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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Simonson, Stanley Stoddard (Sr.)
1892 CA – 1981 CA



Stanley Stoddard Simonson

PACIFIC GROVE TRIBUNE, CA FEB. 4, 1981

Stanley Stoddard Simonson, 88, died Jan. 24 at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hospital after a period of failing health. Born Jan. 30, 1892, in Merced, he attended high school in Merced and was graduated from Stanford University in 1915. He and his wife Elsa moved to the Peninsula in 1936, making their home in Pebble Beach. She died in January 1975. He is survived by his son, Stanley Jr. of Monterey. Graveside services were held in Merced, with the Rev. Donald Ball, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church of Merced, officiating. The Mission Mortuary was in charge of local arrangements. The family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Stanford University.

Rites held for former Merced businessman

Private graveside services were held here this afternoon for Stanley Stoddard Simonson, former Merced businessman who died Saturday in a Carmel convalescent hospital at the age of 88.

Rev. Donald Ball of Central Presbyterian Church officiated and burial was in Merced District Cemetery under direction of Mission Mortuary of Monterey.

Mr. Simonson was born in Merced Jan. 30, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simonson. He attended Merced High School and after a year and a half in Europe entered Stanford University, graduating in 1915.

After a year as a student adviser at Stanford, he worked for his father's firm, the Simonson-Harrell Co., and during World War II attained the rank of first lieutenant in the field artillery, serving in the Champaign-Marne, Aisne Marne St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne offensives.

Upon his discharge, he rejoined his father's firm which later became Western Title Insurance Co. When it was incorporated in 1930 he was named secretary and after his father's death was named president. He also was secretary-manager of Merced Mutual Building and Loan Association, now Guarantee Savings.

He moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1936.

Mr. Simonson was a charter member and past president of the Merced Rotary Club and a past commander of the American Legion.

His wife, the former Elsa Olcese, preceded him in death Jan. 12, 1975.

Surviving is a son, Stanley Simonson Jr. of Monterey.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Stanford University.

Obituary of Stanley Stoddard Simonson Sr. – "Merced (CA) Sun-Star" Wednesday 28 Jan 1981 p 9

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A loose signed photograph of the applicant must accompany the application. The photograph must be on thin paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in

This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.

A woman's application must state whether she is married or not, and a married woman must state whether her husband is a native citizen.

The rules should be carefully read before mailing the application to the Department of State, Division of Passport Control, Washington, D. C.

[EDITION OF 1919.]

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

Issued

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF California } ss.
COUNTY OF Merced }

Received DEC 15 1920
data regarding wife
and forwarded
DEC 18 1920

I, Stanley S. Simonson, a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

myself & wife Ellen A. Olson from Merced Calif. 12/20/1892
Married at Merced Calif. 12/8/17

I solemnly swear that I was born at Merced, Merced County, in the State of California, on or about the 30th day of January, 1892; that

my father John H. Simonson, was born in Germany, and is now residing at Merced, Merced County, California,

that he emigrated to the United States from the port of Hamburg,

on or about April, 1858; that he resided 44 years, uninterruptedly, in the United States, from 1858 to 1876, at Marine, Minnesota, and from 1876 to 1920, at Merced, California; that he

became naturalized as a citizen of the United States by virtue of his father's Grant of naturalization while he was a minor.

that I have resided outside the United States at the following places for the following periods:

at no time except army service, from 1892 to 1920

and that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Merced, in the State of California, where I follow the occupation of Searcher of Records.

My last passport was obtained from ---, on ---, and was ---

I am about to go abroad temporarily; and I intend to return to the United States within 7 { months } with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and I desire a passport for use in visiting the countries here-

inafter named for the following purpose:

<u>France</u>	<u>Recreation and travel</u>
<u>Switzerland</u> (Name of country.)	(Object of visit.)
<u>Great Britain</u>	<u>Recreation and travel</u>
<u>Holland</u> (Name of country.)	(Object of visit.)
<u>Belgium</u>	<u>Recreation and travel</u>
<u>Italy</u> (Name of country.)	(Object of visit.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of New York

(Port of departure.)

sailing on board the not known on or about January 18, 19 21.

(Name of vessel.)

(Date of departure.)

(as soon as possible)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Stanley J. Simonson

(Signature of applicant.)

Sworn to before me this 11th day

FILE REC'D: DEC 28 1920

of December, 19 20.

(SEAL OF COURT)

[Signature]

Clerk of the Superior Court at Merced, California.

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* A person born in the United States should submit a birth certificate with his application, or if the birth was not officially recorded, affidavits from the attending physician, parents, or other persons having actual knowledge of the birth.

† If the applicant's father was born in this country, lines should be drawn through the blanks in brackets.

(over.)

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DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 28 years.

Mouth: medium large

Stature: 5 feet, 11 inches, Eng.

Chin: medium

Forehead: High

Hair: brown

Eyes: Gray

Complexion: fair

Nose: Straight- long

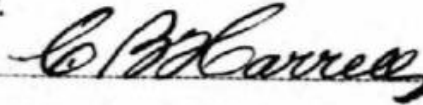
Face: oval- rather long

Distinguishing marks pox mark on left cheek - one inch scar on right hand.

IDENTIFICATION.

December 11th, 1920.

I, C. B. Harrell, solemnly swear that I am a { native } citizen
of the United States; that I reside at Merced, California; that I have known
the above-named Stanley S. Simonson personally for twenty years and
know { him } to be a native citizen of the United States; and that the facts stated in { his } affidavit
are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



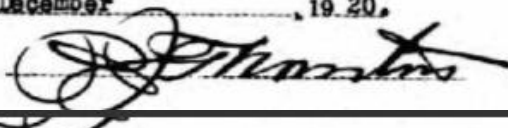
Abstractor-Searcher of Records
(Occupation.)

Merced, California.
(Address of witness.)

Sworn to before me this 11th day

of December, 1920.

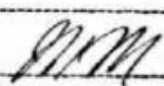
[SEAL.]



Clerk of the Superior Court at Merced, California.

Applicant desires passport to be sent to the following address:

Passport Agency, Custom-house, New York City, subject to call.



A signed duplicate of the photograph to be attached
hereto must be sent to the Department with the appli-
cation, to be affixed to the passport with an impression
of the Department's seal.



