

TUSCANIA

Tillman, Theodore Christopher 1894 MN – 1969 MN



Eighteen Minneapolis men were on the torpedoed Tuscania. Pictures of ten are shown above. Four of that number have been accounted for. They are: Stanley F. Staples, 2103 Emerson avenue south; John B. Norman, 2401 Lyndale avenue north; Edward M. Davis, 602 Seventh street southeast; and John C. Doherty, 2301 Irving avenue north.

Theodore Christopher Tillman, resident of 316 – 8th St. So., Minneapolis MN – “Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/181382577/>

1-21-69 ONH
TILLMAN THEODORE CHRISTOPHER **Ac 20367305**
 Pvt 1c 16 Co 20 Eng **K**
 Mankato Minn **A 3 294 203**
 Sn 250 422 **Died / -20-69** **T 666 000**
 Born 9/18/94 **R**
 Enl 12/13/17 **Dts 6/8/19** **Cl 2 083 026**
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 U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926
 INDEX CARD 2-15000

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MH-V71J-P?cc=2968245&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AW31P-4V2M>

Theodore C Tillman

in the Minnesota, U.S., Death Index, 1908-2017

Detail	Source
Name:	Theodore C Tillman
Death Age:	74
Record Type:	Death
Birth Date:	18 Sep 1894
Death Date:	20 Jan 1969
Death Place:	Stearns, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date:	1969
Mother's Maiden Name:	Tillman
Certificate Number:	001665
Record Number:	1730908

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2665614:7316?tid=&pid=&queryId=ffdc87f0ef46007d3a4f6d6b92139a72&_phsrc=hFB62516&_phstart=successSource

The following Minneapolis men were on board the transport torpedoed:

Rudolph E. Anderson, 3423 Elliot avenue.

John Degherty, 2361 Irving avenue north.

Emil F. Belvin, Lyndale avenue.

John M. Atkinson, 3037 Lyndale avenue south.

Edward Dillon. (No address given.)

Frank A. Byrnes, 2544 Central avenue.

George E. Samels, 2415 Bryant avenue south.

John B. Norman, Jr., 2401 Lyndale avenue north.

Theo C. Tillman, 314 East street south.

Leon L. Lundell, 707 Penn avenue north.

Anthony Rauba, 1818 South Fourth street.

James J. Buckley, 225 West Fifteenth street.

Carl A. Holmberg, 2550 Euclid place.

Sergeant Gilbert H. Wiggins, 1501 Russell avenue.

Fred S. McKnight, 629 Seventh avenue south.

Edward M. Davis, 602 Seventh street southeast.

Albert I. Nauman, 413 East Grant street.

Stanley F. Staples, 2103 Emerson avenue south.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

No Word From These.

Minneapolis men and relatives of Minneapolitans reported aboard the Tuscania regarding whom no word has been received from Washington last night were Emil F. Belvin, Lyndale av; John M. Atkinson, 3037 Lyndale av S; Theodore C. Tillman; Leon L. Lundell, 707 Penn av N; Anthony Rauba, 1818 Fourth st S; James J. Buckley, 225 West Fifteenth st; Albert I. Nauman, 413 East Grant st; Leland Radcliffe, Dwight Ill., brother Mrs. O. E. Knight, 1319 Yale place; Homer L. Anderson, Cumberland, Wis., brother Mrs. J. N. Oppedahl, 2320 Newton av; Edward Gerber, Durand, Wis., brother Mrs. Charles Meixner, 3225 Bryant av S; Austin Paulson, brother Mrs. H. M. Orfield, 5148 Tenth av S.

"Minneapolis Journal" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

TWIN CITY SURVIVORS.	
Minneapolis.	
Rudolph E. Anderson,	1012 Eighteen and one-half avenue northeast.
John Dogherty,	2301 Irving avenue north.
John M. Atkinson,	3037 Lyndale avenue south.
Edward Dillon,	4040 Twenty-fifth avenue south.
Frank A. Byrnes,	2544 Central avenue.
George E. Samels,	2445 Bryant avenue south.
John B. Norman, Jr.,	2401 Lyndale avenue north.
Theo. C. Tillman,	316 Eighth street south.
Leon L. Lundell,	707 Penn avenue north.
Anthony Rauba,	1818 South Fourth street.
Carl A. Holmberg,	2650 Chicago avenue.
Sergeant Gilbert H. Wiggin,	1501 Russell avenue.
Fred S. McKnight,	629 Seventh avenue south.
Edward M. Davis,	602 Seventh street southeast.
Stanley F. Staples,	2103 Emerson avenue south.

