

# TUSCANIA

**Thomas, Frank Joseph**  
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Frank Joseph Thomas – left: “San Francisco Chronicle” 11 Feb 1918 p 2 – right: “San Francisco Examiner” 9 Feb 1918 p 2



Frank Joseph Thomas – left: “San Francisco Examiner” 12 Mar 1918 p 3 – right: “Hayward (CA)”  
Daily Review 20 Jun 1938 p 1

Interment was in Union Cemetery.  
**THOMAS**—In the Buck's Bar district near  
Somerset, El Dorado County, January 6,  
1952. Frank J. Thomas, husband of  
Odyssa, a native of Hayward, Calif.,  
aged 61 years. The body was removed  
to Hayward for funeral services and in-  
terment.

Obituary of Frank Joseph Thomas – “Sacramento (CA) Bee” Friday 11 Jan 1952 p 23 -  
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**THOMAS**—In Sumerest, January 6, 1952. Frank J. Thomas, beloved husband of Odysa Thomas, loving father of Mrs Isobel Burnnell of Dunsmuir, Calif., brother of Mrs. Mary Vieira, Manuel F. and Joseph L. Thomas and the late Anthony S. Thomas and Anna Pieira and grandfather of Patricia Burnnell; a native of Hayward Calif.; aged 61 years; a past commander and member of Hayward Post No. 1882 V.F.W., past commander and member of Military Order of the Purple Heart No. 59 of Hayward, Hayward Post No. 68, American Legion Red Jacket Tribe No. 28 of Redman of Sacramento, Motherlode Lions Club of Diamond Springs.

Friends are invited to attend the services at the Garden Chapel of the Pratt-Flierl Mortuary, 1044 C St., Hayward, Thursday, January 10, 1952, at 12:30 p.m.; V.F.W. services will be held at the funeral chapel, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Obituary of Frank Joseph Thomas – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Wednesday 9 Jan 1952 p 47

Life:

## Three Generations In Veterans' Post

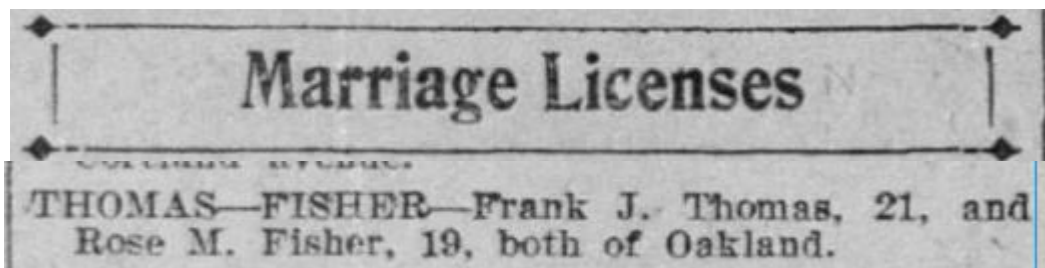
A third generation in one family was added to the Hayward post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last night when Mrs. Isobel Thomas, 76, joined the auxiliary.

Mrs. Thomas is the mother of Commander Frank J. Thomas of the post and mother-in-law of Mrs. Rose Thomas, president of the auxiliary and wife of the commander.

Miss Isobel Thomas, 21, representing the youngest generation in the family, is also a member of the auxiliary.

"San Francisco Examiner" Friday 24 Feb 1933 p 2

Wife Rose Fisher:



Marriage license – "San Francisco (CA) Call" Friday 30 Dec 1910 p 12

## Anthony Marchi

**MOUNT SHASTA**—Services for Anthony Julius Marchi, 83, of Dunsmuir will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel followed by burial in Mount Shasta Memorial Park.

The Rev. Ivor Torgerson of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Dunsmuir, and the Rev. Walter Albrecht of St. An-

thony's Catholic Church, Mount Shasta, will officiate.

Marchi died at home Feb. 1 of natural causes. Born June 7, 1891, in Staten Island, N.Y., he lived in Siskiyou County for three years. He had operated a gift shop in Southern California before moving to Dunsmuir.

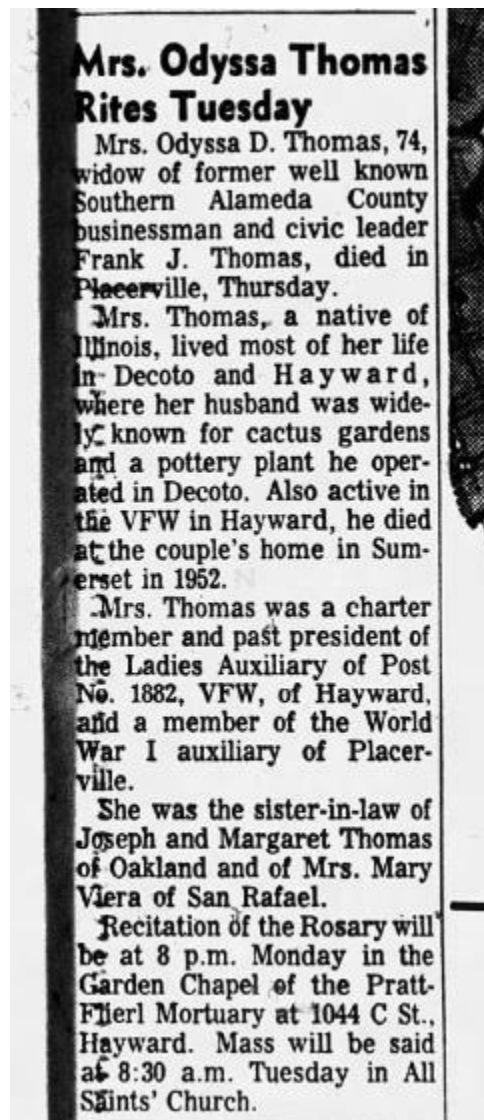
He was a Marine in World War I.

He leaves his wife, Rose May, and a daughter, Isobel Jones, both of Dunsmuir; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.



Death of Rose Fisher Thomas Marchi's husband – "Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight" Wednesday  
12 Feb 1975 p 23

Wife Odyssa Sands Duncan Heyer Akins [Kwaak]:



Obituary of Odyssa Sands Duncan Heyer Akins [Kwaak] Thomas "Oakland (CA) Tribune"  
Sunday 15 Oct 1961 p 9



Odyssa Sands Duncan's dress at the Coronation Ball, Ak-Sar-Ben – "Omaha (NE) World-Herald" Saturday 5 Oct 1907 p 9

Miss Odyssa Duncan, sister of George J. Duncan, is convalescing from typhoid-pneumonia, and is expected to leave the Wise Memorial hospital in about three weeks.

"Omaha (NE) Daily Bee" Saturday 24 Dec 1910 p 6

Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, whose son, George J. Duncan, was killed, is none to well, but has recovered somewhat from her injuries and the shock of the tragedy. She lives at the Pasadena apartments with her daughter, Miss Odyssa S. Duncan. Their home at 4101 Farnam street was completely demolished.

Tornado destroys Duncan family home & kills Odyssa's brother George - "Omaha (NE) Daily Bee" Monday 23 Mar 1914 p 7

## **MRS. DUNCAN VERY ILL; HER DAUGHTER IN HOSPITAL**

Miss Odyssa S. Duncan of the Alma apartments, who has been confined to her bed for the last week, has been removed to the Nicholas Senn hospital. It is feared that her mother will also have to be removed to the hospital on account of a nervous breakdown due to the shock of her daughter's illness.

"Omaha (NE) Daily Bee" Tuesday 25 May 1915 p 5

Miss Odyssa Sands Duncan of the Alma apartments, sister of the late George J. Duncan, left on Sunday, August 8th, for the California Expositions accompanied by two Dominican Sisters of St. Clare College of Sinsinawa, Wis. She will be gone for about a month.

