

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Edwards, John

1891 England – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



“Butte County Post” (Butte MT) Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 5

TUSCANIA VICTIM



**JOHN EDWARDS.
JENNIE BARNES.**

"John Edwards has been positively identified as one of the Tuscania's drowned by a tag that was tied around his neck and has been buried along the Scotland coast with military honors," was the sad news contained in a telegram that was received from Washington by Miss Jennie Barnes, who was engaged to the deceased. A letter from Edwards to Miss Barnes dated New York, Jan. 22, read: "We leave for England tonight on the 7 o'clock boat and all the boys as well as myself are in the best of spirits. Don't expect any mail from me for at least two weeks, and may God protect us both until we meet again," was some of the information in the epistle.

Edwards was formerly employed by the D. J. Blue Feed and Grain company on Harrison avenue, and Miss Barnes is a valued employe of the T. J. Bennett stores on the same street. The couple became betrothed last fall and had set the date for Feb. 15, but when Edwards realized that he might soon be called to the colors he postponed the wedding indefinitely. Edwards left Butte with the fourth contingent and was a member of Company E, 20th engineers. Edwards was a native of Cornwall, England, where he has one sister living, but had made Butte his home for a number of years and had won many friends here through his kind and pleasing disposition. Miss Barnes' picture is the insert. She resides at 1629 Gaylord street.

John Edwards – photo & article from “Butte (MT) Miner” Sunday 17 Feb 1918 p 10

THEY WENT TO THE WAR
MET DEATH IN WAVES



JOHN EDWARDS.



JACK J. BYRNE.

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Anaconda MT

MONTANANS STILL AWAIT MORE DEFINITE NEWS OF THE TUSCANIA'S VICTIMS

Two Butte Boys Are Among the Dead. One Former Resident of This City, Listed as Missing, Cables Relatives in Los Angeles That He is Safe. Another, Who Lived Here But Enlisted From Flint, Mich., is Believed Lost. Local People Still Have Hope That Final Statement by War Department Will Lift Their Anxiety.

Two Butte boys, John Edwards and Jack J. Byrne, are definitely listed among the transport Tuscania's missing in the government's rolls, and two who were former residents of this city and well known to large numbers of Butte people are also in the list of victims, although Second Lieut. Charles S. Patterson, one of these, has cabled his parents in Los Angeles that he is safe.

The other man is Clifford Wellington Waller, a second lieutenant. No further information regarding him other than that he is "missing" has been received. Chauncey J. Davison, a well-known Anaconda boy, is also listed as missing.

John Edwards.

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BUTTE'S DEAD ON THE TUSCANIA



JACK J. BYRNE.



JOHN EDWARDS.

MONTANANS STILL AWAIT MORE DEFINITE NEWS

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country and then moved to Walker-ville. He was single and has no known relatives either in this country or England. He worked at mining for some time while residing in the Hill city and was a regular attendant at the Mount Bethel church.

Later he went to make him home with Mrs. Thomas Barnes and daughter, Jenny, who reside six miles out of Butte at the Hillside Dairy ranch. He was residing with them when he was called by the draft.

After leaving Camp Lewis Edwards was assigned to Company E, Twentieth Engineers, Sixth battalion. For a time he was in a hospital at Washington, D. C. The last news received from him was a letter written to Miss Jenny Barnes on Jan. 26. In closing Mr. Edwards wrote:

"At 5 o'clock tonight we set sail. I will not be able to cable you for about 10 days. God bless you till I get back."

Once a Great Swimmer.

Edwards feared the water and he knew that once he was plunged into it he would be seized with cramps. While a resident of England he took part in a Marathon swimming race. At that time he was known for his prowess in the water. He was taken ill while in a race and doubled up with cramps. He narrowly escaped with his life and for years suffered the effects of the attack. Afterwards whenever he tried to swim in cold water he was taken with cramps. While in Washington he suffered pneumonia and had not fully regained his strength when he went aboard ship. It is for this reason that those who knew him best feel that he has met his fate.

