

Thayer, Edwin Harris 1880 CA – 1942 CA



Edwin Harris Thayer – "San Francisco Chronicle" 10 Feb 1918 p 2

Edwin Thayer Succumbs To Heart III

SAN RAFAEL, Mar. 14.—Death came suddenly Thursday morning to Ed Thayer, long time resident of San Anselmo and former deputy assessor of Marin county. He collapsed as he alighted from the bus at the San Francisco terminal as he was enroute to his work in a Bank of California branch and died instantly, victim of a violent heart attack.

Born in San Francisco, Edwin Harris Thayer was 60 years of age. He married Miss Julia Valencia, member of the prominent pioneer Pacheco-Valencia family who survives him along with ane son, Paul, of Martinez, and a grandson, Russel Thayer. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Thayer resided at 70 Lincoln Park, San Anselmo. He served as deputy assessor under the late Gus Pacheca and later during the administration of Dr. F. E. Sawyer.

He was a brother of the late Herbert Thayer, president of the bank in San Francisco's Mission district which is now a part of the Bank of California and had been employed there for several years.

Thayer was a World War vete-

engineering corps. He was one of the many hundreds of men aboard the troop transport "Tuscania," a British ship carrying American soldiers which was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland on February 5, 1918—the only troop transport carrying men of the AEF lost in that war. Only 215 men aboard were lost. Thayer was rescued after swimming about in the icy water for nearly an hour.

The body was brought to the Keaton Mortuary in San Rafael. THAYER-In San Anselmo, March Edwin H., beloved husband of Thayer, leving father Thayer, uncle of George Edwin Thayer, grandfather of Russell E. Thayer and brother of the late Herbert A. Thayer; native of San Francisco, aged years. A member of San Anselmo Post No. 179 American Legion, invited to funeral Saturday, March 14, 10 o'clock a, m., at Keaton's Mortuary, San Rafael, Interment San Anselmo Post No. 179. American Legion, services Friday evening, March 13. 1942. at 8 o'clock.

Obituary "San Francisco Examiner" Fridy 13 Mar 1942 p 15

Drops Dead

SAN FRANCISCO— (U.P.) —Edwin Harris Thayer, 60, San Anselmo, collapsed and died in a Pacific Greyhound commuter depot here today while on his way to work in the Mission branch of the Bank of California. He was a survivor of the World War I torpedoing of the treopship Tuscania off the Irish coast in 1918.

"Santa Maria (CA) Times" Thursday 12 Mar 1942 p 6

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Life:

ANXIOUS ABUOT RELATIVE

It is believed that Edward Thayer of San Rafael was a passenger on the submarined troopship Tuscania.

Mr. Thayer's wife was formerly Miss Julia Valencia of Ignacio and is a sister of Mrs. Fred Sweetzer of Novato.

Thayer recently wrote that he expected to sail for France and no letters have been received from him since the time the Tuscania sailed There is belief that he was on board.

He enlisted with the 20th engineers several months ago from San Rafael.

"Petaluma (CA) Daily Morning Courier" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

Wife:

MISS VALENCIA IS A BRIDE

A very few of their friends have been informed of the marriage last Saturday of Miss Julia R. Valencia to Edward Thayer. The young couple, from information given out, are to reside in San Francisco, where the bridegroom has a responsible position with Shreve's. Miss Valencia is well known in Marin county, her family being numbered among the pioneers. In her own right, Miss Valencia is well to do. The engagement was announced to close friends and relatives several months ago.

"Petaluma (CA) Daily Morning Courier" Friday 28 May 1915 p 4

MISS JULIA VALENCIA IS A HAPPY BRIDE

Miss Julia Valencia, the beautiful daughter of the late Mrs. Catherine Valencia of Ignacio, and one of the highly respected pioneer native daughters of Marin county, was recently married to Edward Thayer f San Francisco. The engagement was announced to close friends some months ago, but no one was aware that the wedding was to have been consumated until late in the fall. The bride inherited property valued at about \$35,000 from the estate of her mother. She is a young woman blessed with a bright active mind and has many friends on this side of the bay who extend their congratulations. The groom enjoys a very lucratice position with Shreve & Co., jewelers, in San Francisco. The couple will reside in San Francisco.-San Rafael Independent.

"Petaluma (CA) Argus-Courier" Thursday 3 Jun 1915 p 5

Mrs. Thayer, formerly Miss Julia Valencia, of Ignacio, landed a fork horn deer in Marin county hast week.

