

The Life of Susan Jahant Bawden

**Lodi's first female Funeral Director and
owner of Lodi Memorial Cemetery**

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Summary: Susan Bawden was the daughter of Pierre/Peter and Susan Jahant, pioneers in Acampo. Susan (the mother) died suddenly when Susan (the daughter) was nine years old. In 1907, when Susan Bawden was 23 years old, in the optimism of Lodi's 1906 incorporation and 1907 Tokay Grape Carnival, she married Thomas Bawden. Thomas was born in Amador and had been working as a funeral director in Sacramento and San Francisco. He had relatives in Woodbridge, had just bought out the Andrew Rutledge Funeral Home, and was said to be a good vocalist in performances.



Despite efforts by Susan and Thomas's parents to shore up his reputation as a businessman, it appears that Thomas jumped from job to job and had no head for business. A year after buying the Rutledge establishment, Thomas partnered with O.H. Wells at Lodi's Bawden & Wells funeral home and took Susan to San Francisco, where he accepted employment as a funeral director. Their only child, Marjorie, was born there.

Sources list conflicting dates when Susan "came into her own" as a businesswoman.

- According to her 1957 obituary, after her father's death in 1912 Susan bought an interest in what would become the Hale & Bawden Funeral Home, then completed the buyout in 1914.
- In 1915 newspaper reports say that T.L. Bawden bought the Larson house at 11 W Elm St and was converting it to be funeral parlors. The public record says that the Larsons sold their house to Susan, not Thomas.
- Susan's obituary says that in 1917 she bought Lodi Memorial Cemetery from Leon Villinger. A newspaper report at the time says that Thomas's father, Thomas P. Bawden, bought the Cemetery from Villinger, saying that Thomas Jr. would operate it. Thomas Jr.'s obituary lists his work history but has no mention of his being involved with Lodi Memorial Cemetery.

In 1921 a newspaper report says that Susan A. Bawden and Fred T. Cippa had become partners under the firm name of Hale & Bawden, both residing at 11 West Elm St. Thomas, described as “formerly an undertaker in Lodi,” launched his first petition for divorce, charging cruelty and claiming that he had an interest in the Hale & Bawden undertaking business.

On April 01, 1924 (Thomas’s birthday), he got a divorce in Reno, citing extreme cruelty and claiming that she had slapped him in the face with a beefsteak. [Historically, the charge of “adultery” or “extreme cruelty” meant that the plaintiff would be entitled to greater financial settlement, yet Thomas told the judge that he had turned over all his Lodi property, valued at \$50,000, to his wife for support of herself and their daughter.] A few days later, on April 7th, Thomas L. Bawden married Lodi’s Imelda (Alice) Huberty McKindley. On November 22, 1924, a newspaper reports that Hale & Bawden had reorganized – Mrs. Susan Bawden had bought out the interest of former partner A.C. Rice, with T.L. Bawden becoming the manager of Hale & Bawden.

Following her divorce, Susan joined many clubs, founded the Lodi Business and Professional Women’s Club, and took a cruise to Panama. She bought a “fleet” of Nash cars for Hale & Bawden, expanded the Lodi cemetery, and in 1936 brought the Internment Asociation of California to Lodi for a luncheon at the Hotel Lodi. She bought a summer home in Pacific Grove. She never remarried.

- SOURCES -

The American Way of Death Revisited, Jessica Mitford – 1998 update of 1963 book.

The cost of burial has soared at a rate outstripping even the rise in undertakers’ charges. The winning combination that has transformed the modern cemetery into a wildly profitable commercial venture is precisely its tax-free status, the adaptability of cheap land to its purposes, the almost unlimited possibilities of subdividing the land, the availability for reinvestment of huge “perpetual care” resources, and the introduction of “pre-need” installment selling.

The nonprofit aspect [of owning a cemetery] removes the necessity to pay income taxes on grave sales ... the profits now extracted by promoters of “nonprofit” cemeteries are spectacular beyond the dreams of the most avaricious real estate developer.

<https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/books/98/10/04/bib/981004.rv115616.html>

Collins Funeral Home, 123 N School St, Lodi, CA 95240 - website

The undertaking business originally began in 1869 by Andrew Rutledge and in 1907, he sold the business to Thomas L. Bawden and in 1909 Oscar Wells joined as partner. As time went on, Harold Wells, son of Oscar took over the business. Russell Gierhart joined the firm in the 1950 and became known as Gierhart & Wells Funeral Home. Eventually the firm was sold to Patrick and Merry Donahue in 1988, They added their name to it and it became Gierhart-Wells & Donahue Funeral Home. The Donahue's removed the Gierhart-Wells names in 2007 and it became known as Donahue Funeral Home. In January of 2017 Pat and Merry sold the business to Michael Collins. Michael has been in the funeral profession for over 30 years and served our community as the manager of Lodi Funeral Home for 17 years prior to purchasing Donahue. In January of 2019 Michael renamed the firm Collins Family Funeral Home.

<https://www.collinsfamilyfuneralhome.com/who-we-are/history>

Jahant American Viticultural Area

- distinctive pink colored Rocklin-Jahant [loam soil](#) is its most distinguishing characteristic
- The name comes from Peter Jahant and several of his brothers, all 1850s settlers to the area. The Jahant family settled and successfully farmed in the Acampo area of the Lodi region, and, in 1912, Peter Jahant's son Charles planted 130 acres (53 ha) to grapes on the original family farm and on additional purchased land.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jahant_AVA

<https://www.lodiwine.com/blog/The-nitty-gritty-on-Lodi-s-seven-American-Viticultural-Areas--AVAs->

Undated description of Susan Bawden's father, Pierre Jahant, by Susan's niece Freda Jahant Nesbit (1900-1980):

On July 4, 1850, my grandfather, Pierre Francis Jahant--better known as Pete--came to Weaverville, California, with a band of immigrant from the vicinity of Akron, Ohio. He had been raised on a farm and was an excellent horseman. He was 23 years old at the time and had been one of the drivers for the wagon train. He had earned his trip by driving and caring for the animals. He tried mining for himself but was not successful, so he hired out to work in the mines of others who had struck gold. His wages were good, and he saved and bought

a wagon and six-horse team. He hauled lumber from the mountains to Stockton and San Francisco. His pay was in gold dust. He never lost any to highwaymen because of the methods he employed in concealing his pay. Holes were bored in his brake block, a wooden peg inserted at the bottom and covered with a metal band. The gold dust was pored in the top and a second plug put in and fastened down. Mud was put over this to make it look as though it had been scraped there by the action of the brake blocks against the wheels. On reaching his destination in the valley, the plugs were removed and the gold dust washed out. A second deception was accomplished by taking his harness and horse collars to his room at night supposedly for safe keeping. Grandpa had always been clever in the use of his hands. He would rip out the stitching on a collar, open it up a little and insert a small bag of gold in the padding. Then he would carefully restitch the collar ready for one of his horses to wear as he began his trip to Sacramento or Stockton. He was stopped many times by bandits, but his treasure was never found. When held up he could always offer the highwaymen a little money from his pocket and convince them that his pay had been spent for his cargo of lumber and that he had no gold with him.

