

# TUSCANIA

## Thomas, Frederick James 1895 CT – 1974 PA

**Former executive  
of gun company**

Frederick James Thomas, 79, vice president of the Allentown Pneumatic Gun Co., Allentown, when he retired in 1963 after 45 years of service, died Friday in Monroe County Hospital, East Stroudsburg.

He resided with his wife, Adrienne (Collier) Thomas, at 245 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, Conn.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., he was a son of the late Samuel and Matilda (Horn) Thomas.

He was a member of the United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, and was a former member of First Presbyterian Church, Allentown.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War I.

He and his wife celebrated their 53rd anniversary this year.

Surviving besides his widow are a daughter Adrienne, wife of James A. Cunningham of West Simsbury, Conn., and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home, 1601 Hamilton St., Allentown.

**Frederick J. Thomas**  
Services for Frederick J. Thomas, 79, of 245 Unquowa road, Fairfield, who died Thursday while vacationing in Buck Hills Falls, Pa., were conducted in Allentown, Pa. Memorial services will be conducted in the United Congregational church here at a time to be announced.

Left: Obituary of Frederick James Thomas – of a “cement gun” company, not a weapon –  
“Allentown (PA) Morning Call” Saturday 14 Sep 1974 p 9 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/275745018/> and right: “Bridgeport (CT) Post” Monday 16 Sep 1974 p 47

THOMAS FREDERICK JAMES		C
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Born	1/21/95	R
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U.S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7302 - Rev. Sept., 1926		
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs		RECORD OF BURIAL PLACE OF VETERAN		Lehigh County	
NAME THOMAS, FREDERICK J. ASN: 250065			DATE OF BIRTH 21 Jan 1895		DATE OF DEATH 12 Sept 1974
VETERAN OF World War I			SERVED IN ARMY (X) NAVY ( ) MARINE CORPS ( )		
DATES OF SERVICE Ent: 21 Nov 1917 Dis: 19 Mar 1919		ORGANIZATION(S) 158th Aero Sqdn Air Service		RANK Pvt.	
CEMETERY OR PLACE OF INTERMENT Grandview Cemetery		LOCATION Allentown, Pa.			
LOCATION OF GRAVE IN CEMETERY Section Lot No. Range Grave No.			HEADSTONE Government ( ) County (X) Family ( )		
INFORMATION GIVEN BY A. W. Chaplinski DATE 16 Oct 1974			REMARKS J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home Adrienne (Collier) Thomas wife		
After being recorded in the County Veteran's Grave Registration Record this card is to be sent to THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for final Record.					
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# Connecticut, U.S., Military Census, 1917

Bridgeport > Ta-To

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Military Census—Form No. 1

 **State of Connecticut**

By direction of an act of the Legislature of Connecticut, approved February 7th, 1917, I am required to procure certain information relative to the resources of the state. I therefore call upon you to answer the following questions.

**402** **MARCUS H. HOLCOMB,**  
Governor.

TOWN or CITY Bridgeport, Ct DATE 3/5/17  
 FULL NAME Fredrick James Thomas  
 POST OFFICE ADDRESS 2754 Main St  
(Street and Number or Rural Free Delivery Number)

- What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession? clerk
- Have you experience in any other Trade, Occupation or Profession? clerk (State which) 11
- What is your Age? 22 Height? 5 ft 10 in Weight? 130
- Are you Married? Single? or Widower? Single
- How many persons are dependent on you for support? none
- Are you a citizen of the United States? yes
- If not a citizen of the United States have you taken out your first papers? no
- If not a citizen of the United States, what is your nationality? no
- Have you ever done any Military or Naval Service in this or any other Country? no  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_ What Branch? \_\_\_\_\_ Rank? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you any serious physical disability? no If so, name it \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you do any of the following: Ride a horse? no Handle a team? yes Drive an automobile? yes  
 Ride a motorcycle? no Understand telegraphy? no Operate a wireless? no Any experience with a steam engine? no Any experience with electrical machinery? no Handle a boat, power or sail? no  
 Any experience in single coastwise navigation? no Any experience with High Speed Marine Gasoline Engines? yes Are you a good swimmer? yes

I hereby certify that I have personally interviewed the above mentioned person and that the answers to the questions enumerated are as he gave them to me.


Heurich  
Military Census Agent.

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**Note.** This Questionnaire should be completed so far as possible with such information as can be furnished at once, and returned with photographs and additional notes or letters, if available, to Department of Historical Records, State Library, Hartford, Conn.

D.H.S. - Form 1  
Rev. 1/1917



**State of Connecticut**  
**MILITARY SERVICE RECORD**

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Compiled by the Department of Historical Records of the Connecticut State Council of Defense, State Library, Hartford, where it will be filed, as a permanent memorial of the deeds of Connecticut soldiers and sailors in the service of the federal, state and allied governments during American participation in the World War.

✓ Name in full Thomas Frederick James  
(family name) (first name) (middle name)

Date of birth January 21 1895  
(month) (day) (year)

Place of birth Bridgeport, Fairfield, Connecticut U.S.A.  
(town) (county) (state) (country)

Name of father Samuel Birthplace England  
(name) (country)

Maiden name of mother Martha Birthplace England  
(name) (country)

Are you White, Colored, Indian or Mongolian? White

Citizen Yes Voter No Church Congregational  
(yes or no) (yes or no) (denomination)

Married No at \_\_\_\_\_  
(month & year)

To \_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(month & year) (month) (day) (year)

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (month) (day) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (day) (year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Born \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(month) (day) (year)

Fraternal Orders None

Previous military service or training None

Occupation before entry into the service Asst. Foreman

\_\_\_\_\_ employer Conn. U. M. C.

Residence before entry into the service 2754 Main St. Bridgeport Conn.  
(street) (town) (state)

Present home address Same as above  
(street) (town) (state)

**Connecticut, U.S., Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920 for Frederick James Thomas**  
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port of continental United States, or a port of another insular possession.

**LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS**  
(FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES)

S. S. "FORT ST. GEORGE" Sailing from HAMILTON, BERMUDA NOV. 17TH, 1923, Arriving at Port of NEW YORK, N.Y. NOV. 19TH, 1923.

28	THOMAS	FREDERICK	28	✓	M	M	1895	BRIDGEPORT, CONN.
29	THOMAS	ADRIENNE	25	✓	P	M	1898	NEW YORK, N.Y.

123 S. WEST ST, ALLENTOWN. PA.  
123 S. WEST ST, ALLENTOWN, PA.

Name: Frederick Thomas

Gender: Male

Marital status: Married

Age: 28

Birth Date: 1895

Birth Place: Connecticut

Other Birth Place: Bridgeport

Departure Port: Hamilton, Bermuda

Arrival Date: 19 Nov 1923

Arrival Port: New York, New York, USA

Ship Name: Fort St George

## Frederick Thomas

in the New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957

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## Private, 158th Aero Squadron



March 6, 1925

"I was on board the Tuscania at the time it was sunk, with the 158<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, and Donald A. Smith's account is true in every detail. This is the first time I have read a real honest-to-goodness account of the disaster. I might also say that I was in Ireland with Smith, although not knowing him, as I was taken to a camp at Buncrana in County Donegal."

