

TUSCANIA

Zura, August
1897 Slovenia (then Austria) – 1971 WI



August Zura -

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August Zura at right, one of the women is his wife Emily Napra Gregorin Zura -
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Stepson Robert Richard Gregorin (center) with stepfather August Zura on left & mother Emily Napra Gregorin Zura at right -

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

~~Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof~~

STATE OF WISCONSIN In the CIRCUIT Court
KENOSHA COUNTY ss: KENOSHA COUNTY

I, August Zura, aged 19 years,
 occupation Labourer, do declare on oath that my personal
 description is: Color white, complexion medium, height 5 feet 6 inches,
 weight 121 pounds, color of hair medium, color of eyes brown,
 other visible distinctive marks none.
 I was born in Rudolphswort, Austria
 on the 29 day of July, anno Domini 1897; I now reside
 at 71 N. Pleasant St KENOSHA WISCONSIN
 (Give number, street, city or town, and State.)
 I emigrated to the United States of America from Harre, France
 on the vessel La Province; my last

on the vessel _____ (If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)

foreign residence was Rudolphstadt, Austria; I am not married; the name of my wife is _____; she was born at _____; and now resides at _____

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to Charles Emperor of Austria and Apostolic King of Hungary, of whom I am now a subject; I arrived at the port of New York in the State of New York, on or about the 19 day of November, anno Domini 1911; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein.

SO HELP ME GOD.

August Jura
(Original Signature of Applicant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of _____ (SEAL) _____ said Court this 4 day of June anno Domini 191 7

Benj. M. Whiteman
Clerk of the _____ CIRCUIT. Court.

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August Zura

August Zura, 74, 6339 12th Ave., died at Memorial Hospital this morning following a long illness.

He was born in Rudolphswart, Austria, on July 29, 1897, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. August Zura. He attended schools in Austria and at the age of 19 came to New York and then to Kenosha to make his home.

He entered the army on June 2, 1917, and served as a PFC with Company B, 107th Supply Train, and was in the Alsace sector, Aisne Marne, Oise Aisne, and Meuse Argonne areas during World War I. He was discharged on May 29, 1919, at Camp Grant, Ill.

Mr. Zura was one of the survivors of the troop ship disaster, the Tuscania.

On June 9, 1934, he married Emily Napra at St. George church.

are a step-son, Robert Gregorin, Kenosha; two grandchildren; a great-granddaughter, and a step-brother, Joseph Penza, Algoma, Wis. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Louis, and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Kleszewski.

ZURA — Funeral services for the late August Zura of 6339 12th Ave., who passed away on Aug. 19th, will be held on Saturday morning, Aug. 21st, at 8:30 from the Mischler's Home for Funerals. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 o'clock at St. George's Church. Interment in St. James Cemetery. Parish rosary services at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Friends may call at the Mischler's Home for Funerals after 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon.

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957 for August Zura

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13. Jay H. Kenesha, M.D. " " " "

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Life:

TEARS OF MOURNING TURNED TO SMILES

Second Telegram from Des Moines, Ia., Says John Zura, Reported Drowned, Is Alive and Well.

HOURS SPENT IN VAIN SEARCH

Mystery of Kenosha Student's Return to Life Not Entirely Clear—Disappeared While Bathing With Friends and Not Seen for Twenty Hours.

Sorrow's tears were turned to rejoicing this morning when a second telegram from Des Moines, Iowa, brought word to Mrs. Agnes Penza, 71 North Pleasant street, that her son, John Zura, was not drowned as had been believed for more than twenty hours, but had been found alive and well. So close did the telegram of good tidings follow the missive of death that the mother, prostrated with grief, could scarcely believe its truth but later messages substantiated the statements of the second telegram. Zura, who is a student of the Boone Biblical College in Des Moines, Ia., went bathing with two friends Tuesday evening in the Des Moines River. The boys tried to see which could hold his breath longest under the water and when the others came to the surface Zura did not reappear. The Des Moines police dragged the river until early this morning in an attempt to find the supposedly drowned man's body and this morning officials sent telegrams to August Zura, a member of Company M, reporting his brother as dead and the failure to locate the body.

its happy ending could not be obtained here; the telegrams which brought tears and rejoicing will explain the story. The first message received by August Zura about seven o'clock this morning read as follows: "John disappeared while bathing in the river last night; men searched the balance of the night and all day for the body and have not found it. Will search again tonight. If body is found, shall we ship to you? Letter has been written.

J. C. Crawford.

Infantryman Zura was at drill when the first arrived and when he returned the second telegram with its joyous message that, "John is alive and as well as ever" instantly started him on his way to the home of his mother to take the tidings of joy. It is believed that John Zura had returned to his rooming house, not knowing that a search was being carried on for him and it was only when he reported for work at the school this morning that he was able to clear up the tragedy of the evening before.

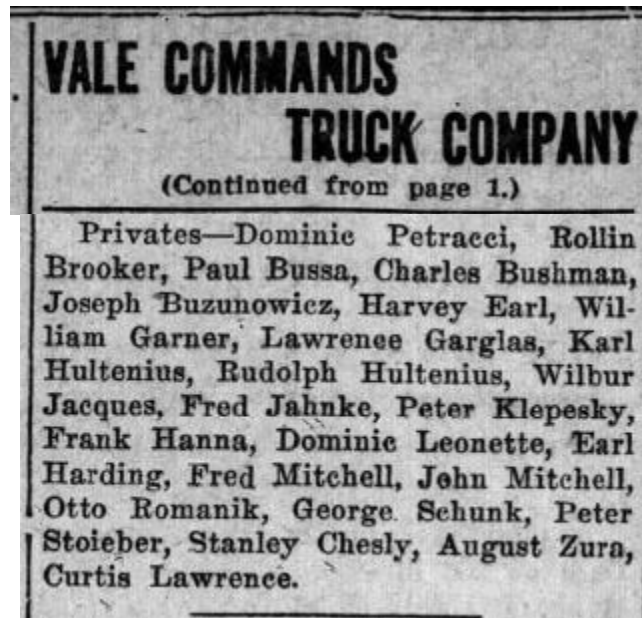
John Zura is the oldest son of Mrs. Agnes Penza and is well known on the west side; he has lived in Kenosha six years, during which time he worked at The Simmons Company. About a year ago, fired with an ambition to learn to use the English language correctly, as he is an Austrian by birth, he became a student in the Boone Biblical College, where he has met with extraordinary success. His many friends will rejoice with his relatives in finding that he has been recalled to life even though the report of his drowning brought hours of sorrow and anxiety.

August & mother Agnes Penza learn that his brother/her son John has not drowned in the Des Moines River in Des Moines IA as first thought – the school is also called Moody Bible

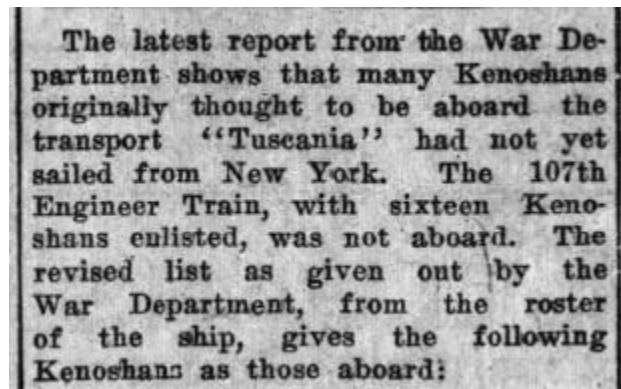
College in other WI newspaper accounts -
 "Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 1 Aug 1917 p 1

1917 – from magazine "Furniture Manufacturer" Nov 1917, p. 213

The Simmons Manufacturing Co. of Kenosha has probably the largest roll of honor among US furniture manufacturing companies. Among them: August Zura.



"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 24 Oct 1917 p 5



Excerpt:

Headquarters, 107th Supply Train:

Corporal Ernest Bollon.
 Private Francis E. Anderson.
 Private Hans Anderson.
 Private Lynn Anderson.
 Private Harold W. Bresnahan.
 Private Harvey Earl.
 Private Lawrence Garglas.
 Private Frank E. Hanna.
 Private Floyd S. Hill.
 Private Leo F. Hopper.
 Private Fred Jahnke.
 Private Arthur Junker.
 Private Henry M. Kleist.
 Private Albert L. Larsen.
 Private Michael J. McGinn.
 Private Fred Mitchell.
 Private John Mitchell.
 Private Otto Mowrey.
 Private Victor J. Novak.
 Private Louis E. Regnier.
 Private Robert F. Riley.
 Private Otto Romanek.
 Private George Roskos.
 Private Edward Schmidt.
 Private George Schunk.
 Private William Seltrecht.
 Private Frank H. Tanking.
 Private Norbert Tyson.
 Private Elmer Williams.
 Private John J. Yung.
 Private August Zura.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

***Kenosha Survivors
of The Tuscania***

The following men who were
 aboard the transport Tuscania,
 are officially reported to have
 been saved:

Private August Zura.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

VALE'S MEN LAST OUT OF FRANCE

107th Supply Train Official-
ly Announced to Arrive
on Virginian on Next
Monday Morning.

ALL SAW HEROIC SERVICE

Formal Orders of the War Department
Announces This as the Last Unit to
Sail for the State—Milwaukee
Planning Grand Review.

The one hundredth and seventh supply train, which has seen wonderful service over in France under the command of Captain Asbury Vale of Kenosha and which contains some sixty Kenosha men did not return on the Louisiana on Tuesday and a new order of the War Department states that this unit of the 32nd Division has sailed from Brest aboard the battleship Virginia and it is due to arrive at Newport News on the morning of next Monday May 19th. As the transports with returning troops have been coming into ports in this country about a day ahead it is pretty probable that the word from these boys will begin to reach Kenosha about next Sunday at noon. The 107th will be on the last steamer bearing members of the 32nd Division from France home. It is probable that the men will be sent to Camp Upton to await order to move West to Camp Grant. It is not known who will be in command of the train since Captain Vale has been ordered back to Coblenz. The last roster of the Kenosha men in the 107th Supply Train showed the following:

Sergeants: Edward Wold, Frank M. Lane, Joseph Bartel, George R. Stephenson, Charles W. Soukup.

Corporals: Otto Nelson, Hale Tol-
leth, Allen Williams, Ernest Bollou,
Albert I. Larsen, Otto Mowrey, Louis
E. Regnier.

Privates: Rudolph A. Hultenius,
Hans Anderson, Francis E. Anderson,
Lynn Anderson, Harold W. Bresnahan,
Harvey Earl, Lawrence Garglas, Frank
E. Hanna, Floyd S. Mill, Neal F. Hop-
per, Fred Jahnke, Henry M. Kleist,
Michael J. McGinn, Fred Mitchell, Vic-
tor J. Novak, Robert F. Riley, Otto
Romanek, George Roskos, Edward
Schmidt, George Schunk, William Sel-
trecht, Frank H. Tanking, Norbert Ty-
son, Elmer Williams, John J. Yung,
August Zura, Henry W. Huettin,
Claude Forbes, Dominico Nicolaza.

Fred Scholey was a member of the First Sanitary Squadron which is scheduled to come home at the same time as the Supply Train.

These names as given were the Kenosha men with the 107th when they sailed on the ill fated Tuscania. One other man was listed. He was Corporal Arthur Junker who lost his life on the Tuscania and who is now sleeping some where over on the Irish Coast. Some of these men may have been transferred to other units in the army and many of them may have won the chevrons of non-commissioned officers.

The One Hundred and Seventh Supply train is one of the Kenosha units which saw much action on several of the battle fronts. The boys were in action at many of the hardest fought engagements with the Germans and bore their part with honor. No group of men from Kenosha in the army saw as much service as these members of the 107th Supply train.

It is probable that following their arrival in New York they will be sent to Camp Grant for demobilization.

Milwaukee is making great preparation for a parade of the 32nd Division but the date for the big state review is not to be set until after the arrival of the 107th the last of the units of the Division to reach the country from France.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 14 May 1919 p 2

MORE KENOSHA HEROES.



Members of the 107th Supply Train Now on the Way Home. This Picture of Captain Vale's Men Was Taken During the Trip of Occupation of German Territory.

COMPANY M BOYS SAFE IN PORT

**107th Supply Train Reaches
Newport News Aboard the
Virginian On Tues-
day Evening.**

MAY GO TO CAMP CUSTER

**Telegrams From More Than Forty Ke-
noshaans Arrived At Newport Bring
Messages of Good Cheer — To Be
Home In Two Weeks.**

Members of old Company M who marched away with Captain Dayton in the summer of 1917 are back in the good old U. S. A. As members of the 107th supply train the men landed at Newport News late Tuesday afternoon and this morning telegrams filtering through from the East are bringing great rejoicing in the homes of some forty boys who went from Kenosha. The first word of the landing of the 107th came from Corporal Harold Bresnahan and later messages were received from Sergeant Frank Lane, Floyd S. Hill, Dominick Petracci and others.

The word coming from Newport News says that the members of the 107th will leave there in a short time for Camp Custer for demobilization. It is supposed that one account of the crowded conditions at Camp Custer, Camp Custer has been selected as the demobilization camp for the 107th and it is possible that this change will hurry the return of the boys to Kenosha. It is expected that they will be detraining in Kenosha within the next ten days or two weeks and that a great reception will be given to the boys.

The members of the Supply Company came back without their commanding officer, Captain Asbury Vale, as he had been detained in Germany for important work of the army there.

The 107th are coming home filled with the thrills of war. They were the first of the Kenosha volunteers to be under fire of the enemy as all of the boys who arrived Tuesday night were aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, one of the three troop ships carrying United States soldiers to be reached by the torpedoes of the German submarines. These men returning now were all aboard the Tuscania and they won their first laurels of war on account of the bravery they showed at this time. They saw a lot of hard service in France. They were with the army at Fismes, at the Verdun front in Alsace, at Soissons and in the Meuse-Argonne campaign. They were among the last of the United States troops to be withdrawn from the fighting front and among the first to be sent with the army of occupation into Germany. Many of the members of the company have received special commendation from both the French and the American army leaders on account of the service rendered.

The company is not coming home intact. Many of the men were transferred to other divisions of the army and several of the men who went with them from Kenosha were left sleeping under the little white crosses in the American cemeteries in France. Widely known among the boys who went away with Company M was Billy Ball. He was one of the few members of the company to fall in actual combat with the enemy. He was a great favorite with the members of the company and on the return of the whole company to Kenosha memorial services will be held in his honor. It is improbable that the remains of Billy Ball will be brought back to the states. He died fighting bravely and some of his friends have declared that it was his wish to lie where he fell under the vine covered grave provided for him in France.

It is expected that enroute to Camp Custer the members of the 107th will be sent by way of Detroit and that they will not be seen in Kenosha until after they have been finally mustered out of the service. The list of men arriving with the 107th as given by Captain Vale is:

The Kenosha boys aboard the transport included:

First Class Sergeant—Edward Wold.
Sergeants—Floyd S. Hill, Charles W. Soukup, Otto Nelson, George R. Stephenson.

