

## **Uncle Walter Luttgen**

(Walter, Walther, Waither, Lutgen, Luttgen, Luttge)

### **From documents in possession of Ross Walker**

Director of Illinois Central Railroad.

Director of the Transatlantic Trust Company.

Director of the Rapid Transit Subway  
Construction Company.

Member New York Athletic Club.

Member Down Town Club.

Member New York Yacht Club.

Commodore of Columbia Yacht Club.

Member Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Member Museum of Natural History.

Member Zoological Gardens.

Member Legal Aid Society.

A Tiffany silver gilt Presentation Dessert  
Flatware set was given to him with this  
plaque: "Presented to Walther Luttgen, by his  
friends in London Lord Rothschild, Leopold  
de Rothschild, and Alfred de Rothschild, on  
the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of his  
connection with the firm of August Belmont &  
Company November 19th 1909".

According to the book Linden New Jersey, by  
Lauren Pancurak Yeats, he had an estate at  
Luttgen Place in Linden. In the 1870's he built  
a school there called the Academy of Arts and  
Sciences which later became the Linden  
Country Club and is now the Moose Hall. He

also provided the community with the Amelia Victoria Kindergarten named for his wife. The  
Linden Library moved to part of the Academy in 1927. He helped purchase Grace Episcopal  
Church, which had been lost in a sheriff's sale, in 1877 and had it moved to land he donated in  
1887.

His yacht, the Linta, was taken over by the US Navy in 1917, named SP721, and placed under the  
command of Worthington Scott, USNRF. It served in WW1 as a patrol and escort boat out of  
New York accompanying merchant ships, convoys, and submarines. It was decommissioned in  
1919 and returned to its owner.

Walter also had a power boat, the Lutuhezi, which won a race with the Columbia Yacht Club  
June 20, 1903.



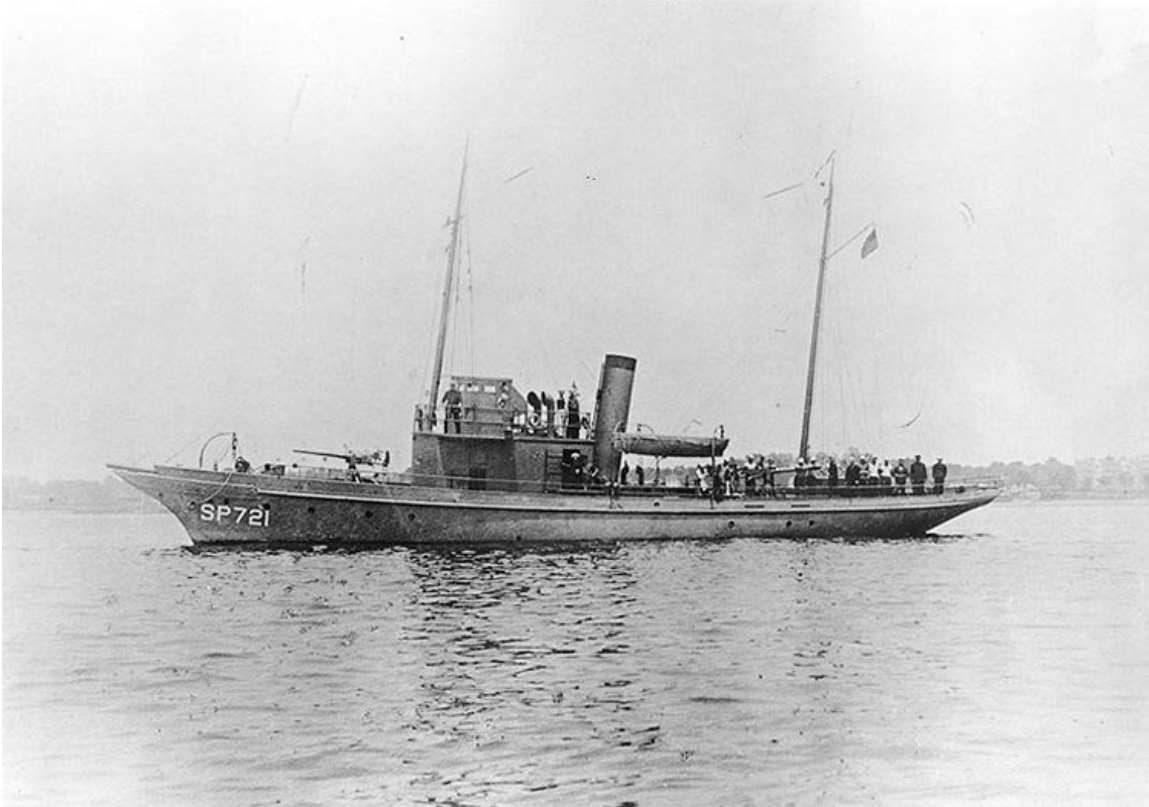
### **From the life story of Tannis Walker as told to Linda Walker**

In about 1916 the VanDervoorts (Claude, Gertrude, and Tannis) family moved to Villa Linta  
where Claude was superintendent of the estate. Uncle Walter had married Amelia Breymeyer, a  
sister to Claude's mother. Tannis learned how to drive an electric car on the estate at age 12. The  
VanDervoorts left the estate after Walter Lutgen died in 1922.



VILLA LINTA, REDDING RIDGE, CONNECTICUT

Photo # NH 102008 USS Linta, photographed in 1917-18



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