Edwards was 27 years old. Miss Barnes states, and before leaving Butte was employed as a driver for D. J. Blue, proprietor of the South Side Produce company.

Edwards John 6
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) *White *Colored.
 Residence: 2001 Grand Ave Butte Silver Bow MONTANA
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)
~~RECORDED IN A. G. O. INDEX~~ *Inducted at Butte Co Mont on Nov 5 1917
 Place of birth: Cornwall England Age or date of birth: July 21 1891
 Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 166 Dep Brig to Dec 27 /17;
 Co E 6 Bn 20 Ingers to death
 Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt
 Engagements: Sinking of Tuscania
 Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † death, from † to †
 Killed in action Feb 5/18, 19____
 Other wounds or injuries received in action :
 Person notified of death: Miss Jennie Barnes friend (If none, so state)
 1629 S Grand St Butte Mont (Degree of relationship)
 (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)
 Remarks :
 Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. *Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
 Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7266

Montana, Military Records, 1904-1918 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62068/records/22317?tid=&pid=&queryId=eadd1d14-9e6c-42e0-9bcb-6fc969e0a3b6&phsrc=cPx46802&phstart=successSource>

Form No. 1907 REGISTRATION CARD No. 186

1 Name in full: John Edwards (Print name) Age in yrs: 25

2 Place of birth: Cornwall England

3 Date of birth: July 21 1891

4 Education (specify which): Declaration

5 Where were you born? Cornwall England

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? Great Britain

7 What is your trade, occupation, or profession? Soldier

8 Do when employed? U.S. Signal Battalion S.O.

9 Where employed? Butte, Montana

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? None

11 Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which): Caucasian

12 What military service have you had? Enlist 1917 Branch: Infantry

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

CA 3255 I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
 John Edwards

25-1-4-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tell, written, or short (specify which) 'Cause? Medical

2 Color of eyes? Brown Color of hair? Dark Chestnut Build? Tall

3 The person last seen, last heard, last seen, last heard, or is he otherwise described (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Signature of Registrar: [Signature]
 President: J. R. [Signature]
 City or County: Butte
 State: Montana

World War I draft registration in Butte, Silver Bow MT on 5 Jun 1917 -

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U.S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202-Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD

GPO 2-13092

Veterans Administration Master Index -

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Form 100-A
Bureau of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

BALLOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered to the nearest U.S. Consulate or U.S. Customs Office at the port of arrival.

S. S. PHILADELPHIA sailing from SOUTHAMPTON 14 SEP 1912

20	Edwards	John	21	✓	Butcher
England	Lincolnshire	Mother Mrs. Strike	Upton Cross, Lincolnshire	Callington Mont	Butte City
"	Stoke Newington	Father Mr. P. Edwards	Stoke Newington	Callington	"

Emigration in 1912 -

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Life:

THE ANACONDA STANDARD: MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1917.

TWO THOUSAND NOTIFIED TO BE READY FOR EXAMINATION

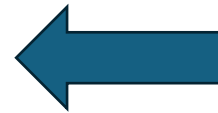
1293—James R. L. McDonald, 3253.
 8322—William Shanahan, 3254.
 1907—John Edwards, 3255.
 4357—Harry Anderson, 3256.
 6888—William Hodgson, 3257.

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The board is doing its utmost to cut down the slacker list and yesterday received word that Tony Perlane, who was to have gone in the Sunday quota, had been located in San Francisco and sent on his way to American lake. The board feels that with the co-operation of the boys called, many other slackers, or those who have through carelessness failed to show up, can be located and forced to do their duty.

The following is the list of those passed yesterday: Matt Buckley, Walter A. Carte, John R. Curnow Jr., Arthur A. Day, Hubert H. Dittman, Joe Dolan, Marcus F. Daly, Clyde W. Clawson, Michael D. Driscoll, John Edwards, Raymond Etcher, William Evans, Albert J. Exworthy, Truman W. Eustis, John Ellwood, Frank E. Edwards, Harry Cecil Elliot, Charles Ekland, Charles F. Erb, Joseph B. Earls, William D. Egan, William V. Evans, John F. Edwards, Joseph Eslick, Edgar C. Enger, Carl Ellis, Henry Ehlers, Patrick Gallagher, Gunder Gunderson, Nick Grvich, Andrew H. Greene,



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List of Those Summoned.

