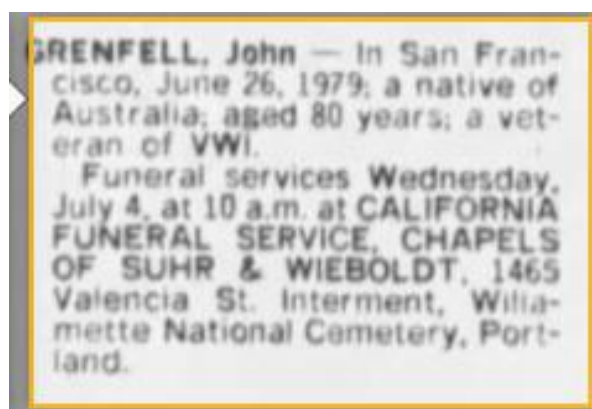


TUSCANIA

Grenfell, John Thomas
1898 Australia – 1979 CA

GRENFELL JOHN THOMAS		C/5,543,806
Pvt 41 Aero Sqdn		K
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Ssn 249 975	Died	T 235 756
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U.S. VETERANS BUREAU MAIL AND RECORDS Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1925		INDEX CARD 2-13900

Veterans Administration Master Index - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1J-X3J9-9?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQPTM-XJVK&action=view&cc=2968245&lang=en>



"San Francisco Examiner" 3 Jul 1979 p 30

U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for John T Grenfell

← California > Richmond > 1915 > Richmond, California, City Directory, 1915

Grenfell Jno T, chauf, b 528 5th.
 Grenfell Thos, clk F B La Moine.
 Grenfell Thos H (Margt), watchman S O Co, r 528 5th.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/220954505>

John Grenfell

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



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Detail Source

Name	John Grenfell
Social Security Number	556-03-6775
Birth Date	19 Aug 1898
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	California
Last Residence	94103, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, USA
Last Benefit	94115, San Francisco, San Francisco, California, USA
Death Date	Jun 1979

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3693/records/23845030>

John T Grenfell

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



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Detail Source

Name	John T Grenfell
Social Security #	556036775
Gender	Male
Birth Date	19 Aug 1898
Birth Place	Other Country
Death Date	26 Jun 1979
Death Place	San Francisco

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John T Grenfell

in the U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946



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Detail Source

Name	John T Grenfell
Race	White
Marital Status	Single, without dependents (Single)
Rank	Private
Birth Year	1898
Citizenship	Citizen
Residence	Alameda, California
Education	Grammar school
Civil Occupation	Unskilled occupations in building transportation equipment (except automobiles and aircraft), n.e.c.
Enlistment Date	22 Sep 1942
Enlistment Place	San Francisco, California
Service Number	39106272
Branch	Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA
Component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Source	Enlisted Man, Regular Army, after 3 months of Discharge
Height	66
Weight	149

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8939/records/5539998>

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Life

n A pleasant surprise party was
s given yesterday afternoon at the
y home of Mrs. Grenfell, a popular
o east side music teacher, in Fifth
y street. The pleasant affair was ar-
ranged and carried out by the many
t, friend of that woman. The evening
ir was spent in music and a general
d good time. Those present were Mr.
ir and Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs.
e O'Neill of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs.
e Clarke, Mrs. Kratzer, and Mrs. Black

of Martinez and Master Tommy
Grenfell, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. Wad-
dingham and Miss Gladys Wadding-
ham, of Richmond.

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Wed, Apr 26, 1911 -Page 4

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EAST SIDERS DESERVE MUCH COMMENDATION

LODGES, CHURCHES, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS DID FULL SHARE IN ENTERTAINING MEMBERS OF YOUNG AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE.

It is fitting that the good work of the east side people of the city, who did their share of the entertaining of the Young Australian League on the occasion of their visit here Wednesday, should be elaborated upon.

Numerous lodges and organizations, as well as citizens and businessmen, did all in their power to make the east side stay of the boys a pleasant one. These lodges, with the clubs, churches and other organizations, drew readily on their resources to add materially to the enjoyment of the lads. The committee in charge handled the event in a worthy manner.

Of this committee, Mrs. C. F. Donnelly acted as chairman, and was ably assisted by Mesdames W. A. Lucas, B. Blankenship, W. T. Helms, E. L. Jones, E. E. Grow, C. A. Miller, J. H. Gibbs, Evan Griffins, E. H. Harlow, Grenfell, C. L. Swarthout, E. B. Smallwood and Miss Bennett.

Among the invited guests were the boys of the senior class of the high school, Mayor Owens, Rev. D. W. Calfee, B. X. Tucker and wife, Mr. Oldham, of the California Wine Association, and Master Tommy Grenfell. Professor W. T. Helms, one of the general committee, was also present at the supper.

The organizations that contributed to the success of the affair, both by financial support and interest, were the Pythian Sisters, Royal Neighbors, Degree of Pocahontas, Richmond Rebekahs, Mendelssohn Club, Richmond Womans Improvement Club, Acantha Chapter Eastern Star, and Mary B. Hamilton Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans.

Among the merchants of the city who donated supplies for the success of the dinner were Pulse Brothers, W. F. Belding, of San Pablo, the City Grocery company, J. J. Watkins, Sutherland Grocery company, J. J. Davis, William Kinggett, O. R. Ludewig, Frank Thole, Heinrich's bakery, Golden Gate Creamery, and Golden Gate Grocery.

The girls of the senior class of the high school acted well their parts of waitresses during the dinner hour. The misses were charmingly attired

in immaculate white and flitted about between the kitchen and the dining room like so many butterflies.

Much credit and thanks is due the Richmond Hardware company and E. B. Smallwood for the use of dishes. Many other firms and business men did a great deal towards the entertainment of the lads.

**PROGRAM FOR
GRADUATING
EXERCISES**

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Graduating exercises of the several city grammar schools will take place tomorrow evening. Superintendent of Schools Helms has announced a program for the evening, which will precede the awarding of diplomas to 119 young persons. The exercises will be at the Tenth street school auditorium.

The program for the evening will be as follows:

Selections, High School Orchestra.
Invocation.
"White Roses," Eighth Grade chorus.
"Hark, the Distant Hills," Washington eighth grade.
Presentation of diplomas, W. T. Helms.
"Four Old Songs," Stege and Lincoln eighth grade.
Class song, Washington eighth grade.
"Caballero," Lincoln eighth grade.
"Farewell," Eighth grade chorus.
Selection, High school orchestra.
The list of graduates is as follows:

Lincoln School

Miss Brett, teacher; Melvin Foster, Arthur L. Rathburn, Bernice A. McQuarrie, Roy William Hanson, Glenn Russell Cain, California H. Pizzotti Pearl E. Reynolds, Bessie C. Fitzgerald, Lois A. McCullough, Goldie Dietemore, Agnes Wyatt, Edna M. Nystrom Morris S. Jasven, Norman Alford Woodford, Lurline Adele Hitchcock, Vergin Ervin Charley, Clarence C. Alexander, Zeola Myrtle Best, Ruth Blossom Wood, Lila Roberta Mahan Muriel Helen Ricks, Jessie O. Center, Bernice Esther Woods, Morris Evan Grifins, Charles R. Higgins, Richard R. Demmings, John Thomas Grenfell, Charles A. Willis, Jr., Lena Fern Beggs, Eleanor Sullivan, Thomas A. Hawley, Dewey Miles Noell, Gertrude M. Quinn, Ada M. Mitchell, Dorothy Whitman Damon, Hermann Schroeder, Marvin Wesley McMaster, Gladys V. Roberts and Jessie P. Lambrecht.

ST. MARK'S FAIR TO OPEN WITH PROGRAM

Ladies of St. Mark's church are getting a practical idea of what their husbands have to contend with daily. They are leaving housework and have turned to building booths for the fair which they will give at 1014 Macdonald avenue, commencing tomorrow evening.

The fair promises to eclipse anything the ladies have ever undertaken. There will be a program each evening, the opening one having been arranged by Mrs. Margaret Grenfell. It will consist of an address of welcome by John F. Galvin; a violin solo "Oniut D'Amours" by Offenbach and rendered by Morris Hasven assisted by Thomas Grenfell; a vocal solo, selected, by Mrs. J. P. Philpott, pupil of Mrs. Jean Moore; and accompanied by John Philpott; a saxophone solo, melody in "F" by Rubenstein and rendered by Mrs. A. Somerville, accompanied by Miss Leona Adkison; piano solo "Faust" by Gunoud rendered by Miss Leona Adkison; a selected violin solo by John Philpott.

Dancing will end the evening and Louis Tavalera, Morris Jasven and Thomas Grenfell will play for the waltzes.

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Richmond CA – Thomas performs in a program arranged by his mother, Margaret

BOY ASKS THAT A GUARDIAN BE NAMED.

Mary Walsh of Richmond today filed a petition asking that she be appointed guardian of John Thomas Grenfell, age 17, also of Richmond. The boy asks that she be named to look after his property which consists of a house and two and one-half lots in the city of Richmond and \$1000 that came to him as a result of a life insurance carried by his mother, and of which he is the beneficiary.

Martinez Daily Standard
Thu, Feb 17, 1916 -Page 8

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MRS. WALSH AS GUARDIAN—
Mary Walsh of Richmond has filed a petition asking that she be appointed guardian of John Thomas Grenfell, aged 17, also of Richmond. The boy asks that she be named to look after his property which consists of a house and two and one-half lots in the city of Richmond and \$1000 that came to him as a result of a life insurance carried by his mother, and of which he is the beneficiary.

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MRS. MARY WALSH THANKS R. N.

Promptly on March 21st, Mrs. Mary Walsh, guardian of Thomas Grenfell, junior, received a check for \$1000 being the amount of the insurance policy held by the lad's late mother, Mrs. Margaret Grenfell in the Royal Neighbors of America. Mrs. Walsh who was a close friend of the late Mrs. Grenfell and who is managing the estate of the son has already invested the money to good advantage for the young man who is now just 17 years of age.

Mrs. Walsh is especially grateful to Mesdames Wimer and Hickok, prominent members of Maple Camp of the Royal Neighbors for their promptness and courtesies shown her in the transaction. "They are indeed loyal as well as Royal Neighbors and a credit to this great American order—one of the best in existence today. It knows no creed, no class or no nationality and is a boon to every woman who is fortunate enough to have joined its ranks," stated Mrs. Walsh today.

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Thomas Grenfell to Mary Walsh—
Lot 8, block 2, Richmond Park, \$10.

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ing 1,157 acres—\$812.20.
 Mary Walsh for estate of Margaret
 Grenfell deceased to R. E. Case—
 Lot 8 blk 2 Richmond Tract—\$575.
 Thomas Grenfell to R. E. Case—
 Lot 8 blk 2 Richmond Tract—\$575.

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 Mon, Sep 11, 1916 ·Page 3

THREE CONTRA COSTA MEN ON THE TUSCANIA

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 Reports thus far indicate that
 there were three Contra Costans
 on the torpedoed troop ship Tus-
 cania. They were

Lieutenant Rex Arnold, known
 survivor.

E. Michael Doermer, Antioch
 believed on board.

John T. Grenfell, 158 Aero,
 Richmond believed on board.

Daily Gazette-Martinez
 Fri, Feb 08, 1918 ·Page 1

Martinez CA

Richmond Man Was On Torpedoed Tuscania

Further details of the sinking of the troop ship Tuscania with the loss of many American lives are being received. There were a number of Californians on board the ship. At least two of these were from this county. The Standard yesterday told of the fact that Lieutenant Rex Arnold had been saved. Today it develops that John T. Grenfell of Richmond was among those on board but thus far it has not been learned whether or not he was saved. Private Grenfell was attached to the 150th Aero Squadron.

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Fri, Feb 08, 1918 -Page 1

Martinez CA

LOCAL MAN LISTED AS BEING ON BOARD THE TUSCANIA

The John T. Grenfell mentioned in the dispatches as having been aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, is unquestionably Thomas Grenfell, of this city who enlisted long before the draft went into effect in the Aero Corps. He was formerly employed in the inspection department of the Standard Oil company and was 19 years of age at the time of his enlistment. His father and mother are both dead and the estate is being administered by Mrs. Mary Walsh, of this city.

For a time young Grenfell was stationed at Angel Island and went from there to Fort Sam Huston, San Antonio, Texas, where he has been in training, it is understood up to the time of his departure for Europe.

Until the government receives final advice concerning those saved in the Tuscania, the fate of young Grenfell will be in doubt, as his name is not mentioned as being among those saved, but simply as being aboard the ship.

It is almost definitely known that Lieutenant Truman H. DeLap sailed for France long before the departure of the Tuscania from Halifax. DeLap wrote to one of his business agents regarding certain private matters under date of the 21st of January and he was then in New York and from the text of his letter it was understood that he was on the eve of sailing at that time.

Washington authorities declare today that physical difficulties in preparing lists of survivors of the Tuscania, at the War Department.

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John T. Grenfell

John Thomas Grenfell of Richmond ran away from home to join the aero squad. Young Grenfell is a former high school boy and only 18 years of age. He is the son of Thomas H. Grenfell, employed by the Standard Oil Company, and of the late Mrs. Margaret Grenfell, formerly a Richmond musician.

"San Francisco Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Local Boys on Tuscania Not Yet Accounted For

RICHMOND, Feb. 9.—John T. Grenfell, better known as "Tommy" Grenfell, and Peter Cevitta, Richmond boys, are believed to have been aboard the torpedoed liner Tuscania. Grenfell is a son of T. H. Grenfell, watchman at the Standard Oil company. He is a graduate of the Richmond schools. Vevitta was a boilermaker, employed with the Santa Fe machine shops here. He lived at 456 D street. No word has been received from either of the men.

Oakland Enquirer
Sat, Feb 09, 1918 Page 3

Oakland CA

MAY BE RICHMOND BOY

Friends of Thomas Grenfell of Richmond believe he is the Private John T. Grenfell mentioned in dispatches as one of the soldiers aboard the Tuscania. Grenfell enlisted in the aviation corps in Oakland last November and was ordered to Texas for training. He is 19 years old. Grenfell formerly was employed by the Standard Oil Company. His father lives in Richmond.

John Thomas Grenfell lists himself as "Thomas Grenfell" in the 1920 census also – "San Francisco Chronicle" 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Ward's Safety Relief To Richmond Guardian

RICHMOND, February 10.—"News that he was safe was a great comfort to me, because I knew that he wanted to serve his country at the front," said Mrs. Mary Walsh, guardian of John Thomas Grenfell, when she received word to-day from the War Department that Grenfell was among the Tuscania survivors.

Grenfell was a member of the 158th Aero Squadron and before enlistment resided at 315 Nevin avenue with Mrs. Walsh. Concerning him she said:

The uncertainty of Tommy's fate has been weighing upon me, but now I am able to join in thankfulness with the many whose loved ones were saved. Tommy has always looked upon his duties seriously and it was this which made him enlist, although he was only 18."

"San Francisco Examiner" 11 Feb 1918 p 3

TELEGRAM SAYS GRENFELL IS SAFE

A telegram was received yesterday by Mrs. Mary Walsh, 319 Nevin avenue, announcing that John T. Grenfell was saved from the Tuscania. This is the first word received about Grenfell by Mrs. Walsh, who is the young man's guardian, since he wrote his last card several weeks ago.

"Tommy" Grenfell, as he was called here, is only 18 years of age. He is with the 158th Aero Squadron.

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Names. ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA DISASTER.

[BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE TIMES, Feb. 10.—Capt. Alfred B. Waddingham of Los Angeles, is among the survivors of the Tuscania. In the second installment of names received in the War Department by cable today there were many Californians. Up to the present the names of 1729 survivors have been received by the War Department. The remaining 400 or 500 names will be given out tomorrow on their arrival from the other side. Several western men who were supposed to be on the Tuscania were not on the sailing list of the vessel, but the telegraph companies here are still buried under a flood of inquiries from anxious relatives.

Inquiries were wired here about First Lieutenant Carl Brouckner of the Field Artillery service of Whittier, Cal., who was reported to be on board the Tuscania. Tonight the adjutant-general's office announced that he was not on board the torpedoed liner.

Additional names of Californians given out by the War Department as survivors, follow:

Earl V. Callander, Westwood, Cal.
Albert B. Waddingham, No. 1616 Reid street, Los Angeles.

Raymond C. Hogle, La Mesa, Cal.
Walter H. Bently, care California Packing Corporation, San Francisco.
Glen B. Meredith, Bishop, Cal.
Peter A. White, Fellows, Cal.
Philip Richter, No. 179 Twenty-second avenue, San Francisco.

Guy Rutledge, No. 2429 Inyo street, Fresno, Cal.

Stanley S. Simonson, No. 424 Twenty-first street, Merced, Cal.

Ewing William Stephens, No. 326 West Seventh street, Riverside, Cal.

Jerry A. Flood, No. 992 Capp street, San Francisco.

John T. Grenfell, No. 319 Nevin avenue, Richmond, Cal.

Leslie B. Lambert, No. 150 South L street, San Bernardino, Cal.

Alden W. Stewart, Petaluma, Cal.

Claude W. Walker, No. 206 East Ninth street, Los Angeles.

Archibald C. Gillette, No. 229 Cambridge avenue, San Leandro, Cal.

Benjamin R. Dewese, No. 5871 Chabot Road, Oakland, Cal.

Frank Magee, No. 1718 Linden avenue, Long Beach, Cal.

Warren H. McCarty, No. 516 California Building, Los Angeles.

Marion C. Moore, No. 723 Cahuenga avenue, Los Angeles.

Orr Sheppard, No. 872 East Forty-seventh street, Los Angeles.

Clarence T. Neasham, Fort Bidwell, Cal.

Roy C. Eggston, No. 118 Butte street, Redding; Charles B. Smith, Angels Camp; Wilsem Christiansen, Windsor Hotel, Ellis street, San Francisco; Derick Lane, Hollister; Joseph G. Leiva, Tehachapi; William J. Miller, No. 141 Buchanan street, San Francisco; Armado Buttichi, No. 93 Park street, Santa Cruz; Noah Jackson, No. 308 Edgeware road, Los Angeles; James W. Laughlin, No. 648 Solano avenue, Los Angeles; Lieut. Warren T. Smith, No. 659 Berende avenue, Los Angeles.

RICHMOND, Feb. 11. — News of the safety of John T. Grenfell was received yesterday by Mrs. Mary Walsh, 319 Nevin avenue, guardian of young Grenfell, who is only 18 years old. Grenfell was with the 158th aero squadron on board the *Tuscania*.

Oakland Tribune
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 · Page 1

GRENFELL IS SAFE

Mrs. Mary Walsh, 319 Nevin avenue, has received a card from John T. Grenfell, or "Tommy" Grenfell, to the effect that he was saved from the *Tuscania*. This was the first communication since a card, several weeks ago. Mrs. Walsh was the young man's guardian while he was here. He is but 18 years of age.

Richmond News
Tue, Feb 12, 1918 · Page 4

Richmond Boy Writes of Tuscania Sinking

RICHMOND, March 15.—Thomas Grenfell, one of the survivors of the *Tuscania*, is the first Richmond boy to send back word in a letter concerning the sinking of the ship. In a letter to Mrs. Mary Walsh, his guardian, Grenfell says that the American troops did not fall into a panic at the sinking, but maintained their coolness throughout.

Grenfell was among the last to be taken from the ship after all the lifeboats had been wrecked. He was rescued by a British destroyer.

Oakland Enquirer
Fri, Mar 15, 1918 · Page 11

Oakland CA

Letter Received From Survivor of Tuscania

A letter from Thomas Grenfell, former young man of this city, has been received here by his guardian, Mrs. Mary Walsh, telling of his experience on board the torpedoed Tuscania. Extracts of the letter follow:

On the 15th about 5:45 p. m. when we were all waiting for mess, we were struck by a torpedo fired from a German submarine. Immediately the lights went out. We were left in the dark to find our way out. Everybody was shouting "Take your time. It will be two hours before she sinks." But there was a big rush for the stairs to get up on the upper deck. Lifeboats were lowered, many were dashed to pieces by the waves.

I thought myself of the terrible struggle it would be to keep from meeting a watery death, but kept my heart. Many men were saying "O God help us." I thought then to say a few prayers, and I am sure that God himself did save me. The boat was now at an angle of 45 degrees and I felt pretty worried, but it was not long before we were picked up by British destroyers and taken to land. Many of the men were beaten to death by the rocks off the Irish coast—this is where the trouble occurred.

Richmond News
Sat, Mar 16, 1918 · Page 4

Richmond Air-Man Survivor of Tuscania Sinking Narrates Experiences

Thomas Grenfell, formerly of Richmond, has just written to Mrs. Mary Walsh, his guardian, narrating his experiences on board the steamer Tuscania when that troopship was torpedoed off the Irish coast. He writes from England:

"Dear Friend:

"Just a few lines to let you know I have landed safely on the other side; but have gone through some experiences I shall never forget. After leaving New York with over 2000 soldiers on board the Tuscania we sailed for 14 days. Everybody felt good except myself and a few other soldiers who were seasick on account of the rough weather.

"On the 15th day about 5:45 p. m. when we were all waiting for mess, we were struck by a torpedo fired from a German submarine. Immediately the lights went out. We were left in the dark to find our way out. Everybody was shouting "Take your time. It will be two hours before she sinks." But there was a big rush for the stairs to get up on the upper deck. Life boats were lowered, many were dashed to pieces by the waves.

"We were given orders to stay on board until they could lower the lifeboats without being broken, but the ropes were so rotten and

the boats just fell into the water only to be dashed to pieces. They were working on the life boats for over half an hour before the lights came on. The boat was sinking very slowly but everybody held their heads. Lifeboats that had been lowered were filled up by other squadrons. We seemed to be the unlucky ones.

"I thought myself of the terrible struggle it would be to keep from meeting a watery death, but kept my heart. Many men were saying "O God help us." I thought then to say a few prayers, and I am sure that God himself did save me. The boat was now at an angle of 45 degrees and I felt pretty worried, but it was not long before we were picked up by British destroyers and taken to land. Many of the men were beaten to death by the rocks off the Irish coast—this is where the trouble occurred.

"That night we were given a large bowl of stew which warmed us up greatly, and a warm place to sleep. Next day new clothing was issued.

"Yours truly,

"JOHN THOMAS GRENFELL,
"158th Aero Service Squadron,
"American E. F."

Daily Gazette-Martinez
Mon, Mar 18, 1918 -Page 3

Martinez CA

The casualties on shore had landed in lifeboats on Scotland, not Ireland

ST. MARKS CHURCH HAS LONG LIST OF MEN IN ARMY AND NAVY

Forty-one names are on the honor roll of St. Mark's church. Just that many brave boys from the parish are now serving their country, according to the honor roll which has been posted in the vestibule of the church. St. Mark's can well be proud of the service which her patriotic sons are rendering in this hour of warfare.

The names on the roll also represent forty-one stars on the service flag which will be displayed tomorrow and blessed the following Sunday. The following names appear on the list:

Henry Bill, Berbert Bill, Daniel Bradley, Martin Campbell, Richard Codeglia, Earnest Codeglia, Stephen Detlow, Harry Degegorio, James Don-

ovan, Thomas Fitzgerald, James Ford, Daniel Feehan, Lawrence Ferrel, Paul Ferrel, Patrick Gallagher, Sergeant John Grierson, Thomas Grenfell, Robert Huston, Alexander Huston, Thomas Keville, Andrew Kelleher, Bart Kane, Lieutenant James Kane, Lieutenant Edward Liebhauser, Sergeant Timothy McDonough, John McHugh, Joaquin Masiel, Frank Moitoza, Walter McGowan, James Malone, John O'Brien, John Oliver, John Peres, Angelo Pallzovelli, Antone Rogers, David Reuline, James Rutherford, Bernard Smith, Lieutenant Edward Timmons, Maurice Walsh. The latter is a son of Mrs. Mary Walsh, prominent worker of the parish.

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Note his guardian is "prominent worker of the parish"

FIVE EX-SOLDIERS WIN CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship papers were granted to five ex-soldiers today by Superior Judge A. B. McKenzie after they had been examined by F. N. Littleton, federal naturalization examiner. Only ex-soldiers were examined today. Those winning citizenship were John Thomas Grenfell, Richmond; John Fenoli, Pittsburg; Demetros Scorttes, Vallejo; John Panagiotu, Richmond and Spiro Van-turatos, Vallejo.

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Father

Thomas Grenfell

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1905-1939



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Detail Source

Name	Thomas Grenfell
Birth Year	abt 1856 [abt 1856]
Death Date	30 Sep 1935
Age at Death	79
Death Place	Alameda, California, USA

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Name **Thomas H Grenfell**

Civil 1880 South Australia, Australia

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[Queensland, Australia, Government Gazettes, 1859-1918](#)

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Name **Thomas Grenfell**

Residence 1891 Gympie

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Grenfell Principal Australia, Cemetery Inscriptions, 1802-2005	Death 15 July 1898 Gympie, Queensland, Australia Burial Gympie, Queensland, Australia	
Grenfell Principal Australia, Queensland, Cemetery Records, 1802-1990	Burial 15 July 1898 Gympie, Queensland, Australia Birth July 1898	Parents E Grenfell, Grenfell
<i>https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?q.givenName=thomas%20h&q.residenceDate.from=1870&q.residenceDate.to=1915&q.residencePlace=Gympie%2C%20Queensland%2C%20Australia&q.surname=Grenfell</i>		

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	John Grenfell 1860 – 14 Oct 1941	Plot info: MSB-1-31A 190400390
	Louisa Catherine Bice Grenfell 19 Jul 1867 – 3 Aug 1956	Plot info: MSB-1-31A 190400394
	Louisa Nettie Grenfell 6 May 1892 – 15 Jun 1892	Plot info: MP-9-221 190400400
	Mary Casley Grenfell 1835 – 27 Nov 1897	Plot info: MP-7-151 190400402
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Grenfell burials in Gympie Cemetery

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Juntas, containing 8 1-8 acres
 Joseph R. Rogers and Clara J.
 Rogers to M. Grenfell and Thomas
 Grenfell—Lot 8, block 2, Map of
 Richmond Park.

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U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995 for Thomas H Grenfell

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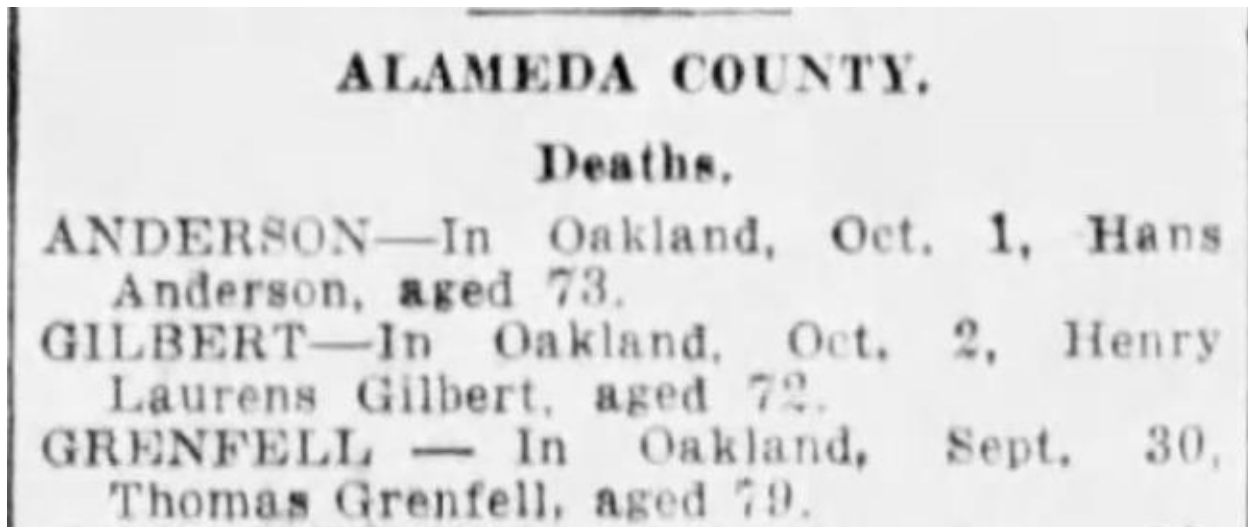
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 Grenfell Thos H (Margaret) r 528 5th
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 Grierson Hugh (Margaret) emp S O Co r 134 5th
 Grierson Jno A elec Santa Fe b 134 5th
 Grierson Mary M bkpr b 134 5th

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**Thomas Grenfell to R. E. Case—
 Lot 8 blk 2 Richmond Tract—\$575.**

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Mother

Margaret Grenfell

Vital • California, Death Index, 1905-1939

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Name Margaret Grenfell

Sex Female

Age 41 years

Birth Year (Estimated) 1875

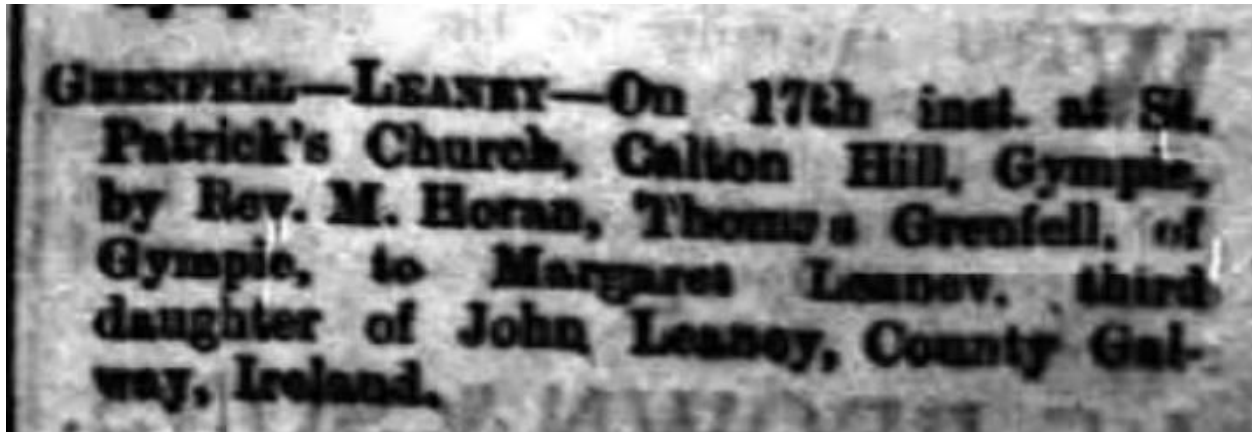
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Event Date 21 January 1916

Event Place California, United States

Certificate Number 510

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The Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette
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Gympie, Queensland, Australia

Australia, Marriage Index, 1788-1950
Marriage & divorce

Name Margaret Mary Joseph Leaney
Marriage

https://www.ancestry.com/search/?name=margaret_leaney+grenfell&birth=1874_ireland_3250&death=1916_california&child=john+thomas_grenfell&count=50&father=john_leaney&marriage=1897_queensland-australia_30096&searchMode=advanced&spouse=thomas+h_grenfell

Queensland, Australia, Police Gazettes, 1864-1945
Periodicals & magazines

Name Mrs Margaret Grenfell
Residence 1906 Queensland, Australia

View

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PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Mrs. Margaret Grenfell was given a shower surprise at her new home on Central avenue Wednesday afternoon by the mothers of some of her pupils. The studio was beautifully decorated in chrysanthemums and cosmos. Many beautiful tokens of esteem were received from the many present. Refreshments were served after a very enjoyable musical program.

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HIGHLANDERS WELL OFFICERED

LIST OF OFFICERS INSTALLED
FRIDAY EVENING—MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD IN A. O. U. W.
HALL ON FRIDAY EVENINGS.

The following is the list of officers as installed at the meeting of the Royal Highlanders in the A. O. U. W. Hall, following the institution of the Richmond castle:

Past Illustrious Protector, Charles Raitt; Illustrious Protector, E. M. Hasey; Chief Councillor, A. K. Stephenson; Worthy Evangel, Carlotta Nelson; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Pownell; Guide, E. W. Blomquist; Herald, Margaret Grenfell; First Ass't. Censor, Lillian E. Raitt; Second Ass't. Censor, C. W. Schurch; Chief Archer, J. McLaughlan; Chief Spearman, Harry Nelson; Warder, S. H. Wright; Sentry, P. Nugent; First Manager, A. K. Stephenson; Second Manager, E. Petlow; Third Manager, H. Nelson; Physicians, Drs. Blake and U. S. Abbott.

The details of the meeting arrangements have not yet been fully determined upon, but it is now thought that the meetings will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall on the first and third Friday evenings of each month.

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Maple Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, which has recently placed its ad in the lodge directory of the Independent, is among the most progressive of the fraternal beneficial ladies' orders of Richmond. Under the leadership of their efficient local deputy, Mrs. Margaret Grenfell, they are getting new applications every meeting, which goes to show that people realize what a good thing life insurance is in a firmly established, reliable order like the Royal Neighbors of America.

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ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT OFFICERS

LIST OF OFFICIALS TO GOVERN
DESTINIES OF 1912 CONTAINS
NAMES OF MANY FORMER OF-
FICE HOLDERS.

Maple Camp No. 4027, of the Royal
Neighbors of this city, held an en-
thusiastic business meeting Friday
afternoon at their headquarters in
Bark hall. The principal feature of
the evening was the annual election
of officers. The following named
women were selected to fill the
offices for the ensuing term, many
of the former officers being restored
to their chairs, in view of their ef-
ficient service:

Oracle, Sadie E. Hutton.
Vice-Oracle, Ethel Wells.
Past Oracle, Addie Sroufe.
Chancellor, Elizabeth Kraemer.
Recorder, Josephine Washburn.
Receiver, Minnie Sisson.
Marshall, Lizzie Waddingham.
Assistant Marshall, Anna Evans.
Inner Sentinel, Margaret Peterson.
Outer Sentinel, Elin Peterson.
Manager, Minnie Hickox.
Musician, Mary Muller.
Camp Deputy, Margaret Grenfell.
The members believe that they

have chosen wisely and well in nam-
ing and placing the new governing
body. Each of the women in the
list has been connected with the
lodge since its organization, and have
each worked efficiently for the ad-
vancement of the order. The install-
ation will be held at the same time
at which El Cerrito Camp No. 11622
Modern Woodmen of America, of
which Maple camp is an auxilliary,
install their officers. The date has
not been set.

Martinez CA

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◆ REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS ◆

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Milton Sprague to Alberta M. Anderson—Lot 33, block 35, townsite of Santa Fe.

Point Richmond Canal & Land Co. to John Turner—Lot 21, map Canal Subn No. 1.

Louis Cochard to John Turner—Lot 22, block 107, and map city of Richmond.

Paul Zimmerman to Margaret Grenfell—Lot 21, block 16, and map city of Richmond.

G. S. Schmidt to Edward E. Brown—Lot 34, block 8, Sobrante Park.

R. N. Burgess Co. to John and Elizabeth Haefer—Ptn of lot 60, Larkey ranch.

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Martinez CA

Mrs. Margaret Grenfell will head a large delegation which will attend the fair at San Pablo this evening under the auspices of the ladies of St. Pauls church. Mrs. Greenfell will have charge of the dance music at the fair this evening.

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Mrs. Margaret Grenfell and Mrs. Welsh were in San Francisco Wednesday to witness "The Mission Play" at the Columbia Theater.

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That is, Mary WALSH most likely -

Richmond CA

Mrs. M. Grenfell to Have Handsome Studio

Miss Margaret Grenfell, the music teacher, has purchased a three lot corner on Eighth street and Elm Avenue. This property is improved with two dwellings, one of which will be occupied by Mrs. Grenfell as a music studio. The consideration of the deal was in the neighborhood of thirty five hundred dollars. The deal was handled by the T. Park Jacobs Company who sold this property last week to Rae P. Williams

of Oakland who purchased same from Wm. Munsey of Concord.

There is no abler nor more beloved musical instructor in any of the bay cities than Mrs. Grenfell. She has great success in her work here and her generous donation of her services to charitable and other similar entertainments has won her unstinted praise among all classes of people.

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Rae P. Williams to Margaret Grenfell—lots 21, 22 and E ½ of lot 14 blk 5 Terminal tract.

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Walnut Creek CA

Rae P. Williams et al to Margaret Grenfell, lots 21, 22 and por. lot 14. blk. 5, Terminal Tract.

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addition, \$10.
MORTGAGES
Thomas Grenfell and Margaret
Grenfell to Richard Geoghegan—Lot
8 blk 2 Richmond Park, principal
\$500, time 1 year, rate 8 per cent.

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Margaret Grenfell

Vital • California, Death Index, 1905-1939

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Name **Margaret Grenfell**

Sex **Female**

Age **41 years** ▼

Birth Year (Estimated) **1875**

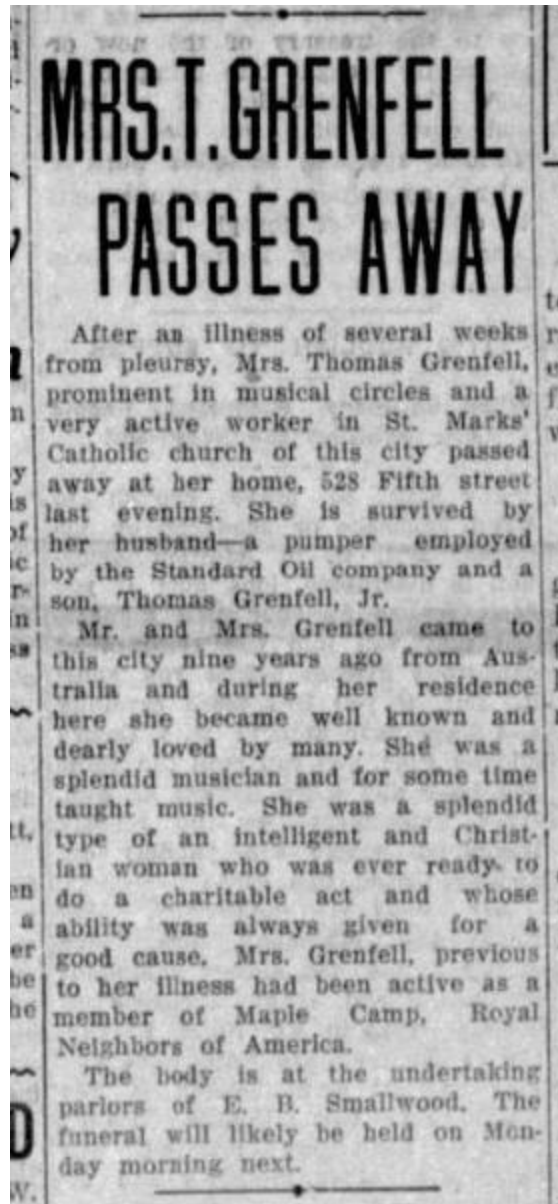
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Event Place **California, United States**

Certificate Number **510**

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Richmond CA

FUNERAL ON TOMORROW

Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas Grenfell, who died Friday at the family residence 528 Fifth street, will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the Smallwood undertaking establishment. Later a short service will be held at St. Mark's church under the direction of Rev. Griffin.

The services at Smallwoods will be in charge of the local chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America. Members of the order are asked to gather at the lodge rooms at 8:30 o'clock, they will proceed in a body to Smallwoods. Interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.



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**FILES PETITION IN
MRS. GRENFELL'S ESTATE**
(Special to the Independent)

MARTINEZ, Feb. 7—A petition to be appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Mrs. Margaret Grenfell was filed today by Mrs. Mary Walsh of Richmond. The estate consists of a \$1000 life insurance policy payable to held son, John and less than \$5000 in Richmond real estate. Mrs. Virginia Geoghegan represents the petitioner as attorney.

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Richmond CA

Guardian Mary O'Rourke Walsh

UNIVERSITY MAN COMING

Mrs. Mary Walsh is expecting daily the arrival of her son, Gerald Walsh who has just graduated from Cambridge University, London. The young man will make his home in this city. Mrs. Walsh's other son who has been studying in the University is to enter a Jesuit college to study to take Holy Orders.

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LEGAL NOTICES	
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.	
No. 4042.	
In the matter of the Estate of Margaret Grenfell, Deceased.	R
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of Margaret Grenfell, deceased, to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said deceased to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County, State of California, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to the said Administratrix at the office of Virginia Dixon Geoghegan at No. 311 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, California, the same being designated as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate, within four months after the first publication of this notice.	M
Dated February 29th, 1916.	R
MARY WALSH,	
Administratrix of the estate of Margaret Grenfell, Deceased.	
First pub. March 1.	
Last pub. March 29.	

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated February 29th, 1916.

MARY WALSH,

Administratrix of the estate of
Margaret Grenfell, Deceased.

First pub. March 1.

Last pub. March 29.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, Department No. 2, Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Grenfell, deceased.

Notice of Administratrix's Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale.

Under authority of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, dated June 19, 1916, I will sell at private sale, in two parcels, the following described real estate:

Parcel No. 1—Lot number eight (8) in Block number two (2), as said lot and block are delineated and so designated upon that certain map entitled "Map of Richmond Tract," being a portion of Lot No. 53 of the final partition of the Rancho San Pablo, Contra Costa County, California, recorded on the 9th day of January, 1902, in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County.

Parcel No. 2—Lots numbered twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22) and the east one-half (E. 1/2) of Lot numbered fourteen (14), in Block number five (5) in the Terminal Tract, in the City of Richmond, State of California, as the same is surveyed and platted and shown upon a plat of said tract, recorded on the 19th day of February, 1907, in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California.

The sale will be made on or after July 6th, 1916, and bids will be received by the administratrix at her residence, No. 215 Nevln Avenue, Richmond, California, or may be filed in the office of the clerk of this court at any time after the first publication of notice of sale and before the making of the sale.

All bids or offers must be in writing.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, in gold coin of the United States; ten (10) per cent of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale; balance on confirmation of sale by the Court; the purchaser to assume the payment of, and take the property purchased by him subject to all existing encumbrances upon the property, or either parcel thereof, and all the state and county taxes, and all assessments of whatsoever name or nature, which are now or may become hereafter chargeable to or a lien against the property purchased by him.

Dated June 20, 1916.
MARY WALSH,
Administratrix of the Estate of Margaret Grenfell, deceased.
June 19-17.

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Blocks, Richmond, \$10.
Mary Walsh as administrator of the estate of Margaret Grenfell, deceased to Anna E. Baker—Lots 21 22 and east 1/2 of lot 14 blk 5, Terminal tract, \$500.

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SON TO VISIT MRS. WALSH

Mrs. Mary Walsh, prominent Richmond property owner is expecting a visit from her son, Maurice Walsh of Youngtown, Ohio. The young man is a recent graduate from Oxford College, London, and may locate in this city. He is 27 years of age.

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CATHOLIC WAR FUND DRIVE UNDER WAY TO RAISE \$1000

Mrs. Mary Walsh Heads Committee That Is Seeking Funds to Provide Service for Soldier Boys of Nation

The Knights of Columbus War Fund drive for Richmond opened this morning under the direction of Mrs. Mary Walsh and efforts to collect \$1000 in this city this week is now well under way. The fund is for recreation purposes for all soldiers and to, provide

religious facilities for Catholic soldiers in the various training camps and at the front.

The committee will visit the various business firms, factories and many individuals, and it is hoped to complete the drive this week.

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Richmond CA

CATHOLIC WAR FUND IS OBJECT

Meeting with a fine response from both Catholics and Protestants alike, Mrs. Mary Walsh, well known Richmond woman, is carrying on with energy the campaign here for the Knights of Columbus war fund. The money is being raised in recognition of the spiritual and temporal needs of the large proportion of our soldiery who are in the Army and Navy, and the fullest testimonials are given that it is beneficently and impartially administered.

"I have received many kind words for the work along with the money given," said Mrs. Walsh today. "I want to thank all who have contributed and suggest that if there are any who have not helped this fund and desire to do so they should see me as soon as possible.

"I think that the Catholic people of this city should feel a special responsibility to see that a large and generous gift is raised in Richmond for this fund. We have a thousand dollars to raise and are a long way short of that amount now."

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SON OF MRS. MARY WALSH RECEIVES AN ARMY COMMISSION

Maurice Francis Walsh, son of Mrs. Mary Walsh, well known realty owner, has just received a commission as second lieutenant of artillery following his completion of the field artillery officers' training camp at Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

The young man, who is a graduate of an eastern college, enlisted a few months ago and went into the school from the ranks of a private.

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MRS. M. WALSH PASSES AWAY

STRICKEN BY PARALYSIS; MANY MOURN OVER DEATH

Found ill at her Home on Tenth Street; Efforts of Physician Fails to Save Life; Death Comes Last Night at 6.

Stricken on last Thursday with paralysis which caused her death about six o'clock last evening, Mrs. Mary Walsh, one of the best known and beloved philanthropists of Richmond passed peacefully away. Mrs. Walsh was taken ill on Thursday in her cottage in Tenth street near Nevin. On Thursday her condition was learned by one of her neighbors who summoned her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Geaney, who in turn called in Dr. W. E. Cunningham and a trained nurse. Every possible medical attention was given, but Mrs. Walsh gradually grew worse until last evening when the end came.

Mrs. Walsh was a native of Ireland, 64 years of age, where her father for many years was mayor and one of the leading citizens. She lived in the eastern part of the United States for many years coming to Richmond about eight years ago to make her home. She invested heavily in Richmond property and at the time of her death owned some of the very best of local property.

Mrs. Walsh was a woman of untiring energy and with a generous nature that caused her always to do her utmost for any charitable work. She was one of the most active members of St. Mark's Catholic church and during her residence here contributed large sums for the improvement of the church and by herself raised thousands of dollars for the betterment of the church property. She was keenly interested in the progress of Richmond and was always counted as amongst the most able of local workers for the improvement of her chosen city. She was a patriotic American and one of her sources of great pride was the fact that she was the first woman in Contra Costa county to pass the test to be admitted to American citizenship. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters.

OF FORESTERS.

Funeral arrangements will be made by Undertaker Bert Curry upon the arrival of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Baker of New York City who is expected on next Sunday. Whether the body will be buried here or taken east for interment in her old home in Connecticut is not yet determined. She was survived by the following children: Mrs. Anna Baker of New York City, Lieutenant Maurice Walsh, now stationed in Florida and Rev. Ferald Walsh stationed at the Jesuit College, St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, England. She was a sister of Chief Engineer Michael O'Rourke at Light Bay, Washington, where he is attached to the lighthouse service and Mrs. Elizabeth Clinton Geaney of Richmond and the late Margaret Powney of Coventry, England and aunt of Edna, Evelyn and Grace Powney.

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Richmond CA

Last Rites For Mrs. Mary Walsh Tomorrow Morning

A solemn high mass will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at St. Mark's Catholic church for Mrs. Mary Walsh, well known Richmond woman, who died last week at her home on Tenth street. The remains will be removed from the Curry parlors to the church at 9:30 a. m.

Following the services the remains will be taken to St. Joseph's cemetery, San Pablo, for interment. Arrangements for the funeral were made following the arrival of Mrs. Walsh's daughter, Mrs. Annie E. Baker of New York on Sunday. Mrs. Baker is stopping with Mrs. Cassidy, 340 Tenth St.

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Richmond CA

LAST HONORS PAID TO MRS. WALSH AT ST. MARKS TODAY

A tribute fitting to her labors during her life time for the advancement of St. Mark's Catholic church and the city of Richmond was paid this morning to the memory of the late Mrs. Mary Walsh. A requiem mass was celebrated at the church by Rev. P. M. Griffin and which a very large number of the friends of Mrs. Walsh assembled in respect to her memory.

Father Griffin departed from the general rule of the church in delivering a short eulogy to the work done by Mrs. Walsh for the parish and for the city and dwelled upon her virtues as a good Catholic and a good Christian. He sketched briefly the history of the establishment of St. Mark's parish and of the work that Mrs. Walsh did in the various building campaigns and for other improvements of the church.

The interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, San Pablo.

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IN WALSH ESTATE

A petition for letters of administration in the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Catherine Walsh, has been filed by Mrs. Annie E. Baker of New York through her attorneys, Pierce and Carlson. The estate is valued at \$25,000.

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Sat, Mar 22, 1919 · Page 1

WALSH HEIR CLAIMS TO BE A RESIDENT

A statement to the effect that Anna E. Farrell of Richmond, who has petitioned to be appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Mary Walsh of Richmond, who passed away during the month of March, is a native of California, has been filed in the office of the county clerk. At the time of the filing of the first petition of Anna E. Farrell for the appointment as administratrix, a counter petition was filed to the effect that she was a native of New York state.

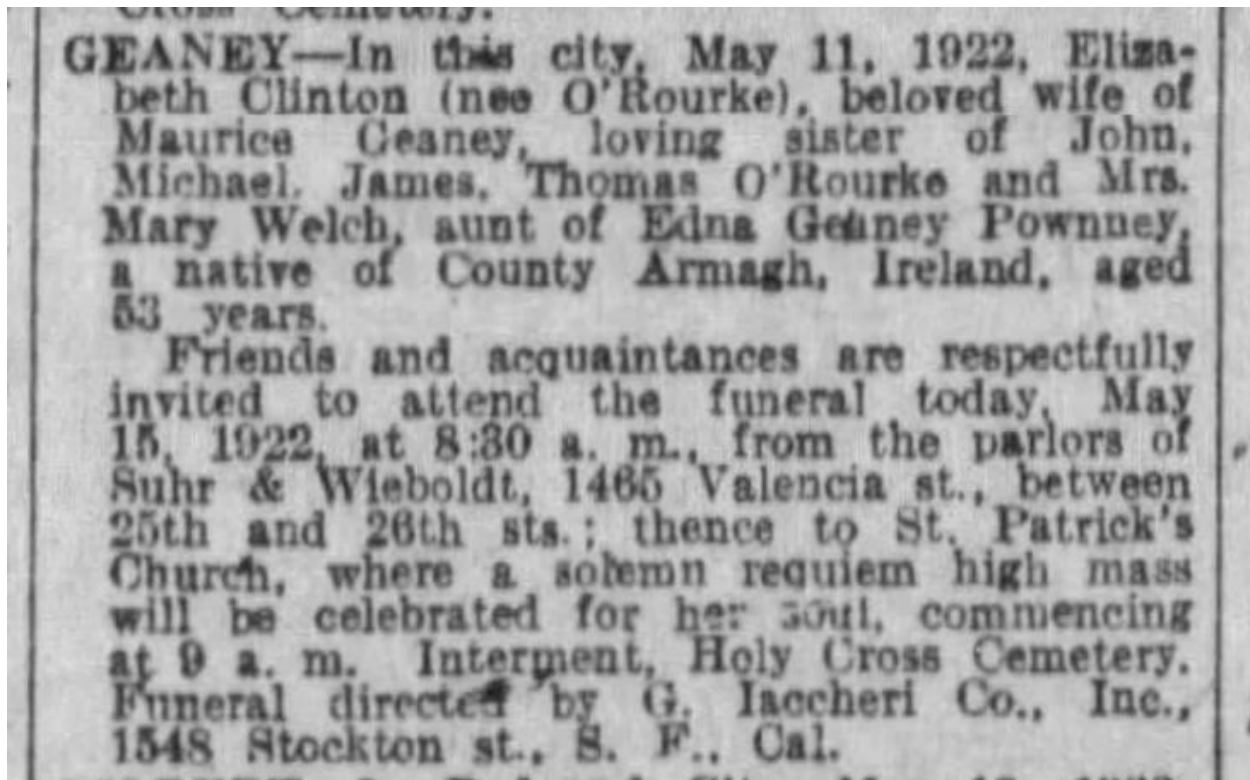
That being the case she could not be named executrix of the estate of the deceased, which is valued at about \$12,000 as it is necessary for the petitioner to be a resident of California. Following the filing of this statement the Public Administrator filed a petition for the Administration of the estate. This was followed Monday by an affidavit from Anna E. Farrell to the effect that she is a resident of this state.

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Tue, Apr 01, 1919 · Page 1

Three Claim Right To Handle Estate

RICHMOND, April 7.—The third petition for administration of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary Walsh was filed today by Attorney Daniel Barton for Mrs. Elizabeth Geaney of Richmond, a sister of the deceased. The first petition was filed by Mrs. Anna Ferrell, daughter of Mrs. Walsh, and the second by Public Administrator Charles E. Daley.

In the petition of Mrs. Geaney the value of the estate is placed at \$16,500, which is \$2,500 higher than previous estimates.



The San Francisco Examiner
Mon, May 15, 1922 - Page 4

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: John Thomas Grenfell

Name variations: Thomas Grenfell

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 249,975

Entered service from: Richmond, Contra Costa CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John T. Grenfell

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": friend Mrs. Mary Walsh, 319 Nevin Ave., Richmond CA

Returned from war on: "Virginian" Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: John T. Grenfell

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: friend Mrs. Mary Walsh, 319 Nevin Ave., Richmond CA (pvt, 41st Aero Sq). Mary Walsh died Mar 1919, so evidently John was not aware of this in Jun 1919.

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Thomas Grenfell – b. 19 Aug 1898 Gympie, Australia; res: 948 Adeline St., Oakland, Alameda CA – crossed off & added: 2404 Fruitvale Ave. 24 Aug 1943. NOK: none. Employed at Moore Shipbuilding Corp., foot of Adeline St., Oakland, Alameda CA. Height: 5’6” – weight: 150 lbs. Registered 14 Feb 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 27 Nov 1917

Discharged 10 Jul 1919

Address: 239 – 14th St., Richmond CA

Rank/unit: private, 41st Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Aug 1898 Gympie, Gympie Region, Queensland, Australia

Died: 26 Jun 1979 San Francisco, San Francisco CA

Find A Grave record: 723676, presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Portland, Multnomah OR

Cemetery: Willamette National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Private US Army WWI

Father: Thomas H. Grenfell, ca. 1856 England – 30 Sep 1935 Alameda Co. CA.

There are several burials of Grenfell people in Gympie Cemetery, Gympie, Queensland, Australia. From the birthdates of some, they may be Thomas’s siblings. A possible set of parents could be Peter Wallace Grenfell & Mary Casley.

He is identified as “dead” along with his wife when Mary Walsh becomes the financial guardian of this son John Thomas Grenfell following the death of Margaret Grenfell in 1916.

Thomas was an employee of Standard Oil Co. in CA.

In the 1930 census for Martinez City, Martinez CA, Thomas was an inmate of the Contra Costa County Hospital, age 73, b. England, parents b. England, widowed, emigrated 1808 [sic, but obviously meant to be 1908], alien, no occupation. This census was conducted Apr 1930; he is listed on line 38.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Margaret Leaney Grenfell, ca. 1873/1875 Ireland – 21 Jan 1916 Contra Costa Co. CA.

The third daughter of John Leaney of County Galway, Ireland.

“San Francisco Call” 3 Dec 1911 p 62 – in Richmond on 2 Dec 1911, the Maple Camp No. 4027 of the Royal Neighbors of Richmond elected officers, among them Margaret Grenfell as camp deputy.

Was listed in the “San Francisco Examiner” 9 Feb 1918 p 2 as the deceased mother of John Thomas Grenfell; she had been a musician and music teacher in Richmond, Contra Costa CA.

According to her obituary, Margaret died of pleurisy. She & her husband had come to Richmond CA 9 years earlier from Australia, which computes to ca. 1907.

According to her obituary, Margaret was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery, San Pablo, Contra Costa, CA, with her funeral held 24 Jan 1916 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 17 Jul 1897 in St. Patrick's Church, Gympie, Queensland, Australia – Thomas Grenfell of Gympie & Margaret Leaney, the 3rd daughter of John Leaney of County Galway, Ireland.

Guardian: Mary [O'Rourke?] Walsh, ca. 1855 Ireland – 11 Mar 1919 Richmond, Contra Costa CA.

Her maiden name was presumably O'Rourke, as her surviving brother was Chief Engineer Michael O'Rourke of Light Bay WA at the time of her death. When Mary's sister Elizabeth Clinton Geaney died in May 1922, her obituary states Elizabeth was born an O'Rourke.

Her surviving sister was Elizabeth Caroline Geaney, who died 15 May 1922 & is buried in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Colma, San Mateo CA, F: 107421847.

Following the death of John Thomas Grenfell's mother on 21 Jan 1916, Mary Walsh, who was associated with her at the same church (St. Mark's Catholic Church, Richmond CA) petitioned for guardianship of 17-year-old John. She wanted to administer the house he had inherited & 2.5 lots in the city of Richmond, plus \$1,000 he had gotten in life insurance benefits from the Royal Neighbors of America to which Margaret belonged.

Mary Walsh was an extremely active worker for St. Mark's and owned some of the best property in Richmond, Contra Costa CA. Over the next few years, she transferred John's property in real estate transactions noted in the local newspapers. John named "friend" Mrs. Mary Walsh of 319 Nevin Ave., Richmond CA, as his next-of-kin on the outward voyage to WWI of the "Tuscania" in Jan 1918 & the return voyage of the "Virginian" in Jun 1919, unaware that she had died in Mar 1919.

Some stories report John's father and mother were dead when he was at war; his father lived until 1935 and it is unclear why he was not supervising John's finances.

Mary Walsh had 3 surviving children:

Mrs. Anna Baker of New York City

Maurice Francis Walsh, who was serving as an lieutenant in the US Army, stationed in FL, who had graduated from Cambridge University in England

& Father Gerald Walsh, a Catholic priest in the Society of Jesus, at the time at her death at the Jesuit College, St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, England.

She had come from the East from Richmond CA about 8 years prior to her death, where she invested heavily in property. She was the first woman in Contra Costa Co. CA to pass the citizenship test.

Her first obituary said it was unsure if she would be buried in CA or at her former home in Connecticut. Subsequent obituaries noted her burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, San Pablo, Contra Costa CA (where Margaret Grenfell is also buried).

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

Notes: He is NOT the John T. Grenfell who married Ellen Shackleton, daughter of William Shackleton, on 18 Nov 1919 in Grass Valley, Nevada Co. CA – who fathered a disabled child – and who was divorced by Ellen on 19 Aug 1922 in Oakland CA.

Prewar:

In 1910 census, John Thomas Grenfell says he emigrated to the US in 1903. In the 1930 census, his father Thomas said he emigrated to the US in 1908.

1913 Richmond CA city directory

Grenfell – Thomas H. (Magaret – sic) boiler maker Santa Fe, resident of 528 – 5th

1914 Richmond CA city directory

Grenfell - Thomas H. (Margaret), resident 528 – 5th

1915 Richmond, Martinez CA city directory

Grenfell – Thos. H. & Margaret – watchman, S O Co., residence 528 – 5th [Standard Oil Co.]

1916 Richmond CA city directory

Grenfell – Thos. H. (Margt), watchman, S O Co. [Standard Oil Co.] – residence not listed

Wartime:

"San Francisco Chronicle" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – son [inaccurate] of Mrs. Mary Welch, 319 Nevin Ave., Richmond. Enlisted in Oakland 20 Nov 1917, age 19

"San Francisco Chronicle" 9 Feb 1918 - his father lived in Richmond; he took aviation course at Oakland

"San Francisco Examiner" 9 Feb 1918 p 2 - of Richmond, ran away from home to join Army, was in high school, only 18, son of Thomas H. (Standard Oil Co. employee) & deceased Margaret (a Richmond musician)

"San Francisco Examiner" 11 Feb 1918 p 3 – his guardian Mrs. Mary Walsh got word today he is safe. She & he lived at 315 Nevin Ave. "Tommy" enlisted at age 18

Post-war:

As a benefit of serving in the US Army, John Thomas Grenfell was granted US citizenship in Martinez, Martinez CA on 8 Jun 1921.

Enlisted in the Army during WWII, on 22 Sep 1942 in San Francisco CA. A US citizen. Height 66 inches (5'6") & 149 lbs. Resident of Alameda CA. Single.

