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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

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The word "TUSCANIA" is written in a stylized, black, serif font with decorative flourishes. It is set against a solid red rectangular background.

Lord, Elmer Leamon
1894 CA – 1985 CA



Elmer Leamon Lord – https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/9215842/person/-338089288/media/bcddd67a-7ba5-42b0-bf16-f4cfc5c76943?_phsrc=hFB28026&_phstart=successSource



Elmer Leamon Lord – left: “Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” 8 Feb 1918 p 6 – right: “Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” 17 Mar 1918 p 18



MISS SENA JENSEN and ELMER LORD
whose marriage will occur today at high
noon.



At the country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jensen, near Reedley, at high noon today, will be celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sena Jensen to Elmer Lord. The appointments are to be simple in detail, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chenowith, of this city will be the only attendants. Pink and white is the color combination that will be carried out, and the ceremony will be performed by Rev. Wright, of Reedley. After a honeymoon in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the couple will return to Fresno to make their home.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Sunday 8 Jun 1919 p 25

Earl Lord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lord of Fresno, with the 158th aero squadron, was one of those to write. His letter follows:

Feb. 9, 1918, (Censored), Ireland.

I have written you several letters letting you know I arrived safe and now I am going to tell you all about the trip, and it was sure a great trip and I hope I never have to experience anything like it again. I am now safe in Ireland and I will not have any more dangerous water to go over going from here to England and I think that is where we are going.

We left New York January 24 and sailed from there (censored). We anchored there one night and left there the next afternoon with a convoy (censored), taking the lead. Everything went along fine and I didn't see how there could be any danger, as we had (censored) besides the (censored) and we had (censored) all sides. When we were about four days from shore we were compelled to carry our life belts with us all the time and sleep with our clothes on and at daylight in the morning and at dark at night we were all to stay on one of the upper decks, as that seemed to be the time the submarines did their work, and they sure did the night we were torpedoed, and it was our thirteenth day so I don't think thirteen is a lucky number now.

On the morning of the 4th (censored) we reached sight of land on the afternoon of the 5th I felt as though we were really safe. Just about ten minutes before the torpedo struck us we were ordered out of the deck where we slept and were told to get on the upper deck. My time for eating supper was 6, so I went upstairs and then down another flight of stairs into another department, where the mess hall was and after waiting it seemed like about two minutes before being let into the mess hall the torpedo hit the ship, about midship, and out went the lights.

Boats Are Smashed.

We all, of course, rushed up the stairs, but did not cause any one to get run over, and went on the top decks, where we were supposed to get in our life boats. We were all assigned to certain boats previously and we had boat drill every day on the trip so we all knew just where to go. My boat was No. 9 and when I reached where the boat should be lowered I found my boat was thrown in the water and smashed when the torpedo struck. I didn't want to take some other fellow's place so I waited for another boat to come down as 9-A and 9-B were to come down in the same place, but the ropes were broken in lowering the next boat and all the men were dumped into the water and the boat fell on top of them. I was on the deck an hour when a boat was lowered a little further over and after it reached the water I saw that it was not full so several other fellows and

myself went down a rope and reached the life boat. The ship was struck on that side and I could see that it was going lower and lower all the time. A great many got excited and jumped overboard, some without life belts, but I could see no good in doing that. I didn't get excited once while I was on the deck and I can tell everything that happened near me. The ship's crew sent up sky rockets as signals of distress and sent out the wireless S. O. S. signal. After we loaded the life boat with thirty-five to forty men we rowed away from the ship and floated with the waves for two hours when we were picked up by a trowler or minesweeper boat, the (censored), which received the S. O. S. wireless twenty miles away and came to our rescue. All this time the (censored) the submarine. We rowed up within a few yards of two (censored). We had a flash light and used that to keep them from running into us. I hadn't been on the boat that picked us up from the life boat only a few minutes when they received a wireless that the Tuscania had sunk. It stayed up over three hours and that was the only thing that saved a lot from going to the bottom. There was a great many still on when I left.

Bail Water With Hats.