"Minneapolis Star Tribune" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

Mother:

Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002

[View record](#)

Name	Ida Peters
Record Type	Death
Death Date	14 Jul 1937
Death Place	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1937
Certificate Number	021229
Record Number	760747

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/23363091/person/13444423363/facts?_phsrc=hFB62544&_phstart=successSource

DEATHS

Anna M. Higbee, 90, 5046 Gladstone av.
 James Swerdgeger, 87, 3449 Thomas
 av. N.
 Ida Dean, 87, 932 15th av. S.
 James F. Crichton, 84, 3029 Emerson
 av. S.
 Nellie Thomas, 82, 1316 E. 24th st.
 Matheus Johnson, 82, 1526 5th st. S.
 Emily Fuzzey, 80, 1929 Hennepin av.
 Christianne Gisvold, 77, 3926 Dupont
 av. N.
 Mette K. Westergaard, 76, 2319 S. Du-
 pont av.
 Edward Aydt, 75, 3951 Upton av. N.
 Nellie Smith, 75, 2124 Dupont av. S.
 Charles Vanstrum, 70, 3122 15th av S.
 Hilma E. Harkness, 68, 4526 Bruce av.,
 Edina, Minn.
 Gustave Reese, 68, 3714 Glendale Ter-
 racw.
 Fred Mielke, 67, Springfield, Minn.
 Henry E. Fister, 66, 4242 25th av. S.
 James D. Boyle, 65, Pine City, Minn.
 Ida Peters, 64, 1511 Stevens av. S.
 August A. Mumm, 62, 1603 45th av. N.
 Sophia Silver, 62, 1336 Sheridan av. N.
 Gilbert Brabant, 62, 1307 E. River rd.
 Bert Stevens, 60, 115 Wash. av. S.
 Algot W. Clementson, 60, Stillwater,
 Minn.
 Louise A. Brophy, 59, 2023 3rd av. N.
 Josephine H. Haug, 56, 2600 Cleveland
 st. N.E.
 Gust Krogsrud, 56, 1919 2½ st. S.
 Byrde ReVair, 56, 516 4th av. S.E.
 Peter Johnson, 55, Watson, Minn.

[list continues]

Death of mother in Hennepin County MN deaths – “Minneapolis Star” Monday 19 Jul 1937 p 4

Ida Tillman

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name:	Ida Tillman
Marriage Date:	31 Oct 1895
Marriage Place:	Blue Earth, Minnesota, USA
Spouse:	Andrew Peters
Certificate Number:	412187
URL:	https://moms.mn.gov/

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/90184320:70873>

Stepfather:

Mankato, Minn., June 14.—Andrew Peters, a butcher who resides in this city, was drowned in Blue Earth river yesterday afternoon while swimming, seven miles from town. He was aged 22 years and leaves a wife and two children.

"Minneapolis (MN) Daily Times" Tuesday 15 Jun 1897 p 2

Half-siblings:

Gertrude M Peters

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name:	Gertrude M Peters
Marriage Date:	9 Feb 1920
Marriage Place:	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Spouse:	John W Hoynes
Certificate Number:	2310174
URL:	https://moms.mn.gov/

Marriage of **half-sister Gertrude M. Peters (1896-1954)** to husband John William Hoynes - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/91145388:70873>