The city board last night announced the following as being the list of those to whom red cards had been sent and who must report Monday morning:

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Jerry F. Sullivan, William F. Branstrom, Ray L. Hofstadder, Louis Barron, Joseph L. O'Neill, Patrick Morris, Jacob Harris, William L. Firth, H. Leon Pinkerton, Charles E. Kunz, Henry A. Kiminki, Victor H. Schwartz, Martin J. Ruggles, Edward I. McDone, Jim Pappas, William L. Carney, Henry Vidack, Bosl Pacific, Samuel L. Stanbury, John Edwards, William Hodgson, John W. Kelley, Natale Giancola, Will-

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Excerpts -

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Jack Byrne and John Edwards of Butte and Chauncey J. Davidson of Anaconda Are Among Those Not Included as Survivors of the Tuscania so Far as Records Have Been Compiled. Not All Names Have Been Received and Some of Those Now Missing May Be Among the Saved

MISSING MONTANANS.

Jack J. Byrne, 1138 East Galena street, Butte.

John Edwards, 1629 South Gaylord street, Butte.

Chauncey J. Davidson, 519 West Sixth street, Anaconda.

Elmer L. Cowan, Victor.

Marcus B. Cook, Como.

Leonard H. Dethman, McCabe.

James W. Sallee, Hot Springs.

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BUTTE SOLDIERS AMONG MISSING

**Two Who May Have Been Lost
Entered Service in No-
vember.**

Jack J. Byrne, 1138 East Galena street, and John Edwards, 1629 South Gaylord street, who were in the draft contingent from Butte that left for Camp Lewis with the last regular contingent in November, were reported among those unaccounted for in the list of missing of the Tuscania disaster sent out by the Associated Press last night.

Byrne was 22 years old and was born in Butte. He lived here all his life, attending the public schools. Several years ago his parents died, and since that time he had lived with his aunt, Mrs. A. Byrne. Thomas Byrne, a brother, and Catherine Byrne, a sister, reside in Butte with their aunt.

John Edwards had lived in Butte only the last few years. His age was 31 years, and he was employed by Daniel J. Blue, proprietor of the South Side Produce company, as a driver, when the call to enter the service came.

Edwards left Butte on Nov. 6, and was in the same quota with Byrne. Military secrecy since then, until the disaster, kept their whereabouts veiled to their friends.

Both men passed physical examinations of the draft board and were pronounced excellent physical specimens. They are the first Butte men to be classed among the casualties.

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OUR FIRST SACRIFICE.

The war was brought 3,000 miles closer to the Bitter Root, when the wires flashed the loss of two fine, manly young Americans from that rich and beautiful valley. They were on the Tuscania which was torpedoed by one of the Hun pirates of the underseas, and their torn and lifeless bodies were driven against the rocks of a Scottish coast. Now they rest in foreign soil, gallant sacrifices of their home state to the cause of human liberty. Not less heroes they, than if they had gone over the top to fall before the hated Huns.

These boys were Marcus Cook of Como and Elmer L. Cowan of Victor. To this roll of honor should be added John Edwards and John J. Byrne of Butte.

The Daily Missoulian
Thu, Feb 14, 1918 - Page 4

Missoula MT

ROMANCE IS SHATTERED BY HUN SUBMARINE

Jennie Barnes of Butte Waits
in Vain for Homecoming
of John Edwards.

There are many in Butte, no doubt, who mourn the loss of John Edwards, who went down with the transport Tuscania, but none, perhaps, who miss him more than little Miss Jennie Barnes of 1629 Gaylord street. For Miss Barnes was to have married young Edwards this springtime.