Our life boat leaked and we had to use hats to bail the water out with. Outside of getting my feet wet and getting one side wet from the waves going over the top of the life boat I got out without a single scratch.

It was a great sight and I hope I never have to go through anything like it again, but after all the excitement I am safe in Ireland and feeling fine, so you don't want to worry about me.

The (censored) after picking up several life boats loaded with men left for (censored) and reached there about 5 the next morning. We were loaded into auto busses and taken to a hotel, where they had lunch ready for us. We were taken to a moving picture show in the afternoon, as we all slept in the morning. We were also taken to another show the next afternoon and to an entertainment in the evening and they gave us all kinds of cigarettes. We marched through the streets both days and I think all the people in the town of Larne were at the train yesterday when we left. They certainly gave us a great reception. We all lost everything we had except the clothes we had on, but that is a small object considering the lives that were in danger.

I have a picture of the boat, but I am not going to take a chance sending it as I am not able to get another one.

I have told you about all I can about the ship, so I will close. I am safe and feeling just fine, so don't worry about me.

ELMER LORD,

158th Aero Service Squadron, A. E. F.,
via New York.

Red Cross Praise

From all corners of the earth come the acknowledgements of the efficiency of the service that is being rendered by the American Red Cross. This bit of evidence comes from Mrs. Clara Lord, mother of Elmer Lord, a Fresno boy who went out with the 158th aero squadron.

At the time the Tuscania was torpedoed by a German destroyer Elmer Lord was a passenger, and just before embarking for the overseas war zone he wrote the following message to his mother:

"The Red Cross surely is doing a great work. The boys on the eve of departure received from the Red Cross everything that seemed to be needed to complete our outfit. For myself, since I have been in the army I have received two sweaters—and others came my way but as I was well supplied I simply shared with other of the boys not so fortunate. I mean I had two sent me by friends and the Red Cross sweaters went to the other fellow.

"From the Red Cross I also received a pair of heavy knit sox, a muffler, a pair of wristlets and a heavy knit helmet that slips over my head. When I have this on the only thing that gets cold is my nose. I don't see how it is possible with all these things to get cold, but we may need them after leaving here—which will be about next week."

The next heard of this boy was in the news of the Tuscania disaster.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Monday 18 Feb 1918 p 3

Tuscania Sinking Told By Fresnan Who Was Aboard

A graphic word picture of the sinking of the transport Tuscania off the coast of Scotland during the World war was given members of the Fresno Archon club at their weekly dinner meeting last evening at Hotel Californian by Elmer Lord, president of the Fisher-Glassford Hardware company.

Mr. Lord as a member of the 158th aerial squadron was aboard the Tuscania when it was torpedoed February 5, 1918, while passing through the channel between Scotland and Ireland. Lord said he was going downstairs to the mess hall when he heard a terrific noise and as the ship gave a lunge the lights went out. Lifeboats were quickly lowered, but Lord said that many persons lost their lives when

they were thrown out of the small boats in being lowered to the water. Lord was with a party of 350 who drifted for two hours in a boat before being picked up by the English mine sweeper Cardiff Castle. Of the 2,394 passengers aboard the Tuscania, 210 were lost and among the 158 members of Lord's squadron 17 lost their lives in the tragedy.

Others who addressed the Archon club last evening were Dr. Thomas F. Madden, who discussed a study of the diseases of the mind recently begun at Yale university; Al Klein, who spoke on "Capitalism Is Just Beginning"; Herbert Hargrave, "Aerial Warfare"; J. U. Berry, "The Art of Gesture," and Howard Potter, "What's Wrong in the Picture?"

The Fresno Archon club is one of three such clubs recently organized in the San Joaquin valley by Mr. Potter, coach of oratory and debating at the Fresno State college. Other clubs are located in Tulare and Hanford. Ward Williams presided as toastmaster of last night's meeting.

Get Limits Near Los Banos



This group of Fresno nimrods wasted little time in checking in with limits of ducks early Saturday morning at the Zimmerman Club northwest of Los Banos. The hunters are, left to right: Joe Duggie, Elmer Lord, Carl Vetter, John Dyer and Manley Hughes. Ray

Berg, another of the group, is not in the picture. Berg's limit of ten drake sprig weighed twenty two pounds dressed. More than thirty hunters bagged limits at the club over the weekend.