Corporals — Francis E. Anderson,

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COMPANY M BOYS SAFE IN PORT

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Hans T. Anderson, Harold W. Bresnahan, Leo F. Hopper, Karl A. Hultenius, Michael J. McGinn, Otto Mowrey, Dominik Petracci, Louis E. Regnier, Robert F. Riley, Edward W. Schmidt, William H. Seltrecht, George J. Schunk, Ray S. Coshun, Peter Stoiber, Hals R. Tolleth, Henry W. Werner, Elmer W. Williams, Clarence White, John Yung, Joseph Bartol.

Privates — Paul Bussa, Lawrence Garglas, William L. Garner, Bruce S. Goulder, Rudolph A. Hultenius, Henry M. Kleist, Frank M. Lane, Norbert M. Tyson, August Zura, Dominick Leonetti, Joseph Bizunowicz, Peter Kletsy, Joseph Marsolek, John Mitchell, Otto Romanek, George T. Roskos, and Earl M. Harding.

Cook—Frank H. Tanking.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 21 May 1919 p 1 & p. 8 -
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WELCOME HOME THE TUSCANIANS

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"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 31 May 1919 p 8

VICTORY MEDALS WAITING

Red Cross Has Victory Medals Waiting for Many Service Men.

A new shipment of Victory Medals was received recently by the Kenosha County Red Cross, which forwarded the applications of Kenoshans for the decorations. The following service men are asked to call at the Red Cross offices on the third floor of the Scholer building at their earliest convenience for the medals:

Frank Alberts, Fred I. Allen, Tony Allen, Alex Boris, Las L. Brudvig, John Borush, John Bernard, Pietro Butteri, Walter Cumiskey, Thedord Czarniecki, Arthur E. Church, Mike Campagna, Rinaldo Crucianelli, Jacob De Kok, Charles Emery, Frank Euski, Henry W. Ellsworth, Rudolph Fehler, Louis Greenwald, Frank Gaudio, David Goldstein, Edward Gustafson, Antonio Griono, Leo Horn, Albert H. Hartig, Harold P. Hoff, Sam Hassam, Earl Hall, Fred Jahnke, Nicholas Janisky, Henry K. Johnson, Victor Kremis, William Kotlow, Evan Krans, John Karapawicz, Joseph Long, Louis Locanti, Mrs. Estina Lentz, William Larsen, Julius Lasawik, Charles Long, Andrew Larsen, Otto F. Lindelof, Alfred L. Mayfield, Richard L. Mahler, Armand Mardoian, Emil Marazzo, Achillo Mocuso, Leo C. Myers, Lewis Morehouse, Julian Mirchowicz, Fran-

Francis Mayer, Philip Neuman, Tonny Potelunas, Amedeo Pierangel, Guesippi Pirri, Louis J. Pitsch, August Pellissero, Martin Reski, Fabyan Rodowich, Felix Rastcis, Luigi Ruffalo, Carl Swanson, Mads P. Sorensen, Joseph Scalzo, Anthony Szcrapanwski, Joe Salerno, Joseph W. Ehatkies, Gabriel Swanson, Anton Simel, Rudie Tacki, Frank H. Tanking, Ralph S. Weakly, Henry W. Werner, Peter Wasilevech, August Zura, Raymond Bloxdorf, Louis Caesar, Joseph Cleam Charles Chinga, Paul French, George D. Hollister, Harold Johnson, Arvid Johnson, Frank B. Lark, Leo Maloney, Chas. Mueller, Tony Nowaski, William Putrich, Ernie Paltrock, Stanley Ralus, Herbert Schenning and Albert Wells.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 10 Feb 1921 p 3

31 Kenoshans on 'Tuscania'

Kenosha Survivors of Sinking of Troop Ship Meet in Milwaukee Feb. 5

The names of 31 Kenosha men who were on the troopship "Tuscania" when it was torpedoed on Feb. 5, 1918, were today announced by Floyd Hill who is handling reservations here for the 12th anniversary celebration which will be staged at the Republican hotel, Milwaukee, on Feb. 5.

Most of the Kenosha veterans are expected to attend the banquet. Reservations are being made by survivors of the disaster from all over Wisconsin and from many parts of the country.

31 Kenoshians Aboard

Kenosha men who were on the "Tuscania" that fateful night of Feb. 5, 1918, when an enemy submarine torpedoed it off the coast of Ireland are:

Hans Thorvald Anderson, Ernst Bolton, Claude Forbes, Lawrence Garglas, Floyd Hill, Rudolph August Holtenius, Fred Jahnke, Henry Kleist, Fred Mitchell, Otto Nelson, Victor John Novak, Louis Regner, Robt. F. Riley, Norbert Tyson, Asbury Vale, Elmer Williams, John Joseph Yung, August Zura, Henry Huetten, Frank M. Lane, Edward Wm. Schmidt, H. Earl, Frank H. Tanking, Fred A. Scholey, Otto Mowrey, Roy Stevenson, Leo Hopper, Paul Bussa, Francis Anderson, Harold Bresnahan.

While many Kenosha veterans have already made reservations for the affair, others are just now making reservations.

Chairman Hill announced today that he is handling the reservations here and that he can be reached by telephone either at 8032 or at 8751.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 1 Feb 1930 p 7

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In the District Court of the United States,
for the Eastern District of Wisconsin:
In the matter of August Zura, bankrupt,
in bankruptcy.

**NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING
OF CREDITORS**

To the creditors of August Zura of Kenosha, in the County of Kenosha, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 1930, the said August Zura was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee, 510 Monument Square, Racine, Wisconsin, on March 29, 1930, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated March 19, 1930.

MILTON J. KNOBLOCK,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

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"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 21 Mar 1930 p 31

Legals

In the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Wisconsin:
In the matter of August Zura, bankrupt, in bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON PETITION FOR DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given, that the above named bankrupt has presented and filed his petition for discharge; that the same will be heard before said Court at Milwaukee, in said District, on the 20th day of September, 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon and that all creditors may appear at said time and place and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Dated August 19, 1930.

MILTON J. KNOBLOCK,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

(Aug. 22)

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 22 Aug 1930 p 22

Tuscania Men to Relive Days of '18 Sinking

Kenosha Veterans on Ship Torpedoed Going to Convention

Kenosha will join with Milwaukee when more than 100 survivors of the torpedoed troop transport Tuscania will meet in Milwaukee February 5 to celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of their rescue from one of the World war's major sea disasters.

In Kenosha there are 31 members of the division that was on hand the Tuscania at the time, and many of these are planning on attending the meeting in Milwaukee at the Randolph hotel.

The Kenoshans are Henry M. Kleist, Norbert M. Tyson, Frank Tanking, H. Anderson, August Zura, Otto Mowry, Elmer Williams, Karl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Hodgeson Vale, Claude Forbes, Henry Huetten, Frank Lane, Edward W. Schmidt, Ernest Bolton, Harvey Earl, Lawrence Garglas, Fred Johnke, Louis Ed. Regnier, Robert F. Riley, Fred Mitchell, Otto Nelson, Victor J. Novak, Dominic Leonetti, Harold Bresnahan, Ray Stephenson, William Seltrecht, Henry Werner, Leo Hopper, Floyd Hill, and Fred A. Scholey.

Taking Reservations

Scholey is taking reservations for the Kenosha men for the banquet and meeting in Milwaukee. These should be telephoned to 2-3131 or 2-1184.

At Milwaukee the veterans will pay tribute to the 225 American soldiers, most of them from Wisconsin and Michigan, who perished, and will drink a toast to 1,954 comrades who were rescued.

The Tuscania Survivors' association, with headquarters in Milwaukee, will be host at the annual meeting, which will be featured this year by message of good will from the commander of the German submarine which sank the Tuscania.

Other features will be the appearance of the Wauwatosa drum corps of 42, champions of the American Legion, and presentation of souvenir medals to all attending members by the Cunard line, owners of the Tuscania.

Shipdeck Is Reproduced

The medals picture the deck and cabin of the Tuscania, as it appeared with its cargo of soldiers.

A recital of the presentation of medals for valor in the rescue, given by the association in the last year, will be made.

Formally presented by American Legion posts, they went to Lieut. Com. John M. Smith of H. M. S. "Grasshopper," Lieut. Com. T. B. Fellowes, of H. M. S. "Mosquito" and Lieut. Com. K. E. Eddis of H. M. S. "Plegon," presented posthumously.

Officers All Milwaukeeans

Of the 1,000 members of the association, 15 live in Milwaukee. All the officers are Milwaukee residents. They are M. W. Collins, 2735 N. Bartlett street, president; L. V. Zimmerman, 5502 W. Washington boulevard, vice-president, and Tracey Greene, 5362 N. Thirty-sixth street, secretary.

To Mr. Zimmerman, on behalf of the association, Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the U-77 that sent the Tuscania down, has written his greetings and well wishes for the annual survivors' reunion.

Written from Saarbrücken, Germany, the latter gives an insight into German political affairs. It says in part:

"Here in Germany our circumstances are becoming worse from day to day. Politically we are threatened on the one side by French imperialism, from another by Russian bolshevism.

Will Fight for Liberty

"The inner political situation regarding the frenzied payment of tribute to former enemy powers is such that in consequence we are stripped to a degree that threatens to knock down our economic stability. We have now over 5,000,000 unemployed and still more factories are being closed and workers laid off.

"That under these circumstances still further reparations be paid is impossible. The Versailles treaty must be annulled, otherwise there will be no peace in Europe. We Germans, and especially we former front line soldiers, do not further desire to live in servitude, and we will hazard everything to bring about again the freedom of our people."

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 14 Jan 1932 p 3

List Kenosha Survivors

Here are the members of the Kenosha chapter of the Tuscania Survivors association as they are listed by Fred A. Scholey:

John Mitchell, Wm. M. Garner, Peter Stoiber, Henry Kleist, Norbert Tyson, Frank Tanking, H. Anderson, August Zura, Otto Mowrey, Elmer Williams, Carl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Hodgeson Vale, Claude H. Forbes, Henry W. Huetten, Frank M. Lane, Edward Schmidt, Ernest Bolton, Harvy Earl, Lawrence Garglass, Frad Johnke.

Louis Regnier, Otto Nelson, Fred Mitchell, Victor Novak, Dominic Leonetta, Harold Bresnahan, Fred Scholey, Wm. Seltrect, Henry Werner, S. Anderson, Leo Hopper, Floyd Hill, C. W. Knaup, Roy Stephenson, Albert Larson, Robert F. Riley, Michael J. McGinn.

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Name Men in Tuscania Meet

Kenosha Committees to Direct Nat'l Convention Here Appointed

A host of active workers is busy in Kenosha preparing plans for the national Tuscania Survivors' association convention in Kenosha Feb. 5.

For several weeks meetings of various committees have been held regularly and the work has progressed so far that the entire convention is practically outlined.

Fred A. Scholey, Kenosha, national president of the association and general chairman of the arrangements committee, announced today that the convention of the association in Kenosha promises to be the largest ever held in the 15 years since the group was formed.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the Moose ballroom, already there has been received indications that the enrollment of delegates will be widespread and cover many states.

Name Committees

Eight committees which have been functioning for the past few weeks were announced today by the chairman.

Here is the list:

Memorial Committee — C. W. Knaup, chairman; August Zura, Carl Hultenius, Albert Larson.

Transportation Committee — Otto Mowery, chairman; Hans Anderson, Peter Stoiber, Henry Huetten.

Hall Committee — Ed Schmidt, chairman; Rudolph Hultenius, Ed Regnier, Claude Forbes.

Registration Committee — Frank Tanking, chairman; Norbert Tyson, Wm. Garner, Fred Young.

Hotel Committee — Floyd Hill, chairman; Leo Hopper, Henry Kleist, John Mitchell.

Entertainment Committee — Fred A. Scholey, chairman; Robert F. Riley, Frank H. Tanking, Ray Stephenson, Otto Mowrey, Norbert Tyson.

Banquet Committee — Ray Stephenson, chairman; Elmer Williams, Domenico Leonetti.

Publicity Committee — Robert F. Riley, chairman; Fred A. Scholey, Frank H. Tanking.

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The Tuscania

Back in 1918 the Tuscania, with 2,500 men aboard was approaching Ireland. The date was February 5, 1918, when it was attacked and

sunk by a German submarine. Of the 2,500 men aboard the ship, 220 were lost. Each year, since the Armistice, the survivors of this war time tragedy have held a reunion and convention under the sponsorship of the Tuscania association. This year the association will hold its convention at Kenosha, beginning Saturday, February 3. Headquarters of the association will be at the American Legion clubrooms where arrangements have been made for registration and meetings. An entertainment at the Moose hall on Saturday is open to all ex-service men. Officers of the association are Frank Tanking, president; Fred Scholey, vice president, and Ray Stephenson, secretary. In addition to these, survivors who live in Kenosha include Otto Mowrey, Hans Anderson, Dominick Leonetti, John Young, Fred Johnke, John Mitchell, William Gagner, Norbert Tyson, Rudolph Hultemis, Karl Hultemis, Floyd Hill, Leo Hopper, August Zura, Edward Regnier, Charles Knaup, Claude Forbes, Henry Huetten, Peter Stoiber and Edward Schmidt.

Tuscania Group Meets Feb. 7-8

Wisconsin Rapids Host to National Association; 20 Kenosha Members

Twenty Kenoshans are among the 250 survivors of the Tuscania disaster of the first World War who are expected to attend the annual convention of the National Tuscania Survivors association in Wisconsin Rapids on Feb. 7 and 8.

The Kenosha members are: Claude H. Forbes, Floyd S. Hill, Leo Hopper, Henry W. Huetten, Carl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Henry M. Kleist, Charles Knaup, Albert Larson, John Mitchell, Louis E. Regnier, Edward Schmidt, Fred A. Scholey, George R. Stephenson, Peter Stoiber, Frank H. Tanking, Norbert M. Tyson, Clarence J. White, John J. Young, and August Zura.

Notable Chapter

The meeting this year, in a time of war and national emergency when such events as the torpedoing of the troopship Tuscania off Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918, are again the public mind, recalls one of the notable chapters of the World war.

Dr. F. F. Firnstahl of Wisconsin Rapids, president of the association, and Vernon H. Kelly, also of Wisconsin Rapids, the secretary-treasurer, are two of the 2,393 U. S. officers and soldiers who were aboard the ship. Of that number, 269 perished.

The rest, bound in a common bond of danger, sacrifice and heroism, formed the unique association which gathers each year to remember the early evening hour in 1918 when a German submarine sent the Tuscania to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Those who cannot come will pause at the anniversary time—5:50 p. m.—to say silent prayers for departed comrades. Many will send messages to comrades at the convention in a gesture of friendship and memory of the peril they knew together.

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Tuscania Sinking Recalled as Vets Cancel Reunion

At an hour just before dawn 25 years ago Friday an American troopship, the Tuscania, was torpedoed by a German submarine as it approached the Irish shore bearing American soldiers to Europe for the great conflict.

On board were many members of the Thirty-second Division, recruited from Michigan and Wisconsin. Included were 29 Kenosha soldiers, and when the word was flashed back to Washington that the ship had been sunk there was many an anxious heart in Kenosha.

