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Ellen "Nellie" Sarah Collins Andreasen

1896 - 1977

Yeoman 2nd Class: United States Navy Reserve Force

World War I

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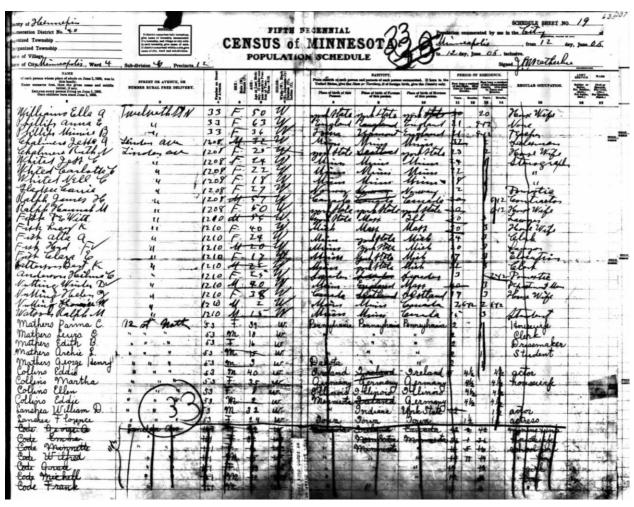
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Marriage of Nellie's Parents

"Minnesota, County Marriages, 1860-1949," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Eddie Collins and Martha Rennert, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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1905 Minnesota State Census

"Minnesota, U.S., Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Martha Collins, Hennepin, Minnesota.

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Article About Nellie's Acting

"Minneapolis Child Wins As An Actress," Minneapolis Journal, July 8, 1906.

Death of Nellie's Father

"Once Famous Actor, Broke, Takes Life," Oakland Tribune (Oakland, CA), December 18, 1916.

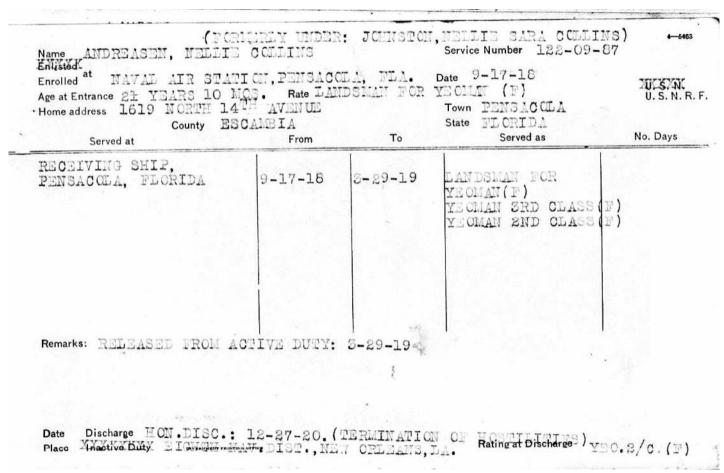
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Transcription:

"LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18–Local theatrical men are today in communication with Eastern relatives of Eddie Collins, regarding the burial of the aged comedian, who ended his life by jumping from a second-story window yesterday.

Collins, a generation ago, was one of the nation's brightest stars. He died in poverty, a tuberculosis sufferer.

His desire to play in drama, rather than to perform the slapstick comedy that made him famous, brought Collins here as a motion picture actor."



World War I Navy Card

"Florida, World War I Navy Card Roster, 1917-1920," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie Collins Andreasen, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

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Marriage to Joseph Johnston

"Florida Marriages, 1837-1974," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie Sarah Collins and Joseph Rogers Johnston, Escambia, Florida.

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1920 United States Census

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Marriage to Alfred Andreasen

"Alabama, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1805-1967," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Ellen Sarah Collins and Alfred C Andreasen, Mobile, Alabama.

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Portrait of Nellie

"Portrait of "Nellie" Ellen Sarah Collins Andreasen," c. 1923, Dr. Gwynn C. Akin, Collins family, UCF VLP permission, 2023.

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Nellie's Mother and Brother Edward in the 1927 Pensacola City Directory

"U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Edward J Collins, Pensacola, Florida.

