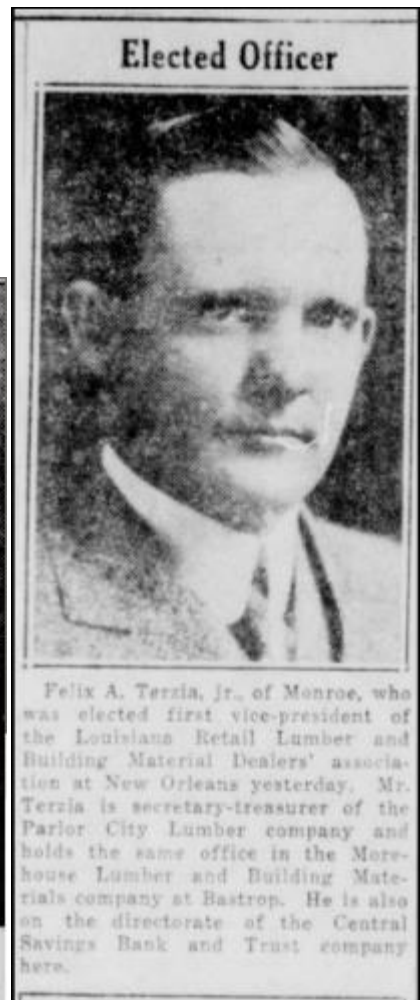
Mrs. Schaller came to this country from Germany when a small child, and her childhood was spent at Brookhaven, Miss. She lived the rest of her life in Bastrop and Monroe. She was an active member of the Presbyterian church.

Obituary of the Terzia brothers' aunt Ida Josephine Fenski Schaller, their mother Clara's sister –
"Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 4 Nov 1943 p 1

Siblings:



Obituary of [sister Amelia Augusta Terzia \(1885-1886\)](#) – Find A Grave 48919580



Brother Felix Andrew Terzia Jr. (1886-1953) – left: “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Wednesday 30 Oct 1935 p 1 – right: “Monroe (LA) News-Star” Tuesday 25 Mar 1930, p 2 - both from Find A Grave 180858198

TERZIA-PIGFORD.

At eight in the evening on the fifteenth of September one of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized at the home of the bride, when Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pigford at Lumberton gave in marriage their lovely elder daughter, Verne, to Mr. Felix Andrew Terzia, of Brookhaven.

The broad verandas were massed in a profusion of fern and cut flowers, their soft tints enhanced by the brilliancy of the electroliers, and here the guests were met by Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Haynes, assisted by several charming young ladies, Mrs. Haynes being gowned in the daintiest of accordion pleated chiffon costumes.

The spacious halls and parlors were decorated with ferns and yellow and white chrysanthemums intertwined with smilax and ivy and here the guests were received by bevy of young ladies in dainty costumes.

A hush fell over the assembled crowds when the first of the bridal party, Miss Lillian Woodard, gowned in yellow taffeta and white lace, accompanied by Mrs. Fred G. Camp, in white and gold costume with huge bouquets of ferns and chrysanthemums with golden ribbons came down the fairy like stairway made into a bower of beauty, and entered the parlors, from whence came the tender words of "The Song of a Heart," sung by Mrs. Camp in her usual charming manner. At the conclusion of the song the accompaniment drifted into the sweet strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus played by Miss Woodard; and down the ivied staircase and from the festooned arches of the back parlors came dainty little maids, Jacqueline Hyde and Mary Louise Cheatham, in white and gold Georgette Crepe dresses, escorted by the gallant little lads, Meyer Pigford, brother of the bride, and Walton Thompson, looking, in their crepe-de-chine blouses and woolen trousers much as if they might have belonged to the ranks of the young knights of King Arthur's Round Table. These four held broad white ribbons making the aisles for the bridal party.

These lads and lasses having taken their places were followed by the gracious and charming matron of honor, Mrs. Lavelle Cuthbert Pigford, who was elegantly gowned in white duchess satin and lace, with a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums and ferns. Next came Miss Willard Pigford, the lovely sister of the bride, and Miss Maude White, of Biloxi. Both of these young ladies carrying clusters of chrysanthemums and ferns, were attired in handsome gowns of pussywillow satin and gold lace which set off their piquant charms and well served as the setting for the petite blonde bride. These attendants were met at the improvised altar under the graceful arches of smilax and flowers by the handsome best man, Mr. Theodore F. Terzia, and the groomsmen, Mr. Fensky C. Terzia, brother of the groom. Now came the lovely bride leaning on the arm of her distinguished father who gave her away. The gown of the bride was a work of art, being of Duchess Satin trimmed with real lace caught up with orange blossoms, the court train being of white tulle with garlands of the dainty blossoms held with a huge lover's knot of tulle and orange blossoms. Midst sweetest strains of music with violin accompaniment by Dr. B. H. Edward, the Methodist minister, Rev. W. B. Jones, read the impressive ceremony which made them man and wife. The quaint ring ceremony was used and as the

couple knelt upon the white satin pillow the rooms were filled with a spirit of reverence for the love which had prompted the mating of two hearts so well worth joining in holy bonds for life's journey. After congratulations and good wishes were extended the guests repaired to the hall where in a bower of smilax and cut flowers they all registered in the Bride's Book; thence, into the spacious living room where the many and costly wedding gifts were inspected. From this room the guests were conducted to the front veranda where punch was dispensed. The cutting of the huge wedding cake in the brilliantly decked dining room was an enjoyable and interesting occasion for the young people. After the wedding cake had been cut and the bridal party had returned from the dining room the dainty little bride from the height of the stairs threw her sheaf of bride's roses and ferns with her sincerest good wishes for the next bride. This was caught by Miss Ruth Minor who, with appropriate words presented it to the bride's mother. The guests were then served with cream and cake by dainty girls of the rosebud set, Misses Sara Hinton, Margaret and Lois Miner, and Ella May Hyde; all gowned in white and gold of the color scheme.

the color scheme.