Elmer Leamon Lord is 2nd from right – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Monday 29 Nov 1937 p 10

Interest In Hardware Firm Is Sold

Elmer L. Lord, the president of the Fisher-Glassford Hardware Company at 1560 Fulton Street, the oldest hardware store in Fresno, has bought the interest of his partner, August M. Bopp, who has been company vice president.

Bopp, who has been with the company since 1905, said he is retiring from business and intends to travel around the country with Mrs. Bopp.



A. M. Bopp Elmer Lord

Lord joined the firm in 1912. The business was founded in 1902 by the late Fred Fisher and Henry Glassford and was incorporated the following year.

The company's store was located at Merced and Fulton Streets for 17 years. The present store was erected in 1949 at a cost in excess of \$200,000.

Names Officers

Lord announced his son, Melvin E. Lord, is the company secretary-treasurer, and another son, Donald E., is vice president, succeeding Bopp. The new directors are Michael J. Ryan, Jr., and Lucille Daugherty, the latter an employe of the firm for 29 years.

Both Bopp and Lord are members of the Las Palmas Masonic Lodge No. 366 and the Tehran Shrine Temple.

Lord also is a member of the Fresno Elks Lodge, Fresno Lions Club, American Legion Post No. 4, Sanger Shrine Club and is past president of the Merchants Association of Fresno and the Fresno Building Materials Association.

Elmer names his son Melvin as his company's secretary-treasurer, his son Donald as vice president & his son-in-law Michael James Ryan Jr. as a director – "Fresno (CA) Bee" Sunday 15 Apr 1956 p 87

Elmer L. Lord, former owner, president of hardware company

Services for former businessman Elmer Leamon Lord, 91, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the John N. Chapel of Lisle Funeral Home. Burial will be in Belmont Memorial Park.

Mr. Lord died Tuesday.

He was born in California and had been a resident of Fresno since 1912.

He bought into the Fisher-Glassford Hardware Company in 1912 and was owner and president of the company until he retired in 1957.

He was elected president of the Downtown Merchants Association in 1933 and was a past president of Farmers Market. He was a member of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau.

He served as president of Gable Farms Duck Club and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 4 for 65 years, the Fresno Elks Lodge for 60 years, the Eastern Star

Raisina Chapter No. 89 for 50 years, the Las Palmas Masonic Lodge No. 366, the Tehran Shrine Temple, the Downtown Lions Club, the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Jesters.

He served in the 158 Aero Squadron during World War I and was on the troopship *Tuscania* when it was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland on its way to France.

He and his wife, Sena, met when both were attending the old Healds Business College and they married on June 8, 1919.

Surviving with his wife are his two sons, Melvin E. and Donald E., both of Fresno; a daughter, Jodell Ryan of Fresno; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family requests that any remembrance be sent to the Hospice of Fresno, c/o St. Agnes Hospital.

Obituary of Elmer Leamon Lord – "Fresno (CA) Bee" Thursday 1 Aug 1985 p 68

Q: I know my late grandfather, Elmer L. Lord, once owned the Fisher-Glassford Hardware Co. in downtown Fresno, but I'd like to know more about the history of the business.

— **Sean Ryan, Fresno**

A: The Fisher-Glassford Hardware Co. was founded in Fresno by Frederick W. Fisher and George H. Glassford, according to Fresno Bee and Fresno Morning Republican files.

Fisher, a native of Missouri, came to Fresno in about 1880. Glassford was born in Napa. When he came to Fresno around 1890, he took a job with the Barrett-Hicks Co., where Fisher also worked.

The two men left that company in 1903 to start

their hardware business in a small store on J Street (later Fulton Street) just south of Tulare Street. Three months later they moved the store to a building on Tulare.

Fisher died in January 1910 at age 56 from severe burns suffered in an explosion while he was fueling a car in his garage. A Fresno Morning Republican story said Fisher's wife pulled him from the flames. He died a day later. The Republican said more than 100 businesses closed for Fisher's funeral.

