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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Rae, William Edward Alexander
1894 NY – 1945 NY

RECORDS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Received and Recorded
MAR 25 1924
CITY OF NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK. 13204 Form 1.
County of New York. City of New York.

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH. No. of Certificate 13204

(In full when possible.)

1. Name of Child William Edward Rae

2. Sex Male { Color or Race, } Date of Birth, March 13 1894
If other than the White }

3. Place of Birth (Street and Number) 406 West 46 St

4. Name of Father Adam L. Rae { If out of wedlock omit name }
of Father, and write O. W. }

5. Full Name of Mother Edith Carrie Rae

6. Maiden Name of Mother Edith Currie

7. Birthplace (Country or State) of Mother U.S. Age 23 years.

8. " " of Father U.S. Age 27 years. Occupation Janitor

9. Number of Child of Mother { 2 How many of them now living 2
(whether 1, 2, 3, &c.) }

10. Name and address of Medical Attendant or Signature Corcoran W. Cullen
other authorized person, in own handwriting Address 265 West 87 St

11. Date of this Return Mar 25/24

WE hereby certify that we are the Groom and Bride named in this Certificate, and that the information given therein is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

William Alexander Rae Groom

Annie Cooper Pennie Bride

Signed in the presence of

and

Betty Pennie

Ed Wood

It shall be the duty of the clergymen, magistrates and other persons who perform the marriage ceremony to keep a registry of the marriages celebrated by them. * * * * *

Every person authorized by law to perform the marriage ceremony shall register his or her name and address in the office of the Bureau of Records (Sec. 158, Sanitary Code).

It shall be the duty of every person required to make or keep any such registry, of * * * * *, marriage * * * * * to present to the Bureau of Records a copy of such registry signed by such person * * * * * within ten days after the * * * * * marriage * * * * * which shall thereupon be placed on file in the said Bureau (Sec. 161, Sanitary Code).

N. B.—Sec. 1289, Chap. 532, Laws of 1905, makes the failure to report within ten days a written copy of the registry of the marriages provided to be registered a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

NY birth record 11 Mar 1894 - Ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/69496377/person/44200635050/media/576052e8-0749-4837-8553-444dfdfbc35d?_phsrc=hFB46696&_phstart=successSource

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Rae, William A 250,203 * White * ~~Colored~~.

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: 348 W 47 St New York NEW YORK
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Inducted at LB 115 New York NY on Sept 28, 1917

Place of birth: New York NY Age or date of birth: 24 6/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
Hq Co 305 FA to Nov 27/17; 118 Aer Sq to Jan 21/18;
213 Aer Sq to disch

Grades, with date of appointment:
Ck June 1/18

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action: None.

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † May 31/19, from † to †

Honorably discharged on demobilization June 10, 1919

In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported 0 per cent disabled.

Remarks:

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/219794:3030?ssrc=pt&tid=69496377&pid=44200635050>

RAE WILLIAM ALEXANDER cxc4039142

Pvt 213 Aero Sq K

945 6 Ave Astoria LI NY A 3 535 404

Sr 250 203 Dtd 4 11 45 T 524 212 F

Born 3/13/93 R

Enl 9/28/17 Dis 6/10/19 Cl 2 500 522

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
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RAE, WILLIAM A., private; father, Adam F. Rae, 348 West Forty-seventh Street, New York City.

“New York Soldiers on the Tuscania” – “New York Times” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 3

W. A. Rae, a member of the 213th, is another concerning whom no word has come either directly or through the War Department. His wife, at No. 348 West 47th Street, said to-day that they were married on Sept. 16 of last year and her husband was drafted eight days afterward.