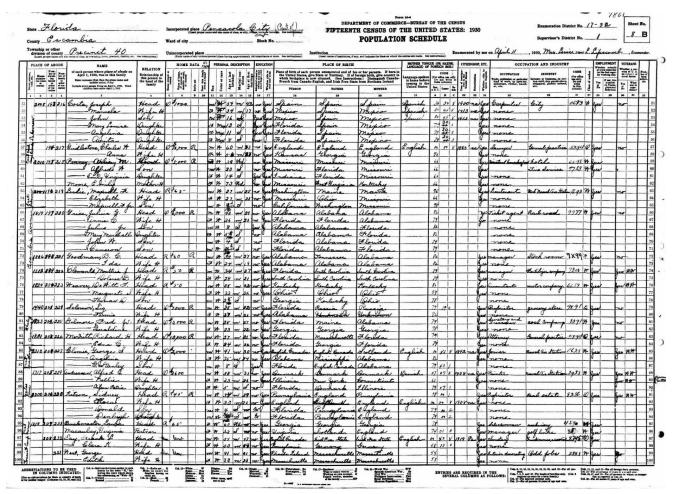
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Nellie's Brother Edward's Marriage to Carrie Jones

"Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Edward John Collins and Carrie Gwynn Jones, Escambia, Florida.

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1930 United States Census

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie Andreasen, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

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Nellie Organizes Poppy Day to Support World War Veterans

"Members Of Legion Auxiliary And Helpers Meet At San Carlos," *Pensacola News Journal*, May 28, 1932.

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Transcription:

"Mrs. A. C. Andreasen, Poppy Day chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, urges all members of the auxiliary and their helpers to be present early as possible this morning at the Scout office in the San Carlos hotel, to receive their poppies and instructions.

Much publicity has been given Poppy Day through the newspapers, decorated windows and Poppy Posters made by school children. The poppies are made by World war veterans in Florida hospitals and the returns from the sale go to their relief."

(The article then lists the members of the American Legion Auxiliary expected to be present for the event.)

Death of Nellie's Mother

"Former Resident of Oshkosh Passes Away," *Oshkosh Northwestern* (Oshkosh, WI), April 11, 1933.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/244351061/?match=1&terms=martha%20m%20collins

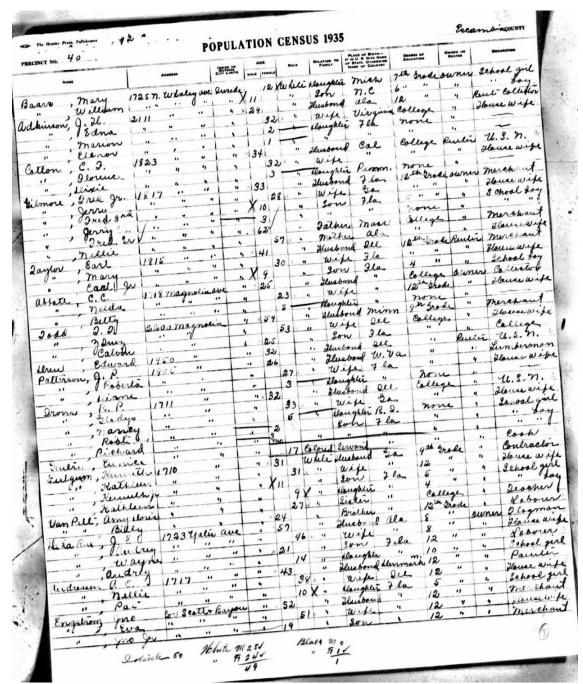
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"Mrs. Martha M. Collins of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Oshkosh, once a stage trouper, died Sunday night at Pensacola. Funeral services and burial were to take place there this afternoon. Mrs. Collins was 53.

She lived in Oshkosh up to 24 years ago. While she acted in vaudeville, her late husband, Edward Collins, was a screen actor in Hollywood. He preceded her in death 18 years ago.

Mrs. Collins was born in Germany, Sept. 29, 1879, and came to America at the age of 5 with her parents. The family settled at Ripon and later moved to this city."

