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b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Rennie, Raymond Otto
1892 OR – 1952 OR



"The Oregonian" (Portland OR) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 4 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1082683142/>

RENNIE — Ray O. Rennie, Thurston, Ore., passed away at his home Thurs., Aug. 14, 1952, at the age of 60. He was born in Salem, Ore., Jan. 2, 1892 and was married to Maysel Fitzwater in Reno, Sept. 13, 1951. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Maysel; 2 sons: Gordon of Eugene and Bill of Thurston; 3 brothers: Frank of Thurston, Harold of Portland, Enis of Eugene; 1 sister, Mrs. T. W. Goss, Milwaukie, Ore. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Bartholomew-Buell Chapel.

Obituary of Raymond Otto Rennie – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Thursday 14 Aug 1952 p 15 & at Find A Grave 71194622

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CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See Instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
☒ BRONZE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

ENLISTMENT DATE: 12/14/17
DISCHARGE DATE: 6/12/19 *Hon.*

SERIAL No.: 250393
PENSION No.:

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): Rennie, Ray O

STATE: Wash. Ore RANK: Sgt. COMPANY: 16th Co.

U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION:
20th Engineers ENGR. CORPS

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): 1/2/92
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): 8/14/52

NAME OF CEMETERY: Rest Haven Memorial Park
LOCATION (City and State): Eugene, Oregon

SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY):
Mayzel M. Rennie (SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)
NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Springfield, Oregon

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE:
Thurston, Oregon

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FOR VERIFICATION: AUG 25 1952
ORDERED: A. J. RAYES OCT 20 1952
B/L: VERNON, CALIF. 2136
SHIPPED:

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.
I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

Mayzel M. Rennie 8/16/52
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE OF APPLICATION

ADDRESS (Street, City, State):
Thurston, Oregon.

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Springfield Ore

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Ray O Rennie

Military • Oregon, World War I, County Military Service Records, 1919-1920

Name	Ray O Rennie
Residence Place	Thurston, Lane, Oregon
Birth Date	2 Jan 1892
Birthplace	Salem, Marion, Oregon
Military Final Rank	Corporal
Military Service Branch	Army
Father's Name	William M Rennie
Father's Birth Date	1869
Father's Birthplace	California
Mother's Name	Mary E Blanton
Mother's Birth Date	1873
Mother's Birthplace	Oregon
Event Type	Military Service
Event Date	15 Oct 1917
Event Place	Eugene, Lane, Oregon, United States
Event Place (Original)	Eugene,Oregon

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/MCF1-GX5>

CRUEL WATERS CLAIM VICTIM

Morris Walker Drowned In the Willamette River Below Flax Mill

WAS TRYING TO LEARN HOW TO
SWIM AND GOT IN WATER
OVER HIS HEAD—BODY RE-
COVERED THIRTY MINUTES
LATER.

Sunday afternoon the Willamette river added another victim to its already long list of human lives which have been quenched by its treacherous waters.

Morris Walker, 14-year-old son of Mrs. M. E. Walker of this city, was drowned at 2 o'clock, in the swimming hole about eight rods below the flax mill, among the islands of the bar. It was in the backwater from the river, and there was no current, but the boy could not swim.

In company with Ray Rennie and the two Mutch boys he went down to the favorite spot to seek relief from the intense heat of the day by a cool plunge in the quiet water. After taking a careful measurement to see that the water was not too deep he said, "Let's wade in and learn to swim, we will have to do it some time," and with that he started on his fatal plunge. As soon as he had reached deep water he started to swim, thinking that it would come natural, if he found himself where he could not touch bottom, but he immediately commenced floundering and went under. As he came up he cried for help, but the boys became frightened and ran for their homes to secure assistance. Jack Given was sitting on the bank about 200 yards away, reading, and had the boys raised a commotion his attention would have been attracted and he easily have rescued the drowning boy, but the frightened boys ran clear to town and finding Walter Lennon and Mr. Simms, piloted them back to the spot, and the body was recovered about 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Walker was in Dallas at the time, having spent the Carnival week with friends there, and she was almost prostrated with grief on receiving the sad news. However, she started immediately for home, reaching the city at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening.

Morris Walker was the only son of Mrs. M. E. Walker, and a very dutiful and loving son he was. He has been for some time a student of the Northwestern Normal School, graduating

from that institution on last Friday evening. He was a very energetic boy well known in the city as one of the carriers of the Evening Telegram, and assisted greatly in the support of his mother.