Family Timeline summary, mostly from Find a Grave:

2/12/1827 Susan's father, Pierre Frances Jahant, is born in France

5/16/1848 Susan's mother, Susan O'Malley is born in Ireland [raised in Boston]

12/18/1857 Frank Hale is born in Michigan

1867 Susan O'Malley (or Maley) Jahant marries Pierre F. Jahant in 1867 in Stockton, California

12/15/1868 Susan Bawden's brother George Augustus Jahant born

1/14/1872 Susan Bawden's sister Frances Jahant Murphy born

1874 Susan Bawden's brother Charles Albert Jahant born

3/21/1876 Susan Bawden's sister Martha Augusta "Mattie" Jahant Edelman born

1880 Susan Bawden's sister Adaline Jahant Phillips born

1882 The San Joaquin - Sierra Nevada narrow-gauge rail is built from Brack's Landing through Lodi to Valley Springs

4/1/1884 Susan Bawden's husband, Thomas Leslie Bawden, is born

10/15/1884 Susan Agnes Jahant is born in Acampo

4/8/1887 Susan Bawden's sister Caroline Louise "Carrie" Jahant Pattee is born

7/21/1892 Thomas's second wife, Alice Huberty Bawden, is born

In the mid-1890s Susan's cousins Jenny and Ella Jahant are popular singers and dramatists

In the News:

The Valley Review Thu, Jul 10, 1890 ·Page 3

H.L. Clark, Dr. E.F. Grant, and W.C. Green have declared their intention of making a cemetery on Pope Avenue about 1/5 miles east of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1141005568/?match=1&terms=%20%22lodi%20cemetery%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Feb 28, 1894 ·Page 1

Mrs. Jahant, wife of Peter Jahant, a wealthy farmer of Acampo, died suddenly in her home yesterday from heart failure. She arose in the morning and was feeling in her usual spirits. After cooking breakfast, however, she complained of a pain near her heart and a few moments later expired.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609576017/?article=2fd16857-00b8-4bc3-ae18-f40d72034780&terms=%22jahant%22>

The Evening Mail Fri, Mar 02, 1894 ·Page 1

Correction: Investigation has proven that Mrs. Jahant had been sick in bed for ten days and had been failing health for two years prior to her death. Instead of being obliged to rise to get the family breakfast, she had two adult daughters who performed that office for her.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/609576119/?clipping_id=new&terms=jahant&match=1

The Evening Mail Tue, Feb 04, 1896 ·Page 1

The Lodi Cemetery Association filed articles of incorporation, with S.E. Wright, C.H. Nevin, George W. LeMoin, H.S. Clark, and John H. Merrill as directors

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609362339/?match=1&terms=%20%22lodi%20cemetary%22>

Find a Grave: Frank Hale's son trampled

July 27 1899 F.O. Hale's 8-year-old son trampled to death by horse in front of Thomas & Beckmann's grocery store. F.O. Hale described as "furniture man in Lodi and agent there for the Stockton Undertaking Company."

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/129989809/don_j-hale

5/27/1900 Susan's niece Freda Jahant Nesbit, who later writes a memoir of the Jahant family, is born

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 10, 1901 ·Page 2

F.O. Hale Undertaker ad. No extra charge for embalming or hearse attendance. Peach Building.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036196639/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Oct 19, 1901 ·Page 1

Frank Hale and others offer resolutions of respect at the death of President McKinley

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 10, 1902 ·Page 1

Frank Hale has sold his place on W Elm St

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036198703/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 15, 1902 ·Page 1

Frank Hale has bought a new funeral truck (guernsey)

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Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jul 19, 1902 ·Page 3

Funeral conducted by undertakers Hale & Garretson

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199343/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 09, 1902 ·Page 8

F.O. Hale, Funeral director and embalmer. Parlors west of Lodi Hotel on Pine St (the Hale Building)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199546/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 04, 1903 ·Page 3

“Campers” drop off emaciated baby to be buried by F.O. Hale before they hurried off. Internment at the Lodi Cemetery. The County bears the expense.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036202710/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 08, 1903 ·Page 4

John Nevin sells the Lodi cemetery to Lee Villinger

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036202785/?match=1&terms=%22john%20nevin%22%20%22lee%20villinger%22%20%22cemetery%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Jun 21, 1906 ·Page 7

On April 14 1906: W.H. Thompson and Celia Crocker Thompson deed lot to Nina Merle

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609706674/?match=1&terms=%22merle%22>

The Record Wed, Jun 20, 1906 ·Page 3

F.O. Hale's daughter, Nina Merle Hale, married John Wesley Scott on June 20, 1906 in small ceremony [elopement]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609706362/?match=1&terms=John%20Wesley%20Scott>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036209646/?article=ab1b6f40-2f95-4ce4-ad50-a53aa8a989c5&terms=%22merle%22>

The Record Fri, Jun 22, 1906 ·Page 5

John Scott, the popular bookkeeper for the Valley Fruit Company, slipped away this morning to San Francisco and was married to Miss Merle Hale of Lodi. Miss Hale is a graduate of Lodi High and has been teaching at the Henderson School for the past four years.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609706816/?match=1&terms=%22merle%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 23, 1906 ·Page 8

At the Knights of Pythias, Frank Hale made a speech on "women's rights"

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Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 10, 1906 ·Page 1

Frank Hale was sent to get a "corpse" lying on the side of the train tracks three miles south of Lodi. Just as Hale begin to lift the body, the drunken "corpse" awoke and frightened Hale.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036210371/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Nov 29, 1906 ·Page 1

Frank Hale is top vote-getter as he's elected Trustee for newly incorporated Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036214837/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jan 17, 1907 ·Page 1

Trustee Hale said "I don't know whether some of the people who pass my house coming from the Italian garden use wine as food stuff or not; but if they do they certainly eat more than is good for them. From 15 cents to 25 cents, a gallon of "shoestring can be purchased at any of the local vegetable gardens, and more trouble from drunkenness arises from this source than from all others."

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036065860/?match=1&terms=hale>

The Record Mon, Aug 05, 1907 ·Page 3

T.J. Bawden of Sacramento has purchased the undertaking parlors of A.T. Rutledge.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609757292/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Oct 15, 1907 ·Page 20

Ad - T.L. Bawden is successor to A.T. Rutledge Funeral Director and Embalmer

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036068221/?match=1&terms=rutledge%20bawden>

The Evening Mail Tue, Nov12, 1907 ·Page 8

[Lodi] At 6am this morning at the home of Peter Jahant a mile north of Acampo, in the presence of a few relatives, Miss Susie Jahant and L.T. Bawden were married by Rev. Father Lawrence. Miss Carrie Jahant was bridesmaid and Hugh McKenzie was the best man. The wedding march was played by Miss Kittie Hutchings. The parlor was decorated in white and green and the dining-room was decorated with autumn leaves. Many valuable presents were received. Afterward a wedding breakfast was served and the couple left for Southern California. Mr. Bawden is an undertaker, who came to Lodi about four months ago from Sacramento and purchased the business of the late A.T. Rutledge. His bride is a handsome brunette, who has lived in this county her whole life and is popular in the social life of this vicinity. Their home will be in this city.

Bawden, Thomas L.

to

Jahant, Agnes S.

State of California,

County of San Joaquin.

No. 4228

Marriage



License

These Presents are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the District Courts of Appeal, Judge of the Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Judge of any Police Court, City Recorder, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any Denomination, to solemnize within said County the Marriage of

Thomas Leslie Bawden

a native of California, aged 23 years, resident of Lodi

County of San Joaquin

State of California, and

Agnes Susan Jahant

a native of California, aged 19 years, resident of Acampo

County of San Joaquin

State of California

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Superior Court of said County, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1907

Eugene D. Graham

County Clerk

and ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County.