The loss of life was small, however, and one Kenosha soldier gave up his life. He was Arthur Junker. The others from Kenosha suffered no more than a soaking while in the water waiting to be picked up by convoy ships that rushed to the rescue of the Tuscania survivors.

Growing out of this incident was the Tuscania Survivors Association,

an organization of veterans of the sinking. Fred A. Scholey, Kenosha, is a former national president of the association. Each year the men got together on the anniversary date and staged a reunion. The meeting was scheduled for Beloit tomorrow, but it has been canceled because of the war.

Here is the list of Kenosha men on board the ship when it was torpedoed:

Hans Anderson, Francis Anderson, Joe Bartol, Claude H. Forbes, William Garner, Floyd S. Hill, Carl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Leo Hopper, Henry W. Huetten, Arthur Junker, Charles Knaup, Albert Larson, Domenic Leonetti, John Mitchell, Otto Mowrey, Otto Nelson, Louis Regnier, Robert Riley, Fred A. Scholey, Edward Schmidt, George Stephenson, Peter Stoiber, Norbert Tyson, Elmer Williams, Clarence White, John J. Young, Fred Young, August Zura.

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**Employees' Mutual Saving Bldg. and
Loan Assn., to August Zura and wife;
property at 6339 Twelfth avenue.**

Real estate transfer – "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 5 Jun 1943 p 11

**Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Smith,
Jr., Sixtieth street, and Mr. and
Mrs. August Zura, Twelfth ave-
nue, have returned to their homes
after a trip to Sturgeon Bay, Wis.,
where they visited District Attor-
ney and Mrs. Edward G Minor and
the Latham Smith lodge.**

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**Mrs. George Matthes
Honored at Dinner**

Mr. and Mrs. August Zura entertained Saturday evening at their home on Twelfth avenue at a farewell dinner in honor of Mrs. George Matthes and family, who will leave tomorrow to live at Seattle, Wash. Eight guests were present.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 16 Jun 1947 p 5

Mark 30th Year For Company M

Thirty years ago this morning, Company M, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, marched through Kenosha to the railway station and embarked on a trip from which many never returned.

Company M was the first infantry unit to be furnished by Kenosha during the war, although a cavalry troop, later converted to an artillery battery under Capt. John S. Coney, had left previously. The company was recruited personally by its company commander, Captain Ed Dayton, after other recruiters had given up the attempt as impossible.

The company trained at Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, Camp MacArthur, Texas, and Camp Merritt, New Jersey, before beginning its eighteen months of combat service at the front in France. In addition to Capt. Dayton, it was staffed by Lieutenants Asbury H. Vale and Francis A. Singer.

Part of the company sailed to Europe on the liner Tuscania which was torpedoed and sunk en route. Cpl. Arthur Junker was lost in this action, one of Kenosha's first casualties.

Roster of Veterans

The final muster of the men who made up the Kenosha unit prior to its departure was released today by Capt. Dayton and is reprinted here as a tribute to their service.

1st/Sgt. Joseph Bartol, Mess Sgt. George R. Stephenson, Supply Sgt. Charles W. Soukup, Sergeants Lawrence J. Melbusch, Earl M. Lovejoy, John Murphy, Frank W. Pearson, Edward Wold, William S. Gallagher, Frank M. Lane, and Homer H. Hoffman; Corporals Arthur Junker, Ray W. Shore, William H. Seltrecht, George Prusynski, Floyd S. Hill, Frank S. Singer, Fred Orth, Hans T. Anderson, Joseph C. Mayer, Ray S. Coshun, Otto Mowrey, Berdeen Marsh, Henry Werner, Leo F. Hopper, Harry J. Davis, Fred Von Rembow, and John A. Mahoney; Cooks Victor Skogstad, Montencz Wojnicz, and Frank H. Tanking; Mechanics Albert L. Larsen and Joseph J. Felton; and Buglers Louis E. Regnier and William Anderson.

Privates Zygmant Adamnovich, Zenon Alkowitz, Alberta H. Anderson, Francis E. Anderson, Lynn Anderson, Dominick Angelo, William Ball, Adolf Bekisz, Joseph Bizunowicz, Ernest Bollon, Bruno Bombay, Albert Bonn, William A. Boutotte, Harold W. Bresnahan, Rollin Brooker, Christian Bunk.

Charles Bushman, Paul Bussa, Earl Butler, Gaitano Cammirire, Eli T. Chagnon, Stanley V. Chesley, Mike Cyzewski, Marcel Dudkowski, James Farrand, Arthur Frost, Harvey Earl, Lawrence Gargia, William L. Garner, John Gedraetis, Antonio Gepalla, Byron Gillmore, George Gillmore.

Tadeus Gostynski, Bruce S. Goulder, William Howard, Paul A. Heyer, Karl H. Hultenius, Rudolf A. Hultenius, Frank H. Hanna, Earl M. Harding, William L. Helm, Nestor Horropuchik, Wilbur Jacques, Adam Jacobs, Fred Jahnke, Antoni Jurenik, Peter Klepesky, Henry H. Kleist, Henry Knautz, Joseph Konon.

Frank Korelaski, Thomas Koraskik, Frank Koslowski, Christ J. Larsen, Harry Larsen, Arthur Larson, Curtis Lawrence, Fred M. Lawrence, Austin Lee, August Lemke, Racil C. Leonard, Dominic Leonetti, Peter Liskowski, Frank Lorenz, Michael J. McGinn, Mathias Metten, Maurice Meyer.

Fred Mitchell, John Mitchell, Stanley J. Mitchell, Otto Nelson, Michael J. Neubauer, Victor Novak, Dominic Parise, Anton Pemenko, Anton Perrone, Dominic Petracci, Pieter Pietrocco, Alex Puhalski, Joe Pulokas, Antony Rabey, Otto Romanik, Robert F. Riley, Wallie Ronzia, George Roskos.

Edward W. Schmidt, George Schunk, Arthur Schultz, Leonard J. Seiler, John Simowitz, John Simpson, Leo J. Sychalla, Adolf Staudenraus, Frank J. Stec, Peter Stoiber, Joe Sulzyski, Carl C. Teeter, Ralph Teeter, Albert J. Tekip, Hale R. Tolleth, John C. Tenant.

Norbert M. Tyson, Edward L. Van Lone, Mike Vidkos, Philip W. Unti, William Weiss, Hosea E. Wells, Roy Wernitz, Clarence White, Elmer Williams, Arthur Woodward, John J. Young, John Zapustcinski, August Zura.

116 Nash Vets Given Awards

One hundred sixteen more watches and clocks were presented to Nash Motors employees Thursday as the company continued its newly adopted policy of honoring long-time employees with service recognition awards. The watches and clocks, presented by E. W. Bernitt, works manager, went to those individuals who have been with the organization 30 or more years.

Those honored at ceremonies Thursday were: Louis W. Ancevic, Austin J. Anderson, Herbert Anderson, Maurizio Andreoni, Bernard G. Backe, Guiseppe Bartoletti, Victor H. Benson, Ben Bosman, James Bracegirdle, Herman Brelling, Peter Bronoske, Antonio G. Buratti, Alvin Christensen, George E. Colby, V. F. Delwiche, John F. Ditzkus, John Dowgwillo, Theodore Dreger, Charles Dubaniewicz, Gust Dyberg, Clinton E. Fay.

Rasmus Frederiksen, Dominic Galasero, Earnest W. Getschman, Henry P. Ghezzi, Roy A. Hansen, Fred E. Heller, Jack H. Henderson, Jr., Carl Holmgren, Frank J. Hornung, Edward Huetten, John P. Jechorek, Staphan Jeselunas, Anton E. Johnson, John T. Johnson, Richard H. Kaiser, Frederick A. Kalis, Victor Kelpah, John T. King, Daniel Klimek, Marinus N. Kloet, Charles A. Kopecki, Frank F. Kramer, Louis J. Kramer, Ferdinand Krampert, Evan Krans, Irene Kreuscher, Mike Kuchinsky, Stanley Kurasaki.

Others Honored

Xavier Kurjanowicz, Boleslaw P. Labedz, Jorgen N. Larsen, Samuel E. Lawell, Frank D. Ledanski, Myron C. Letsom, Joseph J. Lourigan, Edward J. Lynn, Frank J. Malhofer, Gustav Marschner, Frederick Mattern, Otto Mattner, Andrew Matweychik, Walter R. Maxwell, Maurice J. Meyer, Charles F. Miller, August Morelli, Leonard Morenus, Roger J. Murty, Joseph Musial, Nels C. Nelsen, Nils Nihlen, Edwald Norlander.

Dan O'Connors, Arthur J. Oechler, Henry B. Oechler, Alex Olzowski, William Oquist, Andrew Organista, Charles J. Petersen, Claus H. Peterson, Johan A. Peterson, Arthur Piccolo, Edward W. Pickos, Frank Pulera, George H. Reed, Anthony F. Robsel, Albert Ruben, Francesco Russo, Salvatore Russo, Gustav Schmitt, Fritz Seliaki.

Nazzereno Sirocchi, Frank Sobbo, Erick A. Soderberg, Roy Sorensen, Vincent S. Strang, Arthur F. Swartz, William Szikel, Peter Szymanski, George Tamosiunos, John W. Tennessen, Albert Tenuita, Frank Tess, William Timm, Michael Tomczak, Henry E. Tutas, Leonardo N. Valco, Cornelius Van Boven, Peter L. Vernizze, Joe Wabalickis, Sr., Joe Wisnauksis, Stanley J. Wojnicz, Lyman H. Worden, Boleslaw Woynilko, George E. Young, August Zura.

20 Survivors Of Tuscania In Kenosha

Thirty-six years ago tonight Corp. Arthur Junker became the first Kenosha soldier to die in World War I. He was one of about 35 Kenoshans aboard the HMS Tuscania when a German submarine sent it to the bottom.

Twenty of the ship's 2,100 survivors still live in Kenosha. Junker was one of 216 who lost their lives in the frigid waters of the North Channel between Scotland and Ireland.

The ship, a White Star liner before the war, was proceeding along the channel at dusk when the enemy torpedo struck amidship. The crippled craft remained afloat for two hours. British destroyers in the vicinity sped to the scene and pulled up next to the stricken ship to take off survivors directly.

Many of the ship's life boats were shattered by the blast. Most of those who managed to leave in the remaining boats were among the dead, killed when their light craft pounded to pieces on the rocks off the Scottish coast.

Organization Formed

Most of the Kenoshans aboard were members of Company B, 107th Supply Train. Others belonged to the other detached units carried on the ship.

After the war, an organization called the National Tuscania Survivors association was formed and annual conventions were held up to the time of World War II. At one time, 46 states were represented in the organization.

Fred Scholey, 7120 20th Ave., is now secretary of the group. But its mailing list has dwindled to about 100 from Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

The 20 survivors still living in Kenosha city-county include: Hans Anderson, 1810 61st St.; Claude H. Forbes, 4405 Wilson Rd.; William Garner, 6621 11th Ave.; Floyd S. Hill, 2556 Lincoln Rd.; Leo Hopper, 2214 91st St.; Henry Huettner, 6631 20th Ave.; Carl Hultenius, 7829 21st Ave.; his brother, Rudolph, 7311 16th Ave.; Charles Knaup, 3708 19th Ave.; John Mitchell; Otto Mowry, 7409 8th Ave.; Edward Regnier, 6910 16th Ave.; Scholey; Peter Stoiber, 1012 56th St.; Frank H. Tanking, 7524 14th Ave.; Norbert Tyson, 1701 61st St.; Fred Young, Springbrook Rd.; John J. Young, 7401 41st Ave.; Clarence White, Rt. 2, Kenosha; and August Zura, 3339 12th Ave.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 5 Feb 1954 p 8

New Tuscania List Compiled

An updating of Kenosha's list of S. S. Tuscania survivors was offered today by John J. Young, 7401 41st Ave.

Young was one of four Kenoshans who attended a reunion of the survivors of the World War I sinking of the British troopship at Milwaukee Cudworth American Legion Post clubhouse last week. Other Kenoshans who attended the meeting that marked the 40th anniversary of the tragedy were Hans Andersen, Claude Forbes and Otto Mowrey.

In the sinking of the ship in the north channel off the Irish coast on Feb. 5, 1918, 226 American soldiers lost their lives. In 1926, a group of the survivors formed the National Tuscania Survivors Association in a meeting at Milwaukee, and since that time reunions have been held on an annual basis.

In the meeting all officers of the association were re-elected. They are President Harry Livens, Milwaukee; Secretary-treasurer Edward T. Lauer, Wauwatosa; Historian Leo V. Zimmermann, Milwaukee, and Chaplain Harry Vanderburg, Mukwonago.

Young's new listing of the present Kenosha survivors of the disaster includes in addition to the four who attended the reunion: William L. Garner, Floyd S. Hill, Leo Hopper, Karl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Henry W. Huetten, Charles W. Knaup, John Mitchell, Louis E.

Regnier, Norbert M. Tyson, Frank H. Tanking, Fred Young and August Zura. Young pointed out that in the intervening years since the troopship was sunk by German torpedoes, many of the members of the association have died and many have moved away from this area. He said that he is interested in securing a complete listing of the known survivors.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 13 Feb 1958 p 11

August Zura, 6339 12th Ave., called police Sunday afternoon to report that someone smashed the rear window of his garage.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 3 Jan 1961 p 10

Tuscania Survivors To Hold Reunion

Survivors of the Tuscania, a British troopship sunk during World War II, will hold their 44th annual reunion Saturday in Milwaukee.

Forty-one Kenosha soldiers survived the sinking. Fifteen of them are known to be still residing in Kenosha.

The tragedy occurred Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland. Of the 2,156 American troops on board, 226 lost their lives. One of those who died was Arthur Junker, in whose memory Junker-Ball Post 1865 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is named. Junker was buried in Scotland.

The reunion will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Cudworth American Legion post in Milwaukee. Wisconsin soldiers aboard the Tuscania were members of the 32nd (Red Arrow) division.

Known survivors of the sinking who reside in Kenosha are: Hans Anderson, Claude H. Forbes, William L. Garner, Leo Hopper, Karl Hultenius, Rudolph Hultenius, Paul Bussa, Henry W. Huetten, Charles W. Kanup, Otto N. Mowrey, Louis E. Regnier, Frank H. Tanking, Fred Young, John J. Young and August Zura.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 1 Feb 1962 p 14

Wife Idella Mary Belongia

August Zura

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Name	August Zura
Marriage Date	15 Jul 1925
Marriage County	Oconto, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Idella Mary Bolongia

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"Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Thursday 16 Jul 1925 p 5

MARRY IN OCONTO.

Miss Idella Mary Belongia and August Zura Surprise Friends.

Miss Idella Mary Belongia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belongia of 1283 Oakland avenue, Kenosha, and August Zura, also of this city, were married Wednesday morning, July 15, at 8:00 o'clock, according to the announcement which came as a surprise to their friends today. The ceremony was performed at St. Peter's church, Oconto, Wis., where Mrs. Zura formerly made her home.

