

Research Plan

Research Goal: Identify members of maternal family patriarch: William Thomas of Bossier Parish, Louisiana

Preliminary Overview:

William Thomas was born around 1865 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. He married Alice Smith on 4 May 1889 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.¹ To this union, William and Alice Thomas produced approximately nine children. Louisiana State Death Records indicate William Thomas later died on 8 November 1945 in Rural Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Suggested Records:

Methodology:

- Conduct preliminary research in surviving records, starting with Bossier and Caddo Parishes, Louisiana
- Individuals to be included: William Thomas, Alice Smith Thomas

¹Louisiana State Marriage Index, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Marriage Records Index, Burton - Thomas Marriage License; digital index, *Familysearch.org* (Familysearch.org : accessed 17 Jan 2020)

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DATE: January 27, 2021

TO: S. W.

SUBJECT: Maternal Family Lineage

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Known data suggests that William Thomas was born approximately 1865 near Bossier Parish, Louisiana.² He married Alice Smith on 4 May 1889 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.³ To this union, William and Alice Thomas produced approximately nine children. Louisiana State Death Records indicate William Thomas died on 8 November 1945. The client desired that research on several individuals within her maternal branch be identified for further clarity.

OBJECTIVE: Identification of William Thomas prior to the 1900 US Census, identification of William Thomas' parents, and locating vital record information for William and Alice Thomas of Bossier Parish, Louisiana

LIMITATIONS: Client authorized two hours of research and report writing.

REPOSITORIES:

1. Ancestry.com
2. Familysearch.org
3. Bossier Parish Clerk of Court
4. Louisiana State Archives

² 1920 U.S. Census, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 16, sheet 1A, William Thomas Household; *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 17 January 2021)

³ Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Marriage Records, Thomas - Smith Marriage License Index; digital index, *Ancestry.com* (Familysearch.org : accessed 17 Jan 2021)

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SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS:

Vital records suggest that William Thomas is the son of Willis Thomas of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and Rosa Anne Davis of Bossier County, Louisiana. See the **Detailed Research Notes** section for details on sources, citations, and analysis. See the Attachments for copies of key documents.

The following records allow us to develop continuity in the process of locating the lineage of the Thomas family.

- 1920 United States Census
- 1900 United States Census
- 1880 United States Census
- Marriage License for William Thomas and Alice Smith
- Louisiana State Death Certificate for William Thomas, Elias Mercer, Emily Thomas, and Rosa Anne Nichols

Detailed Research Notes begin on the next page.

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DETAILED RESEARCH NOTES:

1920 United States Census⁴

Name	Relationship to Head of Household	Sex	Age	Marital Status
Thomas, Willie	Head	M	50	M
Alice	Wife	F	40	M
Joe	Son	M	26	S
Billy	Son	M	24	M
Olaney	Daughter	F	22	M
Ozan	Daughter	M	20	M
Albert	Son	F	18	S
Martin	Son	M	12	S
L. E.	Daughter	F	2	S
Lurline	Daughter	F	8/12	S

Analysis:

Here we find William and Alice listed living in the same household together. This census provides the most accurate birth estimates for William and Alice. Listed are their nine children.

1900 United States Census⁵

Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name	Relationship to Head of Household	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Number of Years Married
200	202	Thomas, William	Head	M	27	M	9

⁴ 1920 U.S. Census, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 16, sheet 1A, William Thomas Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 17 January 2021)

⁵ 1900 U.S. Census, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 11, sheet number 9-a (Stamped), dwelling 200, family 202, Thomas Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 17 January 2021)

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		Allas	Wife	F	26	M	9
		Josie	Daughter	F	8	S	
		Billie	Son	M	5	S	
		Jennie	Daughter	F	2	S	

Analysis:

Listed on the 1900 US Census we find William and Alice within the first nine years of their marriage. This census provides us with a range of years to search for a marriage license.

