

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Grahamer, Edward Carl

1894/1895 PA – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



Edward Carl Grahamer – "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

GRAHAMER IN AERO SQUADRON



EDWARD GRAHAMER

Edward Grahamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahamer, of 909 Irving avenue, is attached to the 244th Aero sq adron, stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex. He is enjoying life as a soldier and writes that other Scranton boys are having a good time.

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EAST SCRANTON

WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN IN AVIATION CORPS

Edward G. Grahamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grahamer, of 1045 North Irving avenue, is now serving in the



EDWARD G. GRAHAMER

244th aeroplane squadron, stationed in New York city. Only a short time ago this squadron was located at San Antonio, Tex., but recent orders brought his department east.

Mr. Grahamer has been spending a recent furlough with his parents and only last Monday returned to his military duties. While home he had a great deal to say in regard to the advantages offered young men in this branch of the service.

Last October Mr. Grahamer enlisted and, according to his opinion, he and his company expect to see service in France very shortly.



Find A Grave 168983145



Pvt. Edward Carl Grahamer, center, is pictured with family members in an undated photo. Grahamer, who was aboard the *Tuscania* when it was torpedoed and sank 100 years ago today, was the first soldier from Scranton killed in World War I.

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Form MAGO-41--200M--6-35 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Military Affairs		RECORD OF BURIAL PLACE OF VETERAN		Lackawanna County	
NAME Grehemer, C. Edward		DATE OF BIRTH 11/21/94		DATE OF DEATH 2/6/18	
VETERAN OF World WAR		SERVED IN ARMY (X) NAVY () MARINE CORPS ()			
DATES OF SERVICE 11/16/17-2/6/18		ORGANIZATION(S) 158th Squad. Signal Corps.		RANK Pvt.	
CEMETERY OR PLACE OF INTERMENT		NAME St. Marys German Catholic			
		LOCATION S. Scranton, Pa.			
LOCATION OF GRAVE IN CEMETERY		HEADSTONE			
SECTION 3 LOT No. 3		RANGE GRAVE No.			
INFORMATION GIVEN BY Discharge		GOVERNMENT () COUNTY () FAMILY (X)			
DATE 1/19/35		REMARKS hsc			

After being Recorded in the County Veterans' Grave Registration Record This card is to be sent to THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for final Record.

Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-2012 for C Edward Grehemer

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

CLAIM APPROVED - *Feb*

VETERAN'S COMPENSATION APPLICATION

NUMBER **73143** (1)

Read instructions and then type or print answers to the following questions striking out words that do not apply. Numerals in parenthesis refer to corresponding numerals in the instructions.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF _____

being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the veteran named in the following descriptive information; I served in the military or naval forces of the United States from _____ to _____; I claim veteran's compensation as authorized by Act No. 53, approved January 5, 1934; I was a resident of Pennsylvania at time of entry into service; I make this claim with full knowledge of the penalty for making a false statement relative to a material fact concerning this claim and the answers to the following questions and descriptive information are true:

(2) *Grahamer Edward E* (Last name) (First and middle name) *White* (Serial number) (White or colored)

(3) Legal residence at entry into service *1045 N. Irving Ave Scranton Lacka Pa.* (Street and number, City, County and State)

(4) Present residence: *Deceased.* (Street and number, City, County and State)

(5) Enlisted, commissioned or inducted in RA: *ANC: NA: NG: ERC: Navy: NRE: MC: ORC: Pa. Vols: US Vols:* at *New York N.Y.* on *or about October, 1917*

(6) On active duty in Navy or in Reserve from _____ to _____

(7) Place and date of birth *Scranton, Pa. Nov 21, 1894*

(8) Names and addresses of dependents: Wife (full name) *none*
 Minor children *none*
 Mother (full name) *Lena (Craig) Grahamer - 1045 N. Irving Ave Scranton Pa.*
 Father *George Grahamer - 1045 N. Irving Ave, Scranton Pa.*

(9) Service in organizations, at stations or on vessels in the order named as follows:
158th Aero Squadron from *enlistment* to *death*
 from _____ to _____
 from _____ to _____

(10) Grades or ratings with dates of appointments or promotions: _____

(11) Engagements: *none*

(12) Wounds or other injuries received with dates: *none*

(13) Served overseas from _____ to _____

(14) Honorably discharged on *death - sinking of Lusitania - Feb 6, 1918.*

(15) Did you ever apply for or receive a bonus or veteran's compensation from any other State? *No.*

(16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? *No.*

(16) Did you ever refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to perform full military duty or to render unqualified service? *No.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *6th* day of *Feb* 1934

(17) *J. M. M...* (Signature and seal of officer administering oath)

(18) *Mrs Lena Grahamer* (Signature of Applicant)
Dependent

FEB 5 1934

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

(19) I, *William H. Williams*, do hereby certify that I am *Adjutant* *Koch - Conley* (Title of officer)
Post American Legion; that *Mrs Lena Grahamer* (Name of applicant) applying for Veteran's
 and position) (Name of person certifying to)

Compensation is known to me to be the applicant named in the application; that *he* is mentally competent; that the signature of the affidavit is the signature of the applicant.

Signature and impression of seal or stamp indicating office or position held.

William H. Williams
 (Signature of person identifying applicant)

Read instructions (19) before signing.

(1) *20* Months at \$10.00 per month; Total \$200

(1) Computed by *Miller* Reviewed by *m...*

(1) Checked and approved by _____
 For The Adjutant General.

MAY 28 1934

Form 51 - Relationship to veteran mother

Veteran deceased - Date & Place 2/5/18 - on sea

Married no Wife: Unmarried - remarried - deceased - divorced

Minor Children no

Mother Lena Grahamer

Father George Grahamer

Legal Guardian

Status of Loco Parentis

Estate settled no estate Open

Short Certificate Court County

Other certificates submitted

none

Certified Correct

[Signature]

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Bureau
Form 51,
5-18-34

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Grahamer, Edward C

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

* White * Colored.