The remains were yesterday taken on the 11 o'clock train to Lebanon for burial in the old family cemetery there today.

Ray Rennie, of Walterville, was in Thurston Wednesday night and attended the surprise party at H. O. Danks.

"Eugene (OR) Morning Register" Saturday 19 Jun 1915 p 2

Salem Men on Tuscania Reported Among Missing

Curtis Wilson and Archie D. Roberts, both Salem men, are among the missing passengers of the torpedoed transport Tuscania, and it is presumed that they lost their lives. The news, received in Salem yesterday, cast a gloom over the city.

Roy E. Powelson of Mill City is another Marion county man who is missing.

Edgar J. Seeley of Independence and Leonard D. Wolfard of Silvertown were saved.

Ray Rennie, nephew of Mrs. Clyde Harris of Brooks and Mrs. Eonias Wait and Mrs. A. W. Weach of Salem, was saved.

"Salem (OR) Statesman Journal" Tuesday 12 Feb 1918 p 1

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On Sunday, June 22, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Veatch entertained with a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Veatch. The table was beautiful with blue canterberry bells forming the centerpiece. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris, and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson, Mrs. Catherine Blanton, A. P. Harris and Ray O. Rennie, who has recently returned from overseas.

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"Salem (OR) Statesman Journal" Wednesday 25 Jun 1919 p 2

Ray Rennie and his wife were out driving Sunday and stopped for a few moments at the Thienes home. Mr. Rennie has asked Mr. Thienes to take charge of remodeling his house which work will be started this week. Mr. Thienes is building a concrete store room on his place which is almost finished.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Wednesday 5 Nov 1924 p 4

The Ray Rennie house which he is having remodeled is making a good showing from the time it has been started.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Tuesday 11 Nov 1924 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. McNutt entertained Sunday afternoon for their children and their families and other guests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Koozer and family, of Walterville; Mr. and Mrs. Earl McNutt, Mr. and Mrs. Ira McNutt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Close, all of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rennie and son, Gordon, of Thurston.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Wednesday 7 Nov 1928 p 5

visitor in Eugene Friday.
The regular monthly business session of the high school board was held Friday afternoon at the high school building. A contract for 20 rick of wood was let to Ray Rennie of Thurston, for delivery for next year.

Walterville OR news: - "Eugene (OR) Guard" Tuesday 30 Aor 1929 p 6

ist trade.
ra. Wauksmith of Log Cabin Inn she has been quite busy although early in the season. Mrs. Wauksmith specializes on fried chicken, having bought her early ra from Ray Rennie of Thurston. has 200 now she is raising her- that will soon be ready for the

Ray the chicken farmer – left margin is cut off in original - "Eugene (OR) Guard" Saturday 2 May 1931 p 3

A turtle captured two weeks ago by Ray Rennie of Walterville, was released a few days ago. It bore markings placed on it 32 years ago by Ted Magness and a second date, 1921, had been carved below the first, indicating it had been caught at least once since 1901.

"Lebanon (OR) Express" Thursday 18 May 1933 p 5

Ray Rennie, newly appointed committeeman on the hog-corn project, spent Monday in Eugene receiving instructions as to the work of the committee.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Thursday 10 May 1934 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Phetteplace of Thurston and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hazel of Reedsport and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rennie and sons Gordon and Billy were Christmas day guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Phetteplace in Eugene.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Wednesday 30 Dec 1936 p 5

BIRTHDAY EVENT
THURSTON, Jan. 6.—(Special). —Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rennie and sons, Gordon and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rennie, all of Thurston were dinner guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Gordon Rennie and his father, Ray Rennie, whose birthdays are Jan. 1 and 2.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Thursday 6 Jan 1938 p 3

FROM THURSTON
 THURSTON, March 9.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rennie and family have moved their household goods and farm implements from their farm east of Thurston to the farm west of Thurston owned by Dr. Carl Phetteplace of Eugene, and will make this their future home. Mr. Rennie has rented his farm to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cunningham who have been living on the Steinmetz farm north of Springfield. The Cunninghams are from the middle west, having arrived in Oregon about two years ago. Two of their children have been going to the Springfield school this year and a smaller son will be in the primary grade at Thurston next fall.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Wednesday 9 Mar 1938 p 3