(It goes on to list all her surviving family including her two children, Nellie Andreasen and Edward Collins, Jr.)



1935 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie Andreasen, Escambia, Florida.

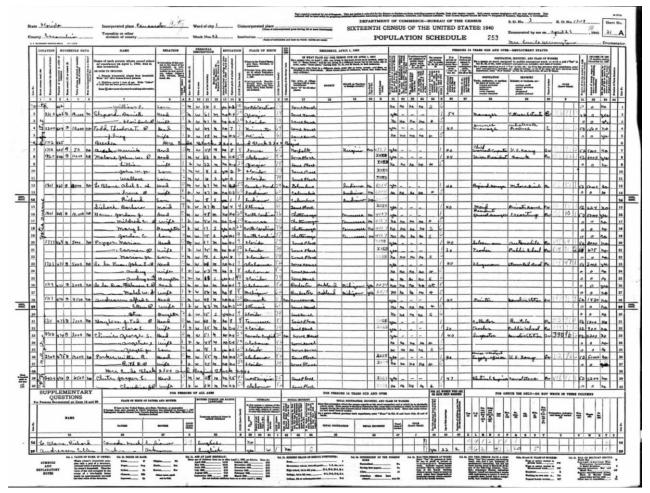
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Nellie's Brother Edward in the 1935 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Edw. J. Collins, Escambia, Florida.

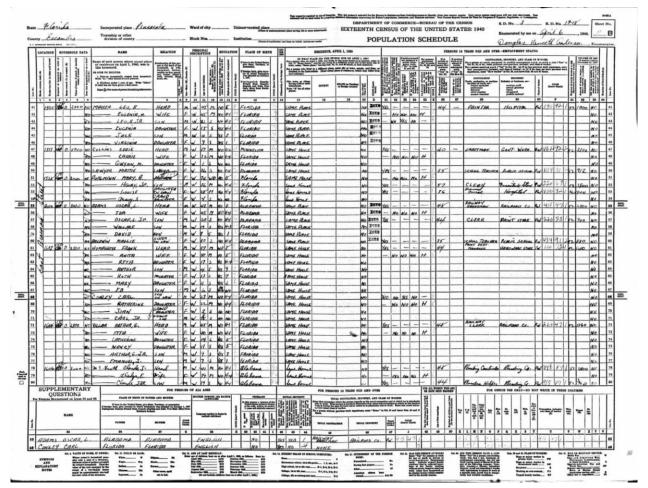
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1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Ellen Andreasen, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

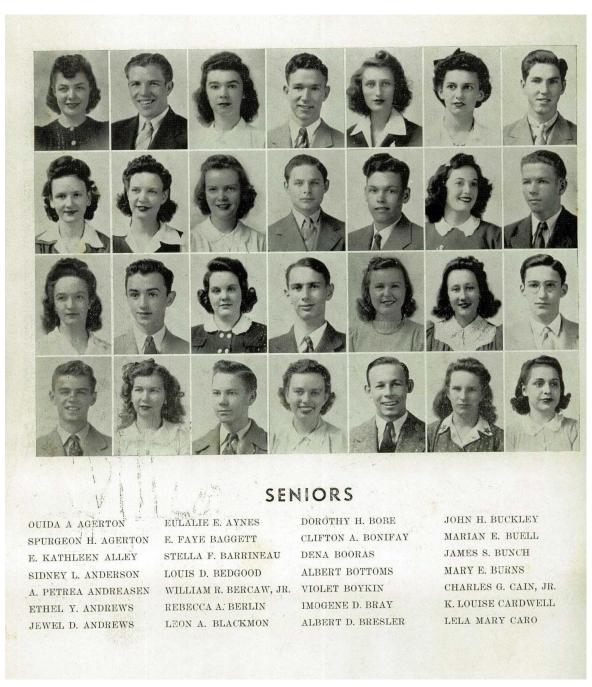
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Nellie's Brother Edward in the 1940 United States Census

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[&]quot;1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Eddie Collins, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.



Nellie's Daughter Petrea in the 1942 Pensacola High School Yearbook

"U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Petrea Andreasen, Pensacola, Florida.