Residence: 1045 N Irving Ave Scranton LACKAWANNA PENNSYLVANIA

(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Ft Slocum, N Y on Oct 23, 1917

Place of birth: Scranton, Pa Age or date of birth: 22 11/12 years

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 244th Aero Sq Oct 23/17
to ; 158th Aero Sq Sig C to Feb 5/18

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements:

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † Feb 5/18, from † to †

Killed in action Drowned Feb 5/18 Sinking of Tuscania

Other wounds or injuries received in action:

Person notified of death: George Grahamer (If none, so state)
1045 N Irving Ave (Name) Scranton (Degree of relationship) Pa
(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. 3-7366

APPLICATION No. 73143 APPROVED

MAY 28 1934

Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948 for Edward C Grahamer

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Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948 for Edward C Grahamer
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Pennsylvania WHITE: ENLISTED IN REGULAR ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
Grahamer, Edward C.		Pvt	158 Aer Sq Sig C	Feb 5/18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K92M-Y?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A78LJ-K5PZ&action=view&cc=2996059&lang=en>

Grahamer Edward, lab, r 1047 Irving
 — George, lab, h 1047 Irving av
 — George Jr, lab, r 1047 Irving av
 — Mary. weaver, h 1047 Irving av

1917 Scranton PA city directory -

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2469/images/2981491?usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pld=188926976>

Form 1 REGISTRATION CARD 16/18 89

1 Name in full *Edward Carl Grayhamer* Age *22*

2 Home address *1045 N Irving Scranton Pa*

3 Date of birth *Nov 21 1895*

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Nat Born City*

5 Where were you born *Scranton Pa*

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

7 What business, trade, occupation, or profession? *Rollermaker*

8 To whom employed? *Erie R.R. Dunham (Co) Shops.*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 17, or a sister or brother under 17, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *No.*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *Chm.*

11 What military service have you had? Enlist *+* Discharge *+*

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *No.*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

Edward Carl Grayhamer
(Signature of registrant)

11 persons to be at this station

WWI draft registration – 5 Jun 1917 – recorded & signed as GRAYHAMER

GRAYHAMER EDWARD C XC 9 273

158 Aero Sqd K

Scranton Pa 1045 N Irving St A 4 240 048

Ssn Died 2/7/18 T

Born 11/19/95 R

Enl Dis Cl.

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
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Life

EAST SCRANTON.

A birthday party was tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Weber, of 1928 Ash street, in honor of her fortieth birthday Saturday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Tissler, Mr. and Mrs. Milderbrant, Mr. and Mrs. H. Buchner, Mr. and Mrs. Schubert, Mr. and Mrs. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Gunter, Mr. and Mrs. Oljes, Mr. and Mrs. Teader, Mrs. C. Buchner, Mrs. Kloug, Mr. Krause, Carl Weber, Carl Weller, Edward Grahamer, C. Bergmann, Otto Gunter, Ralph, Frederick and Charles Buchner, Misses E. Leader, Helen Benjamin, M. Buchner, L. Buchner, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz. Supper was served by Mrs. Weber.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY IS GIVEN AT BEEBE HOME

In honor of their son, Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Beebe, of Snook's Addition, entertained a number of young people recently.

Those present were: Misses Minnie Pabst, Verna, Helen, Sadie and Elizabeth Miller, Esther Eaton, Adelaide Williams, Mollie Grahamer, Mary Hill, Anna Walsh Emma Misch, Della Hartranft, Margaret and Ada Beebe, of this city. Mrs. George Grahamer and Miss Stalbird, of Moosic; Helen and Edith Franklin and Miss Anna Nebone, of Avoca; William Page, of West Pittston; Howell Stalbird, of Moosic; Warren Kimble, of Lackawaxen, N. Y.; Sherman Swingle, Edward Hill, Robert

Barrett, Robert Hartranft, Richard Darren, Edward Grahamer, Jean Levy, Joseph Moyer, Fred Eaton, B. Grahamer, James Cusick and Earl Beebe, of this city.

The Tribune
Mon, Sep 20, 1915 Page 4

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Three Lackawanna County Boys On Board Tuscania Are Safe

Scranton can breathe more freely today with the announcement that three of the four young men from Lackawanna county who were on the British steamship Tuscania when she was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland last week have been saved. Everett L. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamilton, a member of Co. E, 26th Engineers; Sergeant Stanley L. Lessig, son of Mrs. Mary J. Arnold, of 236 Wyoming avenue, a member of the 100th Aero Squadron, and Corporal Evan Jones son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Jones, of Carbondale, a member of the hospital corps of the 213th Aero Squadron, are among those reported safe by government dispatches.

It is said that Edward C. Grahame, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahame, of 1047 Irving avenue, a member of the 158th Aero Squadron, was aboard

the Tuscania, but his name has not yet appeared in the list of those saved.

The names of approximately 200 survivors of the Tuscania disaster remained still to be reported when the war department last night stopped decoding and making public the list of those saved from the torpedoed transport. The remaining names will be disclosed by the department today.

News was received in Scranton on Saturday of the safety of Lessig, who was drill sergeant in the 100th Aero Squadron. He enlisted at Buffalo in July 1917, and was at Camp Wadsworth, North Carolina, in training for some time. He was later transferred to San Antonio and early in October was sent to Mineola, La. I. Lessig was in Scranton on a brief furlough in January.

When informed by a representative
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SCRANTON SOLDIER ON TORPEDOED TUSCANIA NOT YET ACCOUNTED FOR

EDWARD C. GRAHAMER'S NAME
NOT AMONG INCOMPLETE
LIST OF SURVIVORS.

With the list of survivors not yet completed, Edward C. Grahamer, of Scranton, is among the passengers of the Tuscania not yet accounted for. Mr. Grahamer was a member of the 158th aero squad.

The Pennsylvania survivors so far accounted for number fifty-nine, including Stanley L. Lessig and Everett Hamilton, of Scranton, Evan Jones, of Carbondale, Charles J. Fisher, of Jeddo, near Hazleton, and William Ronan, of Towanda. The list of known survivors of Pennsylvania follows:

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LACKAWANNA CO. BOYS ON BOARD TUSCANIA ARE SAFE

Scranton breathed more freely today with the announcement that three of the four young men of Lackawanna county who were on the British transport *Tuscania* when she was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland last Tuesday have been saved. Everett Hamilton, Stanley L. Lessig, of Scranton, and Corporal Evan Jones, of Carbondale, are among those reported safe by government dispatches. It is said Edward E. Grahmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grehamer, 1047 Irving avenue, Scranton, a member of the 188th Aero Squadron, was also aboard the *Tuscania*, but his name has not yet appeared in the list of those saved.

The list of survivors also includes the names of Floyd L. Price and Elmer E. Holmes, Lansford; Charles J. Fischer, of Jeddo; and William Roman, of Towanda.