Glassford, 48, died about five months later following surgery for "cancer in the region of the stomach."

The hardware company retained the founders' names after their deaths. Fisher's share in the business was bought by J.C. Clark. W.C. Frahm later bought Glassford's interest.

Elmer Lord went to work for the Fisher-Glassford store in 1912. In 1915, Lord, August Bopp and Frank Smith bought the business. In 1927 the store was located at 1024 Fulton St. Smith retired that year; Lord became company president and Bopp was vice president.

The company opened a branch store at Ventura and R streets in 1930 and moved the main store to a

larger location at Fulton and Merced streets in 1932. In 1939 Lord and Bopp enlarged the store by leasing the former Hockett-Cowan Music store next door, which gave the hardware store a 75-foot frontage.

In 1949, the owners built a new store at 1560 Fulton St. at Calaveras Street at a cost of \$177,500 for the land and building. The store at Fulton and Merced was closed and the merchandise was moved to the company's other location at 820 Van Ness Ave.

Lord told The Bee that "a double entrance on Fulton is planned, together with a glass front. Parking accommodations for 20 automobiles will be provided at the rear of the building."

Lord bought out Bopp's interest in the business in 1956. When it went out of business the following year, Fisher-Glassford was the oldest hardware store in Fresno.

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ALL BUT POSSIBLY TWO VALLEY BOYS REGARDED AS SAVED

Elmer Lord Heard From by Parents Here; Clyde Jenkins of Coalinga Added to List of Missing

Lord Family Rejoices

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lord, 2430 Kern street, received a telegram from Washington early yesterday morning containing the information that their son, Elmer, who is a corporal in the 158th Aero squadron, was among the survivors.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" 11 Feb 1918 p 1

Father:

Lisle Funeral Home

LORD — In Fresno, September 6, 1939. Joseph Lord, a native of Hornitos, Calif., aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Clara Lord of Fresno, loving father of Iva C. Lord and Elmer Lord of Fresno, loving brother of Edward E. Lord of Fresno, David Lord, Samuel Lord, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas of Merced and Mrs. Alice Schilling of Berkeley; loving grandfather of Melvin Lord, Donald Lord, Le Verne Lord and Jo Dell Lord of Fresno. Friends are invited to attend the funeral services to be held in the chapel of the Lisle Funeral Home, L and Calaveras Streets, on Friday afternoon, September 8, 1939, at two o'clock, Rev. J. M. Ewing officiating. Interment in Belmont Memorial Park.

Obituary of father Joseph Lord – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Thursday 7 Sep 1939 p 22

Mother:

Mrs. Clara Lord Succumbs At 90

Mrs. Clara Lord of 3130 Huntington Boulevard died early today in a local hospital the victim of a second stroke in three months.



Mrs. Lord, who would have been 91 next January 8th, was the mother of Elmer L. Lord, the president and principal owner of the Fisher - Glassford Company, a retail hardware firm which closed in 1957.

Mrs. Lord was born in Mariposa County where her parents, members of the Latchaw family, had settled after crossing the plains from Iowa in a covered wagon in 1852.

She and her husband, Joseph Lord, moved to Fresno in 1914, after he retired from cattle ranching in the Mariposa area. He died in 1939 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Lord was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Besides Elmer Lord, she is survived by a daughter, Iva C. Lord of Fresno; three grandchildren, Melvin and Donald Lord and Mrs. Jodell Ryan, all of Fresno, and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 AM in the Lisle Calaveras Chapel. Interment will be in the Belmont Memorial Park.

Obituary of mother Clara Latchaw Lord – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Thursday 10 Nov 1960 p 18

Wife:

The marriage of Miss Sena Jensen, and Elmer Lord, is to be solemnized on Sunday at high noon at the country home of the bride's parents near Reedley. Rev. Wright, of Reedley is to perform the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives.

Marriage – “Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” Saturday 7 Jun 1919 p 15

MISS SENA JENSEN BRIDE OF E. L. LORD

**Ceremony Performed at Family
Home West of Reedley Last
Sunday by Rev. Wright**

A pretty home wedding uniting Miss Sena Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen, to Elmer L. Lord, of Fresno, was solemnized at the family residence of the bride, west of Reedley, Sunday at high noon, Rev. Martin Wright of Reedley, officiating.

