

TUSCANIA

Dignan, Lyle Thomas 1898 WI – 1970 NV

Lyle T. Dignan

Lyle Thomas Dignan, 72, of 547 Ralston St., died Monday in a Reno hospital.

A native of Mellon, Wis., he had resided in Reno 15 years and was a retired casino porter.

He was a veteran of World War II army service and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are: a sister, Bernadine Gurd, of Wentworth, Wis.; a brother, Harold, of Wentworth; a step-daughter, Loretta Shirley, of Placerville, Calif.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral. Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Ross, Burke and Knobel Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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DIGNAN — LYLE T. Beloved brother of Bernadine Curd and Harold Dignan, stepfather of Loretta Shirley. Requiem Mass Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral. Burial in our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery. Ross Burke & Knobel Mortuary in charge.

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Thomas Lyle Dignan

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Death Date	Jul 1970

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 K. A. Sidell, Madison.
F. P. Tapper, Chippewa Falls.
 Frederick Vater, Milwaukee.
 V. B. Critchlow, Mellen.
 C. W. Eagan, Wautoma.
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 A. W. Clerzan, Dodge.
L. F. Corneller, Chippewa Falls.
M. J. Cosgrove, Chippewa Falls.
 Hallie Dumas, Marshfield.

Leader-Telegram
Tue, Feb 12, 1918 · Page 2

Eau Claire WI

World War One Unit Chartered

Charter Presentation Dinner Tonight in Veterans Hall Here

Members of the newly organized Reno Barracks No. 958, World War I Veterans of the United States are to have their charter presentation dinner at 6:30 p. m. today in the veterans' hall of the state building.

The regular barracks meeting will be held immediately after the dinner, and a ladies' auxiliary is to be organized at the same time.

Membership in the barracks is now nearing 200, and almost that many are expected to attend the dinner. Wives and friends of the veterans have been invited.

Reno City Attorney Samuel B. Francoich, a navy carrier pilot in World War II, is to present the organization's charter.

Special guests are to be the commanders of all veterans' organizations and their wives.

Ray Keeble is commander of the barracks. M. H. Presper is adjutant.

Other charter members are:

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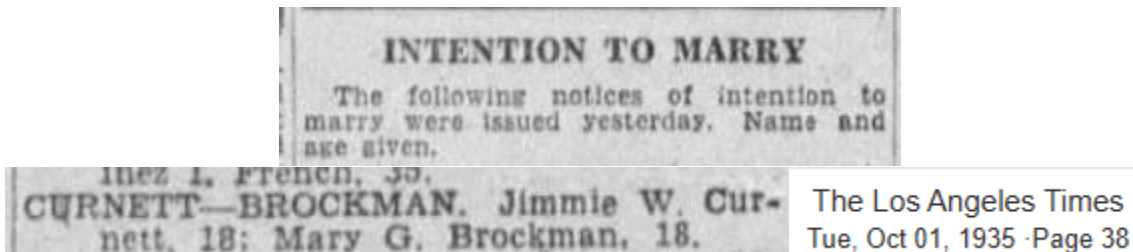
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Wife:



1st marriage – to James/Jimmie Wayne Curnett in 1935

Jimmie W Curnett

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



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Name	Jimmie W Curnett
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Marriage Date	7 Oct 1935
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Mary G Brockman

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Tragic Face!



Here is a dramatic photo of the woman held in the asserted "perfect crime" that failed. She is Mrs. John A. Brackman, 58, of Hawthorne. She is in the county jail here on charges of attempting to poison her son-in-law, James Curlett, 17, because she did not approve of his marriage to her daughter, Genevieve, 18.—Post-Record photo by Coy Watson taken in county jail today.

MURDER BY PUDDING ATTEMPTED, IS CHARGE

By TOM O'CONNOR

Headlines have screamed "Murder by Monoxide!" "Murder by Alcohol!" Now comes what deputy sheriffs call an attempted "Murder by Chocolate Pudding," with as eerie a scenario of twisted passions and the devil's own cleverness as any wild imagining on the motion picture screen.

In separate cells in the county jail today two strange women are held incommunicado. One of them, Mrs. John A. Brockman, is a tall, gaunt, prematurely wrinkled woman of 50, whose dark brown hair straggles in stringy locks over eyes burning with a feverish light.

The other is a girl of 18, a slim, flat-chested daughter to Mrs. Brockman, who shares her mother's sharp features, but whose eyes are dull. Her name is Mrs. Genevieve Curnett.

And on a cot in Hawthorne hospital lies a good-looking boy of 17. His eyes are closed and his body is weak, but a stomach pump saved him from death by strychnine poisoning and thwarted what deputy sheriffs have called an attempt at "the perfect crime."

That boy is Jimmy Curnett, and he was found yesterday writhing on the ground in convulsions, in front of his mother-in-law's home at 610 Grevilla street, Hawthorne.

From the words he gasped out while still in the grip

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Wife Held as Witness



Held as a material witness today in the alleged poisoning of her husband is Mrs. Genevieve Curnett, 28. Also in jail is her mother, Mrs. John A. Brockman, who, according to police, attempted to poison her son-in-law, James Curnett, 32, of Hawthorne because she objected to the marriage. — Post-Record photo taken in county jail today.

MURDER BY PUDDING ATTEMPTED, IS CHARGE

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of strychnine's deadly power, deputy sheriffs were led to impute to that mother-in-law, Mrs. John Brockman, an attempt to engineer the involuntary suicide of her unwanted son-in-law.

It was just three months ago that Jenny and Jimmy took matters in their own hands and got married. Mrs. Brockman had opposed it violently.

There were scenes. There were accusations and counter-accusations. But Jenny and Jimmy got married, and the young wife's mother apparently decided to forgive, to forget, to make the best of it.

But, deputy sheriffs believe, the burning-eyed mother couldn't forget, couldn't bring herself to forgive what she apparently thought to be a wrong done her daughter and even more to herself.

For weeks she went silently about her housework, pausing now and again, her lean fingers pressed against her angular hips, her burning eyes staring vacantly, her thin lips moving, planning, planning, the officers believe.

Then, deputy sheriffs say, the burning light in her eyes became even more intense and her fingers curled tightly into the palm of her hand as though she would literally grasp and hold the plan she had conceived, the plan for a "perfect crime."

Slowly, carefully, she started to lay the groundwork. Three weeks ago she invited her son-in-law and daughter to the house for an evening of cards.

As the trio laughed and chatted over the game, the mother-in-law, Curnett told police, suggested a new diversion.

She described her mystic ability to perform deeds of black and white magic, to read the future and summon back the past. As proof of her occult powers, she would make writing on a piece of paper vanish.

She instructed her son, with a queer laugh, to write a note bidding farewell to his wife. He wrote:

take, nothing to show that young Curnett's death had been other than suicide, deputies said as they reconstructed what took place.

Yesterday, the mother again asked the boy and her daughter to her home.

The mother had planned a shopping tour downtown. Curnett was to remain alone in the house, awaiting their return. A return that was to find his lifeless body on the floor with the pathetic note by one outstretched hand.

The two women left, chatting gaily, and turned to wave goodbye to the boy.

When halfway down the block Mrs. Brockman sent her daughter on alone and returned to the house for some trivial reason.

Once there, Curnett said, she got out from the cupboard a dish of chocolate pudding, offered it to him as a special treat. It had been given her by a neighbor, she said.

The boy didn't want any, not because he suspected anything, but because he was afraid it would spoil his dinner. But Mrs. Brockman playfully forced him to swallow a single spoonful. Then she asked him to get a package for her from the closet.

While he was rummaging for the package she tried to slam shut and lock the closet door, Curnett said. He burst out before she could turn the key. Without comment, she took the package from him and left the house.

A few moments later the young man was in the grip of agonizing convulsions. He rushed out of the house and fell in the street, where he lay writhing.

"Goodbye, Genevieve. Love, Jimmy.

Then she went to the kitchen, put lemon juice on the note, put it in the oven. When she took it out the writing was still there. The two youngsters laughed at her. She acted chagrined — and kept the note, Curnett said.

Police found it after he went to the hospital yesterday, on the floor of the house in which he had eaten chocolate pudding.