Wilkes-Barre Times Leader
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 -Page 11

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**EDWARD GRAHAMER AMONG
VICTIMS OF THE TUSCANIA**

**Scranton Man, Member
of the 158th Aero
Squad, Lost When Ship
Carrying Him To War
Front Went Down Off
the Coast of Ireland.**

That Edward C. Grahamer, of 1045 North Irving avenue, was one of the men lost when the Tuscania went down off the coast of Ireland, is announced by the war department at Washington, D. C., today. There are sixty-one names on the dead list given out by the department today, and that of the local boy is among them. Mr. Grahamer, who is the first Scranton man lost at sea since the entrance of the United States into the world war, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahamer. He was a member of the 158th aero squad.

There were three Scranton men and one Carbondale man on the Tuscania, they being: Stanley L. Lessig, of 224 Wyoming avenue; E. L. Hamilton, of 920 Gibson street; Mr. Grahamer and Corporal Evan Jones, of Carbondale. Messrs. Lessig, Hamilton and Jones were among those saved, and the latter is now in a hospital in Ireland.

No lists of the dead or survivors announced by the war department until today contained the name of Grahamer, and there has been much uncertainty as to his fate. Local relatives learned that he had sailed on the Tuscania, but that was all that was known.

"Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" Tuesday 26 Feb 1918 p 1

GRAHAMER, PATRIOT.

In the loss at sea of one of its brave young men in the person of Edward Grahamer, this city is tied by a common bond of sympathy with those American communities scattered throughout the land who have bowed their heads in mourning and honor at the death of a soldier or sailor patriot.

Grahamer was one of the victims of the Tuscania, torpedoed by a German submarine. That is definitely established, with all that it means to parents, brothers and sisters, or one or the other, by an official notification from the war department. Other young men from this locality upon the ship were more fortunate.

It may be small solace for those that Grahamer left behind, but there must be some satisfaction and comfort in knowing that the young man died clean. By that we mean that he went down while on an errand of necessity and patriotism, the defense of his flag and country, the defense of the honor of American man and womanhood endangered by a brutal foe.

Other men have died in this great cause, some like Grahamer and some unlike him. It was the fortune of war that some should die not on the sea or in the trenches from the wounds inflicted by the war enemy, but by the stealthy diseases that lay the hardest men low. We have, at this moment, in mind the death of the only son of a Taylor physician whose passing was noted in The Times yesterday. There was an only son, in whom an honorable name and profession was to be perpetuated. So it is that war demands a heavy sacrifice. Each bit of human toll must make us more determined than before that we must win, so that right and humanity shall triumph and that the world shall be spared other wars like this.

A salute to the Scranton men who have given "the last full measure of devotion," and sympathy to the families that gave them. Memorial services in honor of those who have given their all since we went into this great

venture would not be an inappropriate way to express the community's sorrow, thanks and patriotism.

"Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" Wednesday 27 Feb 1918 p 6

GRAHAMER WAS A VOLUNTEER

Edward C. Grahamer, of 1045 North Irving avenue, who was drowned when the Tuscania was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, was registered in city draft district No. 5. His serial number was 329 and his call number 1666. Grahamer, although he would not have been called to the service for some time under the draft law, enlisted as a volunteer some time ago and was serving as a member of the 158th aero squad on his way to France when he met death.

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German-Americans Give Cash.

One of the big features of the day was the subscription list, accompanied by cash, turned in by the workers from St. Mary's German Catholic church in South Scranton. The Knights of St. George are organized for the work in that section and their efforts are spurred on by the memory of one of their best beloved members, Edward Grahamer, who lost his life in the recent sinking of the Tuscania.

Just as there are no lines of creed or race drawn by the American soldiers who are battling for the freedom of the world, so there are no lines drawn by the people of Scranton in giving all they can afford to the fund that maintains huts and club rooms for American soldiers in France and at the cantonments in this country. Protestants are vying with Catholics in the generosity of their giving and Jews are vying with both. Men who were born or whose forebears were born in Germany, Austria, England, Ireland, Wales, France, Russia, all are doing their bit to provide clean recreation for the American soldiers who are risking their lives for us at home, so that the American soldier may have opportunity to be physically fit and morally clean.

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\$100 each. There was more enthusiasm. One of the subscribers today is the mother of Edward Grahame, Scranton boy who went to his death when the Tuscania was submarined off the coast of Ireland last month. Grahame was an American soldier. In giving her subscription, Mrs. Grahame said that she had already given a son to the war, and in his memory she would give to the Knights of Columbus fund.

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There is being displayed in the windows of headquarters a picture of Edward Grahame, U. S. A., the local young man who is counted one of the victims of the sinking of the Tuscania. Newspaper clippings dealing with the sinking of the boat are used with the picture. The caption is "He gave all." The poster was prepared by G. Lynn Sumner, director of publicity for the campaign.

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Tue, Apr 09, 1918 -Page 1

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SOUTH SCRANTON

ST. MARY'S PARISH UNFURLS STARRY FLAG

With services appropriate to the occasion the members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church on River street unfurled a service flag last evening in the church at 7:30 o'clock in honor of the seventy-one young men of the parish who are doing "their bit" for the cause of democracy. The parish has the distinction of having one red star in the banner which represents the late Edward Grahame, who was a victim of the sinking of the Tuscania.

The Tribune
Mon, May 06, 1918 -Page 6

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GRAHAMER BURIED IN GRAVE NO. 30

**Parents of Local Boy Who Lost
Life on Tuscania Notified by
Adjutant General.**

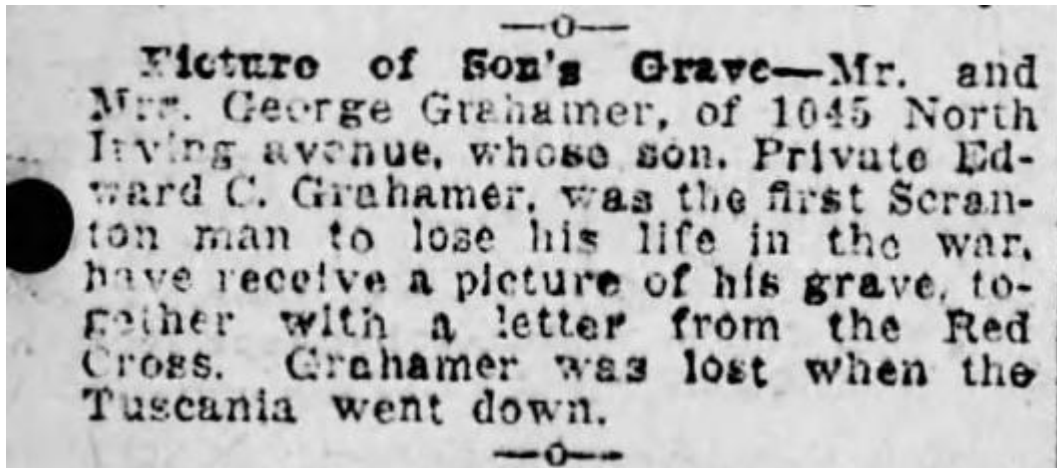
In a letter received from the adjutant general of the War Department, Mr. and Mrs. George Grahmer, 1045 North Irving avenue, whose son, Edward C., was one of the American soldiers lost when the Tuscania was torpedoed, February 5, have received official notice of the burial of their son at Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland, where the other victims of the disaster were also laid to rest.