The bride was attired in an attractive wedding gown of white georgette crepe and carried a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. W. H. Chenoweth, of Fresno, was bridesmaid and W. H. Chenoweth was best man. Miss Esther Jensen, sister of the bride, played the wedding march.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party sat down to a bounteous and delicious spread.

Amid a shower of rice the happy couple departed for Fresno where they took a train for San Francisco. From there they will go to southern California by boat where they will spend some time. They will be joined there later by friends and will return home by auto. Mr. and Mrs. Lord will make their home in Fresno.

Mrs. Lord is a popular young lady of this community and many will be the best wishes for her future happiness.

50 Years Are Noted By Lords

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Lord were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at a family party in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Michael J. Ryan Jr.

The Lords, who have been Fresno residents since 1912, were married June 8, 1919, in Reedley. Mrs. Lord is the former Sena Jensen. The couple met when both attended the old Healds Business College.

Lord was the owner of a local hardware store until his retirement in 1957.

He is a member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, Shriners, Jesters and the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Mrs. Lord is a member of the Eastern Star and the Gold Star Mothers.

The Lords' other children are Melvin and Donald Lord of Fresno. Another son, Levern Lord, was killed during World War II. The couple also has nine grandchildren.

50th wedding anniversary – “Fresno (CA) Bee Tuesday 10 Jun 1969 p 22

LORD, SENA JENSEN — A private service for Sena Jensen Lord, 101, of **Fresno**, will be held under the direction of Stephens and Bean Chapel. Mrs. Lord, a homemaker, died Sunday. Remembrances may be sent to the donor's favorite charity.

Sena Jensen Lord died at age 101 – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Monday 10 Apr 1995 p 44

Siblings:



Sister Iva Corean Lord – Find A Grave 77018052

**HOLM-LORD—Alfred L. Holm, 25, Oakland,
and Iva C. Lord, 21, Fresno.**

Marriage license for Alfred L. Holm & Iva Corean Lord – “Oakland (CA) Tribune” Sunday 5 Jul 1925 p 62

Wife Hid Wedding Ring, Charges Mate

Because his wife refused to wear her wedding ring in public and finally deserted him, Alfred Holm wants a divorce decree from the superior court of Alameda county. His divorce complaint against Iva Holm, now living at Fresno, is on file today charging her with cruelty.

Holm recites that his wife told him shortly after their marriage on July 4, 1925 that she did not love him and although she consented to wear her wedding ring in their home, she would not wear it on the outside among their friends. On January 21 he returned to their home at 1964 Eighty-ninth avenue and found it stripped of furniture and fixtures, the complaint alleges, with a note stating that she had gone to Fresno.

"Oakland (CA) Tribune" Friday 27 Jan 1928 p 4

Children:



Left: Son Melvin Elmer Lord, Find A Grave 34087585 – right: son Donald Erwin Lord, Find A Grave 78070539



CRAIG KOHLRUSS/THE FRESNO BEE
Jodell Ryan of Fresno, a member of the Tuesday Group painters club, works Tuesday on a watercolor at Woodward Park in Fresno. Several club members were at the park working on their paintings.

Left: Son Levern E. Lord, killed in WWII – from Find A Grave 43050417 – right: daughter Jodell Lord Ryan – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Wednesday 28 Dec 2005 p B1

Jodell Ryan

fine artist

Jodell Ryan, American Fine artist. Recipient Best of Show award S.W.A. Spring Show, Best of Show award Clovis Old West Show, first place award 53rd Annual Statewide Exhibition, Santa Cruz, Judges Choice award 24th Annual Open Representational Art Show, 1995, more than 50 other awards. Member Society Western Artists (signature member), Pastel Society of West Coast, Pastel Society of America (associate), Knickerbocker Artists. M C.

