

# Life Overview of Frederick L. Tinurelli

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## Research Objective

The Objective of this project is to gain insight to the life lead by Frederick Laurence Tinurelli (1914-1969). What was his background? What was his family life? And what is known about his career?

## Known Information

Frederick Tinurelli was of Italian descent. He married Edna L. Davis and they had a daughter. Edna and Frederick divorced when their child was very young. He no longer had contact with them.

## Life Events of Frederick L. Tinurelli

Frederick Tinurelli was born 27 Oct 1914 at the borough of Old Forge in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. His parents were Llario and Madalena (nee Graziosi) Tinurelli; both were immigrants from Italy<sup>1</sup>. 5 children were part of this family:

- Rosa (1906-1908)
- Robert Lawrence (1908-2002)
- Clara (1910-2003)
- Frederick Laurence (1914-1969)
- Flora (1916-2013)

After completing High School, Frederick joined a national reforestation project that was initiated by President Roosevelt in 1933. A group of boys would travel via train to Camp Meade in Maryland. While there, they would participate in 2 weeks of physical reconditioning under the supervision of regular army officers. Afterward the boys would be assigned to forests to work for 6 months. Out of their monthly pay of \$30, \$25 will be sent to their home.<sup>2</sup> This commitment would introduce Frederick to a routine of military service that would be a part of his life in later years

He married Edna L. Davis in Syracuse, New York on 29 Aug 1936 while he was a student at Syracuse University and she attended a business school.<sup>3</sup> In 1937 he graduated from that University in business administration. Just a few months after graduation, daughter who was born in Sep 1937.



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<sup>1</sup> State of Delaware Board of Health, Certificate of Death, Frederick L. Tinurelli, Local Reg. No. W-535, State File No. 1068, Wilmington, Delaware, 1969; digital image, "Delaware Vital Records, 1650-1974", database, FamilySearch.org, image 68 of 250 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS3G-2VB4>; accessed 13 Sep 2022).

<sup>2</sup> The Tribune, "100 More Boys Leave for Camp in Forest Plan", 03 May 1933, Scranton, Pennsylvania: (database with images), Newspapers.com, accessed 13 Sep 2022, <https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/49500005/>.

<sup>3</sup> The Gazette, "Marion News: Edna Davis Married", 06 May 1937, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, pg. 28, col. 2; database with images, Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/548497313> : accessed 13 Sep 2022).



During the years 1939-1940, Frederick attended Columbia University in New York City, New York. While the student catalogue identifies he was enrolled in the Teacher's College at Columbia, his major of study is uncertain and it is not known if he actually graduated. However, sources indicate that he received a master's degree from Columbia.<sup>4</sup> During his time at Columbia, he resided in the campus dormitories.<sup>56</sup>



In November 1940, Frederick resided in Denver, Colorado at Lowery Field. During this time, Lowery Field had been designated for US Air Corps Technical Training Command. It was not uncommon for the military to recruit young men from various college campuses. With the onset of WWII, the need for those to provide technical and mechanical support grew dramatically.

Frederick L. Tinurelli

Date of photo is unknown, but likely during his time at Lowery Field in the Air Corps Training program.

It was during this time that Frederick registered for the US Military.<sup>7</sup>

*Frederick L. Tinurelli* *affiliated with the Flying Cadet Detachment, Lowery Field, Denver Colorado*

SERIAL NUMBER <b>4146</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>Frederick L. Tinurelli</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>2941A</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>FLYING CADET DETACHMENT, LOWERY FIELD, DENVER COLORADO</b>			
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>26</b>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Old Forge, Pennsylvania</b>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.</b>
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mrs. Clara Vittor</b>			
8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>Sister</b>			
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>205 Drake's Lake Old Forge, Penn.</b>			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>Unemployed</b>			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1		<i>Frederick L. Tinurelli</i>	

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	<b>5' 6 1/2"</b>	<b>156</b>	Sallow
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light
	Gray	Red	Ruddy
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Dark
	Brown	Black	Freckled
Indian	Black	Gray	Light brown
	Bald	Black	Dark brown
Filipino			Black
Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification <i>scar on left knee</i>			
I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:			
<i>Gertrude P. Hopper</i>			
Registrar for	<b>3</b>	<b>ny</b>	<b>ny</b>
Date of registration	<b>11/15/40</b>		
LOCAL BOARD No. 21 1 East 44th Street New York 17, N. Y. STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD			

Front and back sides of 1940 Draft Registration Card.