AT WALTERVILLE
 WALTERVILLE, April 22.—(Special)—Ray Rennie hauled oat hay from the F. W. Page ranch at Walterville to his place at Thurston Tuesday. Palmer Brothers were at the Page ranch that day baling the hay from the barn.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Friday 22 Apr 1938 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Goff entertained on Christmas eve at dinner and Christmas tree party Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Goff and son Ronald of Hood River, Wm. Rennie of Thurston, Ray Rennie and sons Gordon and Billy of Thurston, Harold Pennie of Oakridge and Howard Reed.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Sunday 29 Dec 1940 p 13

HOLD ANNUAL MEETING
THURSTON, Feb. 26—(Special)
 —The consolidated company telephone lines held their annual meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Ray Rennie at Thurston and a large number of line representatives were present for the meeting. Each company received the bills for the repair work which was done following the silver thaw. The lines about Thurston are in working order but the ones farther up the valley are still out of central service.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Thursday 26 Feb 1942 p 4

LEABURG EVENTS
LEABURG—Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goff were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goff and son of Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Krumenacher, all of Hood River. Saturday evening, guests of the Goff's were: Ray Rennie and son Billy, Mrs. Donat, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rennie all of Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lansbery and Mrs. Henry Shermmer of Leaburg, besides Bill Rennie, father of Mrs. Goff, and their son Pvt. Ennis Goff, who is home on furlough.

Also attending: Ray's 2nd wife-to-be Maysel Fitzwater Donat - “Eugene (OR) Guard” Friday 22 Jun 1945 p 5

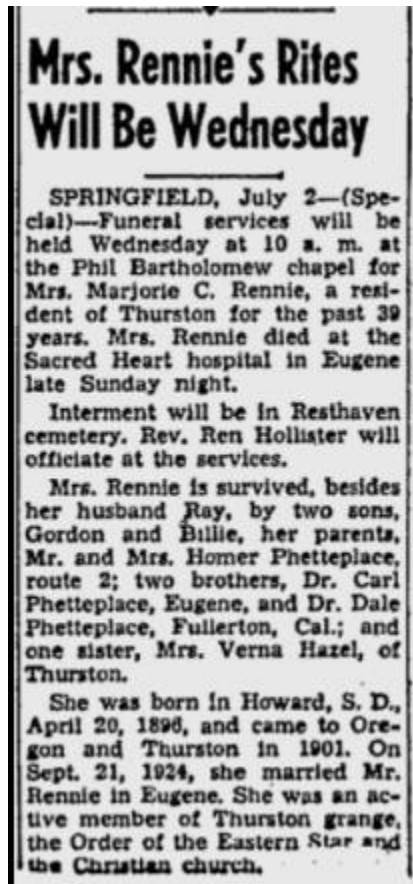
Thurston News Notes
THURSTON—Ray Rennie, who is in Tucson, Arizona for his health, is reported improving very much in the dryer climate. He will stay there until some time in April.

- Ray dies 14 Aug 1952 - “Eugene (OR) Guard” Monday 3 Mar 1952 p 10

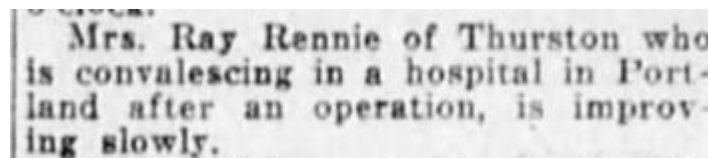
THURSTON — Ray Rennie is able to be up and around part of the day after his return from Arizona, where he spent the winter on account of his health.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Wednesday 30 Apr 1952 p 16

Wife Marjorie Phetteplace



Obituary of Marjorie Caroline Phetteplace Rennie – “Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal”
Wednesday 3 Jul 1940 p 8 and found on Find A Grave 71194647



“Eugene (OR) Guard” Monday 18 Nov 1929 p 8

The Thurston Ladies' Aid held an all-day meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Ray Rennie and considerable work was done on a quilt. The women will have another all day meeting there next Thursday and will finish the work if possible. At this meeting a business session was held as it was not on a regular meeting day. Fourteen women were present for the covered dish dinner and were Mrs. John Price, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Dean Beales, Mrs. Fred Gray, Mrs. Ellen Needham, Mrs. Teeters of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Herbert Weise, Mrs. Roy Edmiston, Mrs. Al Weaver, Mrs. Wm. Hensen and daughter Betty, Mrs. Lawrence Gossler, Mrs. Jim Hill, Mrs. Charlie Grant and the hosts Mrs. Rennie, and son Gordon. Three ladies came for the afternoon and were Mrs. Fred Russel, Mrs. Bertha Farrel of Eugene, Mrs. Walter Easton of Cedar Flat.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Monday 22 Feb 1932 p 5