The bride wore a green traveling suit, with hat to match, and a corsage of sweet peas and roses. Her bridesmaid, Miss Eva Le May of Oconto, wore a tan suit, and carried a bouquet. William Le May, also of Oconto, was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Zura have returned to Kenosha and are making their home with the brides' parents, 1283 Oakland avenue.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 7 Aug 1925 p 4

Ladies of G. A. R. Hold Installation

Chaplain McCabe Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., held its annual installation of officers last evening in the memorial room of the courthouse. Mrs. Frances Coffeen, of Peebles, Wis., department president, was installing officer; Mrs. Josephine Dixon, installing conductress; Mrs. Florence King, installing musician.

The officers installed were: President, Mrs. Odessa Curran; senior vice, Mrs. Carrie Saunders; junior vice, Mrs. Margaret Small; treasurer, Mrs. Belle Murdick; secretary, Mrs. F. S. Marquissee; chaplain, Mrs. Hannah Wagner; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Laura Hammond; conductress, Mrs. Jessie Sorensen; assistant conductress, Clara Starck; guard, Mrs. Della Hurn; assistant guard, Mrs. Idella Zura; musician, Miss Mildred Jones.

Following the installation gifts were presented to the installing officers, and the past president presented the retiring officers with gifts. Luncheon was served at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John Millington, on Tenth avenue.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 13 Jan 1928 p 4

Ladies of G. A. R.—The Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold a bunco party at the home of Mrs. John Millington, 5504 10th avenue, at 8 p. m. tomorrow. Hostesses, Mmes. Fred Belongia and Gus Zura.

Idella Belongia Zura & mother Mrs. Fred Belongia host bunco party – "Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 22 Jun 1928 p 4

Mrs. Gus Zura, 5042 Seventeenth avenue spent the week-end in Chicago.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 20 Aug 1928 p 4

A large representation of members of Chaplin McCabe circle, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, attended a reception and banquet for the Wisconsin department president, Adeline Klatt, given by the latter's home group, the Julius Mueller circle, Milwaukee, in Milwaukee yesterday. Members of three other Milwaukee circles were present. Representatives from Madison, Antigo, Sheboygan and Beloit circles also attended. Kenosha representatives were: Mmes. A. R. Morehouse, Sr., E. E. Saunders, R. W. Wagner, Jennie Fairfield, Louise McCoy, Belle Murdick, Carrie Vollmer, Fred Belongia, A. Kueck, J. Hoper, G. Zura, C. Hammer, H. Small, M. Sorenson, L. Curran, M. Boyle, and F. S. Marquissee.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 19 Mar 1929 p 4

NOTICE—Mrs. August Zura now lives at 5126 24th Ave. Mr. Leo Rossa no longer lives at this address.

Idella leaves home – now resides at 5126 – 24th Ave. - "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 9 May 1929 p. 20

Divorce Ends 2 Marriages

Two Wives Get Divorces After Five Years of Alleged Cruelty

Five years of married life for two Kenosha couples were concluded Friday in circuit court when Judge E. B. Belden handed down divorces in each case.

Laura Girard, 48, was granted a divorce from Peter Girard, 46, and Idella Zura, 25, was granted a divorce from August Zura, 33.

Both wives charged cruel and inhuman treatment.

Laura and Peter Girard were married Sept. 16, 1925, at Escanaba, Mich. Subsequently they came to Kenosha. In May, 1930, they were separated.

Was Second Chance

Mrs. Girard alleged that Girard never supported her and compelled her to support him. She claimed that he spent all the money and was given to quarrelling with her.

A divorce was sought by Mrs. Girard once before, but at that time Girard promised to reform and the matter was dropped. However, the promise did not last long, she claimed.

Idella Zura and August Zura were married on July 15, 1925, at Oconto, Wis. They came here and separated on Feb. 22, 1930. Mrs. Zura then started an action for divorce on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 20 Sep 1930 p 7

A six o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Carey, of Wilmington, Calif., was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Belongia, 7732 Fifteenth avenue, yesterday evening. Mrs. Carl Hammar was assistant hostess.

In the evening a 500 party was given in honor of the visitors followed with a luncheon served at 11:30.

Present at the card party were Messrs. and Mmes. Minor Carey, Eugene Murdick, Barney Lapine, Carl Hammar, Fred Belongia; Mmes. Belle Murdick and Martin Sorenson, Miss Idella Belongia, and William Lehman.

Reverted to maiden name Belongia & attends party with future husband William Lehman -
 "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 6 Dec 1930 p 4

Ladies of G. A. R.—Social afternoon, home of Mrs. Myrtle Hansen, 2621 Roosevelt road, Thursday, 2:30 p. m. Mmes. Mary Grimmer, Josephine Dixon, Mildred Morehouse, Idella Belongia and Catherine Clegg, assisting hostesses. Bunco and cards.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 10 Oct 1931 p. 4

Mrs. Mary Lehmann Dies at Hospital

**Resident of Kenosha Since
1917 Taken by Death**

Mrs. Mary I. Lehmann, 35 years, wife of Wilbert J. Lehmann and a resident of Kenosha since 1917, residing on South Seventh avenue, passed away at St. Catherine's hospital this morning following a long illness.

She was born in Oconto, Wis., on Sept. 16, 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Belongia. She spent her early life and was educated in Oconto. She came to Kenosha with her family in 1917 and has made her home here since that time.

In October of 1931, she was united in marriage to Wilbert J. Lehmann. Mrs. Lehmann was a member of St. Marks Catholic church. She had been a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. for a number of years.

She is survived by her husband and by one son, Roger W. Lehmann, of Kenosha. She is also survived by her parents of Kenosha and by five brothers and two sisters: Felix of Nashville, Tenn., James, Lloyd and Roland Belongia of Kenosha, Wilbert Belongia in the U. S. service at Camp Livingston, Mrs. Henry Clark of Kenosha and Mrs. Andrew Wickstrom of Kenosha.

Obituary of Mary Idella Belongia Zura Lehmann - "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 20 Jun 1942 p 7 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/596116883/>.

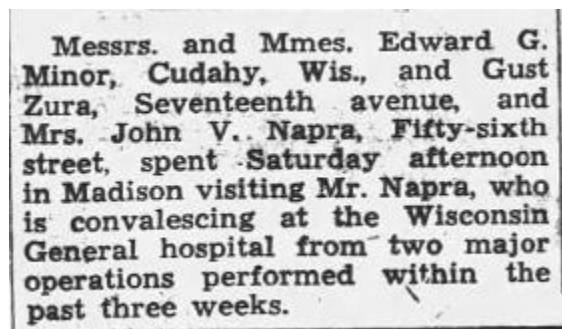
Wife Emily Napra Gregorin

August Zura

in the Indiana, U.S., Marriages, 1810-2001

Name	August Zura
Gender	Male
Event Type	Marriage Registration (Marriage)
Marriage Date	9 Jun 1934
Marriage Place	Indiana, United States
Spouse	Emily Gregorin
Page	396
FHL Film Number	002416329

August Zura married Emily Napra Gregorin on 9 Jun 1934 in Indiana -
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Messrs. and Mmes. Edward G. Minor, Cudahy, Wis., and Gust Zura, Seventeenth avenue, and Mrs. John V. Napra, Fifty-sixth street, spent Saturday afternoon in Madison visiting Mr. Napra, who is convalescing at the Wisconsin General hospital from two major operations performed within the past three weeks.

“Kenosha (WI) News” Monday 20 Sep 1937 p 4

John Napra, III Long Time, Dies

Succumbs at Hospital; Funeral Rites Monday

John Vincient Napra, 71 years, and a resident of 5042 Seventeenth avenue, died at the Kenosha hospital Friday morning following a prolonged illness. He was the son of the late Albert and Frances Napra, and was born in Pozan, Poland, on July 19, 1870. At the age of eight years he came to America, and resided in New York for one year, then came to Milwaukee for 36 years, and the balance of his life was spent in Kenosha.

He formerly was employed at the Nash-Kelvinator Corp., and for 10 years was employed at the Frost Manufacturing company, as a moulder until 1929 when he retired due to ill health.

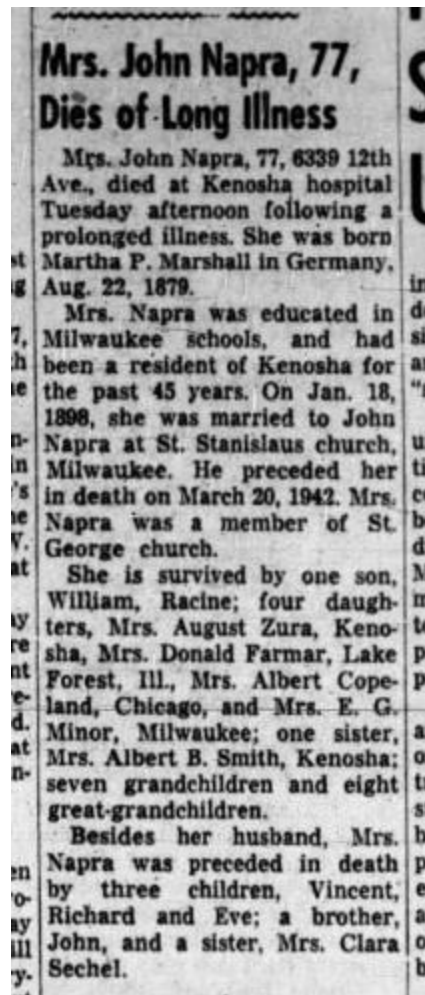
He was a member of the Holy Name society of St. Casimir church.

On January 18, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Marshall at St. Stanislaus church, Milwaukee.

Surviving are his widow, and four daughters, one son: Mrs. August Zura, and Mrs. Donald Farmar, both of Kenosha, Mrs. Albert Copeland, of Chicago, Mrs. E. G. Minor, Milwaukee, and William of Racine, and seven grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers and two sisters, William and Joseph Napra, both Milwaukee; Mrs. Anna Goynia and Mrs. Nettie Topalski, both of Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by three children, Vincent, Richard, and Eve, and three sisters and four brothers.

The deceased was a private of Company D of the Sixth Regiment Infantry of the U. S. Army,

Death of father-in-law John Vincent Napra - "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 21 Mar 1942 p



Death of mother-in-law Martha Marshall Napra – “Kenosha (WI) News” Wednesday 22 May 1957 p 8

Valentine Gregorin

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Name	Valentine Gregorin
Death Date	5 Apr 1930
Death County	Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA

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Valentine Gregorin

in the U.S., Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (Indexed in World Archives Project)

G 626	
Family name Gregorin	Given name or names Valentine
Address 673 Elm St;	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) 2166742-Vol.15- "P" 3076	Kenosha-Wis
Country of birth or allegiance Jugo-Slavia	Title and location of court Wis. Circuit Court-Kenosha
Date and port of arrival in U. S. March 6-1907 New York	When born (or age) Feb. 12-1890
Names and addresses of witnesses George F. Cudahy Joseph Radowk	Date of naturalization June 15-1925
	714 Adams St. 116 Bronson St.
U. S. Department of Labor Immigration and Naturalization Service Form No. 1 IP	

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4199197:1629>

Mrs. Val Gregorian Entertains for Sister

Mrs. Valentine Gregorian, 911 Forty-fifth street, entertained at her home yesterday afternoon at a surprise shower in honor of Mrs. Donald Farmer, 1903 Sixtieth street.

The afternoon was spent at bunco and at 5 o'clock, an elaborate luncheon was served to the following guests: the Mmes. George Matthews, Edward Koos, John Napra, Bert Smith, Donald Farmer, Val Gregorian and Miss L. C. Smith and Mrs. Edward Minor of Cudahy, Wis.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 11 Apr 1920 p 4

ing.
Edward Minor, city attorney of Cudahy, Wis., in company with his wife who was formerly Miss Florence Matra of Kenosha, left today for Washington, D. C. after spending a few days in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Gregorin, 911 Forty-fifth street.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 17 Apr 1928 p 4

Brass Worker Drops Dead, a Heart Victim

Valentine Gregorian Drops Dead in Bakery Shop Visiting Wife

Having the day off, Valentine Gregorian, 40, of 911 Forty-fifth street, went to visit his wife, who is employed at the Foth Bakery, 4404 Sheridan road, and upon entering the place at 8:05 a. m. today dropped dead, a victim of a sudden heart attack.

Gregorian was employed at the Anaconda Wire and Cable company as foreman of the die making department. Although he had been ailing for some time with heart trouble, he was believed to be in good health.

For some time he had complained that he felt a burning sensation in his chest, and later had had an X-ray taken. He had been under the care of a local physician, and had also consulted a Milwaukee specialist.

Walter Foth, operator of the bakery, summoned Dr. C. H. Gephart, who called Coroner A. B. Schmitz. The coroner went to the scene at once and started an investigation.

Make Investigation

Facts in the case were to be laid before District Attorney Morris Barnett today. Whether an inquest will be held has not been given out thus far.

Gregorian walked to the bakery shop in which his wife is employed with his accustomed vigor. So far as has been known, he was suffering no illness, this morning.

He walked into the bakery and talked for a short time before suddenly reeling, and falling.

He came to Kenosha some years ago from Waukegan. On April 21, 1924, he was employed by the American Brass company. His service with this company was reported to be excellent.

On April 1, 1929, he was transferred to the Anaconda Wire and Cable company, and given charge of the die-making department. He was well known in both the American Brass company and the Anaconda company, and was very well thought of. His death was a severe shock to his many friends and associates today.

Born in Jugo-Slavia

Valentine Gregorian was born at Lyback, Jugo-Slavia on February 12, 1890. He came to America a little more than 24 years ago, and for some time lived at Chicago.

Later he removed to Waukegan with his family and then to Kenosha, where he was employed by the American Brass company.

He is survived by his wife, Emily, and one son, Robert, 12.

The remains were removed to the Mischler Funeral home, and will be taken to the late home tonight, where friends may view the body.

Definite announcements as to the funeral had not been made at noon today. An announcement of funeral plans will be made later.

Obituary

Funeral services for Valentine Gregoin will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the home, 911 Forty-fifth street, and at 9:00 o'clock at St. George church. Burial will be in St. James cemetery.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 7 Apr 1930 p 7

Mrs. Emily Zura

Mrs. Emily Zura, 83, 6339 12th Ave., died Saturday at Kenosha Memorial Hospital.

Born June 29, 1898 in Milwaukee, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. (Martha Marshall) Napra. She came to Kenosha as a young woman.

In 1916, she married Valentine Gregorin in Kenosha. He preceded her in death in 1932. She married August Zura on June 9, 1934 at St. George Church. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1971.

She was a housewife and a member of St. George Catholic Church and the Kenosha Senior Citizens.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Richard C. Gregorin, and a daughter, Mrs. R. Lowell (Mary Lee) Nelson, both of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, William Napra, Racine, and a sister, Mrs. Adeline Farmer, Seattle.

She was preceded in death by a son, Maj. Robert R. Gregorin and by two sisters, Mrs. Al (Helen) Copeland and Mrs. Edward (Florence) Minor.