"True Voice" (Omaha NE) Friday 13 Aug 1915 p 5

Miss Odyssa S. Duncan of the Alma apartments, has again assumed her duties as stenographer at the Iten Biscuit company, after a six weeks' vacation spent in California. While in San Francisco, she was the guest of the Dominican Sisters of St. Rose Academy. Later she motored out to Dixon, California, where she was the guest on the Burrough's ranch for a fortnight. Mrs. Burroughs was formerly Miss Bertha A. Miller, schoolmate of Miss

Duncan, and a former member of St Cecilia's parish.

"Our Sunday Visitor" (Omaha NE) Friday 24 Sep 1915 p 5

any kind for any...

Mrs. Ellen Hart of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in Omaha on Thursday morning to be the guest of her cousin, Miss Odyssa S. Duncan, of the Alma apartments, called here by the serious illness of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan. Mrs. Duncan is still confined in the Nicholas-Senn hospital, and her recovery is very doubtful.

"True Voice" (Omaha NE) Friday 17 Dec 1915 p 5

### Has Nervous Breakdown, Condition Is Serious

Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, 2754 Harney street, is in a serious condition at Nicholas Senn hospital from a general

nervous breakdown, and her recovery is considered somewhat doubtful. Mrs. Duncan has never fully recovered from her experience in the tornado of 1913, when her son, the late George J. Duncan was killed, Mrs. Duncan herself gravely injured, and their home destroyed.

Mrs. Duncan was favorably affected, however by the arrival Friday of a niece, Mrs. Ellen Hart of St. Louis whom she had not seen for over thirty years. Mrs. Hart will remain in Omaha for the present as the guest of her cousin, Miss Odyssa Duncan, at the Alma apartments.

"Omaha (NE) World-Herald" Sunday 19 Dec 1915 p 12



## MISS DUNCAN FALLS ON ICE AND CUTS HER HEAD

Miss Odyssa S. Duncan of the Alma apartments, when on her way to mass at St. Peter's church Sunday morning, fell on the icy sidewalk at Twenty-eighth and Harney streets and cut a gash about an inch long above her right eye. She was attended by Dr. J. G. Gleeson, who sewed up the wound, and she is now confined to her bed, suffering intense pain.

"Omaha (NE) Daily Bee" Wednesday 16 Feb 1916 p 8

## Research Club.

The Research club will hold its last meeting of the season Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at St. Berchman's academy. A special service, the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin, will be in charge of Miss Odyssa Duncan. The Rev. Father Kellinger, S. J., of Creighton university will give the closing address.

"Omaha (NE) World-Herald" Sunday 26 May 1918 p 29

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heyer returned to Omaha Saturday after visiting a few days with relatives.

"Wayne (NE) Herald" Thursday 5 Sep 1918 p 8

## Frank Heyer First Victim of Spanish "Flu" in Omaha

The Spanish "flu" found its first victim in Omaha. Frank Heyer, Majestic apartments, died Saturday night from what the doctors believe to be a form of the disease. He had just been married five weeks, and is survived by his wife. Funeral services were held at the St. Peters church and internment was in the Holy Sepulcher Monday.

"Omaha (NE) Daily Bee" Tuesday 1 Oct 1918 p 10

### DEATH OF FRANK O. HEYER.

Frank Otto Heyer, aged 30 years, beloved husband of Odyssa S. Duncan Heyer, passed away on Friday, September 27, at 11:40 p. m. at his apartment in the Majestic. His death was due to typhoid pneumonia, caused by a severe cold he caught two days before he died.

The funeral was held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock from Heafey & Heafey's to St. Peter's church, in charge of the Knights of Columbus of which Mr. Heyer has been a member for many years.

Mrs. Heyer contracted the malady from nursing her husband and was unable to attend the funeral. She is confined to her bed in a private sanitarium where no one outside of her mother and the nurse are allowed to see her.

In May 1918, Odyssa was unmarried – in Sep 1918, her 1<sup>st</sup> husband died – “Our Sunday Visitor (Omaha NE) Friday 4 Oct 1918 p 5

MINNESOTA.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, mother of Mrs. Heyer, is at present confined to her bed, suffering with a severe cold. It is hoped, however, that she will soon be able to be up and about again.  
Mrs. Odyssa Duncan Heyer has just returned to her apartment in the Majestic from the Ford hospital, where she recently underwent an operation. She is now very much improved in health.

“True Voice (Omaha NE) Friday 26 Aug 1921 p 5

Hayward Post No. 1882 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a joint installation of officers with its auxiliary at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the Hayward Veterans Building. Dancing and refreshments will follow.

Department Commander Edward M. Seacord, of San Jose, will be the installing officer for the post, and Mrs. Gertrude Brown Smith, past department president and now department judge-advocate of the Auxiliary, will install the ladies' unit.

Carl Rheeling is the newly elected commander and his officers are: Frank E. Bernard, senior vice-commander; Frank J. Thomas, chaplain; Ben Shaw, junior vice-commander; Martin Dunn, quartermaster; W. Thomas Crook, adjutant; Robert Akins, judge-advocate; Al Clyde, guard; Charles Stacy, Davo Moja, Walter Peterson and Anthony Ojeda as color bearers and guards; Carl Lehmann, trustee.

The auxiliary will be guided by Mrs. Odyssa D. Akins, president; Mrs. Marian Coder, senior vice-president; Mrs. Sylvia Bernard, junior vice-president; Mrs. Sadie Riggs, chaplain; Mrs. Rose M. Thomas, secretary-treasurer; Miss Marthar Crane, guard; Mrs. Ruth Reehling and Mrs. Emily Lehmann, trustees; Mrs. Reehling, historian; Miss Isabel Thomas, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Lehmann, Mrs. Louise Lawrence, Mrs. Rose Mack and Mrs. Geraldine Rogers, color bearers.

Frank Thomas & Robert C. Akins, who are/will be husbands of Odyssa Duncan, are in the same VFW post – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Thursday 8 Nov 1934 p 20

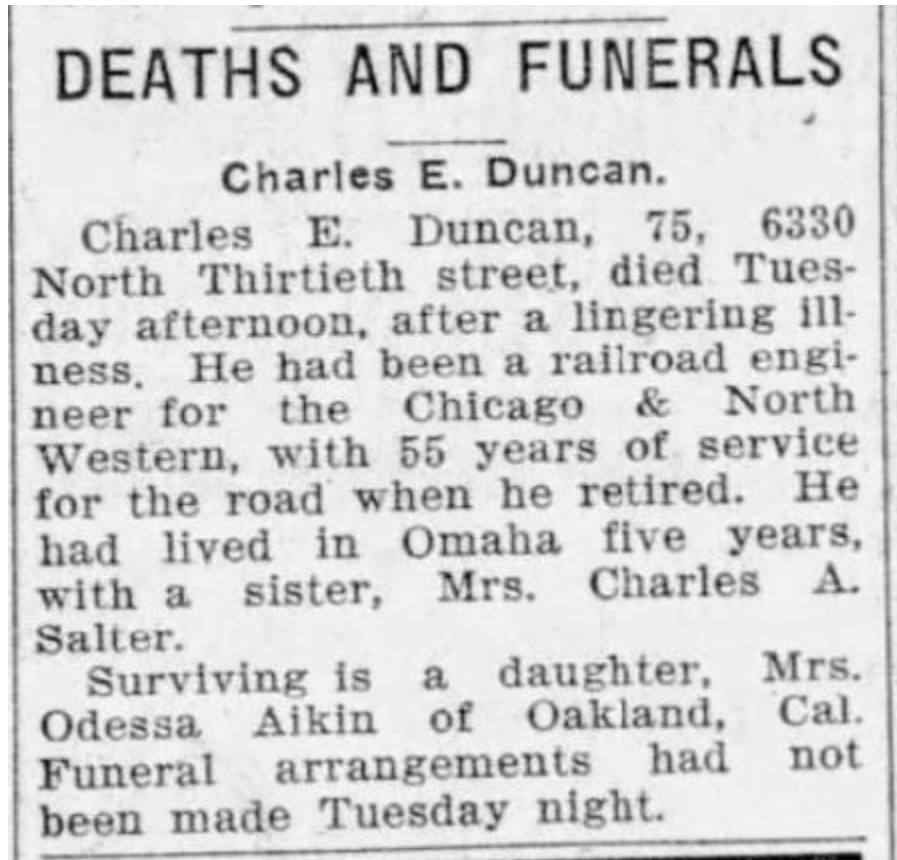
## Hayward Man Dies In Fall From Auto

A fall from the automobile that was transporting him to the Hayward Rodeo at Rowell ranch, proved fatal yesterday for Robert Akins, 49, of 2202 Princeton street, Hayward.