Affidavit as to Birth in the United States

(To be executed before a Notary Public by father or mother of applicant; if both parents are deceased, affidavit must be made by some other older relative; if no older relative is living, affidavit must be by a friend of more than 25 years standing. If applicant is a married woman, the affidavit will refer only to her husband's birth in the United States. If applicant is a widow or a divorcee, the affidavit will refer to her birth in the United States.)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Merced,

State of California one John H. Simonson

who on oath says:

That he is a ~~native~~ ^{naturalized} citizen of the United States.

That he is a resident of Merced, California.

and has known Stanley S. Simonson

applicant for a passport for 28 years and that the said Stanley S. Simonson

was born in Merced, California,

in the State of California on or about the thirtieth

day of January 1892

That his knowledge concerning the birth is based on the following facts:

said John H. Simonson is the father of said applicant, Stanley S. Simonson,

That he related to the applicant

and is his father.

(S E A L)


 Signature of Affiant
 Subscribed and Sworn to before me
 this 14 day of December, 1920.

 Notary Public
 Notary Public in and for the County of Merced,
 State of California.
 My Commission Expires January 4th, 1923.

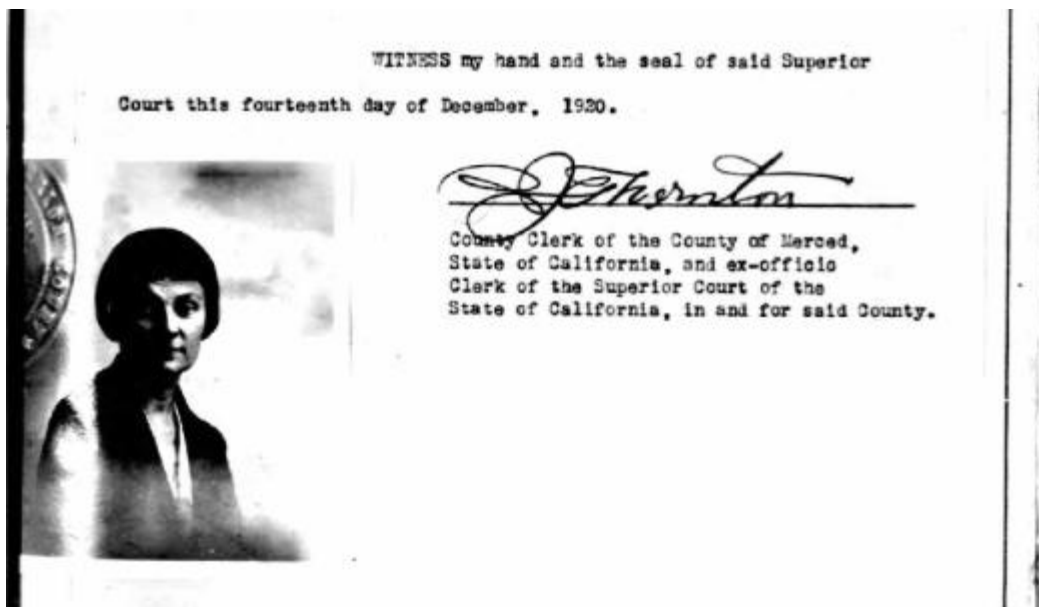
AFFIDAVIT

State of California }
) ss.
 County of Merced }

I, P. J. Thornton, County Clerk of Merced County,
 and ex-officio clerk of the Superior Court of said County, which court
 is a court of record, do hereby certify as follows:

That I have known Stanley S. Simonson and
 Elsa A. Simonson for more than three years last past. That on December
 8th, 1917, a marriage license was issued by me, as such County Clerk,
 authorizing the marriage of Stanley S. Simonson and Elsa A. Olcese (now
 Elsa A. Simonson), and that said parties were married at Merced, California,
 on December 8th, 1917; said marriage license and certificate being
 recorded in Book "H" of Marriage Licenses, at page 134, Merced County
 Records. That the photograph hereto attached is a true photograph of
 Elsa A. Simonson, wife of Stanley S. Simonson.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Superior
 Court this fourteenth day of December, 1920.



US passport application 11 Dec 1920 -

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This blank must be completely filled out. The legal fee of one dollar, in currency or postal money order, must accompany the application.
A woman's application must state whether she is married or not, and a married woman must state whether her husband is a native or naturalized citizen.
The rules should be carefully read before making the application to the Department of State, Passport Bureau, Washington, D. C.

[EDITION OF 1905.]

[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No.....

BUREAU OF CITIZENSHIP
JUN 6 1910
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE

Issued.....

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF California,..... } ss:
COUNTY OF Merced,..... }

I, Stanley S. Simonson,....., a NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport for myself, ~~accompanied by my wife, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, and minor children,~~ as follows: XXX....., born XXX....., on the XXX day of XXX....., XXX....., born XXX.....

I solemnly swear that I was born at Merced,....., in the State of California,....., on or about the 30th day of January,....., 1892.; that

my father is a.....citizen of the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at...Merced....., in the State of...California....., where I follow the occupation of...Student.....; that I am about to go abroad temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within...fifteen..... months, ~~years~~ with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So HELP ME GOD.

J. S. Simonson
[Signature of applicant.]

Sworn to before me this...31st day
of...May....., 1910..
.....Robert.....
[Seal must be affixed or other evidence of notarial character furnished.]notary public.

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: <u>18</u>years.	Mouth: <u>Medium</u>
Stature: <u>5</u>feet, <u>11</u>inches, Eng.	Chin: <u>Medium</u>
Forehead: <u>broad</u>	Hair: <u>Light Brown</u>
Eyes: <u>Gray</u>	Complexion: <u>Fair</u>
Nose: <u>large</u>	Face: <u>Long</u>

IDENTIFICATION.

Merced, Calif. May 31, 1910.

I hereby certify that I have known the above-named...Stanley S. Simonson..... personally for...eighteen.....years, and know him to be a native-born citizen of the United States, and that the facts stated in his..... affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. B. Sheddard
[ADDRESS OF WITNESS.] Merced, California.....

Applicant desires passport sent to following address:

.....Stanley S. Simonson.....
.....Merced.....
.....California.....

US passport application 31 Mar 1910 -

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SIMONSON STANLEY STODDARD
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 529 20th St Merced Calif

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Form 100
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Based on this blank United States citizens and citizens of insular possessions of the United States arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and such citizens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a port of continental United States, or a port of another insular possession.

