

TUSCANIA

Thomas, Richard Leo
1896 MI – 1950 MI



Death notice of Richard Leo Thomas – “Detroit (MI) Free Press” Wednesday 8 Nov 1950 p 13 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/97955855/>

Richard Leo Thomas

Military • Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919

Name **Richard Leo Thomas**
 Residence Place **Bay City, Bay**
 Birth Date **26 Sep 1895**
 Birthplace **Bay City, Michigan**
 Military Final Rank **Pvt**
 Military Unit Note **6th Bw. 20th Engineers**
 Father's Name **James Thomas**
 Mother's Name **Harriet Tobin Thomas**
 Event Type **Military Service**
 Event Place **Michigan, United States**

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THOMAS RICHARD LEO		8/7/51 <i>col</i>
Cook Co 17 20 Engrs		Xc 1 447 100
2269 Fountain St		K
Muskegon Mich		A 3 860 467
Ssn 250 665	Died 11/5/50	T 438 846
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1926		INDEX CARD 2-12000

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THREE LANSING MEN ON BOARD

WILBUR CLARK, OTTO K. CADY AND GLENN F. DENNISON AMONG SOLDIERS ON TRANSPORT.

SCORES ARE FROM MICHIGAN

Detroit Journal Transmits Roster of Those Who Were on
Cunard Liner Sunk in War Zone Tuesday
Night.

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—The Detroit Journal Friday received from its Washington correspondent a list of persons aboard the liner Tuscania. The list includes soldiers and civilians and does not designate the companies to which the men belonged. Eighteen men were from Detroit. The remainder of the list follows:

Lansing—Wilbur Clark, Otto K. Cady, Glenn F. Dennison.

Bay City—Ralph Story, Marshall J. Smith, sanitary squad;

Louis Chaltrow, sanitary squad; Barney Mienkiewicz, sanitary squad; Richard L. Thomas.

Grand Rapids—Henry Vrondyke, William W. Eaton, Albert A. Bettings.

Muskegon—Arthur J. Siplon.

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“Lansing (MI) State Journal” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

Michigan Men Are Survivors

The names of the Michigan survivors of the Tuscania disaster, as compiled up to midnight Sunday are as follows:

Richard L. Thomas, Bay City.

“Escanaba (MI) Morning Press” Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 4

Son:



Son Richard W. Thomas – Find A Grave 35966414

Siblings:

Jennie Thomas in the Michigan, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1867-1911	Name:	Jennie Thomas
	Gender:	Female
	Birth Place:	Bay City, Bay, Michigan
	Birth Date:	26 Nov 1890
	Father's Name:	James Thomas
	Mother's Name:	Hattie Thomas
	FHL Film Number:	947212

MI birth record of **sister Jeanette Thomas Kunkel (1890-1962)** -
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/637239:2560?ssrc=pt&tid=72549824&pid=38265585816>