The two had been engaged for a long time. They would have had the marriage ceremony performed in January had it not been for the fact that Edwards was called for foreign service a little sooner than he expected. The day was put off, therefore, until the "home-coming," which they did not think would be far in the realm of the future.

The body of John Edwards was recovered from the water and was buried on the Scottish coast. When found the identity of the drowned man was learned from a name on a card which was strung round the neck. On the same card was the name of Jennie Barnes. All this Miss Barnes learned in communications from the war department at Washington. Thus, even in death, a heroic death, was there a reminder of the girl John Edwards had left behind.

John Edwards was born in Cornwall, England. He came to America many years ago and settled in Butte. He took out his citizenship papers later on and lived in this city for several years. For the past year and a half he had lived at the home of Mrs. Thomas Barnes, mother of Jennie Barnes, some miles from the heart of the city.

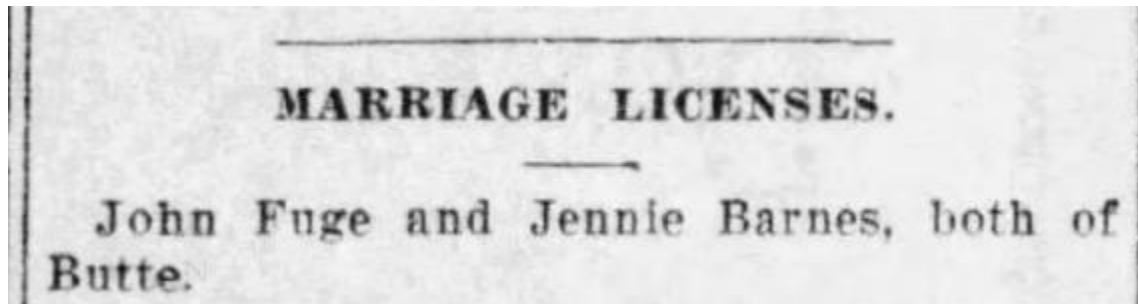
Here it was he met and loved Jennie Barnes; "Jen," he called her. They became engaged. They would have been married by this time had it not been for the call of Uncle Sam. John Edwards heard it and donned the khaki. He joined the service in Butte

on Nov. 6, left for Camp Lewis from here and then set sail for France and the trenches on Jan. 22 on the ill-fated Tuscania. Jennie Barnes got a letter from him the same day, telling of his sailing.

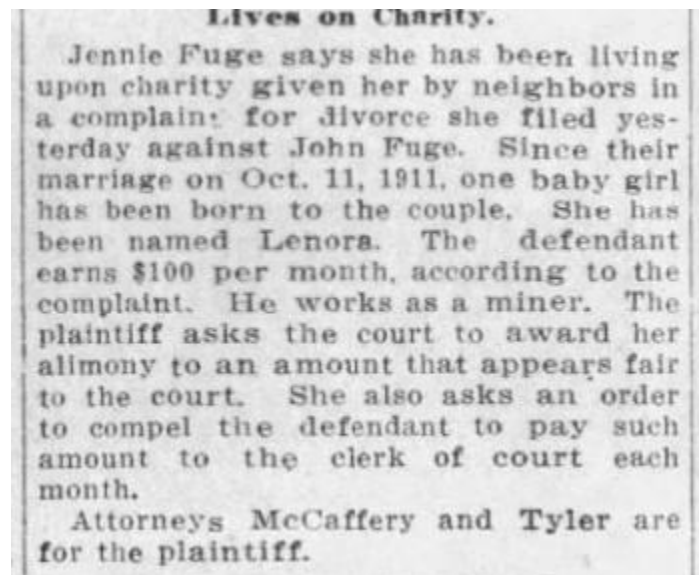
Later she heard from the war department that he had been on the ship, but had not been located. A telegram followed that he was among the missing, and then came the heartbreaking one which told of his death and burial on a slope of the Scottish coast.