Twenty-one days passed swiftly as the angular mother bided her time, carefully, cautiously, there was to be no mis-

Neighbors saw him and an ambulance was called. He was rushed Hawthorne hospital in time for a stomach pump to save him from death.

Deputy sheriffs found Mrs. Brockman in the house a little while later. She was surly. She didn't know anything. She would not talk. Then she discovered, as if by accident, Jimmy's "farewell note," lying under the table. Near it was a package of white powder.

She "discovered" them—but deputy sheriffs say they saw her drop them there.

The note, the white powder, the chocolate pudding were taken to the police chemist. The single dish of pudding contained enough strychnine to kill several

men. One spoonful might kill a person whose heart was not the strongest.

While the powder was being analyzed, and the note inspected for traces of lemon juice, Captain Norris Stensland of the sheriff's homicide detail started an intensive search for the source of the poison. All druggists in the neighborhood were questioned by police; all druggists in the city were requested to report recent sales of strychnine to women.

In jail today Mrs. Brockman would answer no questions, say nothing save "I didn't do it." The mother was held on suspicion of attempted murder, her daughter merely as a material witness.

Stensland said he had found nothing to connect the daughter with the conception or execution of the apparent plot, save that recently young Curnett had taken out a \$3000 insurance policy naming her as beneficiary.

POISONED BOY ACCUSES KIN

Mother-in-Law Jailed on Story of Youth, 18, Who Cites Fake Suicide Note

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—A middle-aged woman was held today on suspicion of attempting to murder her son-in-law when what deputy sheriffs described as a "perfect crime" went slightly askew.

Mrs. John A. Brockman, 50, was accused of trying to poison her son-in-law, 18-year-old James Curnett of the nearby town of Hawthorne, after getting him to write a note which might indicate he attempted to commit suicide.

Curnett was in a serious condition at Hawthorne Hospital, but physicians believe he may live.

Chocolate pudding that Curnett ate, allegedly at his mother-in-law's insistence, contained poison, the Sheriff's office announced today.

Capt. Norris G. Stensland said preliminary analysis revealed the poison and that a more complete analysis was being made to determine whether the dessert contained enough poison to cause death.

The youth informed Deputy Sheriffs V. P. Gray and J. G. Bowers that during a game of charades at the home of his mother-in-law several weeks ago she led him to write:

"Good-bye Genevieve. Love, Jimmy," and kept the note.

WIFE IS HELD AS MATERIAL WITNESS

Curnett's wife, Genevieve, was held in county jail with her mother as a material witness.

The story, as pieced together by officers, was that the young couple visited Mrs. Brockman yesterday at her home. Informing Curnett that her daughter needed a new dress, Mrs. Brockman took her to the town of Inglewood near her home.

When half way to the Inglewood business section, deputies said, the mother told her daughter she had to do some shopping for herself and suggested that they meet later in the afternoon while the daughter looked at dresses.

Curnett said Mrs. Brockman returned home alone and asked him to taste some chocolate pudding she said was made by a neighbor. The youth refused it on grounds it would spoil his dinner later but when she insisted, he ate a full plate of the dessert.

TRIED TO LOCK HIM IN CLOSET, HE SAYS

When he had finished the pudding, Curnett said, she asked him to get a package for her from a closet. As he entered the closet she tried to lock him in but failed, Curnett claimed.

She took the package and hurried away, Curnett said. Within a few minutes he was seized with convulsions. Running out of the house he collapsed in the street where a passerby found him and took him to a hospital.

Neighbors reported the Curnetts had been married less than three months and that Mrs. Brookman had objected to their marriage.

Deputies learned that Curnett recently took out \$3000 worth of insurance.

Oakland Tribune
Fri, Jan 03, 1936 -Page 1

Oakland CA

YOUTH, 17 POISONED; JAIL MOTHER OF BRIDE

Faked Suicide Note Leads to Arrest of Mother-in- Law at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(U.P.)—The chocolate pudding James Curnett, 17, ate, allegedly at his mother-in-law's insistence, contained strychnine poison, the Sheriff's office announced today.

Capt. Norris G. Stensland said preliminary analysis revealed the strychnine and that a more complete analysis was being made to determine if the dessert contained enough poison to cause death.

Curnett, who told officers he swallowed only a spoonful, was reported in a serious condition, while Mrs. John A. Brockman, 50, was held on suspicion of attempted murder. Stensland ordered a search of drug stores in the vicinity of Mrs. Brockman's home, in an effort to ascertain the source of the poison.

WOMAN ARRESTED

Officers arrested Mrs. Brockman today on the strength of the boy's story she had induced him to eat the pudding against his will and then attempted to lock him in a closet of her home. He said she had opposed his marriage to her daughter less than a year ago.

Through tortured lips, young Curnett gasped out a story of having been left alone while his 18-year-old wife, Genevieve, and her mother went on a shopping tour. A short time later Mrs. Brockman returned and invited him to sample the pudding. When he demurred, he said, she "playfully" made him open his mouth and swallow a spoonful of the dessert, and attempted to force him into the closet when he refused to eat more of the pudding because of "its queer taste."

He said he eluded her, whereupon she left the house. Stricken with a numb sensation, he staggered out of the house and collapsed on the street, where he was found by a passerby and taken to a hospital where surgeons said he presumably was suffering from poisoning.

OFFERED EXCUSE

Mrs. Curnett, who was being held as a material witness, told officers her mother had separated from her shortly after their departure, on the excuse she had forgotten her purse and had to return home.

The mystery deepened when deputies found a note, reading, "Good-bye, Genevieve—Jimmy." The note, they claimed, was not in Curnett's handwriting.

Deputies were investigating Curnett's report that he recently took out a \$3,000 life insurance policy, naming his young wife beneficiary.

Mrs. Brockman was being held incommunicado on suspicion of attempted murder.

The Napa Valley Register
Fri, Jan 03, 1936 · Page 1

Napa CA

Pudding Case Pair Weep At Reunion

Mrs. Genevieve Curnett, thin-faced, flat-chested girl bride of the near-victim of an asserted "Murder by Chocolate Pudding" plot, was released from jail today and taken to Hawthorne hospital for a tearful reunion with her husband, almost completely recovered from strychnine poisoning.

While the 18-year-old wife and her 17-year-old husband wept privately, deputy sheriffs prepared to seek a murder complaint against Mrs. John A. Brockman, 50, gaunt, stringy-haired mother who assertedly tried to poison her unwanted son-in-law.

Genevieve, who had been held as a material witness overnight, was released after failure of identification by an Inglewood druggist as the young woman who had tried to buy strychnine from him last week.

Although his wife insisted that her mother could not have attempted the poison plot, young Curnett stuck to his story.

His mother-in-law, Jimmy said, had tried to make him eat a dish of chocolate pudding, and when he said he didn't want it had playfully forced a spoonful of it into his mouth.

A few moments later he was

A few moments later he was writhing in convulsions on the ground in front of Mrs. Brockman's home at 610 Grevilla street, Hawthorne. He was picked up by an ambulance and saved by a stomach pump at Hawthorne hospital.

Deputy sheriffs investigating found an apparent suicide note and a paper of a white powder resembling strychnine in the Brockman home. But Curnett said the supposed suicide note had been written at his mother-in-law's suggestion several weeks ago during experiments with invisible ink, and kept by her.

The powder was under analysis by police chemists today. Strychnine was found in the remainder of the dish of chocolate pudding.

Bride Released in Husband Poisoning

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Genevieve Curnett, 18-year-old bride, held as a material witness in the alleged poisoning of her husband, James, also 18, was released by police today. Her mother, Mrs. John A. Brockman, of Hawthorne, was still held by authorities, however, on a charge of attempted murder.

The Morning Press
Mon, Jan 06, 1936 · Page 6

Santa Barbara CA

Mother-in-Law Is Held for Murder

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6—Charges of attempted murder were filed today against Mrs. Berbie L. Brockman, 50, of nearby Hawthorne, accused of feeding poisoned pudding to her 17-year-old son-in-law, James W. Curnett, in efforts to break up his marriage to her daughter, 18.

Mrs. Brockman was arraigned and held under \$10,000 bail for preliminary hearing Jan. 10.

Curnett, who is still under medical care, charged Mrs. Brockman insisted he eat the pudding at her home Jan. 2 and tried to lock him in a closet after getting his bride, Genevieve Brockman Curnett, out of the house on a pretext.