Jeannette Thomas

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

Name: Jeannette Thomas

Gender: Female

Race: White

Age: 24

Birth Date: abt 1892

Birth Place: Michigan

Marriage Date: 27 May 1916

Marriage Place: Detroit, Michigan, USA

Residence Place: Detroit, Michigan

Father: James Thomas

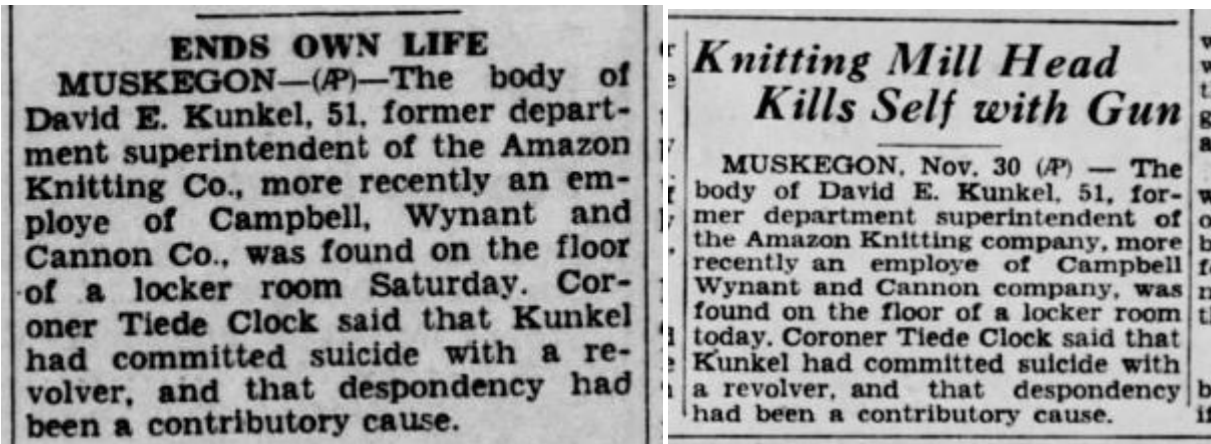
Mother: Harriett Tobin

Spouse: David E Kunkel

Record Number: 130565

130565	"	"	"	David E. Kunkel	26	white	Detroit Mich.
				Jeannette Thomas	24	"	"
New York	Knitter	Seward	Barrie Beckman	no	may 27	1916	
Michigan		James	Harriett Tobin	no			
Detroit	John A. Gabriels	Mrs. Eleanor Watson	Detroit Mich.				
Mich.	Pastor	Isabel Ryan	"				

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Suicide of David E. Kunkel, husband of Richard's sister Jeanette Thomas Kunkel – left: "Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer" Sunday 1 Dec 1940 p 1 and right: "Lansing (MI) State Journal" Sunday 1 Dec 1940 p 8

<h2>Anna V Thomas</h2> <p>in the Michigan, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1867-1911</p>	
Name:	Anna V Thomas
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Place:	Bay City, Michigan
Birth Date:	3 Apr 1893
Baptism Place:	Bay, Michigan
Father's Name:	James Thomas
Mother's Name:	Harriet E
FHL Film Number:	947213

MI birth record of **sister Veronica (Vera) Anna Thomas Boucher Marx (1893 -)**
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/316742:2560?ssrc=pt&tid=72549824&pid=38266426471>

Vera Thomas

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

Name:	Vera Thomas
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	26
Birth Date:	abt 1895
Birth Place:	Bay City
Marriage Date:	26 Nov 1921
Marriage Place:	Bay City, Bay, Michigan, USA
Residence Place:	Bay City, Michigan
Father:	James Thomas
Mother:	Harriet Tolin
Spouse:	Albert J Boncher
Record Number:	21227

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF RECORDS AND STATISTICS	STATE OFFICE NUMBER <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">61 1642</div>
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COUNTY Washtenaw

DIVORCE RECORD

Name of each Vera Boucher Age not given
Albert J. Boucher Age not given

State or County in which married Bay City, Mich. Date Nov. 26, 1922

Date of Filing Petition Jan. 13, 1933 To whom was divorce granted wife
 (Husband or Wife)

Was Case Contested yes
 (Yes or No)

Date of Decree or Judgment April 12, 1933

Cause for Which Divorced Extreme cruelty

Was Divorce Granted, Refused or Withdrawn granted

Whether Absolute or Conditions absolute

Was Alimony Granted yes

Number of Minor Children in Family one (see reverse side)

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the records of this Court.

Quar Berg

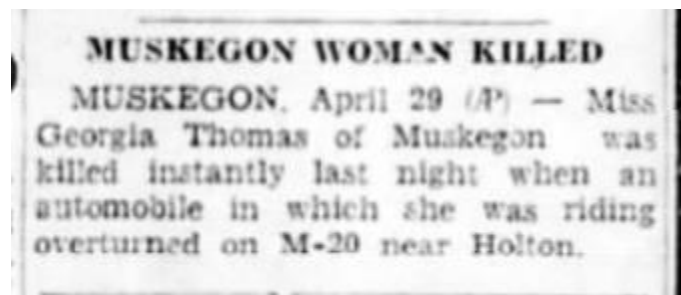
Date May 3-1935 Clerk of Circuit Court, County of Washtenaw

Anthony J. Mark

in the Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960

Name:	Anthony J. Mark
Marriage Date:	15 Dec 1954
Spouse:	Vera Boucher
Marriage Location:	Cook County, IL
Marriage license:	{CBD01782-8D40-4268-B375-7B6392F0F045}
File Number:	2339746
Archive collection name:	Cook County Genealogy Records (Marriages)
Archive repository location:	Chicago, IL
Archive repository name:	Cook County Clerk

<https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=1500&h=5757595&ssrc=pt&tid=72549824&pid=38266426471&usePUB=true>



Car accident death of **sister Georgia Thomas (1908-1937)** – “Lansing (MI) State Journal” Thursday 29 Apr 1937 p 21

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Richard Leo Thomas

Name variations:

Military:

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

Serial number: 250,665

Entered service from: Bay City, Bay MI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Richard L. Thomas

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. James Thomas, 213 N. Johnson St., Bay City MI

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Richard L. Thomas

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Hattie Thomas, 213 N. Johnson St., Bay City MI
(cook, 17th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Richard Leo Thomas - b. 26 Sep 1895 Bay City MI; res: Bovill, Latah ID. Single. Locomotive fireman, Potlatch Lumber Co., Bovill ID. Support of mother & 3 sisters. Tall in height, medium build, red hair. Register on 22 Jun 1917 in White Pine, Latah ID, in advance of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1422 John St., Muskegon MI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Richard Leo Thomas - b. 25 Sep 1896 Bay City MI; res: 792 W. Forest, Muskegon, Muskegon MI. NOK Mrs. Vera Boucher, 381 Houston, Muskegon MI [his sister]. Employed at Amazon Knitting Co., Western Ave., Muskegon MI. No height or weight recorded; still has red hair.