Although this page appears on Newspapers.com, the text is not indexed – “New York Evening World” Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 4 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/79085682>

New York Times

Feb. 9, 1918

William A. Rae, a private in the 213th Aero Squadron, has not been heard from by his father, Adam F. Rae, of 348 West Forty-seventh Street. Mr. Rae said that his son was drafted on Sept. 28 and sent to Camp Upton, and later to San Antonio, Texas, where he was transferred to the Aero Squadron. He is 23 years of age, and before his call to service worked as a telephone installer.

Wife:

10 H-1912

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

23722
No. of Certificate

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

OF
William Alexander Rae and *Annie Cooper Pennie*

Groom's Residence	<i>348-W. 47th St.,</i>	Bride's Residence	<i>400-W. 50th St.,</i>
Age	<i>24</i>	Age	<i>22</i>
Color	<i>white</i>	Color	<i>white</i>
Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>	Single, Widowed or Divorced	<i>Single</i>
Occupation	<i>New York Tel. Co.</i>	Maiden Name, if a Widow	<i>—</i>
Birthplace	<i>New York City</i>	Birthplace	<i>Aberdeen, Scotland</i>
Father's Name	<i>Adam F.</i>	Father's Name	<i>George</i>
Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Edith Currie</i>	Mother's Maiden Name	<i>Annie M. Shave</i>
Number of Groom's Marriage	<i>first</i>	Number of Bride's Marriage	<i>first</i>

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York, at *Calvary Protestant Episcopal* (Street Church), in the Borough of *Manhattan*, City of New York, this *first* of *September*, 1917

Signature of person performing the Ceremony: *Isaac J. Osborn*
Official Station: *Curate of Calvary Church*
Residence: *104-E. 22nd St., N.Y.C.*

Witnesses to the Marriage: *Betty Pennie*
Ed Wood

Marriage of William Alexander Rae & Annie Cooper Pennie on 1 Sep 1917 at Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, 104 E. 22nd St., NYC - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/69496377/person/44200635050/media/bab1d03e-9658-4751-a5e8-1adc10724202?_phsrc=hFB46697&_phstart=successSource

Annie C Gallagher

in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012

Name:	Annie C Gallagher
Race:	White
Occupation:	DRESSMAKER
Industry:	DRESSMAKING
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Date:	18 Oct 1895
Birth Place:	Scotland
Address:	220 CHESTNUT
Residence:	New York
Death Date:	28 Feb 1986
Death Place:	Greenwich, Connecticut
Age:	90 Years
Spouse:	Frank
Father's Surname:	Pennie
State File #:	02854

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/860582:4124?tid=69496377&pid=44431340721&queryId=6f3446076928d3de0e1dac5b3240e5ae&_phsrc=hFB46731&_phstart=successSource

Annie C. Gallagher

Annie C. Gallagher, a dressmaker at Razooks Exclusive Women's Apparel Shop in Greenwich, Conn., for 35 years, died Friday at Greenwich Hospital after a two-month illness. She was 90.

Mrs. Gallagher was born Oct. 18, 1895, to George and Annie McShane Pennie in Aberdeen, Scotland. She came to the United States with her parents and settled in New York City approximately 75 years ago.

In 1916, she married William Rae in New York City and in 1940, the couple moved to Port Chester and she started work as a dressmaker for what was then called Florence Schmelzter's in Greenwich. The shop later became Razooks.

Mr. Rae died in 1945. Several years later, she remarried.

She is survived by a daughter, Constance MacKay of Greenwich; a sister Mary Pennie of Port Chester; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Annie Pennie Rae married Frank B. Gallagher on 22 Mar 1935 – her 1st husband William Rae died in 1945 – William listed himself as divorced in the 1940 census - "Port Chester (NY) Daily Item" Tuesday 4 Mar 1986 p 4

Funeral Services

Archibald M. Pennie

Funeral services were held Friday for Archibald M. Pennie, 61, of New York, who died Tuesday, Apr. 12, 1966, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.

Services were conducted in McGlynn Funeral Home, Washington Heights, N.Y., under the supervision of John J. Ryan Home for Funerals, Keansburg, at 11 a.m. Burial was in U.S. Government Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island.