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Marriage of Nellie's Daughter

"Miss Petrea Andreasen Is Bride of Royal Navy Pilot," *Pensacola News Journal*, February 14, 1945.

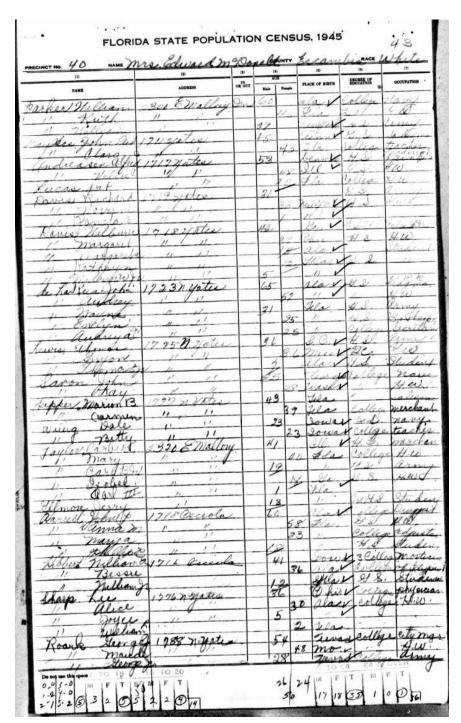
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Transcription:

"Prominent among the announcements of today is the marriage of Miss Aileen Petrea Andreasen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Andreasen of this city, to Sub-Lt. Clifford Noel Gordon Lucas, a pilot in the Royal Navy stationed at Roosevelt Field, N. Y..."

(The article then discusses the details of the wedding before giving a brief history of the bride and groom's lives.)

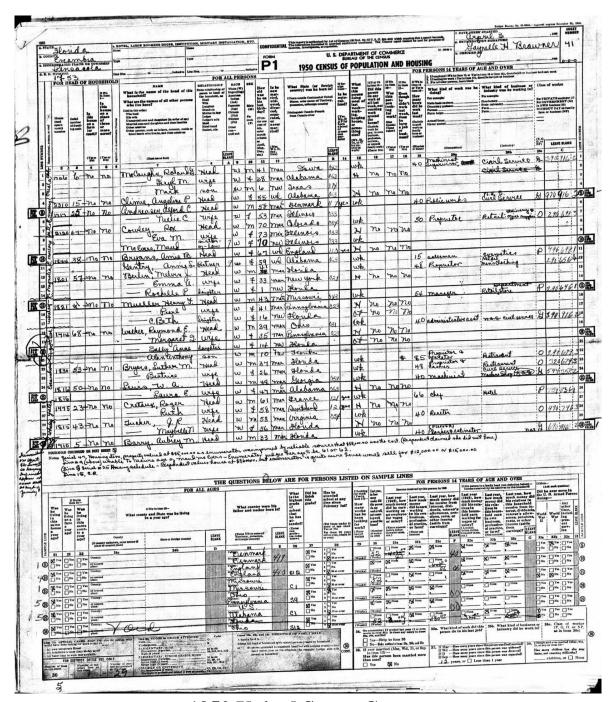
"The bride attended Florida State college in Tallahassee for three years, and has been active in Girl Scouting as camp counselor and assistant leader. She was also active in the junior group of the American Legion auxiliary. Sub-Lt. Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lucas of Hull, Yorkshire, Eng., received his training at Gross Isle, Ill., Pensacola, Jacksonville and Brunswick, Me."



1945 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie C Andreasen, Escambia, Florida.