PLACE OF BIRTH		INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
County of <u>Lake</u>	Township of <u>North</u>	Registered No. <u>5714</u>	
Town of <u>Hammond</u>	City of <u>Hammond</u>	Registered No. <u>94</u>	
Full Name of Child <u>Mary Kathryn Hoynes</u>		(No. <u>St. Margaret's Hosp.</u> St. <u>Ward</u>)	
If child is not named, make supplemental report.			
Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? <u>X</u>	Number and in order of birth <u>1</u>	Legitimate? <u>Yes</u>
Date of Birth <u>1-28-1921</u>		(Month) (Day) (Year)	
Full Name <u>John William Hoynes</u>		Full Maiden Name <u>Gertrude Peters</u>	
Residence <u>24 Douglass St. Hammond</u>		Residence <u>Same</u>	
Color or Race <u>Wh</u>	Age at last Birthday <u>30</u>	Color or Race <u>Wh</u>	Age at last Birthday <u>24</u>
Birthplace <u>La Crosse Wis.</u>		Birthplace <u>Good Thunder Minn.</u>	
Occupation <u>Railroader</u>		Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	
Number of children born to this mother, including present birth <u>1</u>	Number of children, of this mother, now living, including present birth <u>1</u>	Were precautions taken against ophthalmia neonatorum? <u>Yes</u>	
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE			
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was <u>Born alive</u> at <u>11:20 A.M.</u> on the date above stated. (Born alive or Stillborn)			
*When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.		(Signature) <u>J.R. Long</u>	
Given name added from a supplemental report _____, 19____		Address <u>61 Rimback St. Hammond</u>	
HEALTH OFFICER.		Filed <u>FEB 14 1921</u> , 19____ <u>W. C. Buchanan</u> HEALTH OFFICER.	

IN birth record for Mary Kathryn Hoynes, daughter of Gertrude Peters & John William Hoynes -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60871/images/40474_356372-02730?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pId=304632949

PLACE OF BIRTH		INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS	
County of <u>Lake</u>		CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
Township of <u>North</u>		Registered No. <u>62819</u>	
City of <u>Hammond, Ind.</u>	<u>North Hammond Hospital</u>	St. <u>3-7</u> Ward	
FULL NAME OF CHILD <u>Maxine Marie Hoynes</u>			
If child is not named, make supplemental report.			
Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	Age <u>7</u> years	Date of Birth <u>Dec 7</u> 19 <u>22</u>	
FATHER Full Name <u>John Wm. Hoynes</u> Residence <u>650 Forsyth Ave. W. Hammond</u> Color or Race <u>white</u> Age of last Birthday <u>41</u> (Years) Birthplace <u>La Crosse, Wis.</u> Occupation <u>Electrician</u>		MOTHER Full Name <u>Bertrude Peters</u> Residence <u>650 Forsyth Ave. W. Hammond</u> Color or Race <u>white</u> Age of last Birthday <u>25</u> (Years) Birthplace <u>Good Center, Minn.</u> Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	
Number of children born to this mother, including present birth <u>2</u>	Number of children, of this mother, now living, including present birth <u>2</u>	Were precautions taken against syphilis transmission? <u>yes</u>	
<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE</p> <p>I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was <u>born alive</u> <u>5:20 P.M.</u></p> <p>(Signature) <u>Josh R. Knight M.D.</u></p> <p>(Attending physician, midwife, home deliverer)</p> <p>Address <u>Hammond, Ind.</u></p> <p>Filed <u>JAN 6 1923</u> 19 <u>W. H. Buchanan</u></p>			

IN birth record of Maxine Marie Hoynes -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60871/images/40474_357271-00325?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=5821417