By J. H. Plummer

Deputy Clerk.

SEAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN.

ss.

I hereby Certify That I believe the facts stated in the above License to be true, and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said Thomas Leslie Bawden and Agnes Susan Jahant; that said parties were joined in Marriage by me on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1907, in Acampo said County and State; that Hugh A. Kinzoy, a resident of Lodi, County of San Joaquin, State of California, and O. Jahant, a resident of Lodi, County of San Joaquin, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of November, A. D. 1907

Pr Lawrence Jago O P

Ob Anne's Church Lodi

Recorded at the request of Owen Lacey 21st day of May 1909

The Record Thu, Nov 14, 1907 ·Page 6

T.L. Bawden and bride visited the groom's aunt in Woodbridge, Mrs. A.A. McClelland, accompanied by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Bawden. [Emma Sauerbrey McClelland was the sister of T.L. Bawden's mother, Alice Sauerbrey Bawden.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609744316/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Dec 19, 1907 ·Page 8

T.L. Bawden was solo vocalist at the Father Lacey benefit in the Lodi Opera House

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609162792/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 05, 1908 ·Page 3

T.L. Bawden Funeral Director and Embalmer, Lady Assistant. Phone 649

F.O. Hale Funeral Director and Embalmer, Telephone Main 6, undertaking parlors west of Lodi Hotel on Pine St

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036068256/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Apr 14, 1908 ·Page 1

Hale is again the biggest vote-getter in the trustee election

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036068615/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 17, 1908 ·Page 2

T.L. Bawden, a former Lodian, was a local visitor Sunday. He is now engaged in the undertaking business in San Francisco

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036149282/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

Lodi [originally named Mokelumne] connects to San Francisco by train

[Question: soon after Susan and Thomas married, he was simultaneously the owner/operator of Bawden & Wells Funeral Home in Lodi and a Funeral Director in San Francisco. How did people usually travel between Lodi and San Francisco in that time period? Answer: By train and ferry.]

On Monday, September 6, 1869, the first train from Sacramento through Stockton to reach San Francisco Bay arrived at the Alameda Terminal. A cheering crowd greeted it. Passengers then took a ferryboat, the *Alameda*, to San Francisco. This opening was rushed to be ready for visitors attending the 1869 California State Fair in Sacramento.

[https://kids.kiddle.co/Western_Pacific_Railroad_\(1862%E2%80%931870\)](https://kids.kiddle.co/Western_Pacific_Railroad_(1862%E2%80%931870))

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 24, 1908 ·Page 2

In San Francisco, the wife of T.L. Bawden gives birth to a daughter

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036149465/?match=1&terms=%22Bawden%22>

The Record Sat, Jan 09, 1909 ·Page 5

John and Merle Scott have a baby girl

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609770807/?article=e0aa289d-9ca9-4710-8039-7faa3a7bbef9&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20%22scott%22>

The Record Fri, Jul 02, 1909 ·Page 5

Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Bawden will move into the C.B. Tennyson home on W Lockeford street shortly [for the summer]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609708733/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 10, 1909 ·Page 3

Bawden & Wells undertakers in Friedberger building West Elm St. Lady assistant. Phone 157

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036153499/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 17, 1909 ·Page 1

First mention of Hale & Scott

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036153958/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20scott%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 12, 1909 ·Page 8

Trustee Hale in charge of appointing official house numbers to houses throughout City

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036153769/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 12, 1909 ·Page 5

Bawden & Wells undertakers have leased the Bert Stannard residence on West Pine St, will convert to residence undertaking parlors

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036153717/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Aug 28, 1909 ·Page 7

T.L. Bawden + O.H. Wells = Bawden & Wells, have lady assistant.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036154927/?match=2&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Oct 09, 1909 ·Page 3

Bawden & Wells have moved their undertaking parlors from West Elm to 120 West Pine St

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036158097/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Oct 26, 1909 ·Page 5

Hale & Scott funeral chapel

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036159628/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Oct 28, 1909 ·Page 2

Bawden & Wells lady undertaker assists in all ladies' and children's cases

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036159778/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jan 11, 1910 ·Page 2

Advertorial describing Hale & Scott's new chapel, two cars that match the colors of coffins, with matching horses

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036165709/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Feb 08, 1910 ·Page 8

Bawden & Wells are embalming the murdered Sing Lee; Alice Williams and Frankie Adams tell what happened

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036166853/?match=1&terms=%22ill%20fame%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Feb 12, 1910 ·Page 1

Mock funeral for Sing Lee by Bawden & Wells, then body shipped to China

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036167082/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 21, 1910 ·Page 6

Hale is Trustee again, Lawrence is President again

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036171824/?match=1&terms=hale>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 16, 1910 ·Page 1

At the home of Joseph McKindley near Acampo, A. Imelda Huberty marries William A. McKindley

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036178901/?match=2&terms=%22McKindley%22%20%22huberty%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 16, 1911 ·Page 9

Hale & Scott also have a lady assistant. 18 and 20 W Pine, residence 202 W Oak

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036256559/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Mar 05, 1912 ·Page 5

T.L. Bawden of San Francisco, formerly of the firm Bawden & Wells, was in Lodi Monday. He his spending a week at the home of his father-in-law, P.F. Jahant [ad for Bawden & Wells with lady assistant keeps running for months]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036279501/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20wells%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Jul 10, 1912 ·Page 5

Pierre Jahant's death is a public loss –

Mr. Jahant started from Alsace, France, to Ohio when he was two weeks old. In 1849 he crossed the plains and arrived in Weaverville CA with small funds. He was staked by Dr. Sargent, who told him to go out and dig. The first day Mr. Jahant made a dollar and then his daily earnings increased until at the end of two months he went to Sacramento and bought a team. Sickness in the shape of cholera overtook him while in Sacramento and at the end of a long siege he again found himself without funds. He turned to mining the Yuba until the fall of 1852-53, when wet weather drove him back to Sacramento, which he found inundated. Leaving Sacramento with his brother, Victor, he took up land in northern San Joaquin belonging to the government. In 1885 he built the home in which he died. He was married to Miss Susan Maley of Stockton in 1867. Mr. Jahant was a member of the San

Joaquin Society of Pioneers and an honorary member of the Moquelomne club. The funeral will be held at St. Anne's Church. Internment in Lodi cemetery.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609070250/?match=1&terms=%22jahant%22>

The Record Fri, Mar 07, 1913 ·Page 5

Jahant home in Acampo with all family heirlooms and keepsakes burns to the ground

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609695768/?match=3&terms=%22jahant%22%20%22st.%20anne%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 03, 1913 ·Page 5

Miss Carrie Jahant and Cayis Pattee of Acampo were married Saturday at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. T.L. Bawden in San Francisco. Only immediate family were present

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036241182/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 01, 1913 ·Page 5

T.L. Bawden, formerly of Lodi but now engaged in the undertaking business in San Francisco, was in Lodi Monday. He will return on the 15th and may possibly go into business at this place

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246408/?match=1&terms=hale%20bawden>