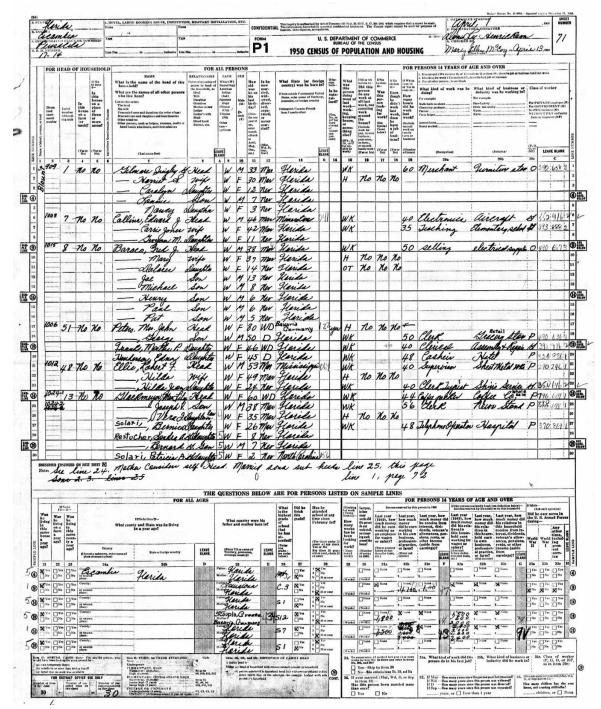
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1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie C Andreasen, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

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Nellie's Brother Edward in the 1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Edward J Collins, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/81001007:62308



1952 Pensacola City Directory

"U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Nellie Andreasen, Pensacola, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/672851329:2469

Nellie's Daughter Comes Home to Visit

"Pensacola Is Home," Pensacola News Journal, December 28, 1952.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/352888119/?terms=andreasen&match=1

Transcription:

(The article discusses two Pensacola families with international visitors for the holidays.)

"Flying in from Maracaibo, Venezuela, were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Noel Gordon Lucas and son, Robin, who formerly resided in England. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Andreasen. The Lucas' have been in Maracaibo for two years where he is an oil engineer."

(Accompanying the article is a photograph of Nellie giving Robin a Dutch doll. The caption notes that Robin was born in the Netherlands.)

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Nellie's Brother Edward's Marriage to Thelma Dungan

"Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 19, 2024), entry for Edward John Collins and Thelma Clyde Dungan, Escambia, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2645676:8784

Nellie Visits Her Daughter

"Around the Town," Pensacola News Journal, June 28, 1967.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/264297116/?terms=andreasen&match=1

Summary:

Nellie travels to London for the first time to visit her daughter and three grandsons.

Nellie's Daughter Visits for Her Parents' 50th Anniversary

"They Came from Afar To Share a Day," Pensacola News Journal, April 14, 1973.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/264753436/?match=1&terms=nellie%20andreasen

Transcription:

"CELEBRATION—Shell Oil company executive Clifford Lucas and his wife, Pat, came half way around the world to have a party today.

The reason? The golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chrisitan Andreasen. The Yates Avenue residents, married 50 years ago in Mobile, Ala., will greet 150 friends this afternoon at Holiday Inn, Gulf Breeze.

In addition to their party giving son-in-law and daughter who came from Tehran, their three grandsons will come from England for the anniversary. Holland-born Robin Lucas, who's 22, is taking leave from his Lloyds of London post to fly here and join his maternal grandparents in the celebration. Jonathan, who's 18, and 16-year-old Mark, born while their parents were based in South America, are also joining the family. Mark goes to boarding school in York.

Gold and white flowers and anniversary symbols will be the focal decorative points for the afternoon party where champagne and canapes will be served.

Andreasen is a native of Denmark and was a Naval Air Station civil service employee for many years. Nellie Andreasen has been active in Girl Scouts and many other community projects.

Pat met her husband during World War II when he was a Royal Navy officer taking flight training in Pensacola.

During his career as a petroleum engineer, they lived in Holland, South America, his native England and the Middle East. A house in Surrey is their official address and they've sent their sons to boarding schools in England.

Their current home is a villa, 'mainly glass,' Pat explains, 'because wood is so expensive.'

While in Iran, Pat began a class of English conversation and was a dean of women in the school.

The Andreasens' house reflects the worldwide travels of their children and in the last 28 years Clifford and Pat have collected accessories, art and furniture for their home.

Before going back to Tehran they'll spend 10 days in England."

Nellie Andreasen Obituary

"Deaths-Andreasen," Pensacola News, February 10, 1977.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/265262005/?match=1&terms=nellie%20andreasen

Transcription:

"Mrs. Nellie Sarah Andreasen, 80, 1717 Yates Ave., died Wednesday in a local hospital.

