

# TUSCANIA

**Tuscania casualty**  
**Allen, Clarence Walter**  
**1898 MI – 5 February 1918 on Tuscania**



Clarence Walter Allen – Find A Grave 150700838

## Clarence W Allen

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

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MICHIGAN: WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Abraham, Gottfried	542,047	Pvt	Co C 7 Inf	July 22/18
Aiken, George E	106,334	Sgt	Co D 3 MG Bn	July 18/18
Allen, Clarence W	--	Pvt	158 Aero Sq Sig C	Feb 5/18

*US, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths -*  
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPHX-HHMP>

Name	Clarence W. Allen
State Registered	Michigan
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery	Tablets of the Missing at Brookwood American Cemetery
Cemetery Burial Plot	Action or Buried at Sea
Cemetery City	Brookwood
Cemetery Country	England
War	World War I
Title	Private, U.S. Army
Rank	Private
Service	U.S. Army
Division	158th Aero Squadron
Data Source	World War I Honor Roll

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10200948/person/400170363096/facts>

## Clarence W Allen

in the U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949

Name	Clarence W Allen
Rank	Private
Residence Place	Michigan
Military Unit	158th Aero Squadron
Military Branch	U.S. Army
War	World War I
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Cemetery Section	Tablets of the Missing
Cemetery	Brookwood American Cemetery
Burial Place	Brookwood, England

[https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30097998:9170?tid=10200948&pid=400170363096&queryId=69b46e15fae8c1d661a50293135bd2d9&\\_phsrc=cPx1502&\\_phstart=successSource](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/30097998:9170?tid=10200948&pid=400170363096&queryId=69b46e15fae8c1d661a50293135bd2d9&_phsrc=cPx1502&_phstart=successSource)

## Clarence Walter Allen

Military • Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919

Name	Clarence Walter Allen
Residence Place	Traverse City, Grand Traverse
Death Date	5 Feb 1918
Birth Date	30 Jun 1897
Birthplace	Maple City, Michigan
Military Final Rank	Private
Military Unit Note	177th Sq, Kelly Field
Father's Name	Walter L Allen
Mother's Name	Carrie M Allen
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	25 Nov 1917
Event Place	Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, United States
Event Place (Original)	Columbus Barracks, Ohio

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPK9-W124>

Life:

# THREE LANSING MEN ON BOARD

WILBUR CLARK, OTTO K. CADY AND GLENN F. DENNISON AMONG SOLDIERS ON TRANSPORT.

## SCORES ARE FROM MICHIGAN

Detroit Journal Transmits Roster of Those Who Were on  
Cunard Liner Sunk in War Zone Tuesday  
Night.

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—The Detroit Journal Friday received from its Washington correspondent a list of persons aboard the liner Tuscania. The list includes soldiers and civilians and does not designate the companies to which the men belonged. Eighteen men were from Detroit. The remainder of the list follows:

Traverse City—Clarence Allen.

*"Lansing (MI) State Journal" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1*

## Traverse City Boy Lost.

By Associated Press.

TRAVERSE CITY, Feb. 16.—Clarence M. Allen, Traverse City boy, who was aboard the transport Tuscania, has been given up as lost by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen, of Allendale farm, near Traverse City.

*"Lansing (MI) State Journal" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 1*

## TWO STATE MEN BELIEVED LOST

Nelson F. Rice and Clarence  
Allen Are Among Missing On  
the Tuscania

(By The Associated Press)

Charlottesville, Mich., Feb. 16. — No word has been received by Nelson Floyd Rice of this city as to the fate of his son, Alpha Rice who went down with the Tuscania. None of the reports show his name among the survivors and so far no lists have contained his name among the dead, but it is feared by relatives that his body may have been one of the unidentified buried on the Scotch coast. A telegram has been sent to Congressman Smith giving the number of the case and works of Mr. Rice's watch.

Traverse City, Mich., Feb. 16. — Clarence M. Allen, Traverse City boy who was aboard the transport Tuscania, has been given up as lost by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen of Allendale Farm, near Traverse City.

