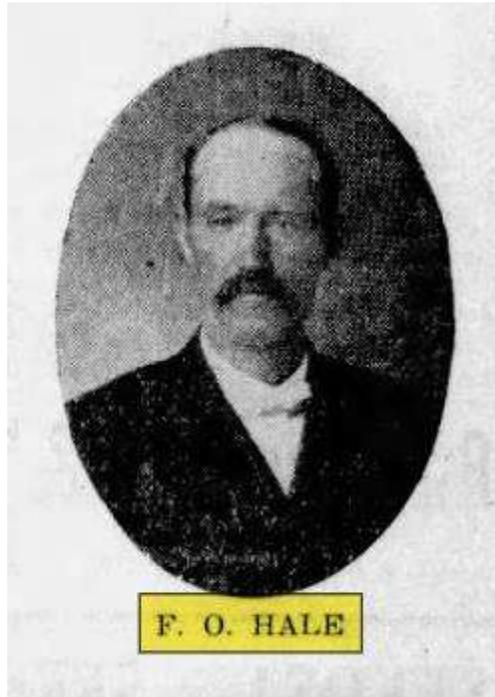


The Life of Frank Hale



Lodi's longtime Funeral Director and Our Second Mayor

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Summary:

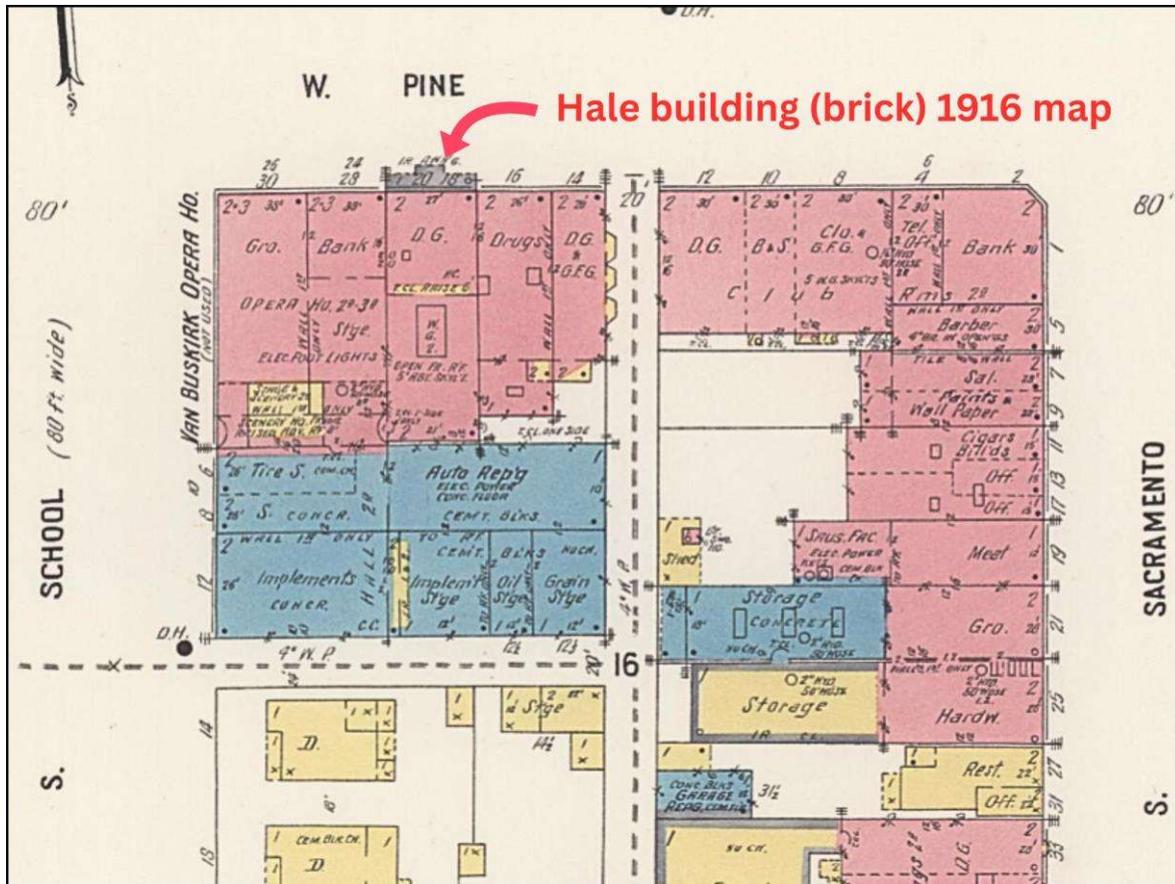
Frank Orlando Hale and his wife, Elizabeth Taylor Hale, came with their daughter, Merle, from Michigan to San Joaquin County around 1890. They had one son, Don, in 1891, who was trampled to death by a horse in 1899.