Akins fell from a car driven by Frank J. Thomas, Decoto, as it rounded a curve on the Dublin Canyon road.

Lawrence Ventura, 33, of 355 East Charter Way, Stockton, died en-route to an Oakland hospital from injuries received when his motorcycle collided with an automobile reportedly operated by George Goodwin, Oakland. Robert Akins, 49, Hayward, fell from an automobile and received fatal injuries. Frank Caine, 43, San Francisco, was injured fatally when struck by an automobile. Steve Leong, 18 months old, was killed and five other persons were injured in an automobile accident near Bakersfield.

Death of Robert C. Akins when he falls from car driven by Odyssa's future husband – left: "San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 30 Jun 1935 p 13 – right: "Napa Valley Register" (Napa CA) Monday 1 Jul 1935 p 7



"Omaha (NE) Evening World-Herald" Wednesday 23 May 1928 p 5



## VETERAN ENGINEER DIES

Charles A. Duncan, 75, Had Been with North Western 55 Years.

Charles A. Duncan, 75, brother of Mrs. Charles A. Salter, died Tuesday afternoon of heart disease, while sitting on the porch of the Salter home, 6330 North Thirtieth street, talking with his sister.

Mr. Duncan was a veteran North Western locomotive engineer, serving with the company for 55 years, having a run for many years between Chicago and Clinton, Ia. He had been retired five years, during

which time he made his home in Omaha with his sister, wife of former Fire Chief Salter. He had recently attended a meeting of the veterans' association in Chicago.

Dr. Duncan and Mrs. Salter had recently attended the funeral of their only sister, Mrs. George Stone, in Chicago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Odessa Akin of Oakland, also, and Mrs. John T. Gibbons of New York, and Mrs. L. P. Bushnell of Omaha, nieces, besides Mrs. Salter.

Funeral services will be held at

the Salter home Thursday afternoon at 2:30, with burial in Forest Lawn cemetery. None of the relatives from a distance will be able to attend.

Obituary of Charles E. Duncan – "Omaha (NE) World-Herald" Thursday 24 May 1928 p 7

Daughter:



MRS. ISOBEL BRUNEL  
Woman of the Year

## In Dunsmuir BPW Club selects 'Woman of the Year'

Dunsmuir club which was sponsored by the Redding BPW in the fall of 1937. The chapter was formally presented in 1938.

A new member, Mrs. Margaret Brown, was introduced. Mrs. Brown, formerly of Los Angeles, was a summer vaca-

tionist in Dunsmuir for 14 years. She moved to Dunsmuir a year ago.

Also in observance of National Business Women's Week the club continued its city beautification projects by planting ivy at the Belknap Memorial Foun-

tain. The beautification project is now two-thirds completed.

Earlier in the year members planted a plot at the corner of Pine and Dunsmuir Avenues and this fall will transplant a Colorado spruce as a living Christmas tree for Dunsmuir.

**DUNSMUIR**—The selection of Mrs. Isobel Brunel as the "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women's Club was announced by Miss Marjorie Young, small business chairman, at a dinner meeting celebrating National Business Women's Week.

Mrs. Brunel was chosen for her part in the economic growth and promotion of the Dunsmuir area in the field of recreation.

She was president of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce for two years, 1964-66, and is presently the secretary-manager. She represents the chamber at the Associated Chamber of Commerce of Siskiyou County and is an alternate delegate to the Inter-counties Chambers of Commerce of Northern California.

She has served two years as chairman of the American Field Service for which she is now liaison and publicity chairman. She is vice president and program coordinator of the Dunsmuir BPWC.

In observance of National Business Women's Week the dining tables were decorated with bowls of fall flowers in hues of yellow, orange and green. The club emblem at the head table was centered on a floral spray of fall colors.

A special orientation program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Lee Huddle, membership chairman. She explained the torch, wand, scroll, ship and niki on the BPW emblem.

Mrs. Will Ellington told about the BPW Foundation and Mrs. Nellie Masson, charter member now residing in Redding, reviewed the early history of the Dunsmuir club which was spon-

"Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight" Thursday 27 Oct 1966 p 7



MRS. ISOBEL BRUNEL

Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce manager **Isobel Brunel** has been listed in the 1970-71 edition of "Who's Who of American Women with World Notables". . . A Record-Searchlight correspondent, Mrs. Brunel is a free lance writer, and was named Woman of the

Year in 1966 by the Dunsmuir Business and Professional Women's Club. . . Before going to Dunsmuir with her husband, the late Armand Charles Brunel, in 1949 her business career included labor conciliation for the American Federation of Labor in the six Bay Area counties, credit management, insurance and banking. . . Since 1950 Mrs. Brunel has been active in Chamber of Commerce work and civic activities in Dunsmuir.

She served as president of the Dunsmuir chapter of American Field Service for two years and was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for several years before being elected president in 1964 and again in 1965. . . In addition to managing the Chamber of Commerce since 1966 Mrs. Brunel is a director of the Siskiyou County Associated Chambers of Commerce and a delegate to the Inter-Counties Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. . . She is a member of the California State Chamber of Commerce Executive Association.

"Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight" Thursday 6 Nov 1969 p 5



Mrs. Charles Humphreys attended the graduation exercises at the Washington High school in Center-ville last week, where her neice, Miss Isabel Thomas was a member of a class of sixty graduates. Mrs. Humphreys was much impressed by the splendid music provided by the school band which is comprised of over sixty members.

Frank's sister Anna Agnes Thomas Pereira Humphreys attends daughter Isobel's high school graduation – "Gustine (CA) Standard" Friday 21 Jun 1929 p 8

**ALAMEDA COUNTY**  
**Notices of Intention to Wed.**  
**ALTEN-KAHL**—Joseph Altien Jr., 22, 2520 Hill Court, Berkeley, and Jane Elizabeth Kahl, 21, 1275 Caroline st., Alameda.  
**BELVEL-McKAY**—John Douglass Belvel, 22, 1822 Mulberry st., Alameda, and Georgalee McKay, 21, 2524 San Jose ave., Alameda.  
**BROWN-STEWART**—Francis Alan Brown, 23, 2824 Cherry st., Berkeley, and Grace Frances Stewart, 24, 2501 Woolsey st., Berkeley.  
**BRUNEL-THOMAS**—Armand Charles Brunel, 28, 1600 Sixty-eighth ave., Oakland, and Isobel Rose Thomas, 24, 1919 Hearst ave., Berkeley.

Marriage license with Armand Charles Brunel – "San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 12 Apr 1936 p 19

**BRUNEL, Armand C.**, in Mercy Hospital, Redding, March 6, 1963; resident of Dunsmuir, loving husband of Isobel Brunel of Dunsmuir; father of Patricia Janine Brunel of Dunsmuir; beloved son of Mrs. Florence Brunel; dear brother of Miss Lillian Brunel and Mrs. Edna Lawrence, all of Oakland. A native of Santa Rosa; aged 55. Former Labor Conciliator for the A.F. of L., Oakland, San Francisco.

Funeral services will be held at ten a.m. Saturday, March 9 in the Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel. Entombment in the Mount Shasta Memorial Park Mausoleum at Mount Shasta, Calif. Rev. Martin Schabacher officiating.

Obituary of Armand Charles Brunel – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 8 Mar 1963 p 40

## Full Slate Marks Sorority Meet At Isobel Brunels

Members of Xi Zeta Zeta, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, gathered at the home of Mrs. Isobel Brunel in North Dunsmuir Tuesday evening for their regular session.