Born in Scotland, he was a veteran of World War II. He was the son of Mrs. Annie (McShane) Pennie, Keansburg, and the late George Pennie.

Surviving besides his mother are four sisters, Mrs. Anne Gallagher and Miss Mary Pennie, both of Port Chester, N.Y., and Mrs. Betty Horvath and Mrs. Agnes Hopkins, both of Keansburg.

Obituary of former brother-in-law Archibald M Pennie – "Keyport (NJ) Weekly" Thursday 21 Apr 1966 p 16



Find A Grave 172517102 – grave of Annie Pennie Rae Gallagher, her father George Pennie, her mother Annie McShane Pennie, her sister Elizabeth Pennie Horvath

Daughter:



Baptism of Constance Anna Rae - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/304543:61224>

CONSTANCE MACKAY OBITUARY

CONSTANCE "CONNIE" RAE MACKAY of Venice, FL formerly of Greenwich, CT. died May 5, 2010. Services will be held on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2 pm at the North Greenwich Congregational Church, 606 Riversville Road, in Greenwich. Survivors include husband, Elmer of 66 years; daughters, Donna Atkins of Norwalk, Heather MacKay of Stamford; son, Douglas MacKay of Woodbury; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Born in Astoria, Long Island, NY, Connie graduated from Julia Richmond High School in Manhattan, New York City. Connie was a homemaker for 20 years. She worked for the GAF Corp. as a sales secretary for 20 years and Thatcher Glass Company for 7 years. Connie was a resident and member of the Women's Golf Association of the Plantation Golf and Country Club for 28 years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#), PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stamfordadvocate/name/constance-mackay-obituary?pid=142914258>

Father:

Bronxville Plaza Inc., Yonkers, with capital stock of \$87,500 to deal in realty and engage in the general construction business. The incorporators are: E. Harold McElhose, 851 Carroll St., Brooklyn, Adam F. Rae, 348 W. 47th St., New York City, and Francis J. Purssell, 151 Sterling Pl., Brooklyn.

"Yonkers (NY) Herald" Friday 22 Aug 1930 p 11

Sibling:

Jessie Silladay

in the New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948

Name:	Jessie Silladay [Jessie Roe]
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Married
Age:	49
Birth Date:	4 Nov 1893
Birth Place:	New York, New York
Residence Street Address:	634 W 91 St
Residence Place:	New York
Death Date:	26 Mar 1943
Hospital:	Lutheran Hosp of Man
Death Place:	New York City, Manhattan, New York, USA
Burial Date:	30 Mar 1943
Burial Place:	Woodlawn Cemetery, New York
Occupation:	House Work
Father's Birth Place:	New York
Mother's Birth Place:	New York
Father:	Adam S Roe
Mother:	Edith Roe
Spouse:	Samuel S
Informant:	Samuel S Silladay
Informant Gender:	Male
Informant Relationship:	Husband
Executor:	Samuel Silladay
Executor Relationship:	Husband
Certificate Number:	7382

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/460682:61778>

Name: William Alexander Rae

Name variations: birthname: William Edward Rae

Military:

On Tuscania: 213th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 250,203

Entered service from: New York, New York

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: William A. Rae

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Adam F. Rae, 348 W. 47th St., NY, NY

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919,

Sailed on return ship as: William A. Rae

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Adam F. Rae, 348 W. 47th St., NY, NY (cook, 213th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as William A. Rae - b. 13 Mar 1893 NY, NY; res: 348 W. 47th, NYCX, NY. Single [as of 5 Jun 1917], Machinist, Lawson & Co., 310 W. 39th St., City. Dependent father & mother. Medium height & build.-