<sup>4</sup> The Times-Tribune, "Frederick Tinurelli", 17 Mar 1969, Scranton, Pennsylvania, obituary, pg.8, col.1: database with images, Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/531325812/> : accessed 13 Sep 2022).

<sup>5</sup> Columbia University, "Supplement to the Directory Catalogue 1939", (1939), pg 41; database with images, Hathi Trust Digital Library, image 719 of 730 (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nnc2.ark:/13960/t84j1678m&view=1up&seq=679&skin=2021> : accessed 13 Sep 2022).

<sup>6</sup> Columbia University, "Directory Catalogue For The Sessions 1939-1940", (1940), pg 231; database with images, Hathi Trust Digital Library, image 659 of 726 (<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nnc2.ark:/13960/t4vh67j9h&view=1up&seq=429&skin=2021> : accessed 13 Sep 2022)

<sup>7</sup> "Records of the Selective Service System", WWII Draft Registration Cards; database with images, Fold3 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/695346468> : accessed 13 Sep 2022), Frederick L. Tinurelli, serial no. 4146, order number 2941A; citing "Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Multiple Registrations", NARA record group 147, roll 44027\_02\_00104.



While living in Denver, Frederick became involved with the US Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School.<sup>8</sup> This school offered an expedited auxiliary naval officer training program. The students completed a 30-day indoctrination course before entering the 90-day V-7 Navy College Training Program. After successful completion, graduates were commissioned as ensigns to the US Naval Reserve.<sup>9</sup>



USS Polaris (AF-11)



Yearbook photo of Frederick Tinurelli.  
US Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, 1942.

Upon completion of the Training Program (1942), Frederick was commissioned to the USS Polaris, along with 5 other officers that each held the title of ensign.<sup>10</sup> Based on the ship's 1942 muster records, Frederick was identified as being absent for trips out to sea on May 5, May 12, June 4, and Jun 15. Each occurrence indicated he was receiving treatment at the US Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. At the time of this research, no further information could be found surrounding this. No military discharge papers could be found.

Front and back sides of 1945 Draft Registration Card.

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DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Inches)	WEIGHT (Pounds)	COMPLEXION
White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5' 6 1/2"	160	Fair
EYES	HAIR		
Blue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gray	Red	Ruddy	
Brown	Brown	Dark	
Black	Black	Freckled	
Light brown	Light brown	Dark brown	
Dark brown	Dark brown	Black	

In January of 1945, Frederick registers for the military draft (a second time). This time he identifies his address as the Martinique Hotel in New York City. He also identifies his employer as Lago Oil Company, who's offices are located at Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. Lago Oil and Transport Company was a shipping company carrying crude oil. They had operations located in Aruba and Venezuela.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>8</sup> "U.S., School Yearbooks, 1880-2012", US Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School (1942), pg. 65; database with images, Ancestry (<http://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?db=1265&h=115637987&indiv=try> : accessed 2021).

<sup>9</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "United States Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=United\\_States\\_Naval\\_Reserve\\_Midshipmen%27s\\_School&oldid=1085657158](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=United_States_Naval_Reserve_Midshipmen%27s_School&oldid=1085657158) (accessed September 13, 2022).

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Directory, Ships' Roster of Officers, entry for F. L. Tinurelli, pg. 580; database with images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6409092:60656> : accessed 13 Sep 2022).