Number 103

LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS 216
 (FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES)

S. S. MALOLO VOYAGE 22 Sailing from SAN FRANCISCO CALIF SEPT 22, 1924 Arriving at Port of HONOLULU TH SEPT 26, 1924

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Life:

A farce in two acts entitled "Mr. Bob" was cleverly presented. It was thoroughly amusing and the audience hardly knew which to admire most of the several actors.

The plan is placed upon a confusion of names and several cases of mistaken identity pertaining the same individual and a situation in which an ancient aunt endeavors to establish a home for stray cats.

Miss Margarita Winton impersonated the aunt and showed much talent and a keen perception as to make up.

Miss Wilma Goodwill, as leading lady, was peculiarly sympathetic and carried the thread of the whole story through with remarkable memory.

Miss Genevieve Baker, as the maid, had a fine acting part and played it right up to the line of perfection.

Miss Rosalind Martin was vivacious and effective in the role of "Mr. Bob," who was really Miss Bob.

Stanley Simonson appeared as the young gentleman cousin who takes it for granted that "Bob" is "Mr. Bob," and creates a great situation. He has an excellent voice and played his part sincerely.

"Merced (CA) Express" Saturday 12 Jun 1909 p 3

Simonson Student Adviser

Stanley Stoddard Simonson of Merced, a senior student in the economics department at Stanford, editor last semester of the campus daily and member of Delta Upsilon, has been appointed to the quasi-faculty position of student adviser, with whom the male collegians will confer or from whom they will receive guidance in the matter of campus and other college conduct. The place was made vacant by the resignation of Arthur W. Ambrose, a graduate geology student from Lokeford who has gone into business in San Francisco.

"Peninsula Times Tribune" Thursday 7 Jan 1915 p 5

Stanley S. Simonson left Saturday for San Francisco where he has accepted a position as secretary of the commission recently appointed by Governor Stephens to investigate and report on the petroleum output in California.

"Merced (CA) Express" Saturday 26 May 1917 p 3

Merced Boy Abroad

MERCED, Feb. 9.—Extreme anxiety over the possible fate of Lieutenant Stanley Simonson of Merced, believed to have been on the Tuscania, is being felt by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Simonson, and others in this locality. In the absence of either governmental reports or a private cablegram from the lieutenant nothing definite is known regarding his whereabouts. Mrs. Stanley Simonson, who accompanied her husband across the continent on their bridal journey as the soldier went to report for military duty at the Atlantic coast, returned from the east today.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 1

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First Lieutenant Stanley Simonson, listed among the Tuscania survivors, is a Merced boy, who recently married Miss Elsa Olcese, of Merced, a niece of L. V. Olcese of this city. Young Simonson was in Merced at Christmas time when a gathering of friends were in that city.

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"Bakersfield (CA) Morning Echo" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 10

TITLE MEN MEET IN FRESNO TODAY

Central California Title Association will have its monthly session here today at the Hughes Hotel. It is the last meeting for the season and officers will be elected. Subjects which are to come up for discussion are "Actions between co-tenants to quiet title" and "Actions against administrators of estates to quiet title." The seven counties represented in the association are Fresno, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera and Tulare. The president of the association is J. H. Kelley of Merced and the secretary Stanley Simonson, also of Merced. Simonson, who is now abroad with the aviation corps, was on the Tuscania when she was torpedoed. The convention which opens at 1:30 this afternoon will close with a banquet tonight. About thirty are expected to participate.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Saturday 18 May 1918 p 6

TUSCANIA SURVIVOR IS NOW ON WAR FIRING LINE

Lieut. Stanly S. Simonson
of Merced Has Inter-
esting Experience

In Letter Home Tells of
Incidents in Battle
on July 17



LIEUT. STANLEY S. SIMONSON

Merced Soldier Who Survived Tuscania Disaster and Is Now on Firing Line in France.

MERCED, Aug. 12. — Lieutenant Stanley S. Simonson, whose introduction to the war zone on the voyage "across" was made eventful by the enemy's attack on the Tuscania, of which he is a survivor, is evidently somewhere in France where fighting is hot, judging by such references to his present activities as the rules of military discretion permit in the letters he writes home. In a letter dated from "A few miles from No-man's Land," and written few lines at a time at the jagged intervals which the strenuous program of an officer at the front allows, he gives a hurried description of a day at the front. He writes:

"Let me give you a typical day, yesterday (July 17), for example: Up at 8 o'clock, for it had been 1 o'clock or more before I got to bed; breakfast and a hurried half hour at the office getting things in shape; orders for firing, from regimental headquarters, also from the French, began going through early, and each requires much work (consultation of maps, figuring out the co-ordinates of the targets, etc., and then the orders have to be relayed to the batteries. These are all high pressure jobs and may mean life and death to many soldiers.

(Written later.) "To take up the narrative again: After the routine is over there are usually dozens of things to do in connection with both batteries, and no sooner do we get well started than firing orders come in. Of course, every so often, just to remind us that we are at war, the Boches send a shell or two singing overhead, enfilading fire for the roads, leading into this little town.

"The airplanes are always a show, sometimes going overhead in squadrons of twenty or more. The German planes are much in evidence, too, and on many occasions we have seen exciting battles. The other night, just before dark, there was a French observation balloon just over our heads, and not so very high up. A Hun plane got through the protecting barrage and proceeded to circle around the balloon, firing at close range. It was an unequal battle, and the observer soon jumped from the basket with a parachute. Whether he got down alive or not I am not sure. The anti-aircraft guns in the village were getting well tuned up, and since the "sausage" for some unknown reason failed to take fire from the incendiary bullets, Mr. Hun had to beat it double quick.

"This morning we had an interesting time for about an hour, from 5 to 6. I was on duty all night, and was awakened by the orderly at about 4 o'clock. When I am on duty, which is every other night except in times of stress, when it is every night, I roll up in blankets on the floor of the operations room."

Lieutenant Simonson recently was made acting adjutant of the battalion owing to the transfer of the captain who had been in that capacity. This assignment adds its weight of responsibilities. As adjutant he is secretary to the major.

Lieutenant Simonson is with the First Battalion, 148th Field Artillery, A. E. F.

"Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Tuesday 13 Aug 1918 p 9

● JUNE 21, 1919

Miss Margaret Sheehy returned home last Saturday from Cordelia, where she has been teaching during the present school year.

Lieutenant Stanley S. Simonson, who has been with the army of occupation in Germany, arrived in New York last Saturday and will proceed to Cheyenne, Wyoming for demobilization. Mrs. Simonson will go East to meet him and accompany him home.