The Evening Mail Wed, Jul 02, 1913 ·Page 6

T.L. Bawden, who was formerly associated with O.H. Wells in Lodi, and for the last four years connected with the Charles J. Truman Undertaking company of San Francisco, has purchased a half-interest in the undertaking business of F.O. Hale to take effect July 16th. Mr. Hale has been in the business for the last seventeen years and has gained an enviable reputation for fair dealing.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609192967/?match=1&terms=hale%20bawden>

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246519/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jul 19, 1913 ·Page 4

First mention of Hale & Bawden

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036247392/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Mon, Jul 21, 1913 ·Page 6

F.O. Hale has motored to San Francisco for a few days. His daughter, Merle Scott, will accompany him upon his return

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609194240/?match=1&terms=%22divorce%22%20%22merle%22>

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Ads now read: F.O. Hale & T.L Bawden w lady assistant, O.H. Wells w lady attendant

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036247735/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Aug 05, 1913 ·Page 7

Susan Agnes Bawden and Thomas Leslie Bawden to Bank of Lodi – deed of trust \$2000 for 60 acres

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036248520/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Oct 30, 1913 ·Page 8

F.O. Hale has purchased the C.D. Russell 80-foot frontage of West Pine St near the library and will erect a modern residence undertaking parlors. The structure will be of two stories, the upper floor being living rooms which will be occupied by T.L. Bawden the junior

member of the firm. As soon as they are established, the current building will be torn down and replaced by a modern two-story business building.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609161571/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 22, 1914 ·Page 5

Susan Bawden's sister, Frances Bawden, is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036208500/?match=2&terms=%22jahant%22%20%22st.%20anne%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Feb 24, 1914 ·Page 8

Mrs. T.L. Bawden is a new member of the Woman's Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199691/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Sat, Mar 14, 1914 ·Page 7

Last mention found of "Bawden & Wells"

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609138766/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%20%26%20Wells%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 23, 1914 ·Page 7

T.L. Bawden lives at 216 S Church St

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036201976/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Thu, Jun 25, 1914 ·Page 7

Nina Merle Scott has filed a divorce action against John W. Scott

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609189861/?match=1&terms=%22divorce%22%20%22merle%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Apr 28, 1914 ·Page 8

Hale & Bawden have bought a large automobile to be used for business

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036202184/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 17, 1914 ·Page 1

F.O. Hale has sold his two little old houses at 213 and 215 W Pine and they are being moved to Daisy Avenue. H&B will erect a funeral chapel on the lot.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036204533/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

The Record Wed, Dec 30, 1914 ·Page 5

T.L. Bawden returned from Bakersfield, where he went to spend Christmas with his parents

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609618706/?match=1&terms=%22T.L.%20Bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Feb 23, 1915 ·Page 1

Dempsey Smith dry goods will soon occupy 18 and 20 W Pine where the Hale buildings will be torn down. F.O. Hale will put up the new building – description of new two-story building given

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036207762/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Feb 27, 1915 ·Page 1

Ferguson and Hopkins will buy the old undertaking parlors and move them to their lot on N Sacramento St near Locust

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036207945/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22>

The Evening Mail Wed, Mar 03, 1915 ·Page 10

T.L. Bawden of the firm of Hale & Bawden has purchased the A.J. Larson home on West Elm St. which he has rented to his firm as residence funeral parlors. Messrs. Hale & Bawden are moving into the new location today from their former place of business on West Pine St.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609293225/?match=1&terms=%22HALE%20%26%20BAWDEN%22>

The Record Wed, Mar 03, 1915 ·Page 5

The house is being remodeled to be an undertaking business. When finished, the basement will be used as a sales room, while the first floor will be used as a chapel. Mr. Bawden and family will occupy the other floor as a residence.

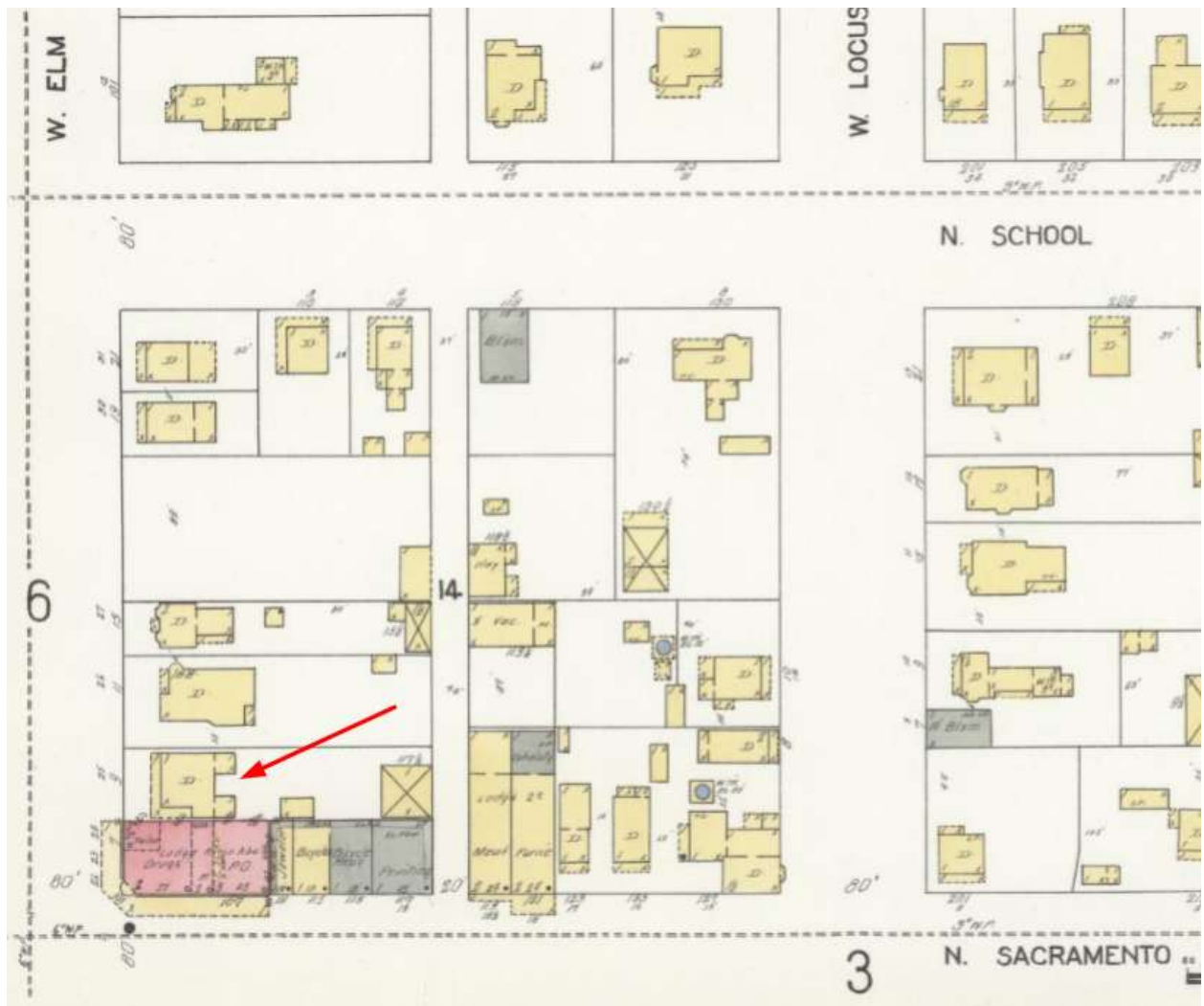
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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 11, 1915 ·Page 3

