

Elisabeth Allen Walton Mennell

National number 221297

Patriot: Rev. Thomas Allen, Staff Officer, MA

Joined: April 1926

Offices Held: Regent, 1932-36

Born: 1 October 1882, St Louis, Missouri

Died: 15 December 1967, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Father: George Washington Allen, b 1852

Mother: Lydia Jeanette McMillan, b 1853

Married James Beaver Mennell (1880-1957), Physician

11 July 1912, St James Norlands, Kensington



James Beaver (or Beavar) Mennell

dobaptism: 3 March 1880, St Stephen's,
Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith

dod: 2 March 1957, Liss, Hampshire
Physician and surgeon, author
Pembroke College, Cambridge

Three Children: James Beaver Mennell, 7 June 1913 - 1998
John McMillan Mennell, 21 January 1916 - 1992
Peter Mennell, 1918 -??

Elisabeth was a Titanic survivor. Her own account of the event can be found at
<http://www.titanic-passengers.com/elisabethallen.htm>.

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Elisabeth was a first class passenger on the Titanic, with her aunt and her cousin. She boarded Titanic at Southampton and shared cabin B5 with her cousin Georgette Madill. She is said to have been returning home to pick up her possessions to take back to Britain, where she intended to live upon marrying. She had become engaged to a British doctor, James Beaver Mennell. Presumably, they met while Elisabeth was spending the winter before the Titanic disaster in the UK with her aunt and cousin.

At the time of the collision, Elisabeth Allen said that she was awake talking to her cousin in her cabin. When her aunt's maid, Emilie Kreuchen, came to the cabin to inform her that the "baggage room is full of water," she told the maid not to worry and that the ship's watertight compartments would be shut. After returning to her own cabin Emilie immediately returned to inform Elisabeth that her own E deck cabin was flooding. At this point Elisabeth become more concerned.

I stepped outside the door to find out, and I met Captain Smith. He told us to dress and go on deck. We believed this was only for precaution, but with the idea that we might have to stay on deck for a while, we dressed warmly in sweaters, steamer caps and heavy coats. We slipped what trinkets we had into our coats but most of our valuables were in the purser's safe. We had only a few trunks because we were merely on our way home from winter in London and expecting to go back in June.

After the order to go on to the boat deck, Elisabeth and all of her own travelling companions boarded the port side Lifeboat 2, which was amongst the last of the boats to leave the sinking ship. In charge of Lifeboat 2 was Titanic's Fourth Officer, Joseph Boxall. Lifeboat 2 was the first lifeboat to reach the rescue ship Carpathia, and Elisabeth was the first Titanic survivor to board. She confirmed to the crew that Titanic had indeed sunk.

Elisabeth eventually returned to England on board the White Star Line ship, RMS Baltic. In July 1912, in a joint wedding with her sister, Clare Allen, Elisabeth married Dr James Beaver Mennell. She and James lived in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and they had three sons, James, John and Peter.



Marconigram sent to Elisabeth on 17 April 1912. Sold for \$8,125, 25 June 2008
New York, Rockefeller Plaza.

Miss E.W. Allen – Carpathia -"Have wired Belmont reservation for you and to furnish any funds needed. Marill."

Form No. 3-100-12.7.11. Forwarding Charge _____ Date, 17 APR 1912

THE MARCONI INTERNATIONAL MARINE COMMUNICATION CO., LTD.

No. 218 "CARPATHIA" OFFICE 17 APR 1912 1912

Prefix	Code	Words	Office Rec'd from	Time Rec'd	By whom Rec'd
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Office of Origin					
Service Instructions:					
			Message	Time Sent Out	By whom Sent

To: Miss E W Allen Carpathia
Have wired Belmont - Reservation
for you and to furnish
any funds needed
Marill

Sources Consulted:

ancestry.com
http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=workman_family&id=113967
 genealogybank.com
 titanicpages.com
<https://alookthru.time.wordpress.com/2012/04/17/carpathia-arrives-titanic-survivors-are-rescued/>
 SAR applications, via ancestry.com

Copies of all supporting documentation are on file, and websites have been archived for reference where possible.

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