Plans were discussed for a forthcoming record hop for local teenagers, the proceeds to go toward the March of Dimes campaign fund. It was decided to give the dance on February 25 at the VFW hall, which had been donated for the event. Hours will be from 9-1 and refreshments will be served. The affair will be well chaperoned.

Argyle Adams presented the program for Tuesday's meeting, choosing as her topic, "How to Be a Real Person."

Members also discussed the part they will play in the coming variety show February 17, being staged by the Canyoners.

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The daily volume of milk produced in Stanislaus County is enough to provide every person living in San Francisco and Oakland with two glasses of milk daily.

**MOTEL IS SOLD**  
**DUNSMUIR, Siskiyou Co.—**  
 The Cedar Lodge, an 11 unit motel, has been purchased from Mrs. Isobel Brunel by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morlock of Van Nuys, Los Angeles County.

"Sacramento (CA) Bee" Saturday 5 Sep 1964 p 21

**Film Party Will Aid Fund Drive**  
 McClatchy Newspapers Service  
**DUNSMUIR, Siskiyou Co.—**  
 A theater party has been set for tonight by the Dunsmuir Chapter of the American Field Service as the major money raising function for continuation of the foreign student program in Dunsmuir.  
 Ice Palace starring Richard Burton and Richard Ryan will be shown at the local movie house as a benefit showing for the American Field Service.  
 Isobel Brunel is Dunsmuir chapter president this year. Robert Dewey is secretary; Mrs. Robert Harris, home placement chairman; Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, Americans abroad chairmen; Mrs. Burton Coon and H. W. Trapnell, student adviser, and Delwin Poe, student adviser.

"Sacramento (CA) Bee" Thursday 10 Sep 1964 p 49

## Surprise Wedding

# Mrs. Isobel Brunel Of Dunsmuir Becomes Mrs. J. Morgan Jones

DUNSMUIR — Guests arriving for a dessert party were surprised to find themselves attending the secretly planned marriage of Mrs. Isobel Brunel and J. Morgan Jones in the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Thomas Cartwright, vicar, officiated at the ceremony Friday evening.

Mrs. Jones is the manager of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Siskiyou County and of the Inter-Counties C of C of Northern California. She also is a member of the California Chamber of Commerce Executive Association.

She is listed in "Who's Who of American Women."

She has served as president of the American Field Service, Dunsmuir chapter, and held offices in the Business and Professional Women and Federated Womens Clubs.

She was named Woman of the Year by the local BPW in 1966.

Jones, a resident of Dunsmuir since 1920, was Dunsmuir's mayor from 1957 to 1959 and in 1968. He is a city councilman.

A retired locomotive engineer, he is the designer and builder of motels, restaurants and an apartment house here. The Record Searchlight newspaper named him Dunsmuir's Most Useful Citizen in 1967.

He served two years as master of the Masonic Lodge, and was worthy patron of Fidelity chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for four terms.

A champagne reception followed the wedding.

After a tour through a southern states to Florida they will be at home here Dec. 20.



Wedding of Isobel to Jones – “Sacramento (CA) Bee” Monday 23 Nov 1970 p 22

## ***Chamber works to establish tourist information station***

**DUNSMUIR**  
Chamber of Commerce members voted at their regular monthly meeting this past Thursday to apply immediately to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a sign on High I-5 that will in-

dicate Dunsmuir is a spot tourists can find a tourist information center.

The group agreed to move quickly on the project in order that time will be allowed for application to the county supervisors for approval, and so that an information station can be set up. Before placing the

to the meeting a local artist Tom O'Hara and a sketch of the proposed map.

The map proposal also received chamber approval at the luncheon meeting held at the House of Glass.

The information area will be placed between the swimming pool and the chamber office.

In other business, the group:  
— heard read a complimentary letter from a Redding lady, who thanked the town for a nice stay she recently had in Dunsmuir.

— appointed a nominating committee of past chamber presidents — including Bill Dungan, Isobel Jones and Grace Renoud, who were at the meeting — to nominate names for chamber officers for a forthcoming chamber election.

“Dunsmuir (CA) News” Wednesday 31 Mar 1976 p 29

# Motel tax could be hot council topic

DUNSMUIR — The second reading of the proposed transient occupancy tax could draw a crowd to the Dunsmuir City Council meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Dunsmuir Justice Court chambers, according to city manager Bruce Crandall.

A tax of six per cent of the city motel operators occupancy will be charged motel room renters if the measure passes. Currently the rate stands at five per cent.

The city cancelled the council's November 21st meeting due to inclement weather conditions. A large turnout was expected to attend that meeting to voice their sentiments about the tax increase, according to the city manager.

The tax ordinance is expected to be read by title only Monday night.

The council will also receive the resignation of Nick Melo as fire chief from the Dunsmuir Fire Department. Melo has been fire chief since January 1st, 1965.

A public hearing on the use of

revenue shrinking funds which the city is expected to receive in the future will also be held. The amount of funds the city will receive has not yet been determined, according to Crandall.

River Daze chairman Ken Clark will ask the council to waive an ordinance prohibiting the sale of liquor on public streets for the River Daze celebration next June 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

The River Daze committee would like to set up a beer concession on Pine Street. The concession has previously been at the Dunsmuir Hotel.

Roy Haile will request additional money from the city for the chamber of commerce to help offset additional costs for the city brochure.

Other items on the agenda include the termination of the parking lot use north of the city offices, communication from J. E. Neal of Southern Pacific and a resolution authorizing the purchase of garage property from Isobel Jones.

Agenda topics will be accepted until noon on Friday. The final agenda will be publicized that afternoon.

"Dunsmuir (CA) News" Thursday 1 Dec 1977 p 1

# Dunsmuir increases motel-hotel tax rate

DUNSMUIR — The City Council Tuesday raised the hotel-motel room tax 1 percent and appointed a new fire chief.

The increase of the motel-hotel room tax from 5 percent to 6 percent had been opposed by most of Dunsmuir's motel owners. They contended that the hike would drive tourists away from the city.

Al Jensen, a motel owner, Tuesday urged the council to at least allocate the increased income from the tax toward promotion and advertising of Dunsmuir's attractions. He recommended billboard advertising.

City officials estimate the tax increase will bring an additional \$4,000

sportation and the state Public Utilities Commission. The action is aimed at getting state funds to help build the overpass.

—Was introduced to Dennis Covert, recently hired by the Dunsmuir Recreation District as its activities director. He will be paid a starting salary of \$700 per month. He is 36, married and has three children. He is from Paradise, where he had 13 years of recreation experience.

—Learned that the city has paid \$14,070 to Isobel Jones for the former site of the Alluvial Garage adjoining City Hall. The site will become a parking lot.

crease will bring an additional \$4,000 per year into the city's general fund. The council has made no promises about using the money for advertising or promotion.

City Manager Bruce Crandall argued that the room tax won't be a burden on the residents of Dunsmuir.

"We need it," he told five motel owners at the meeting.

Crandall, responding to the motel owners' worry that the room tax might be increased every time the city needs more money, said, "I can't tell you what we'll be doing next year."

The city manager announced that Bob Kenoyer, a 27-year veteran Dunsmuir volunteer fireman, had been appointed fire chief, replacing Nick Melo, who retired.

Kenoyer is purchasing agent for the Eskaton Mount Shasta Healthcare Center at Mount Shasta. He will receive a token \$100 per month salary as chief of the volunteer department.

In other action, the council:

—Was informed by Crandall that he has sent data supporting the need for an overpass over the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks at Scherrer Avenue to the California Department of Tran-

Pusher began to grow and in 1890 Alexander Dunsmuir gave the town his name.

The flamboyant son of a Canadian coal magnate - his father owned the Wellington Coal Mines in British Columbia — Dunsmuir was traveling through in his private rail car when he was held over in Pusher.

He told the founding fathers that he would supply the town with a three-teared water fountain if the town would change its name to honor his family.