The Humboldt Times
Tue, Jan 07, 1936 · Page 1

Humboldt CA

Daughter Testifies Against Mother In Poison Case

Her own 18-year-old daughter was a reluctant witness yesterday for prosecution at a preliminary hearing which resulted in Mrs. John A. Brockman, 50, being ordered held for trial on a charge of attempted chocolate pudding poisoning of her young son-in-law, James Curnett.

The daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Curnett, related that on the day of the alleged poisoning, after they had started on a shopping trip, her mother found she did not have enough money and returned home alone.

Curnett declared it was when his mother-in-law returned to the house that she insisted upon him eating pudding, which analysis later showed, contained poison.

POISON CASE TRIAL FACED

Mother-in-law Bound Over

*Woman Accused of Trying to
Kill Husband of Her
Young Daughter*

Charged with attempting to murder her 17-year-old son-in-law by feeding him poisoned pudding, Mrs. Berbie Brockman, gaunt, sharp-featured Hawthorne matron, was bound over for trial in Superior Court yesterday at the conclusion of her preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Nye.

The son-in-law, James W. Currnett, gave a vivid account of the events which transpired on the afternoon of January 2 when he and his bride of a few months visited Mrs. Brockman at her Hawthorne home.

"Shortly after we arrived, Mrs. Brockman asked me if I would be mad if she and my wife went to Inglewood for a few drinks," Currnett testified. "I said no, and they left."

BITTER PUDDING

A few minutes later, Mrs. Brockman returned and said Genevieve, my wife, was eating pudding at a neighbor's.

"She asked me if I wanted some. I said no, but she brought out a dish anyway and gave me a spoonful. It tasted bitter. Then she asked me to put a package on a high shelf in a closet.

"As I was going so, the door slammed, but it hit me on the hand and did not close. A moment later I heard the back door close as Mrs. Brockman left.

"About fifteen minutes later I became dizzy and my legs stiffened. I had been trying to work a crossword puzzle and wondered what was the matter. I had the radio turned up loud but could hardly hear it.

STAGGERS OUT

"The thought came to me 'I'll bet she's poisoned me,' and I staggered out of the house. I wanted to get to my home at 190 Freeman avenue. About two blocks away I fell down in the street. A motorist stopped and took me to my home. From there I was taken to the Hawthorne Hospital."

Police Officer Thomas M. Cummings of Hawthorne, questioned by Dep. Dist. Atty. Thomas, told of arresting Mrs. Brockman and finding a paper containing strychnine sulphate crystals in her possession. It is the State's contention that the strychnine was used to poison the young husband.

Judge Nye ordered Mrs. Brockman held to answer under \$7500 bond. Date of her arraignment in Superior Court was set for January 28.

Alleged Pudding Poisoner Denies She's Guilty

Not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity was the plea entered today by Mrs. Berbie Brockman, 50, accused of attempting to poison her 17-year-old son-in-law, James Curnett, by giving him a dish of poisoned chocolate pudding.

When she appeared before Superior Judge Thomas L. Ambrose on charges of attempted murder, he set her trial for Feb. 19 before Superior Judge Frank M. Smith, and appointed alienists to examine her.

Police said Mrs. Brockman, who had previously attempted to bring about a separation between Curnett and her 18-year-old daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Curnett, induced her son-in-law to eat a spoonful of the poisoned pudding.

He became violently ill and staggered out on the street where he obtained aid and was taken to a hospital, given treatment and his life saved.

Los Angeles Evening Post-Record
Thu, Jan 30, 1936 - Page 13

CONVICT WOMAN OF POISON TRY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10 (AP) — Mrs. Berbie Brockman, 50, was found guilty today on a charge of attempted murder.

Superior Judge Frank M. Smith, after one of the shortest trials involving criminal charges against women ever held in Los Angeles county, pronounced her guilty of trying to take the life of her son-in-law, James Curnett, 17.

She was charged with feeding him a poison-laden spoonful of chocolate pudding. Previously, the prosecution contended, she got him to write a suicide note as part of a parlor game.

Mrs. Brockman, a housewife, went to trial yesterday without a jury before Judge Smith.

Her daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Brockman Curnett, 18, testified as a prosecution witness.

Progress-Bulletin
Thu, Feb 20, 1936 ·Page 2

Pomona CA

YOUTH ACCUSES MOTHER-IN-LAW IN DEATH PLOT

Charges L.A. Woman Got Him
to Write Suicide Notes in
Game, Then Gave Him Poison

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—(P)—James Curnett, 17, told a court today his mother-in-law "playfully" asked him to write a suicide note and later gave him a dish of poisoned pudding.

Mrs. Berbie Brockman, 50, the mother-in-law, is on trial charged with attempted murder.

Curnett, principal witness against her, said he accepted the pudding and immediately became ill.

Then, he testified, Mrs. Brockman used a subterfuge to get him to enter a closet of her home and slammed the door and attempted to shut him in. He said he slipped his hand between the door and the jam and escaped. Mrs. Brockman then ran from the house, he said.

Curnett's wife preceded him on the witness stand and testified her mother had urged her to leave her husband.

Thomas H. Cummings, police officer, was another prosecution witness. He said that when he went to Mrs. Brockman's home after Curnett had been taken to a hospital and treated for poisoning, Mrs. Brockman picked up two "suicide" notes from the dining room floor and gave them to police officers.

David Coleman, deputy district attorney who is prosecuting the case, asserted these notes were written by young Curnett as part of a "game" which his mother-in-law persuaded him to play the night before she assertedly gave him the pudding.

The Sacramento Union
Thu, Feb 20, 1936 · Page 2

POISON PLOT GUILT FIXED

Mrs. Brockman Faces Term

Son-in-law Tells How She Sought Suicide Note in "Perfect Crime"

Mrs. Berbie Brockman, 50-year-old housewife of 610 Grevillia street, Hawthorne, faces imprisonment in Tehachapi prison for women for a term of from ten years to life as a result of her conviction yesterday of attempted murder and administering poison.

The woman was found guilty by Superior Judge Frank Smith, who tried the case without a jury, of attempting to poison her son-in-law, James Curnett, 17.

SUICIDE NOTE ASKED

According to Dep. Dist.-Atty. Coleman, Mrs. Brockman had planned a "perfect crime" to bring about the death of her son-in-law, arranging the evidence so that his demise would appear to be suicide.

Curnett, called as the first prosecution witness, said that Mrs. Brockman playfully requested him to write a suicide note the night before she gave him poison. "She told me she wanted to use the note in a 'game' she wished to play," the youth declared.

PUDDING BITTER

The next day, according to Curnett, the woman fed him a spoonful of pudding and he noticed a bitter taste. This was followed by her request that he remove a package from a closet for her and the woman attempted to slam the door and lock him in, the witness declared.

Only the fact that young Curnett thrust out his hand and prevented closing of the door saved him from death, Dep. Dist.-Atty. Coleman contended.

DOCTORS SAVED LIFE

Later, Curnett testified, as he left the house he appealed to a passer-by to take him to the Hawthorne Hospital, where physicians saved his life.

On the witness stand during the closing phase of the trial Mrs. Brockman denied any knowledge of the poison or suicide note when questioned by her attorney, Edgar Fee.

After her conviction Mrs. Brockman filed an application for probation. Judge Smith permitted the application to be filed so that the findings of probation investigators might be made a part of the record, announcing at the time that the nature of the crime automatically precluded probation.

Hearing of the probation application was set for March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

The Los Angeles Times
Fri, Feb 21, 1936 · Page 22

Jurist Denies Mental Pleas For Poisoner

Last minute pleas by counsel for Mrs. Berbie Brockman, 51, who attempted to poison her son-in-law by feeding him poisoned chocolate pudding, to have the woman committed to a psychopathic ward for further mental observation today was denied by Superior Judge Frank M. Smith, who sentenced the woman to Tehachapi prison for terms aggregating 1 to 20 years.

"I think other arrangements can be made which will be better for this defendant," Judge Smith said. "Her condition, reports show, is largely physical, due to her age, rather than mental and those matters can be adequately taken care of at the prison."