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HOLIDAY SHOWER—Miss Bette Jodell Lord, who is the fiancée of Michael James Ryan, Jr., is being complimented at a series of parties. Pictured are Miss Tookie Ryan, left, who honored her future sister in law at a luncheon in the Californian Hotel, and Miss Lord.

Bee Photo.

daughter Bette Jodell Lord – “Fresno (CA) Bee” Friday 22 Dec 1950 p 9

Couple Will Share Honors At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Lord will entertain at a dinner this evening in the Iran Restaurant following the wedding rehearsal of their daughter, Bette Jodell, and Michael James Ryan, Jr.

The marriage will be an event of tomorrow at 6:30 PM in the St. Johns Catholic Cathedral. Msgr. Francis X. Singleton will read the rites.

The table at which the guests will be seated will be decorated in a bridal theme.

The remainder of the evening will be spent informally.

The guests will be Messrs. and Mesdames M. J. Ryan, Earle Scott and Lawrence Dayle, Melvin Lord and Donald Lord; Msgr. Singleton; Misses Nancy Johnston, Elaine Rodman, Peggy Dyer and Tookie Ryan, a sister of Ryan, and Lynn Rodman and Patrick Mon Peres, Robert Cobb, Gerald Mon Pere and Carlos Phillips.

Wedding rehearsal dinner for Bette Jodell Lord & Michael James Ryan Jr. – "Fresno (CA) Bee"
Tuesday 26 Dec 1950 p 6

Miss Lord, Michael Ryan Are Wed In Candlelight Ceremony

An imported brocaded satin gown was chosen by Miss Bette Jodell Lord for her marriage to Michael James Ryan, Jr., at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday in St. John's Catholic Cathedral.

The candlelighted altar was adorned with large baskets of white chrysanthemums and poinsettias for the double ring ceremony. The pews were marked with poinsettias and lighted candles.

Msgr. Francis X. Singleton solemnized the ceremony.

The bridal dress was made with a tiny stand up collar which topped a slashed neckline with a lace insert, a bodice which was fitted and had long, pointed sleeves and a bouffant skirt with a long train. The gown was made by Mrs. Melvin Lord, a sister in law of the bride.

As her only jewelry the bride wore a single strand of pearls. Her fingertip length veil fell in soft folds from a tight fitting band and she carried orchids and stephanotis tied with satin ribbons.

Miss Nancy Johnston was the maid of honor. Her American beauty velveteen frock was a full length model with a pinched waist, cuffed, cap sleeves and a modified portrait neckline. She wore a band of white fur on her head and carried a fur muff covered with white roses.

The bridesmaids were Misses Elaine Rodman, Peggy Dyer and Tookie Ryan, a sister of the bridegroom. Their lime green velveteen dresses were styled simi-

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Candlelight Rites Unite Bette Lord, Michael Ryan

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larly to that of the honor attendant. They wore fur head bands and carried fur muffs adorned with red roses.

Lynn Rodman, the flower girl, wore an American beauty velveteen frock with a low neckline, small gathered sleeves and a full skirt. Her head band was of white fur and she carried stephanotis.

Patrick Mon Pere was the best man and the guests were ushered by Robert Cobb, Gerald Mon Pere and Carlos Phillips.

Mrs. Elmer L. Lord attended her daughter's wedding in a gold lace costume of floor length and added gold accessories. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. M. J. Ryan, wore a blue lace, floor length ensemble. Both mothers had white orchid corsages.

Lord gave his daughter in marriage. Prenuptial selections were sung by Earle Scott accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence Doyle of Le-moore on the organ. Mrs. Doyle is an aunt of the bridegroom.

The Lord home was the setting for a reception. The bride's lace covered table was centered with a cake surrounded with pink gardenias. A pink and white bridal theme was carried out in the decorations of the home.

The cake was cut with a silver knife which was loaned by the mother of the bridegroom.

Champagne punch and hors d'oeuvres were served.

Miss Joy Gross registered the guests and assisting in serving were Misses Jeanne Farrior, Jane Pierson and Joan Crawford.