The fountain arrived and the name was changed. Dunsmuir never came back, but the name stuck and the fountain was installed in the depot yard.

The fountain was built with a figure of a lady topping it. Around the turn of the century a caretaker left the water on at night. It froze and shattered.

The Dunsmuir fountain was nearly destroyed in the late 1960s when the Southern Pacific Railroad, successor to the old Central Pacific, decided to do away with the depot and the fountain.

But Isobel Brunel Jones, former secretary of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, arranged to have the iron fountain parts stored and in 1973 the fountain was restored and placed in the city's Railroad Park.

## Isobel Jones

MOUNT SHASTA — Services for Isobel Brunel Jones, 85, of Mount Shasta will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Mount Shasta.

The Rev. Will McClain of the church will officiate.

Burial will be at Mount Shasta Memorial Park.

Mrs. Jones died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997, at Mercy Medical Center in Mount Shasta.

Born Aug. 7, 1911, in Sacramento, she moved to Siskiyou County in 1948 from Oakland.

She worked in banking and insurance, was a correspondent for the Record Searchlight and reported for Channel 7 News. She and her first husband owned and operated the Cedar Lodge Motel in Dunsmuir from 1948 to 1964 and she was a secretary for the Motel Association in Dunsmuir and the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce. She was a president of the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, a director for the Siskiyou County Associated Chambers of Commerce, and a delegate to the Inter-Counties Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. She was a member of the California State Chamber of Commerce Executive Association. She managed Morgan Manor, an apartment complex, from 1970 until her death, and was active in

the Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Laureate Zeta Pi and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Mount Shasta.

Survivors include daughter Patricia Thomas of Mount Shasta; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Mount Shasta Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens, c/o Lucy Depoli, 433 Gleaves Ave., Dunsmuir, CA 96025.

Obituary of Isobel Thomas Armand-Brunel – “Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight”  
Wednesday 19 Feb 1997 p 8

Mother:



**THOMAS**—In Oakland, December 14, 1935, Izabel R. Thomas, beloved wife of the late Frank J. Thomas and mother of Mrs. Mary F. Vieira, Manuel F., Joseph L., Antone S., Frank J. Thomas and the late Mrs. Anna Phipps and sister of Mrs. Mary Caton of Newman and Mrs. Mary J. Fraga of Oakland. A native of Azores Island. Aged 79 years. A member of S. P. R. S. I., Council No. 89 of Oakland, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Auxillary No. 1882 of Hayward. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Tuesday, December 17, 1935, at 9 o'clock a. m. from the Garden Chapel of the Pratt Mortuary, 1044 C Street, Hayward. Interment, St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Obituary of mother Izabel Rose Thomas Thomas "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Sunday 15 Dec 1935 p 20 - <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/102803838/obituary-for-izabel-k-thomas-aged-79/>

Siblings:

## **SAYS HONEYMOON WAS SUCCESSION OF SCENES**

### **Anna A. Pereira Wants a Divorce Be- cause of Alleged Cruelties of Her Husband.**

OAKLAND, Sept. 23.—With anything but a pleasant remembrance of a honeymoon tour around the world, Anna A. Pereira to-day began suit for divorce against Frank Pereira on the ground of cruelty. She wants the custody of their three-year-old child and alimony from a fortune estimated at \$75,000, and asks to resume her maiden name of Anna A. Thomas.

Milan, Florence, Naples are not remembered for the beauty of Italian sunsets, the snow-capped Alps or the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean, but for the brutalities alleged to have been practiced by her husband. At one place, she says, he struck her with his fist and at another he abused her. She says she has put up with his treatment until she can stand it no longer and now asks for a severance of her marriage ties.

Sister Anna Agnes Thomas Pereira Humphreys Phipps (ca. 1879-1933) – "San Francisco Call" Saturday 24 Sep 1904 p 6

## **Recent Marriage Unites Musicians**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Humphreys, of Turlock, spent Christmas with Mrs. Humphrey's son, Selah T. Pereira and Mrs. Pereira of San Francisco.

Mr. Pereira recently completed his post graduate course in Santa Clara and received his second degree of law. He was a student in Turlock schools and finished his education in Santa Clara college where he completed his high school course and continued his college within the same institution where he was a popular young student. He is now employed by the California Land Title and Abstract company in San Francisco.

Mr. Pereira was married on December 19 in San Francisco, to Miss Mildred Babcock, of Santa Ana. She is an accomplished violinist and Mr. Pereira was formerly pianist for the Santa Clara orchestra. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pereira were heard at several entertainments.

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Anna & Charles Humphreys visit her son Selah T. Pereira – "Modesto (CA) Bee" Sunday 27 Dec 1925 p 4

**DEEDS OF TRUST**

Ira G. Weast, sgl. man, to Geo. A. Cressey, et al., Trs. for Modesto Savings Bank, a corp., \$4350—Lot 38 of Evans McClure Tract.

Charles O. Humphreys, Anna A. Humphreys, wife, to Howard Whipple, et al., Trs. for Commercial Bank of Turlock, a corp., \$1600—Lots 16, 17 and 18 in block 32 of Turlock.

"Modesto (CA) Bee" Saturday 23 Apr 1927 p 17

there.

Mrs. Charles Humphreys was a visitor in Oakland Wednesday.

Gustine CA news: "Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Saturday 27 Jul 1929 p 23

GUSTINE, Sept. 5.—Charles Humphreys is in St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco, where he was operated on for an infection in the throat.

"Modesto (CA) Bee" Friday 6 Sep 1929 p 8

end.  
Mrs. Charles Humphreys was in San Francisco over the week end visiting her husband, Charles Humphreys, who is confined in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Gustine CA news: "Modesto (CA) News-Herald" Wednesday 11 Sep 1929 p 10

end.  
Mrs. Charles Humphreys was in San Francisco over the week end visiting her husband, Charles Humphreys who was confined at the St. Josephs Hospital. Mr. Humphreys is now back in Gustine.

"Gustine (CA) Standard" Friday 13 Sep 1929 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphreys, formerly of the Mutual Store here, were in town last week on business.

"Gustine (CA) Standard" Friday 11 Oct 1929 p 8

## Turlock Resident Dies At San Jose

TURLOCK, April 12.—Charles U. Humphreys, a resident of Turlock for more than ten years, died in San Jose last week, according to word received here to-day. During his residence in Turlock, Humphreys was engaged as a melon grower and shipper. Besides his widow, he leaves a brother, William E. Humphreys, Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Palmer, Denver, and Mrs. M. H. Prichard, Chicago. Interment was at Lincoln, Nebraska.

“Modesto (CA) Herald-News” Saturday 12 Apr 1930 p 21

## **Ladies' Night Is Exchange Event**

GUSTINE, March 29.—Members of the Newman Exchange Club and their ladies were guests of the Gustine Exchange Club, at a ladies' night in place of the regular noon luncheon. The affair was given in Pentecostal hall, over sixty persons being seated at the banquet tables at which a turkey dinner was served.

President C. E. Miles of the local club, presided. A delightful program of varied numbers was given by Miss Elna Miller, Mrs. A. D. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Thompson and U. B. Marr. C. R. Perrier, governor of exchange clubs for this district, made an address.

The meeting was held in honor of the eighteenth anniversary of exchange clubs, and in its honor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphreys of the Mutual Stores here, presented a large cake, with suitable inscriptions written on it. Song Leader Dr. A. W. Gustafson led the lively singing. Bridge and whist games followed the dinner hour.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Friday 29 Mar 1929 p 6

**CROP INSPECTED**

GUSTINE, July 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humphreys motored to Turlock Sunday to look over their forty-five acres of canteloupe and honeydew melons. They found the crop in excellent condition.

"Modesto (CA) Bee" Friday 19 Jul 1929 p 12

end.  
Mrs. Charles Humphreys was in San Francisco over the week end visiting her husband, Charles Humphreys, who is confined in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Gustine CA news: "Modesto (CA) Bee" Thursday 12 Sep 1929 p 10

## TURLOCK WOMAN KILLED IN CRASH

**Mrs. Anna Phipps Fatally Injured Five Blocks From Home**

TURLOCK, June 19.—An automobile crash at a street intersection here early yesterday resulted in the death of Mrs. Anna Phipps, 54, and injuries to Mrs. Joe Armicino, both of Turlock.

Mrs. Phipps died a few minutes after being taken from the wreckage. Mrs. Armicino suffered a broken left arm above the elbow.

The accident occurred at East Main and Center streets when the car driven by Mrs. Phipps was struck by one operated by Mrs. Erma Armstrong of Pasadena. Phipps and Armicino, who occupied the rear seat, were not hurt, neither was Mrs. Armstrong or her small daughter, who was traveling with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps and the Armicinos were en route to Yosemite Valley and had gone but five blocks from their home when the car was struck.

Mrs. Phipps suffered a fractured skull.

Besides her husband, James F. Phipps, she leaves a son, Selah T. Pereira of San Jose. Mrs. Phipps had lived in the Turlock district for more than fifteen years. She is well known in San Jose.

The body will be sent to Oakland by the J. W. Guy Chapel for interment.

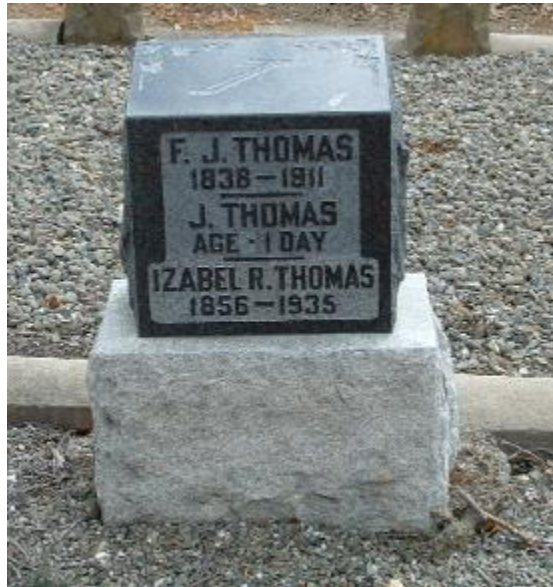
## Value Of Estate Is Less Than \$10,000

Anna Agnes Phipps, who died here June 18, last, left an estate composed of real and personal property valued not in excess of \$10,000, it was set forth to-day in a petition for letters of administration filed in the superior court.

The petitioner is Selah T. Pereira of Santa Clara County.



Obituary of sister Anna – left: “Modesto (CA) News-Herald” Tuesday 20 Jun 1933 p 9 – and estate (right) “Modesto (CA) Bee” Friday 30 Jun 1933 p 6



Brother J. Thomas Frank – lived a day – shares tombstone with his parents – Find A Grave 16222273

**THOMAS, Manuel F.,** In Manteca, on February 24, 1962, beloved husband of Mary Lou Thomas; loving father of Howard Barr; grandfather of Donna Holden of San Leandro, Edward Barr of Oakland; brother of Mary Vierra of San Rafael and Joe Thomas of Oakland; uncle of Zelda Dolan of San Rafael, Linus Vieira of Orinda and Isabel Burnel of Dunsmuir. A native of Hayward; aged 81 years. A member of Odd Fellows, U.P.E.C., I.D.E.S., Firemen's Widows and Orphans Fund, Union Local #55. Retired from the Oakland Fire Department.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m., at the Fry Mortuary, Manteca. Interment, Park View Cemetery.

Obituary of brother Manuel Francisco Thomas (1881-1962) – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Wednesday 28 Feb 1962 p 33

MARRIAGE LICENSES.	
The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk yesterday:	
Jacob Olsen, West Berkeley.....	over 21
Josephine Lande, San Francisco..	over 18
Reginald E. Major, Oakland.....	over 21
Louise M. McGrath, Oakland.....	over 18
Louis E. Jackson, San Francisco.....	27
Elizabeth M. Jackson, Oakland.....	24
Manuel F. Thomas, Oakland.....	23
Catherine I. DeMello, Oakland.....	18
August S. Bergen, Oakland.....	27
Olga Ramsey, Oakland.....	24

Marriage license – "Oakland (CA) Tribune" Thursday 15 Dec 1904 p 12



# OAKLAND FIREMAN SLAYS HIS WIFE

Manuel Thomas Is Held  
Blameless After Investiga-  
tion By Officers

OAKLAND, Feb. 6.—Tragedy stalked grimly in upon a quiet little domestic scene on the back porch of an Oakland home yesterday morning where Mrs. Kathryn Thomas was doing the family washing while her husband, Fireman Manuel M. Thomas, sat close by with a loaded shotgun across his knees waiting for the appearance of some rats that had been annoying them.

Suddenly the gun was discharged and Mrs. Thomas dropped to the floor dying. Thomas was temporarily crazed.

He was taken to the police station but after a few hours of investigation Police Inspectors Thomas Gallagher and William Davis declared there was no doubt but that the shooting was accidental.

The Thomas home is at 7065 Lockwood Street and he is a hose-man with Engine Company-20 at Ninth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

He said that he had been trying for some time to rid his home of rats but that his aim with a revolver had not been good enough. Yesterday he borrowed a pump shot-gun from John Lopez and after loading it sat down to watch for the rodents. Mrs. Thomas was standing over an electric washing machine with her back toward him.

Thomas was not accustomed to handling shotguns, he explained. He did not realize that when he threw a shell into the barrel the weapon was ready to be discharged by a touch.

Accidental killing by Manuel Thomas of his wife – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Friday 6 Feb 1925 p 4

**THOMAS**—In Oakland, February 5, 1925, Kathryn Irene, dearly beloved wife of Manuel F. Thomas, and loving mother of Aubrey J. Thomas, and sister of Mrs. Ammie A. Bannister and John Mello and Frank De Mello, a native of Santa Cruz, Calif., aged 37 years 6 months 3 days. Past supreme president of U. P. P. E. C.; a member of Marie Kardoza Council No. 50, U. P. P. E. C., and Oakland Council No. 89, S. P. R. S. I.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, to be held at the chapel of Grant D. Miller, 2372 E. 14th st., cor. 24th ave., Oakland, Calif., Saturday, February 7, 1925, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Obituary of Kathryn DeMello Thomas – “San Francisco Examiner” Friday 6 Feb 1925 p 4

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Frank Joseph Thomas**

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,663

Entered service from: Oakland, Alameda CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Frank J. Thomas

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Isabel R. Thomas, Oakland CA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Frank J. Thomas

Next-of-kin on return ship &amp; rank: mother Mrs. Isabella Rose Thomas, 1109 - 34th St., Oakland CA (cpl, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Frank Joseph Thomas - b. 15 Sep 1891 Hayward CA; res: 460 Ellis, San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Married. Tile roofing contractor, Dennison Block Co., Sacramento CA. Claimed exemption from draft: "wife and child to support." Medium height & build. Registered 1 Jun 1917, in advance of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Frank Joseph Thomas - b. 15 Sep 1890 Hayward CA; res: PO Box 517, Hayward, Alameda CA. NOK M.F. Thomas, Manteca CA [brother Manuel Francisco Thomas]. Foreman, roofing & siding, F.C. Stolte Co., Alameda Ca. "tatoo (butterfly) right arm / tatoo (initial) FJT left arm." Height: 5'9 ½ - 175 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 5 Dec 1917

Discharged: 11 Jun 1919

Address: 9850 B St., Oakland CA

Rank/unit: corporal, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 15 Sep 1890 (Find A Grave, WWII draft) (15 Sep 1891 – WWI draft & Veterans Administration Master Index) Hayward, Alameda CA

Died: 6 Jan 1952 Somerset, El Dorado Co. CA (at his home) 74116588

Find A Grave record: 74116588 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: San Bruno, San Mateo CA

Cemetery: Golden Gate National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: California Cpl 17 Co 20 Engineers WWI

Father: Frank J. Thomas, 1838 (Find A Grave) or Sep 1840 (1900 census) Azores Islands, Portugal – 21 Nov 1911 Alameda Co. CA. The CA Death Index reports his name as Francisc [apparently short for Francisco?]. The cemetery location for him & other family members is identified as the F.J. Thomas plot. Buried as F.J. Thomas in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 16222255

Mother: Izabel (Isabel/Isabelle Rose [maiden surname reported as Thomas also] Thomas, Oct 1859 (1900 census) Azores Islands, Portugal – 14 Dec 1935 Oakland, Alameda CA. Buried in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA.

Find A Grave: 16222294

Parents' marriage: 1876

Spouse: Rose/Rosa Mae/May Fisher Thomas Marchi, 16 Jun 1891 Gilroy, Santa Clara CA (Jun 1891 in 1900 census) – 9 Jun 1970 Mount Shasta, Siskiyou CA. SSN 329-16-0516. Daughter of James William Fisher (1867 CA – 1941 CA, F: 92104249) & Rose Etta Pooler. Her parents married 24 Aug 1890 in Santa Clara Co. CA when Rose was age 15. They had 2 children – Rosa May & James Willis/Wallace Fisher – and then divorced. Rose Pooler Fisher then married Christen Peter Christensen on 22 May 1917 in Santa Clara Co. CA.

Rose's brother James Willis/Wallace Fisher (1 May 1893 CA – 23 Aug 1964 Alameda Co. CA, SSN 548-05-3166, F: 155203516) was in a state school by 1906 – was incarcerated 24 Apr 1911 in Santa Clara CA. – in Folsom Prison CA 6 Oct 1915-6 Oct 1918 on a charge of grand larceny, originally for a term of 4 years. In 1911, he stated his parents were separated but he did not know the reason. His prison records list his mother's maiden name as Pooler. In the 1940 census, James lives with his sister Rose Thomas & her husband Frank Joseph Thomas in Washington, Alameda CA.

In 1948 she moved to Siskiyou Co. CA. She married Anthony Julius Marchi (1895 NY – 1975 CA, F: 103921947).

Buried in Mount Shasta Memorial Park, Mount Shasta, Siskiyou CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 103921950

Marriage: license obtained 29 Dec 1910 in San Francisco, San Francisco CA. Frank was age 21, Rose was age 19.

Spouse: Odyssa Sands Duncan Heyer Akins [Kwaak/bigamous] Thomas, 19 Aug 1887 IL – 12 Oct 1961 Placerville, El Dorado CA.

Daughter of Charles E. Duncan (1852-22 May 1928, buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha, Douglas NE, F: 37067798) & Elizabeth Deaumont (1859-1924, F: 101494452, in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha, Douglas NE)

Her paternal grandmother was named Odyssa Sands.

In the 1910 census, Odyssa S. Duncan (20 IL, stenographer) lives on Farman St., Omaha, Douglas NE with her mother Elizabeth M. Duncan (51 Ireland, living on own income, married & brother George J. Duncan (24 NY, manager, advertising, newspaper). The census enumerator placed their middle initials first: S. Odyssa, M. Elizabeth & J. George.



On Easter Sunday, 23 Mar 1913, numerous tornadoes hit Nebraska, numbering 103 cyclones in Omaha NE alone. One tornado destroyed the Duncan house on 41<sup>st</sup> & Farman, killing her brother George & injuring her mother Elizabeth. According to the obituary on her brother's Find A Grave record 113225865 (Find A Grave lists a death date of 24 Mar 1913), George, advertising manager for the Omaha NE "Bee" newspaper, had just returned home from an automobile ride with the A.V. Drescher family when he was killed a few minutes later.

First husband was Frank Otto Heyer, b. 1886, F: 99850016, buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Omaha, Douglas NE), who died on 28 Sep 1918 at age 30 of typhoid pneumonia, also identified as the Spanish flu. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> Spanish flu victim in Omaha NE. Frank died 5 weeks after their wedding. Odyssa was also ill with this WWI pandemic of influence & was too ill to attend Frank's funeral. She is listed as widowed in the 1920 census for Omaha, Douglas NE, living on Sherman Ave. as Odyssa Duncan Hyer (25 IL, father b. IL, mother b. Ireland). Her mother, Elizabeth Duncan (60 Ireland, married, emigrated 1865, naturalized 1888) lives with her.

Odyssa then married Robert C. Akins (Oct 1885 Mount Carroll, Carroll IL – 29 Jun 1935 Alameda Co. CA, buried in Lone Tree Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA, F: 10701386). Robert was the son of Frank H. Akins & Alice Etta Munsell. In the 1930 census for Eden, Alameda Co. CA, Odyssa Akins (42 IL, father b. IL, mother b. Irish Free State) lived with husband Robert C. Akins (44 IL, father b. IA, mother b. IL, an auto mechanic). In the 1940 census. Robert died when he fell out of a car driven by Frank Joseph Thomas (who will become her husband), at a curve on the Dublin Canyon Road They were going to the Hayward Rodeo. In the 1940 census, Odyssa Akins (52 IL, a secretary) is widowed; she lived in Eden, Alameda CA.

Odyssa Akins married William P. Kwaak on 1 Feb 1936 in Reno, Washoe NV. She filed a charge of bigamy against Kwaak, also known as Peter B. Quake, in May 1939 in Oakland, Alameda CA. Odyssa charged that Kwaak was still married to Alice Mahler Lane Kwaak, whom he had married 24 May 1942 in San Diego CA, when Kwaak married Odyssa in 1936. At that time William had 5 (or possibly 6) wives & was being held by authorities in NY, since his last wife Elizabeth Ann was actually his daughter by his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Maria Elizabeth Vander-Wende. CA authorities were seeking to extradite him from NY to CA to face Odyssa's bigamy charge.

Odyssa Thomas is buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA. Spouse Find A Grave: 74117313

Marriage:

Child: by 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Rose Fisher

- Isobel Rose Thomas Brunel-Jones, 7 Aug 1911 Sacramento Co. CA – 17 Feb 1997 Siskiyou Co. CA. Married in 1936 to Armand Charles Brunel (1907 CA – 1963 CA, F: 102057594). They obtained a marriage license in Apr 1936 in San Francisco CA. – Married in 1970 to John Morgan Jones (1890 IL – 1978 CA, F: 101947139). Friends had been invited to a dessert party on Friday 20 Nov 1970 in Dunsmuir, Siskiyou CA, only to find themselves guests at the surprise wedding of Odyssa & John. Isobel is buried in Mount Shasta Memorial Park, Mount Shasta, Siskiyou CA. F: 103919804

## Siblings:

- Mary F. Thomas Vieira, 20 Feb 1877 CA – 24 Oct 1968 San Rafael, Marin CA. Married to Frank Lewis Vieira Jr. (1866-1933, F: 20383799) on 16 Dec 1895 in Alameda Co. CA. Buried in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA. F: 20383741
- Anna Agnes Thomas Pereira Humphreys Phipps, ca. 1879 CA (1 year old in 1880 census & then 2 years younger than sister Mary) – 18 Jun 1933 Tulare, Stanislaus CA. Anna A. Thomas married on 16 Apr 1900 in Alameda Co. CA to Frank Pereira. Their son was Selah Thomas Pereira (24 Feb 1901 CA – 12 Jul 1951 CA, F: 188220884). On 23 Sep 1904, Anna petitioned for divorce. Anna had filed suit that said her honeymoon around the world had included domestic abuse in Milan, Florence & Naples, Italy. She asked for alimony, estimated Frank's fortune at \$75,000, asked for custody of son Selah & the return to her maiden surname. She lists herself as divorced in the 1910 census. – Married Charles Underwood Humphreys (16 Dec 1867-29 Mar 1930 Santa Clara Co. CA). They obtained a marriage license in Dec. 1925. Charles died in CA but is buried in Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln, Lancaster NE, F: 70412688. Charles & Anna operated the Mutual Store in Gustine CA & grew & shipped melons. In the 1930 census for San Jose, Santa Clara CA, conducted 8 Apr 1930, 10 days after Charles's death, Anna Humphreys (52 CA) lists her status as widow. Her son Selah T. Pereira resides with her. – On 11 May 1932 Anna Humphreys married James Farley Phipps Sr. (26 Sep 1873-3 Jun 1937) in Alameda Co. CA. – Anna Phipps died at the scene of a car accident 5 blocks from her home, at the intersection of E. Main & Center, when the car she was driving, heading to the Yosemite Valley, overturned after colliding with a car driven by Mrs. Erma Armstrong of Pasadena CA. She was heading to the Yosemite Valley & was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, of a fractured skull. Not on Find A Grave as of 15 Mar 2023.
- J. Thomas Frank, b. & d. ca 1880 Hayward, Alameda CA. Lived 1 day, Shares the tombstone with his parents Frank & Izabel in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA. F: 16222273
- Manuel Francisco Thomas, 10 Jul 1881 Hayward, Alameda CA – 24 Feb 1962 Manteca [also found as Stockton], San Joaquin CA. Married 22 Dec 1904 in Alameda Co. CA to Kathryn Irene DeMello (1886 CA – 5 Feb 1925 CA, F: 178114730), the daughter of Jose C. DeMello & Maria C. Valadao. Manual, a city fireman, accidentally kills his wife Kathryn with a shotgun in their home, exactly 7 years to the day since the Tuscania sank. He was loading a shotgun in order to kill rats around their house, while Kathryn was standing a few feet away. He had never shot a shotgun before & figured he accidentally left the "safety" off when inserting a shell. She was hit in the right side & was dead on arrival at the hospital. – Manuel remarried after her death, but is listed as "divorced" in the 1920 census for Oakland, Alameda CA. He is age 48, b. CA, parents b. Portugal, a fireman for the fire department, a roomer. – Retired as a fireman from the Oakland CA Fire Department. – Married Mary Lou LaFollette Barr (1889-1983, F: 223085780), with whom he is buried in Park View Cemetery, Manteca, San Joaquin CA. F: 223085765
- Joseph Linus Thomas, 22 Feb 1886 CA – 19 May 1971 Oakland, Alameda CA. Married 17 Feb 1912 in Alameda Co. CA to Margaret Teresa Sheehan (1888-1982). According to Mary's obituary, she is buried in Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda Co. CA. Might she be the "Mother Thomas" with unknown birth & death dates, F: 20383641, in the F.J. Thomas plot with the rest of the family? – According to Joseph's obituary, he too is buried in

Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, Hayward, Alameda CA but is not on Find A Grave as of 15 Mar 2023.

- Antone (Anthony/Tony) Sylvester Thomas, 23 Sep 1887 Hayward, Alameda CA – 1 Feb 1946 Napa Co. CA. SSN 545-12-4910. Served in WWI; his veteran headstone indicates service from CA as a cook in the 37<sup>th</sup> Trans. Corps. Survived by wife, Mamie Iris Thomas. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA. F; 3640682

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

1918 address: 1109 - 34th St., Oakland CA

"San Francisco Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 2 - 26 yrs, of Alameda Co., mill hand, lived with brother Joseph at 1109 - 34th Ave., enlisted 1 Dec 1917, mother Mrs. Isabelle Thomas of Turlock, brother Antone with 159th Inf., Ft. Lewis

"San Francisco Chronicle" 11 Feb 1918 - photo, res: 1109 - 34th St., Oakland before Army, 27 yrs old, mechanic, formerly lived Hayward CA, news he was safe

"San Francisco Examiner" 12 Mar 1918 p 3 - photo, res. 1109 - 34th St., Oakland, 1 of 1st Californians to get medal for bravery, in letter rec'd by brother Joseph Thomas (Oakland) on 11 Mar 1918 said he was useful because knew how to lower boats & row, assigned to Boat No. 13 (now a "hoodoo" number), overcrowded with 52 men, when 1 fell overboard, Frank pulled him from the water & into the boat, which earned him the medal will give medal to his baby daughter Isobel when he returns, lost friend from Angel Island Clyde Jenkins of Chico. Praised Irish and Red Cross. –

Post-war:

"Hayward (CA) Daily Review" 6 Dec 1927 p 1 - Frank Thomas Tile Works, on San Jose Hwy about 6 miles from Hayward, completely destroyed by fire 4 Dec, plant operating about 2 yrs

Obituary:

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" 9 Jan 1952 p 47 - b. 6 Jan 1952, d. Sumerest [sic], survived by wife Odyssa & daughter Mrs. Isobel Burnnell (Dunsmuir CA), brother of Mrs. Mary Vieira, Manuel F. Thomas, Joseph L. Thomas, predeceased by brother Anthony S. Thomas & sister Anna Pieira, granddaughter Patricia Burnnell, b. Hayward CA, age 61, past commander

Hayward Post 1882 VFW, past commander Military Order of the Purple Heart No. 59  
Hayward, Am. Legion, funeral 10 Jan with VFW rites

Social Security number: 571-09-4554

#### Censuses:

1880 Hayward, Alameda CAS – 378 Castro St.

F.J. Thomas, 40 Azores, parents b. Azores, blacksmith

Isabella, 24 Azores, parents b. Azores, keeping house

Mary, 3 CA

Anna, 1 CA

& female domestic servant Trinidad Amelia, 20 Azores, parents b. Azores

1900 Eden, Alameda CA

Frank J. Thomas, 59 Portugal, Sep 1840, parents b. Portugal, emigrated 1858, in US for 42 years, papers filed, paper, grocer

Isabel R., 40 Portugal, Oct 1859, parents b. Portugal, emigrated 1876, in US for 24 years, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

Mary V. Vieira, 23 CA, Feb 1877, married 4 years, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living [daughter]

Frank L. Vieira, 33 CA, Apr 1867, married 4 years, saloon keeper [son-in-law]

Linus Vieira, 3 CA, Sep 1896 [grandson]

Joseph Thomas, 14 CA, Feb 1886, at school

Antone Thomas, 12 CA, Sep 1887, at school

Frank Thomas, 9 CA, Sep 1890, at school

1910 Oakland, Alameda CA – 1107 – 34<sup>th</sup> St. - parents & siblings

Frank J. Thomas, 72 Azores, parents b. Azores, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 35 years, emigrated 1865, alien

Isabel R., 51 Azores, parents b. Azores, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, emigrated 1875 [wife]

Anna A. Pereira, 30 CA, divorced [daughter]

Joseph L. Thomas, 24 CA, single, barber, own shop [son]

Antone S. Thomas, 21 CA, laborer, railroad [son]

Selah Pereira, 9 CA, father b. Azores, mother b. CA [grandson]

& roomer Robert Nygren, 23 IA, parents b. Sweden, single, clerk, store

1920 Oakland, Alameda CA

Joseph L. Thomas, 32 CA, parents b. Portugal, occupation: none [believe his occupation was written on the line of his wife] [head of household]

Margaret T., 32 CA, parents b. CA, barber, shop [probably her husband's occupation, not hers] -wife

Isabel R., 61 Portugal, parents b. Portugal, widow, emigrated 1876, naturalized [mother]

Antone S., 31 CA, parents b. Portugal, single [brother]

Frank J., 28 CA, parents b. Portugal, single, roof tiler, building

1930 Washington, Alameda CA

Frank Thomas, 38 CA, parents b. Portugal, age 19 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, manufacturer, tile, WWI veteran

Rose, 38 CA, parents b. CA, gas station

Isobel, 18 CA, stenographer, dry goods store

1940 Washington, Alameda CA – same house in 1935

Frank J. Thomas, 49 CA, roofer, building construction

Rose, 48 CA [wife]

James W. Fisher, 46 NY [brother-in-law]

1950 Mountain, El Dorado CA

Frank J. Thomas, 59 CA, owner & operator of tavern & café

Odyssa D., 62 IL, owner & operator of tavern & cafe