Frank first appears in the newspaper records in 1893, when he began buying property in Lodi. He appears to have been working for the Stockton Undertaking Company, and in 1897 he opened a Lodi branch of that company on his W Pine St property. In 1902 the business appears in the paper for the first time under Frank's own name.

Frank was variously described as an undertaker, a funeral director, and a furniture man, but he may have made most of his money from buying and selling Lodi real estate. He seems to have left undertaking 1914-1915 after Thomas and Susan Bawden bought into his business.

When Lodi incorporated in 1906, Frank received the most votes as City Councilmember. He served six consecutive terms (24 years) and was Mayor twice.

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Family Timeline summary -- note that Frank's family tree in Ancestry links the wrong parents and siblings in several places:

- Dec 1856 Frank is born in Clinton County, Michigan, USA
- Sept 21 1881 Frank marries Elizabeth/Lizzie Taylor in Bingham, Clinton, Michigan, USA
- Dec 13 1886 daughter Nina Merle is born in St Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, USA
- 1891 son Don is born in Lodi
- Jul 27 1899 son Don dies
- Nov 27 1932 Frank dies

In the News:

The Evening Mail Fri, Oct 13, 1893 ·Page 5

Frank O. Hale buys property in Lodi

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The Evening Mail Wed, Jun 27, 1894 ·Page 1

Frank O. Hale buys property in the Live Oak Colony [many notices follow with Frank Hale buying and selling property]

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The Saginaw Courier-Herald Thu, May 16, 1895 ·Page 1

In Michigan, the young Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale are burned to death, their children saved. [Since this story is also published in Stockton, CA, these may be relatives of Lodi's Frank Hale of Michigan.]

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<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609363156/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>
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The Record Sun, Jul 05, 1896 ·Page 4

At Lodi's July 4th celebration, Frank Hale donated the prize for handsomest baby

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609702722/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>
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The Evening Mail Thu, Apr 15, 1897 ·Page 1

The Stockton Undertaking Company has opened a branch in Lodi, with Frank Hale partner and manager

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609344111/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>
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The Evening Mail Thu, Jul 27, 1899 ·Page 8

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.newspapers.com/image/609370901/?match=1&terms=%22Stockton%20Undertaking%20Company%22>



<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609643325/?match=1&terms=%22Stockton%20Undertaking%20Company%22>

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 often resolutions of respect at the death of President McKinley

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036197485/?match=1&terms=hale>

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>

The Record Fri, Apr 25, 1902 ·Page 5

Frank Hale is in the Lodi Knights of Pythias

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609593986/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>
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Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Jul 15, 1902 ·Page 1

Frank Hale has bought a new funeral truck (guerney)

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036199265/?match=1&terms=hale>

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

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

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

Inhuman parents. "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.

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The Record Fri, Apr 07, 1905 ·Page 5

Frank Hale jokes to Charley Sollars that he would take \$5000 for his property between the Opera House and the site of the new bank, then when Sollars agrees to purchase, Hale rescinds offer

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609750990/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>

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The Evening Mail Tue, Apr 10, 1906 ·Page 2

Stockton residents want Lodi real estate – another offer made for Hale’s Pine Street property

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609185685/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>

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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 Hale

<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]

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cott

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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.