World War II draft registration (1942): as William Alexander Rae - b. 13 Mar 1894 NYC, NY; res: 134 W. 91st St., NY, NY. NOK Mrs. Jessie F. Silladay, same address [sister]. Employed by Cruickshank Co., 80 Broadway, NY, NY, at 40 Exchange Place, NY, NY. No height or weight listed. Card filled out 27 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 28 Sep 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: 945 – 6th Ave., Astoria, Long Island NY

Rank/unit: private, 213th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 13 Mar 1893 (WWI draft & Veterans Administration Military Index) or 1894 (WWII draft card & NY birth record) or 1895 (NY City Deaths) Manhattan, New York Co., NY

Died: 11 Apr 1945 Manhattan, New York Co., NY

Died:

Find A Grave record: 209071676

Burial location: Bronx, Bronx Co. NY

Cemetery: Woodlawn

Tombstone:

Father: Adam Forsythe Rae, Sep 1866 NY (1900 census) - 14 Feb 1951 Bronx, NY, NY [apparently him]. Still alive in 1949 in the Manhattan NY city directory, residing at 134 W. 91st St.

In the 1940 census, he was the superintendent of an office building, living with Edith in NYC.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Edith Currie Rae, 3 Mar 1871 Manhattan NY. Daughter of William Currie (1844-1991) & Annie Wilkinson (1846-1923). Her parents are buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, Queens NY but not on Find A Grave as of 23 Jul 2022. Edith was alive in the 1940 census.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Annie Cooper Pennie Rae Gallagher, 18 Oct 1895 Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland – 28 Feb 1986 Greenwich, Fairfield CT. Daughter of George Pennie (1874-1949, F: 172546068) & Annie McShane (1876-1968, F: 172523761). Oldest of 5 siblings: Elizabeth (1896-1985, married Horvath, F: 172532946), Archibald McShane (1902-1966, F: 2783149), Mary (F: 172523762) & Agnes. She emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, aboard the "Grampian" which arrived in Boston MA on 17 Apr 1908; Annie was 11 years old. She was with her mother Mrs. Annie Rae (age 31) & siblings Lizzie, Mary, Archibald & Agnes. Mrs. Rae listed her father as Archibald McShane, 529 George St., Aberdeen, Scotland. They were headed to NY, NY.

Annie C. Rae married Frank B. Gallagher on 22 Mar 1935 in Manhattan NY. Annie lists herself as widowed in the 1950 census for Port Chester, Winchester NY.

Annie, her parents George & Annie, and her sister Elizabeth Horvath share a tombstone in Greenwood Union Cemetery, Rye, Westchester NY.

Spouse Find A Grave: 172517102

Marriage: 1 Sep 1917 Manhattan NY at Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, 104 E. 22nd St., Manhattan NY & entered the Army on 28 Sep 1917. William A. Rae, age 24, single, his 1st marriage, resided at 348 W. 47th St., son of Adam F. Rae & Edith Currie. Annie C. Pennie, age 22, single, her 1st marriage, resided at 400 W. 50th St., the daughter of George Pennie & Annie McShane.

Children:

- Constance Anna ("Connie") Rae MacKay, 28 May 1922 NYC, NY – 5 May 2010 FL. SSN 082-16-3175. Married 27 Feb 1944 in Greenwich CT to Elmer Hvolbeck MacKay (1924-2010, F: 62359624). She died 6 months before Elmer; they had been married 66 years. Buried in North Greenwich Congregational Church Cemetery, Greenwich, Fairfield CT. F: 77116432

Siblings:

- Jessie Forsythe Rae Silladay, 3 Nov 1892 Manhattan, NY, NY – 26 Mar 1943 Manhattan, NY, NY. SSN 130-14-1498. Wife of Samuel Snell Silladay (1886-1946) whom she married 11 Sep 1916 in Mount Vernon NY. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY, NY but not on Find A Grave as of 23 Jul 2022.

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

1918 address: 318 W. 47th St. NY

"New York Herald" [cannot locate] - former employee, NY Telephone Co. as investigator, married 1 Sep 1917 & drafted 2 weeks later, lived with wife & her mother at 348 W. 48th St., NY

"NY Evening World" 8 Feb 1918 p 4 - W.A. Rae - no word has been received by his wife at 340 W. 47th. They married 16 Sep 1917 & he was drafted 8 days later.

Post-war:

Obituary:

On his Find A Grave record, he is listed as divorced, the son of Adam F. Rae & Edith Currie. Occupation: assistant starter, RKO. Address: 134 W. 91st St. Divorced. Buried 14 Apr 1945.

Social Security number: 056-09-8412

Censuses:

1900 Manhattan, NY, NY – 427 – 48th St.

Adam Rae, 33 NY, Sep 1866, parents b. Scotland, married 8 years, superintendent for D.L. & WRR.

Edith, 29 NY, Mar 1871, parents b. NY, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Jessie, 7 NY, Nov 1892, at school

William, 6 NY, Mar 1894, at school

1905 NY state census – Manhattan NY

Adam F. Rae, 38 US, janitor

Edith, 34 US, at home

Jesse, 12 US, school

William W., 11 US, school

1910 Manhattan, NY, NY – W. 47th – Forsythe is listed as the family surname for each member, then "Rae" is written in small print above each Forsythe name

Adam Forsythe Rae, 42 NY, parents b. Scotland, married 18 years, superintendent, office building

Edith, 38 NY, parents b. Scotland, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

Jessie, 17 NY

William, 16 NY, clerk, loan & trust company

1915 NY state census – NYC, NY

Adam F. Rae, 48 US, building custodian

Edith, 43 US, housekeeper

Jessie, 22 US, stenographer

William, 21 US, railroad clerk

1920 Manhattan, NY, NY – W. 144th St.

William A. Rae, 25 NY, parents b. NY, clerk, railroad

Annie C., 24 Scotland, father b. Scotland, mother b. PA, emigrated 1908

Both are lodgers in a rooming house, whose proprietor/caretaker is Jane McCarthy (60 NY) whose 2 brothers & several lodgers live at the address.

1925 NY state census – Long Island City

William Rae, 31 US, steamship clerk

Annie, 25 Scotland, housework

Constance, 3 UW

1930 Queens, Queens NY – 2138 – 35th St.

William Rae, 36 NY, parents b. NY, age 24 at 1st marriage, clerk, steam ship line, WWI veteran

Anne, 34 Scotland, parents b. Scotland, age 20 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1908, naturalizedb

Constance, 8 NY

1940 New York, NY – W. 91st St.- all in same house in 1935

Samuel S. Silladay, 53 PA

Jessie F. Silladay, 47 NY [William's sister – Samuel's wife]

Robert Silladay, 1 NY, artist advertising company [son]

William A. Rae, 46 NY, divorced, elevator operator, office building [brother-in-law]

The previous census entry is for William & Jessie's parents – in the same house in 1935:

Adam F. Rae, 72 NY

Edith Rae, 69 NY

1940 NY, NY – 601 W. 176th St. – his ex-wife & daughter living with her parents – all in same place in 1935

Found at: https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/11426962:2442?tid=69496377&pid=44431355695&queryId=0b92aba7716f5cb9d72ac3aa6c16f0ef&_phsrc=hFB46743&_phstart=successSource

George Pennie, 65 Scotland, mechanic, automobile

Annie Pennie, 62 PA [wife]

Mary Pennie, 38 NY, operator, NY Telephone Company [daughter]

Betty Pennie, 30 NY, clerical, publishing company [daughter]

Agnes Rae, 34 NY, widowed, operator, NY Telephone Company [daughter – her ex-husband

William is still alive but Annie does have a sister named Agnes – have they been confused?]

Constance Rae, 18 NY [granddaughter]

1950 Port Chester, Winchester NY

Ann C. Gallagher, 54 Scotland, widowed, dressmaker, retail dress shop.