Arthur's deer-hunting bride – "Petaluma (CA) Daily Morning Courier" Tuesday 10 Aug 1915 p 8

SUIT FILED IN MARIN COUNTY

Suit has been filed by George P. McNear against Julia A. Thayer, formerly Julia A. Valencia, and her husband, Edward Thayer, to enforce collection of a promissory note for \$2000 and accrued interest. Mrs. Thayer is the principal defendant, although nearly a dozen others are named as persons claiming an interest in the property mortgaged as security for the payment of the note.

McNear alleges that the loan was made in December, 1911, and that but \$80 has been paid on the principal. The total amount sought to be recovered by the suit is \$1920 and interest at 7 per cent from April 26, 1915.

With Mrs. Thayer and her husband, these defendants are named: Henrietta Sweetser, F. W. Sweetser, Stella Laughrey, Bank of Tomales, C. C. Hansen, V. J. B. Cheda, Marin County Savings Bank, Frank I. Valencia, H. C. Christoffersen, E. S. Rake, M. Herzog, S. K. Herzog & Co., P. Filippini, and Julia W. White.—Marin County Journal.

This lawsuit against Edwin & wife Julia was brought by George P. McNear – who is likely the father of Ezekiel Denman McNear, who will become Edwin Thayer's fellow Tuscania passenger & survivor - "Petaluma (CA) Daily Morning Courier" Saturday 1 Jun 1916 p 6

HISTORIC ADOBE BURNS.

SAN RAFAEL, May 26.—The historic Pacheco adobe at Ignacio is a mass of fire ruins today. Owned by Mrs. Julia Valencia Thayer, and occupied by the Van Clark family. the house, famous for its hospitality in early days, was built in 1817.

"Grass Valley (CA) Morning Union" Saturday 27 May 1916 p 1

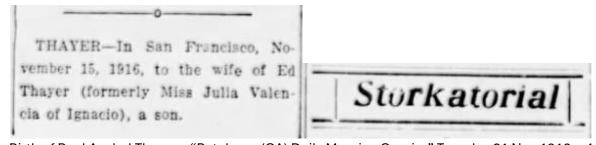
Mrs. Edwin Thayer (nee Julia Valencia) is an influenza patient at a San Francisco hospital.

Julia part of the WWI influenza pandemic – "Petaluma (CA) Morning Courier" Tuesday 17 Dec 1918

Son:



Paul Asahel Thayer - https://www.ancestry.com/mediauiviewer/tree/108478902/person/420120505722/media/f8a4c57a-f2e7-42e7-aac8-639dd5bd9ef8



Birth of Paul Asahel Thayer – "Petaluma (CA) Daily Morning Courier" Tuesday 21 Nov 1916 p 4

W. D. BOND acted as a witness to the wedding of Loraine Mc-Doug'as, San Francisco and Paul Asabel Thayer, Berkeley, when they were married yesterday afternoon at the office of Justice C. C. Houck.

Marriage of son Paul Asahel Thayer to Lorraine Douglas – "Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Thursday 9 Mar 1939 p 6

Novato Girl Married Since March; Tells Interesting News

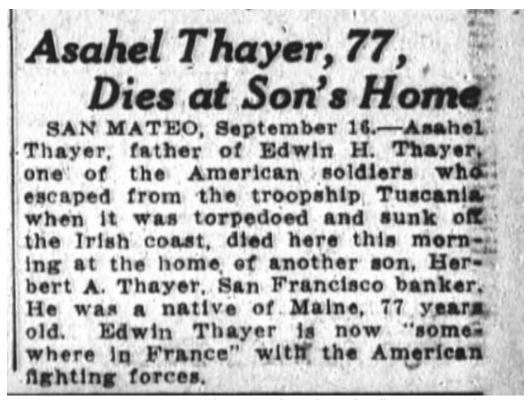
On March 8 of last year, blonde Lorraine Douglas, formerly of Novato, and Paul Thayer, San Anselmo, slipped away and were quietly married in Santa Cruz. They kept the secret until this week when the marriage was announced.

The wedding climaxed a school day romance when both attended the San Rafael high school. Paul was graduated from the University of California last May and he is now connected with an engineering firm in San Francisco, where he and his young bride are making their home.

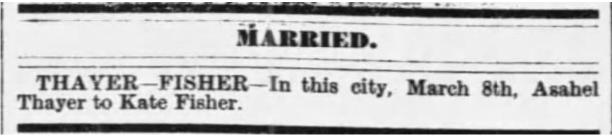
The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Shout formerly of Novato, where she made her home before removing to San Francisco where she was graduated from St. Rose's academy.

