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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Lankenau, Walter Henry
1892 NY – 1938 NY



Left: Walter Henry Lankenau, from Find A Grave 127884306 – Right: from “NY Evening World” 8 Feb 1918 p 3

Private Walter Lankenau, Company F, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers, who is twenty-six years old, also cabled of his safety. His home is at 301 East 162d Street.

“New York Tribune” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

TWENTY-ONE SEND MAGIC WORD 'SAFE'

**In 140 Other Families in City
and Vicinity Suspense
Still Exists.**

PARENTS ARE SURPRISED

**Many Did Not Know Their
Sons Already Had Gone
Overseas.**

Mrs. J. C. Lankenau of 301 East 162d street, in contrast, spent a sleepless night, walking the floor, waiting for a message to tell of her son Walter's safety. But there had come no flashing news before dusk. Walter is 25, a member of the Twentieth Engineers. He entered the ranks from Oregon, where he was a forestry student.

"New York Herald" 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Walter Henry Lankenau

Oregon, World War I, Veteran State Aid Applications, 1921-1938

Tools

Event Type:	Military Service
Name:	Walter Henry Lankenau
Event Date:	10 Dec 2017 [10 Dec 1917] [10 Dec 1817] [10 Dec 0017]
Event Place:	Corvallis, Benton, Oregon, United States
Event Place (Original):	Corvallis, Oregon, United States
Residence Place:	Corvallis, Oregon
Birth Date:	14 Apr 1892
Birthplace:	New York City New York
Military Final Rank:	Pvt 18th Co 20th Engrs
Relative's Name:	Adelia Lankenau
Spouse's Name:	Lillie Marie Lankenau
Serial Number:	250742

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPL5-PVYH>

LANKENAU WALTER HENRY
Pvt 18 Co 20 Engrs
141 Fremont St Peekskill NY
Sn 250 742 Died 12-21-38
Born 4/14/92
Enl 12/10/17 Dis 6/13/19
U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1926
INDEX CARD
2-12069

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1T-2398-K?cc=2968245&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A7BS4-ZK3Z>

New York Times

Feb. 9, 1918

At the home of Walter Lankenau, at 301 East 162d Street, a member of the 20th Engineers, it was said that he joined the service on Dec. 12 in Oregon, while a student in the Oregon State College of Forestry. He was to have been graduated in June and wrote several letters to his mother before receiving her permission to enlist. One of the letters stated that 70 per cent. of the students had joined and that he did not want to be a slacker. There are two sisters and another younger brother in the family.



Is this him? "Brooklyn Times Union" Tuesday 16 Jul 1929 p 36

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE HUGENOT LAUNDRY COMPANY, located at 145 30th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., has dissolved as of June 1st and is succeeded by a company with the same name whose partners are:

JOHN LANKENAU, 530 32nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 WALTER LANKENAU, 201 29th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. June 1st

Him? "Brooklyn Times Union" 10 Jun 1932 p 58

Siblings:

Edith Biele:
63-year Yonkers resident

Edith Biele of Yonkers died Friday at Yonkers General Hospital after a short illness. She was 95.

Mrs. Biele was born Sept. 14, 1890, in New York City, the daughter of John and Adelia Menke Lankenau. Mrs. Biele attended St. Luke's Hospital Nursing School.

She married Eduard Biele in 1914. They moved to Yonkers in 1923. Her husband died in 1946.

Mrs. Biele is survived by a son, Edward of Seattle; a sister, Adele Belvin of Yonkers; a brother, John Lankenau of Ocala, Fla.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Obituary of his sister Edith Lankenau Biele – "Yonkers (NY) Herald Statesman" Sunday 13 Jul 1986

In the matter of <u>John C. Lankenau</u> and <u>Nelda Murphy</u>		No. 298	Probate Court, Lorain County Ohio.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION.			
To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County:			
The undersigned respectfully make application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath state: That said <u>John C. Lankenau</u> is <u>26</u> years of age on the <u>21</u> day of <u>March</u> 19 <u>29</u> his residence is <u>Wadsworth</u> his place of birth is <u>New York City, N.Y.</u> his occupation is <u>Chemist</u> his father's name is <u>John C. Lankenau</u> his mother's maiden name was <u>Adeline Menke</u> that he was <u>not</u> previously married and that he has no wife living.		That said <u>Nelda Murphy</u> is <u>20</u> years of age on the <u>18</u> day of <u>May</u> 19 <u>29</u> her residence is <u>1850 E. Euclid Ave. Lorain</u> Lorain County, O. her place of birth is <u>Merrison, Pa.</u> her occupation is <u>Teacher</u> her father's name is <u>James Murphy</u> her mother's maiden name was <u>Maudie Stokmeyer</u> that she was <u>not</u> previously married and is <u>not</u> a widow or divorced woman, her married name being that she has no husband living.	
That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, and is not under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug. Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage.			
It is expected that <u>Rev. E. C. Grant, Lorain, O.</u> is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.			
Sworn to before me and signed in my presence this <u>1</u> day of <u>November</u> 19 <u>29</u> <u>H. C. Wilcox</u> , Probate Judge. By <u>H. C. Wilcox</u> , Deputy Clerk.		Consent of <u>mother given (father deceased)</u>	
Affidavits of _____ physician and _____ party filed.			
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE			
I do hereby Certify, That on the <u>first</u> day of <u>November</u>		The State of Ohio, Lorain County, ss.	
Mr. <u>John Christopher Lankenau</u>		A. D. 19 <u>29</u> , I solemnized the Marriage of	
with Miss <u>Nelda Murphy</u>			
Filed and Recorded <u>Nov. 9</u> 19 <u>29</u>		<u>Ralph Campbell Grant, minister</u>	
<u>H. C. Wilcox</u> , Probate Judge.		<u>Lorain, Ohio</u>	