The bride's going away costume was a mouse grey coat suit with accessories and a chic turban peculiarly becoming to her. The bride and groom, in showers of rice and old shoes, left on their wedding trip to Chattanooga, Asheville, and other points of interest.

The bride is one of the most lovable and popular of South Mississippi's social set while the groom is a young man of sterling worth with prospects of a brilliant future, being connected with the Central Lumber Company of Brookhaven, Miss.

Among the out of town guests were, Mrs. James S. Love, of Hattiesburg; Mrs. Cora Belle Bigham, of Birmingham; Mrs. Jno. Arthur Cheatham, of Meridian; Mrs. Ida Schaller, of Brookhaven; Miss Carrie B. Terry, of Brookhaven; Mr. Leo F. Terzia, of Fordyce, Ark.; and Miss Mabel White, of Biloxi.

Marriage of Felix Andrew Terzia Jr. & Verne Manon Pigford – "Brookhaven (MS) Semi-Weekly Leader"
Wednesday 22 Sep 1915 p 3

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Death Of Felix Terzia Removes Business Leader

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. for Felix A. Terzia, 66, of 2708 South Grand street, Monroe, prominent retired lumber-

man, who died early last Saturday following an operation at a Monroe hospital.

The services were conducted in the Mulhearn Funeral Home chapel with Dr. H. L. Johns, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiating. Interment was in River view Burial Park.

Mr. Terzia was born December 18, 1886 in Bastrop where he attended high school and later graduated from Louisiana State University.

He came to Monroe in 1919 where along with his father and brothers he established the Parlor City Lumber Co. After the death of his father he became president of the company and later served as president of the Louisiana Building Materials Dealers Association.

Mr. Terzia served on the Louisiana Flood Control board and in 1931 was named by the governor to a place from Ward 3 on the Ouachita Parish School Board. In 1932 he ran for the office and was re-elected and held the post until 1950 when he retired because of ill health.

Mr. Terzia is survived by his

wife; a daughter, Clara Virginia, now Mrs. David Gehring, Akron, Ohio; a son, Felix Terzia, third, Shreveport; two brothers, Fensky Terzia, Monroe; and William Terzia, Bay City Mich.; and two grandchildren, David Gehring, Jr. and Gwyne Gehring.

Active pallbearers were George Tidwell, Burt Sperry, W. A. Walker Jr., E. F. Madison, Pete Godwin, Tony Casico, J. H. Trousdale, Jr., and James Sparks.

Honorary pallbearers were Travis Oliver, Sr., Meyer Greenwall, E. T. Lamkin, Frank Farmer, A. B. Myatt, Sr., John M. Breard, Jr., Barlow Inabnet, M. Flood Madison, Dr. Joe Brown, Herbert Rosenhein, Fred Hudson, and all friends of the family.

LUMBERMAN



F. A. TERZIA

PARLOR CITY CO. FURNISHES ALL

**Everything In Building
Material Lines Handled
By Lumber Firm**

Everything needed for either a commercial or residential structure is available at the Parlor City Lumber company, Inc., 1000 Mississippi street, Monroe's oldest retail lumber firm. The concern wholesales and retails a complete line of building materials.

The officers of the company are Felix A. Terzia, president; Leo F. Terzia, vice president; Fensky C. Terzia, secretary and treasurer. All have had years of experience in the lumber business. The firm organized in June of 1919.

Always endeavoring to render better service to builders, the company erected a sawmill and special mill-

work plant on Mississippi street. Modern machinery is used in processing the lumber sold by the firm. Up-to-date steam kilns are used to dry it.

Prior to these recent improvements, the company operated a millwork plant and a planing mill in connection with its business. The equipment now in use assures the customers of the concern the highest grade of lumber and millwork.

Everything used in building is handled by this company—lumber, brick, cement, sand and gravel, shingles, wood, composition and asbestos, roofing of every variety, sashes, doors, mantels, stairways, built-in features, wallboards and many other materials.

The company is in a position to handle any order promptly. It maintains a fleet of trucks to rush its products anywhere in its trade area.

Some idea of the scope of the Parlor City Lumber company's operations may be gained from the fact that it has approximately 150 persons on its payroll. Since its establishment the firm has experienced ever-increasing patronage. It looks forward to a still greater volume of business in the future.

The telephone number of the company is 4.

New Appointments Made
 BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 6.—(By A. P.)—Governor Huey P. Long has made the following new appointments: Felix A. Terzia, Jr., as a member of the Ouachita parish school board from Ward Three, vice J. J. Herrin, removed from the ward. R. D. Hendrick, Shreveport, as notary public for Caddo parish.

Felix Andrew Terzia Jr. appointed to the Ouachita Parish school board - "Alexandria (LA) Town Talk"
 Saturday 6 Dec 1930 p 4

City their home.
 Messrs. Theodore and Fensky Terzia were recent visitors to Brookhaven, Miss., in attendance upon the marriage of their brother, Felix Andrew Terzia, to Miss Verne Pigford of Brookhaven.

"Shreveport (LA) Journal" Monday 27 Sep 1915 p 12

Former Resident Succumbs in Bay City, Mich.