Mary A. and A.J. Larson to Susan A. Bawden – Conveys east 50 feet of lot 6, block 14, of Lodi

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036208425/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

1907 Sanborn Fire Insurance map showing 11 W Elm St:



https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4364lm.g4364lm_g006441908/?sp=2&st=image&r=-0.071,0.665,0.941,0.53,0

1916 Sanborn Fire Insurance map showing 11 W Elm St:



https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4364lm.g4364lm_g006441916/?sp=6&st=image&r=-0.11,0.606,1.053,0.593,0

The Record Wed, Jul 21, 1915 ·Page 4

Mrs. Louis Chamberlain's automobile brake failed at the corner of Sacramento and Pine and the Hale & Bawden hearse was badly broken up

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609616936/?match=1&terms=%22HALE%20%26%20BAWDEN%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Sep 07, 1915 ·Page 3

Frances Jahant is married at St. Anne's, will live at 423 W Elm St

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036197362/?match=5&terms=%22jahant%22%20%22st.%20anne%22>

The Record Sat, Apr 15, 1916 ·Page 7

Mrs. T.L. Bawden and daughter left yesterday for Caliente to spend a week with Mr. Bawden's parents

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609695779/?match=1&terms=%20%22Mrs.%20T.L.%20Bawden%22%20%22parents%22>

The Record Mon, Aug 07, 1916 ·Page 6

Mrs. T.L. Bawden and daughter left Saturday for Pacific Grove where they will spend several weeks

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609950712/?match=1&terms=%20%22Mrs.%20T.L.%20Bawden%22%20%22parents%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 07, 1916 ·Page 10

Susan Bawden is past president of Native Daughters

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036195028/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

T. L. BAWDEN F. O. HALE

Lodi, California, Mar 22 1917

Mrs Elizabeth De Pauli

Funeral of Joseph De Pauli

TO HALE & BAWDEN, DR.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

OFFICE AND CHAPEL 11 W. ELM STREET

TELEPHONE LODI 44

FUNERAL SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE RATES

Mar 12	Casket	\$175.00
	Gallion Steel Vase	\$150.00
	Embalming	\$15.00
	Hearse	\$10.00
	Opening of grave	\$10.00
	Discount	\$360.00
		\$360.00

Received Payment
March 22, 1917
Hale & Bawden

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 22, 1917 ·Page 8

Mrs. T.L. Bawden is slowly recovering from ptomaine poisoning, is under the care of a trained nurse

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036076188/?match=2&terms=%22BAWDEN%22%20%22VILLINGER%22>

The Record Mon, Apr 01, 1918 ·Page 2

Alice Imelda McKindley files papers in divorce proceedings against William A, McKindley

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609935204/?match=3&terms=%22McKindley%22%20%22divorce%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 28, 1919 ·Page 1

Old man found hanging in the jungles on the Mokelumne River may have first hanged himself with a thin cord found in his pocket, then changed to hanging himself with an article of clothing. Will be buried in potters' field by Hale & Bawden.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/1036194865/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20Bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

The Record Thu, Jul 05, 1917 ·Page 8

T.P. Bawden of Bakersfield has purchased the Lodi cemetery from Lee Villinger. In the future Lester T. Bawden of Hale & Bawden will have charge of the cemetery

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609799599/?match=1&terms=%22BAWDEN%22%20%22VILLINGER%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jul 28, 1917 ·Page 7

Public records : Leon Villinger and wife to Thomas P. Bawden (father) – deed dated 6/29/1917 plat of Lodi Cemetery

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036175107/?match=2&terms=%22BAWDEN%22%20%22VILLINGER%22>

The Record Thu, Jul 25, 1918 ·Page 1

Charles A. Jahant [Susan's brother], a young and prosperous farmer, has suicided at his home, 4.5 miles north of Lodi. Mr. Jahant was one of the best known and most well liked farmers in the district. He was happily married, his wife being the sister of Ed Hutchins of Lodi.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609974528/?match=1&terms=%22jahant%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jul 27, 1918 ·Page 1

Charles hanged himself with a rope in his pumping plant pit on this ranch. Deceased had been suffering from mental derangement for the past year, and the family had been advised by physicians that there was danger of him committing an act of this kind, and they were therefore watching him very closely. A number of times he had casually made threats of suicide. He had been irrigating during the forenoon and about 11:30 threw hay in the racks for the harvester horses. From there he went to the pumping plant, and his wife, who was close behind him, watching his every movement, missed him a few minutes afterward. When she reached the pit she saw his form dangling from the end of a short rope. Climbing down into the pit, she attempted to life the heavy body but was unable to do so. She called for help and a brother, George Jahant, came at once and cut him down but it was too late.

There will be a private funeral from the late residence. The coroner's inquest will be held at Hale & Bawden's chapel. Interment in the Lodi cemetery.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246479/?match=1&terms=%22jahant%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 30, 1918 ·Page 8

Mrs. T.L. Bawden and daughter returned yesterday to Pacific Grove, where they will remain two or three weeks and finish their vacation

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246734/?match=1&terms=%20%22Mrs.%20T.L.%20Bawden%22%20%22parents%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Nov 07, 1918 ·Page 4

Susan's sister, Adeline Jahant Phillips, a trained nurse, has contracted influenza-pneumonia and passed away at her home in Santa Clara. Her husband was away in Omaha at the time. She contracted the fatal malady while nursing others. [The "Purple Flu" or "Spanish Flu" pandemic of 1918-1920: The United States lost 675,000 people to the Spanish flu in 1918 -- more casualties than World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War combined.]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036252264/?match=1&terms=%22jahant%22>

<https://www.paho.org/en/who-we-are/history-paho/purple-death-great-flu-1918>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, May 11, 1920 ·Page 1

Susan Bawden serves on the jury for murder trial – butcher Paul Werner accused of murdering John Hummel. Hummel was found dying on Hillborn street in Lodi – death was caused by a basal skull fracture causing shock and hemorrhage

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036131718/>

Bakersfield Morning Echo Sat, Jun 26, 1920 ·Page 3

Thomas Phillip Bawden dies, was one of the pioneer mining men of the Piute country. [The Rev Frederick Hatch of the First Baptist Church presided]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/610052210/?match=1&terms=%22bawden%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 22, 1921 ·Page 1

Susan is an honor-roll donor to Central European Relief Fund

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036187138/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Mar 26, 1921 ·Page 9

Susan A. Bawden and Fred T. Cippa are partners under the firm name of Hale & Bawden, both residing at 11 West Elm St.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036190688/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Record Fri, Jun 03, 1921 ·Page 13

T.L. Bawden, formerly an undertaker in Lodi, has filed a divorce suit against Susan A. Bawden, charging cruelty. The plaintiff claims an interest in the Hale & Bawden undertaking business.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609875863/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 26, 1921 ·Page 4

Mrs. Susan Bawden and daughter Marjorie returned from 2-week trip to Yosemite

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036226685/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jun 13, 1922 ·Page 3

Susan Bawden is adding a sleeping porch on W Elm

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036246889/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

HISTORY OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CALIFORNIA WITH Biographical Sketches, BY
GEORGE H. TINKHAM 1923

Susan A. Bawden's entry into Tinkham [*always take Tinkham with a grain of salt as the editors generally did not fact-check the families' submissions*]:

MRS. SUSAN A. BAWDEN.— All over the United States we find women coming more and more to the front in the different professions and various lines of business endeavor, showing their ability to make a success and to embrace every opportunity afforded them. Such a woman is Mrs. Susan A. Bawden, proprietor of Hale & Bawden, funeral directors of Lodi, one of San Joaquin County's most capable women, and she has a wide acquaintance throughout the northern part of the county, where her business ability is recognized and appreciated. A native daughter of San Joaquin County, she was born on the old home ranch at Acampo, her parents being Peter F. and Susan (O'Mally) Jahant, the latter a native of Ireland. The father, who was born in France, came to San Joaquin County in the early '50s and took up 160 acres of Government land near Acampo, later acquiring another 160 acres near by. This was in its primitive state at that time, covered with brush and trees, but Mr. Jahant persevered in clearing it, building the family home there and raising grain on the virgin soil. He became a large landowner and a wealthy man, and was one of the pioneer fruit growers of the county, setting out one of the earliest vineyards for commercial purposes, and as an experienced agriculturist he exerted a splendid influence for good in the community. Well known throughout this part of the country from his years of association with its development, he was an honored member of the San Joaquin County Pioneer Society. He passed away in 1913, Mrs. Jahant's death having occurred several years before.

Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jahant are deceased and the following are living: Mrs. Frances Murphy, of Lodi; George, a rancher of Acampo; Mrs. Martha Eddleman, of Lodi; Mrs. Eliza Gehan, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Carrie Pattee, of Acampo; and Mrs. Susan A. Bawden, of this review. Reared on her father's ranch at Acampo, she has spent all her life in this community, receiving a good education in the public schools. In 1907, at her parents' home at Acampo she was married to Thomas Leslie Bawden, who was born in Amador County, where he was reared and educated. As a young man he came to Sacramento and learned undertaking with the firm of Miller & Skelton.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bawden resided in San Francisco, where Mr. Bawden was manager for the Truman Undertaking Company for six years. While living there Mrs. Bawden became interested in the study of embalming and having received a legacy from her father she concluded to engage in the business of funeral director, in which she had become deeply interested. In 1912 she came to Lodi and purchased an interest in the business of Mr. Hale, the firm becoming Hale & Bawden. and in 1914 she acquired Mr. Hale's interest. Mr. Bawden from the outset entered heartily into the management of the business, his experience making him one of the most capable men in his line in the county. He is prominent in the Masons, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Native Sons of the Golden West.

In 1914 Mrs. Bawden purchased the large residence of A. J. Larson on West Elm Street, and this they have converted into modern funeral parlors, with reception room, offices, chapel, etc., with garages for their automobile equipment, and they have their residence quarters on the second floor. In 1917 Mrs. Bawden acquired the Lodi Cemetery from Leon Villinger and has greatly improved it, beautifying the lawns with plants and flowers, and seeing that it is well kept. Seeing the need for larger grounds she purchased ten acres adjoining on the east, devoted to a vineyard, which she superintends, but this will eventually become a part of the cemetery. Although very busy in her profession, she finds time to participate in the progressive life of the community, and she is a popular member of the Woman's Club, the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs, the Native Daughters of the Golden West, having been president of the Lodi Parlor, and is a member of the California Funeral Directors' Association. Mr. and Mrs. Bawden have one daughter, Marjorie Alice, a student in the public schools.

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/760/mode/2up?q=bawden>

The Record Fri, Aug 17, 1923 ·Page 5

Stockton undertaker Andrew Ryce has entered partnership with Mrs. Susan Bawden – the firm will retain the name Hale & Bawden

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609848453/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Record Fri, Jan 04, 1924 ·Page 11

Chronology to date of Kels haystack murder; T.L. Bawden is described as “former Lodi undertaker”; insurance angles discussed; O.H. Wells will collect Kels’s body after execution

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/609861975/?match=4&terms=%22hale%20%26%20Bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Apr 01, 1924 ·Page 1

Thomas Bawden gets divorce in Reno, citing extreme cruelty. (also sights haystack murderer Alex Kels in Reno) Bawden turned over all his Lodi property valued at \$50,000, to his wife for support of herself and daughter. Mrs. Bawden says that “Mr. Bawden wanted a divorce and I told him to go get it. His statements are not true.”

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036286547/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Coincidentally, while in Reno Thomas spotted Alexander Kels, who faked his death in Lodi by murdering an itinerant worker and burning that body in a haystack. More details on the “Haystack murder”: <https://californiarevealed.org/do/1410ee9b-467f-4f45-8aac-68d69fcd1b10>

The Record Tue, Jun 24, 1924 ·Page 8

Word has just reached us that on April 7 Thomas L. Bawden married Lodi’s Imelda McKindley in Redwood City. The groom is the son of Mrs. Alice Bawden of Caliente. He was at one time connected with the firm of Hale & Bawden. They are making their home in Marysville.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609890475/?match=1&terms=%22huberty%22%20%22bawden%22>

[Imelda was also known as Alice. The Huberty undertaking parlors were in Jackson. Alice wed William A. McKindley in 1910. In the 1920 Census Alice Huberty McKindly, divorced, was living with and her two sons her parents 184 N Stockton St in Lodi.]

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 22, 1924 ·Page 2

Hale & Bawden has reorganized – Mrs. Susan Bawden has bought out the interest of former partner A.C. Rice. T.L. Bawden will be manager of the new firm. Albert Menzell has been added to the force.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036253326/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 24, 1925 ·Page 5

Map of Lodi Memorial Lawn Cemetery being surveyed. Susan A. Bawden and the Lodi Cemetery Assoc. are the sole owners of the tract of land.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036373629/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Record Sat, Feb 12, 1927 ·Page 29

Hale & Bawden has a fleet of Nash cars. Photo of Susan at the wheel with Marjorie standing [poor reproduction, AI enhanced]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843205137/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>



H&B

A Certain Value

CAN be placed upon the service of Mrs. Susan A. Bawden, our lady assistant, that cannot be expressed in terms of dollars and cents, but is nevertheless appreciated by those who call upon us.

The properly trained lady assistant can and does do so many little things that her work is almost indispensable.

HALE & BAWDEN FUNERAL HOME

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Phone 64

FAMILY ROOM

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jun 26, 1928 ·Page 7

Laborer found dead by T.L. Bawden in shack where he lived behind Hale & Bawden

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/1036327789/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 17, 1928 ·Page 4

G. Mattone stole 50 feet of rubber hose from Lodi Memorial Cemetery, Susan Bawden complaint

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036328394/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 17, 1928 ·Page 6

People visiting the cemetery at night have left the water flowing and caused considerable damage, so the water will now be shut off 5pm-7am

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036328411/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Galt Herald Fri, Sep 21, 1928 ·Page 1

The North American Mausoleum Association (Sacramento's George Bassett, C.B. Stanly, Ray Johnson) is constructing a Mausoleum at Lodi, CA, in the Lodi Memorial Cemetery, which is the only Perpetuated Lawn Cemetery in the state. Mrs. Susan Bawden, of the Undertaking Firm of Hale & Bawden, is the owner of the Cemetery and it was through her efforts that the NAMA located the Mausoleum at Lodi.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/931770519/?match=1&terms=%22loDI%20memorial%20cemetery%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Nov 03, 1928 ·Page 4

Call Susan Bawden at Lodi 64 if you're interested in forming a Business and Professional Women's Club

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036331296/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 13, 1928 ·Page 1

Susan has bought a Nash sedan

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036266101/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Stockton Independent Wed, Dec 19, 1928 ·Page 11

Map "B" Lodi Memorial Lawn Cemetery was submitted to the Board with a Bond attached. The Board approved it

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/607917941/?match=1&terms=%22map%20b%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Apr 09, 1929 ·Page 1

Susan is a new member of the California Vineyardist Association

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036277879/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Apr 13, 1929 ·Page 4

Friendly thoughts from Susan. H&B Funeral Directors, Ambulance Service, Deputy Coroners Office. 11 W Elm (these ran for more than a year)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036278456/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Stockton Independent Sun, May 18, 1930 ·Page 2

Susan Bawden donates a cemetery lot for a monument to the Grand Army of the Republic


<https://www.newspapers.com/image/607925077/?match=1&terms=%22women%27s%20relief%20corp%22%20bawden>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Feb 10, 1931 ·Page 2

Ad for Lodi Memorial Cemetery, Susan A. Bawden Superintendent

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036331182/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Friendly Thoughts
By **Susan A. Bawden**



I lost my money but retained
my friends
And so the damage done with
ease I mend.
Mere trifles, fame and fortune—
bed and board
There's nothing else but friend-
ship men should hoard.

A simple ceremony can be ar-
ranged or one more pretentious.
Our facilities make it possible
for us to furnish services "with-
in the means of all".

HALE & BAWDEN
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
AMBULANCE SERVICE
DEPUTY CORONERS OFFICE
11 W. ELM ST. PHONE 64

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Oct 13, 1931 ·Page 1

A violent death (farm worker) handled by H&B

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/1036357787/?match=2&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, May 13, 1933 ·Page 1

Lodi woman shoots self in heart, body at H&B

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/1036345240/?match=2&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 21, 1933 ·Page 3

Lodi woman takes poison, body at H&B

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/1036351280/?match=2&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

The Sacramento Bee Mon, Sep 03, 1934 ·Page 1

Lodian hangs self in Lawrence Park near grandstand, body at Hale & Bawden

<https://www.newspapers.com/image-view/617190550/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20%26%20bawden%22%20%22autopsy%22>

The Tehachapi News and the Mojave-Randsburg Record-Times Fri, Mar 22, 1935 ·Page 4

Mrs. Alice Bawden Wellbaum dies. [Rev. C.S. Reynolds of First Methodist officiates.]

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/845638645/?match=1&terms=wellbaum>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jan 11, 1936 ·Page 4



Internment Assoc of California is meeting in Stockton. Susan will host the group at Hotel Lodi on Sunday

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036352835/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Feb 22, 1936 ·Page 8

New organ at H&B

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036355927/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Mar 14, 1936 ·Page 4

Susan to cruise to Panama

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036357285/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Mar 02, 1937 ·Page 1

“Bath House Square” has been officially renamed “Hale Park” after Frank O. Hale.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036365982/?match=1&terms=%22hale%20park%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Mar 05, 1941 ·Page 5

Susan is back from her summer home in Pacific Grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033522869/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Wed, Aug 06, 1947 ·Page 1

Construction of a crematory at the Lodi Memorial Mausoleum was announced by Robert Mabrey of Oakland. A new addition to the mausoleum will be started as soon as the new columbarium and crematory is finished.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036557447/?match=1&terms=mausoleum>

Lodi phone book, 1950:

22 FRUIT—FURNACES

Fruit & Vegetable Growers & Shippers—(Cont'd)

STYNE KROLL & CO Terminal Lodi 9-4028
BARBERA PACKING CORP 14 E Oak Lodi 9-5134
 719 S. Jackson Lodi 9-5151
CALIF FRUIT EXCHANGE Lodi 9-5178
 Cushman & Company Terminal Lodi 9-4508
COSTA FELIX & SONS Night Sta. Lodi 9-4124
 5 E. 1st Lodi 9-4129
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Articles of incorporation filed for Lodi Internment Corporation. Susan Bawden, director

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Dec 31, 1953 ·Page 1

Lodi Memorial mausoleum plans a \$355,000 expansion, designed to make the installation the largest of its kind in Northern California. It will have 300 crypts, 16 couch crypts, and a “babyland” section.

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Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 15, 1956 ·Page 24

Review of Susan’s life: married Thomas 1907, they moved to SF where he was manager of the Truman Undertaking Co., she became interested in embalming, she came to Lodi in 1912 and purchased an interest in the business of F.O. Hale (firm became Hale & Bawden). In 1914 she bought Hale out. In 1917 she purchased the Lodi Cemetery from Leon Villinger and improved it by added flowers.

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The Modesto Bee Tue, Jan 29, 1957 ·Page 12

Susan died at home 11 W Elm St. Susan operated the H&B Funeral Home for 45 years. She acquired Lodi Cemetery in 1917 and operated in conjunction with the mortuary

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Susan obit

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	Susan		Agnes		Bawden		January 27, 1957		5:15A
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	Funeral Director		Funeral Home		California		USA		
	11 NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER		12 MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER		13 NAME OF PRESENT SPOUSE (IF MARRIED)				
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LAST USUAL RESIDENCE (WHERE DECEASED LIVED) (IF INSTITUTION, RESIDENCE BEFORE ADMISSION)	14 WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?		15 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		16 INFORMANT				
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	---		11 West Elm Street		11 West Elm Street				
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FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND REGISTRAR	20a SPECIFY BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL		20b DATE		20c CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		21 SIGNATURE OF EMBALMER		
	Burial		Jan. 29, 1957		Lodi Cemetery		E. M. Bingham, M.D.		
	22 FUNERAL DIRECTOR		23 DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		24 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR				
	Hale & Bawden		JAN 30 1957		E. M. Bingham, M.D.				

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At the Lodi Professional Women's Club, a moment of silence for Susan Bawden's passing

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Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Jun 14, 1958 ·Page 1

Thomas L. Bawden collapsed and died suddenly in his home at 135 E Magnolia in Stockton. A native of Plymouth, Bawden attended Amador county schools before moving to Sacramento as a young man. He then learned the undertaking business with the firm of Miller & Skelton. After leaving Sacramento, he became manager of the Truman Undertaking Co. in San Francisco for a period of six years. He moved to Lodi in 1912 and had been connected with Hale & Bawden since that time. Funeral arrangements at the Frisbie & Warren Funeral Home in Stockton. [Rev. Forrest Petersime of the Methodist church officiates]

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Hale & Bawden closes after more than 60 years

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Harold J. Wells and Russell T. Gierhart of the Wells Funeral Home buy the funeral business at 11 W Elm St

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The Record Fri, Sep 24, 1965 ·Page 12

Fire damages James Ward's antique shop at 11 W Elm

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Historic Marker

"Lodi Memorial Park, the oldest in Lodi, was built on property own by the Pope family. The original purchase included the pioneer I and II Gardens. John Nevin and his wife were early owners whose property it was for about 10 years. They sold it to Lee Villinger in 1903. Susan Jahant Bawden, the first woman embalmer and funeral director in Lodi, became owner in 1917. Bawden purchased another 10 acres to the east to enlarge the cemetery. In 1984, remains from many defunct area cemeteries were rep interred on these grounds.

In this quiet resting place lie the remains of people represent diverse nationalities and

religions, as well as fallen soldiers of the Civil War and other wars. The rich heritage of these cemetery gardens has been fostered for over 100 years and today it continues to serve the community."

<https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wm19J6B> Lodi Memorial Cemetery Park Lodi CA

Find a Grave:

Susan Bawden <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/111812638/susan-agnes-bawden>

Her father was an honored member of the San Joaquin County Pioneer Society. He acquired some 320 acres of land in Acampo, and became one of the Pioneer Fruit Growers of the county. In 1912 she returned to Lodi from San Francisco, and purchased an interest in what was to become the Hale and Bawden Funeral Home here. Two years later having been left a legacy by her father, bought the remaining interest in the business, and also purchased the large residence of the late A. J. Larson on Elm Street. She converted the big structure into a modern funeral parlor, complete with reception room, offices, a chapel, garages for the automobile equipment and residence quarters on the second floor. In 1917 she acquired the Lodi Cemetery from Leon Villinger and, over the years, greatly improved the grounds. She set about to beautify the property with plants and flowers and, right up to her death, managed the business of the funeral home and the cemetery both. Seeing the need for more ground and the cemetery location, she purchased at least 10 more acres on the east of the original plot. She was a member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Hermann's Sisters, the Lodi Women's Club and the California Funeral Director's Association. She is survived by 1 daughter and 1 grandchild. Internment Lodi Cemetery. ref: Lodi News-Sentinel 28 Jan 1957

Thomas Bawden https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110241937/thomas_leslie-bawden

A native of Plymouth, he attended Amador county schools before moving to Sacramento as a young man. He then learned the undertaking business with the firm of Miller & Skelton. After leaving Sacramento, he became manager of the Truman Undertaking Co. in San Francisco for a period of six years. He moved to Lodi in 1912 and had been connected with Hale & Bawden since that time. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and in past years had been affiliated with the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Native Sons of the Golden West. Survived by his wife, 1 daughter, 1 granddaughter, 1 great grandson 1 sister. Burial Lodi

Cemetery. ref: Lodi News-Sentinel 14/17 Jun 1958 m [2] ca1924 Alice Imelda McKindley - nee Huberty

Frank Hale <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126863528/frank-orlando-hale>

Frank Hale, Member of First Municipal Board, Victim of Heart Attack

Frank O. Hale, prominent in business and civic affairs of Lodi since 1893, was suddenly stricken with a heart attack at his home at 323 West Oak street shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday night and passed away within a few minutes. He was born in Clinton county, Michigan, December 18, 1857, and was 75 years of age.

He was the founder of the undertaking business now conducted under the name of Hale & Bawden but has not been identified with the business for several years. He was elected trustee when Lodi was first incorporated in 1906 and took his seat in November of that year. He served continuously as trustee and councilman until April 1930, when he voluntarily retired. In the meantime, when he had served two terms as mayor taking that office in April, 1914, and retiring in April, 1918.

GUARDED CITY FUNDS

Mr. Hale served for several years as chairman of the finance committee and was known as the watchdog of the city treasury. It was in a measure due to his business ability that the city gained the fine financial position which it occupies at the present time.

The deceased was an able assistant for George E. Lawrence, the first mayor of Lodi.

Together they secured the two municipal plants, water and electric power, which have served to keep taxes low and provide a good balance in the treasury. Mr. Hale was the owner of one of the business blocks on West Pine street. He had been making his home at Pacific Grove for the past two years.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

He was the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Hale, father of Mrs. Merle Rice of Lodi, grandfather of Mrs. Frances Chapman of Los Angeles, and great grandfather of Nancy Merle Chapman, Los Angeles; brother of Rolla J. Hale and Mrs. M.E. Angier, Lodi.

Funeral services tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the chapel of Hale & Bawden with Rev. .B. Young, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Interment in Lodi cemetery with the officers of Lodi lodge, Knights of Pythias, conducting the last rites at the grave.

The Lodi Sentinel Nov 29, 1932

Oscar Harold Wells 1873-1928 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84839187/oscar-harold-wells>

The 1900 census has Oscar occupation as Saloon Keeper in Calaveras County. 1910 Oscar listed as a Mortician. Oscar was a undertaker by trade. His WWI Draft Registration states his address as 123 N. School Street, Lodi, San Joaquin County C.A. His wife Johanna was listed as a Mortician with Oscar in the 1920-1924 Voter Registration.

Johanna Harney Wells

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/84839270/johanna_caroline-brown obit: For a number of years they (Oscar and Johanna) operated the Wells Funeral Home. She sold the business to her son, Harold J. Wells, after Oscar's death. She remarried another mortician.

Also buried at Lodi Memorial Cemetery:

- Susan's brother, George Augustus Jahant 1868-1951
- Susan's sister, Frances Jahant Murphy 1872-1960
- Susan's brother, Charles Albert Jahant 1874-1918
- Susan's sister, Martha Augusta "Mattie" Jahant Eddlemon 1876-1963
- Susan's sister, Adaline Jahant Phillips 1880-1918
- Susan's sister, Caroline Louise "Carrie" Jahant Pattee 1887-1966
- Susan's daughter, Marjorie Alice Bawden Bybee 1908-1971
- Susan's granddaughter, Susan Jeanne Bybee Nelson 1931-1992
- Susan's great-grandson, David Christian Nelson 1957-2008
- Susan's great-grandson, Douglas Lee Nelson 1963-1980

US Censuses:

1920 Census

Susie A Bawden, Thomas L Bawden, daughter Marjorie A Bawden at 11 West Elm St.

1930 Census

Thomas, Alice, and two stepsons are renting 705 E Lindsay Unit 58 in Stockton. He is a funeral director.

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1940 Census

Thomas and Melda Bawden are renting 604 N Commerce St in Stockton for \$42/month. He is a funeral director.

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1950 Census

Thomas and Alice are still at 604 N Commerce Apt 17 and he is still a funeral director

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Lodi Historical Society Newsletters on This Subject:

Early Lodi Undertakers – Winter 1997. This issue with many photos describes early Lodi undertakers and the funeral business. In 1854 Andrew Thomas Rutledge became the area's first undertaker. As a wheelwright familiar with woodwork, he also built and varnished coffins. Frank O. Hale came to Lodi in 1895 as an orchardist but changed to undertaking. Thomas Bawden and Susan Jahant Bawden also entered the business. They bought half of Hale's business at 18-20 West Pine Street, which still stands today. The Bawdens divorced, with Susan continuing in the business. In time Thomas came back as her employee. The issue also describes the Wells Funeral Home and the Salas Funeral Home.

Lodi Women & the Woman's Club of Lodi – Spring 2006. This issue with many photos describes Lodi's socially prominent women and the founding of the Woman's Club of Lodi. The women include Laura DeForce Gordon, journalist and lawyer; seamstresses and milliners such as Myrtle Hollis, Eva Dougherty Perriman, Mrs. J.O. Perkins, Mrs. M.E. Tindle, Mrs. F.M. Copeland, and Mrs. Auda Zeigenfelder; merchant wives such as Rebecca Tredway Ivory; Daisy Pleas, watchmaker; and Susan Jahant Bawden, funeral director. They and other women created the Lodi Improvement Club, which in 1913 became the Woman's Club of Lodi. Their 1923 building still stands today on West Pine Street.