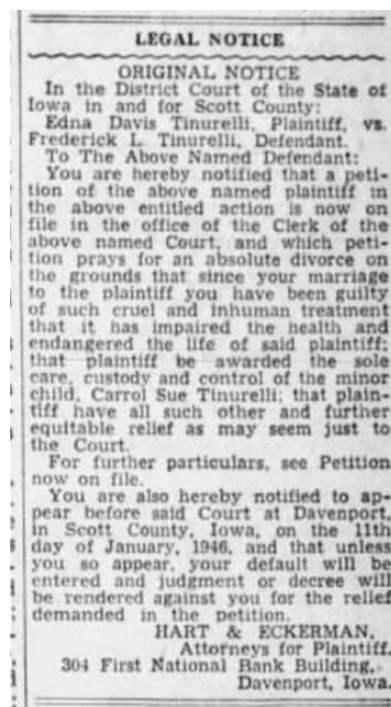
<sup>11</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "Lago Oil and Transport Company," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lago\\_Oil\\_and\\_Transport\\_Company&oldid=1070880894](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lago_Oil_and_Transport_Company&oldid=1070880894) (accessed September 13, 2022).



In January 1946, a divorce is granted between Edna and Frederick with full and sole custody of their child to Edna. Within the divorce petition, the Plaintiff (Edna) states:

- They were married at Cedarvale, Onodaga County, New York. [Cedarvale is a small community located about 20 miles SW of Syracuse.]
- They lived together as husband and wife until May 1938.
- The defendant has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment that has impaired the health and endangered the Plaintiff's life.

The divorce hearing was held in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa. Legal notices requesting Frederick's appearance at the hearing were published in the Davenport city newspaper on 3 occasions. Frederick did not appear for the hearing and therefore the divorce was granted and Edna was awarded custody of the child.<sup>12</sup> There was no further evidence found that Frederick had any contact with Edna or the child from this point forward.



*Legal Notice in The Daily Times, Davenport, Iowa.*

Frederick met Louise Hassel (1924-2020) in Aruba. With the Lago Oil Company having operations in Aruba and it was where Louise grew to adulthood, this is likely the conditions that they met. They were married in 1946 in Brooklyn, New York.<sup>13</sup> To this union, 2 children were born:

- Madelyn Marie (1947-2020)
- George Frederick (1951-2001)

Both Madelyn and George have children and grandchildren of their own.



Frederick and Louise lived in Aruba, Venezuela, and Pennsylvania before finally settling in Delaware in about 1953.<sup>14</sup> Much of these relocations were likely due to Frederick's job. During his life time he was also employed as a consulting engineer with Gilbert Associates of Indiana.<sup>15</sup>

*Louise Hassel Tinurelli, ca. 2010*

During his final 16 years in Claymont, Delaware, he was involved with the Holy Rosary Church and its Holy Name Society. He was also an active member of the Hall Burke Post S447, Veterans of Foreign Wars society.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Davenport, Iowa District Court Scott County, Divorce Appearance Docket, Fee Book and Judgment Docket, Edna Davis Tinurelli v. Frederick L. Tinurelli; digital image copy privately held by Kevin Spire [email and street address for private use], Des Moines, Iowa. 2022.

<sup>13</sup> Find a Grave, database and images ([https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/220401062/louise-tinurelli\\_andrews](https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/220401062/louise-tinurelli_andrews); accessed 14 September 2022), memorial page for Louise Hassell Tinurelli Andrews (9 Feb 1924–25 Dec 2020), Find a Grave Memorial ID 220401062, citing Cathedral Cemetery, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware, USA; Maintained by Bluebird (contributor 47803890) .

<sup>14</sup> Ibid

<sup>15</sup> The Times-Tribune, "Frederick Tinurelli", 17 Mar 1969, Scranton, Pennsylvania, obituary, pg.8, col.1: database with images, Newspapers.com (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/legacy/531325812/> : accessed 13 Sep 2022).

<sup>16</sup> Ibid



Frederick L. Tinurelli died 15 March 1969 at the St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 54 years. He was a patient at the hospital for about 2 weeks prior to death. Cause of death was identified as a myocardial infarction due to arteriosclerotic coronary thrombosis<sup>17</sup> [heart attack caused by a blood clot].

Both Frederick and Louise are buried at the Cathedral Cemetery located in Wilmington, Delaware.



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<sup>17</sup> State of Delaware Board of Health, Certificate of Death, Frederick L. Tinurelli, Local Reg. No. W-535, State File No. 1068, Wilmington, Delaware, 1969; digital image, "Delaware Vital Records, 1650-1974", database, FamilySearch, image 68 of 250 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS3G-2VB4>; accessed 13 Sep 2022).



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