The value of taking finger prints of every American soldier is clearly shown by the letter, as it was through this means that Grahmer was identified. "I deeply regret to inform you," the letter reads, "that by means of finger prints taken of the unidentified bodies it has been determined that he died in that disaster."

Grahmer is buried in Grave No. 30. The letter says it is not the intention of the War Department to return the bodies to the United States until the close of the war, and then it is expected they will be returned at public expense. The letter closes with a note of sympathy to the parents.

Enclosed with the letter are mimeograph copies from the Oban, Argyllshire, Times of February 23, describing the funeral ceremonies in connection with the American soldiers. It says that the funeral was one of the most impressive ever witnessed in that town and was attended by hundreds of people.

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The Tribune
Sat, Jan 25, 1919 · Page 15

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BODY OF SCRANTON'S FIRST WAR VICTIM EXPECTED SOON

Edward C. Grahame Was Victim of
German Torpedo While Off the
English Coast.

The body of Edward C. Grahame, first Scranton soldier to die at the hand of the German enemy in the world war and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahame, of 1045 Irving avenue, has arrived in New York and will be brought to the city probably within the next twenty-four hours.

A black and white portrait of a young man, Edward C. Grawamer, in a military uniform. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression. The portrait is framed by a thick black border.

EDWARD C. GRAHAMER.

according to notice received by the boy's parents from the war department today.

Grahamer trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, and sailed for France not long after his entry into the service. He was on the transport Tuscania, torpedoed off the English coast.

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MILITARY FUNERAL FOR PRIVATE EDWARD GRAHAMER TOMORROW

**Service Men Will Assemble At Prescott Avenue and Ash Street
At 8 O'clock A. M.**

Arrangements for the military funeral of Private Edward Grahamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahamer, of 1045 North Irving avenue, have been completed. Service men are to assemble at Prescott avenue and Ash street at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and will proceed in a body to the home. A requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's church, South Scranton, at 9:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in No. 5 cemetery.

A meeting of former soldiers and sailors will be conducted this evening in the Army and Navy club rooms, where the formation will be decided. The veterans of East Scranton, the Army and Navy club, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are working together and it is expected the funeral will be attended by a large number of service men in uniform.

A band will play the funeral march and the Knights of St. George drum corps will also be in line. Many members of the Knights of St. George, of which the deceased was a member, will also be in attendance. Private Grahamer was killed when the *Tuscania* was torpedoed early in the war.

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MILITARY BURIAL FOR PVT. EDWARD GRAHAMER

**FIRST SCRANTON SOLDIER TO
DIE IN SERVICE BURIED IN
NO. 5 CEMETERY WITH
HONORS TODAY.**

Many former soldiers and sailors, and scores of friends and relatives this morning attended the funeral of Private Edward Grahamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahamer, of 1645 North Irving avenue, who lost his life when the *Tuscania* was torpedoed early in the war. Military honors were accorded the deceased soldier by a number of service men representing the world war veterans of East Scranton, the American Legion and the Army and Navy club.

The body, in a flag draped casket, was carried on the machine gun truck of the 13th infantry, and was preceded by Lawrence's band, which played the funeral dirge. An armed guard and a military escort were in attendance. The cortege moved from the home through the central city to St. Mary's church on River street, South Scranton.

Rev. Peter C. Christ celebrated the requiem high mass. The responses were sung by the choir and Mrs. Helen Rainer sang a number of solos. Interment was made in No. 5 cemetery where Bugler Leo Renande sounded "taps" and a salute was fired.

The pallbearers were William Berger, Carl Weller, Michael Swingel, Chester Schultz, Frank Cromwell and Charles Mayer. The members of the firing squad were George Vogel-singer, Evans Benny, R. W. Schultz, Fred Mish, Carl Huffman, Walter Kohler, Hubert Pfahler and William Thornton.

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Sat, Aug 28, 1920 · Page 2

TUSCANIA VICTIM IS LAID AT REST

Edward Grahamer, Irving Avenue Young Man, Given Military Funeral

Many friends, relatives and ex-service men attended the funeral of Edward Grahamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Grahamer, of 1045 North Irving avenue, which was held Saturday morning. Members of the Army and Navy as also members of the East Scranton World War Veterans accorded military honors to their deceased comrade. He lost his life while going to Europe to fight in the world war, through the torpedoing of the transport Tuscania. His remains have just been brought back to this country by the government.

The body in a flag draped casket was borne on the machine gun truck of the 13th regiment from the home to St. Mary's church in South Scranton. Lawrence's band at the head of the procession played the funeral march while an armed guard and a military escort of honor also followed along side of the casket. The funeral procession left the home at 9 o'clock and moved through the central city and then to the church in South Scranton.

A requiem high mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Peter C. Christ while Mrs. Helen Rainer rendered a number of beautiful solos. At No. 5 cemetery where the body was laid at final rest, Bugler Leo Renanda sounded "taps" and as the body was being lowered into the grave a salute was fired by members of the firing squad followed by final absolution by Monsignor Christ.

Members of the firing squad were: George Volgelsinger, Evans Benny, R. W. Schultz, Fred Mish, Carl Hoffman, Walter Kohler, Hubert Pfahler and William Thornton, while those who acted as pallbearers were: William Berger, Carl Weller, Michael Swingel, Chester Schultz, Frank Cromwell and Charles Mayer.

"Scranton (PA) Tribune" 30 Aug 1920 p 5

Veterans Memorial To Be Rededicated

A new home has been found for the monument honoring servicemen from the 10th Ward who made the supreme sacrifice while serving in World Wars I and II.

Formerly located in the yard of Muhlenberg School, annex to William Prescott (38) School, Ash Street and Prescott Avenue, the school was sold recently by the Scranton School District and razed to make way for a food market.

This necessitated moving the memorial to another location.

The monument has been relocated to the grounds of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ash Street and Taylor Avenue.

A rededication ceremony to honor 10th Ward servicemen who died during the two wars, will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the church grounds by East Scranton Post 966, American Legion.