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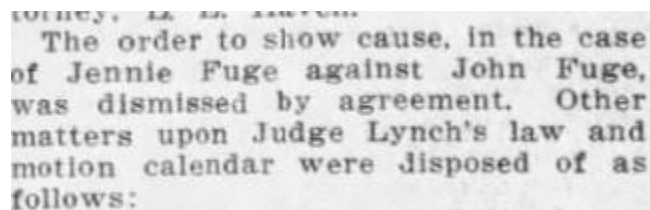
Fiancee



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MRS. JENNIE FUGE IS GIVEN DIVORCE

Declares Husband Spends All
on Drink—Wants Him to
Support Her Child.

Judge Donlan had two divorce proceedings before him this morning. Jennie Fuge asked that she be allowed her freedom from John Fuge on the ground of non-support. She said that her husband was a heavy drinker and had not contributed anything to the support of herself and child; as he spent all his money on liquor.

Mrs. Fuge said that she was working out and that her husband came to the place annoying her and she therefore wanted to get rid of him. She was awarded the custody of the child and \$10 a month for its support. "I can earn my own living, but I want my husband to support the child," she said. Attorney G. L. Tyler represented the plaintiff.

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Mrs. Fuge's Troubles.

Jennie Fuge's story told to Judge Donlan in her effort to secure freedom from John Fuge was quickly told.

"I married him on Oct. 9, 1911, in Butte," she said. "We have one girl. I want to have the custody.

"What is the trouble?" asked the court.

"Nothing, only that he won't support me," replied the plaintiff.

"Since we have been married he has done nothing to provide a living for me. I don't mind that so much, but he won't let me work. I have to work out so as to live. But while I am his wife he comes after me and beats me up." The decree was granted.

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property to Louis Money for \$500.
 Morris Kaufman started suit yesterday against Jennie Barnes and others to enforce performance of a contract and for damages. Some of the plaintiffs are owners of the Vroom block, at Arizona and Porphyry. Plaintiff claims to have leased three

storerooms there on Sept. 26, 1912, for five years, the agreement being not to rent any other part of the building for a grocery, tailor shop, or confectionery, in which lines of business he was engaged. He claims they have leased a room for a confectionery store, and damaged his business to the extent of \$1,500. He wants this amount and to compel them to keep the agreement.

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USED A HORSE WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE OWNER

Tex Doe and Jennie Barnes are charged in a complaint issued by the county attorney's office today of using a horse without the consent of the owner, at the instance of Mike Curnow of 205 South Montana street. The complaint was filed in Justice Doran's court and it is alleged that Tex Doe and Jennie Barnes have had the horse for over one year.

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Butte MT

Charge Not Sustained.

The charge against C. A. Ferris and Jennie Barnes of using a horse without the consent of its owner, Mike Curnow, was dismissed, there not being evidence sufficient to sustain the complaint when the case was heard in Justice Doran's court yesterday.

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Marriage License—Andrew Rhoades, (27) and Jennie Penrose Barnes, (29), both of Butte.

The Independent-Record
Thu, Jul 10, 1919 · Page 5

Helena MT

Justice of the Peace Lemkie Thursday evening performed two wedding ceremonies for out-of-town people, joining in matrimony Charles D. Long and Dora Wehman of Butte, and Louis C. Pratt of Butte and Margaret Clark of Denver.

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Helena MT

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: John Edwards

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

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

Entered service from: Butte, Silver Bow MT

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John Edwards

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": friend Miss Jennie Barnes, 1629 S. Gaylord St., Butte City MT (his fiancée, they had planned to marry 15 Feb 1918)

Burial on island of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried in Kilnaughton, Islay, Scotland, grave 18, as John Edwards

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 29 Sep 1920

Sailed on return ship as: J. Edwardson [sic] – record found at

<https://www.fold3.com/image/604212627?rec=624434503>

Rank: pvt, Co. E, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): as - b. 21 Jul 1891 Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, England; res: 2001 Grand Ave., Butte MT. Single. Declarant; subject of Great Britain. Teamster for South Side Produce Co., Butte MT. Short in height, medium build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Date of death recorded as 6 Feb 1918

Address: Devon, England

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

Montana Military Records, 1904-1918: John Edwards, residence: 2001 Grand Ave., Butte, Silver Bow Co. MT. Inducted in Butte Co. MT on 5 Nov 1917. Born 21 Jul 1891 Cornwall, England. In 166th Depot Brigade to 27 Dec 1917; Co. E, 6th Battalion, 20th Engineers, to death. Private. Died in sinking of the Tuscania. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to death. Killed in action 5 Feb 1918. Friend Miss Jennie Barnes, 1629 S. Gaylord St., Butte MT notified of death.