William F. Terzia Sr., 76, of Bay City, Mich., a native Bastrop died unexpectedly Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Terzia was born in Bastrop and lived here and in Monroe before moving to Michigan. A partner in the former Parlor City Lumber Co. of Monroe, he was the brother of Fensky C. Terzia, 2616 South Grand Street, Monroe, president of Terzia Lumber and Hardware Co. here.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Cases Funeral Home at Saginaw, Mich. Services will be held Friday morning in Saginaw.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearl Terzia of Bay City; two sons, Richard of Savannah, Ga. and William F. Terzia Jr. of Saginaw, a daughter, Mrs. Arthath Qualman of Saginaw, several grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews in this area.

Obituary of brother William Frederick Terzia (1888-1965) - "Bastrop (LA) Daily Enterprise" Thursday 8 Apr 1965 p 1

William Terzia	
in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	
Detail	Source
Name:	William Terzia
Social Security Number:	369-10-6323
Birth Date:	12 Jan 1888
Issue year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	Michigan
Death Date:	Apr 1965

Social Security record of William Frederick Terzia - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/61908278:3693>

Wm F Tergia

in the Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records, 1867-1952

Name:	Wm F Tergia
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Birth Date:	abt 1889
Birth Place:	Monroe, Indiana
Marriage Date:	18 Jan 1918
Marriage Place:	Flint, Michigan, USA
Residence Place:	Monroe, Indiana
Father:	F A Tergia
Mother:	Clara Less
Spouse:	Ardath Lyman
Record Number:	35

Marriage of William Frederick Terzia to 1st wife, Ardath Lyman 18 Jan 1918 Flint, Genesee MI -
https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=9093&h=2403667&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=6224

MRS. W. F. TERZIA RITES TO BE HELD

Funeral Services Will Be
Conducted At Bastrop
Thursday

The funeral of Mrs. W. F. Terzia, 35, sister-in-law of State Senator Leo Terzia of Bastrop and Felix and Fensky Terzia of Monroe, who died at her home in Bastrop Tuesday night will be held at the residence in Bastrop at 3 p. m. Thursday. The Christian Science ritual will be used at the service. Interment will take place in a cemetery at Bastrop.

Mrs. Terzia was, before her marriage, Miss Ardath Lyman of Saginaw, Mich., and resided there with her husband for many years. About two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Terzia, together with their family, removed to Bastrop, where Mr. Terzia had extensive business interests. Mrs. Terzia's health had been impaired for several years, but her death occurred unexpectedly.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter and two sons, Ardath, 16, William, 10, and Richard, five; her mother, who resided with her; and one brother, a resident of Michigan.

Obituary of William's 1st wife, Ardath Lyman Terzia – "Monroe (LA) News-Star" Wednesday 18 Dec 1935 p 5 – on Find A Grave 55681676

<h2>Pearl W. Terzia</h2> <p>in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014</p>	
Detail	Source
Name:	Pearl W. Terzia
Social Security Number:	713-01-4407
Birth Date:	28 Jan 1896
Issue year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	Railroad Board (Issued Through)
Last Residence:	48603, Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan, USA
Death Date:	2 Jan 1997

Social Security record of Pearl Winifred/Winiferd Parshall, the 2nd wife of William Frederick Terzia - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/61908275:3693>

<h2>Pearl Parshall</h2> <p>in the Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1990</p>	
Detail	Source
Name:	Pearl Parshall
Gender:	Female
Age:	43
Birth Date:	abt 1896
Marriage Date:	23 Sep 1939
Marriage Place:	Lucas, Ohio, USA
Father:	Jay Parshall
Mother:	Sarah Silverthorn
Spouse:	William F Terzia
Film Number:	002155866

OH marriage in Lucas Co. OH of William Frederick Terzia & Pearl Parshall - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/901253677:61378>

No. 121436

License issued Sept 23, 1939
W. O'Donnell Deputy Clerk

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

In re William F. Terzia and Pearl Parshall

The undersigned respectively make application for a Marriage License and upon oath state: That

Is 47 years of age on the 12th day of Jan., 1939

His residence is Laguard, Mich.

His place of birth La. Occupation Lumberman

His father's name is F. A. Terzia

His mother's maiden name was Clara Lass

That he was never previously married and is not a widower or divorced man

That he has no legal wife living.

Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage. Neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, and neither is under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.

It is expected that Rev. Arthur S. Halford will solemnize the marriage of said parties.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this 23rd day of September, 1939

Consent Dr. O'Donnell Deputy Clerk Probate Court

Is 43 years of age on the 28th day of Dec., 1939

Her residence is Laguard, Mich. in Lucas County, Ohio

Her place of birth Mich. Occupation Sten.

Her father's name is Jay Parshall

Her mother's maiden name was Sarah Silverthorn

That she was not previously married and is not a widow or divorced woman.

Her married name being Mrs. _____

That she has no legal husband living.

Rev. Arthur S. Halford M. William F. Terzia M. Pearl W. Parshall

Dr. O'Donnell Deputy Clerk Probate Court

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

The State of Ohio, Lucas County, ss.

I do hereby certify that on the 23rd day of Sept., A.D. 1939, I solemnized the marriage of

M. William F. Terzia with M. Pearl Parshall

Rev. Arthur S. Halford

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-18880-61442-4?iId=1201253677>



PEARL WINIFERD PARSHALL

*She was just the quiet kind
 Whose natures never vary.*

Pearl Parshall, 2nd wife of William Frederick Terzia - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/399095515:1265>

LAST week Eccleshall was visited by Pearl Parshall Terzia from Saginaw, Michigan, USA. She stayed at the King's Arms and was accompanied by her niece Janet Wolohan also from Michigan.