The couple departed for a honeymoon in San Francisco and at coast points. For traveling the bride chose a rust hued wool suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

The bride is employed by the Fisher-Glassford Hardware Company. She was graduated from the Fresno High School, where she was a member of the Entre Nous.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are the parents of Ryan, who is a Fresno State College student where he is active in football and a member of the Mu Alpha Delta Fraternity. He attended the Fresno Junior College and was graduated from the Fresno High School.

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Name: Elmer Leamon Lord

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - corporal
 Serial number: 250,012
 Entered service from: Fresno, Fresno CA
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Elmer L. Lord
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Joseph Lord, 2430 Kern St., Fresno CA
 Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb 1919
 Sailed on return ship as: Elmer L. Lord
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Joseph Lord, 2430 Kern St., Fresno CA (sgt, 158th Aero Sq)
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Elmer L. Lord - b. 8 Apr 1894 Hornitos CA; 2430 Kern, res: Fresno CA. Single. Cattle-man & merchant for self at 1932 Tulare St. Medium height & build.
 National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 3120 Huntington Blvd., Fresno CA
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Elmer Leamon Lord - b. 8 Apr 1894 Hornitos CA; res: 3120 Huntington Blvd., Fresno CA. NOK Mrs. Sena Lord, same address. Employed at Fisher-Glassford, Fulton & Merced, Fresno, Fresno CA. Height: 5'7" – weight: 150 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
 Enlisted 24 Nov 1917
 Discharged 11 Apr 1919
 Address: 3120 Huntington Blvd., Fresno CA
 Rank/unit: sergeant 1st class, 158th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 8 Apr 1894, Quartzburg, Mariposa Co. CA (WWI & WWII drafts: Hornitos, Mariposa CA)
 Died: 30 Jul 1985 Fresno, Fresno CA
 Find A Grave record: 77246020 – presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower
 Burial location: Fresno, Fresno CA
 Cemetery: Belmont Memorial Park
 Tombstone:

Father: Joseph Lord, 31 Jul 1864 Quartzburg, Mariposa CA – 6 Sep 1939 Fresno, Fresno CA. Son of Samuel Lord & Ann Johnson Marshall. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA.
 Find A Grave: 127648843

Mother: Clara Latchaw Lord, 8 Jan 1870 Hornitos, Mariposa CA – 10 Nov 1960 Fresno, Fresno CA.
 Daughter of George Washington Latchaw & Elizabeth Rogers. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA.
 Find A Grave: 77246039
 Parents' marriage: 1 Sep 1891 Merced, Merced Co. CA

Spouse: Sena Johanne Jensen Lord, 8 Mar 1894 Easton, Fresno CA – 9 Apr 1995 Fresno Co. CA.
 Daughter of Andrew Hans Jensen & Christine Maria Christina Sorensen. Died at age 101. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA.
 Spouse Find A Grave: 77246008
 Marriage: 8 Jun 1919 Reedley, Fresno CA

Children:

- Melvin Elmer Lord, 28 Mar 1922 Fresno, Fresno CA – 19 Feb 209 Fresno, Fresno CA. Was an inheritance tax collector for Fresno Co. CA for 22 years. Served in the Army in WWII. Husband of Donna. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA. F: 34087585
- Donald Erwin Lord, 2 Oct 1923 Fresno Co. CA – 8 Oct 2011 Fresno, Fresno CA. Served in WWII with the 3rd Maine Division. Retired letter carrier. At the time of his death, was survived by his wife Nancy of 57 years & 2 daughters. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA. F: 78070539
- Levern E. Lord, 27 Jul 1925 CA – 12 Feb 1945 Philippines. Graduate of Fresno High Scvhool. Entered the Army on 20 Nov 1943. Sent to New Guinea, then Leyte. Killed in action in Luzon, Philippines. A member of the 11th Airborne Division, 188th Glider Infantry Regiment. At the time of his death, his brother Cpl. Melvin Lord was in Leyte (but the two did not meet) & brother private 1st class Donald Lord of the US Marine Corps was also in service. Buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo CA. F: 43050417
- Bette Jodell Lord Ryan, 13 Oct 1932 Fresno Co. CA - . Known as Jodell or Jodee. An artist. Married to Michael James Ryan Jr. on 27 Dec 1950 in Fresno Co. CA. Michael James ("Mike") Ryan Jr. was born 11 Jan 1930 Fresno, Fresno CA, died 15 Jul 2019 Fresno, Fresno CA, son of Michael James ("Jimmy") Ryan Sr. & Rosamond Alice ("Picky") Ryan. Star football player at St. Ignatius High School, Fresno City College & in the Navy during the Korean War. On his Find A Grave record 201249604, he said he never set foot on a ship while in the Navy because of his value to the San Diego CA Navy base football team. He turned down an offer to play professional football for the San Francisco 49ers. He & Jodell had been married 68 years at the time of his death.