1880 United States Census⁶

Dwelling	Family	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Relationship Status	Birth place	Father's Birthplace	Mothers Birthplace
48	49	Thomas, Rosa A	Head	F	28	Widowed	LA	LA	KY
		Mercer, Elias	Son	M	15	Single	LA	MO	LA
		Thomas, William	Son	M	12	Single	LA	GA	LA
		Thomas, Emily	Daughter	F	10	Single	LA	GA	LA

Analysis: This census identifies William Thomas living in the Household of Rosa A. Thomas (Widowed). It shows his elder brother, Elias Mercer. Referencing the surname and birthplace of his father, it is clear that William and Elias had different fathers. While this census does not list the name of William's father, it does state Georgia being his father's birthplace. Whereas, Elias' father was born in Missouri.

⁶1880 U.S. Census, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 18, sheet number 5 (penned), 291A (stamped), dwelling 48, family 49, Thomas Household; *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 25 Jan 2021)

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Bossier Parish, Louisiana Marriage License for William Thomas and Alice Smith⁷

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STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF BOSSIER,
Clerk's Office, Bellevue, Louisiana.

To Reverend John Williams or any Minister of the Gospel,
Judge or Justice of the Peace, Authorized by Law to Celebrate Marriage, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Louisiana, and by authority of the same, you are hereby authorized and empowered to CELEBRATE MARRIAGE between Mr. William Thomas and Miss Alice Smith to join them together in HOLY WEDLOCK, and return this LICENSE in Thirty Days, as the Law directs.

Given under my official signature and Seal of office at Bellevue, La., on this, the 4th day of May A. D. 1889
J. H. Leal
CLERK DISTRICT COURT.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF BOSSIER.

Be it remembered, That by virtue of the above Marriage License issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the Parish of Bossier, I have Celebrated Marriage between Mr. Wm Thomas and Miss Alice Smith according to law, this the 4th day of May A. D. 1889

<u>Geo Williams</u> <u>J. Starks</u> <u>Geo Fedria</u>	} Witnesses :	<u>Wm Thomas</u> <u>Alice Smith</u> <u>Reverend John Williams</u>	} Parties.
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OFFICIATING OFFICER.

⁷ Bossier Parish, Louisiana, Marriage License and Returns, numerically arranged, no. 88, Thomas - Smith, 4 May 1889; Probate Court, Benton.

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The State of Louisiana--Parish of Bossier.
Known all Men by these Presents, That we Wm Thomas
and Howard Cooper are held and
firmly bound unto His Excellency, J. F. Nicholls, Governor of the State of
Louisiana, and his successors in office, in the full sum of One hundred dollars,
for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind our ourselves, our heirs and legal representatives firmly and in solido.
Given under our hands at Bellevue, La., on this 4th
day of May A. D. 1889.
The condition of the foregoing obligation is this, that the above bounden Wm Thomas
has this day obtained a license from the Clerk of the District Court of the Parish of Bossier,
to marry with Alice Smith. Now, if at the time said license was granted
there existed no legal impediment to the celebration of said marriage, then this bond to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and
virtue in law.
William Thomas
Howard Cooper
Recorded Aug 10/89
H. Leafeck
27 csk.

Analysis: This marriage license for William Thomas and Alice Smith allowed us to locate them in Bossier Parish in 1889. Unfortunately, this document does not contain any specific information into the parents of both parties, it does bear witnesses that they may be related to or closely affiliated with.

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Louisiana Death Certificate for William Thomas⁸

IMPORTANT! This is a Permanent Record. Use Typewriter or Ink. For typewriter set tabs		LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NO. 522 1527	
PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED		1a. Last Name of Deceased THOMAS	1b. First Name William	1c. Second Name	2a. Month, Day, Year 11/8/45	2b. Hour	1 P.M.
3. Sex MALE	4. Color or Race COLORED	5. Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced MARRIED	6a. Name of Husband or Wife ALICE	6b. Age			
7. Date of Birth of Deceased July 4, 1867	8. Age of Deceased (If under 1 day) 78 17	9a. Birthplace (City or town) UNKNOWN	9b. (State or Foreign Country) LOUISIANA				
10. Usual Occupation NONE	11. Industry or Business	12. Social Security Number	13. If veteran name war				
PLACE OF DEATH		14. City or Town -- (If outside city or town limits write RURAL) BOSSIER (RURAL)	15. Parish and Ward No. BOSSIER	16. Length of Stay in this Community (Yrs. months or days) not known			
		17. Name of Hospital or Institution (If not in hospital or institution give street no. or location) ROUTE 71	18. Length of Stay in Hospital or Institution (Yrs. months or days)				
USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED		19. City or Town -- (If outside city or town limits write RURAL) BOSSIER (RURAL)	20. Parish and Ward No. BOSSIER	21. State LA.			
		22. Street Address -- (If rural give location) ROUTE 71	23. Is deceased a citizen of a foreign country? If yes, name country NO.				
PARENTS		24. Name of Father Willis Thomas	25. Birthplace of Father UNKNOWN	26. Name of Mother ROSEANNE	27. Birthplace of Mother UNKNOWN		
INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION		I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.		28. Signature of Informant Mary Davis	29. Date of Signature 11/11/45		
CAUSE OF DEATH		30. Immediate Cause of Death Chronic nephritis				Duration 2 yrs	
		31. Due to				Duration	
		32. Other Conditions (Include pregnancy within three months of death)					
		33. Major Findings of Operations			34. Major Findings of Autopsy		
DEATHS DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE		35. Accident, Suicide, or Homicide (Specify)	36. Date of Occurrence	37. Where did injury occur? (City or town, parish and state)			
		38. Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial or public place? (Specify type of place)	39. Did injury occur at work? (Yes or No)	40. Means of Injury			
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION		41. I certify that I attended the deceased, and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.	42. Signature of Physician W. B. Hall	43. Date of Signature 11-10-45			
FUNERAL DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION		44. Burial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date thereof Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Removal <input type="checkbox"/> 11/13/45	45. Place of Burial or Cremation Stonewall Baptist Church	46. Signature of Funeral Director J. S. Williams	47. Signature of Local Registrar H. A. Barnett		
BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT		48. Burial Transit Permit Number #102	49. Parish of Issue Bossier	50. Date of Issue 11-10-45			

Analysis: This vital record was informed by Mary Davis (maternal relationship). William Thomas was born July 4, 1867 in Louisiana to Willis and Roseanne Thomas. He resided in Bossier Parish at the time of his death on November 8, 1945 where died from Chronic Nephritis. He is buried in Stonewall Baptist Church Cemetery, Elm Grove, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

⁸ Louisiana Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 1527, William Thomas, 8 Nov 1945, Bossier Parish; viewed at "Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960," digital images; Familysearch.org (familysearch.org : accessed 24 Jan 2021)

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Louisiana Death Certificate for Elias Mercer⁹

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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 PLACE OF DEATH
Parish Caddo

Towship _____ Registration District No. 929 File No. 897 899

Village _____ or Primary Registration District No. _____ Registered No. 892

City Shreveport (No. 1115) Wilkinson St. _____ Ward) [If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number.]

2 FULL NAME Elias Mercer

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX M 4 COLOR OR RACE Col 5 Single Married Widowed or Divorced Married (Write the word)

6 DATE OF BIRTH _____ 19 _____

7 AGE 52 IF LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. _____ min.

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Storekeeper Branch of Insurance
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or Town, State or foreign country) La

10 NAME OF FATHER W. D. Mercer

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or Town, State or foreign country) Not Known

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Roseanne

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or Town, State or foreign country) Not Known

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) Bubler Mercer
(Address) city

15 Filed 1/16, 1916 E. Honey Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH Jan 16, 1916
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Jan 11, 1916, to Jan 15, 1916, that I last saw h. _____ alive on Jan 15, 1916, and death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1115 CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Contributory (SECONDARY) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
(Signed) J. L. P. [unclear] (Address) Shreveport, La

* State the Disease Causing Death, or, in Deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) means of injury, (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (or Hospitals, Institutions, Transient or Recent Residents)
At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.
Where was disease contracted (if not at place of death) place of death
Former or usual residence Shreveport, La

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Starbuck DATE OF BURIAL 1/16, 1916

20 UNDERTAKER ADDRESS [unclear]

Form V. S. No. 1

Analysis: This vital record was informed by Bubler Mercer. Elias Mercer was born to W. D. Mercer and Roseanne in approximately 1862 in Louisiana. He resided in Shreveport, Caddo, Louisiana at the time

⁹ Louisiana Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 899, Elias Mercer, 12 Jan 1916, Caddo Parish; viewed at "Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960," digital images; Familysearch.org (familysearch.org : accessed 24 Jan 2021)

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of his death on January 15, 1916 where he died from Bronchopneumonia. He is buried in Star Cemetery, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Louisiana Death Certificate for Emily Thomas Samuels¹⁰

IMPORTANT! This is a Permanent Record. Use Black Typewriter Ribbon or Black Ink.		STATE OF LOUISIANA CERTIFICATE OF DEATH				STATE FILE No. 4 288					
PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED		1a. Last Name of Deceased <i>SAMUELS</i>		1b. First Name <i>Emily</i>		1c. Second Name		2a. Month Day Year <i>4/13/55</i>		2b. Hour <i>4:00 P</i>	
3. Sex — Male or Female <i>FEMALE</i>		4. Color or Race <i>COLORED</i>		5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <i>Widowed</i>		6a. Name of Husband or Wife <i>MOSE</i>		6b. Age <i>61</i>		9b. (State or Foreign Country) <i>LA</i>	
7. Date of Birth of Deceased <i>July 24/1870</i>		8. Age of Deceased Years Months Days Hours Min. <i>84</i>		9a. Birthplace (City or town)		11. Was deceased ever in U.S. Armed Forces? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <i>No</i>		106. Kind of Industry or Business <i>PRIVATE HOME</i>		105. Usual Occupation (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <i>COOK</i>	
PLACE OF DEATH		12a. City or Town—(If outside corporate limits write RURAL) <i>SHREVEPORT</i>		12b. Parish and Ward No. <i>Caddo A</i>		12c. Length of Stay in this Place <i>50 yrs</i>		12d. Name of Hospital or Institution (If not in hospital or institution give street address or location) <i>1206 1/2 R. LANDRUM</i>		12e. Length of Stay in Hospital or Institution	
USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED		13a. City or Town—(If outside corporate limits write RURAL) <i>SHREVEPORT</i>		13b. Parish and Ward No. <i>Caddo A</i>		13c. State <i>La.</i>		13d. Street Address—(If rural give location) <i>1206 1/2 R. LANDRUM ST</i>		14. Citizen of what Country <i>U.S.A.</i>	
PARENTS		15a. Name of Father <i>Wm. Thomas</i>		15b. Birthplace of Father <i>LA</i>		15c. Maiden Name of Mother <i>ROSE A. DAVIS</i>		15d. Birthplace of Mother <i>LA</i>		16b. Birthplace of Mother	
INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION		I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.		17a. Signature of Informant <i>Bertha King daughter</i>		17b. Date of Signature <i>4/13/55</i>		Interval Between Onset and Death			
CAUSE OF DEATH		18. I. Disease or Condition Directly Leading to Death* (a) <i>Uremia</i>		Antecedent Causes		Diseases or conditions, if Due to (b) any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.		Due to (c)		19. Date of Operation	
* This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death. <i>792X</i>		11. Other Significant Conditions Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.		19a. Date of Operation		19b. Major Findings of Operation		20. Autopsy Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DEATHS DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE		21a. Accident, Suicide, or Homicide (Specify)		21b. Place of injury (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)		21c. City, Town, or Ward No. Parish State		21d. Time (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) of injury		21e. Injury Occurred While at <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input type="checkbox"/>	
PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION		22. I certify that I attended the deceased From To		and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.		23a. Signature of Physician <i>Dr. C. D. Camp</i>		23b. Date of Signature <i>4-15-55</i>			
FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION		24a. Burial . . . [] Date Thereof Cremation . . . [] Removal . . . [] <i>4/17/55</i>		24b. Name and Location of Cemetery or Crematory <i>Star Cemetery</i>		25. Signature and Address of Funeral Director <i>Bertha King</i>		25. Signature and Address of Funeral Director			
BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT		26. Burial Transit Permit Number <i>616</i>		27. Parish of Issue <i>Caddo</i>		28. Date of Issue <i>4-14-55</i>		29. Signature of Local Registrar <i>P. Baker</i>			

Analysis: This certificate was informed by Bertha King, daughter of Emily Samuels. Emily Samuels was born on July 24, 1870 in Louisiana to William Thomas and Rose A. Davis of Louisiana. She was widowed from Mose Samuels. She resided in 1206 1/2 R. Landrum St., Shreveport, Caddo, Louisiana at the time of her death from uremia. She is buried at Star Cemetery, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

¹⁰ Louisiana Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 4288, Emily Samuels, 13 Apr 1955, Caddo Parish; viewed at "Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960," digital image; Familysearch.org (familysearch.org : accessed 25 Jan 2021)

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Louisiana Death Certificate for Rosa Anne Nichols¹¹

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING.

Form V. S. No. 1
N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

JUL 13 1937

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1—PLACE OF DEATH
Parish Caddo
Ward 4
City Shreveport
or
Town _____
District No. 9-216
File No. _____
(1, 2, 3, etc., in the order Certificates are filed.)
Registered No. 7787
(To be given in Central Bureau.)
No. 1101 Wilkerson St. 1164 Ward _____
(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its Name instead of Street and Number.)

2—FULL NAME Rosa Ann Nichols
(a) Residence, No. 1101 Wilkerson St., _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. mos. ds. (If long in U. S., of foreign birth) _____ yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX 7 4. COLOR OR RACE col 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (WRITE the word) widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) unknown
7. AGE about 68 unknown 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min.
8. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of John Nichols

9. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as SAW-YER, BOOKKEEPER, etc. none

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Cross Keys La
(State or Parish)

13. NAME unknown
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) unknown unknown
(State or Parish)

15. MAIDEN NAME unknown
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) unknown unknown
(State or Parish)

17. INFORMANT Emily Samuels
(Address) 1101 Wilkerson

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
Place Star Cem. Date 6-26 1937

19. UNDERTAKER J. Williams & Son
(Address) Shreveport La.

20. FILED 6-27-37 W. J. [unclear]

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 6-23 1937

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from _____ 19____ to _____ 19____
I last saw him _____ alive on _____ 19____ death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 8:45 a. m.

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows: Cerebral Hemorrhage Date of onset _____

Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause: _____

Name of operation _____ Date of _____
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, parish, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place _____

Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? _____
If so, specify _____
(Signed) L. A. Burke M.D.
(Address) _____

Analysis: This certificate was informed by Emily Samuels, daughter of Rosa Ann¹². Rosa Ann Nichols was born approximately in 1852 in Crosskeys, Red River Parish, Louisiana. She last married John Nichols in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. At the time of her death she was widowed. She died

¹¹ Louisiana Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 7787, Rosa Ann Nichols, 23 Jun 1937, Caddo Parish; viewed at "Louisiana Deaths, 1850-1875, 1894-1960," digital image; *Familysearch.org* (familysearch.org : accessed 25 Jan 2021)

¹² 1880 U.S. Census, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 18, sheet number 5 (penned), 291A (stamped), dwelling 48, family 49, Thomas Household; *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 25 Jan 2021)

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from a cerebral hemorrhage on July 6, 1937 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Roseanne was laid to rest locally at Star Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED FURTHER RESEARCH:

1. Identify the maternal relationship between William Thomas and the informant of his death certificate, Mary Davis.
2. Sift through Freedmen's Bureau Records to locate post-emancipation labor records
3. Locate 1870 US Census for William Thomas and Rosa Anne Davis Nichols
4. Identify plantation upon which the Thomas family worked
5. Locate property records for William Thomas, Rosa Anne Davis Nichols
6. Research probate records within Bossier, Caddo, and Red River Parish, Louisiana for Wills and Successions of all direct maternal ancestors.
7. Use genetic evidence to identify relatives connected to maternal great-great grandfather, William "Willis" Thomas of Georgia.