PLACE OF BIRTH		INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH	
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		Local No. 753	
County of <u>Lake</u>	Township of <u>North</u>	CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH	
City of <u>Hammond</u>		State Registered No. <u>34603</u>	
Full Name of Child <u>Stillborn</u>		(No. <u>St. Margaret Hosp.</u> Ward)	
Sex of Child <u>Male</u>	Legitimacy <u>Yes</u>	Date of Birth <u>July 13</u> 19 <u>26</u>	
If child is not named, make supplemental report.			
FATHER		MOTHER	
Full Name <u>John Wm. Hoynes</u>		Full Name <u>Gertrude Mary Peters</u>	
Residence <u>650 Forsythe Ave. Calumet City, Ill.</u>		Residence <u>650 Forsythe Ave. Calumet City, Ill.</u>	
Color or Race <u>W.</u>		Color or Race <u>W.</u>	
Age at last birthday <u>40</u>		Age at last birthday <u>29</u>	
Birthplace <u>La Crosse Wisconsin</u>		Birthplace <u>Good Thumler, Minn.</u>	
Occupation <u>Switchman I. H. B. Co.</u>		Occupation <u>Housewife</u>	
Number of children born to this mother, including present birth <u>3</u>		Number of children, of this mother, now living, including present birth <u>2</u>	
CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*			
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was <u>Stillborn</u> <u>11:55 A.M.</u>			
(Born alive or stillborn?)			
When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, householder, etc., should make this return. A stillborn child is one that neither breathes nor shows other evidence of life after birth.		(Signature) <u>W. C. H. M.D.</u>	
Given name added from a supplemental report _____, 19____		(Attending physician, midwife, householder)	
Address <u>Hammond, Ind.</u>		Address <u>Hammond, Ind.</u>	
Filed <u>July 21, 1926</u>		Dr. W. A. Budhana	
HEALTH OFFICER		HEALTH OFFICER	

IN record of stillborn son, born & died 13 Jul 1926 in Hammond, Lake IN -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60871/images/40474_357780-02117?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryid=680a3d93840142dcaee03227847388f8&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB62572&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=153246716

Calumet City—Mrs. Hanna
 Stevens, 71, died at the home of
 her son, John W. Hoynes, 650
 Forsythe avenue.

Death of John William Hoynes's mother - "Hammond (IN) Times" Monday 2 Nov 1936 p 10

Marriage License

41 34360
State File No.

10-18-44 KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN 73-106
Local File No.

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,
Greeting:
Marriage May Be Solemnized in the State of Michigan Between

ALFRED S. GZESZAK Full Name of Male	and	MAXINE M. HOYNES Full Name of Female
23 Age at last birthday		21 Age at last birthday
white Color		white Color
1032 Lincoln Ave., S.W. Residence No.		421 Blumrich Ave., N.W. Residence No.
Grand Rapids, Mich. City		Grand Rapids, Mich. City
Kent Co. State		Kent Co. State
Dort, Michigan Residence—City and State		Hammond, Ind. Residence—City and State
Marine Occupation		Women's Army Corps Occupation
Valentine Gzeszak Father's Full Name		John W. Hoynes Father's Full Name
Helen Szozepanski Mother's Maiden Name		Gertrude Peters Mother's Maiden Name
None Number of times previously married		None Number of times previously married

Parent's or Guardian's consent, in case she has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office. An affidavit has been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1907, as amended, by which it appears that said statements are true.

In Witness Whereof, I have signed and sealed these presents,
this 12th day of October, A. D. 1944.

L. S.

LEWIS J. DOROVAN
County Clerk
Adrian K. Kuykendall
Deputy County Clerk

Certificate of Marriage

Between Mr. **Alfred S. Gzeszak** and M. **Maxine M. Hoynes**

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined in marriage by me, at **Grand Rapids** county of **Kent** MICHIGAN, on the **14th** day of **October** A. D. 1944. In the presence of

John F. Szozepanski of **Grand Rapids, Mich.** and
Full Name Residence City State
Rosemary Cox of **Grand Rapids, Mich.**
Full Name Residence City State

as witnesses,
Raymond H. Baker Pastor of St. James
Signature of Magistrate or clergyman Church Official Title
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Post Office Address

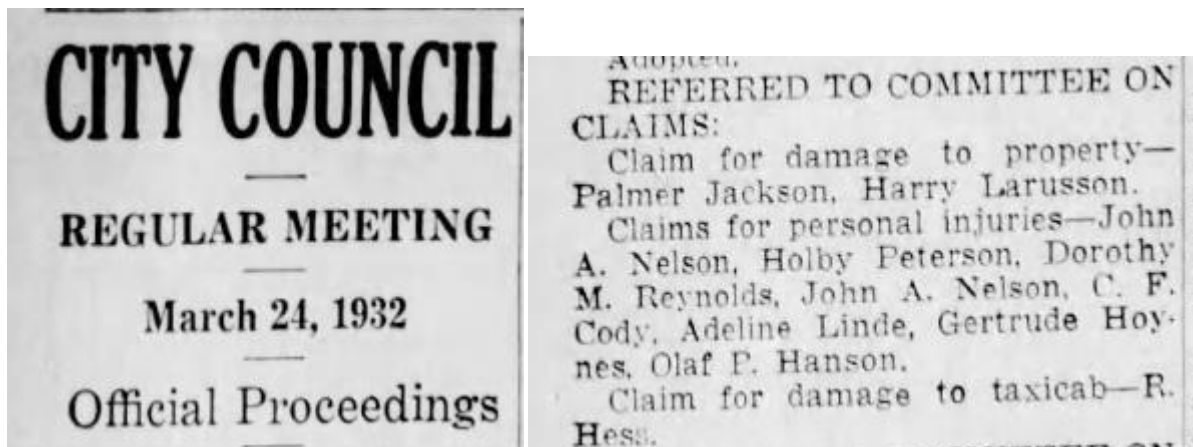
This copy is to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; then it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded on the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

When Gertrude's daughter Maxine M. Hoynes married Alfred S. Gzeszak on 14 Oct 1944 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI, Maxine lived at the 421 Blumrich Ave. NW, Grand Rapids MI address where her mother lived with husband Ferdinand S. Kull -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_342215-02210?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=680a3d93840142dcaee03227847388f8&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB62571&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=1355346106

<h2>Maxine Marie Hoynes</h2> <p>in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007</p>	
Name:	Maxine Marie Hoynes [Maxine Marie Grzeszak] [Maxine Grzeszak]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	7 Dec 1919
Birth Place:	Hammond, Indiana
Death Date:	8 Sep 1999
Father:	John W Hoynes
Mother:	Gertrude M Peters
SSN:	363164403
Notes:	Jul 1937: Name listed as MAXINE MARIE HOYNES; 04 Jun 1976: Name listed as MAXINE MARIE GRZESZAK; 16 Sep 1999: Name listed as MAXINE M GRZESZAK

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/43304455:60901>



Claim made to City of Minneapolis MN City Council – “Minneapolis Star” Monday 28 Mar 1932 p 14

From the Standing Committee
Claims—

Your Committee to whom were referred claims against the City respectfully report and recommend upon advice of John T. O'Donoghue, Assistant City Attorney, that the following claims be disallowed:

Claim No. 58572, Olaf P. Hansen, personal injuries; Claim No. 58573, Gertrude Hoynes, personal injuries; Claim No. 58574, Adeline Linde, personal injuries; Claim No. 58575, Cody, personal injuries; Claims 58576 and 58577, John A. Nelson, personal injuries; Claim No. 58578, Othy M. Renolds, personal injuries; Claim No. 58579, Holby Peterson, personal injuries; Claim No. 58580, Ery Larusson, damage to property; A. R. Gisslen, I. G. Scott, Max Robb, F. H. Brown, Victor E. Johnson, Committee.

Adopted.

From the Standing Committee
Efficiency and Economy—

Claim by Gertrude Peters Hoynes to City of Minneapolis disallowed in 13 May 1932 meeting by City Council – “Minneapolis Star” Wednesday 18 May 1932 p 14

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 9, 1935

Thomas J. Rogers, 28, 1227 Hennepin av;
Ora A. Foss, 25, 4732 36th av s.
Ferdinand S. Kull, 47, 1811 1st av s;
Mary G. Peters, 37, 1811 1st av s.

Listed as Mary G. Peters, marriage license with Ferdinand S. Kull – “Minneapolis Star” Tuesday 10 Sep 1935 p 8

County	Certificate Number	Marriage Date	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	
HENNEPIN	03870036	09/14/1935	KULL, FERDINAND S	PETERS, MARY G	Request Copy

Mary G. Peters married Ferdinand S. Kull on 14 Sep 1935 in Hennepin Co. MN – www.moms.mn.gov

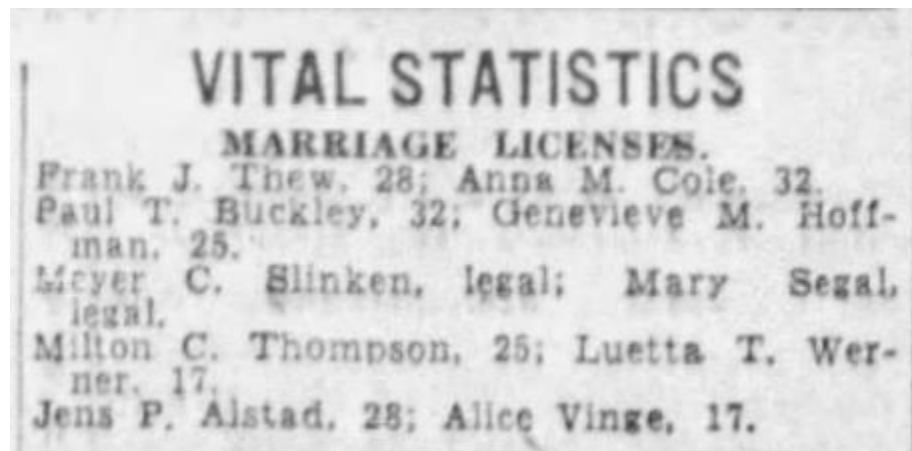
Frank Thew

in the Web: Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2019

Name:	Frank Thew
Marriage Date:	22 Jan 1931
Marriage Place:	Hennepin, Minnesota, USA
Spouse:	Anna Cole
Certificate Number:	3480398
URL:	https://moms.mn.gov/

Marriage of **half-sister Anna Peters Cole** to Frank James Thew -

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1206486:70873?tid=&pid=&queryId=148bdabcda41cecb44e1295a32e5b06d&_phsrc=hFB62541&_phstart=successSource



“Minneapolis Star Tribune” Friday 23 Jan 1931 p 13

WIFE BEATER IS GIVEN FINE OF \$15

Frank Thew, 35, 1435 First avenue S., who beat his wife so badly that she was sent to General hospital with two bones broken in one leg and other injuries to her body, today paid a \$15 fine in municipal court for assault and battery.

Police summoned to the apartment to stop the fight got Thew in the patrol wagon only after Patrolmen Roy Monitar and Earl Kletscha had grasped him with the new type handcuffs, the iron claws.

Mrs. Thew was reported in fair condition today.

"Minneapolis Star" Friday 6 Dec 1935 p 32

DIVORCES GRANTED

Neona Ridenour Carroll from Earl Le-Roy Carroll.

Evonne M. McIlwain from Robert J. McIlwain.

Sadie Palmer from Victor A. Palmer.

Lucille Munson from Robert Munson.

Violet Brown from Vernon Brown.

Genevieve V. Marschmer from Walther B. Marschner.

Ann M. Thew from Frank J. Thew.

Mae Ellen Nessler from William N. Nessler.

Dorothy I. Early from Donald A. Early.

"Minneapolis Star" Thursday 22 Jul 1937 p 12

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name variations: sometimes used name of stepfather Peters, but reverted to birthname of Tillman – Steven Schwartz listed him as Theodore G. Tillman

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,422

Entered service from: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Theodore C. Tillman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Ida Peters, 316 S. 8th St., Minneapolis MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Theodore C. Tillman

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Ida Peters, 1508 - 3rd Ave., Minneapolis MN
(PFC, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Theodore Christopher Tillman - b. 18 Sep 1894 Good Thunder MN; res: 126 E. Jaxson, Mankato, Blue Earth MN. Single. Bartender for Hidde & Tillman, Mankato MN. Has dependent mother. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Theodore Christopher Tillman - b. 18 Sep 1894 Good Thunder MN; res: McPherson township, Blue Earth MN. Mailing address: St. Clair MN. NOK E. Danzer, Range St., Mankato MN. Employed by Otto E. Garms, RR 3, Janesville MN at McPherson township. "crooked finger on right hand" – Height: 5'8" – 185 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 13 Dec 1917

Discharged: 8 Jun 1919

Address: Mankato MN

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 18 Sep 1894 Good Thunder, Blue Earth MN

Died: 20 Jan 1969 Stearns Co. MN

Find A Grave record: 3510174 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Minneapolis, Hennepin MN

Cemetery: Fort Snelling National

Tombstone: PFC 16 Co 20 Engrs Fors / WWI

Father: Tillman was his mother's birth/maiden surname. Ida Tillman married Andrew/Andreas Peters on 30 Oct 1895 so son Theodore Tillman was born when she was

not married to him. According to the 1910 census, Theodore's father was born in Germany – but Ida reports this of all the children in the census.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Ida Tillman Peters, Mar 1873 St. James, Watonwan MN – Jul 1937 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN.

Daughter of Charles John Tillman & Margaret Trampert.

In the 1880 census, Ida Tillman (7 MN) lived with her parents Charles (36 Sweden) & Margret (26 IL) & siblings in Mankato, Blue Earth MN.

Wife of Andreas Peters.

In Ida's Find A Grave obituary, son Theodore [Tillman] is listed as T.C. Peters of St. Clair.

Find A Grave: 156501901

Stepfather: Andreas (Andrew) Peters, 9 Jun 1873 – 13 Jun 1897, drowned in the Blue Earth River 7 miles from Mankato, Blue Earth MN. Son of Joe Peters. At the time of his death, he had a butcher shop at 523 N. Front St., Mankato, Blue Earth MN; he, his wife & 1 child lived over the shop. After fishing for a group of friends, he had gone in the river & was about halfway across, 60 feet from his companions, when he threw up his hands in the air & sank out of sight. His obituary says he was survived by his wife & 1 child. Daughter Gertrude will be born in Jul 897.

Stepfather's Find A Grave: 151016911

Stepfather's marriage: 30 Oct 1895 in Mankato, Blue Earth MN. Theodore Tillman was 13 months old when Andreas & mother Ida Tillman married.

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Half-siblings:

- Gertrude M. ("Gertie") Peters Hoynes Kull, 1896 [Find A Grave record] or Jul 1897 [1900 census] Good Thunder, Blue Earth MN - Mary G. Peters married John William Hoynes on 9 Feb 1920 in Hennepin Co. MN. She was listed as single in the 1920 census for Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, conducted 14 Jan 1920, when her mother & sister Mary lived with her. – John William Hoynes was born 21 Apr 1881 in La Crosse Co. WI. On his WWI draft registration (3 Sep 1918) in Bellingham WA, while en route as a switchman for the Barnum & Bailey circus, John gave his home address as 315 Court St., Albert Lea MN & his next-of-kind as Mrs. F.A. Stevens (Hannah Stevens) of Albert Lea MN. Hanna Stevens dies at John Hoynes's home in Calumet City, Cook IL in Nov 1936. - Gertrude & John Hoynes had 3 children, all born in Hammond, Lake IN: Mary Kathryn/Katherine Hoynes, b. 28 Jan 1921 – Maxine Mary Hoynes, b. 7 Dec 1922 Hammond, Lake IN – a stillborn son, b. & d. 13 Jul 1926. – Mary Kathryn married Brown & divorced. Mary died 2 Mar 1981 East Grand Rapids, Kent MI, buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI, F: 138958625. Maxine married Alfred Eugene Grzeszak (1921-1999, F: 167235138) on 14 Oct 1944 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI.

Maxine died 7 Sep 1999 & is buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI, F: 139298646. - In the 1930 census for Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Gertrude Hoynes, married, 33 MN, father b. Germany, mother b. MN lived with her children, Mary K. (9 IN, father b. WI, mother b. MN) & Maxine (7 IN, father b. WI, mother b. MN) on Spruce Place. Gertrude is a machine operator at a bag factory. - Gertrude married Ferdinand Samuel Kull (1880 Germany – 1953, F: 112221765). Listed as Mrs. Fred Kuhl of Grand Rapids MI in her mother Ida's Jul 1937 obituary. - In the 1939 Grand Rapids MI city directory, Ferdinand S. Kull, a furniture worker, lives with wife Gertrude M. Kull at 761 Bridge NW. - In the 1950 census for Grand Rapids, Kent MI, Gertrude M. Kull (54 MN) lived at 421 Blumrich with Ferdinand Kull (70 Germany). Ferdinand is a machine operator at a furniture manufacturer. - Gertrude is buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Kent MI. F: 139727290