Mrs. Andreasen was a native of Chicago and had resided in Pensacola for many years.

Mrs. Andreasen was a member of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, a World War I veteran, and a Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include her widower, Alfred C. Andreasen of Pensacola; a daughter, Patricia Lucas of Iran; a brother, Eddie Collins of Pensacola; and three grandsons."

(It goes on to discuss funeral plans and burial in Barrancas National Cemetery.)

Full Name	Andreasen, Nellie
Birth Date	12 Nov 1896
Enlistment Date	14 Sep 1918
Discharge Date	30 Mar 1919
Death Date	9 Feb 1977
Burial Date	11 Feb 1977
Cemetery	Barrancas National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	Naval Air Station, 80 Hovey Road Pensacola, Fl 32508
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Plot	Section 36 Site 1568
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Nellie Andreasen Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed August 21, 2024), entry for Nellie Andreasen, Barrancas National Cemetery.

 $\underline{https://www.fold3.com/record/718021873/andreasen-nellie-us-veterans-gravesites-ca1775-2019}$



Nellie Andreasen's Headstone in Barrancas National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Nellie Sarah Andreasen*, photograph, 2023, Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL.

Alfred Andreasen (Nellie's Husband) Obituary

"West Florida Deaths-Andreasen," Pensacola News Journal, December 14, 1979.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/266450581/?match=1\&terms=alfred\%\,20christian\%\,20andre\,asen}$

Transcription:

"Alfred Christian Andreasen, 88, of 1717 Yates Ave., died Wednesday.

Mr. Andreasen, a native of Denmark, had resided in Pensacola for many years. He was a retired civil service employee from the Naval Air Station, a veteran of World War I and a member of the Lutheran church.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia Lucas of Caracas, Venezuela; three grandsons; a great-granddaughter and a great-grandson."

(It goes on to discuss funeral plans and burial in Barrancas National Cemetery.)

Full Name	Andreasen, Alfred Christian
Birth Date	8 Nov 1891
Enlistment Date	18 Jul 1917
Discharge Date	12 Mar 1919
Death Date	12 Dec 1979
Burial Date	14 Dec 1979
Cemetery	Barrancas National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	Naval Air Station, 80 Hovey Road Pensacola, Fl 32508
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Alfred Andreasen (Nellie's Husband) Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed August 21, 2024), entry for Alfred Andreasen, Barrancas National Cemetery.

 $\underline{https://www.fold3.com/record/718021606/andreasen-alfred-christian-us-veterans-grave sites-ca1775-2019}$



Alfred Andreasen's Headstone in Barrancas National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Alfred Christian Andreasen*, photograph, 2023, Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL.

Nellie's Daughter's Obituary

"Death Notices-Mrs. Aileen Patricia Lucas," Pensacola News Journal, June 11, 2002.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/269106464/?match=1&terms=pat%20lucas

Transcription:

"Mrs. Aileen Patricia "Pat" Lucas, age 77, passed quietly in her sleep on June 8, 2002 at her home on Perdido Bay, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a cherished wife, mother and grandmother and her quiet strength, her bright personality and devotion to her family will be sorely missed.

Pat was a native of Pensacola who went to Pensacola High ('42) and Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee. She met her husband, Cliff, during WWII and was married in '45. They lived in England, Holland, Venezuela and Iran while working for Shell Oil and retired to the USA in '85. She took part in charity work and was active in the Garden Club.

Dearly beloved wife of Cliff, a devoted mother to Robin, Jonathan and Mark and adored by her grandchildren, Alex, Hannah, Rachael and Eric."

(Following are the funeral arrangements.)

The following sources cover the military service of Nellie's brother (Edward "Eddie" Collins).

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Edward Collins World War II Draft Card

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed August 21, 2024), entry for Edward John Collins, Pensacola, Escambia, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/12568740:2238

Eddie Collins Designed the Insignia for the Naval Air Station Pensacola

"Jay Gosling Of Station Is 15 Years," Pensacola News Journal, October 6, 1946.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/352816909/?terms=eddie%20collins&match=1

Transcription:

"Jay Goslings famed insignia of Navy cadets, celebrated his 15th birthday Friday with the help of his creator, Eddie Collins, electronic engineer in the assembly and repair department at the Naval Air station.