Obituary of Emily Napra Gregorian Zura - "Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 17 Aug 1981 p 7

Stepson:

four days.
Robert R. Gregorin has returned after spending the week-end with his mother, Mrs. August Zura, Seventeenth avenue. Mr. Gregorin, who has been stationed at Selfridge Field, Mich., was recently appointed a sergeant with the 94th Pursuit Squadron, and on Sunday was given the appointment of lieutenant with the U. S. Army's Second Infantry at Fort Custer.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 30 Dec 1940 p 4

Engagement Told At Birthday Party

At a party in celebration of her father's birthday, the engagement of Miss Virginia Chiappetta to Lieut. Robert Gregorin was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chiappetta, of 1704 Fiftieth street, recently.

About 50 guests were present for the occasion, many of them from Cudahy, Chicago, and Elmwood, Park, Ill. The announcement folders carrying the news of the engagement were arranged as place cards on the table.

Lieut. Gregorin, a former member of the U. S. army air corps, is the son of Mrs. August Zura, 5042 Seventeenth avenue. He is now stationed in the Second Infantry at Fort Custer, Mich. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Engagement of Robert Gregorin to Virginia Chiappetta – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 2
Dec 1941 p 4

Robert Gregorin Made Army Captain

First Lt. Robert R. Gregorin, son of Mrs. August Zura, 6339 Twelfth avenue, has been promoted to the rank of captain somewhere in Ireland it was reported here today.

Gregorin has been in service over five years, enlisting on Sept. 6, 1938. He has been overseas the last two years, being stationed in Iceland and England before being transferred to his present base. He was formerly with Eddie Rickenbacker's squad. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Martha Napra.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 29 Jan 1944 p 5

Bronze Stars Awarded To Five More Kenoshans

Announcement has been received in Kenosha of the awarding of Bronze Star medals to five more local soldiers. They are:

Capt. Robert R. Gregorin, son of Mrs. August Zura, 6339 Twelfth avenue;

Cpl. Harvey A. Robbins, son of Mrs. Rebecca Robbins, 1003 Forty-third street;

T/4 Harold M. Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dougherty, 1900 Sixty-third street;

Pfc. Leonard F. Williams, son of Mrs. Mary Williams, 1032 Forty-third street.

1st Sgt. Walter C. Peterson, son

of Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson, 2703 Twenty-third street.

Now home on a 36-day leave, after which he will report to Campbell, Ky., Capt. Gregorin received his award for operations in Metz as commanding officer of an anti-tank company which improvised means of getting guns across the Moselle river. He was overseas for 41 months in Iceland, England, Ireland, Normandy, Northern France, Germany, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, and Austria. His ETO ribbon holds five battle stars. He also holds the combat infantryman

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badge, the American theater and American Defense ribbons.

Cpl. Robbins, a marine, got his award for "heroic achievement in connection with operations on Iwo Jima". He aided his wounded group leader, and removed him to safety to administer first aid, thereby aiding to save the officer's life. Cpl. Robbins, overseas for 19 months, has been wounded twice, once on Saipan in June, 1944, and the second time in Iwo Jima in March of this year.

Shortly after he entered service four years ago, T/4 Dougherty went overseas. His decoration is for "meritorious service" as a member of the "red arrow" division. A motor mechanic, he has served in the Pacific, seeing action in New Guinea and the Philippines. At present he is enroute home to receive his discharge under the demobilization plan. He has more than the required 85 points.

No citations accompanied the word of the awards made to Pfc. Williams and 1st Sgt. Peterson. Both are home on furloughs prior to getting new assignments. They each hold five battle stars in their European theater ribbon. Williams also wears the good conduct medal and the infantryman's combat badge.

Misspells Gregorin as Gregorire - "Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 23 Jul 1945 p 1 & p 7

Father?

DIED FROM CANCER

**Yam Zura, Well Known Foreigner of
the City, Died at His Home Sunday**

Yam Zura, one of the well known foreign residents of the city, died at his home on North Maple street early Sunday morning after a short illness from cancer of the stomach. The deceased was thirty-nine years of age and was a native of Austria. He had resided in Kenosha for a number of years. The widow is the sole surviving member of the family. The funeral services over the remains will be held at St. George church at nine o'clock Tuesday morning with interment at St. George cemetery.

Obituary of YAN Zura – error: they had 3 sons & a daughter at the time who are not mentioned - “Kenosha (WI) News” Monday 23 Sep 1907 p 1

02418	
1. Full name of deceased,	Yan Zura
2. Maiden name (if wife or widow),	
3. Color and sex,	white - male
4. Race,	white
5. Occupation of deceased,	laborer
6. Age (years, months and days),	39 yrs.
7. Name of father,	Jernity Zura
8. Birthplace of father,	Austria
9. Name of mother,	Verula
10. Birthplace of mother,	Austria
11. Birthplace of deceased,	Austria
12. Date of birth of deceased,	1868
13. Condition (single, married, widowed, or divorced),	married
14. Name of wife or husband of deceased,	Agnis Alex
15. Date of death,	Sept. 22nd 1907
16. Cause of death, (Primary, Secondary),	exhaustion carcinoma of stomach
17. Duration of disease,	one year
18. Place of death,	1877 Maple St
19. Residence at time of death,	Kenosha
20. Was deceased ever a U. S. soldier or sailor?	no.
21. Name of physician, coroner or justice,	J. B. Spalding
22. Residence of such person,	Kenosha, Wis.
23. Name of undertaker or other person conducting burial,	Thomas Hansen
24. No. and date of burial permit,	74 - Sept. 22nd 1907
25. Place of burial,	St. George Cemetery
26. Date of certificate,	Sept. 22nd 1907
27. Date of registration,	Sept. 30th 1907
28. Other important facts not related,	

Yan Zura

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Death Records, 1959-2004

Name	Yan Zura
Death Date	22 Sep 1907
Death County	Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA
Father	Kenosha

WI death record of father Yan Zura (1868-1907) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2835219:61483?tid=&pid=&queryId=8e52fbc54ab6ab83c41e8ece1f09e6d&_phsrc=cPx164&_phstart=successSource

Mother:

Mrs. Agnes Zerjav, 80, Dies at Algoma

Mrs. Agnes Zerjav, 80, Algoma, Wis., died Wednesday evening at the Memorial Hospital there following a 23-day illness.

She was born Agnes Alexa on Oct. 20, 1877 in Austria, and came to Kenosha at the age of 29. She had been residing with a son in Algoma for the past year.

Mrs. Zerjav was a member of

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the Slevanian National Benefit Society and St. George's Church.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, John Zura in 1906, Joseph Penza in 1927, and Joseph Zerjav, March 21, 1944; a son, John Zura; and a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Kleist.

Survivors are three sons, August Zura and Louis Zura, both of Kenosha; Joseph J. Penza, Algoma; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

obituary of mother Agnes Alexa Zura Penza Zerjav – death dates of 2 husbands are incorrect - "Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 7 Mar 1958 p 8, continued p. 14:

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	Austrian	Slovenian	Leena	Milwaukee	Wisc.	
	"	"	M. Kreutz	Kenosha	Wisc.	
134	"	husband John	Zura	Milwaukee	Wisc.	Redsh 386
5-6	"	friend Mikaly	Lempert	Kenosha	Wisc.	

New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957 for Iqnes Zura

Date > 1904 > July > 24 > Moltke

Name	Agnes Zura
Gender	weiblich (Female)
Ethnicity/Nationality	Österreich (Austrian)
Marital Status	ledig (Single)
Departure Age	26
Birth Date	abt 1878
Residence Place	Luena
Departure Date	14 Juli 1904
Departure Place	Hamburg, Deutschland (Germany)
Arrival Place	Dover; Boulogne; New York
Ship Name	Moltke
Shipping Clerk	Hamburg-Amerika Linie (Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft)
Shipping Line	Hamburg-Amerika Linie (Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft)
Ship Type	Dampfschiff
Ship Flag	Deutschland
Accommodation	Zwischendeck
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Stepfather Joseph Penza

Joseph Penza, 62

An illness of three years' duration ended in death Sunday morning for Joseph Penza, 62, at the home, 5042 Seventeenth avenue. His condition had been critical for the past two months and death was not unexpected.

The deceased was born in Austria October 15, 1866, coming to America twenty-six years ago and he had lived here ever since that time. He worked for the N. R. Allen Sons Tannery for a score of years.

Mr. Penza is survived by his wife, Mrs. Agnes Penza, and one son, Joseph, Jr.; four stepchildren, John, August, of Kenosha, Louis Zura of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Claude Beckham, Chicago, and one brother, John Penza, Kenosha. Two brothers and two sisters, Frank and Anthony and Mary and Theresa, survive in Austria.

The body will be at the home until Wednesday morning when it will be taken to St. George church for services at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in the family plot in St. George cemetery.

Obituary of stepfather Joseph Penza Sr. (1866 -1928) – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 16 Oct 1928 p 7

Josef Penza

in the U.S., Naturalization Record Indexes, 1791-1992 (Indexed in World Archives Project)

Name	Josef Penza
Naturalization Age	46
Record Type	Naturalization
Birth Date	16 Dec 1866
Birth Place	Austria
Year of Arrival	1902
Naturalization Date	13 Oct 1913
Court District	Wisconsin

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Family name Penza	Given name or names Josef
Address 71 N. Pleasant St., Kenosha, Wis.	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) 351066 Vol. 4 P-396	Title and location of court Circuit Court, Kenosha, Wis.
Country of birth or allegiance Austria	When born (or age) Dec. 16, 1866
Date and port of arrival in U. S. May 14, 1902, New York	Date of naturalization Oct. 13, 1913
Names and addresses of witnesses	
Louis Robsel,	460 Grand Ave.
Geo. M. Bach,	R. #35, Kenosha, Wis.
U. S. Department of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Form No. 1 IP	

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Funeral of Joseph Penza was held this morning at St. George church. Interment was made in the St. George cemetery.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 17 Oct 1928 p 7

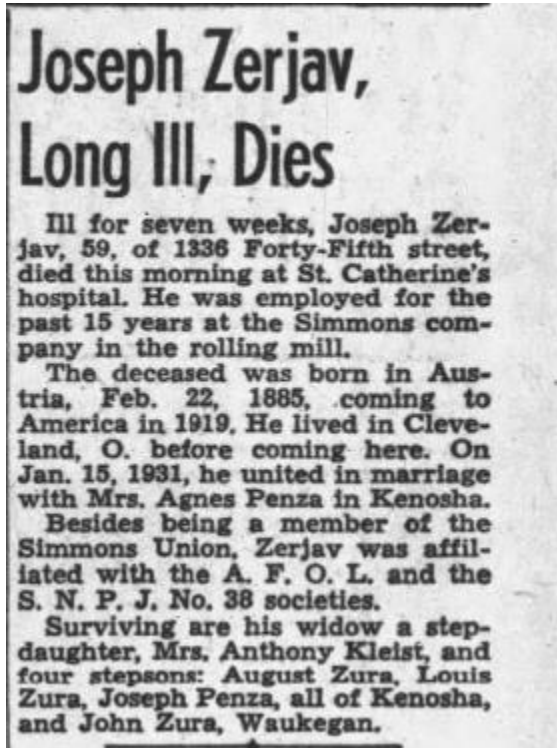
Joseph Penza, 5042 Seventeenth avenue, was arrested by police Wednesday for operating a car without a 1932 license. He was ordered to appear in court.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 2 Jun 1932 p 7

STATE OF WISCONSIN — COUNTY COURT—KENOSHA COUNTY
 In the matter of the estate of Joseph Penza, also known as Joseph Benza, deceased.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that at a term of said court to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 1933, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the courthouse in the city of Kenosha, in said county, there will be heard and considered:
 The application of Agnes Penza Jeryav for the probate of the will of Joseph Penza, also known as Joseph Benza, deceased, and for the appointment of an executrix of the estate of said Joseph Penza, also known as Joseph Benza, deceased, late of the city of Kenosha, in said county;
 Notice is further given that all claims against the said Joseph Penza, also known as Joseph Benza, deceased, late of the city of Kenosha, in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, must be presented to said county court at Kenosha, in said county, on or before the 2nd day of January, 1934, or be barred; and that all such claims and demands will be examined and adjusted at a term of said court to be held at the courthouse in the city of Kenosha, in said county, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1934, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.
 Dated August 2, 1933.
 By order of the court,
ROBERT V. BAKER,
 Judge.
CLARENCE J. FISHER,
 Attorney. (Aug. 2, 10, 17, 24)

Joseph Benza AKA Joseph Benza – "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 3 Aug 1933 p 9

Stepfather Joseph Zerjav:



Obituary of stepfather Joseph Zerjav – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 21 Mar 1944 p 7

Siblings:

U 752 John (nominal) Zura

920 So. Utica ST Waukegan Lake Illinois

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none

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Austria

Mrs Olga Zura (wife) 920 So Utica ST Waukegan

Johnson Motors Waukegan Lake Ill

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 4-1-42)

16-21630-9

John Zura

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5'5"	160	Sallow
Negro			Light
Oriental			Ruddy
Indian			Dark
Filipino			Freckled
			Light brown
			Dark brown
			Black

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.

none

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

None to my knowledge

Local Board No. 1 687 Waukegan City

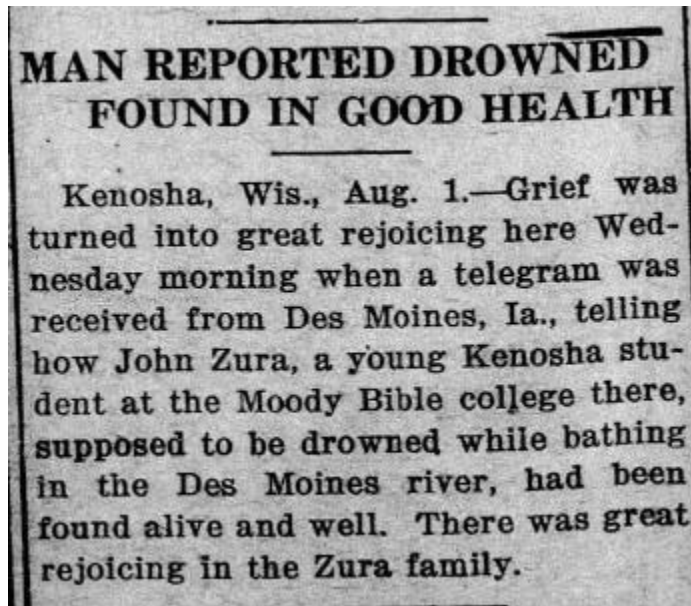
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220 N. Sheridan Road Waukegan, Ill.