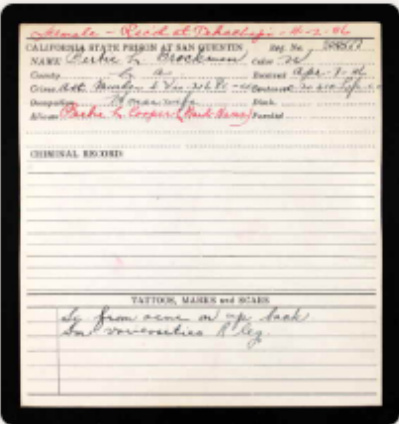
Mrs. Brockman was convicted of two felony counts, attempted murder and administering poison to 18-year-old Jimmy Curnett, who had married Mrs. Brockman's daughter Genevieve, several months previously.

She was sentenced to serve from 1 to 10 years for administering poison and from 1 to 20 years for attempted murder but the terms were ordered to run concurrently.

Los Angeles Evening Citizen News
Thu, Mar 19, 1936 - Page 4

Berbie L Brockman

in the California, U.S., Prison and Correctional Records, 1851-1950



Additional image



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Detail	Source
Name	Berbie L Brockman [Bernie L Cooper]
Gender	Female
Race	White
Birth Date	abt 1886
Birth Place	Missouri
Record Date	7 Apr 1936
Place of Crime	Los Angeles, California, USA
Institution Place	San Quentin, Marin, California, USA
Age	50
Prisoner Number	58877
Photo Available?	Y

Female - Rec'd at Tehachapi - 4-2-36

CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON AT SAN QUENTIN Reg. No. *58877*

NAME *Bertie L. Brockman* Color *W*

County *S. a.* Received *Apr-7-36*

Crime *Att. Murder + Vis-216 P.C. - cc* Sentence *0-20 + 10 Lif. - cc*

Occupation *House-wife* Disch. _____

Aliases *Bertie L. Cooper (Maid-Name)* Paroled _____

CRIMINAL RECORD:

TATTOOS, MARKS and SCARS

Lc. from acne on up back.
Am. varicosities R leg.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8833/records/201468>

Divorces Asked

ALLEN—Eva H. vs. William D.
 ASKAM—Earl vs. Wally.
 BAYLIES—Marie J. vs. Harry L. Jr.
 BOONE—Louise vs. Schuyler J.
 BOWMAN—Lillie E. vs. Tyler.
 BOYD—Helen C. vs. Jack O.
 BREAU—Fred J. vs. Madge E.
 BRIGGS—Loretta W. vs. Paul.
 BRISTON—Carl W. vs. Edna M.
 BUS—Ann vs. Elmer (Annul.)
 CAMPBELL—June C vs. George A.
 CLICK—Beatrice L. vs. James H.
 COCHRUM—Minnie C. vs. Enoch T.
 COLEMAN—James W. vs. Alice (Annul.)
 CURNETT—Genevieve vs. James.

Daily News

Wed, Dec 08, 1937 - Page 13

Los Angeles CA

Mary Genevieve Curnett filed for an annulment in Dec 1937

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

ADLER. Ida against Sol D.
 ANDREWS. Mildred L. against Charles F.
 BALLENTINE. Clyde M. from Edna M.
 BECERRIL. Lino against Jesus.
 BECK. Mary M. against Harold M.
 BROCKMAN. John A. against Berbie L.
 BUNGAY. Robert H. against Helene.

The Los Angeles Times
 Tue, Jan 11, 1938 ·Page 40

Her father John filed for divorce from her mother Berber in Jan 1938

Clemency Pleas

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)
 —Berbie L. Brockman, 54, who
 is serving a sentence in Tehachapi
 women's prison for attempted
 murder and administering poison
 committed in Los Angeles in
 January, 1936, today appealed to
 Governor Culbert Olson for ex-
 ecutive clemency, stating she is
 not guilty.

Alameda Times Star
 Tue, Jan 23, 1940 ·Page 1

Alameda CA

First Ex-Convict Files Under New Pardon Law

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(CNS)—The first petition for a "certificate of rehabilitation" by an ex-convict provided for by the last Legislature was filed today in the case of Mrs. Berbie L. Brockman, convicted of administering poison here in 1936.

Under the new law, a person convicted of a felony, after serving a prison term, fulfilling his parole and residing in the county for three years, may file such a petition, and if the certificate is granted, may apply to the Governor for a pardon. Although not mandatory, the pardons will be granted in most cases, Governor Earl Warren, who sponsored the legislation, has indicated.

This will restore the rights of citizenship, with the exception of the right to hold public office.

The petition in behalf of Mrs. Brockman was filed by Deputy Public Defender Franklin Paden in Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson's court and a copy of it was served, according to law, on Chief Deputy District Attorney Daniel Beecher.

Beecher today assigned Deputy District Attorney Ralph Bagley to act for the district attorney's office and Judge Wilson assigned the case for hearing on September 13 to Superior Judge Robert H. Scott's court.

Under the law, Bagley has a right to oppose the petition.

He said he had not sufficiently

reviewed the case yet to be able to state whether this would be done.

Mrs. Brockman was convicted of administering poison in a dish of pudding to her son-in-law, James W. Curnett, 18, in January, 1936. She served five years in Tehachapi prison and was on parole 21 months. She applied to the Governor for a pardon, and according to Paden, Governor Warren indicated it would be granted if the rehabilitation certificate is granted.

THREE HELD AS HIKER ROBBED

Three Los Angeles youths were arrested in Banning yesterday several hours after a hitchhiker complained that he had been forced from an automobile near Yucaipa and \$7 or \$8 stolen from him.

Held in the county jail, the youths identified themselves as Edward Curnett, 19, James Curnett, 22, and Robert Bridges, 21. They were booked for robbery.

The trio was captured in Banning

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The San Bernardino County Sun
Mon, Oct 07, 1940 -Page 3

Three Held as Hiker Robbed

(Continued from Page Three)

at 9:30 a.m. by Riverside county deputy sheriffs who were sent a description of the men provided by the victim, T. H. Naylor of Ventura.

Naylor, who said he was en route to visit his brother in Kansas, reported he had accepted the offer of the youths to drive him to Oklahoma City for \$5. When the party was near Yucaipa, however, the three youths forced him out of the car, taking his money, Naylor said.

Naylor said he was picked up at Ontario near midnight and thrown from the car at approximately 2 a.m. He reported the robbery to Constable Clyde Glassgow of Yucaipa, who in turn notified deputies of Sheriff Emmett L. Shay.

The San Bernardino County Sun
Mon, Oct 07, 1940 -Page 4

LOS ALAMOS MAN STABBED IN FIGHT

James Wayne Curnett, 26, of Los Alamos, is being held by authorities on investigation of assault, following a family fight Saturday in which he assertedly stuck a small pocket knife in the back of his uncle, Henry Meyers, who is still confined in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hospital for treatment of the wound.

The arrest was made by Sheriff's Capt. Charles Taylor and Constable Jerry Madsen.

Santa Maria Times
Mon, Feb 05, 1945 ·Page 1

Santa Maria CA

Stab Wound Sends S.M. Man To Hospital

SANTA MARIA, Feb. 6.—Henry Meyers is confined to Our Lady of Perpetual Help hospital with a stab wound in his back said to have been inflicted by his nephew, James Wayne Curnett, 26, in a family argument Saturday night at Los Alamos.

Curnett is being held for investigation. He was arrested by Sheriff Captain Charles M. Taylor and Constable Jerry Madsen. The stab wound was made with a small pocket knife, the report indicated.

Santa Barbara News-Press
Tue, Feb 06, 1945 ·Page 7

Santa Barbara CA

Suspect Held In Theft Case

Arrested by police late yesterday afternoon, Melvin Wing, 48, of 602 N. Van Ness Ave. was booked on charges of petty theft and intoxication, police reported today.

Wing was taken into custody after James Curnett, of 108 Church St., told police the suspect was visiting in his rooms with his father, George Curnett, and that

when he left, a ring and watch worth \$100 were missing.

Officers located Wing at his home, according to the report, and when the suspect was searched the ring and watch were found in his pockets, police said.