Marriage of his brother John C. Lankenau on 1 Nov 1929 in Lorain Co. OH to Nelda Murphy -
<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/61378/images/TH-1-17963-3122-58?pld=1054067629>

Children:

Edith Moore

December 11, 2006



Edith M. Moore, 82, of Ashley, died Dec. 11, 2006, at the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

Born on May 9, 1924, in Peekskill, NY, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Lily Jurgens Lankenau. She was a graduate of Germantown Central School, Germantown, NY, Class of 1941, and Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, NYC, NY, Class of 1945.

Mrs. Moore was a resident of Ross Street, Ashley, for 45 years, where her children were raised. She was a member of St. Leo's Church where she was an active and devoted member of all parish functions. She served as a past president of the Altar and Rosary Society and was a past president of the Parent Teacher Organization of St. Leo's School.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Moore was employed as a teller at the former United Penn Bank, Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. Moore, in 1970, and her sister, Dorothy Johnson.

Surviving are children, Margaret Moore, Fort Collins, CO; Michael

Moore and his wife, Jeanne, Centerville, VA; Walter Moore and his wife, Marilyn, Augusta, GA; Mary and her husband, Stephen Ellis, Forty Fort; Elizabeth and her husband, Ronald Dorris, Larksville; Joseph Moore and his wife, Catie, Edmonds, WA; Edith and her husband, Joseph Markey, Burlingame, CA; Anne and her husband, Michael Kasper, Wilkes-Barre; Catherine and her husband, Michael McDonald, Berlin, Germany; 19 grandchildren; brother Walter Lankenau, Ghent, NY; brother John C. Lankenau, and his wife, Alison, NYC; and sister-in-law Dorothy Kleman, Locust Gap, PA.

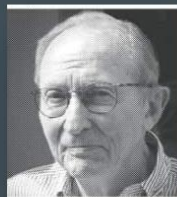
The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday from the Leo P. Lehman Funeral Home, 689 Hazle Ave., Wilkes-Barre, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Leo's Church, Manhattan St., Ashley.

The Rev. Thomas J. O'Malley, pastor, will officiate. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends may call today from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contribution, if desired, can be made to St. Leo's Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley, PA 18706. Condolences may be e-mailed to info@lehmanfuneralhome.com.

Obituary of daughter Edith M. Lankenau Moore – "Wilkes-Barre (PA) Times-Leader" Friday 15 Dec 2006 p 1-

JOHN LANKENAU



FUNERAL HOME

Burnett & White Funeral
Home

7461 South Broadway

Red Hook, NY

LANKENAU--John C.,
age 90, devoted and beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, died at his home in Tivoli, New York on August 16. He was born in the front room of his family's farmhouse in Germantown, New York to Lillie and Walter Lankenau and graduated from Germantown Central School as Valedictorian in a class of thirteen in 1945. He went to Cornell University on the G.I. bill having served in the Navy for two years. He graduated in 1952 from the College of Electrical Engineering where he served as President of the Student Council and then in 1955 from Cornell University Law School where he was a resident of the Telluride Association. That year he became an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District where he served for five years, part of which time he led the Narcotics Division. He was a volunteer lawyer in Mississippi with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law during the summer of 1964. In 1965, he formed the law firm of Koch, Lankenau and Kovner, the predecessor firm of the New York office of Davis, Wright, Tremaine. He was Ed Koch's campaign manager in the 1968 Congressional Campaign. When Ed Koch became New York City Mayor, he appointed Mr. Lankenau Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Commission, member of the Theater Advisory Commission and a member of the

initial Javits Convention Center Board. During his career he represented publishing clients including Harper & Row, St. Martin's Press, and the New York Times. He later represented the Episcopal Church and litigated WARN Act class actions. He also sponsored affordable housing projects in the Bronx and Brooklyn and Albany in his partnership with Proto Properties. He was on the founding board and President of Musica Sacra in New York City, on the board of Friends of Clermont, Historic Site in Germantown, NY., a board member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Barrytown, New York, and a supporter of the Bard Prison Initiative. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Alison Lanckton Lankenau, his daughters, Catherine (Christopher Weeks), Amy (Aaron McPherson), and Christine (Matthew Kurlander) and grandchildren, Fernanda and Wendy Weeks, Henry, Alison and Caleb McPherson, and Jack and Daphne Kurlander along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Dorothy Johnson, Walter Lankenau and Edith Moore and a grandson, Walter James Kurlander. Funeral plans at Burnett-White.com.