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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

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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>

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

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

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The Record Sat, Jun 19, 1909 ·Page 5

The Hales have left with the Zimmermans and Nelsons for a month fishing and camping at the McCloud River

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609706760/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>

The Record Sat, Dec 11, 1909 ·Page 5

Mrs. F.O. Hale plays cards with Lodi's 500 Club, a social organization

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609704922/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>

Description of the 500 Club in Connecticut – does not appear related to the 500 Club dive bar in San Francisco

<https://newhartfordcthistory.org/2012/09/26/the-500-club/>

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

First mention of Hale & Scott

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

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

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

Hale & Scott funeral chapel

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

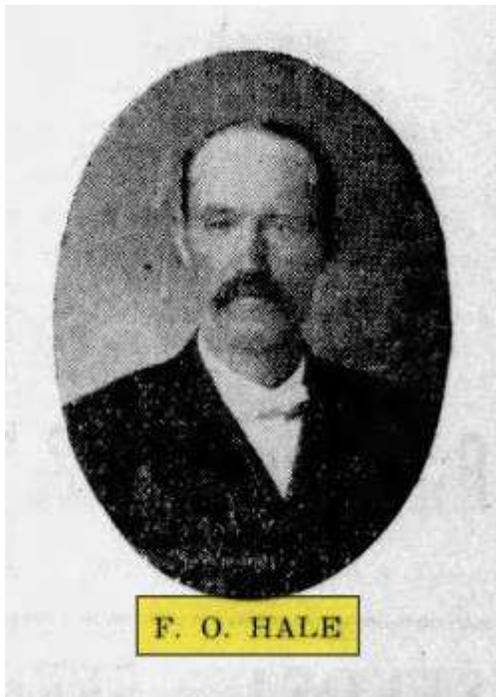
Advertorial describing Hale & Scott's new chapel, two cars that match the colors of coffins, with matching horses

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Feb 24, 1910 ·Page 1

Photo of Frank Hale

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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, Jun 21, 1910 ·Page 1

John Rollodine Hale Sr., Frank's father, obituary

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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>

The Record Tue, Dec 19, 1911 ·Page 4

Hale proposes that Lodi heavily tax fortune-tellers, trance mediums, etc.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609707224/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jan 04, 1912 ·Page 3

Hale will help the WCTU decide where to put the drinking fountain

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036275414/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Record Fri, Jan 19, 1912 ·Page 5

Lodi merchants resist having a drinking fountain in front of their stores. Frank Hale says he may have to put it in front of his funeral parlor (on W Pine St) as the streets and sidewalks are being paved

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jul 11, 1912 ·Page 5

Trustees Hale and Rich have returned from San Francisco, where they purchased splendid furniture for the new City Hall

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The Evening Mail Fri, Jul 12, 1912 ·Page 5

Frank Hale will join P.H. Tindell and others on a deer hunt

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Aug 08, 1912 ·Page 1

Hale is the chairman of the Streets Committee. Anyone wanting to lay a sidewalk must go through him

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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.

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<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>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jul 24, 1913 ·Page 9

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, Sep 30, 1913 ·Page 1

Trustee Hale says that Lodi enjoys the lowest price for its electricity, good reason that the City should manage gas too

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036253024/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%20>

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>

The Record Tue, Nov 25, 1913 ·Page 5

History of Hale buying and selling the property where the Hale Building and Opera House now stand

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609706793/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Jan 22, 1914 ·Page 8

Hale will run for office again. "I am sick and tired of the job."

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036198560/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Evening Mail Tue, Apr 14, 1914 ·Page 1

Lodi Wets Win by 7 Votes

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609140725/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel

Tue, Apr 21, 1914 ·Page 1

Hale is unanimously chosen as Mayor

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SEARCH F.O. HALE APRIL 1914-1919 LOOKING FOR WHEN HALE SOLD FUNERAL BUSINESS

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 Evening Mail Sat, Feb 20, 1915 ·Page 8

Frank Hale is considering replacing his frame building with funeral parlor with a two-story brick building

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609164533/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%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.

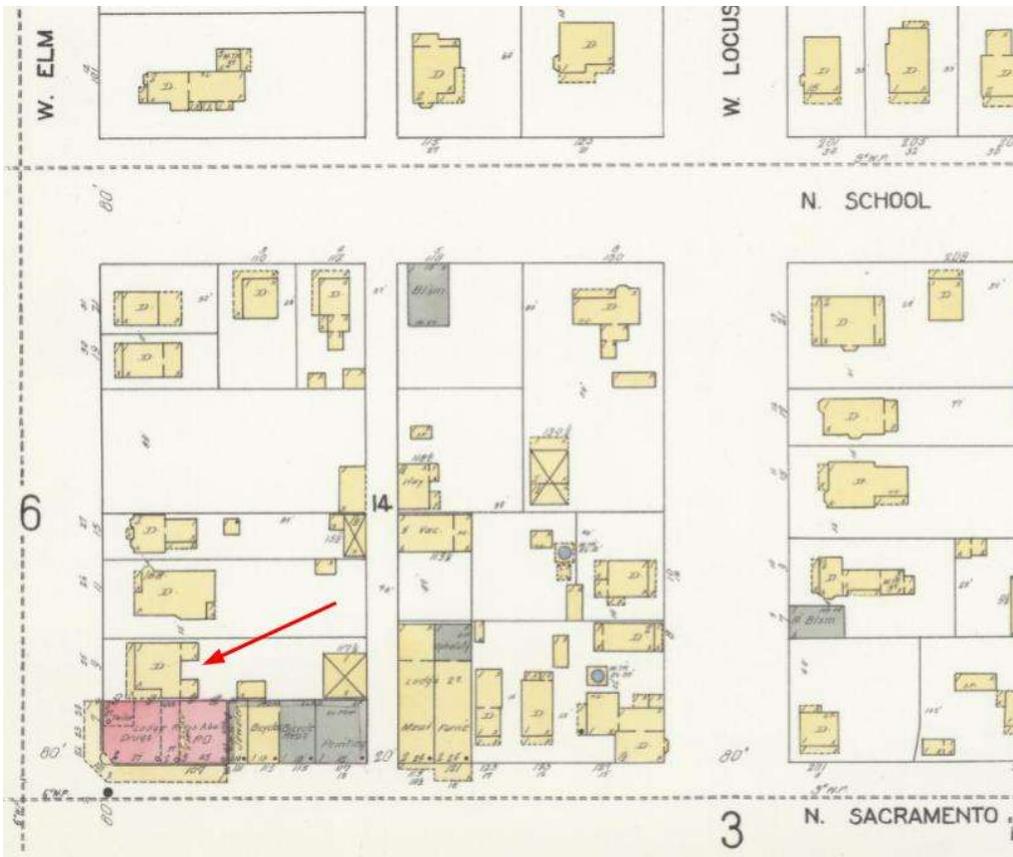
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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Mar 11, 1915 ·Page 3

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

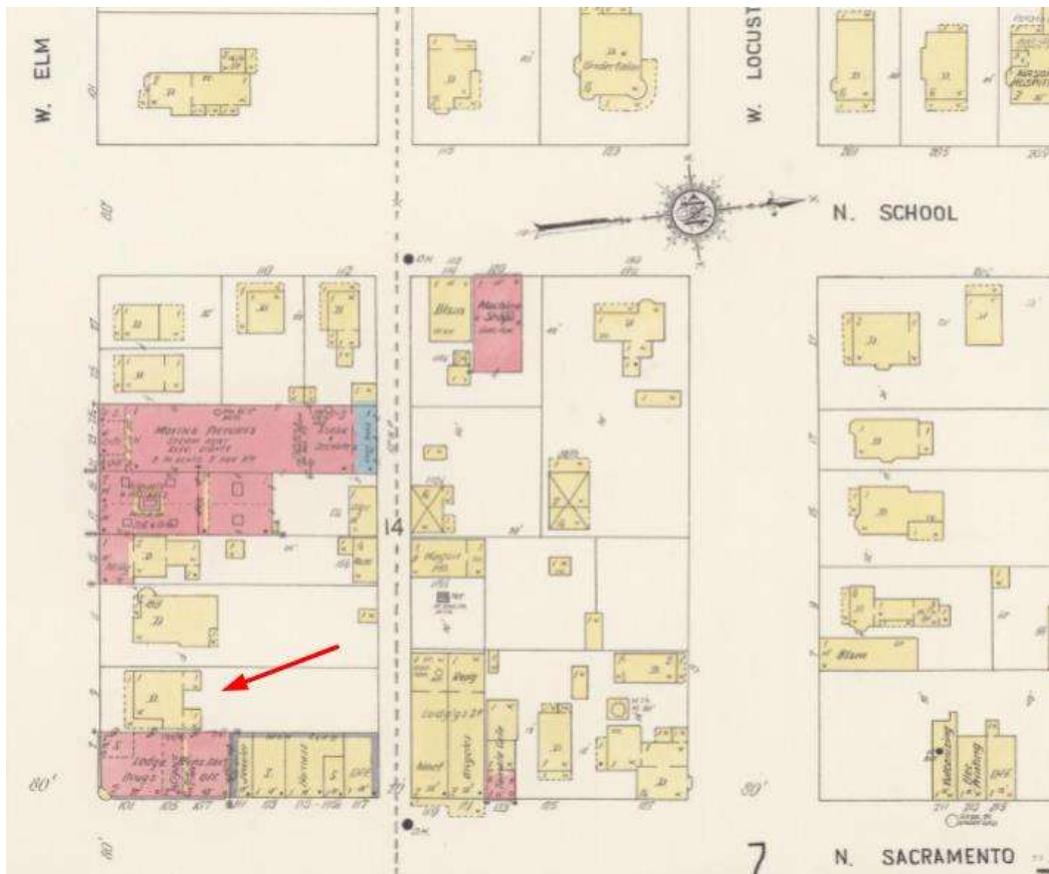
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036208425/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

1907 Sanborn Fire Insurance map with red arrow showing 11 W Elm St that will become Hale & Bawden:



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 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 Fri, Jan 11, 1918 ·Page 11

Frank Hale's mother, Dorlesca Hale, has died. She was the wife of John R. Hale from Michigan. Her children are Mrs. M.E. Angier, Rollo [John Rollodine Jr.] Hale, and F.O. Hale, all of Lodi.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609929365/?article=2583da3f-5bbf-4605-b398-85ae87f49e23&terms=%22Hale%22>

Lodi News-Sentinel Sat, Sep 25, 1920 ·Page 1

Not a single boy has drowned in the Mokelumne River since the municipal baths opened. Hale says that he used to bury two or three boys, and one year five

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036178133/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Record Thu, Mar 24, 1921 ·Page 14

Frank Hale and trustees are considering a petition from residents in the area from Lodi Avenue to Kettleman to annex their properties. The residents want city water, sewer, lights, police, fire department

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609855944/?match=1&terms=%22frank%20hale%22>

The Record Sat, Apr 23, 1921 ·Page 11

“I have never been what you would call a dry man, but I believe in upholding the law”

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609871281/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

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

Frank Hale did not have an entry in his name, but he is mentioned in other people's stories [*always take Tinkham with a grain of salt as the editors generally did not fact-check the families' submissions*]:

[The 1906 Vote for Incorporation and first City Council Trustees] Frank Hale ran on the Business Men's ticket.

The following officers were elected together with their vote for trustees: J. M. Blodgett, 350 ; F. O. Hale, 362 ; George E. Lawrence, 290; C. A. Rich, 181; Leon Villinger, 186....A few evenings after the election the citizens held a grand ratification meeting in the opera house. The meeting was addressed by Mayor M. J. Gardner and Judge Wm. B. Nutter of Stockton and by local speakers. The meeting was enlivened by the Lodi band and local vocalists. The first meeting of the trustees was held December 7 in the "new city hall on North Sacramento Street." They had no money in the treasury, no fixtures, books or papers of any kind with which to conduct business, and it was suggested that the trustees dig down in their pockets or hold themselves personally responsible for books, furniture, etc.

The following is the official roster of Lodi up to the present time :

Board of trustees — November 27, 1906, president, George E. Lawrence ; T- M- Blodgett, C. A. Rich, F. O. Hale, Leon Villinger. April 15, 1912, president, George E. Lawrence; M. J. Blodgett, C. A. Rich, F. O. Hale, C. A. Black. April 20, 1914, president, F. O. Hale; Ma.x Foldendorf, E. M. Keenev, E. E. Deever, C. A. Black. April 15, 1918, president, C. A. Black; Joseph D. Crose, E. M. Keenev, F. O. Hale, John S. Montgomery. April 19, 1920, president, J. S. Montgomery ; Joseph D. Crose, C. A. Rich, F. O. Hale, A. D. Hickok. April 17, 1922, president, J. W. Shattuck; John Mettler, [r., C. A. Rich. F. O. Hale. A. D. Hickok.

Hale family, from the perspective of Frank's sister, Antoinette

<https://archive.org/details/historyofsanjoaq00tink/page/754/mode/2up?q=hale>

In 1914 Susan Bawden acquired Frank Hale's interest in Hale & Bawden

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Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Sep 28, 1922 ·Page 1

City will pay for children to be tested and treated for diphtheria – if one life is saved, it will be worth it, says Hale

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036301232/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Record Fri, Oct 27, 1922 ·Page 20

F.O. Hale garage on Oak Street will be polling place

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/610013390/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Thu, Apr 12, 1923 ·Page 3

Frank catches a 29.5lb bass

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036310424/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Peninsular Review and Pacific Grove Daily Review Mon, Feb 11, 1924 ·Page 1

Mr. Hale has stood all these years for progression. The result is a city paved and beautifully lighted and good inhabitants. Because the citizens have been wise in keeping on the board a man who caught a vision of progressiveness and always stood firm.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/978319172/?match=1&terms=hale%20>

The Record Thu, Jul 17, 1924 ·Page 16

Frank Hale is recovering from severe bruises from when he was dashed against the rocks while swimming at Pacific Grove

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/609891678/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

The Record Tue, Oct 13, 1925 ·Page 17

Frank Hale was robbed Sunday night of \$25.70 at the corner of Stockton and Elm Streets [not sure this is the right Frank Hale – another Frank Hale has recently been arrested for drunk driving and implicated in gang activity, and the Frank Hale who complained of being robbed of \$25.70 “disappears” as of Feb 26, 1926. Also, Frank C. Hale was a local attorney at this time and Frank J. Hale was a political editor in Washington DC.]

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The Record Tue, Jan 05, 1926 ·Page 16

Trustee Hale has led the way for ordinance to make dogs illegal in the City unless tethered or penned. If a dog is taken the owner has 3 days to claim it or it will be shot.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036287334/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

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Lodi physician accused by six or seven women of taking liberties; F.O. Hale a character witness for the physician

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036287334/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Stockton Independent Thu, Sep 26, 1929 ·Page 2

F.O. Hale refuses to pay for collect telegram after reading it

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/607920746/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Dec 31, 1929 ·Page 1

F.O. Hale makes New Year's Resolution to stay out of politics

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036340859/?match=1&terms=%22f.o.%20hale%22%20>

Lodi News-Sentinel Tue, Nov 29, 1932 ·Page 1

Frank Hale obituary. He served continuously on City Council 1906 – 1930 (six terms). Had been living in Pacific Grove the previous two years.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036364115/?match=1&terms=hale>

The Record Wed, Dec 21, 1932 ·Page 13

Frank's daughter, Merle, will be the executrix

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/843510874/?match=1&terms=hale%20>

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

“Bath House Square/Municipal Park” has been officially renamed “Hale Park” after Frank O. Hale. “Hale served the city conscientiously and well.” “While on the board he was known as the Watchdog of the Treasury.”

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

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.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1033496171/?match=1&terms=%22susan%20bawden%22>

The Record Wed, Nov 09, 1960 ·Page 46

Hale & Bawden closes after more than 60 years

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/845116887/?match=1&terms=%22Susan%20Bawden%22>

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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

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1036688723/?match=1&terms=%22Russell%20T.%20Gierhart%22>

The Record Fri, Sep 24, 1965 ·Page 12

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

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/845176503/?match=1&terms=%22james%20ward%22%20%22fire%20damages%20antique%20shop%22>

Find a Grave:

- Frank Hale <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126863528/frank-orlando-hale>
- Elizabeth Hale, Frank Hale's wife
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126863513/elizabeth-hale>
- John Rollodine Hale Sr, Frank Hale's father
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68501635/john_rollodine-hale
- Dorlesca Hale, Frank Hale's mother
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68501969/dorlesca-hale>
- John Rollodine Hale Jr, Frank Hale's brother
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/68503045/john_rollodine-hale

- Melbourne Ellsworth Angier, Frank Hale's sister's husband
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126122950/melbourne-ellsworth-angier>
- Homer J Hale, Frank Hale's cousin
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/127589155/homer-j-hale>
- Merle Hale, Frank Hale's daughter
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/126865684/nina_merle-rice
- Don Hale, Frank Hale's son
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/129989809/don_j-hale

Stockton City Directory 1906

Frank Hale is an undertaker on Pine St near School, lives on the corner of Church and Oak

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/225650282?tid=&pid=&queryId=f2b46eb7-2e98-4002-9598-bd7949d05923&phsrc=UOW3&phstart=successSource>

Stockton City Directory 1911

Frank Hale of Hale & Scott lives at 202 W Oak

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/242205293>

US Censuses – Frank Hale was a common name – these entries seem most likely to be Lodi's Frank Hale:

1860 Census Bingham, Clinton, Michigan

Frank O is 3yo, living with father John and his wife Caroline (John's first wife?), and their older children Emma and Romanzo

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/records/44377080?tid=&pid=&queryId=601363cb-b070-4b86-9429-77dc9bee35b2&phsrc=vML49&phstart=successSource>

1880 Census Bingham, Clinton, Michigan, USA

Frank is 23yo, living with father John and Dorca (John's second wife?) and 2yo sister Nellie/Nettie in Michigan

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6742/records/22203842?tid=&pid=&queryId=57ec1319-77ab-45aa-9aee-5a2ad19c6304&phsrc=vML46&phstart=successSource>

1900 Cansus

Frank, Lizzie, and Merle are living in West Lodi

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7602/records/292488?tid=&pid=&queryId=743017fa-7a58-40e9-80ba-0b88095bdfc3&phsrc=vML5&phstart=successSource>

1910 Census

Frank and Lizzie are living at 202 W Oak

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7884/records/1735908?tid=&pid=&queryId=240eca12-e783-4960-8d81-5972f2b9e97f&phsrc=vML12&phstart=successSource>

1920 Census

Frank is living at 323 W Oak with Lizzie, Merle, and granddaughter Frances

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/5826951?tid=&pid=&queryId=cc55e92c-d701-432c-a37f-f89d17aa2578&phsrc=vML22&phstart=successSource>

1930 Census

Frank is living on West Oak with Elizabeth, daughter Merle, and Elizabeth's brother Henry M Emmons. House is worth \$6000 and they had a radio.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/92819217?tid=&pid=&queryId=245d79af-5d78-4ffd-aaaf-f801e5a5c1e9&phsrc=vML3&phstart=successSource>

Lodi Historical Society Newsletters on This Subject:

[Early Lodi City Government](#) – Fall 1997. [photo of Frank Hale is incorrectly identified as Charles A. Rich] This issue with many photos describes early Lodi city government. Before

Lodi incorporated in 1906, it was administered by five San Joaquin County supervisors. Lodi's citizens had their own water wells, windmills, and septic tanks while the business area had six underground brick storage areas for sewerage that was hauled away at night. With a rudimentary jail and fire cart. Although the county had appointed a Pound master, at night citizens opened their gates to let livestock roam around eating grass. In 1904 citizens began discussing the pros and cons of incorporating. When in 1906 a Board of Trustees was formed, the first order of business was to establish fees for business owners. Only four saloons would be allowed until the population reached 2,500, when a fifth might be added. Disposal of filth, rubbish, offal, and slops was determined. Five paid city jobs were created. Animals on the streets, vulgar language, whistling in a public hall or singing in a saloon, driving a car faster than eight miles per hour, and leaving a horse unhitched were all prohibited. As time went by, Lodi's public utilities were developed. A water and light plant was built on the southeast corner of Locust and Main Streets. In 1912 a City Hall and Fire Department was built at 114 N. Main Street.

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.