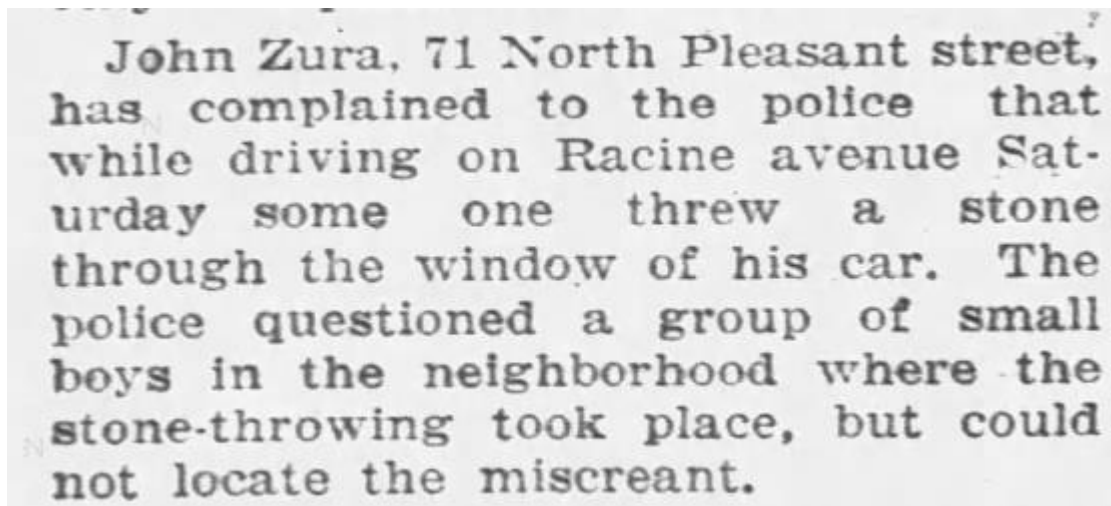
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WWII draft registration of brother John Zura (1895-) -
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Brother John Zura (1895-1956) - "Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 9 Aug 1917 p 9



John Zura – "Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 17 May 1926 p 7

John Zura, 71 N. Pleasant street, arrested by Police Officers O'Hare and Reynolds on the charge of violating the arterial highway ordinance by failing to observe the traffic signal at the intersection of Sheridan road and Prairie avenue Sunday at 6:30 p. m., left \$10 bonds and directed the court officer to plead guilty for him.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 14 Jun 1926 p 7

The three days old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zura, 5042 Seventeenth avenue, died early this morning at the Kenosha hospital. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning with burial in the St. George cemetery.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Friday 17 Jun 1927 p 7

To Mr. and Mrs. John Zura, 5042 Seveeneenth avenue, a daughter, Dolores Mae, at their home, April 14.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 16 Apr 1929 p 4

John F Zura

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

Name	John F Zura
Gender	Male
Spouse	Olga Cuzzi
Child	Dolores May Zura

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/627397160:60901>

Agnes Penza Zerjav to Agnes Kleszewski; property at 5126 Twenty-fourth avenue.
 Agnes Penza Zerjav to Dolores Mae Zura, et al; property at 1336 Forty-fifth street.
 Agnes Penza Zerjav to John Zura; property at 5024 Seventeenth avenue.

Transfer of property from Agnes Penza Zerjav to daughter Agnes, granddaughter Delores (John's daughter) & son John – "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 11 Jan 1947 p 8

John R. Zura, Waukegan, was fined \$25 and costs in Municipal court last night for speeding 68 miles an hour in a 50 mile zone on Hy. 32. He was picked up by radar crew Donald Kreth, Harry Mason and Hardy Schmalfeldt Thursday.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 14 Apr 1956 p 5

**INTRODUCING
 71 NEWCOMERS
 TO KENOSHA...**

**Mrs. Olga Zura
 Waukegan, Ill.**

"Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 29 Jan 1968 p 26

John Zura, 60, of 920 S. Utica st., Waukegan, was killed last night by a Waukegan-North Chicago Transit company bus at Genesee and 9th sts., Waukegan. Zura, employed by Johnson Motors, Waukegan, was the first traffic fatality in 1956 in Waukegan. Raymond Hall, 31, of 819 Lincoln st., Waukegan, the bus driver, told police Zura "loomed up suddenly" in front of the bus. Hall was not held.

John died when, as a pedestrian, he was hit by a Waukegan-North Chicago Transit Co. bus
– "Chicago Tribune" Saturday 4 Feb 1956 p 31

STATE OF WISCONSIN — KENOSHA
COUNTY COURT — IN PROBATE
In the matter of the estate of John
Zura, deceased.
File No. 30998
**ORDER APPOINTING TIME TO HEAR
PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION
AND HEIRSHIP AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS**
A petition having been filed, repre-
senting that John Zura, late of the City
of Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, died
intestate, and praying that Letters of
Administration be granted, and for de-
termination and adjudication of heirship;
It is ordered:
That said petition be heard, at a term
of Court at the Courthouse in the City
of Kenosha, County of Kenosha, State
of Wisconsin, commencing on the 4th day
of November, 1958, at the opening of
Court on that day or as soon thereafter
as said petition can be heard;
That the time within which creditors
of the deceased shall present claims
against such estate for examination and
allowance is hereby fixed and limited
up to and including the 13th day of Janu-
ary, 1959;
That all claims against the deceased
be examined and adjusted by the Court
on the 20th day of January, 1959, at the
opening of Court on that day, or as soon
thereafter as the matter can be heard;
That notice thereof be given by publi-
cation of this Order for three consecu-
tive weeks, once in each week, in Ken-
osha Evening News, the first publication
to be within fifteen days from the date
hereof; and by mailing a copy of this
Order to every interested person whose
post office address is known or can
with reasonable diligence be ascertained,
at least twenty days before the hearing
or proceeding.
Dated October 3, 1958.
By the Court,
s/HAROLD M. BODE, County Judge
SAMUEL B. LOIZZO, Attorney
Union Club Building
Kenosha, Wisconsin
(Oct. 4, 11, 18)

Probate of John Zura's estate, who died intestate (without a will) – "Kenosha (WI) News"
Saturday 4 Oct 1958 p 10

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) JOHN ZURA			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) 9-20-17		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) 9-15-23		12. EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW (Star of David) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
4. SERVICE NO. 104-93-68		5. PENSION OR VA CLAIM NO. None		13. CHECK TYPE REQUIRED <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT MARBLE MARKER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT GRANITE MARKER <input type="checkbox"/> FLAT BRONZE MARKER	
6. STATE Wis Illinois		7. GRADE S 1/c		8. MEDALS	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP U.S. Navy				14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) Buckley Rd & St. Marys Ascension Cemetery Libertyville, Ill.	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 11-17-95		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 2-3-56		15. FREIGHT STATION Libertyville, Illinois	
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED MAR 9 - 1956 VERIFIED 9 APR 1956 B/L WY 4965318 ORDERED				16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Ascension Cemetery Libertyville, Illinois	
17. I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 4/9/56				18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Olga Elvira Zura 920 South Utica St. Waukegan, Ill	
19. I certify this application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. by agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.				SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT [Signature] DATE 2-27-56	

QMG FORM 646 REPLACES QMG FORM 623, 8 FEB 49 WHICH MAY BE USED

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Name	Olga Zura
Gender	Female
Ethnicity/ Nationality	Croatian
Marital Status	Married
Age	23
Birth Date	abt 1897
Birth Place	Jugoslavia, Yugoslavia
Other Birth Place	Spalat
Last Known Residence	Spalate, S. H. S
Departure Port	Trieste
Arrival Date	29 Apr 1920
Arrival Port	New York, New York, USA
Residence Place	Shs
Final Destination	Konosha, Wisconsin
Years in US	No
Citizenship Intention	No
Height	4 Feet, 2 Inches
Hair Color	Dark
Eye Color	Dark
Complexion	Fair
Money in Possession	50
Person in Old Country	Rosa Cuzzi
Person in Old Country Relationship	Mother
Person in Old Country Residence	S. H. S-Spalate
Person in US	Agnes Penca
Mother	Rosa Cuzzi
Ship Name	Belvedere

John's wife Ola Cuzzi Zura sailed from Trieste on 29 Apr 1929 aboard "Belvedere"
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Olga Zura

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name	Olga Zura
Social Security Number	347-24-5406
Birth Date	27 May 1896
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Illinois
Last Benefit	60085, Waukegan, Lake, Illinois, USA
Death Date	Jan 1980

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Sister Agnes

Woman, 47, Is Suicide Victim

Mrs. Agnes Kleszewski, 47, 5126 Twenty-fourth avenue, was found dead in the living room of her home Thursday afternoon by her mother, Mrs. Agnes Zerjav. The woman, a beauty shop operator, had taken her own life by slashing one wrist with a kitchen knife.

Deputy Coroner Jay B. Glerum said the death was "suicide." He reported Mrs. Kleszewski had been troubled over matters for some time and her despondency had led her to end her own life. The woman left a note addressed to members of the family.

Born in Austria

She was born in Rudolswert, Austria, on June 29, 1900, the daughter of John and Agnes Olefa Zura. At the age of 13 she traveled to the United States and resided in Kenosha since. She was educated in the St. George school.

On June 29, 1935, her birthday, she was united in marriage with Anthony Kleszewski at Chicago.

Mrs. Kleszewski was a member of the Christian Mothers Society of St. George church. She is survived by her husband and four brothers, Louis and August Zura of Kenosha, Joseph Penza of Algoma, Wis., and John Zura of Waukegan. Her mother also survives. She is preceded in death by her father, John.

Sister Agnes Zura Kleeszewski (Kleist) committed suicide at her home & was found by her mother - "Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 5 Jul 1947 p 5

Beauty Culture Society Meets

**Members Hold Dinner Meeting at
Y. M. C. A. Monday
Evening**

Senator Conrad Shearer, Assemblyman-elect Alfred Grosvenor and George Mahoney addressed members of the Kenosha Society of Beauty Culturists at their dinner meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last evening.

A legislative bill to raise the standards of the beauty profession and safe-guard the public was read and explained by George T. Phillips, state president, and Mrs. Hilda Kaufman, the state secretary.

In the absence of the local president, Miss Ann Drapp, Mrs. Hilda Kaufman, vice-president, presided during the business session. Mr. Phillips introduced the speakers.

Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Schaut; Mmes. Mat Wade, Prudence Fischer, Erna Rothering, Lillian Thompson, Loretta DeSantis, Grace Barnes, Donella Phillips, Phyllis Novelen, Margaret Culbertson, Estela Lasco, J. Battcher and Nina May Leach; the Misses Charlotte McGill, Francis Drapp, Agnes Beckham, Ruth Hamsing, Marie Evers and Nathalie McGraw and Neil Johnson.

As Agnes Zura Beckham – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 13 Dec 1932 p 7

*We take great pleasure
in announcing*

Miss Agnes Beckham
has rejoined Our Staff

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we shall give
a Shampoo with Finger Waves for
Fifty Cents

5th Avenue Beauty Shop
5950 Fifth Avenue Phone 5351

Miss Agnes Beckham was Mrs. Agnes Zura Beckham – “Kenosha (WI) News” Saturday 20
Jul 1935 p 4

RUDWELL BEAUTY SHOP

formerly Nathalie's, wishes to announce that
Agnes Kleist of the Fifth Ave. Beauty Shop
has joined our staff of operators, which in-
cludes: Nathalie McGraw, Jane Thompson,
Florence Bowers, June De Nio, and Loretta
Rudwell, manager.

5510 - 6th Ave. Phone 5453

“Kenosha (WI) News” Thursday 27 Nov 1941 p 4



Find A Grave 102091169

Anthony Kleszewski

Anthony B. Kleszewski, 89, 4012 14th Ave., died Tuesday (May 31, 1994) at Woodstock Health and Rehabilitation Center.



The son of the late Anthoni Kleszewski and Anna (Rutkowski) Kleszewski, he was born on Aug. 21, 1904, in Kenosha and attended local schools.

On July 3, 1947, he married Agnes Zura in Kenosha. She preceded him in death.

Before retiring in 1969, he was employed as a butcher for A&P Stores for more than 30 years.

He was a member of St. Casimir Catholic Church and Meat Cutters Local 1444.

Survivors include two brothers, Eddie and John (Kleist), both of Kenosha, and two sisters, Helen Bentkowski and Lottie Apanasewicz, Kenosha.

He also was preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Chester, Alex and Stanley, and a sister, Mary.

The Piasecki Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Agnes Zura's husband Anthony Kleszewski (not the spelling used on his tombstone) – Agnes DIED on 3 Jul 1947; that is not the date of their marriage – “Kenosha (WI) News” Thursday 2 Jun 1994 p 4

In the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Wisconsin:

In the Matter of Anthony Kleszewski, Junior, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

To the creditors of Anthony Kleszewski, Junior, of Kenosha, in the County of Kenosha, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice Is Hereby Given, that on March 9, 1938, the said Anthony Kleszewski, Junior, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned Referee, 441 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin, on Apr. 2, 1938, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated Mar. 21, 1938.

MILTON J. KNOBLOCK,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

(Mar. 23)

“Kenosha (WI) News” Wednesday 23 Mar 1938 p 23

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Brother Louis Zura

Louis Zura, Age 58, Found Dead at Home

Louis Zura, 58, 1519 60th St., died Sunday evening at his home following a short illness. Results of an autopsy performed earlier were not available today. Zura had been under the care of a physician.

Born in Austria, Sept. 16, 1900, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Zura. On Jan. 20, 1934, he married Stella Zieles who died on March 25, 1952.

A Kenosha resident for the past 55 years, Zura had formerly been employed by American Motors. He retired five years ago.

Survivors are a son, Robert, with the U. S. Air Force in England; and two brothers, August, Kenosha; and Joseph Penza, Algoma, Wis. He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Zura, and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Kleist.

Obituary of Louis Zura (1900-1959) – "Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 18 Jun 1959 p 10

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)					
SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER	
T 1226	Louis	(None)	Zura	T 10,832	
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)					
5409-24th Avenue - Kenosha - Wisconsin					
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]					
3. MAILING ADDRESS					
Same					
[Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same]					
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS		6. PLACE OF BIRTH		
None	39		Lochno		
DATE OF BIRTH		(Town or county)			
		Austria-Hungary			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS					
Agnes-Zerjan-2613-23rd Avenue - Kenosha Wisconsin					
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS					
unemployed					
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS					

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-2

Louis Zura
(Registrant's signature)

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5' 8"		160		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	✓
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel	✓	Brown	✓	Freckled	
		Brown		Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Ta-Too-on-left-arm-"gypsy-girl"

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

None

Stihua Peterson
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board *No. 2 Kenosha Wisconsin*
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *February 14th 1942*

WWII draft registration of Louis Zura – does not include birthdate -

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Charles Milkent is serving thirty days for theft of a motor meter. So is Louis Zura. Albert Kupinski is serving sixty days for theft of a ring and \$16 in cash.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 9 Jan 1923 p 7

Louis Zura, 75 North Pleasant street, arrested by Officer Rohde Friday for going 45 miles an hour on Milan road, was fined \$20 and costs.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 26 Apr 1924 p 7

Another accident was reported when a street car, Louis Zura, 5042 Seventeenth avenue, motorman, struck a car driven by Mrs. J. E. Blakeslee, Racine, at Fifty-sixth street and Eighth avenue Wednesday. No one was injured.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 25 Apr 1929 p 7

Returns Home, Tries Suicide

Kenoshan Drinks Poison After Return from Year's Absence

A few days after he returned to his home in Kenosha after a year's unexplained absence, Louis Zura, 27, Sunday night attempted to end his life by drinking a solution of lye.

Today, attendants at the Kenosha hospital reported that his condition was satisfactory. He will recover, unless unexpected complications develop, Dr. C. E. Pechous, his physician, said.