Frederick J. Thomas  
158<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
Saint George, Staten Island, New York

**NOTE:** This letter is referring to an article entitled "Seven Years ago, Tuscania," written by Donald Smith. It was published in the January 30th, 1925 edition of "The American Legion Weekly."

### 2005 INFORMATION SOURCE:

The American Legion Weekly, March 6, 1925, page 14

Article submitted by The American Legion Library: <http://www.legion.org>

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Life:

# F. J. THOMAS AIRMAN ON TUSCANIA

**Fred J. Thomas, a Member of 158th Aerial Squadron, May Be Lost.**

Relatives here are anxiously awaiting news of Fred J. Thomas, a Bridgeport soldier, attached to the 158th aero squadron which was aboard the troopship Tuscania, torpedoed yesterday off the coast of Ireland. His sister, Mrs. Fred E. Manning, has received no word of Thomas' fate.

Eagerly scanning every scrap of news that is made public by the war department Mrs. Manning, residing at 2,754 Main street, is bravely bearing up under the shock she has suffered when she received the first news that the giant steamer had been sent to the bottom.

Fred Thomas has just passed his twenty-third birthday when he joined the aerial forces of Uncle Sam. Up to that time he always made his home with his sister. He was employed by the Remington Arms Co. up to November 20 of last year when he enlisted. He was sent to Fort Slocum and from there to the Aviation Training Camp in Texas. He was then attached to the 158th Aerial Squadron stationed in Louisiana from which point he appears to have been under orders for the front.

Before entering the employ of the Remington Arms Co. he was employed by the Loconobile Co. He was a prominent member of the Y. M. C. A. Samuel Thomas, father of the young airman, is a prominent resident of Chelsea, Mass.

## 13 Nutmeg State Men on Tuscania

**Only 20 Names of Survivors Received Out of 2,000 Rescued --- None from Connecticut.**

(By GEORGE H. MANNING.)

Washington, Feb. 7. (Special).—An even 13 men from Connecticut were passengers on the transport Tuscania which was sunk by the German submarine. Up to an early hour this morning the names of only 20 of the survivors had been received by the war department out of about 2,000 who have been rescued.

The names of none of the Connecticut men appear among the first 20 known survivors. The Connecticut men on the ill fated transport were: Albert Ratkitch, 376 North Main street, Union City, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Walter P. Decker, 29 Irion street, Waterbury, private, medical corps; Charles Mead, 35 Lexington avenue, Greenwich, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Julius Wagerm, Stamford, private, 20th Engineers; Thomas P. Reid, New Haven, private, 20th Engineers; Leroy P. Bennett, Woodmont, son of Ira P. Bennett, sergeant, 213th Aero Squadron; Leo W. Harp, Greenwich, 23 Connecticut avenue, son of Mrs. John J. Harp, private, 213th Aero Squadron; Edwin C. Lewis, son of Marc Lewis, Eastford, private of 100th Aero Squadron; Emmett S. White, son of Charles W. White, Weaverville, private of 158th Aero Squadron; Frederick J. Thomas, 2754 Main street, Bridgeport, sister Mrs. Annie Manning, private, 156th Aero Squadron; Raymond W. Somerset, 53 Bond street, Hartford, son of Mrs. Rachael Somerset, private, 158th Aero Squadron; Dudley H. Marsh, Portland, private, 158th Aero Squadron and George A. Clark, son of George A. Clark, Stamford, private, 158th Aero Squadron.

"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5



## Local Clerk Is Safe in Wreck of Tuscania

Frederick Thomas of 2754 Main street, this city, was aboard the steamship Tuscania when it was torpedoed as he was a clerk in the 158th Aero squadron. He lived with his sister, Mrs. A. E. Manning and was employed in department G-4 at the Remington Arms plant as a clerk. He was 23 years of age.

Roscoe R. Loper, formerly of this city, son of William Loper, Sr., of this city was a member of the 213th squadron which was also aboard the torpedoed steamer. He was 25 years of age and was serving as an electrician. No word has been received as to whether they were among those who were saved or not.

"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 5

## THOMAS IS SAFE SAYS MESSAGE

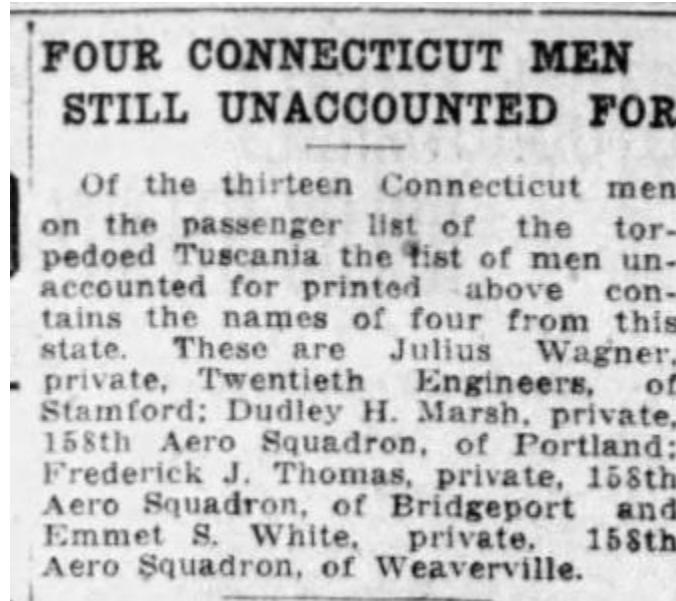
### Bridgeport Soldier Escapes Unhurt When Tuscania Is Torpedoed.

Fred J. Thomas, a Bridgeport soldier attached to the 158th aero squadron, escaped unhurt when the troopship Tuscania was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland.

"Arrived here safe," says a cablegram received from Thomas today by his sister, Mrs. Fred E. Manning, 2754 Main street. The cablegram was sent from Bun-crana, Ireland, where hundreds of survivors were landed.

So far as is known, Thomas was the only Bridgeport soldier aboard the Tuscania. About a dozen soldiers from other places in Connecticut were on the ship.

"Bridgeport (CT) Times & Evening Farmer" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1



"Hartford (CT) Courant" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 16

Bridgeport Standard Telegram | Bridgeport, Connecticut | Saturday March 29, 1919 | Page 20

## **PRIVATE THOMAS HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE**

### **Served in Aviation Corps, After Being Torpedoed Upon The Tuscania**

Private Frederick J. Thomas of the 158th Aero Pursuit Squadron has received his discharge from the army and is at home with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Manning of 2754 Main Street. He enlisted in November 1917, and was sent to Kelly Field, Texas, for training.

When the Tuscania was reported torpedoed Private Thomas name had appeared in the list of those lost at sea. On landing in England he was sent to one of the large aviation training schools for further instruction. While there he was in several enemy air raids and on one occasion his camp was badly damaged by the Hun planes.

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

## COLLIER FAMILY HAS HAPPY REUNION HERE

In happy reunion B. C. Collier, president of the Cement Gun Company, Inc., of this city, and family gathered to enjoy a dinner-dance at the Lehigh Country club last evening. Among the friends and relatives spending the holiday and week-end in this city were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. LeGost and son, Urbain LeGost, of Mount Vernon, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas and daughter, Arene, also of Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Thomas, a daughter of Mr. Collier, was formerly Miss Adreane Collier.