News of 20 years earlier – "Merced (CA) Express" Thursday 22 Jun 1939 p 2

STANLEY SIMONSON
HEADS ROTARIANS
 MERCED, April 10.—Stanley Simonson was elected president of the Merced Rotary club at their lunch at Hotel El Capital here yesterday, succeeding C. M. Cross. Elmer N. Baker and John R. Flynn were respectively re-elected to the positions of secretary and treasurer, and these three, with G. I. Deane and Jo H. Alcorn, also elected directors yesterday, will form the executive board of the club until April, 1925.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Thursday 10 Apr 1924 p 3

Deed: Del Monte Prop Co to Stanley S. Simonson and Elsa A. Simonson. Jt tenants. Feb 28. \$10. Lot 14, blk 49, Monterey Peninsula country club subd No. 1.

"Salinas (CA) Morning Post" Friday 21 Mar 1930 p 14

In the Superior Court at Bakersfield last Saturday Stanley S. Simonson of this city was appointed one of the three special administrators of the estate of the late Louis V. Olcese, a former resident of Merced, who died in Bakersfield in August, 1929. Mr. Olcese, who was a widower, left no will, and the estate which is valued at more than a million dollars is now being probated. Before final distribution is made the courts must pass on the claim of Olcese Kramer of Bakersfield, who contends that he is a son of the deceased.

"Merced (CA) Express" Friday 16 Jan 1931 p 1

MERCED RANCH BRINGS \$50,000

MERCED, Feb. 26.—Ownership of the historic old John High ranch three miles south of Le Grand on the Tuolumne river passed to new holders today in one of the largest real estate transfers from the standpoint of monetary consideration involved in recent years. J. J. Johnson and his son, John R. Johnson of Montpelier, are the new owners.

Negotiations to convey the 1,900-acre ranch for \$50,000 have been under way the past two months. The ranch was sold to the Johnsons by John H. Simonson, Stanley S. Simonson, Mrs. Elsa A. Simonson of Merced, Mrs. Agnes M. Olcese of San Francisco, Mrs. Zeta J. Harper of Bakersfield, H. J. Buchenau of Madera and San Francisco, heirs of the late Robert V. Sheehy.

The deal was handled through the office of Simonson-Harrell Abstract company. A large portion of the total purchase price was in cash.

The Johnson family will take possession of the ranch October 1 from G. W. Mathews, who holds it under lease. The ranch is mainly in barley and wheat. The Johnson family consists of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson and three children. They now are living on a leased ranch in Stanislaus county.

Transaction involves Stanley's father John Henry Simonson, himself, his wife Elsa & her Olcese relative – "Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Saturday 27 Feb 1932 p 3

MUTUAL ELECTS S. S. SIMONSON

Stanley S. Simonson, for several years a director of the Merced Mutual Building and Loan association, last night was elected by the board of directors as secretary, to succeed his father, the late J. H. Simonson. The office of the association will remain with Simonson-Harrell Abstract company, Ltd., at 448 Seventeenth.

The present directors and officers are: R. Barcroft, president; R. M. Boney, vice president; Stanley S. Simonson, secretary; R. Vanden Heuvel, W. E. Bedesen, P. J. Thornton, Ralph P. Duncan and O. A. Turner, directors.

No action was taken to name a director to take the place left vacant by the death of J. H. Simonson.

TWO FRESNO MEN FATALLY BURNED IN TRUCK CRASH

Arthur Sedillo, M. Manoogian
Trapped In Vehicle On High-
way Near Merced

BOTH DIE OF BURNS
IN MERCED HOSPITAL

Traffic Officers Brave Blaze
To Extricate Pair From
Furnace Of Death

MERCED (Merced Co.), Oct. 29.
—Trapped in the riding seat of
their truck when the vehicle turned
over on its side and caught fire at
2 o'clock this morning on the
Golden State Highway two miles
south of here, Arthur Sedillo, 24,
and Melkon Manoogian, 24, both
of Fresno, suffered burns from
which they died in the Mercy Hos-
pital here two hours later.

The truck, which belonged to
Sam Manoogian, Fresno produce
dealer, was being driven from
Fresno to San Francisco with a
load of raisins. Stanley Simonson
of Merced, who was driving di-
rectly behind the truck observed
the crash and attempted to extri-
cate the screaming men from the
burning vehicle but was forced
away by the heat of the flames.

Simonson telephoned the high-

way patrol office here and in a
few minutes Traffic Captain W. E.
Burch and Traffic Officers James
Guard, C. E. Swan and Donald
Halterman were at the scene of
the tragedy and, with Simonson's
aid, succeeded in opening the door
of the truck and dragged the two
men from the furnace of death.

Sedillo was still conscious but
Manoogian had lapsed into uncon-
sciousness. The officers rushed
them to the Mercy Hospital here,
but both were dead inside of two
hours.

The bodies are at the Ivers and
Alcorn Funeral Parlor here,
where an inquest was to be held
to-day.

Manoogian, a native of Armenia,
had resided in Fresno for a year
and a half, making his home at
2317 San Benito Street. He came
here from Granite City, Ill.

He is survived by his widow,
Varsenig Manoogian; three chil-
dren, Krikor, Edward and Vasken;
his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Ma-
noogian, all of Fresno, and a sis-
ter, Mrs. Florence Tatoonian of
Illinois.

Sedillo was a native of Visalia
and resided at 949 Inyo Street here
with his wife, Jennie, and infant
daughter. Besides them he is sur-
vived by his father, Sela Sedillo,
and the following sisters and
brothers: Rose, Beatrice, Nattie,
Helen, Inez, Nabby, Andrew and
Manuel Sedillo, all of Visalia.

Funeral arrangements will be
announced later by the Sullivan
Funeral Home of Fresno.

NEW BUILDING TO RISE ON SITE OF BURNED HOTEL

MERCED (Merced Co.), Feb. 27. —Reconstruction of El Capitan Hotel and the construction of a new reinforced concrete store building at Seventeenth and M Streets in the Merced business district is scheduled to begin within a month and to be completed by July 15th.

Stanley S. Simonson announces bids for the structure, which is to cost approximately \$65,000 will be opened March 11th.

The building was gutted by a spectacular night fire August 17, 1931.

The new store building, one story in height with 140 feet on Seventeenth Street and fifty-one feet on M Street, will be built flush with the sidewalk, but part of the well-known patio of the old building will be retained between the new building and the hotel.