"Port Huron (MI) Times Herald" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 1 -  
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/209748855/>

### **Michigan's Honor Roll.**

Michigan's honor roll of men that have died in their country's cause while in service overseas during America's first year in the Great War is as follows:

**CAPTAIN PHELPS COLLINS**, aviator, of Alpena and Detroit.

**LIEUTENANT GEORGE O. MIDDLE-DITCH**, aviator, Detroit.

**LIEUTENANT E. R. WHEATLEY**, aviator, Detroit.

**CORPORAL GEORGE ALLIE**, Detroit.

**PRIVATE HOMER KLEIN**, Detroit.

**DIED WHEN THE TUSCANIA SANK.**

**ANTHONY ABBONI**, Detroit.

**HERBERT C. J. BRESNNER**, Saginaw.

**WILBUR W. CLARK**, Jackson.

**WILLIAM R. JOHNSON**, Metamora.

**LEIGH A. WRIGHT**, Hillsdale.

**MISSING FROM TUSCANIA:**

**CLARENCE W. ALLEN**, Traverse City.

**ALPHA L. RICE**, Charlotte.

**DIED AT SEA:**

**STANLEY WING**, Detroit.

**RALPH McCLUER**, Detroit.

In addition to these men, about 20 from Michigan have died in the training camps of this country, either from disease or accident, and their sacrifice is counted every bit as great as the sacrifice of the men who gave up their lives "over there."

"Detroit Free Press" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 76

### **A FEW OF THE CASES CLOSED BY DR. BRODERICK'S OFFICE DURING THE WEEK END. ING JANUARY 29, 1921.**

Clarence W. Allen, deceased—Parents of this deceased soldier received an award of compensation of \$15 per month each retroactive from Feb. 6, 1918.

"Battle Creek (MI) Enquirer" Wednesday 9 Feb 1921 p 8

## FOR CORRECTION

Emblazoned on the bronze tablet of the Memorial monument to be placed at the entrance to Memorial avenue, will be the names of all Grand Traverse county boys who died in the nation's service during the World war.

The County Federation of Women's clubs, sponsoring the memorial project, has compiled from the available records, the names of all Grand Traverse boys who made this sacrifice. They believe this list is

correct as it stands. It is possible, however, that some omissions have been made, some names misspelled or other errors committed. In this case relatives and friends of the men are asked to inform the Record-Eagle immediately of any changes that are to be made, as this list must be sent away soon to be cast into the bronze tablet.

Following are the inscriptions and list of names in the order in which they will appear on the tablet:

This Memorial avenue was planted Arbor day, May 4, 1923, in honor of all the boys (and girls) of this region who served in the World war.

This monument and tablet were erected and dedicated Arbor day, 1924, by the people of Grand Traverse county in loving memory of her boys who died in service.

### Memoriam 1917-1919

Laurence G. Bowen.  
Alfred F. Black.  
Harold F. Canfield.  
Hanley Wilhelm.  
Gordon Yeomans.  
William H. Hodges.  
Ralph G. Wallace.  
Leon Morgan.  
Harry Starbuck.  
Harry A. Holliday.  
Harry V. LaBar.  
Alfred G. Zeits.  
Cleon Bisard.  
James F. Munson.  
Frank Y. Kolndorfer.  
Kenneth K. Koch.  
William Shields.  
Alonzo B. Cummings.

Arthur G. Edgecomb.  
Frank Edgecomb.  
Albert Labutzky.  
Herbert F. Daehn.  
Edward Klidde.  
Fred Zimmerman.  
Elgin Lewis.  
Carl Robertson.  
Clarence W. Allen.  
Tony Rokowski.  
Albert Southbird.  
Harry O. Pray.  
Jacob Lahym.

This memorial was promoted by the County Federation of Women's clubs and organizations in 1923 and 1924.

"Traverse City (MI) Record-Eagle" Tuesday 19 Feb 1924 p 8

Father:





Walter Leonifus Allen – Find A Grave 144335860

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. If veteran, name was		<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b> MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics		State File No. <b>128 4499</b>	
FULL NAME <u>Allen, Walter L.</u>		Local File No. <u>157</u>			
PLACE OF DEATH: County <u>Grand Trv.</u> Township City or village <u>Traverse City</u> Name of hospital <u>Hudson</u> (If not in hospital, give street address.) Length of stay: In hospital <u>6</u> days In this community		USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: State <u>Mich.</u> County <u>Grand Traverse</u> Township City or village <u>Traverse City</u> Street no. <u>1115 N. Front</u> Citizen of foreign country? If yes, name country			
Sex <u>Male</u> Color of hair <u>White</u> Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE: <u>Carrie Willey Allen</u> Birth date of deceased <u>7/2/1856</u> Age: Years <u>86</u> Months <u>4</u> Days <u>16</u> If less than one day min. sec.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION Date of death <u>Nov. 18, 1942</u> I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Nov 1</u> 19 <u>41</u> to <u>Nov 18</u> 19 <u>42</u> I last saw him alive on <u>Nov 15</u> 19 <u>42</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <u>M.</u> <u>Traverse City</u> Immediate cause of death <u>Pneumonia</u> Other contributory causes of importance Major findings and dates: Of operations Of autopsy In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide.			
Industry or business Father: Name <u>Philetus Allen</u> Birthplace <u>New York</u> Mother: Maiden name <u>Alfreda Burdette</u> Birthplace <u>New York</u> Informant <u>Mrs. Allen</u> Address <u>1115 N. Front</u> Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies) Place <u>Traverse City, Mich</u>					



Cemetery <u>Oakwood</u>	Date <u>12/21/42</u>	Date _____
Funeral director's signature <u>Harry L. W...</u>	Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county, or state)	
Address <u>Traverse City, Mich.</u>	Industry, home or public place? _____	
Filed <u>Approved</u> 1942	Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____	
<u>C. L. Anderson</u> Local Registrar	Signature <u>E. L. Sherry</u>	
	Address _____	

MI death record of Walter Leonifus Allen -

[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471\\_355138-02755?pld=2027378](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355138-02755?pld=2027378)

<p><b>GOLDEN WEDDING IN TRAVERSE CITY DEC. 24</b></p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Allen of 1115 W. Front St., Traverse City, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, Dec. 24. A dinner was served at six o'clock at a large table attractively decorated for the occasion with a bouquet of yellow roses, golden nut cups and lighted with tall green tapers.</p> <p>Places were marked for twenty guests, all members of the family.</p> <p>Carrie Mae Nephew and Walter L. Allen were married Dec. 24, 1885, in Dansville, N. York, and came to Michigan in the spring of 1889 with their young son, Hugh.</p> <p>A home was built in Kasson township, Leelanau county on forty acres of timber land. During their 24 years residence there seven children were born: Florence, Lenora, Clara, Clarence, Lillian, Alta and Pauline.</p> <p>Clarence lost his life on the troop transport, Tuscania which was sunk by the German submarine during the World War.</p>	<p>The couple located south of Traverse City in 1913, and became the owners of a fruit and dairy farm known as "Alexander Farm", where they resided for nine years.</p> <p>In 1922 they moved to West Front street where they have since made their home.</p> <p>Those present for the happy occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Allen of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and children, Muriel, Carol and Douglas of Charlevoix; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tellis and children, Joan, Jack, Patricia, and Nancy of Detroit; the Misses Lillian and Alta Allen of Detroit; Miss Florence Allen of Lansing, and grandson, Robert Allen. Also Mrs. Allen's brother, Edwin Nephew of this city.</p> <p>Mrs. Alfred Millar (Pauline) of Buffalo was unable to be present.</p> <p>The couple received many gifts and congratulations from their friends and neighbors.</p>
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This article from the "Leetenau Enterprise" of 2 Jan 1936 says that Walter Allen married Carrie May Nephew on 24 Dec 1885 – so either the article is from 1935 or they married in 1886 – Find A Grave 144335860

Mother:

Siblings:

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**Texas Department of Health  
Bureau of Vital Statistics**

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**STATE OF TEXAS  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

STATE FILE NO.