The second eldest daughter of Mr. Collier, Mrs. Raymond Short, was the former Miss Agnes Collier, recently married to Raymond Short, of Ithaca, New York. Mrs. Short will be remembered for her excellent work at Cornell university, followed by equally high scholarship at Bryn Mawr college. She was graduated from Cornell in 1927 and Bryn Mawr the following summer.

Mrs. Short's many friends will be interested to learn of her affiliation with one of the Ithaca newspapers and in a relatively short time has established an enviable reputation as a feature columnist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Short plan to return to Ithaca today.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Sunday 1 Jun 1930 p 5 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/274765764/>

## **Cedar Ave. Span Repairs Are Discussed at Parley**

Public Works Department officials today discussed with F. J. Thomas, engineer for the Cement Gun Co., Allentown, plans for repairs to the Cedar Ave bridge spanning the Roaring Brook.

The underside of the concrete arch has been deteriorating over the past four or five years. Two years ago, John H. Vockroth, local engineer, prepared plans for the necessary repairs, with an estimated cost of close to \$40,000 for the entire project, including work on the superstructure.

Director John Washo and City Engineer Thomas F. Kennedy conferred today with the Allentown man. Repairs to the underside of the arch would be made through use of a gunnite process in which the Allentown company specializes.

"Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" Tuesday 19 Sep 1950 p 26 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/532450543/>

## Western Lehigh Lions Hear Talk by McNally

Western Lehigh Lions last night heard C. J. McNally, chief engineer of the Cement Gun Co., talk on the work of the company.

He was introduced by John Gale, first vice president of the club and program chairman. McNally showed movies on the cement gun. He was accompanied by F. J. Thomas and R. E. Simpson.

Announcement was made that May 10 will be charter night for the new Fullerton club, sponsored by the Western Lehigh group.

Guests were Earl Adams, Kenneth Echhart, Joseph Rand and Arthur Hoffman of Allentown; and William Mayo, guest of Paul Held.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Tuesday 24 Apr 1951 p 7 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/275054651/>

Wife:

**THOMAS, Adrienne (Collier)**

Adrienne (Collier) Thomas, 100, of Firetown Road, Simsbury, widow of Frederick J. Thomas, died Monday (June 8, 1998) at the Governor's House in Simsbury. Born in New York City, she had lived in Allentown, PA, for many years moving to Simsbury in 1974. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational in Simsbury and was formerly active with the Girl Scouts of America, serving on the Girl Scout Council and was a volunteer at the McLean Home, Simsbury. She leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Adrienne and James A. Cunningham of Granby; a sister, Evelyn (Collier) Roberts of Allentown, PA; four grandchildren, Nancy Fennessey, Candace Brohinsky, James A. Cunningham II, and Martha Adrienne Cunningham; four great grandchildren, Seth Brohinsky, Zak Brohinsky, Melissa Cunningham and Deanna Cunningham. Memorial Services will be Thursday, June 11, 11 a.m. at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 689 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, with the Rev. Robert New



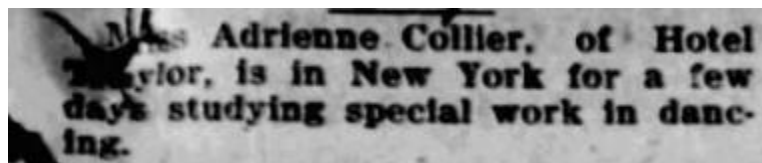
gregation, 602 N. Main St.,  
 Simsbury, with the Rev. Robert Naylor officiating. Burial will be in Grandview Cemetery, Allentown, PA, at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Granby Ambulance Assn., P.O. Box 617, Granby 06035 or to the Simsbury Ambulance Assn., P.O. Box 301, Simsbury 06070.

Obituary of Adrienne Virginia Collier Thomas - "Hartford (CT) Courant" Friday 9 Jun 1998 p 132 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/177065524/>

**MISS COLLIER TO  
TEACH CLASSES IN DANCING.**

Miss Adrienne Collier, who has been conducting dancing classes in the Hotel Traylor and has achieved very excellent results especially with her younger pupils, will open classes on Saturday, October 4. Miss Collier is now organizing the classes and has a large number of pupils enrolled both for private work and class instruction.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Saturday 27 Sep 1919 p 16



"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Tuesday 28 Oct 1919 p 7

"Baby" Emma Leonard, the popular juvenile danseuse, and pupil of Miss Adrienne Collier, of the Hotel Traylor, is confined to her home since Sunday, suffering the effects of a severe cold.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Thursday 11 Dec 1919 p 7

## GRACEFUL DANCING BY TOTS AT HOTEL TRAYLOR

An original Christmas pageant, composed by Miss Adrienne Collier, was given on Saturday afternoon in the Hotel Traylor by some fifty of her pupils in dancing to the great satisfaction of several hundred relatives and friends of the little people.

All the children were beautifully and symbolically attired and in graceful dance steps conveyed the action of the pageant. Miss Collier spoke the lines of the prologue and presented the story in brief.

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"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Monday 22 Dec 1919 p 5

## "THREE J" DANCE VERY ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The second of the series of "Three J" dances was held at the Hotel Traylor last evening. As had marked the initial event, the affair last evening was again a splendid social success, half a hundred couples being in attendance. Few events of the season have won to it such a rare assemblage of pulchritude in its ladies as well as such an elegant display sartorially.

The feature of the evening was again the cabaret numbers that interspersed the dancing. One of the most applauded of the evening's events were the numbers offered by the Misses Eleanor MacFetridge and Evelyn Collier. The two young ladies are pupils of Miss Adrienne Collier of the Hotel Traylor. Each of them offered a number in costume to such good effect, that a special toe dance in which both appeared had to be given as an enchoire.

Dance instructor - "Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Saturday 22 Jan 1921 p 7

Miss Adrienne Collier was granted permission to use the High school auditorium for her annual spring pageant. Applications for janitorship were received from F. A. Everett, 734 North Fifth street, and Aquilla Washburn, 510 North Madison street. Permission was granted the Allentown Hospital for the distribution of envelopes for donation day. Instructors J. Warren Fritsch and Warren Ziegenfus, of the High school faculty, applied for appointments to the faculty for the summer school.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Wednesday 9 Mar 1921 p 18

## LITTLE DANCERS GIVE 'AWAKENING OF SPRING'

### Miss Adrienne Collier's Pupils in Pageant at High School

"The Awakening of Spring," a pageant in four parts, was presented by the pupils in dancing of Miss Adrienne Collier in the High school auditorium on Saturday afternoon, delighting an audience of hundreds of friends and relatives of the little people.

The pageant, composed by Miss Collier, and then entirely developed by her with her pupils, was poetic in theme and decidedly pretty.

