

3011 Avenue O (Thomas L. Cross - Home)

1900 Storm Survivor

Built October 1899

Thomas L. Cross

Born in Newcastle on the Tyne England – December 7, 1840

Died in Galveston, Texas – August 14, 1930

He came to Galveston at the age of 18 and resided here for 72 years.

His first business was a ship chandlery on the Strand, where he operated the firm of T. L. Cross & Co. for more than 31 years, having been succeeded by the firm of Flood & Calvert.

He retired in 1914 from his active business and for the next 16 years, prior to his passing, he was Vice President of the America National Insurance Company, Vice President of the Galveston Business and Loan Company and a Director of the City National Bank.

The City National Bank (CNB) and the name of its historic building in Galveston, Texas, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The bank was founded in December 1907 by William Lewis Moody Jr. (1866-1954)

The building was completed in 1920. In 1953, City National Bank renamed itself the Moody National Bank, to honor the founder.

Special Note: His daughter was the Reverend Mother St. Aloysius Cross, Superior of the Ursuline Convent of Galveston. She was the last Superior elected, served three double terms of six years each between 1906 and 1930. Thereafter, the Superiors were appointed.