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b> <b>a. COUNTY</b> <span style="float: right;">Bexar</span>		<b>2. USUAL RESIDENCE</b> (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before death.) <b>a. STATE</b> <span style="float: right;">Texas</span> <b>b. COUNTY</b> <span style="float: right;">Bexar</span>	
<b>b. CITY</b> (If outside corporate limits, write NAME, and give precinct no.) <b>San Antonio</b>		<b>c. CITY</b> (If outside corporate limits, write NAME, and give precinct no.) <b>San Antonio</b>	
<b>d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION</b> <b>DOA Baptist Mem. Hospital</b>		<b>d. STREET ADDRESS</b> (If rural, give location) <b>127 Sage Dr.</b>	
<b>3. NAME OF DECEASED</b> <b>a. (First)</b> <span style="float: right;">b. (Middle)</span> <b>Hugh</b> <span style="float: right;">Wilson</span>		<b>c. (Last)</b> <span style="float: right;">d. DATE OF DEATH</span> <b>Allen</b> <span style="float: right;">Mar. 11, 1957</span>	
<b>5. SEX</b> <b>male</b>		<b>6. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <b>Sept 28, 1886</b>	
<b>7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, (Specify)</b> <b>married</b>		<b>8. AGE</b> <span style="float: right;">YEARS</span> <span style="float: right;">MONTHS</span> <span style="float: right;">DAYS</span> <span style="float: right;">HOURS</span> <span style="float: right;">MIN.</span> <b>70</b> <span style="float: right;">5</span> <span style="float: right;">11</span>	
<b>10a. USUAL OCCUPATION</b> (If divided of work, give the part for which he, even if retired) <b>Carpenter</b>		<b>10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY</b> <b>Carpenter</b>	
<b>12. FATHER'S NAME</b> <b>Walter Allen</b>		<b>BIRTHPLACE</b> (State or foreign country) <b>N. Y.</b>	
<b>13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</b> <b>Tarrie Nephew</b>		<b>BIRTHPLACE</b> <b>N. Y.</b>	
<b>14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?</b> <b>Unkn</b> (If yes, give war or phase of service)		<b>15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.</b> <b>Unkn</b>	
<b>16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE</b> <i>Mrs. Carol Allen</i>		<b>17. CAUSE OF DEATH</b> <b>State only necessary for use for (a), (b), and (c)</b> <b>1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH*</b> (a) <i>Contusion of brain</i> <b>ANTECEDENT CAUSES</b> <i>World conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (c) stating the underlying cause last.</i> <b>2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS</b> <i>Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.</i>	
<b>18a. DATE OF OPERATION</b> <i>none</i>		<b>18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION</b> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REC'D MAR 19 1957 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b> </div>	
<b>19a. ACCIDENT</b> (Specify) <b>Accident</b>		<b>19b. PLACE OF INJURY</b> (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, other (specify)) <i>street</i>	
<b>20a. CITY, TOWN, OR PRECINCT NO.</b> (COUNTY) (STATE) <b>San Antonio Bexar Texas</b>		<b>20b. INJURY OCCURRED</b> <b>WHILE AT WORK</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NOT WHILE AT WORK</b>	
<b>20c. TIME OF INJURY</b> (Month) (Day) (Year) <b>Mar. 10 '57</b>		<b>20d. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?</b> (Specify) <i>while pass. in car collecting north pass. car</i>	
<b>21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE I last saw the deceased alive on</b> <i>19</i> <b>and that death occurred at</b> <i>9</i> <b>a.m. from the causes and on the date stated above.</b>			

\*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, cerebral, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

22a. SIGNATURE <i>Robert Hanoma</i>		(Deputy of Field)		22b. ADDRESS <i>M. H. Evans Co. Gt. Roe</i>		22c. DATE SIGNED <i>3/12/57</i>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <i>Burial</i>		23b. DATE <i>3-18-57</i>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <i>Roselawn Memorial Park</i>			
23d. LOCATION (Only, town, or county) <i>San Antonio, Tex.</i>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>Hugh Allen</i>					
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <i>961</i>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>MAR 12 1957</i>		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>			

TX death record of **brother Hugh Wilson Allen (1886-1957)** -  
[https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394\\_b062499-03202?pld=82498171](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2272/images/40394_b062499-03202?pld=82498171)



**Sister Florence Mae Allen Cummins (1889-1950)** – Find A Grave 202724357

### Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001

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Name	Florence M Allen
Gender	Female
Age	58
Event Type	Marriage Registration (Marriage)
Birth Date	25 Aug 1889
Birth Place	Maple City, Michigan
Marriage Date	26 Apr 1947
Marriage Place	Indiana, United States
Residence Place	Travis City, Michigan
Father	Walter Allen
Mother	Carrie Nephew
Spouse	Homer D Cummings
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<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10200948/person/400170363089/facts>

## Lenora V. Stephens, 102

Lenora V. Stephens, 102, of rural Charlevoix, died Dec. 12, 1994, at Boulder Park Terrace, where she had been a resident for 2 1/2 years.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City with the Rev. Kathy Slaughter of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will take place in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Mrs. Stephens was born Dec. 19, 1891, in Leelanau County, the daughter of Walter and Carrie (Nephew) Allen. She graduated from Traverse City High School, and earned her teaching degree from Eastern Michigan College in Ypsilanti.