Prior to her four day visit to Eccleshall she had spent three days in London, two days in Durham (including a visit round Lumley Castle there) and when I spoke to her was about to set off to Wotton-under-Edge near Bristol.

The reason for these apparently unconnected journeys is that she was researching into her ancestors, the Pershall, Parshall, Pechall family which gave its name to Pershall, just outside Eccleshall and the home of our renowned football club.

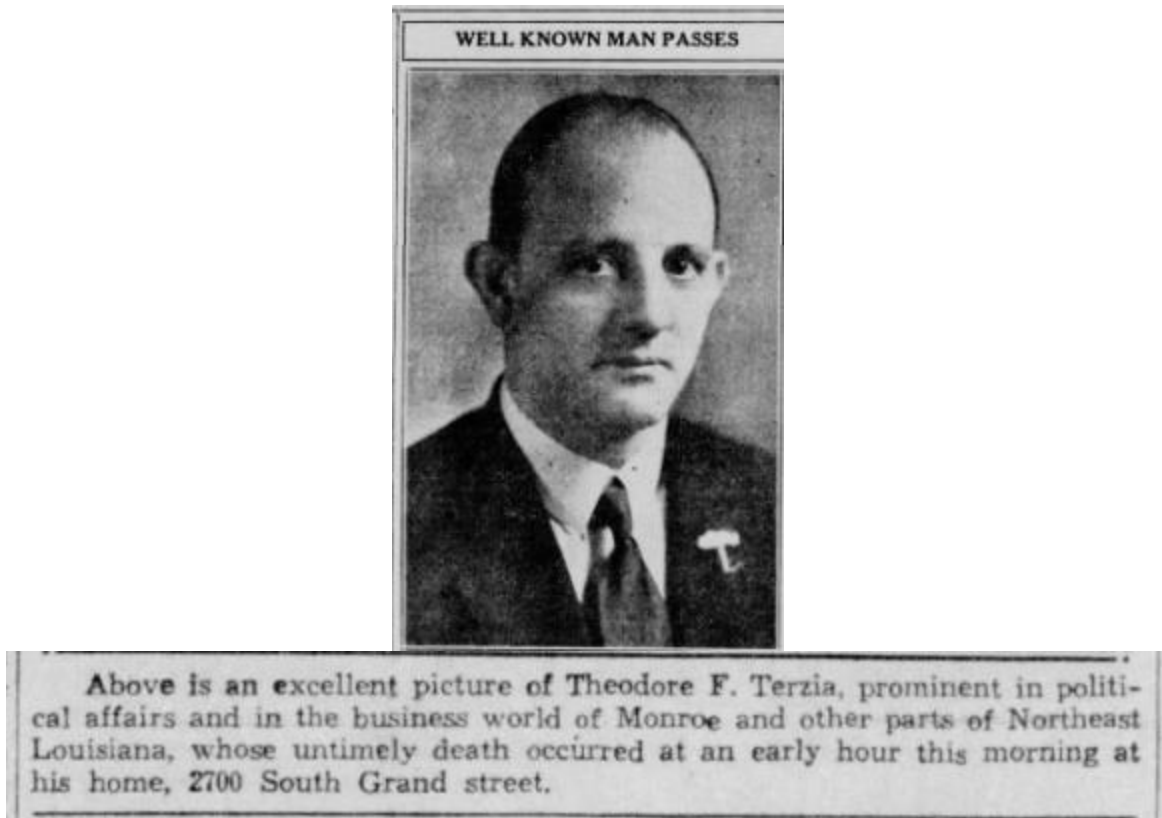
Before her visit she had sent a family tree chart to Wendy Tildesley. Wendy and Barbara Went have been showing her round the local area, including a trip to Swynnerton which also has connections with the Parshall family. Wendy has asked Eccleshall PCC to consider hanging the chart somewhere in Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs Terzia's visit to Durham was to see where the Pershall family originally came from and the one to Bristol was concerned with her Mayflower ancestors.

When I spoke to her she told me she was enjoying her trip to England and Eccleshall tremendously and had been doing research on the Pershall family since 1971.

I nearly forgot to mention that she is 96! This is her first visit to England and the Atlantic crossing her first flight in an aeroplane.

Visit to England by Pearl Parshall Terzia of Saginaw MI - "Uttoxeter Newsletter" (Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England) Friday 5 Jun 1992 p 16
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/850427250/>



Obituary of Brother Theodore Felix Terzia (1890-1932) – published in the “Monroe (LA) News-Star”
Friday 27 May 1932 p 1, from Find A Grave 20258695

THEO. F. TERZIA TAKEN IN DEATH EARLY ON FRIDAY

Well Known Business
Man and Political Lead-
er Succumbs

HEADED POLICE JURY

Was President of Body
Few Years Ago; Fu-
neral Plans

Theodore F. Terzia, 41, one of the city's best known and most active business and political leaders, succumbed from an attack of heart failure at his home, 2700 South Grand street, shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

Death was not unexpected as Mr. Terzia had been seriously ill for many weeks, but it came as a serious shock notwithstanding to a wide circle of friends due to his business activities and leadership.