The Register
Tue, Jun 29, 1948 - Page 23

Santa Ana CA

James W Curnett

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



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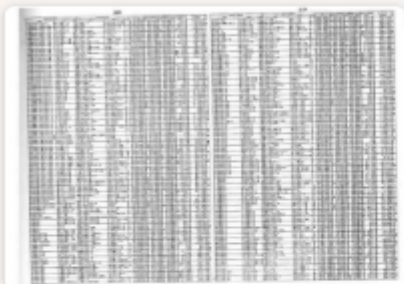
Detail Source

Name	James W Curnett
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	13 Jul 1939
Marriage Place	Unknown, California, USA
Spouse	Katherine L Burza

1st marriage of James W. Curnett to Katherine Lena Burza on 13 Jul 1939 -
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James W Curnett

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959



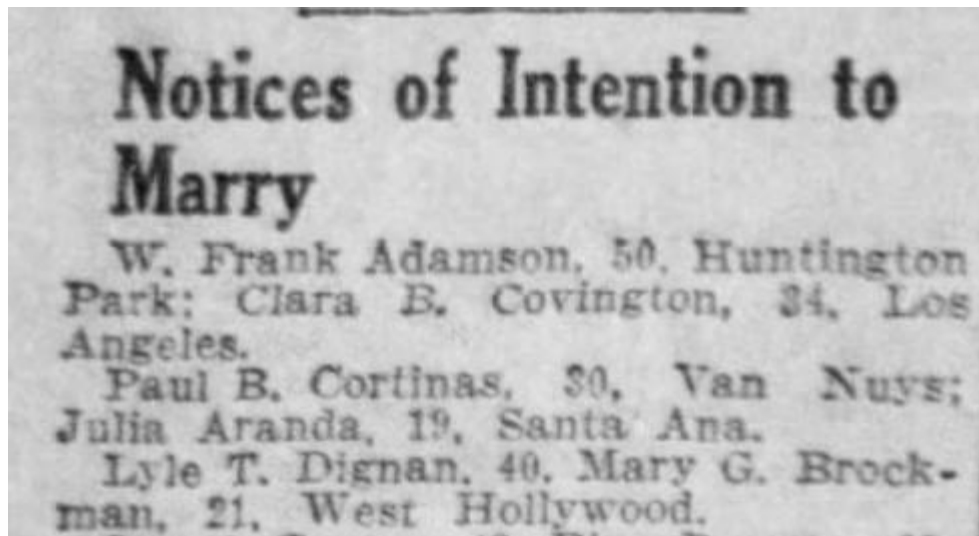
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Detail Source

Name	James W Curnett
Gender	Male
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1918
Age	41
Marriage Date	18 Oct 1959
Marriage Place	Los Angeles, California, USA
Spouse	Katherin L Burza
Spouse Age	42

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5186/records/641133>
 2nd marriage of James W. Curnett to Katherine Lena Burza on 18 Oct 1959



The Register
Fri, Jan 27, 1939 · Page 6 Santa Ana CA –

Reverted to maiden name – marriage license with Lyle Thomas Dignan in Jan 1939

Mary Genevieve Brockman

in the California, U.S., County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849-1980



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Detail Source

Name	Mary Genevieve Brockman
Gender	Female
Event Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	7 Feb 1939
Marriage Place	Unknown, California, USA
Spouse	Lya Thomas Digman

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Marriage to Lyle Thomas Dignan on 7 Feb 1939

DIVORCE RETURN			
STATE OF OREGON		County <u>Josephine</u>	
State File Number <u>2875</u>		Docket Number <u>9447-E</u>	
Name of Husband <u>Thomas Lyle Dignan</u>		Maiden name of Wife <u>Mary Genevieve</u>	
Residence of Husband <u>Josephine Co., Ore.</u>		Residence of Wife <u>Lane Co., Ore.</u>	
Date of Marriage <u>1938</u>		Was case contested? <u>no</u>	
Month	Day	Year	
Date of final decree <u>July 15 1949</u>		Cause for which divorced <u>cruel and inhuman treatment</u>	
Month	Day	Year	
Who was plaintiff? <u>Husband</u>		Number of children affected by decree <u>none</u>	
		Divorce granted to <u>Hus band</u>	
AUG 5 1949			
Signed <u>Ben W. Content</u> County Clerk			
By <u>Elizabeth Halcomb</u> Deputy			
VS-5 1/49			

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divorce from Lyle Thomas Dignan on 15 Jul 1949

STATE OF WASHINGTON		MARRIAGE STATISTICS	
County of Clark		CLARK COUNTY	
We, the undersigned applicants, being first duly sworn, say: That the information given herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.			
MALE		FEMALE	
Full Name	Frank S. Newman	Full Name	Mary G. Dignan
Residence	Eugene, Ore.	Residence	Eugene, Ore.
Street and No.		Street and No.	
Age at last Birthday	Years 36	Age at last Birthday	Years 33
Color or Race	white	Color or Race	white
Single, Widowed or Divorced	Divorced	Single, Widowed or Divorced	Divorced
Number of Marriages	3rd.	Number of Marriages	3rd.
Birthplace	Ill.	Birthplace	Mo.
State	Country	State	Country
Occupation	Brickman SPS	Occupation	Housewife
Name of Father	J. M. Newman (dec)	Name of Father	John A. Brockman
Birthplace of Father	Ill.	Birthplace of Father	Mo.
State	Country	State	Country
Maiden Name of Mother	Delia B. Phillips	Maiden Name of Mother	Angela Carter
Birthplace of Mother	Ill.	Birthplace of Mother	Mo.
State	Country	State	Country
Name of Guardian		Name of Guardian	
Address of Guardian		Address of Guardian	
Residence past Six Months	Eugene, Ore.	Residence past Six Months	Eugene, Ore.
Name of Witness who can Verify Residence		Name of Witness who can Verify Residence	
Address of Witness		Address of Witness	
MALE	Frank S. Newman	FEMALE	Mary G. Dignan
(Signature)		(Signature)	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Nov 1950		Notary Public	
My commission expires 19			

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2378/records/905546659>

marriage of Mary G. Dignan to Frank Sherrill Newman on 21 Nov 1950

BROCKMAN—May 14, 1959, Dr. John A. Brockman, beloved father of Cedric A., Frank H. Brockman and Mrs. Genevieve Carter. Services Saturday morning, 11 o'clock at Halsted & Co., 1123 Sutter Street.

The San Francisco Examiner

Sat, May 16, 1959 · Page 41

Obituary of father – Genevieve's surname is Carter

Mary Genevieve Chesney

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997



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Detail Source

Name	Mary Genevieve Chesney [Mary Genevieve Brockman]
Social Security #	560267330
Gender	Female
Birth Date	11 Sep 1917
Birth Place	Missouri
Death Date	13 Feb 1981
Death Place	El Dorado
Mother's Maiden Name	Cooper
Father's Surname	Brockman

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On CA Death Index, surname is Chesney

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Stepdaughter:

Loretta Anne Curnett

in the California Birth Index, 1905-1995



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Detail

Source

Name	Loretta Anne Curnett
Birth Date	12 Feb 1937
Gender	Female
Mother's Maiden Name	Brockman
Birth County	Los Angeles

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5247/records/2207478?tid=&pid=&queryId=b6650091-cdfa-4826-953d-a7279522c82d&phsrc=cPx42311&phstart=successSource>

Loretta A Curnett

in the California, U.S., Marriage Index, 1949-1959



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Detail

Source

Name	Loretta A Curnett
Gender	Female
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1938
Age	17
Marriage Date	8 Jan 1955
Marriage Place	Orange, California, USA
Spouse	Rodney F Reed
Spouse Age	18

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5186/records/20472912>

Loretta Anne Reed

in the Carson City, Nevada, U.S., Marriage Index, 1855-1985



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Detail Source

Name	Loretta Anne Reed
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	2 Dec 1963
Marriage Place	Carson City, Nevada, USA
Spouse	Byron Richard Shirley
Marriage Description	Carson
Marriage Record Number	39796319

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60954/records/518613>

Loretta

in the Florida, U.S., Divorce Index, 1927-2001



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Detail Source

Name	Loretta
Gender	Female
Spouse's Name	Byron R Shirley
Divorce Date	22 Apr 1970
Divorce Place	Miami-Dade, Florida, USA
Certificate Number	009232

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8837/records/6740979>

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Father:

Thomas Joseph Dignan

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Thomas Joseph Dignan
Death Date	30 Aug 1950
Death County	Douglas, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/3452371>

Sawyer County Record Aug. 31, 1950

Thomas Joseph Dignan, age 80, died at St. Francis Hospital, Superior, on Wednesday, Aug. 30, following a brief illness. Mr. Dignan had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Coleman Curd, at Wentworth, Wis., when stricken.

He was born in County Cork, Ireland, on Nov. 3, 1869. When a young man, he came to the United States, settling at Rib Lake, Wisconsin. In 1896 he was united in marriage to Bessie Mastan at Rib Lake. Mr. Dignan had been a resident of the Hayward community for the past 30 years.

Surviving are one son, Lyle Thomas Dignan, of Reno, Nev; one daughter Mrs. Coleman Curd of Wentworth, Wis.; three grandchildren, Nancy Jane and Bill John Dignan of this city and Laurence Curd of Wentworth. One son John preceded his father in death in March 1945. A sister, Mrs. Thomas Mulvaney of Chisholm, MN, survives.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Koerpel Funeral Home Saturday morning at 11 with Rev. RC Warder officiating. Interment will be in the cemetery in Rib Lake, Wis. The remains will lie in state at the Koerpel Funeral Home from Thursday evening until time of services.

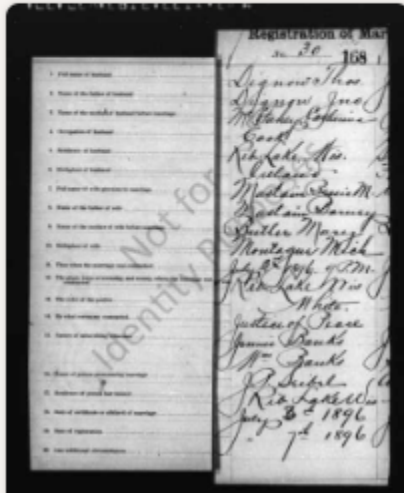
Obituary of father Thomas Joseph Dignan – Find A Grave 73534277

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Mother

Bessie M Mastain

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	Bessie M Mastain
Marriage Date	3 Jul 1896
Marriage County	Rib Lake, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Thos Dignow

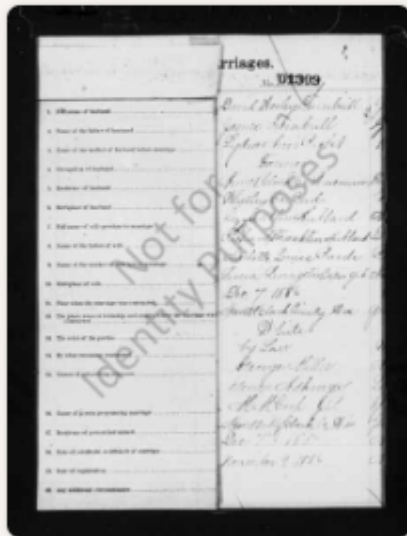
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Stepmother:

Lizzie Aline Hubbard

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	Lizzie Aline Hubbard
Marriage Date	7 Dec 1886
Marriage County	Clark, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	David Wesley Turnbull

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Thurman Drake

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	Thurman Drake
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	25 May 1910
Marriage County	Sawyer, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Lizzie Turnbull

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Thomas Dignan

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Thomas Dignan
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	16 May 1926
Marriage County	Barron, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Lizzie Drake

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Elizabeth Alice Dignan

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Elizabeth Alice Dignan
Death Date	4 May 1951
Death County	Eau Claire, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/3486953>

Mrs. Elizabeth Dignan, pioneer resident of the Hayward community, passed away on Friday, May 4, following a short illness. She had been living in Eau Claire when death summoned her.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Hanson of St. Cloud, MN and Mrs. Mary Fadden of Santa Monica, CA; three sons, Emery of Hayward, Richard of Milwaukee, and Harry of Santa Monica, CA; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Larson of Hayward, and one brother Chauncey Hubbard of Hayward, WI.

Second marriage to Thomas Dignan

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Siblings:

Earl Thomas Digin

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1897-1929



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Detail Source

Name	Earl Thomas Digin
Gender	Male
Race	White
Death Date	14 Sep 1897
Death Place	Montague, Muskegon, Michigan, USA
Father	Thomas Digin
Mother	Bessie Mastain

brother Earl Thomas Dignan (1897-1897) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1561/records/1117639>

County Washtenaw MICHIGAN. 257
 Township Montague DEPARTMENT OF STATE—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 Village Montague CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH
 City Montague

Full name Earl Thomas Dizin Date of death Sept 14 1897
 Place of death Ward Montague Sex Male Color White
 Single, married, widowed or divorced Single
 If married, age at (first) marriage years Age 5
 Parents of children, of whom are living Birthplace (State or country) Michigan
 Occupation _____
 Name of father Thomas Dizin Birthplace of father (State or country) _____
 Maiden name of mother Bessie Martin Birthplace of mother (State or country) _____
 Proposed date of burial or removal 1897
 Proposed place of burial Montague Cemetery Mich
 Proposed place of removal _____
 Signature of undertaker Ray Mory Address of undertaker _____

Certificate of Reporter.
 The person and family parties herein given relative to deceased are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Witness my hand this 15 day of Sept 1897.
 (Signature) Charles Dizin
 (Address) Montague

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.
 I hereby certify that I attended deceased from Sept 14 7 A.M. 1897 to Sept 14 10 P.M. 1897
 that I last saw him alive on Sept 14 1897 that he died on Sept 14 1897
 about 11:30 o'clock A.M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the CAUSE OF DEATH was as hereunder written:
 Disease causing death Cholera Infantum
 Immediate cause of death Cholera Infantum
 Contributory causes or complications, if any none
 Post mortem no

DURATION OF EACH CAUSE
4 days
4 days

*In case of a Violent Death, state (1) mode of injury and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal; (2) what was the nature of the injury and the immediate cause of death; (3) contributory causes or conditions, e.g., apoplexy. Also whether amputation was performed, etc.

Witness my hand this 15 day of Sept 1897.
 Signature of physician Wm Lamborn
 (Address) Montague Mich

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Harold Dignon

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928



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Detail Source

Name	Harold Dignon
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	16 Dec 1899
Birth Place	Mellen, Ashland, Wisconsin
Father	Thos J Dignon
Mother	Bessie Mastain
FHL Film Number	1306420

Brother Harold Alexander Dignan (1899-1980) -

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Harold Alexander Dignan

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997



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Detail Source

Name	Harold Alexander Dignan
Social Security #	318037049
Gender	Male
Birth Date	16 Dec 1899
Birth Place	Wisconsin
Death Date	20 Nov 1980
Death Place	San Diego
Mother's Maiden Name	Mastan

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5180/records/1873645>

Hobbyists will show work

Many North County Hobbyists will display their work at a Hobby Fair sponsored by the Woman's Club of Vista on Sept. 19 and 20 at the Vista Woman's Clubhouse, 1375 Oak Drive. Committee members for the fair are (left to right) Mrs. Harold Dignan; Mrs. Frank Meyer, chairman, and Mrs. Ed Wollenberg. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Daily Times-Advocate
Thu, Sep 03, 1970 · Page 17

Escondido CA

Harry A. Dignan

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



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Detail Source

Name	Harry A. Dignan
Marriage Date	14 Aug 1934
Marriage Location	Cook, Illinois, USA
Spouse	Mary V. Long
Marriage license	1418827
File Number	{36115da1-E622-47b4-A311-F8586869fe4b}

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Bernardine M. Tonstad

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



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Detail Source

Name	Bernardine M. Tonstad
Maiden Name	Dignan
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	28 Aug 1927
Marriage County	Sawyer, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Sigurd O. Tonstad

Sister Bernardine Margaret Dignan Tonstad Curd (1906-1982) –

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/91140600?tid=160279961&pid=272094328152&queryId=ee198f84-8caa-4969-af7b-599055210983&_phsrc=cPx42273&_phstart=successSource

Bernadine Margaret Curd

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1872-2004



Detail Source

Name	Bernadine Margaret Curd
Death Date	20 Dec 1982
Death County	Ashland, Wisconsin, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61483/records/1421077>

John J Dignan

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004



Detail Source

Name	John J Dignan
Marriage Date	25 Jun 1936
Marriage County	Sawyer, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Allene I Collett

Brother John Joseph Dignan (1910-1936)

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61484/records/917739?tid=160279961&pid=272094328152&queryId=3e61b516-e6ee-4119-8f0a-917edc461f34&phsrc=cPx42279&phstart=successSource>

SERIAL NUMBER 280		1. NAME (Print) JOHN JOSEPH DIGNAN (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER 45	
2. ADDRESS (Print) HAYWARD SAWYER WIS. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
3. TELEPHONE 369 Hayward (Exchange) (Number)		4. AGE IN YEARS 29 DATE OF BIRTH 9 17 1910 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		5. PLACE OF BIRTH DUNHAM (Town or county) MICH. (State or country)		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS. ALLENE IRENE DIGNAN (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)					8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON WIFE	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Hayward Sawyer Wis. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME A. R. SCHMIDT						
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Hayward Sawyer Wis. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.						
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		(over)		16-17105		
				John J. Dignan (Registrant's signature)		

REGISTRAR'S REPORT					
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT					
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION		
White	5-7	150	Sallow		
	EYES	HAIR	Light		
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy		
	Gray	Red	Dark		
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled		
	Brown	Black	Light brown		
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown		
		Bald	Black		
Filipino					

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....
Scar on back of left hand

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for *Don Hamblin*
 (Signature of registrar)

Registrar for *City of Hayward* *Sawyer* *Wis.*
 (City) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *Oct. 16* *1940*

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Lyle Thomas Dignan

Name variations: Social Security Death Index lists as Thomas Dignan – used Thomas or Thomas L. or L. Thomas Dignan

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. A - cook

Serial number: 250,959

Entered service from: Draper, Sawyer WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Lyle Thomas Dignan

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Thomas Dignan, Draper WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Lyle T. Dignan

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Thomas Dignan, Draper WI (pvt, Co. A, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Lyle Thomas Dignan - b. 25 Sep 1898 Mellen WI;

res: 931 Larrabee St., West Hollywood, Los Angeles CA (crossed off) with handwritten addition: Rte. 3 Box 176A, Grants Pass OR. NOK J.E. Hitchens, 8960 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles CA. Self-employed at 8960 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles CA. Height: 5'10" – weight: 170 lbs. Registered 14 Feb 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 10 Aug 1917

Discharged 27 May 191

Address: 1608 Wash St W, Los Angeles CA

Rank/unit: private, Co. A, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Sep 1898 Mellen, Ashland WI

Died: 27 Jul 1970 Reno, Washoe NV

Find A Grave record: 105274599, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Reno, Washoe NV

Cemetery: Mountain View

Tombstone:

Father: Thomas Joseph Dignan, 1870 Ireland – 30 Aug 1950 Superior, Douglas WI.

Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Rib Lake, Taylor WI.

Find A Grave: 73534277

Mother: Bessie M. Mastain (Masten/Mastin/Maston) Dignan, 1877 Montague, Muskegon MI – 1911 Mellen, Ashland WI.

Daughter of Barney Mastin (this version of his name is the one used on his MI death record, 1828-1900 but found in other versions) & Mary Butler (1840-1931).

Listed in 1930 census as "Lizzie" Dignan, 62 MI, married, father b. PA, mother b. NY, living with son John, age 19 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. MI.

Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Rib Lake, Taylor WI.

Find A Grave: 73534336

Parents' marriage: 3 Jul 1896 Rib Lake, Taylor WI. (Bessie's obituary also states a marriage year of 1896.)

Stepmother: Elizabeth Alice ("Lizzie") Hubbard Turnbull Drake Dignan, 24 Aug 1867 WI – 4 Aug 1951 WI.

Daughter of Richard Franklin Hubbard & Charlotte Louise Bardon.

On 7 Dec 1886 in Clark Co. WI, Lizzie Hubbard married Wesley David Turnbull (1865-1943, F: 228807407). On 18 Oct 1905 in WI, Wesley married Matilda (Tillie) H. Wick (1883-1970, F: 95684257).

Lizzie Turnbull married Thurman O. Drake (1873 WI – 1918 Hayward, Sawyer WI) who is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Hayward, Sawyer WI, F: 12257429. They married 25 May 1910 in Sawyer Co. WI.

In the 1910 census for Hayward, Sawyer WI, conducted 27-30 Apr 1910:

Thurman Drake, 38 WI, father b. NY, mother b. OH, guide, fishing resorts

Lizzie Drake, 40 WI, father b. PA, mother b. NY [wife].

The census notes they had been married for 1 month.

In the 1920 census for Hayward, Sawyer WI, conducted 12 Jan 1920:

Lizzie Drake, 51 WI, father b. PA, mother, widow

Richard Turnbull, 25 WI, father b. IN, mother b. WI, single, chauffeur, private family [son]

Mary Turnbull, 23 WI, father b. IN, mother b. WI, single, operator, telephone company [daughter]

Loyal Drake, 4 years 9 months MN, father b. CA, mother b. WI [grandson]

Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Hayward, Sawyer WI.

Find A Grave: 132955933

Stepmother's marriage: Lizzie Drake married Thomas Dignan on 16 May 1926 in Barron Co. WI.

Spouse: Mary Genevieve Brockman Curnett (annulment) Dignan Newman Carter Chesney, 11 Sep 1917 MO - 13 Feb 1981 El Dorado Co. CA.

Daughter of John Alonzo Brockman (17 May 1882 MO – 13 May 1959 Alameda Co. CA) & (Lillian) Berbie L. Cooper (30 Sep 1884 MO – 30 Jul 1978 Los Angeles Co. CA). Her father was a doctor.

Also known as Genevieve.

SSN 560-26-7330.

Also found using name Genevieve.

In the 1930 census for Hawthorne, Los Angeles CA:

John A. Brockman, 47 MO, doctor

Berbie L., 45 MO [wife]

Mary J., 12 MO [daughter]

On 7 Oct 1935 in Los Angeles Co., Mary G. Brockman (age 18) married Jimmie W. Curnett, age 18. James Wayne Curnett was actually age 17; this marriage was annulled in Dec 1937. Mary's mother Berber Brockman did not like her young son-in-law & in Jan 1937 was charged for attempted murder by pudding (chocolate) for forcing him to eat a biteful of the strychnine-laced pudding on 2 Jan 1937 in Hawthorne CA. He staggered out into the street where he collapsed & was hospitalized. She had also made him write suicide notes, claiming this was a "parlor game." She also tried to lock Jimmie in a closet.

There are numerous newspaper articles about this case, in which Mary Brockman Curnett was a reluctant witness against her mother. While her mother was described as having straggly hair & feverish eyes, Mary was described in newspapers several times as “flat-chested.”

Berber Brockman was found guilty & sentenced to 1-20 years in the CA women’s state prison in Tehachapi CA. Mary’s father John divorced Berber in Jan 1938. Berber Brockman requested clemency in Jan 1940. In Aug 1943, released from prison, she was the first ex-convict in CA to file for a “certificate of rehabilitation” after the CA Legislature had passed legislation instituting this procedure.

Jimmie & Mary’s daughter Loretta Anne Curnett was born 12 Feb 1937 in Los Angeles Co. CA.

Mary and James Curnett divorced in Dec 1937.

James Wayne Curnett was born 20 Mar 1918 CA & died 11 Jan 1997 CA. He is buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Riverside CA, F: 545415. He was the son of Tom Curnett & Ida Ellen Buckelew. On 13 Jul 1939 in CA, Jimmie/James married Katherine Lena Burza for the 1st time on 13 Jul 1939 in CA & the 2nd time on 18 Oct 1959 in Los Angeles Co. CA. She listed her surname as “Burza” on both records.

Mary was age 21 in Feb 1939.

In the 1950 census for Bethel, Lane OR, conducted 15 Apr 1950:

Fred S. Newman, 36 VA, brakeman, railroad

Mary G. Newman, 32 MO [wife]

Loretta A. Curnet [Curnett], 13 CA [stepdaughter]

Although Mary listed herself as married to Fred S. Newman on 15 Apr 1950 in the census, their marriage occurred 21 Nov 1950 in Clark Co. WA. Both were residents of Eugene OR. Both were divorced; it was the 3rd marriage for both. He was a brakeman for the SPS, son of A.M. Newman (deceased) & --- Phillippi, born in VA, age 36. Mary G. Dignan was age 33, a housewife, daughter of John A. Brockman & --- Cooper. She & both her parents were born in MO.

Fred Sherrill Newman (6 Mar 1914 VA – 9 May 1960 VA) is buried in Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Smyth VA, F: 67291052. He was the son of Anderson Miles Newman & Ardellia Regina Phillipi.

In 1959, when her father died, she is listed as “Genieve Carter” in his obituary.

Died in 1981 with the surname Chesney.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 7 Feb 1939 Orange Co. CA.

Lyle Thomas Dignan, age 40, b. WI, son of Thos. J. Dignan & Bessie Masten, resident West Hollywood, Los Angeles CA & Mary Genevieve Brockman, age 21, b. MO, daughter of John A. Brockman & Berbie L. Cooper. Resident of West Hollywood, Los Angeles CA. Married in Santa Ana CA by a Presbyterian minister.

Divorced: 15 Jul 1949 in Josephine Co. OR. Thomas Lyle Dignan, resident of Josephine Co. OR & Mary Genevieve Dignan, resident of Lane Co. OR. Claimed to have married in 1938.

The plaintiff was the husband; the divorce was awarded to the husband. No children were involved. The divorce was not contested.

Stepdaughter:

- **Loretta Anne Curnett Reed Shirley Ryan**, 12 Feb 1937 Los Angeles Co. CA - . – Loretta Curnett married Rodney F. Reed on 8 Jan 1955 in Orange Co. CA. – Loretta Anne Reed married Byron Richard Shirley on 2 Dec 1963 in Carson City NV. Listed as surviving stepdaughter Loretta Shirley of Placerville CA in Lyle's 1970 obituary. Loretta & Byron divorced 22 Apr 1970 in Miami-Dade Co. FL. – Their son Michael Kevin Shirley (1961 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 3 Jan 2015 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co. OK) has Find A Grave 140940880). At the time of Michael Shirley's death in 2015, he was survived by his mother, Loretta & her husband Jackie D. Ryan of Seminole,

Siblings: Lyle was the oldest child (or perhaps oldest surviving child). His mother indicates in the 1910 census that she had given birth to 6 children, 3 of whom were living. Three are listed in that census: Lyle, Harold, Bernadine. John is born later that year. Earl was born & died in 1897.

- **Earl Thomas Dignan**, ca. Apr 1897 – 14 Sep 1897 Montague, Muskegon MI. Died at the age of 5 months from cholera infantum.
- **Harold Alexander Dignan**, 16 Dec 1899 Mellen, Ashland WI – 20 Nov 1980 Vista, San Diego CA. In WWII draft residing in Chicago, Cook IL with NOK Mary V. Dignan. Husband of Mary Veronica Long (1907 IN -1974 CA, F: 202645421) whom he married 14 Aug 1934 in Chicago, Cook IL. - Buried in Eternal Hills Memorial Park, Oceanside, San Diego Co. CA. F: 202645408
- **Irene E. Dignan**, 18 Apr 1902 WI – 16 Aug 1905 Rib Lake, Taylor WI. Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Rib Lake, Taylor WI. F: 73534431
- **Bernadine Margaret Dignan Tonstad Curd**, 6 Dec 1906 WI – 20 Dec 1982 Iron River, Bayfield Co. WI. - Married Sigurd Oliver ("Sigg") Tonstad (1892-1968, F: 98178325) on 28 Aug 1927 in the Congregational Church at Hayward, Sawyer WI. Their son was Lawrence Sigurd Tonstad (1928-2016). In the 1930 census, Sigurd, Bernardine & Lawrence are living in Hayward WI. - Presumably divorced because when Sigurd Tonstad's obituary is published in the "Madison Capital Times" 30 Nov 1968 p 17 (and Bernardine is still alive), there is no mention of her.- Wife of Laurie C. Curd (1913-1983, F: 10959520). – Bernardine Curd is buried in Clam Lake Cemetery, Clam Lake, Ashland WI with husband Laurie Curd & their baby (born/died 1945). F: 10959528
- **John Joseph Dignan**, 17 Sep 1910 Dunham, Gogebic MI – 18 Mar 1946 St. Louis Co. MN. In 1930 & 1940 census & on 1942 draft card, resident of Hayward, Sawyer WI. - Husband of Allene Irene Collette (later Nelson) (1914-2007, F: 227284572) whom he married 25 Jun 1936 in Sawyer Co. WI. Allene married 9 Dec 1951 to Kenneth Eugene Nelson (1903-1979, F: q124474316). His mother "Lizzie Dignan" is living with him in 1930. – Buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Hayward, Sawyer WI. F: 243741496

Notes: Birthname was Thomas Lyle Dignan. Social Security notes his name at time of death was Thomas Dignan.

Wartime:

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" 21 Feb 1918 p 6 – a survivor: Dignan, L.T., Draper

Post-war:

1924 CA voter registration – Los Angeles CA

Dignan, Lyle T., cook, Republican, resident of 1608 W. Washington st.

1930 CA voter registration – Los Angeles CA

Tom Dignan, cook, Republican, resident of 8807 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles

1941 Los Angeles CA city directory

Dignan, Lyle T. (Mary), restaurant at 8960 Santa Monica Blvd., resident of 931 Larrabee

1942 CA Voter Registration (and other dates also available online)

Lyle T. Dignan, 935 Larrabee St., Los Angeles, Democrat, cook

Mrs. Genevieve Dignan, 935 Larrabee St., Los Angeles, Democrat, housewife

1956 Reno NV city directory:

Dignan, Thos., porter, Riverside Hotel. Resident of 32 W. Commercial Row.

Obituary:

"Reno [NV] Gazette-Journal" 29 Jul 1970 p 36 – Lyle T. Dignan, age 72, of 547 Ralston St., Reno NV, died in a Reno hospital. Lived in Reno for 15 years; retired casino porter. WWII [sic/WWI] Army veteran; member of VFW. Survived by sister Bernadine Gurd (Curd) & brother Harold Dignan, both of Wentworth WI & stepdaughter Loretta Shirley of Placerville CA. Requiem High Mass funeral, with burial in Mountain View Cemetery.

Social Security Number: 562-07-5728

Censuses:

1900

1905 WI state census – Rib Lake, Taylor WI – as of 1 Jun 1905

Thomas DEGMAN, 35 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, cook

Bessie, 31 MI, parents b. MI, housewife

Lyle, 7 WI

Harold, 6 WI

1910 Mellen, Ashland WI – 164 Taylor St. – conducted 25 Apr 1910

Lyle Thomas DIGMAN, 38 Ireland, parents b. Ireland, in 1st marriage, married 13 years, emigrated 1886, naturalized, cook, woods

Bessie, 35 MI, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 6 children, 3 are living

Lyle, 11 WI

Harold, 10 WI

Bernardine, 3 WI

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – Municipal Pier, Motor Transport Corps [US Army] – conducted 10 Jan 1920 – line 11

Lyle T. Dignan [indexed as Luly but incorrectly], 21 WI, single, father b. Ireland, mother b. MI, cook

1920 Ladysmith, Rusk WI – E. 8th St. – rest of his family – conducted 23 Jan 1920

Frances Kenny, 63 WI, father b. NY, mother b. IL, widow, head of household

Her boarders:

Thomas Dignan, 48 WI, widowed, parents b. Ireland, cook

Harold Dignan, 20 WI, father b. WI, mother b. MI, cook

Berardine Dignan, 13 WI, father b. WI, mother b. MI

Jannie Dignan, 9 WI, father b. WI, mother b. MI

Frank Becker, age 1 year 11 months WI, parents b. Germany

1930

1940 Beverly Hills, Los Angeles CA – 931 Larrabee - conducted 20 Apr 1940

L. Thomas Dignan, 41 WI, married, cook, own café, he resided in the same place in 1935

Mary G., 22 MO, married, waitress, own café, resident of Hawthorne CA in 1935 [wife]

1950 Josephine Co. OR – 1733 Harbick – conducted 20 Apr 1950

Thomas Dignan, 54 WI, divorced, cook, restaurant

Lodger with Floyd L. & Carmen McIntyre & family