Veterans Administration Military Index: birthdate of 26 Sep 1895

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 19 Jun 1919

Address: 2269 Fountain St., Muskegon MI

Rank/unit: cook, 17th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Sep 1896 Bay City, Bay MI (Veterans Administration Master Index: 25 Sep 1895)

Died: 5 Nov 1950 Muskegon, Muskegon MI

Find A Grave record: 46411925 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Muskegon Heights, Muskegon MI

Cemetery: Mona View

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Michigan Cook 20 Engineers WWI

Father: James Thomas, 28 Dec 1858 Boston, Suffolk MA – 24 Dec 1928 Flint, Genesee MI. Son of James Thomas & Jane Sheehan. Buried in Saint Patrick Cemetery, Bay City, Bay MI.

Find A Grave: 135133367

Mother: Harriet Tobin Thomas, 1867 NY [not Canada]– 1 Jul 1938 Muskegon, Muskegon MI.

Daughter of Richard Tobin (1823-1861, Civil War veteran for the Union) & Sarah Ward (1823-1910). Buried in Saint Patrick Cemetery, Bay City, Bay MI.

Find A Grave: 135133345

Parents' marriage: 10 Feb 1890 Bay City, Bay MI

Spouse: Gladys F. Curry Thomas, 15 May 1901 Saginaw, Saginaw MI –

Birth surname indexed as CRAY on record.

Daughter of Daniel A. Curry Jr. (1863-1944, F: 58662063) & Willena Girvin (1865-1949, F: 58662172).

In the 1920 census for Owosso, Shiawassee MI, Gladys F. Curry (18 MI, operator in a telephone office) lived with her parents Daniel A. Curry (54 MI, father b. NY, mother b. OH, foreman in a sugar factory) & Wilena (51 NY, father b. England, mother b. Scotland).

Her sisters included Florence Curry Prim (1896-1920, F: 158519541) & Edith Caroline Carry Thomas (1890-1956, F: 70647315) who married William Leroy Thomas (1884-1959, F: 70647271), the son of Ephraim F. Thomas & Almira Sarah Lee.

In the 1930 census, Gladys, husband Richard & son Richard Thomas lived in Flint, Genesee MI with her sister Edith, her husband William & their daughter. Her deceased sister Florence Curry Prim's daughter Eleanor Prim also lived in the household.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: Married 14 Jan 1923 in Bay Co. MI. Gladys filed for divorce on 19 Feb 1945; divorce granted 30 Apr 1945 on the grounds of cruelty & misconduct.

Child:

- Richard Ward Thomas, also known as Ward Daniel Thomas, also known as Richard D. Thomas Jr., 23 Mar 1924 MI – 14 Nov 1997 Sarasota, Sarasota FL. SSN 383-14-9669. Married 15 May 1943 in Harrison Co. MS to Jacqueline Faye Cady (1926-2016, F: 17391510) when he was age 19 & she age 16. – In the 1950 census for Spring Lake, Ottawa MI, Richard W. Thomas (26 MI, auto sprayer in a body shop) lived with wife Jacqueline F. (23 MI. Buried in Bridgeton Township Cemetery, Bridgeton, Newaygo MI. F: 35966414

Siblings:

- Jeanette ("Jennie") M. Thomas, 26 Nov 1890 Bay City, Bay MI – 9 Dec 1962 Muskegon Co. MI. Married 27 May 1916 to David Ernest Kunkel (1899-1940, F: 160896041) who committed suicide with a gunshot wound to the head of a .38-calibre revolver. Buried in Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon, Muskegon MI. F: 160897969
- Margaret S. Thomas, Dec 1891 MI –
- Veronica (Vera) [Anna Veronica] Thomas Boucher Mark/Marx, 3 Apr 1893 Bay City, Bay MI – Married Albert Joseph Boucher (1895-1969, F: 231737850) on 26 Nov 1921 (or 1922) Bay City, Bay MI. They divorced 12 Apr 1933 in Muskegon, Muskegon MI. Their daughter was Patricia Marie Boucher (later wife of Leo Edward Harman), 1922-2004, F: 177611999. - On 15 Dec 1954 in Cook Co. IL, Vera Boucher married Anthony J. Mark (on marriage record, but also found as Marx). This may be Anthony Marx (1886 IL – 1978, F: 128195782), the son of Johann Marx & Anna Bauer.
- Helen Thomas, May 1898 MI – Listed in the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses.
- Elizabeth Thomas, 27 Oct 1902 Bay City, Bay MI – This may be Georgia/Georgina, whose birthdate varies on records.
- Georgia/Georgina Elizabeth Thomas, 28 Oct 1908 Bay City, Bay MI – 28 Apr 1937 Bay City, Bay MI. Georgina Elizabeth Married 31 Mar 1923 in Flint, Genesee MI to Thomas Lester Carey/Carney (5 Mar 1899 MI – 26 Sep 1979 MI, F: 45488799). . She died when the car in which she was riding overturned. Buried in Restlawn Cemetery, Muskegon, Muskegon MI. F:162553883

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

1942 Muskegon MI city directory

Thomas, Richard L. (Gladys F.), foreman, resident of 792 W. Forest Ave.

Thomas, Richard W., resident of 792 W. Forest

1944 Muskegon MI city directory

Thomas, Richard L. (Gladys F.), foreman CM Corp., resident of 71 W. Southern Ave.

1956 Muskegon MI city directory:

Thomas

Gladys, resident of 2333 Dyson

Richard W. (Jacqueline), salesman for American Tobacco Co., resident of 2111 E. Dottner Ave.

1958 Muskegon MI city directory:

Thomas, Richard W. (Jacqueline), salesman, Tobacco, resident of 3104 Fairfield (North Township)

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 Cheboygan, Cheboygan MI – Lafayette Ave.

Sarah Tobin, 74 Ireland, Apr 1826, parents b. Ireland, widow, emigrated 1827, in US for 73 years, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living [head of household]

James Thomas, 39 MA, Dec 1860, parents b. MA, married 10 years, laborer, teamster [son-in-law]

Harriet Thomas, 34 NY, Nov 1865, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living [daughter]

Jennie M. Thomas, 9 MI, Nov 1890, at school [granddaughter]

Margaret S., 8 MI, Dec 1891, at school [granddaughter]

Veronica, 7 MI, Apr 1893, at school [granddaughter]

Richard E., 4 MI, Sep 1895 [grandson]

Hellen, 2 MI, May 1898 [granddaughter]

1910 Bay City, Bay MI – 213 N. Johnson St.

James Thomas, 53 MA, parents b. MA, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, laborer, planing mill

Hattie, 45 NY, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Jeanette, 19 MI

Mary, 18 MI, operator, telephone company

Veronica, 16 MI

Richard, 14 MI

Helen, 10 MI

Elizabeth, 8 MI

1920 Bay City, Bay MI – 213 N. Johnson - cannot locate Richard

James Thomas, 60 MA, parents b. Ireland

Harriot, 52 NY, parents b. NY

Marjorie, 25 MI, nurse, private

Vera, 25 MI, nurse, private

Helen, 19 MI

Georgia, 15 MI

David E. Kunkel, 30 NY, parents b. Germany, married, foreman, knitting department [son-in-law]

Jenette Kunkel, 26 MI, married, father b. MA, mother b. NY [daughter]

Thomas Kunkel, 3 MI, father b. NY, mother b. MI [grandson]

David Kunkel, 1 MI, father b. NY, mother b. MI [grandson]

[for the daughters: father b. MA, mother b. NY]

1930 Flint, Genesee MI – residing with Gladys's married sister Edith (also married to a Thomas)

William L. Thomas, 42 MI, parents b. MI, age 21 at 1st marriage, tool & die maker, accessory factory

Edith C. Thomas, 38 MI, father b. MI, mother b. Canada, age 18 at 1st marriage [wife]

Girva J. Thomas, 18 MI, parents b. MI [daughter]

Richard Thomas, 34 MI, father b. NY, mother b. MI, age 27 at 1st marriage, WWI veteran [brother-in-law]

Gladys F. Thomas, 28 MI, father b. MI, mother b. Canada, age 21 at 1st marriage [sister-in-law]

Richard D. Thomas, 6 MI, parents b. MI [nephew]

Eleanor R. Prim, 14 MI, parents b. MI [niece – daughter of Edith & Gladys's deceased sister

Florence Curry Prim]

& lodger Michael C. Shea, 55 MI, single

1940 Muskegon, Muskegon MI – 792 Forest – same place in 1935

Richard Thomas, 40 MI, foreman, office supply factory

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Gladys, 35 MI

Richard J., 16 MI

1950 cannot locate him