Siblings:

- Della May Lord, 25 Jul 1892 Quartzburg, Mariposa CA – 19 Apr 1908 Quartzburg, Mariposa CA. Died at age 15 years, 8 months, 8 days. Had attended a baseball game at Hornitos CA the night before she died & said she had a slight headache. She was found dead on her bed the next morning, fully clothed. Cause of death was ruled a burst blood vessel in her heart while sleeping. Buried in Quartzburg Cemetery, Hornitos, Mariposa CA. F: 39061882
- Iva Corean Lord Holm, reverted to Lord, 24 Jan 1904 Hornitos, Mariposa CA – 25 Feb 1980 Fresno Co. CA. SSN 566-66-1786. Married 4 Jul 1925 in Alameda Co. to Alfred Levern Holm (1900-1983). Alfred sued for divorce in Alameda Co. CA in Sep 1928, charging cruelty, saying Iva had told him soon after their marriage she did not love him, would not wear her wedding ring outside the house – and when he came home on 21 Jan 1928 found she had stripped the house bare & moved to Fresno CA. Buried in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, Fresno CA. F: 77018052

Notes:

He was born in Mariposa Co. CA as were his parents.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

"Fresno (CA) Bee" Wednesday 10 Jul 1985 p 10 – Sena & Elmer Lord, both 91, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Obituary:

From Find A Grave 77246020. Educated in the public schools of Mariposa Co. CA & at Heald's Business College. Joined the firm of Fisher-Glassford in 1911 as stenographer & bookkeeper; employed there until 1914 when he went to work for the Fresno National Bank, where he stayed until Dec 1915.

Then Elmer Lord, Frank Smith & A.M. Bopp purchased the business of Fisher-Glassford & Elmer became secretary-treasurer. In 1927, he purchased Smith's interest & became president. The original Fisher-Glassford business was founded in 1903 & was one of the oldest & largest hardware & crockery houses in Fresno.

Social Security number: 547-07-4959

Censuses:

1900 Hornitos, Mariposa CA

Joseph Lord, 35 (?) Ca, Jul 1865, parents b. England, married 9 years, miner
Clara, 29 CA, Jan 1871, father b. PA, mother b. OH, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living
Della M., 7 CA, Jul 1892
Elmer L., 6 CA, Apr 1894

1910 Fresno, Fresno CA – 325 M--- [Main?] St.

Elmer Lord, 16 CA, parents b. CA, occupation: none, nephew
Living with John B. Wilson, 64 AR, retired, own income

1920 Fresno, Fresno CA – 3120 Huntington Ave.

Elmer L. Lord, 25 CA, parents b. CA, bookkeeper, hardware store
Sena J., 25 CA, parents b. Denmark

1930 Fresno, Fresno CA – conducted 10 Apr 1930

Elmer L. Lord, 35 CA, parents b. CA, age 25 at 1st marriage, merchant, hardware retail
Sena J., 36 CA, parents b. Denmark, age 25 at 1st marriage
Melvin E., 8 CA
Donald E., 6 CA
Levern E., 4 years 8 months CA
& maid Elsie Adolph, 18 CA, parents b. Germany, maid in private home

1940 Fresno, Fresno CA – 2425 Van Ness Blvd. – same place in 1935

Elmer L. Lord, 46 CA, office manager, retail hardware
Sena, 46 CA
Melvin, 18 CA, helper, ware house
Donald, 16 CA
LeVern, 8 CA
Jodell, 7 CA