Birth & death:

Born: 21 Jul 1891 Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, England

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 57042511 – presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA

Cemetery: Arlington National

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Montana Pvt 20 Engineers

Father: P. Edwards [on immigration ship manifest]

Find A Grave:

Mother:

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Fiancée: Jennie Penrose Barnes Fuge Rhoades, Aug 1889 Denver CO – 29 Mar 1971

Josephine Co. OR.

Daughter of Thomas Edward Barnes (1866-1912, F: 134615815) & Helen Penrose.

In the 1910 census, Jennie Barnes was a saleslady in a drug store.

Was 1st married to John Fuge on 30 Oct 1911 in Silver Bow Co. MT.

“Butte (MT) Miner” 31 Oct 1911 p 6 – marriage license: John Fuge & Jennie Barnes, both of Butte.

John Earl Fuge, born England 1891, died 1960 MT, was the son of William Henry Fuge & Annie Horril. He was age 20 and Jennie 19 when they married.

John Fuge is buried in Missoula MT, Find A Grave 146373664. He had married Ethel Schurman

Jennie and John Fuge's daughter Helen Lenore (“Lenora”) Fuge was born five months after their marriage, on 9 Apr 1912, in Butte, Silver Bow MT, at 1629 S. Gaylord St. Helen was listed as Jennie's 1st child. John's occupation was teamster.

Helen Lenore is listed as Lenora in her parents' divorce proceedings. Listed as Elenore Fuge, she married Olof F. Berg on 24 Aug 1931 in Butte MT when Olof was age 30 & she age 19. Her parents were listed on the marriage license as John Fuge and Jennie Barnes Fuge.

John Fuge & Jennie Barnes Fuge were divorced in May 1913.

“Butte (MT) Miner” 16 Apr 1913 p 7 – Jennie Fuge has entered a divorce suit against John Fuge on the ground of non-support. They were married in Butte on 30 Oct 1911 & have 1 child. John spends his money on dissipation.

“Butte (MT) Miner” 16 Apr 1913 p 6 – Jennie Fuge lives on the charity of neighbors & filed for divorce yesterday from John Fuge. The couple married 11 Oct 1911 & have a baby girl, Lenora. John earns \$100 a month as a miner. Jennie wants monthly alimony paid to the clerk of court.

“Butte (MT) Miner” 18 May 1913 p 6 – divorce granted: Jennie Fuge from John Fuge.

“Anaconda (MT) Standard” 1 Jun 1913 p 12 – Divorce & \$10 per month alimony from John Fuge were granted to Jennie Fuge for the support of their child. They were married in Butte MT on 30 Oct 1911 & there is no money for support because he spends it on dissipation.

She apparently reverted to her maiden name & was known as "Miss Jennie Barnes" at the time of John Edwards's death on Tuscania.

Jennie Penrose Barnes married Andrew Joseph Rhoades (1890-1977) on 9 Jul 1919 in Helena, Lewis & Clark Co. MT. He was age 29, born Butte MT, the son of Charles C. Rhoades and Marian F. Zttile. She was also age 29, born Denver CO. Both indicate they were not previously married.

In the 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses, Andrew & Jennie Rhoades live in Butte, Silver Bow MT. Jennie P. Rhoades is buried with husband Andrew Joseph Rhoades in Hawthorne Memorial Gardens, Grants Pass, Josephine Co. OR.