Published by New York Times on Aug. 21, 2018.

Obituary of son John Clausen Lankenau, died 16 Aug 2018 -

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nytimes/name/john-lankenau-obituary?pid=190010905>

Name: Walter Henry Lankenau

Name variations: Lankemau

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 18th/Co. F - private

Serial number: 250,742

Entered service from: New York, New York NY

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Walter Lankenau

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. J.C. Lankenau, 301 E. 162nd St., NY, NY

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Walter H. Lankenau

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Adelin Lankenau, 301 E. 162nd St., NY, NY (pvt, 18th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Walter H. Lankenau - b. 14 Apr 1892 NY, NY; res: 943 Monroe, Corvallis, Benton Co. OR. Single. Field assistant, forest pathology, US government.

Military experience: corporal, OAC Cadet Regiment for 2 ½ years in OR. Medium height, slender build. Registered on 21 May 1917 (in advance of national registration day on 5 Jun 1917)

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 10 Dec 1917

Discharged 13 Jun 1919

Address: 141 Fremont St., Peekskill NY

Rank/unit: private, 18th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 14 Apr 1892 NY, NY

Died: 21 Dec 1938 Germantown, Columbia NY

Find A Grave record: 127884306 – photo – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Germantown, Columbia NY

Cemetery: Viewmont

Tombstone:

Father: John Christopher Lankenau Sr., 2 Aug 1856 NY – 1937 NY. Son of Martin Lankenau & Anna Elizabeth Schroeder. On his passport application of 18 Jun 1885, John C. Lankenau, age 28 years 10 months, b. Brooklyn NY 2 Aug 1856.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Adelia Marie Menke Lankenau, 30 Sep 1867 Germany – 27 May 1932 Bronx NY. Daughter of Henry Menke & Anna Boeckmann.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage: 25 Apr 1888 Manhattan NY

Spouse: Lillie Marie Jurges Lankenau, 30 Aug 1893 Manhattan, NY, NY – Dec 1971 Coxsackie, Greene NY. Daughter of Frederick H. Jurges & Anne Clausen. Buried in Viewmont Cemetery, Germantown, Columbia NY.

Spouse Find A Grave: 127884362

Marriage:

Children:

- Dorothy Marvine Lankenau Johnson, 2 Jul 1920 Seattle, King WA – 24 Jan 1988 Vallejo, Solano CA. SSN 084-14-0238. Wife of Thomas Johnson (according to Ancestry.com family tree). But a Dorothy M. Lankenau married Robert W. Johnson on 6 Jun 1950 in Bronx NY. - Social Security reports a surname change to Johnson in Jul 1950.
- Walter John Henry Lankenau, 1 Jun 1922 NYC NY – 27 Jul 2009 Hudson, Columbia NY. Listed as navigator in obituary (original unviewed). Enlisted in US Army Air Corps in Albany NY on 7 Sep 1942, serial 12138287. – Married on 21 Dec 1946 in Hudson, Columbia NY to

Mary Elsa Wischhusen (1922 NY – 2005 NY), the daughter of Frederick George Wischhusen & Fannie Louise Witherhead, SSN 062-12-0307. - Married on 5 Jun 1980 to Rosemary Doris Dugan Bissell (1917 NY – 1997), SSN 050-16-9232, the daughter of Richard Dugan & Loretto M. Gibbons, who had married Donald Bissell on 21 Jun 1935. Rosemary is buried in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Schenectady, Schenectady NY, F: 169974780. - Resident of Ocala FL in Jul 1986. Buried in Viewmont Cemetery, Germantown, Columbia NY. F: 127884230

- Edith Menke Lankenau, 9 May 1924 Peekskill, Westchester NY – 11 Dec 2006 Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne PA. SSN 068-18-3889. Wife of Joseph Francis Moore (1914-1970, F: 107450239) whom she married 25 Jun 1947 in NYC. Her obituary said she was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover township, Luzerne PA (where her husband Joseph Moore is buried) but she is not on Find A Grave as of 12 Jul 2021.
- John Clausen Lankenau, 9 Jul 1928 Germantown, Columbia NY – 16 Aug 2018 Tivoli, Dutchess NY. SSN 715-939-1390 Valedictorian of Germantown High School (1945). Served 2 years in US Navy. Graduate of Cornell University in electrical engineering in 1952. Graduate of Cornell University Law School (1955). His illustrious law career is outlined in his obituary (copied above from the "NY Times" 21 Aug 2018.) — Married Alison Lanckton (who survived him) in 1965 in Manhattan NY.