Collins received the inspiration for originating the duckling with the serious, painful expression who has learned to fly the wrong way with every cadet since Oct. 4, 1941 from watching NY seaplanes land. He realized that ducklings land in much the same way as the old NY's and an idea was born.

Commissioned into the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade at the beginning of hostilities, Collins had received the rank of lieutenant commander by the time he was separated from the service and had served in the Atlantic theater of war as well as in many shore installations in the States."

Death of Nellie's Brother

Nicole Lacey, "Collins, designer of NAS insignia, dies in hospital," *Pensacola News Journal*, May 29, 1991.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/267545230/?terms=edward%20collins&match=1

Transcription:

"Edward Collins loved art and created the official insignia—the gosling—for the Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Mr. Collins died Monday in a hospital in Biloxi, Miss. He was 87.

Born in Minnesota, Mr. Collins lived in Pensacola for more than 80 years.

Mr. Collins graduated from Pensacola High School and attended the University of Florida.

A World War II veteran, he was a retired supervisor of electronics in the avionics department at NAS and a retired lieutenant commander in the Navy.

Mr. Collins liked music and organized and led the Rainbow Orchestra. He also was a member of the Escambia Masonic Lodge and St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

His wife, Thelma Collins, said that her husband loved helping others.

'He enjoyed helping people. He would go out and buy something for someone he liked. He was a very kind person,' she said.

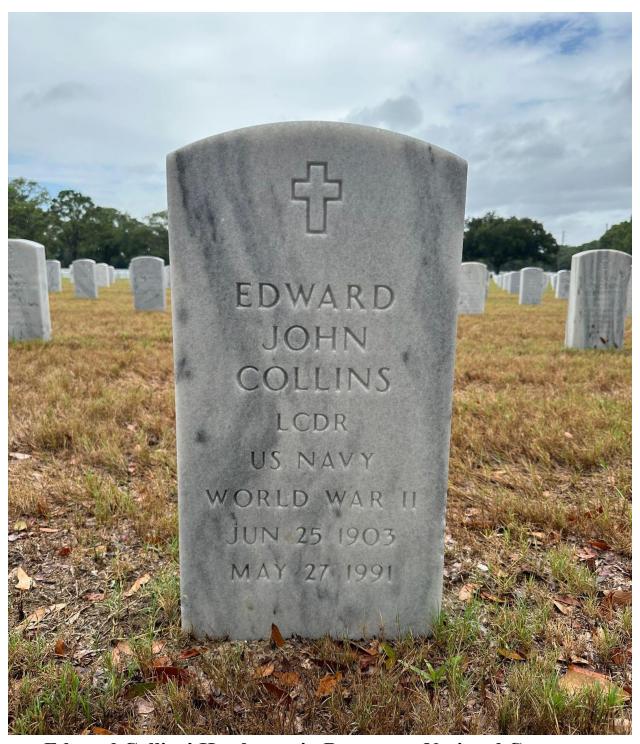
Services will be at 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Faith Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Barrancas National Cemetery."

Full Name	Collins, Edward John
Birth Date	25 Jun 1903
Enlistment Date	31 Oct 1943
Discharge Date	20 Sep 1946
Death Date	27 May 1991
Burial Date	30 May 1991
Cemetery	Barrancas National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	Naval Air Station, 80 Hovey Road Pensacola, Fl 32508
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Plot	Section 38 Site 866
Notes	Lcdr US Navy World War II
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

Edward Collins Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed August 21, 2024), entry for Edward John Collins, Barrancas National Cemetery.

https://www.fold3.com/record/723917916/collins-edward-john-us-veterans-gravesites-ca1775-2019



Edward Collins' Headstone in Barrancas National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Edward John Collins*, photograph, 2023, Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL.



Edward's Wife's Headstone in Barrancas National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Thelma C Collins*, photograph, 2023, Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL.