

Thomas Edward Irvine

Grandfather of John Thomas Irvine & Lutile Ann Maley

Great Grandfather of Tommy & Kimberly Irvine & Scott & Susan Maley

He was truly a Pioneer of Arizona. His father was one of the original incorporators of the City of Phoenix. He came to Phoenix in 1888. He was at that time about 21 years old. A few years later he married Frances Isabella White who had come to Phoenix from Fresno, Calif. in 1890. She was a beautiful young woman & Edward had plenty of competition. He was active in social & business circles. He was considered a fine citizen & a good father & husband. In his younger days he loved hunting & camping trips & was a good camp cook. He was a failure however as a Home Cook. Of particular pleasure to him was a fireworks display that he put on every 4th of July for his own & the neighborhood kids. Bella always provided the cookies & lemonade. In his later years he greatly enjoyed doing cross word & jig saw puzzles.

He was a member of the original Iron Springs Outing Club but did not build a house with the original group. Later he bought a cottage which was later enlarged into a comfortable & enjoyable mountain cabin. He & Bella & their children spent many enjoyable summers in this place. Many of the first Phoenix families had summer homes there, the families spending the summer & the husbands coming up for week ends on the train to escape the heat for then there were no coolers or refrigeration in Phoenix then.

He was not an active church member but he truly an honorable man & lived by christian principles.

He was the father of Lewis, Isabelle & John Irvine.

~~Isabelle Irvine Thompson~~

Isabelle Thompson (Irvine)
Feb. 3rd 1966

Frances Isabella Irvine

Grandmother of John Thomas Irvine & Lucile Ann Maley

Great Grandmother of Tommy & Kimberly Irvine & Scott & Susan Maley

Mother of Lewis, Isabelle & John Irvine

Bella as she was called by all of her friends was a beautiful dark haired dark eyed woman with an outgoing personality & true interest in her fellow man. She & her husband Edward were pioneers, belonging to the Pioneers Society & enjoying many of the Pioneer Re-Unions that were held annually in Phoenix. (to be eligible a person had to have been in Phoenix by 1890 or earlier). She had many Firsts to her credit. She was the first Treasurer of the original Y. W. C. A. Board & helped start that great organization in Phoenix. She was a member of the founding Board of Directors of the Phoenix Womens Club. She was a member (very active) of the First Methodist Church, attending regularly. She was an early & active member of the Garden Club & allways had the prettiest yard on her block. It has been said of her that you could allways tell where she lived by going down her street & picking out the best looking yard. She won many awards for her work in flower & plant arrangement.

She enjoyed an active Social Life. She belonged to a social group called "The Pricilla Club" & a early ladies group in Phoenix composed of many of the early families in this area. Some of those were Alkire, Heflin, Lamson, Doran, Ellis, Stewart, Townsend, Jones & Baker.

Bella was a good cook & was noted by her friends children for allways having a filled cookie jar. Her children & husband allways had a decorated birthday cake & ice cream for their birthdays. She spent many hours preparing for Christmas for there allways was an ample supply of home made mince meat, fruit cakes & plum puddings.

She was loved & admired by all.

Isabelle Irvine Thompson
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