Find A Grave: 101373691

Siblings: a sister in England is listed in 1918 newspapers

Pre-war:

Sailed from Southampton, England, on 14 Sep 1912 aboard the SS "Philadelphia" – arriving in New York on 22 Sep 1912. Listed as Edwards, John, age 21, butcher. Heading to Butte MT. Resident of Stoke Climsland, England. Father: Mr. P. Edwards, Stoke Climsland, Callington, England.

On the line above his entry is that of William Henry Strike, age 27 years 8 months, a miner, also heading to Butte MT.

On the line below his entry is that of William Charles Edwards, age 19 years, 11 months, a miner, heading to Lead SD. His father is Mr. D. Edwards, Holmbush, Callington, England.

Wartime:

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – John Edwards of Butte MT is missing in action. Resident of 1629 S. Gaylord St. In Co. E.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" 11 Feb 1918 p 2 – John Edwards, 1629 S. Gaylord, and Jack J. Byrne, 1138 E. Galena St., both of Butte, were in the last regular draft contingent from Butte, which left for Camp Lewis in Nov 1917. The Associated Press listed both as missing in last night's dispatch. Edwards, age 31, was only in Butte the last few years. He was employed as a driver for Daniel J. Blue, proprietor of the South Side Produce Company. They left Butte on 6 Nov 1917 & are the first war casualties from Butte.

"Anaconda (MT) Standard" 14 Feb 1918 p 9 – Four, possibly five, of the Montanans not yet accounted for on Tuscania have been buried in Scotland, according to an Associated Press cable received today from Scotland. One is John Edwards of Butte MT.

"Anaconda [MT] Standard" 15 Feb 1918 p 12 - "Romance is Shattered by Hun Submarine" - "Jennie Barnes of Butte Waits in Vain for Homecoming of John Edwards" – The person in Butte MT who will miss him the most is "little Miss Jennie Barnes" of 1629 Gaylord St. The couple were in marry in Jan 1918 but he was called away sooner; they had been engaged a

long time/ His ID tag found on his body on Islay read Jennie Barnes. Edwards was born in Cornwall, England, came to the US many years ago, settled in Butte MT. Took out citizenship papers. For the past 1-1/2 years he lived at the home of Mrs. Thomas Barnes, Jennie's mother, some miles from Butte. John met Jennie at her mother's home; he called her "Jen." Enlisted 6 Nov 1917, sent to Fort Lewis. Jennie got a letter from him on Tuscania's sailing day (identified as 22 Jan 1918)

"Butte (MT) Miner" 17 Feb 1918 p 10 (copied above) – John Edwards, identified by a tag tied around his neck, was buried in Scotland, according to a telegram from Washington DC sent to Miss Jennie Barnes. John had sent a letter to her dated 22 Jan 1918 from NY. "We leave for England tonight on the 5 [?/illegible] boat and all the boys as well as myself are in the best of spirits. Don't expect any mail from me for at least two weeks and may God protect us both until we meet again." Formerly employed at the D.J. Blue Feed & Grain Co. on Harrison Ave. Jennie employed at T.J. Bennett stores on the same street. Enlisted last fall. The couple's planned wedding date was 15 Feb 1918 but it was postponed when he knew he was being called to the colors. He left Butte with the 4th contingent; was in Co. E, 20th Engineers. Born in Cornwall, England; surviving sister lives there. He lived in Butte a number of years. Had many friends due to his "kind and pleasing disposition."

Post-war:

"Great Falls (MT) Tribune" 22 Oct 1920 p 13 – [this article has numerous errors] dateline: Washington, 21 Oct – J. Edwardson [sic/the name his body was listed as upon its return to the US], a private in Co. E, 20th Engineers, will be buried in Arlington Cemetery in DC on 22 Oct 1920. He died in France [sic/on the Tuscania, at sea]. His closest relative is his sister [sic/fiancée] of 1629 Gaylord St., Butte MT.

Obituary:

Censuses:

John Edwards immigrated in 1912 so he was not in the US for the 1910 census and was dead by the 1920 census.