She first taught school in Tra-

verse City, then later in Horton Bay and Boyne City.

Mrs. Stephens was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Boyne City, and held district offices in USCS.

On Sept. 10, 1918, she married Howard Stephens, and he preceded her in death in 1982. Mrs. Stephens was also preceded in death by her daughter, Muriel Willas, in 1980.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Anderson, of Palatine, Ill.; one son, Douglas Stephens, of Lansing; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Lillian, of Eugene, Ore.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Obituary of [sister Lenora Viola Allen Stephens \(1891-1994\)](#) – Find A Grave 69824309

# Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Marriage Records and Indexes, 1810-1973


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Name Clara B Allen  
 Marriage Date 9 Sep 1918  
 Form type Marriage  
 Age 22  
 Gender Female  
 Birth Year abt 1896  
 Birth Place Traverse City, Michigan  
 Father Walter L  
 Mother Carmel Burdett  
 Spouse Orla A Tellis  
 Spouse Age 31  
 Spouse Birth Year abt 1887  
 Spouse Father Reuban  
 Spouse Mother Lottie Haywood

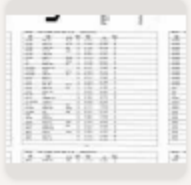
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10200948/person/400170363100/facts>

APPLICATION NO. 130573		FILED AND MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED		Sept. 9th 19 18	
Name	Orla A. Tellis	Name	Clara B. Allen		
Age	31	Age	22	Residence	9602 Madison Ave.,
Place of Birth	Eaton, O	Place of Birth	Traverse City, Mich.,		
Occupation	Patternmaker	Occupation	Stenographer		
Father's Name	Reuban	Father's Name	Walter L.		
Mother's Maiden Name	Lottie Haywood	Mother's Maiden Name	Carmel Burdett		
Number of times previously married	once	Number of times previously married	none		
	Deceased	Married Name			
Marriage to be solemnized by Rev. M.J. Penty, J.P. Warrensville		License issued by H.F. Schmidt		Deputy Clerk	
Consent of		Consent of		19	
THE STATE OF OHIO, } ss.		RETURN			
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, }					
I CERTIFY, That on the 9th day of Sept. 1918		Mr. Orla A. Tellis			
and Miss Clara B. Allen		were by me legally joined in marriage.			
		Rev. Charles T. Shaw			

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**Oregon, Death Index, 1898-2008**



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Name	Clara All Tellis
Age	83
Birth Date	1 Jun 1895
Death Date	27 Jan 1979
Death Place	Lane
Spouse	Orla
Certificate	79-00762

Clara Allen Tellis – OR death index - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10200948/person/400170363100/facts>

**Orla A Tellis**  
in the Michigan, U.S., Divorce Records, 1897-1952

Name	Orla A Tellis
Marriage Date	9 Sep 1918
Marriage Place	Ohio
Decree Date	28 Jun 1951
Decree Place	Wayne, Michigan, USA
Spouse	<a href="#">Clara Allen Tellis</a>
State File Number	82 177346
Docket Number	456-590
Number of Children	0
Divorce Status	Granted

Divorce of Orla Arthur Tellis from Clara Allen on 28 Jun 1951 – Orla marries her sister Lillian Allen on 15 Sep 1951 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/6314416:9092>

Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867-1952

View record

Name	Lillian B Allen
Gender	Female
Race	White
Age	48
Birth Date	abt 1903
Birth Place	Maple City, Michigan
Marriage License Place	Wayne
Marriage Date	15 Sep 1951
Marriage Place	Detroit, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Residence Place	Detroit, Michigan
Father	Walter L Allen
Mother	Carrie M Nephew
Spouse	Orla A Tellis
County File Number	813709
State File Number	491325

Sister **Lillian Bertha Allen (1902-1997)** married Orla Arthur Tellis, who had divorced her sister Clara Allen Tellis – <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/10200948/person/400170363102/facts>



## TELLIS

**ORLA A.** Retired president of Wayne Pattern works. Beloved husband of Lillian; dear father of Mrs. Dorothea Hackett, Mrs. J. C. (JoAnn) Fitzmaurice, Orla A. Jr. Mrs. A. W. (Patricia) Birk and Mrs. Henry F. (Nancy) Dizney; also 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Funeral Saturday 11 a.m. at **A. H. Peters Funeral Home**, 20705 Mack avenue at Vernier road. (Eight Mile) Grosse Pointe Woods. Life member of Zion Lodge No. F. & A.M. Funeral services under auspices of Damascus Commandery No. 42, K. T.