The first scene, that of an open woods, was used for a display of the pupils' ability in posturing, eleven well known classic statues being represented by as many girls. The subjects were: The Amazon, by Ethel Kramer; the Dancer, by Eleanor McFetridge; the Fettered Slave, by Dorothy Kinney; the Picture Frame, by Agnes Collier; the Miner, Mariana Lewis; the Discus Thrower, by Josephine Lerch; the Dying Gladiator, by Hannah Hunsicker; Psyche at the Brook, Evelyn Collier; the Python, Barbara Smith; Mercury, Louise Albright; Diana, Natalie Guyer.

This scene created the classic atmosphere, which was maintained throughout by scenery, properties, costuming and pantomimic action, and led up prettily to "The Awakening of Spring," a pretty dance by Miss Barbara Smith, who surrounded

(Continued on Page Seven)

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Monday 4 Apr 1921 p 5

Frederick J. Thomas	
in the Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriages, 1852-1968	
Detail	Source
Name:	Frederick J. Thomas
Gender:	Male
Age:	26
Birth Date:	abt 1895
Marriage Date:	7 May 1921
Marriage Place:	Allentown, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, USA
Father:	Samuel Thomas
Mother:	Martha Stern Thomas
Spouse:	Adriene V. Collier
Film Number:	002080238

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**MISS ADRIENNE V. COLLIER  
TO BE MARRIED TODAY**

Miss Adrienne V. Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan C. Collier of the Hotel Traylor, and Frederick J. Thomas of Cornwells, will be married this evening at 6.30 o'clock in the Hotel Traylor ball room. Miss Collier is the well known instructress of dancing whose pageants have always been such splendid affairs, and was in charge of a pageant in Easton on last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Thomas is an ex-service man, having served the aviation corps and is one of the survivors of the Tuscania, the transport that was torpedoed by a German submarine. Mr. Thomas is employed as a salesman for the Traylor Truck and Tractor Co.

"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Saturday 7 May 1921 p 3 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/281173406/>





## MISS COLLIER BRIDE OF FREDERICK J. THOMAS

Miss Adrienne V. Collier, the well known local danseuse and Frederick J. Thomas, Cornwells, were united in marriage in the Hotel Traylor ball room on Saturday at six p. m. by Rev. Dr. William E. Brooks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The wedding was one of the most brilliant in the city this season. The color scheme was pink and green and carried out in the gowns, decorations and flowers. Miss Collier wore a gown of kitten-ear crepe embroidered with pearls and the sides scalloped with pearl tassels. She wore a tulle veil of duchess lace and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

The matron of honor, Mrs. H. W. Thorrell, wore a gown of pink tulle trimmed with green and the maid of honor, Miss Agnes Collier, wore a gown of green taffeta trimmed with tulle and carried pink sweet peas. Miss Alma Carnadelo, New York City, and Miss Mary Pamsberry, city, wore georgette gowns trimmed with green tulle and carried pink sweet peas. The flower girls, Evelyn Collier, Doris Traylor, Eleanor McFetridge Mary Cantlin, Emma Leonard and Ruth Bernhard wore gowns of pink and green and carried bouquets of sweet peas.

H. W. Thorrell acted as best man while William Duffy, John A. Wertz and Frederick Dixon were the ushers. Following a wedding trip the couple will reside on Long Island. Mr. Thomas is a salesman for the Traylor Truck and Tractor Co. He served overseas in the world war.

Wedding – “Allentown (PA) Morning Call” Monday 9 May 1921 p 7 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/281174088/>



“Allentown (PA) Morning Call” Sunday 19 Jun 1921 p 13 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/280510111/>

## **BUSINESS WOMEN AT ANNUAL DINNER**

With interesting addresses and other charming features, the annual membership banquet of the Business and Professional Women's Club last evening proved to be one of the most successful ever held by this organization. Over 175 members were present, together with a number of guests. Mrs. Mabel C. Foster, vice-president of the Hartford Business and Professional Women's Club, gave an interesting talk on "Club Houses," telling of the businesslike manner in which the Hartford club obtained their quarters, and pointing out the fact that the increased membership of the Hartford club was due to the acquisition of "an attractive home." Miss Louise Connolly delighted the diners with an address replete with wit and humor. The Glee Club rendered several selections, and Dr. Hazel Roche gave a reading, and Mme. Adrienne Collier Thomas and Miss Elizabeth Errickson closed the program with an exhibition of classic dancing. Miss Jesse C. Buchanan was toastmistress for the occasion. The dinner was held in the Continental Room of the Stacy-Trent.

"Trenton (NJ) Evening Times" Thursday 8 Dec 1921 p 6

## PUPILS IN DANCING APPEAR IN RECITAL

### Adrienne Collier Thomas's Class Performs at Hotel Traylor

The pupils of Adrienne Collier Thomas, the dancing teacher, last evening at the Hotel Traylor gave the spring recital which was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the little pupils, who gave every evidence of the excellent tuition which they received during the winter months. The performed with a charming grace and intimate knowledge of the dances, for their interpretations were full of the intent of the composer. The audience was led to applause numerously, which encouraged the little performers to their best. Miss Helen Tamblyn was at the piano and Sonny Hartman was the drummer. At the end of the program, the instructor gave a beautiful interpretation of the dying swan dance, full of rhythmic cadences.

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"Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Friday 13 Apr 1923 p 5

## Bryan C. Collier Victim of Heart Ailment; Was 72

**Cement Gun Co., Engineer  
Helped Build New York's  
First Subways**

Bryan Cheves Collier, for 25 years the dominant personality in the Cement Gun Co. of this city and known throughout the world in engineering circles for his accomplishments, died



**BRYAN C. COLLIER**

yesterday afternoon in the Allentown hospital of a heart ailment with which he had suffered almost three years.

Mr. Collier was born in Indiana Spring, Ga., March 17, 1870, and therefore was in his 73rd year. He was a son of the late Bryan A. and Adrienne Cheves Collier.

After graduation from the University of Georgia he went to New York City, where for a quarter of a century he was engaged in engineering operations. Thus he was field operating engineer in the construction of the Broadway and 7th Ave. subways during the long period of the building of the first units of the big city's underground railroad system.

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Then he was field engineer in charge of operations for the construction of the huge Kensico dam for New York City. Later he was assistant engineer for the borough of the Bronx and as highway construction engineer was in charge of the construction of the Madison Ave. bridge in New York City.

In 1915 he came to this city to join the Traylor interests and developed the Cement Gun Co. and the Gunite process which in peace times was used in the construction of reservoirs, dams, tunnels, sewers, levees, swimming pools, irrigation canals, port and dock facilities, protection of mine timbers and now, in war time, is being employed in many Army and Navy developments by the Allied nations on all the home and fighting fronts.

He was successively the chief engineer, general manager, vice president and president of the Cement Gun Corp. and at the time of his retirement nearly three years ago was the chairman of the board of directors.

He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, member of the board of trustees of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and a director of Gunite and Cement Contracts, Ltd., British subsidiary of the local company. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Barrett Sprague, whom he married March 12, 1895, and three daughters: Adrienne, wife of F. J. Thomas, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Agnes, wife of R. W. Short, Sweetbriar, Va., and Evelyn, wife of C. Hayward Roberts of this city. There are also two granddaughters and three grandsons. Mrs. A. F. LeGost of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is a surviving sister.

Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Piercy will conduct funeral services in the Bachman funeral home, 1030 Walnut St., at 2 p. m. Thursday. Interment will be made in Grandview cemetery.

Death of father-in-law Bryan Cheves Collier – "Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Tuesday 15 Dec 1942 p



## Collier, Lambert Wills Probated

Two wills disposing of sizeable estates were among those filed for probate yesterday with Register Russell F. C. Benfer.

The bulk of an estate estimated at more than \$100,000 is bequeathed to three daughters, according to the will of the late Minnie S. Collier, this city, who died last Sunday.

A pecuniary legacy of \$1,000 is stipulated for Hattie Reiner, 123 S. West St., "in grateful appreciation of her faithful services and long friendship." The remainder goes to Adrienne C. Thomas, 123 S. West St.; Evelyn C. Roberts, 2530 Allen St.; Agnes C. Short, Garden City, N. Y. Executors are Mrs. Thomas and a son-in-law, C. Hayward Roberts. The will is dated Jan. 25, 1940.

In 2023, the sum of \$100,000 had the purchasing power of \$1.6 million - "Allentown (PA) Morning Call" Saturday 14 Apr 1951 p 17 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/275190857/>

Daughter:

IN MEMORY OF  
**ADRIENNE  
 CUNNINGHAM**

**Obituary for Adrienne Cunningham**

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Adrienne Thomas “Drene” Cunningham, 93, of Avon, wife of the late James Allan Cunningham, Ph.D., died Monday, February 4, 2019 at Arden Court of Avon. She was born January 8, 1926 in Staten Island, NY, daughter of the late Fredrick James and Adrienne (Collier) Thomas and had lived in Simsbury and Granby for many years. She was a graduate of Beaver College (PA), Class of 1947, having received her Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts. Mrs. Cunningham was a

Real Estate Agent at Caldwell Banker for many years prior to her retirement, having received numerous real estate awards and certificates. Drene was a proud member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury. She enjoyed gardening, going to various museums and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Fennessey and her husband Frank of South Carolina, Candee Brohinsky and her husband Scott of Vermont, Jamie Cunningham and his wife Karen of Simsbury and Martha Cunningham of Simsbury; her grandchildren, Seth Brohinsky and his wife Jennifer, Zak Brohinsky, Melissa Cunningham and Deanna Cunningham; her great granddaughter, Mia Brohinsky.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 27th at the First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. Memorial donations in her name may be made to the First Church of Christ, 689 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, P.O. Box 301, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Drene’s “Book of Memories” at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online tributes.

obituary of Adrienne Thomas Cunningham - <https://www.vincentfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3729508/Cunningham-Adrienne/obit.php?&printable=true>





Find A Grave 209580156

**CUNNINGHAM, James Allan, Ph.D.**

James Allan Cunningham, Ph.D., 77, of Granby, beloved husband for 52 years of Adrienne (Thomas) Cunningham, died Wednesday, (May 31, 2000) at his home. Born in New York City, NY, April 17, 1923, son of the late William and Marguerite (Kinsella) Cunningham, he had lived in Fairfield, and Simsbury for eight years, moving to Granby 20 years ago. Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and graduated from Trinity College in 1946 and earned a Ph.D. from Walden University in 1985. He was Eastern Sales manager with CG Conn, and was associated with Bernard Holdane, and was a partner with People Management in Simsbury for many years. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational in Simsbury and a former member of the Board of Deacons at the church. He was a former EMT with the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance, and a former member of the Granby Library Board, and was active in Boy Scouting when he lived in





Farfield. Besides his wife, Adrienne, he leaves a son and daughter-in-law, James A., II and Karen Cunningham of Avon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Frank Fennessey of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; Candace and Scott Brohinsky of Simsbury; and Martha Adrienne Cunningham of Simsbury; four grandchildren, Seth and Zak Brohinsky, and Melissa and Deanna Cunningham; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Lois Cunningham of Milford. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, 689 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, with the Rev. Robert Naylor officiating. For those who are unable to attend the memorial service, his family will receive friends Monday evening, 6-9 p.m. at their home, "The Gables", 8 Boxwood Court, Granby. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Granby Ambulance Assoc., PO Box 617, Granby, 06035 or Simsbury Ambulance Assoc., PO Box 301, Simsbury, 06070. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, Granby, has care of arrangements.

Obituary of son-in-law James Allan Cunningham – "Hartford (CT) Courant" Friday 2 Jun 2000 p 168 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/177765956/>

Father:

**Samuel Thomas, Sr.**

Private services for Samuel Thomas, Sr., 96, of 21 Haddon street, who died Sunday, took place today in the Wilmot, West, and Goulding funeral home with the Rev. Ray Ahrens, assistant pastor of the United Congregational church, officiating. Burial was in Park cemetery.

Obituary of father Samuel Thomas Sr. - "Bridgeport (CT) Post" Wednesday 18 Aug 1954 p 50

**Samuel Thomas, Sr.**

Private services for Samuel Thomas, Sr., 96, of 21 Haddon street, a retired weaver, who died Sunday night in his home, will take place today in the Wilmot, West, and Goulding funeral home, 884 Lafayette street, with the Rev. Ray Ahrens, assistant pastor of the United Congregational church, officiating. Burial will be in Park cemetery.

"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Wednesday 18 Aug 1954 p 26

### **Samuel Thomas, Sr.**

**Samuel Thomas, Sr., 96,** a retired weaver, died Sunday evening in his home, 21 Haddon street, after an illness of several weeks.

Private services will take place Wednesday in the Wilmot, West and Goulding funeral home, 884 Lafayette street, with the Rev. Ray Ahrens, assistant pastor of the United Congregational church, officiating. Burial will be in Park cemetery.

Born in England, Mr. Thomas had been a resident of Bridgeport since 1886 and was an employe of the Elastic Web company and The Bridgeport Fabrics company from which he retired at 85.

He is survived by two sons, Frederick J., of Allentown, Pa., and Samuel, Jr., of Bridgeport; a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Manning of Bridgeport; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two great great-grandchildren.

"Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Tuesday 17 Aug 1954 p 34

Warwickshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1910



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Name	Daniel Thomas
Age	19
Event Type	Marriage
Birth Year	1858
Marriage or Bann Date	27 Oct 1877
Marriage or Bann Place	Coventry, St Peter, Warwickshire, England
Parish	Coventry, St Peter
Spouse	Matha Malilda Horne
Father	Charles Thomas