The bridegroom is a member of the pioneer Valencia-Pacheco family of Marin county. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Harris Thayer (Julia Valencia), and nephew of Mrs. Fred Sweetser, formerly of Novato, now of San Anselmo.

Father:



Obituary of father Asahel Taylor – "San Francisco Chronicle" Tuesday 17 Sep 1918 p 8



"San Francisco Examiner" Wednesday 14 Mar 1877 p 3

Asshel Thayer and wife to Herbert A. Thayer, let on E line of Victoria street, 525 N of Sherman, N 25 by E 200; \$10.

Real estate transaction with son Herbert – "San Francisco Call" Thursday 12 Dec 1907 p 15

Brother:

H. A. Thayer, Banker, Dies At Home Here

Herbert A. Thayer, branch manager of the Bank of California at San Francisco, and for many years a civic leader in San Mateo, died last night at his home here. 320 Jackson street, Baywood Park. Thayer, who formerly resided in the Hayward Park district, was a director of the Peninsula Building and Loan association here, and president of the San Mateo Masonic Hall association. He was a member of San Mateo lodge No. 226. F. and A. M.; Islam Temple Shrine, San Francisco; and Hesperian parlor, Native Sons. Thayer formerly was active in work of the San Mateo Good Government league, and was well known in civic circles.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Louise Thayer, he leaves a son, Edwin, both living at the family home here. A brother, Edwin Thayer, also survives.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the chapel of George W. Sneider & Co., under auspices of the San Mateo Masonic lodge. Cremation will follow at Cypress Lawn memorial park, Lawndaie.

Obituary of brother Herbert Asahel Taylor (1878-1933) – "San Mateo (CA) Times" Wednesday 4 Jan 1933 p3

Thayer Estate Left to Widow

Herbert A. Thayer, San Francisco banker and San Mateo resident
who died January 3, left his entire
estate to his wicow, Louise M.
Trayer, 320 Jackson street, this
city, according to the will filed in
superior court today.

Value of Thayer's estate has not been determined, but is given as "in excess of \$10,000." The banker made no provision for his son, George E. Thayer, Menlo Park, "knowing he will be cared for by his mother as by myself."

The widow and the Bank of California, San Francisco, are named co-executors of the will.

"San Mateo (CA) Times" Wednesday 11 Jan 1933 p 2

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Edwin Harris Thayer

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,658

Entered service from: San Francisco, San Francisco CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edwin H. Thayer

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother Herbert Asahel Thayer, c/o Mission Bank, 16th & Julian Ave.,

San Francisco CA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919 Sailed on return ship as: Edwin H. Thayer

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Herbert A. Thayer, c/o Mission Bank, 16th & Julian

Ave., San Francisco CA (sgt 1st class, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 50 Lincoln Ave., San Anselmo CA

World War II draft registration (1942):

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 7 Dec 1917 Discharged: 18 Jun 1919

Address: 155 Eureka St., Apt. 6, San Francisco CA Rank/unit: sergeant 1st class, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Nov 1880 San Francisco CA (also Veterans Administration Military Index date) (1881?) (obituary says 60 years old in March 1942)

Died: 12 Mar 1942 San Francisco, San Francisco CA (of a heart attack after getting off a bus in San

Francisco on his way to his job at the Bank of America)

Find A Grave record: 23265242 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Novato, Marin CA Cemetery: Valley Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Asahel Thayer, 29 May 1841 Dresden, Lincoln ME - 15 Sep 1918 San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Son of William Thayer & Margaret Maryanne Pushard. Bookkeeper. Died while Edwin was serving in WWI. Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA.

Find A Grave: 79942737

Mother: Katherine Landtgraff Thayer, 1844 PA – 1901. Her surname is listed as Fisher on the newspaper account of her marriage. Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA.