Obituary of Orla Arthur Tellis, 1<sup>st</sup> married to Clara Allen, then to her sister Lillian Allen –  
“Detroit Free Press” Saturday 20 Sep 1967 p 22



Sister Alta Marie Allen Newton (1906-1976) – Find A Grave 83159821



Sister Pauline Nita Allen Millar (1909-1956) – Find A Grave 206702370

**MRS. ALEXANDER M. MILLAR** (nee Paula Allen), 47, of 1392 Cedar drive, a teacher at Adams school, died Saturday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital. She was born Jan. 23, 1909, in Maple City.

A graduate of Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, she taught in Utica public schools and at the City and Country school in Bloomfield Hills and started at Adams school last month. She was a member of First Presbyterian church, Birmingham.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Myrna, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Tellis, Mrs. K. D. Newton and Mrs. O. A. Tellis of Detroit and Mrs. Howard Stephens of Boyne City; and a brother, Hugh Allen of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Bell chapel, W. R. Hamilton Co., with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

Obituary of Pauline Allen Millar – “Birmingham (MI) Eccentric” 4 Oct 1956 p 6 – Find A Grave 206702370

#### Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

#### **Name: Clarence Walter Allen**

Name variations:

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value, so Clarence died without a number.

Entered service from: Traverse City. Grand Traverse MI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Clarence W. Allen

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: father W.G. Allen, Traverse City MI

Body was not recovered.

World War I draft registration (1917):

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate record – there is an absence of records for men with surnames AL

MI, Census of World War I Veterans:

Clarence Walter, Allen, b. 30 Jun 1897 Maple City MI, d. 5 Feb 1918, res: Traverse City, Grand Rapids MI, son of Walter L. & Carrie M. Allen, final rank: private, 177<sup>th</sup> Sq Kelly Field, enlisted 25 Nov 1917 Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Franklin OH

Birth & death:

Born: 18 Jun 1898 Kasson Township, Leelanau MI

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania, missing in action, body not recovered

Find A Grave records: 56503081 (England) & 150700838 (MI), presence on Tuscania noted in flower on both records

**Clarence has two Find A Grave records** – both memorials, as his body was not recovered.

Find A Grave record: 56503081 - presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Memorial at: Brookwood, Woking Borough, Surrey, England

Cemetery: Brookwood American Military

Tombstone: listed on the Tablets of the Missing – Pvt, 158<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, Michigan

Find A Grave: 150700838

Memorial at: Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI

Cemetery: Oakwood

Tombstone: plaque – In Memoriam

Father: Walter Leonifus Allen, 2 Jul 1857 Dansville, Steuben NY – 18 Nov 1942 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. Son of Philetus Ashbury Allen & Almeda Burditt. Schoolteacher. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI.

Find A Grave: 144335860

Walter's 1<sup>st</sup> wife: Frances D. Willey Allen, 17 Nov 1857 NY – 21 Feb 1883 NY. Buried in Rogersville Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dansville, Steuben NY.

Find A Grave: 73047327

Marriage of father to his 1<sup>st</sup> wife: 1880.

Mother: Carrie May Nephew Allen, 25 Apr 1868 NY – 4 Aug 1953 Dearborn MI (obituary) or Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. Came to MI from NY with her family in 1887. Died at the home of her son Hugh Allen. She is listed as Carmel Burdett on her daughter Clara's marriage license. Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI.