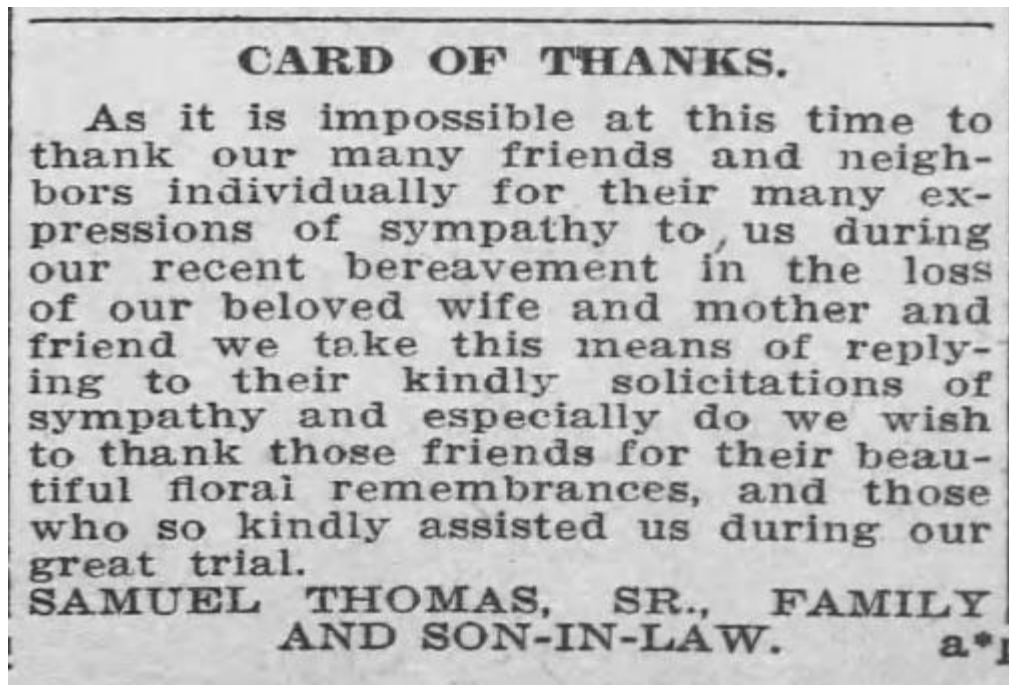
Marriage of "Daniel" Thomas & Matha/Martha Matilda Horne - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/115789346/person/102416766749/facts>

Mother:

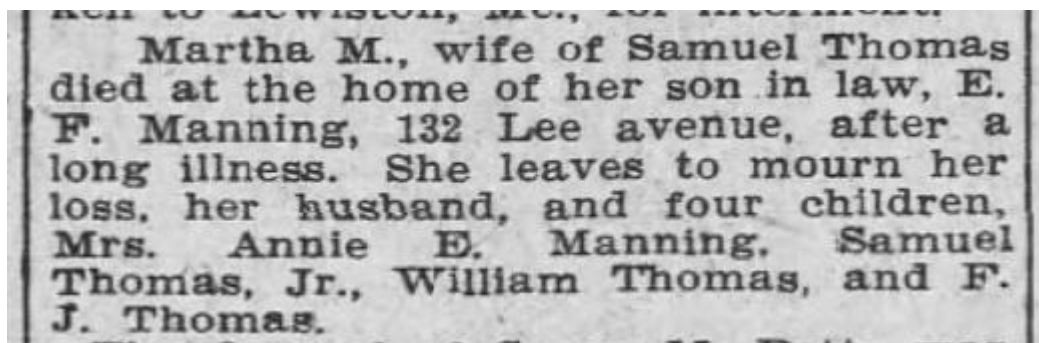
**OBITUARY**

The funeral services over the remains of Martha M. Thomas, wife of Samuel Thomas, Sr., were held at the residence of her son-in-law, Ernest F. Manning 132 Lee avenue, Monday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Robert Higginbotham, Assistant Pastor of South Congregational church officiating assisted by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Robt. Hard of South Church choir. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Hard rendered Rock of Ages as a duet and Mrs. Martin rendered Face to Face, which was the deceased's favorite hymn. The floral selections were numerous and beautiful—Standing Cross, worded Mother, from family; pillow worded wife; heart from grandchildren, and bouquet of roses from son-in-law and many bouquets of carnations and chrysanthemums from the following friends: Mrs. J. J. Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ives and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. White and family, Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Hoag, Mrs. Youngs, and Mrs. H. W. Sherwood. The friends who so kindly acted as pallbearers were Messrs. James Halpin, Sr., John Sullivan, William Hennigan, Thos. Farren, Arthur Zella and Fred Locke. The interment was in the family lot at Park Cemetery.

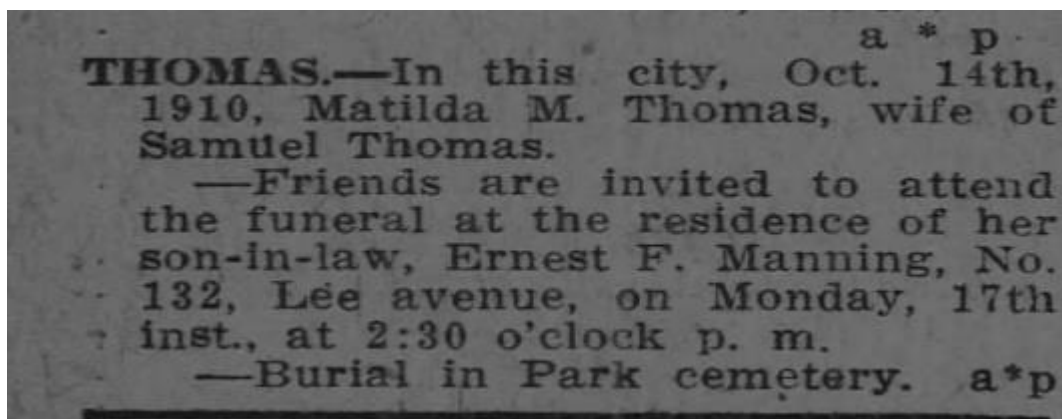
Obituary of mother Martha Matilda Horn Thomas – "Bridgeport (CT) Times & Evening Farmer"  
Wednesday 19 Oct 1910 p 6



"Bridgeport (CT) Times & Evening Farmer" Wednesday 19 Oct 1910 p 1



"Bridgeport (CT) Times & Evening Farmer" Saturday 15 Oct 1910 p 4



"Bridgeport (CT) Times & Evening Farmer" Saturday 15 Oct 1910 p 2

Siblings:

**Mrs. Ernest F. Manning**  
 Services for Mrs. Annie E. Manning, 81, widow of Ernest F. Manning, and mother of Mrs. Sherman Whiting, of Easton, who died yesterday in her home, 21 Haddon street, will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Wilmot, West and Goulding funeral home, 684 Lafayette street. The Rev. Wallace W. Anderson, minister of United Congregational church, of which Mrs. Manning was a member, will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Grove cemetery. Also surviving are a granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Schoemaker, of Bedford, Mass., four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frederick Thomas, of Allentown, Pa., and Samuel Thomas, of Bridgeport.

**Mrs. Ernest F. Manning**  
 Services for Mrs. Annie E. Manning, 81, widow of Ernest F. Manning, of 21 Haddon street, who died Tuesday, were conducted today in the Wilmot, West and Goulding funeral home by the Rev. Wallace W. Anderson, minister of the United Congregational church. Burial was in Mountain Grove cemetery.

Obituary of sister Annie Thomas Manning – left: “Bridgeport (CT) Post” Wednesday 4 Nov 1959 p 80  
 – right: “Bridgeport (CT) Post” Thursday 5 Nov 1941 p 41

**THOMAS**—In Bridgeport, Jan. 25, 1975, Samuel Thomas, beloved husband of Lily Peterson Thomas of 490 Harvard Ave., Stratford. Arrangements will be announced by the Lieberman, Heaphy & Doyle funeral home, 604 Fairfield Ave.