Mr. Terzia was a bright and shining example of a self-made man, his way in the world having been made by sheer determination coupled with a natural talent for leadership and a restless energy that made him fight through to success despite obstacles that might be encountered. He was born October 10, 1890, in Bastrop, La. He attended the public schools of that then small village and later entered the Gem City Business college at Quincy, Ills. He was graduated from that institution in 1909 and at once entered upon his career as lumberman. His first business connection was with a large company at Hattiesburg, Miss., in association with Ben D. Moore.

In July, 1910, he came to Monroe to become stenographer for the Grayling Lumber company—now the Breece Lumber company. A year later he was promoted to the position of salesmanager for this company.

In 1914 he became associated with the O. S. Hawes Lumber company as general manager, where he remained until 1924. In 1919 he organized, together with his brothers, the Parlor City Lumber company, Inc., and became joint manager and director. The company flourished from the outset and became one of the most substantial business enterprises of the twin cities. From time to time the plant was enlarged and today

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THEO. F. TERZIA TAKEN IN DEATH EARLY ON FRIDAY

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ranks as one of the larger lumber concerns in northeast Louisiana. Its success has been attributed as due to a large degree to the unusual vision and business sagacity of Mr. Terzia.

Had Large Interests

In addition to his interests in the Parlor City Lumber company, Mr. Terzia had large holdings in and was president of the Monroe Roofing and Sheet Metal works, and active vice-president of the Morehouse Lumber and Building Material company, Inc., of Bastrop; Macon Ridge Lumber and Building Material company, Inc., Delhi, and other enterprises. He also was active in a real estate company that has been largely responsible for the building up and general development of that tract of land in the south side known as the "Grayling Bend."

Mr. Terzia was ever interested in everything that pertained to the welfare of the community in which he lived and was every ready to fight for what he regarded the rights and best interests of the citizenship. Two features he regarded as most highly essential for any progressive community—improved highways and first class school facilities.

As a natural civic leader, it was only natural that he sought to enter politics so as to carry into execution many of his ideals.

In 1921, upon the resignation of L. P. Alexander, police juror from Ward 3, Mr. Terzia was appointed to the vacancy thus created. He continued in this office until 1928. He served as president of that organization from 1924 to 1928, and it was during this period that the present handsome Ouachita parish courthouse was erected at cost of about \$400,000. Its erection was due to no small degree to the personal efforts of Mr. Terzia, then active as president of the parish police jury.

Upon his retirement from the police jury, Mr. Terzia devoted a greater time than ever to his increasing business interests, and although urged by his friends, had declined to seek further political offices. He was a staunch supporter of the previous state administration and wielded much local influence in matters pertaining to state highway construction and other affairs of import to this section of Louisiana.

Fought for Right

Mr. Terzia was a man of large stature, of restless energy, and with a warm hospitable nature. Many a fight for some civic matter was entered into by him and he usually came out ahead for he ever endeavored to be on the right side, and he ever was confident that the right would win in the end.

Business and professional men and residents of the Twin Cities this morning expressed genuine sorrow at the untimely death of Mr. Terzia. Many men and women of the south side declared that he was the biggest booster for this particular section of the city in which he believed so strongly as to place the larger part of his investments therein. J. Morton Myatt, associated with Mr. Terzia in the Parlor City Lumber company from 1915 to October, 1931, declared today that he had found his former associate one of the most capable of business men and one who was ever possessed of unusual energy and civic foresight. He stated that the entire community has sustained a very great loss in his death. Since leaving the Parlor City Lumber company, Mr. Myatt has been associated with the News-Star-World Publishing company as general manager.

Mr. Terzia was a member of the Riverside Country club, Rotary club, Lotus club, Masonic lodge Royal Arch chapter, the Shrine and Consistory of Shreveport, chamber of commerce and other organizations. He was also a member of the First Methodist church.

Surviving are his widow, who was before her marriage Miss Daisy Strong of West Monroe. Also his father Felix A. Terzia, Sr., and the following children: Nancy Lee, student in Neville high school; Augusta Jarre, Filer Hawes and Sarah Stuart. Four brothers also survive. These are Felix A. Terzia, Jr., of Monroe; William F. Terzia, of Bastrop; State Senator Leo F. Terzia of Bastrop; Fensky C. Terzia of Monroe.

The funeral is to be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the house to Riverview Burial park. Rev. W. C. Scott, pastor of the First Methodist church, will officiate.

Obituary of Theodore Felix Terzia - "Monroe (LA) News-Star" Friday 27 May 1932 p 1 & p 2

FUNERAL RITES ARE HELD TODAY FOR THEO. TERZIA

Large Number of Persons Pay Final Tribute to Leader

An unusually large number paid a last tribute to Theodore Terzia, 41, former police jury president and prominent in politics and business affairs of the city and section, this morning at 11 o'clock, the time set for his funeral.

Leaders in many walks of life from all parts of the parish and adjacent parishes were present. The floral offerings were unusually numerous.

Rev. W. C. Scott, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which Mr. Terzia was a member, officiated, being assisted by Rev. Ernest Holloway, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The interment took place at Riverside Burial park in the Terzia family plot.

Pallbearers were Jack Harrington, Joe Goyne, E. L. Neville, J. W. Collens, D. Y. Smith, W. F. Pipes, Fred Mitchell and J. Morton Myatt.

STATE SENATE IN RESOLUTION DUE TO TERZIA DEATH

Condolences Extended Family of Former Po- lice Jury Head

The state senate, last week, a short time before adjournment, passed a resolution paying tribute to the memory of the late Theodore Terzia of Monroe, former president of the Ouachita parish police jury, and outstanding civic leader. The resolution was introduced by Senator Gilbert and had the following text:

"Whereas: Senator Leo Terzia has just lost by death his brother, the Honorable Theodore Terzia—a most distinguished citizen of Ouachita parish and

"Whereas: there is little that friends can do or say to console the family in this, their hour of bereavement, and

"Whereas: the members of this senate feel that they would, each and everyone, like to express to Senator Terzia and to the members of the family their sympathy at this untimely loss;

"Now therefore, be it resolved that the senate of the state of Louisiana does express its sincerest sympathy to Senator Terzia and to his immediate family;

"Be it therefore resolved; that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Leo Terzia and to his family and that further copies of this resolution be furnished to the press."

Signed

JOHN B. FOURNET,
Lieutenant-Governor of the State
of Louisiana.

"Monroe (LA) News-Star" Tuesday 12 Jul 1932 p 7

MAN PROMINENT IN THE MONROE SECTION DIES

Theodore Terzia, Connected
With Number Of Business
Enterprises, Is Dead

(By The Associated Press)

MONROE, La., May 27.—Theodore Terzia, 41, manager and director of the Parlor City Lumber Company, Inc., and of other Monroe business enterprises, died suddenly of heart failure at his home here today.

Mr. Terzia was one of the best known and most influential residents of this section of the state, taking an active part in state and parish politics. He was a member of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury from 1921 to 1928 and served as president of that body from 1924 to 1928.

He was also active as an advocate of good roads and of school systems, and exerted much of his time and energy in their behalf.

He is survived by his widow and six children.

Funeral plans had not been completed this morning.

"Lafayette (LA) Daily Advertiser" Friday 27 May 1932 p 10

Parlor City nickname & the Parlor City Lumber Co. -

https://www.barrypopik.com/index.php/new_york_city/entry/parlor_city_monroe

Entry from October 27, 2018

Parlor City (Monroe, Louisiana nickname)

Binghamton, New York, has been called the "Parlor City (of the Southern Tier)" since 1873. "Parlor City" means a city that is refined, with beautiful homes, gardens and cultural amenities.

Monroe, Louisiana, has been called the "Parlor City" since at least 1890. In Monroe's *Telegraph-Bulletin* in October 1890, the nickname "Parlor City of Louisiana" was suggested. The nickname quickly became popular, and there was a steamer called "Parlor City." The nickname "Parlor City" became scarce after the 1950s, when Monroe's Parlor City Lumber Company ended its business.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, began to be called the "Parlor City (of Iowa)" in 1890 and 1891. Bluffton, Indiana, has been called the "Parlor City" since at least 1900.

Wikipedia: Monroe, Louisiana

Monroe (historically French: *Poste-du-Ouachita*) is the eighth-largest city in the U.S. state of Louisiana. It is the parish seat of Ouachita Parish. In the official 2010 census, Monroe had a population of 48,815. The municipal population declined by 8.1 percent over the past decade; it was 53,107 in the 2000 census.

21 October 1890, *The Arkansas Gazette* (Little Rock, LA), "MONROE, LA.," pg. 8, col. 1:

Monroe's pet name has been changed from the "Queen City" to the "Parlor City of the Ouachita," at the suggestion of a correspondent in the last issue of the *Telegraph-Bulletin*, of this place, who says:

"The State of Louisiana is an immense building, composed of many rooms, the towns and cities within her border recognized as those compartments. Monroe is recognized as the healthiest, neatest, best laid out, most progressive town in the State, with the most brilliant future before it.

"The location is excellent, her citizens are liberal, progressive and hospitable, therefore, in view of these facts, I nominate Monroe as the "Parlor City of Louisiana" and respectfully submit the title for the approval of her progressive citizens."

22 February 1893, *The Daily Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), pg. 6 col. 1:

MONROE.

The City on a Big Boom.

Monroe, La., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The machinery has all been bought, ground purchased and everything is in readiness to build the Parlor City Steam Laundry.

11 December 1900, *The Daily Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), pg. 14, col. 3:

For Sale or Charter.

The steamboat "Parlor City." Apple to L. D. McLain, Monroe, La.

1 September 1905, *The Daily Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), "Monroe a Model of Town Success," pg. 15, col. 5:

It writing of Monroe it is with feelings of a certain amount of justifiable pride. The municipality is now know far and wide as "the Parlor City," so named because of its many beautiful homes along its oak-embowered streets, as well as its pleasing surroundings.

2 May 1906, *The Daily Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), "Louisiana Editors Line Up in Monroe," pg. 11, col. 2:

... and everything possible is being done by citizens to make the stay of the editors in the Parlor City pleasant and enjoyable.

10 July 1915, Chicago (IL) *Defender*, pg. 4, col. 6:

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING RAPIDLY

Parlor City Medical Association Organizes and Elects Officers

By L. A. Jackson

Monroe, La., July 9,

(...)

The Parlor City Medical Association was organized Thursday night, July 1.

21 October 1923, *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), sec. 1-B, col. 1 ad:

Monroe, Louisiana
Parlor City Lumber Co.
Richardson Roffing.—ed.)

4 May 1932, Monroe (LA) *News-Star*, pg. 6, col. 7 ad:
Should you visit the "PARLOR CITY" of Louisiana be sure to come to see us.
Parlor City Lumber Co, Inc.

25 April 1957, *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans, LA), "Woodmen Circle Convention Set," pg. 3, col. 8:
They will be welcomed for the occasion by Mayor W. L. Howard and Mrs. Ora Beasley on Monroe's Parlor City Grove, which is host for the meeting.

12 July 2009, *News-Star* (Monroe, LA), "Newspaper describes Monroe," pg. D5:
This article was found in the 1893 World's Fair edition of the Monroe Evening News. It paints a glowing picture of Monroe just on the edge of what would become a phenomenal period of growth for the sleepy little town.
(...)
"Capitalists from all directions, appreciating the ultimate greatness of the Parlor City, have not hesitated to make large investments here. The visitor cannot be otherwise than favorably impressed with what he sees."

no more

Google Books

The Monroeians:

The Pine Street Blues Collective

By James O. McHenry

Bloomington, IN: Archway Publishing

2015

Pg. ?:

When it (Pleasant Green Baptist Church—ed.) was constructed, it was named for Felix Terzia (b. 1926 - d. Jan 2003), who was a White Monroe native and owner of the Parlor City Lumber Company. His business was located on Mississippi Street off Thomas Avenue going uptown.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Leo Frank Terzia (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E (1938 NTSA, 20th Engineers Regimental HQ) - private

Serial number: 250,659

Entered service from: Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leo F. Terzia

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother Theodore F. Terzia, Monroe LA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leo F. Terzia

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Theo Terzia, Monroe LA (color sgt, HQ Det., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Leo Frank Terzia – b. 27 Feb 1894 Bastrop LA; res: Fordyce AR. Single. Sales manager & stenographer, Fordyce Lumber Co., Fordyce AR.

Private in National Guard for 6 months in IL ("moved away"). Short & stout.

Found at: [https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYRR-](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYRR-H95?cc=1968530&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK3PY-2XM)

H95?cc=1968530&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK3PY-2XM

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Bastrop LA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Leo Frank Terzia - b. 27 Feb 1894 Bastrop LA; res: 200 Mulberry St., Monroe LA. Mailing address: Box 1531, Monroe LA. NOK Mrs. Leo F. Terzia, mailing address. Employed by Parlor City Lumber Co. Inc., Monroe LA. Height: 5'8" – 160 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 25 Nov 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: Lovers Lane, Monroe LA

Rank/unit: sergeant, Cas Det Demob Grp

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Feb 1894 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA

Died: 22 Oct 1952 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA (in a Monroe hospital, having been taken there 18 Oct 1952 from his home on Loop Rd., Monroe)

Find A Grave record: 16361935 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA

Cemetery: Riverview

Tombstone:

Father: Felix Andrew Terzia Sr., 4 Oct 1864 Dalmatia [now Croatia] – 6 Feb 1937 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA (at the home of his son Leo Frank Terzia Sr.).

Felix's birthplace is also found as Germany. Dalmatia has been under the rule of many peoples & nations, including Rome, Venice, Austria, the Serbs,. Croats, Slovenes, Italy, Hungary, Yugoslavia – and is now part of Croatia.

Came to the US at age 12. Lumberman & bank director. Died of pneumonia following influenza. Buried in Bastrop City Cemetery, Bastrop, Morehouse LA.

Find A Grave: 82503988

Mother: Clara Augusta Fensky [Fenské] Terzia, 14 Jul 1867 near Berlin, Germany – Nov 1898 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA. Daughter of William F. Fenské & Amelia A. Krause [whose surname is listed as Less in the 1900 census when she resides with the Terzia family in Bastrop, Morehouse LA & grandson William reports his mother's name as Clara Less on his marriage license with Pearl Parshall].

Her son Clarence Augusta Terzia was born 21 Nov 1898 & Clara died in Nov 1898 [exact date not found], so her death may presumably be linked to childbirth. Clarence died 1 month later, on 29 Dec 1898.

Find A Grave: 80916481

Parents' marriage: Sunday, 15 Mar 1885 Brookhaven, Lincoln MS at the home of her sister, Ida Schaller. Year also found as 1884, but confirmed by the Brookhaven MS newspaper copied above.

Family tree at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/102347282/person/160014488049/facts?_phsrc=hFB61656&_phstart=succesSource

Spouse: Olivia ("Totsy") Bain Terzia, 11 Feb 1898 Portland, Ashley AR – 27 Sep 1993. Daughter of John C. Bain & Milledge Daisy Galpin. Social Security lists her last residence as Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 16910733

Marriage: 28 Dec 1919 in the Baptist church at Portland, Ashley AR.

Children:

- Leo Frank Terzia Jr., 28 Oct 1920 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA – 28 Mar 2005 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. Owner & president of Terzia Lumber & Hardware in Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA. Served in the US Navy in WWII. Married Eleanor Elizabeth Gandy on 9 Nov 1946 in the Baptist Church at Shreveport, Rapides Parish LA. She was the daughter of Robert Wiley Gandy.

Siblings:

- Amelia Augusta Terzia, 27 Nov 1885 Brookhaven, Lincoln MS – 18 Aug 1886 Brookhaven, Lincoln MS. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Brookhaven, Lincoln MS. F: 48919580
- Felix Andrew Terzia Jr., 18 Dec 1886 Brookhaven, Lincoln MS – 3 Jan 1953 Ouachita Parish LA. Graduate of Louisiana State University in 1904. Married on 15 Sep 1915 to Verne Manon Pigford (1888-1984, F: 180859098). Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. F: 180858198

