

LOUMAE GRIFFIN THOMAS
MARCH 7, 1895 – MARCH 1, 1928

Not much is know about this person except what is shown on her Death Certificate, her headstone and the Find a Grave posting.

She was born in Arlington, Texas March 7, 1895 (Death Certificate says March 7, 1899) to Eli Griffin and an unnamed mother.

The only Census Records that come closest to matching her is the 1920 Census Records, which record a Loumay Thomas, 23, living in Dallas Precinct 1, Dallas County, Texas along with her husband Herbert Thomas, 24 and a daughter Jesse May Thomas, 6. The record states that Loumay was a laundress.

Her Death Certificate states that she was living at 3609 Madera, El Paso, Texas which was the home of Delia Ditto Johnson and her husband, William J. Johnson. The information for the Death Certificate was rendered by Delia Johnson. The cause of death was tuberculosis and Lumae had had it for a year and six months. Her occupation was Housewife, but the name of her husband is not shown but it does show that she is married. Her place of burial is shown as Arlington, Texas, which because of the date of her death would have been the Arlington Colored Cemetery

Lumae Griffin Thomas' headstone is exactly the same design and sits next to the headstone of Emily Butler in the Arlington Colored Cemetery.

A search for a connection found the following information: A 1940 Census Record for Delia Johnson, 49, living in Area C, El Paso, Justice Precinct 1, El Paso, Texas with her husband William J. Johnson along with Hilary H. Butler a lodger, 64 years of age and born in Louisiana. A further search found a 1910 Census Record citing Hilary H. Butler living in El Paso, Texas and that he was married.

William J. Johnson was probably in the Army, because Delia Johnson died in the William Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso, Texas on

April 9, 1955 and her Death Certificate states that her father was Jack Ditto and her Mother was Martha Ditto. However, Martha's maiden name may have been Butler.

An 1880 Census Record for Hilary Butler cited a sibling named Martha Butler.

It is known that Emily Griffin married a Leonard Butler. Just exactly how these families are all connected remains unclear, but they must be because of the exactness of the headstones; that Delia Ditto Johnson signed Lumae Thomas' Death Certificate and she was living with her at the time of her death; and Hilary H. Butler was living with Delia Johnson in 1940. Hilary H. Butler died July 4, 1953 but his Death Certificate is not on line.