Siblings: Walter was the 2nd of 4 children

- Edith M. Lankenau Biele, 14 Sep 1890 NY – Jul 1986 Yonkers, Westchester NY. SSN 092-20-1740. Wife of Edward Caspar Biele (1887-1946) whom she married 25 Apr 1916 Bronx NY.
- Adele Anna Lankenau Belvin, 8 May 1895 Manhattan NY – Might she be the Adele A. Lankenau who divorced George A. Ludwig in Bronx NY in 6 Sep 1918? Adele Belvin was a resident of Yonkers NY in Jul 1986 when her sister Edith died.
- John Christoph Lankenau Jr., 21 May 1903 NYC, NY – 31 Oct 1987 Ocala, Marion FL. SSN 068-09-3474. Married on 1 Nov 1929 in Lorain Co. OH to Nelda Murphy (1909-1994). John was age 26 on 21 Mar 1929, chemist, b. NYC. Nelda was age 18 on 18 May 1929, a teacher. On his WWII (1942) draft registration, John lived in Whitestone, Queens NY & worked for Loose Wiles Biscuit Co., Long Island City NY.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Student at the Oregon State College of Forestry (1917)

Wartime:

"New York Evening World" (NY, NY) 8 Feb 1918 p 3 - photo, His mother Mrs. J.C. Lankenau, 301 E. 162nd St., was awake all night waiting for news. Enlisted 19 Dec 1917. Was a student at OR State College of Forestry. His mother has only seen him once in the past 3 years. Walter would have graduated from OR State in Jun 1918 but was eager to join Army, said 70% of students had enlisted. His mother visited him in Washington D.C. Walter has 2 sisters & a brother.

"New York Tribune" Monday 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – on 10 Feb 1918 the War Department announced the names of additional survivors, among them, from NY: Walter Lankenau, 301 E. 162nd St.

Post-war:

Student at & graduate of U of WA forestry program (1920-1922).

1921 Seattle WA city directory

Lankenau, Walter H. (Lillie M.), residents of 1109 E. 45th

John C. Lankenau & Adelia sailed on the "Yorck" from Brement, Germany, on 7 Oct 1922, arriving in NYC on 19 Oct 1922. John, age 66, b. 2 Aug 1856 Bronx NY & Adelia, age 55, b. 30 Sep 1867 NY.

They were residents of 301 E. 162nd St., NY, NY.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 New York NY – W. 99th St.

John Lankenau, 42 NY, Aug 1857, parents b. Germany, married 12 years, merchant

Adelia, 32 NY, Sep 1864, parents b. Germany, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Edith M., 9 NY, Sep 1890, at school

Walter H., 8 NY, Apr 1892, at school

Adele A., 5 NY, May 1895

1910 New York NY – 301 E. 162nd St.

John C. LANKENAN, 53 NY, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 22 years, salesman, biscuit co.

Adelia M., 40 NY, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Edith M., 19 NY

Walter H., 18 NY

Adele A., 15 NY

John C., 7 NY

1920 Seattle, King WA – 4340 – 11th Ave. NE

Walter H. LANKEMAN, 27 NY, parents b. NY, student, university

Lillie M., 25 NY, parents b. NY, milliner, millinery

& lodger Frances Ferguson, 21 WA, student at university

1920 Bronx NY – 301 – 162nd St. – family in NY

John C. LANDENARE, 63 NY, parents b. Germany

Adelia M., 51 NY, parents b. Germany

Adele A., 24 NY, school teacher, public school

John C. Jr., 16 NY

1925 NY state census – Columbia Co. NY – Linlithgow Rd.

Walter H. Lankenau, 33 US

Lillie M., 31 US

Dorothy M., 4 US

Walter J., 3 US

Edith M., 1 US

1930 Germantown, Columbia NY [line 21 of form]

Walter H. Lankenau, 37 NY, parents b. NY, age 27 at 1st marriage, farmer, fruit farm, WWI veteran

Lillie J., 36 NY, parents b. NY, age 26 at 1st marriage

Dorothy M., 9 WA

Walter J., 7 NY

Edith M., 5 NY

John C., 1 year 8 months NY

1940 North Germantown, Columbia NY [line 10 of form] – Walter has died

Lillian Lankenau, 46 NY, widow, manager of home farm, farming

Dorothy, 19 WA

Walter, 17 NY, farm work, farming

Edith, 15 NY

Clausen, 11 NY