Thurston—No grange was held this week by Thurston grange, as only one meeting a month will be held in July. This will be the third Wednesday. This plan will also be carried out for the month of August with the meeting night the third Wednesday. For the meeting in July no program will be held but reports from the holders of the Four-H scholarships, given to Gloria Weaver, Lois Fox, and Richard Davis for their summer school at Corvallis, will be heard. The charter of the grange will also be draped for Mrs. Ray Rennie, who was lady assistant steward in the grange.

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Sunday 7 Jul 1940 p 12

Wife Maysel Fitzwater Donat

Maysel Rennie LEBANON — Maysel M. Rennie, 87, 335 E. Maple St., died Saturday evening at Lebanon Community Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Huston Funeral Home. The Rev. Burnell Krager will officiate and private burial follows at the IOOF Cemetery. She was born July 28, 1894, at Lebanon, the daughter of pioneer parents, Jacob and Effie Fitzwater. Mrs. Rennie had lived in	Portland, Springfield, Yachats and Ashland before returning to Lebanon in 1969. She had worked during her younger years for the phone company in Lebanon. Mrs. Rennie was a member of the Mount Hood Chapter Order of Eastern Star in Portland. Her husband, Ray Rennie, preceded her in death. Survivors include one son, Jake Donet, St., Helena, Calif.; two stepsons, Gordon and William Rennie, both of Springfield; one sister, Rita Saager, Forest Grove, and eight grandchildren.
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Obituary of 2nd wife, Maysel Fitzwater Donat Rennie – “Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald” Monday 2 Nov 1981 p 3

Six Divorces Are Granted Thursday

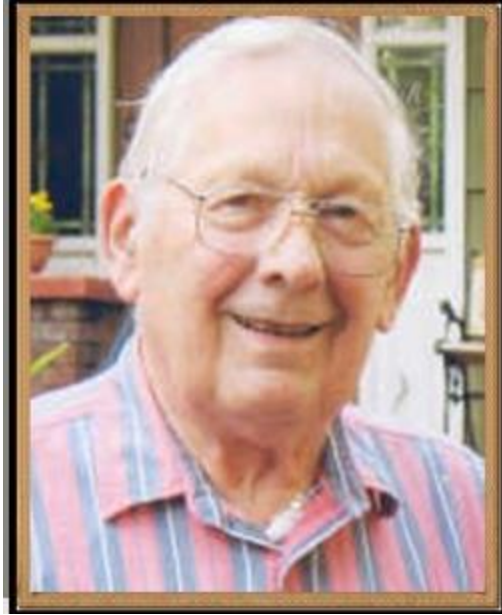
Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling Thursday granted six divorce pleas during the October session of department No. 2 of circuit court, and disqualified himself when a claim against the First Savings bank trust department came up for a hearing.

Divorces were granted to Maysel from Arthur Donat; to Frank from Anna Fixsen; to Ben from Bessie Bartcher; to Hallena from Herman Holm; to Louise from Gerald Vehrs and to Irene Ruth Cunliffe-Owen Farness from Henry N. Farness.

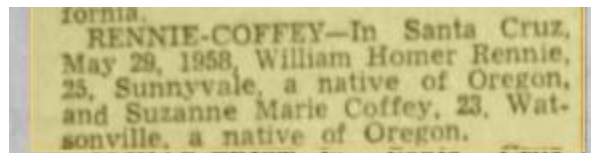
Each of the defendants was declared in default.

“Albany (OR) Democrat-Herald” Friday 1 Nov 1940 p 2

Children:



Son Gordon Grant Rennie (1927-2014) – Find A Grave 133396786



“Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel” Sunday 8 Jun 1958 p 21



William Homer (Bill) Rennie – Springfield (OR) High School yearbook 1950 - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/229370277:1265>

the rest of the week.
Mrs. Ray Rennie and baby son
were dismissed from the Pacific
Christian hospital Monday of this
week.

Birth of William Homer Rennie – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Friday 10 Mar 1933 p 5

Father:

The past Sunday, William Rennie was guest of honor at a large dinner party given at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ada Goff, for his 81st birthday. Present for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Rennie of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rennie, Ray Rennie and Billy, Mrs. Donat and William Rennie, the honored guest, all of Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith of Oakridge and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goff, of Leaburg.

“Eugene (OR) Guard” Friday 19 Oct 1945 p 7

William M. Rennie
 THURSTON—William M. Rennie of Thurston, whose father reportedly built the first flour mill in San Francisco in the middle 1800s, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ada Goff, at Leaburg Wednesday.
 A resident of Thurston since 1910, Rennie was born in San Francisco Oct. 11, 1864, soon after his parents came from Scotland. The family moved to Champoe, Ore., in 1870 and later lived in Salem and Walterville. Rennie was a merchant at Thurston.
 Survivors include five children: Ray O. Rennie, Thurston; Mrs. Goff at Leaburg; Ennis Rennie, Eugene; Frank Rennie, Thurston, and Harold Rennie of Portland. There are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services will be held at Bartholomew-Buell Chapel at Springfield at 10 a.m. Friday. Interment will be in the family plot at City View Cemetery, Salem.

Obituary of father William M. Rennie – “Eugene (OR) Guard” Thursday 6 Jun 1946 p 12

DEATH NOTICES		50
RENNIE—William M. Rennie, age 82, pioneer merchant of Thurston, died Wednesday, June 4, 1946 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ada Gobb of Leaburg Dam. He was born at San Francisco, California on October 11, 1864. Moved with his family to Champoege in 1870. Later he moved to Salem and to Walterville in 1907, and to Thurston in 1910. He married Mary Blanton at Salem, Oregon on October 10, 1888. He is survived by 5 children: Ray O. Rennie of Thurston; Mrs. Ada Gobb of Leaburg; Ennis Rennie of Eugene; Frank of Thurston; and Harold of Portland. 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. His parents Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie came from Scotland and made their home in San Francisco, where they built the first flour mill in that area. Funeral services will be held from the Bartholomew-Buell Chapel in Springfield on Friday, June 7, at 10 a. m., Rev. Harry Benton officiating, with Rev. Ren Hollister assisting. Interment at 2 p. m. in the City View Cemetery in Salem.		

"Eugene (OR) Guard" Thursday 6 Jun 1946 p 15

Siblings:

Zelpha Bonney Rennie

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name:	Zelpha Bonney Rennie [Zelpha M Brandow] [Zelpha Denham] [Zelpha Bonney Bonney]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Birth Date:	25 Jun 1917
Birth Place:	Oregon City, Oregon
Death Date:	21 Jul 1993
Father:	Richard H Bonney
Mother:	Lena Brannian
SSN:	542127962
Signature on SSN Card:	Zelpha M Rennie
Relationship of Signature:	Signature name differs from NH's name.
Notes:	Feb 1940: Name listed as ZELPHA BONNEY RENNIE; Nov 1947: Name listed as ZELPHA M BRANDOW; Sep 1960: Name listed as ZELPHA DENHAM; Apr 1962: Name listed as ZELPHA MAXINE DENHAM; 12 Aug 1993: Name listed as ZELPHA M DENHAM

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Name: Raymond Otto Rennie

Name variations: Ray

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,393

Entered service from: Thurston, Lane OR

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Ray O. Rennie

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father William Rennie, Thurston OR

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Ray O. Rennie

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father William M. Rennie, Thurston OR (sgt, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Ray Otto Rennie - b. 2 Jan 1893 Salem OR; res: Walterville, Lane OR. Single. Farmer for self, Walterville OR. Medium height & build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Ray Otto Rennie - b. 2 Jan 1892 Salem OR; res: Rt. 2, Springfield OR. NOK F.J. Rennie, Thurston OR. Self-employed, at home address. Height: 5'9" – 150 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 14 Dec 1917

Discharged: 12 Jun 1919

Address: Springfield OR

Rank/unit: sergeant, 16th Co., 20th Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 2 Jan 1892 Salem, Marion OR (WWI draft: 1893)

Died: 14 Aug 1952 Thurston, Lane Co. OR

Find A Grave record: 71194622 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Eugene, Lane OR

Cemetery: Rest-Haven Memorial Park

Tombstone: veteran flat: Washington Sgt 20 Engineers WWI

Father: William M. Rennie, 11 Oct 1864 San Francisco, San Francisco CA – 5 Jun 1946 Leaburg, Lane OR. Son of William Milne Rennie & Jane C. Grant. He reportedly built the 1st flour mill in San Francisco CA. Buried in City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion OR.