Zura was found lying along Sheridan road, a mile and a half south of the city limits at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night. He was suffering intense agony when picked up and rushed to the hospital in a sheriff's car.

Returned Last Week

Zura, who resides at 5042 Seventeenth avenue, returned to Kenosha last week after having been away for a year. He was out of funds, sheriff's officers were told.

Sunday morning, Zura asked a sister to let him have a quarter. It is believed he used that money to purchase the poison. He walked south along Sheridan road Sunday night and was about a mile and a half from the city when he swallowed the solution.

Dr. Pechous reported that his throat, tongue and mouth were badly burned. Zura told hospital attendants he had taken a solution of lye, but contents of the stomach are being analyzed.

Deputy Sheriffs Billups Browne and James Marshall took Zura to the hospital after being summoned to the scene.

Attempted suicide of Louis Zura, after a year's unexplained absence – "Kenosha (WI) News" Monday 2 Nov 1931 p 1

Martin Marzola, 2101 Fifty-seventh street, and Louis Zura, Kenosha, joined the visitors at the Kenosha county jail for a five-day stay today. Both were sent to jail by Judge Calvin Stewart after their arrest last night by police for intoxication. George Krenwinkle, 53, 7419 Twenty-sixth avenue, who was arrested with Zura, was turned over to the relief department where he is receiving city aid.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 11 Mar 1933 p 5

Marriage Licenses

Louis Zura, 5012 Seventeenth avenue, and Miss Stella Rose Zielis, 5134 Eighteenth avenue.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Wednesday 10 Jan 1934 p 4

Louis Zura, 46, 5042 17th Ave., was arrested at 3 a.m. today by Patrolmen Melvin Knox and Lawrence Glerum on a charge of disorderly conduct on his wife's complaint. The patrolmen said Zura threw fruit into the back yard of his residence during an argument.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Saturday 28 Aug 1948 p 5

Louis Zura, 47, 5042 17th Ave., forfeited \$15 bond in municipal court this morning. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 11 Oct 1949 p 7

Mrs. Louis Zura, 41, Dies of Short Illness

Mrs. Louis Zura, 41, 2418 56th St., died at the Kenosha Hospital this morning following a short illness. She was born Stella Zieles in Kenosha, June 15, 1910, and received her education in St. Peter's School and the Vocational School. On Jan. 20, 1934, she married Louis Zura in St. Peter's Church. She was a member of St. Peter's Church and the St. Peter's Catholic League.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Robert, Kenosha; her father, Joseph Zieles, Kenosha; a brother and a sister, Frank and Mrs. Louis Wedelikes, both of Kenosha. She was preceded in death by her mother, Nellie, in 1946.

Obituary of Louis's wife Stella Zieles Zura – "Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 25 Mar 1952 p 7

Louis Zura, 53, 1519 60th St., entered a plea of innocent in municipal court today to a charge of assault against an 80-year-old man. Zura, police said, reportedly struck Wasil Begal, same address, with Begal's cane, inflicting a severe laceration on the right side of the elderly man's head last night. Zura's hearing is set for July 14. Bond of \$25 was ordered.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Tuesday 14 Jun 1955 p 8

ZURA—Funeral services for the late Louis Zura, of 1519 60th St., will be held on Saturday morning, June 20, at 10:00 o'clock at Mischler's Home For Funerals. Interment in St. George's Cemetery. Rosary services Friday evening at 7:30. Friends may call at Mischler's after five o'clock Friday afternoon.

"Kenosha (WI) News" Thursday 18 Jun 1959 p 34

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Half-brother Joseph John Penza

Joseph J. Penza

Joseph J. Penza, 64, 823 Fourth St., Algoma, died Thursday afternoon in a local hospital after a very short illness. Mr. Penza, who was

born Feb. 10, 1913, in Kenosha, was a retired boilermaker and a member of Local 107. He married the former Viola Sell in Appleton on Dec. 28, 1947.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Lloyd Kirchman, Algoma; four daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Eleanor) Bohman; Mrs. John (Violet) McCosky; Mrs. Delmar (Florence) Weber; and Shirley Kirchman, all of Algoma; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Haucke-Schinderle Funeral Home, Algoma, from 3 p.m. today until 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Funeral 11 a.m., Saturday, St. Mary Catholic Church, Algoma, the Rev. Richard Kleiber officiating. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Algoma.

Obituary of half-brother Joseph John Penza – "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 11 Mar 1977 p 26

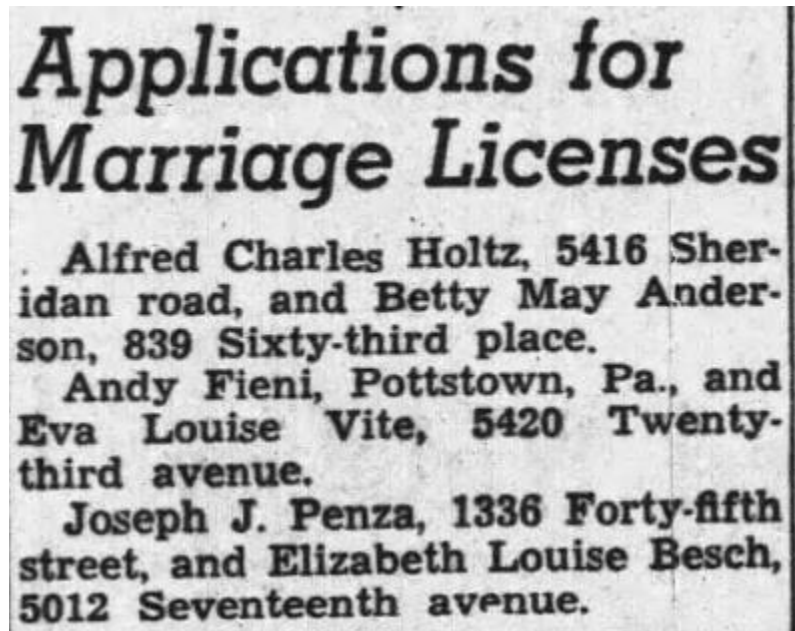
Elizabeth Besch Bride Saturday

In a ceremony Saturday afternoon at St. George parsonage, Miss Elizabeth Louise Besch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Besch, 5012 Seventeenth avenue, repeated her nuptial vows to Joseph J. Penza, son of Mrs. Agnes Penza, 1336 Forty-fifth street. The Rev. Edgar J. Braun read the nuptial service at 5:30 o'clock.

The bride wore a two-piece dress of powder blue with which she wore a corsage of white orchids and gray snakeskin accessories. Her father gave her in marriage. Mrs. Lyle Ball, sister of the bride, wearing a navy blue dress with dusty pink accessories, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaid, Mrs. Anthony Kleist, sister of the bridegroom, wore a dusty pink with navy accessories. Both attendants carried roses.

Lyle Ball was best man and Anthony Kleist also attended the bridegroom. Buffet luncheon was served at the reception held at Berger's hall in the evening, after which Mr. and Mrs. Penza left for Chicago. They will be at home this week at 1336 Forty-fifth street. He is employed at Nash, and she is a former employe of the Frost company.

Marriage of half-brother Joseph J. Penza to Elizabeth Louise Besch – “Kenosha (WI) News”
Monday 19 Mar 1945 p 4



“Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 27 Feb 1945 p 4

Ousts Constable, Holds Off Nine Policemen Before Being Taken

KENOSHA, Wis. — (AP) — Joseph J. Penza, 32, who barricaded himself in his home Friday night and held off nine policemen for an hour after ousting the constable seeking to serve a divorce order, was given the alternative of a \$100 fine or a 60-day jail term in municipal court Saturday on a charge of malicious destruction of property. In addition, Penza faced prosecution on charges of resisting an officer.

The complaint alleged that while police attempted in vain to enter the house, Penza wrecked furniture and tore up his wife's clothing. Police finally gained entrance when Penza asked for his mother, Mrs. Agnes Zerjab, whom he admitted accompanied by Police Capt. Matt J. Kirsch.

Constable Gene Tully said the trouble started when he went to the Penza house Friday night to serve divorce papers. Tully said Penza hit him in the mouth and chased him from the house, then ousted Mrs. Penza, her father, August Besch, and her brother, William. Tully summoned the police.

Mrs. Penza said her marriage to Penza took place five months ago.

Divorce 5 months after wedding – “La Crosse (WI) Tribune” Saturday 18 Aug 1945 p 6

Job Loss, Divorce Suit Too Much for Kenoshan

KENOSHA, Wis.—(U.P.)—It was too much for Joseph Penza, 32, when he came home last night after losing his factory job and was served with a divorce suit by his bride of five months.

Authorities were called on a complaint that Penza had barricaded himself in his home and was wrecking the new furniture there. Police were called by Penza's father-in-law, who reported that Penza was chasing his bride with a butcher knife.

Nine officers surrounded the house and were ready to fill it with tear gas when Penza's mother arrived. As he opened the door to admit her, Police Capt. M. J. Kirsch slipped into the house behind her and grabbed Penza.

“Racine (WI) Journal Times” Friday 17 Aug 1945 p 14

Barricades Home, Resists 9 Policemen

Kenosha, Wis., (AP)—Joseph J. Penza, 32, who barricaded himself in his home last night and held off nine policemen for an hour after ousting a constable seeking to serve a divorce order, was given the alternative of a \$100 fine or a 60-day jail term in municipal court today on a charge of malicious destruction of property. In addition, Penza faced prosecution on charges of resisting an officer.

Divorce order resisted – 5 months after wedding – “Chippewa Herald-Telegram” (Chippewa Falls WI) Saturday 18 Aug 1945 p 3

Mrs. August Besch, 82, Dies at Hospital

Mrs. August C. Besch, 82, 5012 17th Ave., died this morning at the Kenosha hospital following a long illness. Born Anna W. Schroeder in Germany, March 14, 1872, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder, she married August C. Besch on Aug. 13, 1897. They came to Salem Township in 1900 and to Kenosha in 1923.

In addition to her husband, survivors are three sons and two daughters, William C., Fred E., and Miss Elizabeth Besch, all of Kenosha; Paul C., Mundelein, Ill.; Mrs. L. E. Baugh, Chicago; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Ella Gross.

Elilzabeth Besch had reverted to her maiden name when her mother died – “Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 7 Dec 1954 p 8

Elizabeth Besch, Walter Clausen Wed at St. Luke

A Washington, D. C. honeymoon is being enjoyed this week by Miss Elizabeth Louise Besch and Walter Burdette Clausen who exchanged nuptial vows at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Marcus Schwartz officiated at the candlelight service uniting the son of Mrs. John Clausen, 7853 38th Ave., and Miss Besch, 7938 18th Ave. Yellow gladioli and palms decorated the church, while Miss Evelyn Hill, a niece of the bridegroom, sang.

The bride, dressed in a powder blue Italian lace afternoon dress, was given in marriage by her brother, William Besch, and attended by Miss Esther Clausen, sister of the bridegroom, maid of honor, and Miss Bonita Schiller, bridesmaid. Miss Besch carried a bouquet of roses and lily of the valley with blue accessories and a hat with a small veil.

Her aides, Miss Clausen and Miss Schiller, wore dusty rose and avocado green Italian lace afternoon dresses. Miss Clausen's accessories were dusty rose and she carried a bouquet of roses and pink and rose carnations. Miss Schiller wore beige accessories and carried yellow roses and chrysanthemums.

Best man was Paul C. Besch, brother of the bride. Groomsman was Albert W. Anderson, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, while ushers included Fred Nyberg and Clarence Yonk.

A reception for 500 guests followed the ceremony at Swedish-American Hall. Miss Barbara Baugh, Chicago, and Mrs. Frank Bouse, Kenosha, poured.

After their honeymoon, the couple will be at home at 7853 38th Ave. The bride is a former employe of the Simmons Co.; Mr. Clausen is a general contractor in Kenosha.

Remarriage of Elizabeth Louise Besch on 7 Jun 1958 in Kenosha, Kenosha WI to Walter Burdette Clausen – note the bride wears a powder blue outfit for her 2nd wedding as she did for her 1st to Joseph Penza – “Kenosha (WI) News” Wednesday 11 Jun 1958 p 8

CLAUSEN—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Besch Clausen, of 7853 38th Ave., will be held on Thursday, June 13th at 2:00 p.m. from the First Congregational Church. Interment following in Sunset Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hansen Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday until Thursday morning when the late Mrs. Clausen will be taken to church to lie in state until service time. Memorials will be accepted for the First Congregational Church. Ample parking area in rear of funeral home.

Obituary of Elizabeth Louise Besch Penza Clausen – “Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 11 Jun 1963 p 20

Mrs. Walter Clausen dies at age of 55

Mrs. Walter B. Clausen, 55, 7853 38th Ave., died at Kenosha Memorial Hospital Monday night following a short illness.

She was born Elizabeth (Betty) Besch in Salem on March 15, 1908, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. August Besch. She spent her early life and attended school in Salem and came to Kenosha to make her home in 1922.

On June 7, 1958, she married Walter B. Clausen. She had been employed at the Simmons Co. for 10 years prior to her retirement six years ago. She was a member of the First Congregational church.

Survivors besides her husband are two brothers, William C. Besch, Kenosha, and Paul C. Besch, Mundelein, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. L. E. (Ann) Baugh, Chicago. She was preceded in death by one brother, Frederick Besch, in October, 1961, and by one sister, Mrs. Ella Gross, in July, 1941.

Obituary of Elizabeth Louise Besch Penza Clausen – “Kenosha (WI) News” Tuesday 11 Jun 1963 p 8

Walter Clausen

Walter B. Clausen, 64, 3806 79th St., died at St. Catherine's Hospital Saturday morning following a long illness.

Born in Pleasant Prairie Township on Nov. 1, 1906, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Clausen. He was educated in the schools of Pleasant Prairie and was a lifelong resident in this area.

Mr. Clausen was self-employed as a builder and contractor in Kenosha for many years. Prior to this he was employed at Anaconda American Brass Co.

On July 11, 1964, at St. Therese Church, he married Eva Jones.

He was a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and Carpenter's Local 161.

Survivors, besides his wife, include two stepdaughters, Mrs. William (Anita) Hutson, Merrillville, Ind., and Mrs. Leon (Beverly) Niederkorn, Tacoma, Wash.

Other survivors are a brother, Ernest, Pleasant Prairie; four sisters, Mrs. Albert (Mabel) Anderson, Woodworth, Wis., Mrs. Charles (Clara) Schiller and Mrs. Cecil (Lillian) Hill, both of Pleasant Prairie; and Esther B. Clausen, also of Woodworth, and eight grandchildren.

Three brothers, Edward, Victor and George, preceded him in death.