The corner space will be occupied by the Simonson-Harrell Abstract Company. Simonson says other store and office quarters will be occupied by Dr. W. A. Baker, El Capitan Beauty Salon, the Merced Credit Association, Merced No. 1 Arena, Le Grand and Dos Palos National Farm Loan Associations. H. J. Baker, McNamara & Company and negotiations are under way for the occupancy of four other stores, one to be equipped for a barber shop.

The hotel structure of four stories will have thirty-three rooms with baths and showers. It has been leased to John A. Robinson, Jr., for ten years. Robinson, who has operated the Maze Hotel for the past two years, will manage both hostleries. Mrs. Thelma Robinson will assist in the management of the new hotel.

Robinson says the furnishings for the new El Capitan Hotel will cost approximately \$12,000, Spanish and Monterey furniture being used. The lobby will have a tile floor. There will be an inside patio with a fountain.

Sample rooms for salesmen and meeting rooms for clubs will be installed. The new structure will be equipped with an elevator.

Air Conditioning Planned

Simonson says the hotel, office and store units all will be equipped with an air conditioning system which will regulate the humidity as well as the temperature. There also will be a central heating system.

He says the one-story part of the building will be constructed so that additional stories may be added later.

"With the refinancing of the Merced Irrigation District, Merced looks forward to a new era of prosperity," Simonson says. "We were ready to rebuild in 1932 but the irrigation district defaulted and we were forced to delay our plans."

Kent & Hass of San Francisco are the architects for the new units and L. J. C. Wegner will be the inspector during construction for Simonson, his wife, Mrs. Elsa A. Simonson, and his mother, Mrs. Jessie B. Simonson, owners of the property.

"Fresno (CA) Bee" Thursday 27 Feb 1936 p 18

DEED: Del Monte Properties Co.
to Stanley S. Simonson and Elsa
A. Simonson, wf. Jt. Ten. Sept. 14.
Lot 15 Blk 205 Monterey Penin-
sula Country Club Subd. No. 2.
IRS: \$2.20.

"The Californian" (Salinas CA) Tuesday 1 Nov 1949 p 16

New Penney Store To Be Erected On 17th Street Here

The J. C. Penney Company announced this week it has signed a long-term lease on a new modern department store building to be erected near its present site on 17th St.

Two buildings will be wrecked to make way for the new structure. One is the 50-foot wide building formerly occupied by the Murray Hardware Store. The other is an adjacent 50-foot building, one half of which is occupied by the Fashionaire and the other half formerly occupied by Mode O'Day.

Demolition work is expected to start between 60 and 90 days.

The new store, which will contain 26,000 square feet of floor space (as compared with 10,000 in the present store), is expected to be completed next spring.

Main Floor and Basement

It will consist of a main floor and a basement, both of which will be used for the display and selling of merchandise. The reinforced concrete construction will be designed so that another floor may be added when business warrants.

Modern self-service type fixtures will be installed and the building will be completely air conditioned.

It will be 100 feet wide and 140 feet long.

The Penney store, which was established in Merced in 1923, is one of 145 Penney stores in California, and one of 1,600 throughout the nation. The first Penney store was opened in 1902 in the frontier town of Kemmerer, Wyo., by James C. Penney, now in his 80th year.

Lengthy Proceedings

The involved real estate transactions by which the way was cleared for the demolition of the two old buildings have been proceeding for more than a year.

Final details were consummated through Stanley Simonson whose office is with the Merced County Title Company. In the sale of the property to Claremont College, Mr. Simonson represented the former owners. Claremont will build the new store and lease it to Penney's.

The owners of the former Murray Hardware Building were Mr. Simonson and his wife, Elsa Simonson; the heirs of the late H. B. Stoddard, including Mrs. Georgia Bennett Stoddard, Herbert B. Stoddard and Bruce John Stoddard of Merced; and Mrs. Zeta Harper of Bakersfield.

Title to the other parcel was vested in the name of the Western Title Insurance and Guaranty Company of San Francisco.

Faith in Merced

In announcing the sale of the two properties, Mr. Simonson said:

"With the exception of the new bank, this is the first major construction on downtown 17th St. in many years. It is convincing proof that the J. C. Penney Company has strong faith in the future growth and prosperity of the city of Merced."

He recalled that the two buildings to be torn down both have interesting histories in connection with the business growth of the city.

The Murray Hardware building got its name by reason of the fact that it was operated for many years by Bob Murray, who later sold the business to Gillette Bailey and Ed Kendall. Before being used as a hardware store it first housed a mortuary and later a theater. The upper floor has been used as a hotel.

The adjacent building, constructed in 1900, for many years housed the T. P. McInerney & Son Dry Goods store. The "son" in this establishment was Joseph McInerney, Merced's retired postmaster. The McInerney firm was started as the Green Bakery in 1874 by Mrs. Mary McInerney, a sister of T. P.

Wife:

Plan Rites For Former Mercedian

PEBBLE BEACH — Catholic services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. in Mission Mortuary, Monterey, for Mrs. Elsa Agnes Simonson, 82, a native of Merced who died Sunday in a Monterey convalescent hospital.

Msgr. Hugh Morgan of Hollister will conduct services for Mrs. Simonson who was born Dec. 20, 1892 in Merced. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Merced.

A resident of Monterey for 40 years, Mrs. Simonson was a graduate of Stanford University's Class of 1915.

Mrs. Simonson and her husband, Stanley, were married in Merced in 1917. The Simonson family had large landholdings in downtown Merced and outlying areas and also started several savings and loan institutions in Merced.

Mrs. Simonson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Olcese, were early settlers in the Merced area. She was raised in this area and attended local schools before attending Stanford University.

Mrs. Simonson is survived by her husband, Stanley, a son, Stanley S. Simonson, Jr., Monterey; and a sister, Zeta Harper, Bakersfield.

Contributions to the American Heart Association, Merced branch, would be appreciated by the family.

Obituary of Elsa Agnes Olcese Simonson — "Merced (CA) Sun-Star" Wednesday 15 Jan 1975 p 20

High School Closes this Week

The Merced High school came to a succesful close with the commencement exercises last evening. The year has been a most successful one and the graduating class numbers eighteen five of whom are from the Atwater section.

The members of the class are as follows; Elsa Olcese, Bulah Lewis, Sadie Ralston, Lenna Landram, Jessie Peck, Genevieve Jones, Nellie Neronden, Hazel Murchie, Viola Herrod, Bessie Prowse, Winifred Kahl, Margurite Ritchey, Emma Haun, Bernice Lehmer, Harold A. Mallum, Charles Carmichael, Lois Jones, and Chandos Castle.

Graduate of Merced High School 1911 – “Atwater (CA) Signal” Friday 9 Jun 1911 p 3

SIMONSON-OLCESE — In Merced,
Stanley S. Simonson, 25, and Elsa A.
Olcese, 24, both of Merced.

Marriage license – “Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” Sunday 9 Dec 1917 p 22



Marriage on 8 Dec 1917 in Merced, Merced CA – “Fresno (CA) Morning Republican” Sunday 9 Dec 1917 p 22

Lt. Simonson Weds Miss Elsa Olcese

MERCED, December 8.—Lieutenant Stanley S. Simonson and Miss Elsa Olcese, both of prominent pioneer families and graduates of Stanford University, were married this evening at a simple wedding. Lieutenant Simonson was commissioned in the second officer's camp in San Francisco, and is under sealed orders to report for duty after the holidays. He was editor of the "Dato Palo Alto," was a student advisor at Stanford and a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. The bride belonged to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

"San Francisco Examiner" Sunday 9 Dec 1917 p 3

Merced
MERCED, December 15.—The wedding of Miss Elsa Olcese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Olcese, and Lieutenant Stanley S. Simonson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simonson, on Saturday evening, December 8, was marked by the simplicity befitting war times. The American flag and flowers in carnation colors, recalling the Stanford days of the couple, were in evidence in the decorations. The bride wore a gown of embroidered white net, embellished with real lace, and wore a veil attached to a halo of orange blossoms. Her attendant was her sister, Miss Zeta Olcese, student in Mills College, who wore white satin. The bridegroom was attended by his uncle, Herbert B. Stoddard. Rev. Father Brennan of La Nuestra Senora de la Merced Catholic Church read the service. The couple passed the week on a honeymoon sojourn in San Francisco and other Coast points. Lieutenant Simonson has a leave of absence until after the holidays.

Their wedding color was the crimson of Stanford University – the US flag was also displayed – "San Francisco Chronicle" Sunday 16 Dec 1917 p 5

Merced.—Mrs. Stanley S. Simonson, bride of Lieutenant Simonson, believed to have been aboard the Tuscania, returned from the Atlantic Coast, where the couple made their bridal journey as the soldier proceeded to his assigned war destination. No word from the Lieutenant has been received by his bride or his parents here.

“Concord (CA) Transcript” Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2

**In Honor of
Army Bride**

MRS. STANLEY SIMONSON, wife of Lieutenant Simonson, is here for a time visiting relatives. She was Miss Elsa Olcese of Merced, and as she went to school here, is well known in the younger set among whom there have been so many girls to marry into the service in the past few months. The Olcese family is one of the pioneer Spanish families of San Joaquin valley.

The Olcese family emigrated from Italy – “San Francisco Examiner” Saturday 22 Dec 1917 p 8

**MRS. ENGLAND WINS GOLF
MERCED OFFICE STOCKTON
RECORD, May 25.**—Mrs. A. F. England won the women's golf championship of the Merced Golf Club and the Sun-Star trophy by defeating Mrs. Rita Morse at the nineteenth hole of the final round. The trophy was held last year by Mrs. Elsa Simonson.

“Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record” Monday 25 May 1931 p 12

Stockholder Files Objection—Objection to the legal steps taken by the former San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, now the San Joaquin Division of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, to determine the rights of shareholders of the former company was filed today by Elsa A. Simonson, guardian of the estate of Stanley S. Simonson and Zeta Jeanette Harper, guardian of the estate of Arthur Olcese Harper. The objectors contend the railroad commission and directors of the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation should be made parties to the action. A number of other objections were made to the proceeding.

"Fresno (CA) Bee" Saturday 13 Jan 1940 p 2

Bldg. Owners Sue Driver for Damage

MERCED, Jan. 16—The owners of a downtown Merced business building have filed a \$1500 damage suit in Superior Court here against a woman driver whose car, they claim, rammed into the structure.

The plaintiffs are Elsa A. Simonson, Zeta Harper, and F. E. Braucht all of Merced and the owners of the Serv-U Drug building at 17th and L Streets.

Defendants are Mrs. Bertha E. Forbes, driver of the station wagon which they claim struck the building; Marie Herrin, allegedly the owner of the station wagon; and V. J. Schwenk, said to have been accompanying Mrs. Forbes on a business trip to Concord when the mishap took place.

All three defendants are from Santa Ana.

The complaint claims that Mrs. Forbes was driving on L Street at 6:30 a. m. Sunday when she lost control of the station wagon and it ran into the building.

"Stockton (CA) Evening & Sunday Record" Friday 16 Jan 1953 p 18

Mrs. Agnes Olcese, 75, Widow Of ExMerced Mayor, Succumbs

MERCED, Jan. 10.—Rosary will be recited tonight at the Ivers & Alcorn Mission Chapel for Mrs. Agnes Olcese, 75, of Merced, who died yesterday in a local hospital following a brief illness.

She was the widow of John B. Olcese, former mayor of Merced. He was elected in 1918 and served two years in office.

Mrs. Olcese was a native of Merced and spent most of her life here. She lived for a brief time in Bakersfield and San Francisco.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Zeta Harper of Bakersfield and Mrs. Stanley (Elsa) Simonson of Monterey; two sisters, Miss Sue Moran of Vallejo and Mrs. Anna Howell of San Francisco; two grandsons, Stanley Simonson, Jr., of Monterey and Arthur Harper of Bakersfield.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10 AM in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with Father Thomas Earley officiating. Entombment will be in Calvary Cemetery in the family vault.

Obituary of mother-in-law Agnes Moran Olcese – “Modesto (CA) Bee” Tuesday 10 Jan 1950 p 12

Son:

STANLEY SIMONSON JR., 72

Bookkeeper

MONTEREY – Stanley S. Simonson Jr., a former resident of Merced, died Tuesday in a Monterey hospital.

A native of Merced, he was born Oct. 1, 1923. He attended the Cate School in Santa Barbara. He worked as a bookkeeper in Merced before moving to Monterey 36 years ago.

Mr. Simonson was a volunteer for 25 years with the AT&T Pro-Am golf tournament.

He is survived by several cousins.

There will be no services. Inurnment will be in Evergreen Memorial Park in Merced. The Paul Mortuary in Pacific Grove is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be sent to the Hospice House or the American Heart Association of

Monterey County.

Obituary of son Stanley Stoddard Simonson Jr. (1922-1996) – “Merced (CA) Sun-Star” Thursday 7 Mar 1996 p 4

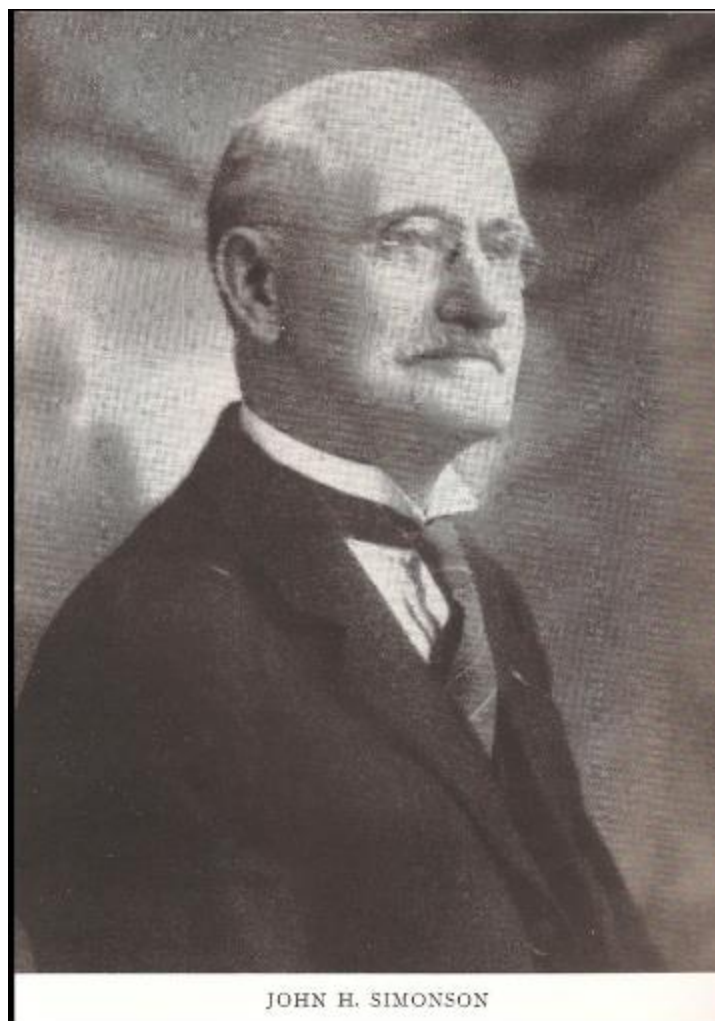
Stanley S. Simonson, who is a student at Stanford University, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simonson.

“Merced (CA) Express” Thursday 25 Feb 1937 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Simonson of Merced have announced the arrival of a son, born Sunday morning. Mrs. Simonson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Olcese of Bakersfield. Mrs. Olcese and daughter, Miss Zeta, accompanied by Mrs. F. C. Stoakes and Miss Genevieve Cauzza, motored yesterday to San Francisco, stopping enroute at Merced to visit the young arrival.

Birth of Stanley Stoddard Simonson Jr. – "Bakersfield (CA) Morning Echo" Tuesday 3 Oct 1922 p 5

Father:



~ History of Merced County by Corwin Radcliffe, published 1940, pg. 242

Father John Henry Simonson – Find A Grave 26235995

ATTACK FATAL TO JOHN SIMONSON IN MERCED HOME

Veteran Financier Dies Of
Bronchial P n e u m o n i a
At 2:15 This Afternoon

Resident Here 66 Years;
Funeral Arrangements
Not Completed

John H. Simonson, 82, financier, resident of Merced for 66 years, died this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock at the family residence at Twenty-first and M streets.

Bronchial pneumonia was the cause of death. Simonson was in his usual health and buoyant spirits Sunday. He visited the golf course that day and had dinner with the family. In the evening he complained of feeling badly but retired confident he would be all right in the morning.

Attack In Night

The pneumonia attack occurred in the night. He never rallied, although holding consciousness almost to the end. Last night an Oxygen tank was rushed from Oakland in an effort to strengthen his failing heart.

Funeral arrangements had not been made this afternoon, but the services probably will be Friday.

Simonson was born near Hamburg, Germany, Nov. 6, 1850, the son of Jasper and Anna Maria (Clausen) Simonson. Jasper Simonson was a cabinet maker, and he came to America in 1857. Purchasing land in Minnesota, near Ulen, he farmed one year, then moved into Marine Mills, Minn., and followed his trade until his death. John H. Simonson was the youngest of six children.

Wage Earner at 13

Simonson's early schooling was in Marine Mills. He became a wage earner at 13, clerking in a general store.

He became bookkeeper and remained with the firm until '76. In the fall of that centennial year he came to Merced, becoming bookkeeper for Simon, Jacobs and company. He served as county clerk from March, 1880, until January, 1887. He then engaged in the real estate and abstract business.

In 1890 Simonson was elected
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county assessor, serving until 1899.

He declined further nomination, and returned to his former business as senior partner in the firm of Simonson-Harrell Abstract company, continuing in that business until his death.

He was secretary of the Merced Mutual Building and Loan association for many years.

Simonson was a charter member and trustee of the Merced lodge of Elks, a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was over 50 years a Mason. He was made a Mason in St. John's lodge No. 1 of

Stillwater, Minn. He was a member of Yosemite lodge No. 99 and of Merced chapter No. 12, R.A.M., in which he was a past high priest.

He belonged to Fresno commandery No. 29, K. T., and to Islam temple, Mystic Shrine, in San Francisco. He was also a charter member of Merced Rotary club.

John H. Simonson was united in marriage in Merced to Miss Jessie B. Stoddard, who survives, with their son, Stanley S. Simonson. He is identified with his father's interests. There is one grand child, Stanley S. Simonson Jr.

SIMONSON WILL FILED IN COURT

Naming Mrs. Jessie Benton Simonson, widow, and Stanley S. Simonson, son, the sole devisees, the will of the late John Henry Simonson was filed today for probate in superior court. The estate was not valued.

The will, written in Simonson's hand and dated July 12, 1909, stated the entire estate was to be divided equally between Mrs. Simonson and Stanley Simonson. The will named Mrs. Simonson as executrix.

Mrs. Simonson has waived rights of executrix and nominated Stanley Simonson as executor. Hearing on the matter will be held Monday, March 28. The legal firm of Preston & Braucht represents the petitioner.

"Merced (CA) Sun-Star" Tuesday 15 Mar 1932 p 3

Name: Stanley Stoddard Simonson (Sr.)

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Officer Reserve Corps – 2nd lieutenant

Serial number: US Army officers were not assigned serial numbers in WWI

Entered service from: Merced, Merced CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Stanley S. Simonson

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. S.S. Simonson, 424 - 21st St., Merced CA

Returned from war on: "Floridian" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Stanley S. Simonson

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Elsa A. Simonson, 560 - 21st St., Merced CA (1st Lt, Field & Staff, 148th F.A.)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Stanley Stoddard Simonson - b. 30 Jan 1892 Merced CA; res: 424 – 21st St., Merced, Merced CA. Single. Secretary, State Council of Defense, State Railroad Commission, 833 Market St. [no city] Tall & slender. Registered on 2 Jun 1917 in advance of national registration day on 5 Jun 1917. In response to the question if he claimed exemption from the draft, "Not answered – in service of, and salary paid by State Council of Defense."

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): Merced CA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Stanley Stoddard Simonson - b. 30 Jan 1892 Merced CA; res: 940 "M" St., Merced, Merced CA. Mailing address: 601 – 17th St., Merced CA. NOK wife Elsa A. Simonson, same address. Self -employed at 601 – 17th St., Merced, Merced DA. Height: 5'11" – 155 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jan 1918

Discharged: not recorded

Address: 529 – 20th St., Merced CA

Rank/unit: 1st lieutenant, Field Artillery

Birth & death:

Born: 30 Jan 1892 Merced, Merced CA

Died: 24 Jan 1981 Salinas, Monterey Co. CA (tombstone - 25 Jan 1981) (obituary says in Carmel CA hospital)

Find A Grave record: 25954425 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Merced, Merced CA

Cemetery: Merced

Tombstone:

Father: John Henry Simonson, 6 Nov 1850 near Hamburg, Germany – 2 Mar 1932. Son of Jasper Simonson & Anna Maria Slausen. The Simonson family emigrated to the US in 1857, settling in Minnesota, where John went to school & was employed as a clerk before moving to CA.

Came to Merced Co. CA in 1876. Elected on the Republican ticket to the post of Merced Co. CA clerk (until Jan 1887, re-elected twice). In 1890 elected as county assessor, serving to Jan 1899. Senior partner in Simonson-Harrell Abstract Company (an abstract/real estate/insurance business). Founder & secretary/manager of Merced Mutual Building & Loan Association.

Buried in Merced Cemetery, Merced, Merced CA.

Find A Grave: 26235995

Mother: Jessie Benton Stoddard Simonson, 29 May 1861 Calaveras Co. CA – 5 May 1953 Santa Clara Co. CA. Daughter of Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard & Cynthia Benton.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 1885 in Merced, Merced CA

Spouse: Elsa Agnes Olcese Simonson, 20 Dec 1892 CA – 12 Jan 1975 Monterey Co. CA. Daughter of John Baptist Olcese & Agnes Moran (her father's 2nd wife). Her father was the mayor of Merced, Merced CA & an early settler. Attended Stanford University. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Merced, Merced CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 47593809

Marriage: 8 Dec 1917 in Merced, Merced CA at the home of her parents, by a Catholic priest

Children:

- Stanley Stoddard Simonson Jr., 1 Oct 1922 Merced, Merced CA – 5 Mar 1996 Monterey Co. CA. Buried in Merced Cemetery, Merced, Merced CA. F: 25954459

Siblings: only child

Notes:

Pre-war:

Attended grammar & high school in Merced, Merced CA. Spent about one-and-a-half years traveling in Europe before attending Stanford University, from which he graduated in 1915 with a B.A. degree. For the next year, he served as a student advisor at Stanford. Was employed 6 months with the Simonson-Harrell Co. (his father's business), Stanley became secretary to the Petroleum Conservation Commission, a division of the CA State Railroad Commission.

Wartime:

"San Francisco Chronicle" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 - The bride of Lt. Simonson returned 9 Feb to Merced CA. The couple had taken their bridal journal to the Atlantic Coast as he proceeded to war.

Stanley enlisted & attended the Second Officers' Training Camp. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery & was later commissioned a first lieutenant. He served most of his time overseas, in the Champaign-Marne defensive & the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel & Meuse-Argonne offensives.

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 552-03-1535

Censuses:

1900 Township #2, Merced Co. CA

John H. Simonson, 49 Germany, Nov 1850, parents b. Germany, married 15 years, emigrated 1857, in US for 43 years, naturalized, abstractor

Jessie, 34 CA, May 1861, parents b. NY, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is alive

Stanley S., 8 CA, Jan 1892, at school

& sister-in-law Nellie M. Stoddard, 27 CA, Jul 1872, single

1910 Township 2, North West Merced, Merced CA – 21st St.

John H. Simonson, 59 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, abstractor, own office

Jessie B., 49 NY, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 1 child, 1 is living

Stanley, 18 CA

1920 District 5, Merced Co. CA – 529 ---

Stanley S. Simonson, 24 CA, father b. Germany, mother b. CA, accountant, abstract office

Elsa A., 24 CA, parents b. CA

[on this same page are both their sets of parents: John B. & Agnes M. Olcese & John H. & Jessie B. Simonson]

1930 Merced, Merced CA

Stanley S. Simonson, 38 CA, father b. Germany, mother b. CA, age 25 at 1st marriage, officer manager, title office, WWI veteran

Elsa A., 37 CA, parents b. CA, age 24 at 1st marriage

Stanley S., Jr., 7 CA

1940 Merced, Merced CA – 940 L St. – same house in 1935

Jessie Simonson, 78 CA, widow [head of household]

Stanley Simonson, 48 CA, abstractor, private business [son]

Elsa Simonson, 47 CA [daughter-in-law]

Stanley Simonson Jr., 17 CA [grandson]

& maid Mildred Eason, 22 KS, same place in 1935

1950 Monterey, Monterey CA

Stanley Simonson, 58 CA, manager, association building & loan

Elsa A., 57 CA

Stanley S., 27 CA, never married, delivery [unintelligible word], publishing

& cook, domestic, Wina Hong, 32 China, married, Chinese race