Obituary of brother Samuel Thomas Jr. (1880-1975) – “Bridgeport (CT) Post” Sunday 26 Jan 1975 p

### Samuel Thomas

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The services will take place at 10 a.m. in the Lieberum, Heaphy and Doyle funeral home, 804 Fairfield avenue, with the Rev. William W. Sullivan, pastor of the Second Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in Park cemetery.

Born in Coventry, England, Mr. Thomas had been an area resident for 86 years. He was a member of the Senior Citizens Industrial club of the YMCA; and a past grand chief ranger, charter member, life member and longtime secretary of the Foresters of America, Nathaniel Wheeler Court, Bridgeport.

Mr. Thomas served as a selectman for the City of Bridgeport from 1915 to 1920.

Survivors include his wife, Lily Peterson Thomas; a son, William Thomas, of Bridgeport; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Flanagan, of Bridgeport; a stepdaughter, Mrs. A. L. Burnham, of Stratford; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Obituary of Samuel Thomas Jr. - "Bridgeport (CT) Post" Monday 27 Jan 1975 p 21 and "Bridgeport (CT) Telegram" Monday 27 Jan 1975 p 21

Cement Gun Company



## TRAYLOR'S ACQUIRE CEMENT GUN CO.

**Valuable New Industry for Allentown  
Which Will Employ 250 Men.**

The Traylor Engineering and Manufacturing Co. of this city, Samuel W. Traylor, president, has purchased the controlling interest of the Cement Gun Company, Inc., which in the future will have its headquarters and mills in conjunction with those of the Traylor Company. In the near future the new industry will give employment to 250 men.

Samuel W. Traylor is the president of the new company; H. Battersby, treasurer; W. J. Roberts, vice president; F. R. Crispen, secretary, and B. C. Collier, general manager. This corporation will be operated and managed entirely independent of the Traylor Co., which, however, will manufacture the guns to be sold by the Cement Gun Co.

The cement gun somewhat resembles a large cannon or howitzer in construction. It is used by large contractors and municipalities in the construction of sewers and large buildings. According to Mr. Traylor the gun is one of the best specialties secured by his company in many years. Orders are being secured for the new product from all parts of the country.

"Allentown (PA) Leader" Thursday 15 Jun 1916 p 7

## The first shotcrete application

Akeley, tasked with figuring out a way to repair it, eventually came up with the 'plastergun' in 1907, a tool that shot dry plaster through a hose using compressed air. Water streaming from another hose was added to the mix once it reached the nozzle.

Despite initial teething problems caused by clogging in the nozzle, the shotcreting process was born. Akeley eventually settled for a more sophisticated design predicated on the double-chamber principle: two alternatively pressurized chambers that pumped material into the conveying hose.

By 1909, Akeley was ready to file for a patent, which was formalized only two years later after various tweaks and improvements. The invention was promptly copied by other savvy businessmen that, having realized its manifold applications, began commercialising it under other names such as the 'cement gun'.

By 1912 the Cement Gun Company had bought Akeley's patent for his invention and use of 'gunite', as Akeley coined it, was spreading in the construction industry. One of its first applications was the lining of the Hunter's Brook Siphon in the Catskills, a water project property of the New York Water Supply that fed water from upstate reservoirs to New York City. Other uses included the fireproofing of mines with the so-called 'gunite mortar' during the 1920s.

In the 1930s, the word 'shotcrete' was introduced by the American Railway Engineering Association to describe the process, which has gathered acceptance to become the industry's term of choice.

<https://bestsupportunderground.com/brief-history-shotcrete/?lang=en>

**The principle of the cement gun was discovered in 1907 by Carl E. Akeley (sculptor, naturalist, explorer) of the American Museum of Natural History. The device he invented was a result of his experiments incident to building mounts for trophies. The carcasses were formed by spraying plaster of paris onto an expanded-metal frame of the required shape. He soon concluded that this apparatus was better suited for applying mortar. Within 3 years, the device had been improved by the Cement Gun Company, Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1910 the patented device was designated Cement Gun by Byron C. Collier, president of that firm (now Allentown Pneumatic Gun Company).**

**The term Gunite was coined by Collier in 1911 to describe the mortar product applied by the Cement Gun. The term Gunite first appeared in the engineering literature about 1914; Guncrete, in 1925; Pneucrete, in 1929; and Blocrete, in 1953. Gunite, Jetcrete, Cement-Gun, and other similar expressions, are proprietary; their use is appropriate only when the proprietary method or equipment is involved. These terms, as well as shotcrete, denote concrete or mortar pneumatically gunned or shot into place through a nozzle; the terms should not be confused with pneumatic concrete, which is simply pneumatically conveyed through pipes into forms.**

Inventor Carl Akeley did not use gunite for taxidermy mounts but on a building façade -

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/trecms/pdf/AD0634074.pdf>

**Abbreviations:**

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

**Name: Frederick James Thomas**

Name variations: Fred

**Military:**

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,065

Entered service from: Bridgeport, Fairfield CT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Frederick J. Thomas

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": sister Mrs. Annie Manning, 1754 Main St., Bridgeport CT

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Frederick James Thomas

Next-of-kin on return ship &amp; rank: sister Mrs. Arnie [sic/Annie] Manning, 2754 Main St., Bridgeport CT (pvt, 158th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Frederick James Thomas b. 21 Jan 1890 Bridgeport CT; res: 2754 Main, Bridgeport CT. Single. Clerk, Remington Arms UMC Co., Boston MA. Tall &amp; slender.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Frederick James Thomas - b. 21 Jan 1895 Bridgeport CT; res: 25 Wildwood Ave., Allentown PA. NOK Mrs. B.C. Collier, 123 S. West St., Allentown PA. Employed at Cement Gun Co., Allentown PA, 3416 Empire State Building, NYC, NY. Height: 5'10" – 175 lbs.

**Veterans Administration Military Index:**

Enlisted: 21 Nov 1917

Discharged: 19 Mar 1919

Address: 20 Stuyvesant Place, St. George, Staten Island, NY, NY

Rank/unit: private, 158<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron**Birth & death:**

Born: 21 Jan 1895 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT (or 21 Jan 1890 on WWI card) 12 Sep 1974 Buck Hill Falls, Monroe PA (while on vacation from his home in Fairfield CT) (that date also in "Bridgeport [CT] Post")

Died: 16 Sep 1974 p 47 but "Allentown [PA] Morning Call" 14 Sep 1974 p 9 gives death date of 13 Sep 1974 in Monroe County Hospital, East Stroudsburg, Monroe PA)

Find A Grave record: 200610766 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower &amp; text

Burial location: Allentown, Lehigh PA

Cemetery: Grandview

Tombstone:



Father: Samuel Thomas Sr., Dec 1859 Coventry, Warwickshire, England – 16 Aug 1954 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. Son of Charles & Harriet Thomas. Buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Fairfield CT.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Martha Mathilda Horne/Horn Thomas, Sep 1859 Coventry, Warwickshire, England – 14 Oct 1910 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. Daughter of Samuel & Caroline Horn. Buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Fairfield CT.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 27 Oct 1877 Coventry, St. Peter, Warwickshire, England

Spouse: Adrienne Virginia Collier Thomas, 20 Apr 1898 Manhattan, NY, NY – 8 Jun 1998 Simsbury, Hartford CT. Daughter of Bryan Cheves Collier & Clemine (Minnie) Barrett Sprague. Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Allentown, Lehigh PA. "Hartford [CT] Courant" 9 Jun 1998 p 132

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 7 May 1921 Allentown, Lehigh PA

Child:

- Adrienne ("Drene") Thomas Cunningham, 8 Jan 1926 Staten Island NY [or Richmond NY] – 4 Feb 2019 Avon, Hartford CT. Wife of James Allan Cunningham (1923-2000, F: 192051618) whom she married 15 May 1948 in Mount Vernon NY. Graduate of Beaver College. James's and Adrienne's ashes were scattered in the First Church of Christ Memorial Garden, Simsbury, Hartford CT. F: 209580156

Siblings:

- Annie E. Thomas Manning, 1878 Coventry, Warwickshire, England – 3 Nov 1959 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT (at her home). Married 8 Jan 1899 in Bridgeport, Fairfield CT to Ernest Frederick Manning (1871-1953, F: 140289971). Buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery & Mausoleum, Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. F: 140289978
- Samuel Thomas Jr., 22 Jun 1880 Coventry, Warwickshire, England – 25 Jan 1975 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. Married 20 May 1905 in Port Chester, Westchester NJ to Alice Tierney (1880-26 Mar 1947). Married to Lily Peterson at the time of his death. Buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. F: 184095141
- William Thomas, 2 Feb 1886 Coventry, Metropolitan Borough of Coventry, West Midlands, England (as Find A Grave phrases it) – 31 Aug 1941 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT. SSN 047-05-2280. Emigrated 17 Aug 1887 to NYC. Married 5 Nov 1923 in Bridgeport, Fairfield CT to Agnes Gallagher (1891-1962, F: 184096515). Buried in Park Cemetery, Bridgeport, Park CT. F: 184096514

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Bridgeport (CT) Republican Farmer" 8 Feb 1918 p 1 - sister Mrs. Fred E. Manning, 2754 Main St., Bridgeport, anxiously awaiting news, just 23 when enlisted 20 Nov 1917, up to then lived with sister & worked at Remington Arms Co., before that employed at Locomobile Co., 1st sent to Ft. Slocum NY, then aviation camp TX, then 158th in LA, prominent member local YMCA, fther Samuel Thomas prominent Chelsea MA resident

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Allentown [PA] Morning Call" 14 Sep 1974 p 9 - has death date of 13 Feb 1974, age 79, v.p. of Allentown Pneumatic Gun Co., retired 1963 after 45 yrs, lived with wife Adrienne (Collier) Thomas at 245 Unquowa Rd., Fairfield CT, b. Bridgeport CT, son of late Samuel & Matilda (Horn) Thomas, 50th wedding anniversary 1974, survived by daughter Adrienne (Mrs. James A.) Cunningham of W. Simsbury CT

"Bridgeport [CT] Post" 16 Sep 1974 p 47 - d. age 79, services held in Allentown PA, services in Bridgeport at United Congregational Church pending

Social Security number: 194-07-9788

Censuses:

1881 Census of England – Coventry, Holy Trinity, Warwickshire, England

Name	Samuel Thomas
Age	22
Estimated Birth Year	1859
Relationship to Head	Head
Spouse	Matilda Thomas
Gender	Male
Where born	Coventry, Warwickshire, England
Civil parish	Coventry Holy Trinity
County/Island	Warwickshire
Country	England
Street Address	Adelaide St
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Silk Weaver
Registration district	Coventry
ED, institution, or vessel	19
Neighbors	View others on page
Piece	3073
Folio	112
Page number	24
Household members	
Name	Age
Samuel Thomas	22
Matilda Thomas	21
Annie E. Thomas	3
Samuel Thomas	

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/115789346/person/102416766749/facts>

## "England and Wales Census, 1881"

name:	Samuel Thomas
age:	22
gender:	Male
birth year:	1859
birthplace:	Coventry, Warwickshire, England
relationship to head:	Head
marital condition:	Married
profession/occupation:	Silk Weaver
address:	Adelaide St
census place:	Coventry Holy Trinity (With St Peter), Warwickshire, England
record type:	Household
family history library film:	1341733
national archives reference:	RG11
piece/folio:	3073 / 112
page number:	24
	Household
head	Samuel Thomas
wife	<a href="#">Matilda Thomas</a>
daughter	<a href="#">Annie E Thomas</a>
son	<a href="#">Samuel Thomas</a>
	GenderAgeBirthplace
	M 22 Coventry, Warwickshire, England
	F 21 Coventry, Warwickshire, England
	F 3 Coventry, Warwickshire, England
	M 0 Coventry, Warwickshire, England

Courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

1900 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT – 636 Park Ave.

Samuel Thomas, 40 England, Dec 1859, parents b. England, married 22 years, emigrated 1877, in US 13 years, Electric Web weaver

Matilda, 39 England, Sep 1860, parents b. England, emigrated 1877, in US for 13 years, gave birth to 8 children, 4 are living

Samuel, 19 England, Jun 1880, emigrated 1877, in US for 13 years

William, 14 England, Feb 1886, paper worker, emigrated 1877, in US for 13 years

Frederick J., 8 CT, Jan 1895, button shop

1910 Bridgeport, Fairfield CT – father Samuel not listed in household – census conducted 19 Apr 1910 – Martha died 14 Oct 1910

Martha Thomas, 49 England, parents b. England, married, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, married 32 years, gave birth to 8 children, 4 are living

William, 24 England, parents b. England, inspector, valve company

Frederick J., 16 England, parents b. England, salesman, dry goods

& boarder Thomas Wright, 28 England, parents b. England, carpenter, house

1920 cannot locate

1925 NY state census – Mount Vernon, Westchester NY

Frederick J. Thomas, 30 US, salesman  
Adrienne C. Thomas, 27 US, housework  
& lodger Murry W. Ross [indexed as Murey W. Rose], 27 US, mining engineer

1930 Mount Vernon, Westchester NY

Fred J. Thomas, 35 MA, parents b. England, age 26 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, salesman, cement product, WWI veteran  
Adrienne, 31 NY, father b. GA, mother b. NY, age 22 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage [wife]  
Adrienne, 4 NY, father b. MA, mother b. NY [daughter]

1940 Mount Vernon, Westchester NY – 25 Wildwood – same house in 1935

Frederick Thomas, 45 CT, salesman, cement  
Adrienne E., 41 CT [wife]  
Adrienne, 14 CT [daughter]

1950 Allentown, Lehigh PA

Frederick J. Thomas, 55 CT, engineer, salesman, engineering company  
Adrienne C. Thomas, 52 NY [wife]  
Minnie I. Collier, 80 NY, widow [mother – i.e., of Adrienne]  
Elenora Bennett, 22 PA, never married, housekeeping, domestic (home)