Find A Grave: 51185522

Mother: Mary E. Blanton Rennie, Sep 1868 OR – 14 Mar 1938 Lane Co. OR. Daughter of John W. Blanton (F: 24826810) & Catherine Shepherd (F: 24826805). Buried in City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion OR.

Find A Grave: 51185514

Parents' marriage: 10 Oct 1888 Marion Co. OR

Spouse: Marjorie Caroline Phetteplace Rennie, 20 Aug 1896 Howard, Miner SD – 1 Jul 1940 Eugene, Lane Co. OR. Daughter of Homer Edward Phetteplace & Inga Sophia Hanson.

Marjorie & Ray had 2 sons: Gordon & William (Bill/Billy). Buried in Rest-Haven Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane OR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 71194647

Marriage: 21 [according to obituaries] or 22[according to records] Sep 1924 in Eugene, Lane Co. OR.

Spouse: Maysel Millie Fitzwater Donat Rennie, 28 Jul 1894 Lebanon OR – 31 Oct 1981 Linn Co. OR. Daughter of Jacob Uriah Fitzwater & Effie Jane Burtenshaw. In 1910 she lived in Waterloo, Linn OR with her parents.

Her 1st husband was Arthur Cyril Donat, 16 Sep 1891 Chicago, Cook IL – 6 Mar 1957

Jackson Co. OR, F: 66315177, whom she married 15 Sep 1916 in Linn Co. OR. Their son was Jake Anthony Donat (1917-1996). In the 1920 census, the family of 3 lived in Portland,

Multnomah OR. = Arthur & Maysel divorced on 31 Nov 1940 in Albany OR. In the 1950 census, Maysel Donat is a lodger with Ray Rennie & son William in Thurston, Lane OR. Buried in IOOF Cemetery, Lebanon, Linn OR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 30567283

Marriage: 13 Sep 1951 Reno, Washoe NV

Children: by wife Marjorie Phetteplace

- Gordon Grant Rennie, 1 Jan 1927 Eugene, Lane OR – 6 Jul 2014 Springfield, Lane OR. Worked on the family dairy farm in Thurston OR (Rennie's Dairy). Joined the US Navy after graduating from Springfield (OR) High School & served during the last 2 years of WWII in the South Pacific. After studying for 2 years at the U of OR, he was called back to the Navy during the Korean War. He returned to the U of OR to complete his degree in the speech & radio department. He met Sandra Jean Price (1931-2016, F: 178244032) at the university when he returned; they married 14 Aug 1954 in Boise, Ada ID. The couple moved to Thurston OR & soon after moved to the house where his father had lived for 58 years. Worked for KUGN radio & the Eugene Chamber of Commerce & public relations for Sacred Heart Hospital. After retirement, he opened a clock repair shop in Eugene, Lane OR.
- William (Bill/Billy) Homer Rennie, 22 Feb 1933 OR - . Married on 15 Jun 1958 at age 25 in Santa Cruz Co. CA to Suzanne M. Coffey, age 23. When he enlisted on 1 Feb 1959 in the military, he gave a birthdate of 22 Feb 1931. In 1993-1995, he lived at 8758 Thurston Rd., Springfield OR.

Stepson: by his 2nd wife Maysel Fitzwater with her 1st husband, Arthur Cyril Donat

- Jake Anthony Donat, 19 Oct 1917 Chicago, Cook IL – 21 Jul 1996 Calistoga, Napa CA. Burial details unknown. F: 235141882

Siblings:

- Ada Pearl Rennie Goff, 8 Dec 1893 Salem, Marion OR – 14 Jun 1979 Multnomah Co. OR. Listed as Mrs. T.W. Goss of Milwaukie OR in Aug 1952 when Ray died. Married 24 Jan 1910 in Lane Co. OR to Eugene Washington Goff Jr. (1888-1974). Not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2022.
- Ennis William Rennie, 8 Oct 1899 Salem, Marion OR – 18 Apr 1982 Lane Co. OR. Resident of Eugene OR in Aug 1952 when Ray died. Married 19 Dec 1922 in Lane Co. OR to Nettie Ali Minney (1904-1972). Not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2022.
- Mabel I. Rennie, Jun 1896 OR – 11 Jun 1900. Died at age 3 years, 11 months, 11 days. Buried in City View Cemetery, Salem, Marion OR. F: 51184979
- Francis John (Frank) Rennie, 2 Apr 1906 Salem, Marion OR – 13 Feb 1990 Lane Co. OR. SSN 543-05-1183. Resident of Thurston OR in Aug 1952 when Ray died. Married 5 Sep 1931 in Lane Co. OR to Opel Inez Taliaferro (1904-1989). Not on Find A Grave as of 24 Aug 2022.
- Harold Earnest Rennie, 17 Jan 1911 Thurston, Lane OR – 3 Jun 1998 Multnomah Co. OR. Resident of Portland OR in Aug 1952 when Ray died. Married 29 Feb 1936 to Zelpha Maxine Bonney in Union Co. OR. According to Social Security, she changed her surname to Brandow in Nov 1947 & to Denham in Sep 1960; she died as Denham. – Married 6 May 1951 in Multnomah Co. OR to Fannie K. Vaughn (1909 OK – 1985 OR, F: 151660247), the daughter of S.P. & Annie Vaughn. Fannie is buried with Harold in Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland, Multnomah OR. F: 151660251

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 8 Feb 1918 p 8 - son of William Rennie of Thurston OR. Ray entered service just before Christmas 1917.

"Eugene Guard" 12 Feb 1918 p 1 - Ray Rennie is the nephew of Mrs. Clide Harris (Brooks OR) & Mrs. Eonis Wait & Mrs. A.W. Weach (both Salem OR).

Post-war:

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 9 Mar 1938 p 6 – Ray Rennie moved his goods & family from a farm east of Thurston OR to a farm west of Thurston owned by his wife's brother, Dr. Carl Phetteplace & rented out his old farm.

Obituary:

"Eugene (OR) Guard" 14 Aug 1952 p 15 - Ray Rennie, resident of Thurston OR, died at age 60. Born Salem OR 2 Jan 1892. Married Maysel Fitzwater Donat 13 Sep 1951. Maysel, 2 sons, 3 brothers (Frank, Harold, Enis), sister survive. WWI veteran, member of American Legion.

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1900 North Salem, Marion OR – Front St.

William Rennie, 34 CA, parents b. Scotland, married 11 years, flower packer

Mary E., 32 OR, Sep 1867, father b. MO, mother b. KS, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

Ray O., 9 OR, Jun 1890, at school

Helen J., 6 OR, Dec 1893

Ennis W., 7 months OR, Oct 1899

Mabel I., 3 OR, Jun 1896

1910 Camp Creek, Lane OR

William M. Rennie, 44 CA, parents b. Scotland, in 1st marriage, married 21 years, clerk, general merchandise

Mary E., 42 OR, parents b. MO, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 5 children, 4 are living

Raymond O., 18 OR, clerk, general merchandise

Ennis W., 16 OR

Francis J., 4 OR

1920 Thurston, Lane OR – Mc--- Highway

William M. Rennie, 54 CA, parents b. Scotland, general farmer, farmer

Mary E., 51 OR, father b. MO, mother b. US

Ray O., 28 OR [unclear if general farm, farmer is crossed through or not]

Ennis W., 20 OR, general farm, farmer

Frank J., 13 OR

Harold E., 8 OR

1930 Thurston, Lane OR – McKenzie Highway

Ray O. Rennie, 38 SD, father b. MI, mother b. IA [this appears switched with Marjorie's information],
age 33 at 1st marriage, farmer, general farm & poultry, WWI veteran

Marjorie, 34 OR, father b. CA, mother b. OR [this appears switched with Ray's information], age 29
at 1st marriage

Gordon G., 3 years 3 months OR, father b. OR, mother b. SD

1940 Thurston, Lane OR – same place (Lane Co. OR) in 1935

Ray O. Rennie, 47 OR, proprietor, farm

Margery C., 43 SD

Gordon G., 13 OR

William H., 7 OR

1950 Thurston, Lane OR

Ray O. Rennie, 58 OR, widowed, farming

William H. Rennie, 17 OR, helps on farm [son]

& lodger Maysel M. Donat, 54 OR, widow [Ray & Maysel marry in 1951]