- William Frederick (Fred/Fredrick) Terzia, 12 Jan 1888 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – 6 Apr 1965 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. – When he registers for the 1917 WWI draft, a note indicates he has a crippled left hand. - Married Ardath Lyman (1900 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 1935 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA, F: 55681676) on 18 Jan 1918 in Flint, Genesee MI. In the 1930 census, William F. Terzia (41 LA) & Ardath (32 MI) lived in Saginaw, Saginaw MI, where his business was wholesale lumber. – Married Pearl Winifred Parshall (1896-1997, F: 221119198) on 23 Sep 1939 in Lucas Co. OH. In the 1940 census for Saginaw, Saginaw MI, William F. Terzia (48 LA) lives with wife Pearl (44 MI). Pearl was born 28 Jan 1896 & died 2 Jan 1997, SSN 713-01-4407. She was the daughter of Israel Jay Parshall (Jul 1873 MI) & Sarah Malinda Silverthorn (1874-1975, F: 221124467). – William is buried in Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. F: 221119197.
- Theodore Felix ("Theo") Terzia, 10 Oct 1890 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – 27 May 1932 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. Married 19 Sep 1915 in Texarkana, Miller AR to Daisy Sims Strong (1889 LA – 1982 LA, F: 14896018), the daughter of William Allyn Strong & Nancy Sims. - Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. F: 20258695
- Fensky Conroe Terzia (Sr.) 27 Apr 1892 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – 1 Jun 1970 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. Leo's fellow passenger & survivor on Tuscania. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA. F: 16175341. For full biography, see Fensky's record above.
- Clarence Augusta/Augustus Terzia, 21 Nov 1898 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – 29 Dec 1898 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA. Buried in Bastrop City Cemetery, Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA. F: 82504060

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Shreveport [LA] Times" 9 Feb 1918 p 1 - Mrs. Schaller, who recently moved to Shreveport LA from Brookhaven MS, received word that her nephew Leo F. of Monroe LA is safe but no news of nephew F.C. Terzia (Leo's brother).

"Daily Arkansas Gazette" (Little Rock AR) 14 Mar 1918 p 5 - letter to brother T.F. Terzia (mgr. O.S. Hawes Lumber Co., Monroe LA), Leo was formerly employed at Fordyce Lumber Co. & Bliss-Cook Oak Co. (Blissville), at both places as assistant manager. In his letter dated 12 Feb 1918 from England, Leo wrote he was separated from his brother Fensky for 5 days. Leo & the men in his lifeboat fought the Islay, Scotland, rocks for 8 hours, landing on Islay at 8 a.m. The 32 men in his lifeboat landed safely, while in other lifeboats, half died.

Post-war:

Namesake of Leo Terzia Barracks No. 3279 of WWI veterans in Monroe LA

Obituary:

"Monroe (LA) News-Star" 22 Oct 1952 p 1 & p. 9 - photo, age 58, former LA state senator & prominent industrialist of northeast LA. Funeral 23 Oct 1952, with burial in Riverview. Born Bastrop LA, educated there & at Quincy Business College, Quincy IL. Engaged in lumber & hardware business. One of the founders of the extensive Terzia interests - Parlor City Lumber Co. (Monroe LA) & Terzia Lumber & Hardware Co. (Bastrop). Served in the LA state legislature 1932-40. After his 2nd term, he moved to Monroe LA & lived there ever since. Elected president of TX Basin Levee board, holding that office at the time of his death. One of 2 delegates from LA to Small Defense Plants Administration (Dallas) advisory board (representing TX, OK, AR, LA). Spent 18 months in France in WWI; was a regimental color sergeant for the 20th Engineers. One of the few survivors of Tuscania, "one of the tragic events of the entire war." Started Parlor City Lumber Co. after the war with his late brother Theodore as president. Former commander of the VFW at Bastrop LA. Charter member of L.B. Faulk American Legion Post 13 in Monroe LA. Also member of the VFW in Monroe LA. Married to Totsy Bain who survives, as does son Leo F. Jr. & 3 brothers: Fensky C., Felix A. Terzia Jr. & William F. Terzia.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA

Felix A. Terzia, 37 Germany, Dec 1852, parents b. Germany, widowed, saloonkeeper

Felix A. Jr., 13 MS, Dec 1886, at school

Willie F., 12 LA, Jan 1888, at school

Theo F., 9 LA, Oct 1890

Fenskey C. [indexed as Tenskey], 8 LA, Apr 1892

Leo F., 6 LA, Feb 1894

& sister-in-law Ida J. Schaller, 35 Germany, Jun 1864, widowed

& mother-in-law Amelia A. Less, 70 Germany, May 1830, widowed

[for the Terzia children: both parents b. Germany]

1910 Campti, Morehouse Parish LA – Washington St. – indexed as Tarzia

F.A. Terzia, 45 Austria, parents b. Austria, own income

Leo, 15 LA, father b. Austria, mother b. Germany [son]

Willie, 20 LA, father b. Austria, mother b. Germany, laborer, odd jobs [son]

1920 cannot locate

1930 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – 915 E. Madison

Leo F. Terzia, 36 LA, parents b. LA, manager, lumber company, WWI veteran

Totsy, 31 LA, parents b. LA

Leo F., 9 LA

1940 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish LA – E. Madison St. – same house in 1935

Leo F. Terzia, 45 LA, manager, wholesale lumber yard [indexed as Leo Jr.]

Totsy, 39 AR [indexed as Tatsy]

Leo F. Jr., 19 LA

[Ancestry.com adds several lodgers & their relatives to the Terzia record, but they are on the following page & don't appear linked]

1950 Monroe, Ouachita Parish LA – 114 Mulberry

Leo F. Terzia, 54 LA, owner, lumber company

Totsy Bain Terzia, 50 AR [wife]