Find A Grave: 112784918

Parents' marriage: 8 Mar 1877 San Francisco CA

Spouse: Julia R. Valencia Thayer, 4 Sep 1884 CA – 19 Jul 1972 San Anselmo, Marin CA. Daughter of Francisco Ignacio Valencia. Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, San Rafael, Marin CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 106949496 Marriage: 2 Jun 1915 Marin Co. CA

Children:

 Paul Asahel Thayer, 15 Nov 1916 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 8 Jul 1981. Husband of Lorraine Douglas (1919-2002, F: 26762481, d. & buried in AR) whom he married 8 Mar 1939 in Santa Cruz CA. They kept the marriage secret until Jan 1940. Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, San Rafael, Marin CA. F: 85392579

Siblings:

 Herbert Asahel Thayer, Aug 1878 CA – 3 Jan 1933 San Mateo, San Mateo CA. Married 6 Jul 1904 in San Francisco CA to Louise Maria Schwartz (1881-1968, F: 79944576). Buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, San Mateo CA. F: 76409045

Notes:		
Pre-war:		
Wartime:		

"San Francisco Chronicle" 8 Feb 1918 p 3 - H.A. Thayer, San Francisco banker of Hayward Park, San Mateo CA, believes his brother Edwin H. of San Rafael CA was on board Tuscania. Edwin sent amessage a few weeks ago that he was sailing soon.

"San Franciso Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 2 - of San Francisco, enlisted 5 Dec 1917, wife resides 512 Frederick St., she last heard from him 20 Jan

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Petaluma (CA) Argus-Courier" 14 Mar 1942 p 6 - long-time resident of San Anselmo, former deputy assessor of Marin Co. CA, got off a bus at the San Francisco terminal & collapsed. Edwin was on his way to a Bank of CA branch. He died instantly, on 12 Mar 1942. Edwin Harris, age 60. Survived by wife Julia Valencia of the prominent pioneer Pacheco-Valencia family & son Paul of Martinez CA. For many years Edwin & Julia lived at 70 Lincoln Park, San Anselmo CA. Was city assessor under Gus Pacheca & Dr. F.E. Sawyer administration. Brother of the late Herbert Thayer. President of bank in the Mission District now part of the Bank of CA, worked there many years. WWI veteran, serving in the Engineers & Tuscania survivor. The ship had 215 casualties. He swam for about an hour.

On Find A Grave: "Marin Journal" 19 Mar 1942 p 2 - funeral 14 Mar 1942. Deputy county assessor, d. of heart attack after getting off a bus in San Francisco on his way to the Bank of America where he was employed. Age 60, b. San Francisco. Lived many years in San Anselmo CA. WWI veteran, Tuscania survivor, was swimming for over 1 hour. Worked in the lumber business, "thorough accountant"

From the San Francisco CA coroner report (copied above)

Edwin was a daily commuter on the Greyhound bus from San Anselmo CA to San Francisco CA. He boarded bus #1072 at 7:38 a.m., which arrived in San Francisco at Battery & Sacramento streets at 8:25 a.m., which was 10 minutes later, having been delayed by a train at a crossing. The bus driver was M. Hutchins. "The deceased was aggravated at the late arrival, and started an argument

Social Security number: 551-26-8189

Censuses:

1900 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 320 Bartlett
Ashel Thayer, 59 ME, May 1841, parents b. ME, bookkeeper [next word unreadable],
married 23 years, – he is listed 2nd, but then "husband" is replaced by "head"
Ashel Mrs., 55 PA, Nov 1844, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living – she
is listed 1st, but then "head" is replaced by "wife"
Herbert A., 22 CA, Aug 1877, single, father b. ME, mother b. PA, clerk (office, lumber)
Edwin H., 18 CA, Nov 1881, single, father b. ME, mother b. PA lumberman

1910 cannot locate

1920 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 1716 Waller St. – conducted Jan 3 & 5, 1920 Edwin Thayer, 39 CA, father b. ME, mother b. PA, electrician, electric shop Julia Thayer, 35 CA, parents b. CA [wife]
Paul Thayer, 3 years 1 month CA [son]
Estella Stromberg, 40 CA, divorced [sister-in-law]
Elanore Stromberg, 9 CA [niece]
Edna Stromberg, 8 CA [niece]
Olof Polsen, 34 OR, single, horse (?) smith, iron works [roomer]

1930 San Anselmo, Marin CA – 50 Lincoln Ave. – very faint Edwin H. Thayer, 49 CA, father b. ME, mother b. PA, age 25 (?) at 1st marriage, clerk [next word unintelligible], WWI veteran Julia V., 46 CA, parents b. CA, clerk, utility, public Paul A, 13 CA

1940 San Anselmo, Marin CA – same house in 1935 Edwin Thayer, 59 CA, clerk, bank Julia V., 56 CA, bookkeeper, public utility & sister-in-law Henrietta Sweetser, 62 CA, widow