Post Cmdr. Monroe Weinberg, vice cmdr. David Wenzel, and Post treasurer Francis Manley, have requested relatives of veterans named on the memorial to attend the ceremony in order to be recognized.

Names on the plaque are:
World War I—Harry Bush, Edward C. Grahmer, Benjamin McLean, Andrew O. Reynolds, David Roberts, Joseph Schultz, and Samuel Smith.

"Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 10 Nov 1979 p 8

Great War brings great loss to Scranton family

Soldier became first from city to die in WWI 100 years ago today.

BY DAVID SINGLETON
STAFF WRITER

SCRANTON — Even as a child, Ted Johnson could detect the profound sense of loss any time his grandmother spoke of her older brother, Edward.

On Feb. 5, 1918, as the British ship *Tuscania* carried Army Pvt. Edward Carl Grahamer and more than 2,000 other American servicemen toward the Great War in Europe, a German submarine torpedoed and sank the troop transport near the isle



BUTCH COMEGYS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The gravesite of Pvt. Edward Carl Grahamer at St. Mary's Cemetery in South Scranton.

of Islay off the coast of Scotland.

Grahamer, a 23-year-old

Air Service soldier from Scranton's Hill Section, was among 201 troops who per-

ished, the first city resident killed in World War I. The conflict would claim more than 116,000 American lives, including those of 262 servicemen from Lackawanna County.

Although the sinking of the *Tuscania* is little remembered a century later, Johnson, a former Scranton resident who now lives in Plymouth, Michigan, said it still reverberates through his family.

One of his strongest childhood memories, he said, is his late grandmother, Josephine Grahamer Johnson, talking about his great-uncle.

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"As a little kid growing up, you don't see your grandparents sad very often, so it always stayed with me," he said. "As a kid, I was curious about her family, and she would mention her brother, Edward, who was killed in World War I."

"You could tell by the sadness in her voice how much it affected her."

Johnson's sister, Wheeler Avenue resident Tina Palochko, said she also recalls their grandmother speaking about their great-uncle, though not frequently.

"I think it hurt her too much," she said.

Palochko said her late father received the middle name Edward in Grahamer's honor: Theodore Edward Johnson also carried on his uncle's military legacy, rising to the rank of staff sergeant while serving in the Army's 101st Airborne Division during World War II. He was called up again for the Korean War but remained stateside.

man immigrants who were married in Lackawanna County in 1892 and lived in the 1000 block of North Irving Avenue.

As was the case with many individuals of German descent of the era, the spelling of his family's last name appears to have been unsettled.

His parents' marriage license listed it as "Grahamer," and Johnson said that is the way it is spelled on his grandmother's First Holy Communion certificate. Grahamer's own signature on his draft registration card appears as "Grayhamer."

Grahamer trained at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas, upon entering the service and left for Europe not long after, attached to the 158th Aero Squadron.

Little is known about Grahamer's early life.

Based on available records, he was born in Scranton on Nov. 21, 1894, to George and Helen Krieg Grahamer, Ger-

The *Tuscania*, a luxury liner pressed into troop transport duties in 1916, sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, on Jan. 24, 1918, as part of a 14-vessel convoy bound for Liverpool, England.

The first torpedo fired by

the German U-boat just after dark on Feb. 5 missed its target. The second caught the *Tuscania* amidships. She sank in about four hours.

Grahamer was one of at least four county residents aboard the doomed ship. The other three — Stanley L. Lessig and E.L. Hamilton, both of Scranton, and Evan Jones, Carbondale — survived.

Grahamer's family endured weeks of uncertainty over his fate before the War Department confirmed Feb. 26 that he was among the casualties.

Johnson, an attorney who serves as a district court magistrate in Michigan, said both sides of his family came to the United States from Germany in the 1880s, and the circumstances of his great-uncle's death had to be devastating to them.

"I can only imagine," he said. "Here it is 1918, less than 40 years later, and it's a German U-boat that sinks the ship, and they still had relatives living in Germany."

Grahamer was among 182

victims of the sinking buried in temporary cemeteries on Islay until after the war. His remains were disinterred and returned to the United States for burial with military honors in 1920.

"My grandmother said it was a big event when he was brought home," Johnson said. "I don't know what you would call it — certainly not a celebration, but a commemoration."

Grahamer's funeral on Aug. 29, 1920, drew scores of relatives and friends, along with many former soldiers and sailors, according to an account in The Times-Tribune archives.

With an armed guard and military escort in attendance, an Army machine-gun truck carried his flag-draped casket as the funeral cortege moved from the family's North Irving Avenue home through the downtown to St. Mary of the Assumption Church in South Scranton, where a requiem Mass was celebrated.

He was laid to rest in a family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery off Stafford Avenue.

With services planned for today on Islay to commemorate the Tuscania's sinking, Johnson said the centennial is a fitting time to honor the soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom.

"Their sacrifice is remembered, even 100 years later," he said.

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100 years later – "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 5 Feb 2018 p A1 & A6 – memories of Edward's sister Josephine Grahamer/Grahammer Johnson

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Father

George Grahamer Taken By Death at Age of 88

George Grahamer, 88, of 1045 North Irving Ave., died at the family home yesterday afternoon after a short illness.

Born in Baden Baden, Germany, he resided in East Scranton more than 60 years. Mr. Grahamer was a communicant of St. Mary's Assumption Church and a member of its Holy Name Society. He was a charter member of Branch 45, Knights of St. George.

Prior to his retirement 20 years ago, he was employed as a machinist by the Scranton Stove Works. His wife, the former Helen Craeg, died seven years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mollie Henshaw and Mrs. Theodore Johnson, both at home; a son, George Jr., this city; several nieces and nephews, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Monday from the Vanston Funeral Home, 1401 Ash St., with a requiem mass in St. Mary's Assumption Church at 9:30 A.M.

Interment will be in St. Mary's No. 5 Cemetery. Friends may call tonight after 7.

Obituary of his father George Grahamer – "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" Friday 29 Feb 1952 p 2

Be It Remembered

That I **GEORGE GRAHAMER, SR.,** of City of Scranton
in the County of **Lackawanna.** and State of Pennsylvania,
being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my
last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me
at any time heretofore made.

And First, I direct that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding
with my estate and situation in life and that all my just debts and funeral expen-
ses be fully paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

And to such estate as it has pleased God to entrust to me, I dispose of the same
as follows, viz;

FIRST- I direct that the sum of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars
be paid to Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church, South Scranton,
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, to be used for masses for the
repose of my soul.

