

THOMAS P. TUCKER

Thomas Paul Tucker

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THOMAS PAUL TUCKER was born on 4 Jul 1868 in Jefferson County, Ohio. He left Ohio and moved to Goodland, Kansas. He then moved to Greeley County in about 1888. When Thomas first arrived there, he worked as a barber. He was also the town mayor for 6 years and served one term as Probate Judge. In 1930 and 1940, records reveal Thomas was working as an agent for the Bulk Oil Station. He was active with the Red Cross for a few years. Thomas married **LENA MATILDA VANNOY**, daughter of Nathaniel VanNoy and Louisa Emeline “Emma” Williams, on 25 Jun 1894 in Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas. Lena was born on 2 Jan 1874 in the state of Missouri.

Thomas died on 5 Sep 1963 at a nursing home in Lakin, Kearney County, Kansas, and Lena passed away on 3 Jun 1965 in Tribune, Kansas. Their burial was at the Greeley County Cemetery in Tribune.

Thomas and Lena had two sons:

EDWIN JAMES TUCKER was born on 8 Oct 1894 in Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas. He married Mary Alice Mayne, daughter of Reuben Mayne (1850-1937) and Mary Jeannette Pierson (1853-1930) on 23 Jan 1918 in Tribune. Mary Alice was born on 12 Sep 1891 in Rocky Ford, Otero County, Colorado. Edwin passed away on 21 Mar 1958 in Greeley County. Mary Alice died on 18 Jul 1970 in La Junta, Otero County, Colorado. Edwin and Alice had one son, Whan Thomas Tucker, who was born on 8 Sep 1919 and died on 20 Nov 1927. He died of an accidental drowning in Torrington, Goshen County, Wyoming. The family burial was at the Greeley County Cemetery in Tribune.

MENTOR ADONINS TUCKER was born on 15 Dec 1897 in Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas. He married Mable Venita Schweers, daughter of John A. Schweers, Jr. (1870-1935) and Barbara Belle Havlovitz (1880-1966), on 11 Jun 1925 in Lamar, Prowers County, Colorado. Mable was born on 25 Jul 1899 in Madison County, Iowa. Mentor passed away on 6 Jan 1981 in Tribune. Mable died there on 30 Apr 1995. Their burial was at the Greeley County, Cemetery in Tribune. Mentor and Mable had one daughter, Yvonne Venita Tucker (1927-1998)

Additional Information

NEWSPAPER OBITUARIES

THOMAS PAUL TUCKER

Hutchinson (Kansas) News, 4 Sep 1963, page 27

TRIBUNE – Thomas Paul Tucker, 95, Greeley County pioneer, died Monday at a Lakin nursing

home. Born 4 Jul 1868 in Jefferson County, Ohio, he came to Greeley County in 1887. Thomas worked as a barber and later homesteaded in the county. He moved to Tribune in 1930 and held several county offices.

He married Lena VanNoy on 25 Jun 1894.

Thomas was a member of the Tribune Masonic Lodge OES.

Survivors are the widow, at home, and one son, Mentor, living in Tribune. Burial at the Greeley County Cemetery in Tribune.

LENA MATILDA (VANNOY) TUCKER

Garden City (Kansas) Telegram, 4 Jun 1965

TRIBUNE – Mrs. Lena M. Tucker, 91, a resident of this community for many years, died Thursday night in a Tribune rest home.

Lena was born on 2 Jan 1874, in Missouri. She came to Greeley County in 1887. She was married to Thomas Paul Tucker on 25 Jun 1894, in Tribune. For a short period, Mrs. Tucker taught school in Greeley County.

Mrs. Tucker was a charter member of the Eastern Star of Tribune, Chapter 316. She was also the oldest surviving member of the Methodist Church of Tribune, a member of the Woman's Study Club and Tribune Home Demonstration Unit.

Her husband preceded her in death on 5 Sep 1963.

Surviving are a son, Mentor of Tribune; two sisters, Mrs. Susie Mercer of Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Katherine Packer of Kansas City, Missouri; one granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Methodist Church here, with the Rev. Kenneth Short officiating. Burial will be in the Greeley County Cemetery. Weinmann-Price Funeral Home is in charge.

MENTOR A. TUCKER

Hutchinson (Kansas) News, 8 Jan 1981, Page 9

TRIBUNE – Mentor A. Tucker, 83, died Tuesday at his home in Tribune. Mentor was born on 15 Dec 1897 in Tribune. He married Mable Schweers on 25 Jun 1925 in Lamar, Colorado. He was a prominent Greeley County farmer rancher and a lifetime resident of the area.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, past master of the Horace Masonic Lodge, Goodland Commandary, R. A. M. Council No. 18, Dodge City, former Tribune City Councilman, and served 26 years on the Soil Conservation Board in Greeley County.

Survivors: widow of the home, daughter: Mrs. Ervin Helm, Tribune: two granddaughters: four great-granddaughters.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. (MST) Friday at the church, with the Rev. Larry Parish officiating. Burial will be at the Greeley County Cemetery, with Masonic graveside rites.

Cemetery Headstone

THOMAS PAUL TUCKER & LENA MATILDA VANNOY



GREELEY COUNTY CEMETERY
Tribune, Greeley County, Kansas
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