Find A Grave: 144335941

Parents' marriage: 23 Dec 1886 Dansville, Livingston NY

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

## Children:

## Siblings:

- Hugh Wilson Allen, 28 Sep 1886 Dansville, Steuben NY – 11 Mar 1957 San Antonio, Bexar TX. Husband of Carrie Cordelia Kendall (1890-1976, F: 43614670) whom he married 20 Mar 1916 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. Cause of death: contusion of brain. “pass[enger] in car colliding with pas[senger] car” Buried in San Fernando Cemetery #2, San Antonio, Bexar TX. F: 43614396
- Florence Mae Allen Cummins, 25 Aug 1889 Maple City, Leelanau MI - 26 Mar 1950 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. Married on 26 Apr 1947 in IN to Homer Douglas Cummins (1885-1959, F: 202724481). Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. F: 202724357
- Lenora Viola Allen Stephens, 19 Dec 1891 Leelanau Co. MI [also found as Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI – 12 Dec 1994 Charlevoix, Charlevoix MI. Graduate of Travis City (MI) High School. Earned her teaching degree from Eastern Michigan College, Ypsilanti MI. Schoolteacher. Married 10 Sep 1918 in Charlevoix Co. MI to Howard Canfield Stephens (1892-1982, F: 69824319). Buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City, Charlevoix MI. F: 69824309
- Clara Bernadette Allen Tellis, 1 Jun 1895 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI – 29 Jan 1979 Canemah, Clackamas OR [OR death record: in Lane Co. OR]. Married 9 Sep 1918 in Cuyahoga Co. OH to Orla Arthur Tellis (1887-1969, F: 169478832). Orla was the son of Reuben Tellis & Lottie Haywood. Orla’s 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Leola Steel Willis (1887-1915, F: 225935881), whom he married in Apr 1909 in OH; Leola died of tuberculosis. He then married Clara Allen. They had 5 children. Clara & Orla divorced on 28 Jun 1951 in Wayne Co. MI & 2 months later, Orla married Clara’s sister Lillian Allen. Clara is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. F: 166049393
- Lillian Bertha Allen Tellis, 9 Dec 1902 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI – 23 Sep 1997 Eugene, Lane OR. On 15 Sep 1951 in Detroit, Wayne MI, Lillian married Orla Arthur Tellis (1887-1969, F: 1694788323) who had married Lillian’s sister Clara Allen on 9 Sep 1918. Orla & Clara divorced 28 Jun 1951 in Wayne Co. MI & Orla married Lillian 2 months later. – In the 1940 census for Detroit, Wayne MI, “Arla” A. Telin (as indexed, but Tellis was misread), 53 OH, owner of a pattern manufacturer, had in his household his wife Clara A. (43 MI), children JoAnn (19 MI), Orla Arthur (13 MI), Patricia Ann (11 MI) & Nancy A. (7 MI) & his sister-in-law Lillian B. Allen, 37 MI, single, a private-duty registered nurse. All had lived in the same house in 1935. – Lillian is buried with Orla Tellis in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. F: 169478201
- Alta Marie Allen Newton, 13 Dec 1906 MI – 16 Aug 1976 Detroit, Wayne MI. Wife of Kenneth Donald Newton (1902-1993, F: 83159820) whom she married 18 Mar 1939 in Detroit, Wayne MI. Buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Oakland MI. F: 83159821
- Pauline Nita (“Paula”) Allen Millar, 23 Jan 1909 Kasson township, Leelanau Co. MI – 29 Sep 1956 Pontiac, Oakland MI. Resident of Mount Clemens MI in 1950 & in

Bloomfield Hills MI in 1952. Graduate of Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti MI. Schoolteacher. Married in MI on 23 Jul 1932 to Alexander MacPhail ("Al") Millar (1898-1980, F: 206702807). Alexander's 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Beatrice Beck (1900-1929) whom he had married in 1923. Buried in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Troy, Oakland MI. F: 206702370

Notes:

Wartime:

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Kasson, Leelanau MI – conducted 8/9 Jun 1900  
 Walter Allen, 43 NY, Jul 1857, married 15 years, farmer  
 Carrie V., 32 NY, Apr 1868, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living  
 Hugh U., 14 NY, Sep 1886  
 Florence M., 11 MI, Aug 1889  
 Lenorah V., 9 MI, Dec 1891  
 Clara B., 5 MI, Jun 1895  
 Clarence, 2 MI, Jun 1898

1910 Kasson, Leelanau MI - conducted 11 May 1910  
 Walter L. Allen, 53 NY, parents b. NY, in 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, married 24 years, farmer, general farm  
 Carrie M., 42 NY, parents b. NY, in 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living  
 Hugh W., 23 NY, single, farm laborer, home farm  
 Florence M., 20 MI, single  
 Lenora A., 18 MI, single  
 Clara E., 14 MI  
 Clarence W., 12 MI  
 Lillian B., 7 MI  
 Alta E., 3 MI  
 Pauline N., 1 MI