SECOND- All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real,
personal and mixed, wheresoever the same may be and whatsoever the
same may consist of, I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter,
Amelia Grahamer Henshaw, also known as Mollie E. Henshaw, her heirs
and assigns forever.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/275773262/george-grahamer#view-photo=305956931>

Mother

MRS. GEORGE GRAHAMER SUCCUMBS IN HER HOME

NATIVE OF GERMANY HAD RESIDED HERE FOR SIXTY YEARS—MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Mrs. Helen Grahamer, seventy-eight, wife of George Grahamer, succumbed last night in the family home, 1045 North Irving Avenue. She was born in Germany and had lived in Scranton for the past sixty years.

The deceased was a member of St. Mary's Assumption Church and a

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Molcharter member of its Holy Name Society. She was this city's first Gold Star mother of World War I. lie Henshaw and Mrs. Theodore Johnson; a son, George Jr.; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from the home with mass Friday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Mary's Church and interment in the parish cemetery.

Obituary of mother Helen Craig/Craeg/Krieg Grahamer – "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 20 Jun 1945 p 4

Mrs. Grahamer Dies at Age of 78

Mrs. Helen Grahamer, 78, 1045 North Irving Ave., died last night at her home. She was the wife of George Grahamer, for years associated with the pattern department of the Scranton Stove Company.

Mrs. Grahamer was a native of Baden Baden, Germany, and had resided in Scranton 60 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Assumption Church and a charter member of its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Mollie Henshaw and Mrs. Theodore Bird; a son, George Jr.; 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral will be held from her home with mass in St. Mary's Assumption Church and interment in St. Mary's Cemetery at a time to be announced. Arrangements, John Durkan.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were yesterday granted to Patrick Shevlin and Sabina Barrett, John Baumgarten and Annie Yaggi, Fred Spreckler and Elizabeth Stuart, of Scranton; Alfred Haldeman and Mary L. Davidson of Wilkes-Barre; Edward Hoban and Oney Murray of Minooka; Raymond W. Lowrey of Appalachin, N. Y., and Georgia Hubbard of Green Grove; Justin Sigrist of Buffalo, N. Y., and Margaret Madison of this city; George Grahammer and Helen Krieg, and John Schauman and Margaret Kries, of Scranton.

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Marriage License Docket of Lackawanna County, Pa.

Mr. George Grahammer

To

No. 9453

Miss Helen Krieg

APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE

1. Full name of the man,
2. Full name of the woman,
3. Relationship of the parties, either by blood or marriage,
4. Age of the Man,
5. Age of the woman,
6. Birthplace of the man,
7. Birthplace of the woman,
8. Residence of the man;
9. Residence of the woman,
10. Parents' names—man,
11. Parents' names—woman,
12. Guardian's name—man,
13. Guardian's name—woman,
14. Consent of parents or guardians,
15. Date of death of man's former wife, if any,
16. Date of death of woman's former husband, if any,
17. Date of divorce of man at any time,
18. Date of divorce of woman at any time,
19. Color of parties,
20. Occupation of man,
21. Occupation of woman,

George Grahammer.

Helen Krieg

None.

Twenty seven years

Twenty six years

Germany.

do.

1361 Wyoming Ave Scranton

804 Cedar Ave

do.

Martin

Christina

Bernhard

Eleanora

white

Carpenter.

At home

Lackawanna County, ss.:

Personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Orphans' Court of said County of Lackawanna, at Scranton, Pa.,

George Grahammer

and

Helen Krieg

who, being duly qualified according to law, did depose and say that the statements above set forth are correct and

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/275773262/george-grahamer#view-photo=305957394>

Siblings

3-12-20
8-9-1916-5031.

Regt. 13th Inf., Co. B.

MEXICAN SERVICE MEDAL

Mexican Emergency, Call of President June 18, 1916

(This man signs Muster-in Roll as George Grahamer)

Name, Grayhamer, George 5471 Rank, Corporal.
Age, 23 Height, 5-6- $\frac{1}{2}$ Complexion, Medium Eyes, Gray Hair, Brown
Born, Scranton, Pa. Occupation, Gardener.
Married or single, Married Residence, Scranton, Pa.
Emergency notification, Mrs. George Grahamer, Mother,
1045-North Ewing Avenue, Scranton, Pa.
Date commission or enlistment State Service, 6-19-16
Home Station and date of rendezvous, Scranton, Pa. 8-14-16
Acceptance into U. S. Service, 9-26-16
Remarks, Enl. Ex. 6-18-1922.

Brother George Grahamer (1893-1969)

Amelia Henshaw

Amelia Mollie Henshaw, 96, formerly of Veterans Drive, Dunmore, died Friday evening in St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, Elmhurst, where she had been a guest. She was the widow of John Henshaw, who died in 1938.

Born in Scranton, daughter of the late George and Helen Kreig Grahamer, she was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

Surviving are two sons, Edwin, Scranton, and John, Stroudsburg; a daughter, Mary Law, Dover, N.J.; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Johnson, and two brothers, George and Edward.

The funeral will be Wednesday from the Miller Bean Funeral Home, 436 Cedar Ave., with Mass at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 801 Taylor Ave. Interment, St. Catherine's Cemetery.

Friends may call today, 5 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Villa Nursing Home, St. Mary's Villa Road, Elmhurst, Pa. 18416.

Obituary of his sister **Amelia Mollie Grahamer Henshaw (1896-1993)** – "Scranton (PA) Tribune" 20 Apr 1993 p 7

86259	Married	191	By	For
<i>in return</i>	Name of father	John Henshaw	Born in	Scranton, Pa
	Age	72 years	Color	W
	Occupation	Reddler	Residing in	do
	Related by blood or marriage to the person he desires to marry.	not	Married before	
	Name of mother	Mollie	Afflicted with any transmissible disease.	not
	Residence of father	Scranton, Pa	Maiden name of mother	
	Color of father	W	of mother	Scranton, Pa
	Birthplace of father	Austria	Occupation of father	Reddler
	of mother	Austria	of mother	W
	Is applicant an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug.	not	Has applicant within five years been an inmate of any County Asylum or home for indigent persons	not
	Is applicant physically able to support a family	yes		
	Name of father	Mollie Grahamer	Born in	Scranton, Pa
	Age	23 years	Color	W
	Occupation	mill hand	Residing in	do
	Married before	not		
	Afflicted with any transmissible disease	not		
	Name of mother	Helen	Maiden name of mother	Beaig
	Residence of father	Scranton, Pa	of mother	Scranton, Pa
	Color of father	W	of mother	W
	Birthplace of father	Germany	Occupation of father	Mill Hand
	of mother	Germany	of mother	W
	Is applicant an imbecile, epileptic, of unsound mind or under guardianship as a person of unsound mind or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug	not		
	Marriage license issued	22 Aug	1917	Consent of
	Married	191	By	
	Duplicate Certificate returned	191		

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Josephine Johnson

Mrs. Josephine A. Johnson, 517 Wheeler Ave., died this morning in Community Medical Center after an illness. She was the wife of Theodore Johnson.

Born in this city, daughter of the late George and Helena Craig Grahmer, she was a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

Other survivors are a son, Theodore, South Bound Brook, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Henshaw, this city; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Friday from the Vanston Funeral Home, N. Irving Ave., and Ash St., with Mass at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church. Viewing, Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Obituary of sister Josephine A. Grahmer Johnson (1901-1972) – "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 28 Nov 1972 p 7

Mrs. Johnson Taken by Death

Mrs. Josephine A. Johnson, 517 Wheeler Ave., died Tuesday at Community Medical Center after an illness.

Born in Scranton, daughter of the late George and Helena Craig Grahmer, she was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. She was the wife of Theodore Johnson.

Also surviving are a son, Theodore, South Bound Brook, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Henshaw, Scranton; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be Friday from Vanston Funeral Home, N. Irving Avenue and Ash Street, with mass at 9:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church.

Friends may call today 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday 2 to 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

LOCAL REG. NO. 2002
PRIMARY DIST. NO. 35001-327
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 11024172

1. DEATH OCCURRED IN: a. County Lackawanna b. City or borough Scranton

2. DECEASED'S MAILING ADDRESS a. Street address, R. D., or Box Number 517 Wheeler Avenue
b. Post Office, State and Zip Code Scranton, Pa. 18510

3. VETERAN Yes ☐ No ☒ a. Which War _____ b. Serial No. _____

4. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) Josephine b. (Middle) A. c. (Last) Johnson

5. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) Nov 28, 1972

6. WHERE DID DECEASED ACTUALLY LIVE? a. State Penna. b. County Lacka. c. Did deceased live in a township? ☐ Yes, deceased lived in _____ township. ☒ No, deceased lived within actual limits of Scranton city or borough.

7. SEX F 8. RACE CAU 9. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐ WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐ 10. DATE OF BIRTH 11-19-1900 11. AGE (in years last birthday) 72 If under 1 year If under 24 hours Months Days Hours Min.

12. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) Housewife 13. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____ 14. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Scranton, Pa. 15. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

16. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE Theodore Johnson 17. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Helena Craig

18. FATHER'S NAME George Grahamer 19. INFORMANT'S NAME, ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE Theodore Johnson 517 Wheeler Ave Scranton

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (Items 20 through 23 must be completed by physician only)

20. CAUSE OF DEATH: Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c).
PART I. Death was caused by:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral - Postural
DUE TO (b) _____
DUE TO (c) _____

Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: contributing to death but not related to the immediate cause given in Part I (a) Conjunctive Heart Failure - Coronary Disease

21. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED Yes ☐ No ☒

22. a. ACCIDENT Yes ☐ No ☐ 22. b. DESCRIBE HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED _____ 22. c. TIME OF ACCIDENT Hour m. E.S.T. _____

22. d. ACCIDENT OCCURRED While at work ☐ Not while at work ☐ 22. e. PLACE OF ACCIDENT (e.g., home, farm, street, etc.) _____ 22. f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP _____ COUNTY _____ STATE _____

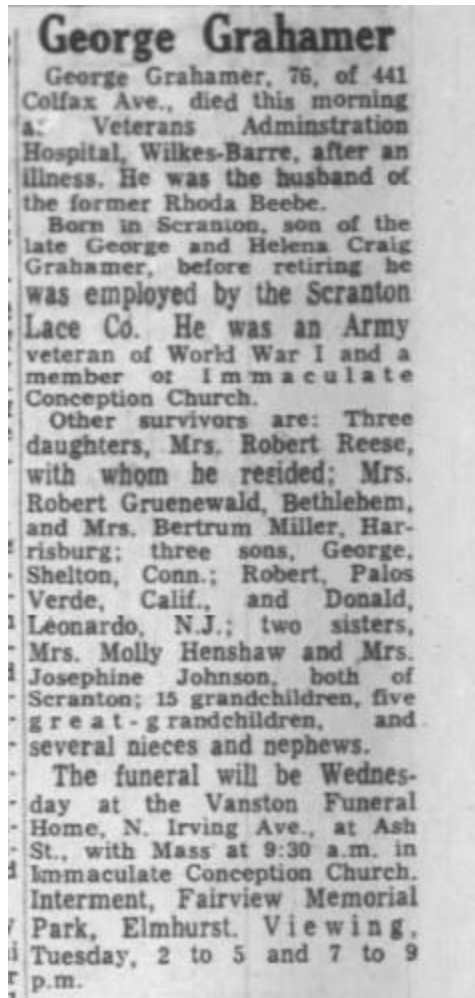
23. I hereby certify that I attended the above named deceased and that death occurred from the causes and on the date stated above at 6:04 m., E.S.T.

a. Signature [Signature] M. D. b. Address Scranton, Pa. c. Date signed 11/28/72

24. a. BURIAL ☒ CREMATION ☐ REMOVAL ☐ 24. b. DATE 12-1-72 24. c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Fairview Memorial Pk 24. d. LOCATION (City, Boro., Twp., & County) (State) Elmhurst Lacka Penna.

25. DATE REC'D BY REG. 11-29-72 26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE [Signature] 27. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Thomas J. Vanston Scranton Pa.
W. W. Santolo, Supervisor

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5164/records/147058507>



Obituary of *brother George Grahamer* – “Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune” 22 Sep 1969 p 20

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Edward Carl Grahamer

Name variations: His surname is spelled/signed GRAYHAMER on his WWI draft card signature

Military: - also Grahammer

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron, Signal Corps - private

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not assigned serial number until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value

Entered service from: Scranton, Lackawanna PA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Edward C. Grahamer

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father George Grahamer, 1045 N. Irving Ave., Scranton PA

1st buried on the isle of Islay, Scotland: buried in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 29, as Edward C. Grahamer

Body returned from war on: from Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920

Body listed as: Edward C. Grahamer

Rank: pvt, 158th Aero Sq

World War I draft registration (1917): as Edward Carl Grayhamer - b. 21 Nov 1895 Scranton PA; res: 1045 N. Irving, Scranton PA. Single. Boilermaker, Erie Railroad, Dunman (PA) Shops. Medium height, slender build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not listed

Born 19 Nov 1895

Died 7 Feb 1918

Address: 1045 N. Irving St., Scranton PA

Rank/unit: 158th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 21 Nov 1894 Scranton, Lackawanna PA (WWI draft card: 21 Nov 1895) (Veterans Administration Military Index as Grahamer: 19 Nov 1895 VAMI, as Grahamer)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 168983145, presence on Tuscania noted in text

Burial location: Scranton, Lackawanna PA

Cemetery: St. Mary's

Tombstone: reads Grahamer

Father: George Grahamer, Mar 1865 Baden-Baden, Germany (1900 census for date, obituary for location) - 28 Feb 1952 Scranton, Lackawanna PA (at home).

According to his Find A Grave record, which had an 1860 birth year and a 1948 death year, his parents were Martin & Christina.

His obituary from the "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 29 Feb 1952 p 2 is copied above. Lived in Scranton PA over 60 years. Prior to retirement 20 years earlier, he was employed as a machinist by the Scranton Stove Works. Survived by 2 daughters & 1 son. Interment in St. Mary's #5 Cemetery, Scranton, Lackawanna PA (where son Edward is buried).

Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scranton, Lackawanna PA.

Find A Grave: 285883272

Mother: Helen/Lena Craig/Craeg/Krieg Grahamer, Nov 1866 [1870 on Find A Grave] Baden-Baden, Germany [1900 census for date & obituary for place] - 19 Jun 1945 Scranton, Lackawanna PA. She is the first Gold Star Mother of Scranton PA.

In the 1930 census Lena (63) & George (65), both born Germany, reside at 1045 Irving Ave. in Scranton PA.

Her obituary from the "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 20 Jun 1945 p 4 is copied above. She died at age 78 in the family home at 1045 N. Irving Ave. Born in Germany, a resident of Scranton for the

past 60 years. Survived by 2 daughters & 1 son. "She was this city's first Gold Star mother of World War I."

Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scranton, Lackawanna PA (with her husband George & her son Edward). Listed with maiden name of Kraig.

Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Scranton, Lackawanna PA.

Find A Grave: 275772994

Parents' marriage: 1892

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: Edward was the 2nd of 4 children.

- **George Grahame**, 22 Jun 1893 Scranton, Lackawanna PA – 22 Sep 1969 Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne PA (Veterans Administration Hospital). - SSN 196-01-1760. - Husband of Rhoda Isabelle Beebe (1895-1976, F: 233323976) whom he married in 1910 in Lackawanna Co. PA. - Served in the Army in WWI but not overseas. Had enlisted pre-war in Scranton PA on 19 Jun 1916 & was discharged 31 Aug 1917 due to dependent relatives. - Obituary from "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 22 Sep 1969 p 20 copied above. - Buried in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst township, Lackawanna PA. F: 233324304
- **Amelia Mollie Grahame Henshaw**, 8 Jul 1896 Scranton, Lackawanna PA – 16 Apr 1993 Elmhurst township, Lackawanna PA (in St. Mary's Villa). - Married at age 23 to John M. Henshaw (1898-1938, F: 180127273) on 22 Aug 1919 in Luzerne Co. PA. - Buried in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Moscow, Lackawanna PA. Find A Grave record lists her as Mollie Greyhammer Henshaw. F: 42723760
- **Josephine A. Grahame Johnson**, 19 Nov 1901 Scranton, Lackawanna PA – 28 Nov 1972 Scranton, Lackawanna PA. - SSN 146-20-6999. - Wife of Theodore C. Johnson (1902-1985, son of Edward Johnson & Katherine Brown), who was buried in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst township, Lackawanna PA. - In the 1920 census, 19-year-old Josephine Grahmanney lives with her parents George (54) & Lena (53) in Scranton PA. - In the 1930 census 29-year-old Josephine Johnson lives with her husband Theodore (28) & son Theodore (3) in Scranton PA. - Obituary from "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 28 Nov 1972 p 7 copied above. - Was resident of 517 Wheeler Ave., Scranton PA at the time of her death in Community Medical Center. Survived by son Theodore Johnson in NJ. - Presumably buried in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst, Lackawanna PA but not on Find A Grave as of 10 Dec 2020.

Notes:

Wartime:

Body on the isle of Islay, Scotland, identified by fingerprints.

"Pittsburgh (PA) Press" 31 Mar 1918 p 8 – the War Department announced it has identified 25 casualties. Among them is Edward C. Grahame, died on the Tuscania.

Post-war: "Scranton [PA] Republic" 30 Aug 1920 p 5 - funeral of Edward Grahmer held 28 Aug 1920 in South Scranton. Son of Mr. & Mrs. George Grahmer, 1045 N. Irving Ave, Scranton. Included band, military escort, a funeral Mass & the playing of "Taps."

100th anniversary article: "Scranton (PA) Times-Tribune" 5 Feb 2018 p. A1 & A6, photo of tombstone, photo of Grahmer - little is known about his early life. Born in Scranton PA 21 Nov 1894, son of George & Helen Krieg Grahmer, German immigrants who married in Lackawanna Co. in 1892. Edward resided in the 1000 block of N. Irving Ave. The spelling of his surname is unsettled. His parents married using Grahmer, the name used by interviewee Ted Johnson's grandmother. He signed his draft card Grayhamer. Edward trained at Kelly Field, San Antonio TX. On 26 Feb 1918 it was confirmed he was dead. His great-great nephew Ted Johnson is a district court magistrate in MI. Edward's funeral on 29 Aug 1920 led from his home to the Catholic Church. He was from the Hill Section of Scranton PA.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Scranton, Lackawanna PA – 1361 Wyoming Ave. – conducted 7 Jun 1900

George GRAHAMMER, 35 Germany, Mar 1865, emigrated in 1890, in US for 10 years, naturalized, married 8 years, carpenter

Lena, 33 Germany, Nov 1866, emigrated 1888, in US for 12 years, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

George, 6 PA, Jun 1893, at school

Edward, 5 PA, Mar 1894

Amelia, 3 PA, Jul 1896

1910 Scranton, Lackawanna PA – Richter Ave. – conducted 27 Apr 1910

Edward GRAHAMMER, 45 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, married 18 years, emigrated 1889, naturalized, carpenter, house

Lena, 48 Germany, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1889, gave birth to 4 children, 4 are living

George, 16 PA, laborer, silk mill

Edward, 15 PA, baker, bakery

Molly, 13 PA

Josephine, 9 PA