- Anna Peters Cole Thew, Nov 1898 MN - ?. Cannot be Andreas Peters's biological daughter as he died 13 Jun 1897. - As Anna Cole, married Frank James Thew on 22 Jun 1931 in Hennepin Co. MN. Frank was born in Marietta OH, ca. 1900 (listed as age 35 in the newspaper account below) or ca. 1904 (WWII draft registration on 14 Feb 1942 listing age as 38 but not including a birthdate). - In the "Minneapolis Star" (Tribune?) 6 Dec 1935 p 32, Frank Thew, age 35, of 1435 – 1st Ave. S., Minneapolis MN is arrested after beating his wife, causing 2 broken bones in 1 leg & other injuries. He paid a \$15 fine for assault & battery. She was hospitalized in Minneapolis General Hospital, listed in "fair" condition. Ann M. Thew filed for divorce from Frank J. Thew in Jul 1937 ("Minneapolis Star" 22 Jul 1937 p 12). Listed as Mrs. Frank Thew of Minneapolis MN in the Jul 1937 obituary of her mother Ida Peters. Frank J. Thew had married Helen Blake on 30 Mar 1927 in Hennepin Co. MN; she was granted a divorce in Oct 1929 in Hennepin Co. MN.
- Mary Peters, ca. 1908 MN. Adopted daughter of Ida Peters. In 1910 census, reports father b. Norway & mother b. WI; in 1900 census, parents' birthplaces listed as unknown.

Notes:

Online family trees contain many errors. Many miss the fact that Theodore used the surname "Peters" in early records. Lack of newspaper articles and obituaries prevent tracking family accurately.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 721-12-9112

Censuses:

1895 MN state census – Mankato, Blue Earth MN – conducted 25 Jun 1895
Charles Tillman

Margaret [wife]
 Ida, 22 [daughter]
 Edward, 1 MN [this must be Theodore]

1900 Mankato, Blue Earth MN – 317 N. 2nd St.

Mrs. Ida Peters, 27 MN, Mar 1873, widow, father b. Sweden, mother b. MN, gave birth to 3 children, 3 of whom are living, no occupation

Theodore Peters, 6 MN, Sep 1894, father b. Germany, mother b. MN

Gertie Peters, 3 MN, Jul 1897, father b. Germany, mother b. MN [i.e. born 1 month after Andreas Peters's death]

Anne, 2 MN, Nov 1898, father b. Germany, mother b. MN [this could not biologically be Andreas's daughter who had died 17 months earlier]

1905 MN state census – Mankato, Blue Earth MN – 120 S. 6th – conducted Jun 1905

Ida Peters, 32 MN, father b. Sweden, mother's birthplace indicipherable

Theodore, 10 MN, father b. Ireland, mother b. MN

Gertrude, 9 MN, father b. Ireland, mother b. MN

Anna, 7 MN, father b. Ireland, mother b. MN

1910 Mankato, Blue Earth MN – N. 4th St.

Ida Peters, 36 MN, widow, father b. Sweden, mother b. NY, laundress, home, gave birth to 4 children, 3 are living

Theodore Peters, 16 MN, laborer, farm, father b. Germany, mother b. MN

Gertie Peters, 13 MN, father b. Germany, mother b. MN

Anna Peters, 12 MN, father b. Germany, mother b. MN

Mary B., 2 MN, parents' birthplaces unknown [adopted daughter]

1920 Faribault MN – Front Ave.

Theodore Tillman, 25 MN, parents b. Germany, candymaker in store

Living with Hubert & Allice MCGuire

1920 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN – E. 15th St. So. – conducted 14 Jan 1920 – Gertrude marries John William Hoynes on 9 Feb 1920 in Hennepin Co. MN.

Gertrude 23 MN, father b. Germany, mother b. MN, factory, knitting [head of household]

Ida Peters, 49 MN, widow, father b. Sweden, mother b. WI, candy factory packer [mother]

Marie, 12 MN, father b. Norway, mother b. WI [sister]

1930 cannot locate

1940 cannot locate – in 1942 living in Mankato, Blue Earth MN

1950 cannot locate