Obituary of Elizabeth Besch's 2nd husband, Walter Burdette Clausen – “Kenosha (WI) News” Monday 10 May 1971 p 16

Joseph J. Penza

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

Name	Joseph J. Penza
Marriage Date	28 Dec 1946
Marriage County	Outagamie, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Viola Kirchman

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SERIAL NUMBER 721		I. NAME (PRINT) Joseph John Penza (First) (Middle) (Last)		ORDER NUMBER 694
2. ADDRESS (Print) 410 Cass St., LaCrosse, Wis. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE 2056-J (Exchange) (Number)	4. AGE IN YEARS 27 DATE OF BIRTH Feb. 10, 1913 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Kenosha (Town or county) Wisconsin (State or country)	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U. S. A.	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. A. B. Kleist (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON sister	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 5126 - 24 th Ave. Kenosha Wis. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Fuel Economy Engineering Co.				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Minneapolis, Minn. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD
D. S. S. Form 1 (over) 16-17105

Joseph J. Penza
(Registrant's signature)

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	✓	5-11		170		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	
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		Brown		Black		Light brown	✓
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
		green ✓		Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Sevise M. Deano
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for _____
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration *Oct. 16, 1940*

LOCAL BOARD No. 1
ROOM 214, POST OFFICE BLDG.
LA CROSSE
LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

WWII draft registration, noting half-sister Agnes Zura "Kleist" as his next-of-kin -

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Joseph Penza

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Records, 1812-1921

Name	Joseph Penza
Birth Date	10 Feb 1913
Birth County	Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA
Mother Residence County	Kenosha

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/383595:61482>

Picket Boiler Installation Job At Port Edwards

PORT EDWARDS—Twenty-four boilermakers and two hoisting engineers refused to cross a picket line set up this morning against the Combustion Engineering Co., New York, which is installing a boiler in the Port Edwards mill of Nekoosa-Edwards Paper Co.

Joseph J. Penza, Algoma, steward of Boilermakers Union Local 107, said employees of the New York firm are "out on strike on erection jobs all over the country."

The dispute, he said, involves union demands for fringe benefits and a cost-of-living bonus at the firm's fabricating plant in Chattanooga, Tenn.


The two pickets appearing in Port Edwards this morning are employees of the Chattanooga plant, but the men employed on the installation project here are Wisconsin residents, according to Penza.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Wednesday 29 Aug 1962 p 5

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Coordinates:  45°48'N 15°10'E

Country	 Slovenia
Traditional region	Lower Carniola
Statistical region	Southeast Slovenia
Municipality	Novo Mesto
Founded	7 April 1365 as <i>Rudolfswerde</i>
Founded by	Rudolf IV of Austria

Current Novo Mesto, on the Krka River, in the country of Slovenia – August's birthplace of Rudolfswerth, then in Austria -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novo_Mesto#/media/File:Novo_mesto_-_letalski_posnetek.jpg

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: August Zura

Name variations: nicknames: Gus, Gust

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. B - private

Serial number: 251,059

Entered service from: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: August Zura

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Agnes Penca, 71 N. Pleasant St., Kenosha WI
[actually Penza]

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: August Zura

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Agnes Penca [sic/Penza], 71 N. Pleasant St., Kenosha WI (PFC, Co. B, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917):

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 5042 - 17th Ave., Kenosha WI - 1955 WI

Survivors: 6339 - 12th Ave., Kenosha WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as August Zura – b. 29 Jul 1897 Austria Hungary; res: 5042 – 17th Ave., Kenosha, Kenosha WI. NOK Emily Zura, same address. Employed at Nash Kelvinator Corp., Kenosha WI. Height: 5'6" – 158 lbs.Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 15 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: 71 N. Pleasant St., Kenosha WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Casual Detachment, 2 Training Battalion, 161st Depot BrigadeBirth & death:

Born: 29 Jul 1897 Rudolfswerth, Austria or Russia or Austria Hungary – and apparently now called Novo Mesto in the country of Slovenia

Died: 19 Aug 1971 Kenosha, Kenosha WI (in Kenosha Memorial Hospital, after long illness)

Find A Grave record: 259397520 (created 8 Sep 2023) – presence on Tuscania indicated in text – also on BillionGraves 5623793 – location also in obituary: "Kenosha (WI) News" 19 Aug 1971 p 32

Burial location: Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Cemetery: St. James

Tombstone: veteran flat: Co B 107 Supply Train - also on regular tombstone

Father: Yan [John/Johann] Zura, 1868 Austria – 22 Sep 1907 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Son of Zernitz & Urzula Zura, both b. Austria. Died of “exhaustion / carcinoma of stomach.” Buried in St. George Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI but not on Find A Grave as of 8 Sep 2023.
Find A Grave:

Mother: Agnes Alexa {Alex}/Olefa Zura Penza Zerjav, 20 Oct 1877 Austria – 5 Mar 1958 Algoma, Kewaunee WI (at the home of son Joseph Penza). Agnes (indexed as Ignis) Zura, age 26, born Austria, married & Stepelin (spelling?) Zur, 24, born Austria, single (sex cannot be deciphered) sailed on “Moltke” from Hamburg, Germany, on 14 Jul 1904. She was of Slovenian ethnicity, had resided in “Locna” & was heading to her husband Johann Zura in Milwaukee WI, while Stepelin was heading to Kenosha WI. Came to Kenosha WI at age 29. Preceded in death by 3 husbands: John Zura (d. 1907), Joseph Penza (d. 1928) & Joseph Zerjav (d. 1944) – and son John Zura – and daughter Mrs. Agnes Kleist.
Find A Grave:
Parents’ marriage:

Stepfather: Joseph (Josef) Penza Sr., 15 Oct 1866 Austria – 14 Oct 1928 Kenosha, Kenosha WI (at his home, 5042 – 17th Ave.). Emigrated to the US 26 years prior to his death (ca. 1902). Employed at N.R. Allen Sons Tannery for many years. His legal probate proceedings reported he was also known as Joseph BENZA. Buried in St. George Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI but not on Find A Grave as of 8 Sep 2023.
Stepfather’s Find A Grave:
Stepfather’s marriage:

Stepfather: Joseph Zerjav, 22 Feb 1885 Austria – 21 Mar 1944 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Emigrated to the US in 1919, living in Cincinnati OH before moving to Kenosha WI.
Stepfather’s Find A Grave:
Stepfather’s marriage:

Spouse: Mary Idella Belongia Zura Lehmann, 16 Sep 1906 – 20 Jun 1942.
Daughter of Alfred “Fred” Belongia (1874-1962, F: 176550044) & Alvina Christine Lamay (1884-1967, F: 176550011]
After her divorce from August Zura, she reverted to her maiden name of Belongia.
Married Oct 1931 to Wilbert Johannes Lehmann (1906-1977, F: 171258719). Their son was Roger Wilbert Lehmann (9 Jul 1933 Kenosha WI – 8 Aug 1023 Kenosha WI), obituary in “Kenosha (WI) News” 11 Aug 2013 p 4.
Following Mary’s death, her widower Wilbert J. Lehmann married in 1948 to Clara Makouske Jessen.
Buried as Mary A. Lehmann in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI.
Spouse Find A Grave: 171258697

Marriage: 15 Jul 1925 Oconto, Oconto WI. Separated 22 Feb 1930. Divorce action begun by Mary, charging cruel & inhuman treatment; divorced granted Sep 1930.

Spouse: Emily Napra Gregorin Zura, 26 Jun 1898 Austria (now Yugoslavia) or 29 Jun 1898 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI – 15 Aug 1981 Kenosha, Kenosha WI (Kenosha Memorial Hospital).

Daughter of John Vincent Napra (F: 102091507] & Martha P. Marshall (1879-1957, F: 102091508).

Her birth surname is also found as NAPIERALSKI, and therefore may have been shortened. In 1916, Emily Napra married Valentine Gregorin in Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Valentine was born 12 Feb 1889 Lyback, Yugoslavia [then Austria] [according to his WWI draft registration; he died 5 Apr 1930 in Kenosha Co. WI. Valentine had entered the bakery where Emily worked at 8:05 a.m. & dropped dead. [Emily's obituary incorrectly states his death year as 1932.] Valentine is buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI but is not on Find A Grave as of 8 Sep 2023.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 9 Jun 1934 in Kenosha, Kenosha WI. According to her obituary, the couple married at St. George Church, Kenosha, Kenosha WI but Indiana records indicate they married on that day in the state of Indiana..

Children:

Stepchild: from marriage of 2nd wife, Emily Napra, to Valentine Gregorin/Gregorian

- Robert Richard Gregorin, 27 Oct 1917 WI – 2 Aug 1981 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Major in US Army. Buried St. George Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 145527630

Siblings:

- Louis Zura, 16 Sep 1900 Austria – 14 Jun 1959 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. His birthdate conflicts with that of his sister Agnes's – too close. According to his obituary, had lived in Kenosha WI for 55 years (ca. 1904). – His birthplace is reported as Lochno, Austria, a place name that also appears in his mother's emigration record & his brothers August & John's emigration record. In Nov 1931, Louis returns to Kenosha WI after a year's unexplained absence & attempts suicide by drinking poison. Married 20 Jan 1934 in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Kenosha, Kenosha WI to Stella Rose Zieles, b. 15 Jun 1910 Kenosha, Kenosha WI who died 25 Mar 1952 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. Employee of American Motors, retiring 5 years before his death. A resident of Kansas City MO in Oct 1928 when his stepfather Joseph Penza Sr. died.
- Agnes Zura Beckham Kleist/Kleszewski/Kleszczewski, 29 Jun 1900 Rudolfswert, Austria - 3 Jul 1947 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. This birthdate conflicts with that of her brother Louis's – too close together. Based on census data, she seems more likely to have been born in 1901/1902/1903. According to her obituary, she came to the US at age 13 (ca. 1913). – She is listed as Mrs. Claude Beckham of Chicago IL in her

stepfather Joseph Penza Sr.'s Oct 1928 obituary. She resides in Kenosha, Kenosha WI as of Dec 1932 & Nov 1935 as Agnes Beckham. – Wife of Anthony Kleszewski (also known as Kleist), whom she married on 29 Jun 1935 (her birthday) in Chicago, Cook IL. He was born 21 Jul 1904 & died 31 May 1994 & is buried with Agnes. – In the 1940 census for Kenosha, Kenosha WI, Anthony Kleszewski (36 WI), a meat cutter, retail grocer & merchant, resided with the same house they lived in during 1935 – 5126 – 24th Ave. – with wife Agnes (37 Austria), a beautician at a beauty shop. - She committed suicide at her home (5126 – 24th Avenue, Kenosha WI); her body was found in her living room by her mother, Mrs. Agnes Zerjav. She was a beauty shop operator. She slashed one wrist with a kitchen knife & left a note for her family. She had been troubled and left a note for her family. – Although she & her husband sometimes use the surname Kleist, and their obituaries use Kleszewski, they are buried as Kleszczewski in St. Casimir Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 102091168

- John Zura, 17 Nov 1895 Sajonomethi, Austria [cannot locate this city, reported on his WWII draft registration] or in Hungary – 3 Feb 1956 Waukegan, Lake IL. In Aug 1917, it is reported that John drowned in the Des Moines River at Des Moines, Polk IA. The article says John had lived in Kenosha, Kenosha WI for 6 years (ca. 1911), employed at the Simmons Co., but had gone to study at Boone [or Moody] Bible College in Des Moines IA to improve his English, having been born in Austria. His mother Agnes Penca & his brother August, at Army drill with Co. M, are notified of his death in one telegram, and then that he was alive in a second message. – Married Olga Elvira Cuzzi (27 May 1896 Yugoslavia – Jan 1980, a resident of Waukegan, Lake IL), apparently in Europe, as she emigrated as Olga Zura, heading to her husband. They have a daughter Dolores May & a daughter Gloria Zura Traper, as well as a son, John. – Ola Zura, age 23, b. Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia in 1929 spelling) sailed on “Belvedere” from Trieste, Italy, on 29 Apr 1929. She was Croatian; her mother was Rosa Cuzzi. Her citizenship is listed as S.H.S.-Spalate, which seems to be Split, Croatia, in 2023 terms. She was heading to her mother-in-law Agnes Penca on Pleasant St., Kenosha WI. - In the 1923 Kenosha WI city directory, John (who is in the US Navy) lives with wife Olga at 71 N. Pleasant. John served in the US Navy from 20 Sep 1917 to 15 Sep 1923 & was a sergeant 1st class. - In the 1940 census for Waukegan, Lake IL, John (43 Hungary), a laborer on a WPA project, lives with wife Olga (42 Yugoslavia) & children Dolores (10 WI), Gloria (6 IL) & John (2 IL). – John died as a pedestrian who was hit by the front of a Waukegan-North Chicago Transit Co. bus in Waukegan, Lake IL. - According to his veteran tombstone application, he is buried in Ascension Catholic Cemetery, Libertyville, Lake IL. His daughter Gloria Terlap (1932-1997) is also buried there.

Half-brother: son of his mother Agnes by her 2nd husband, Joseph Penza Sr.

- Joseph John Penza, 10 Feb 1913 Kenosha, Kenosha WI – 10 Mar 1977 Green Bay, Brown WI. – Married 17 Mar 1945 in St. George Catholic Church, Kenosha, Kenosha WI to Elizabeth Louise Besch (15 Mar 1908-10 Jun 1963, F: 180249188). She was the daughter of August Besch (F: 180528504) & Anna Schroeder (F: 180528503). After 5

months of marriage, Joseph loses his job and when a constable arrives to serve with a divorce order from Elizabeth, he throws the constable out of their house, destroys furniture & his wife's clothing, chases her around their house with a kitchen knife & holds 9 constables at bay for an hour, who then decide they should use tear gas. He asks to see his mother, Alice Penza, and she enters, the police officer slips behind her & grabs Joseph. Elizabeth reverts to her maiden surname & marries Walter Burdette Clausen (1906-1971, F: 123086133) on 7 Jun 1958 in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. She is buried as Elizabeth Clausen in Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, Kenosha, Kenosha WI, F: 180249188 - Married 28 Dec 1946 to Viola Sell Kirchman (1896-1983, F: 92459544) in Kewaunee Co. WI. She was the daughter of Johann Carl Albert Sell & Wilhelmine Caroline Ulrike Radue & was 1st married, in 1914, to William Henry Kirchman (1890-1944). Joseph Penza & Viola Kirchman married 10 Jan 1947 in Appleton, Outagamie WI. Joseph is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Algoma, Kewaunee WI. F: 92460374

Notes:

Pre-war:

According to his obituary, August emigrated at age 19 (ca. 1916). According to the 1920 census, he emigrated in 1910. According to the 1930 census, he emigrated in 1913. According to his declaration of his intention to become a citizen (dated 4 Jun 1917, in Kenosha WI Circuit Court), he emigrated to the US from Le Havre, France, aboard "La Provence" – departing on 19 Nov 1911. His birthplace was Rudolphswort, Austria; he resided at 71 N. Pleasant St., Kenosha WI.

According to the ship's passenger roster, August Zura (age 16) & Johann Zura (age 14) were heading to Kenosha WI (with Kenosha misspelled as Keneocka or Kenoscha in 2 places), to Mrs. Agnes Penca, 71 Jay. But both their names are "crossed through." His nationality (citizenship) was Austrian; his "race/people" Slovenian. They are from Lochno, Austria.

August & John are listed in the 1916 Kenosha WI city directory residing at 71 N. Pleasant. August is a mounter & John is a laborer.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 396-01-3290

Censuses:

1920 Kenosha, Kenosha WI

Joseph Penza, 52 Volenjsko Russia, parents b. Volenjsko, Russia; speaks German; naturalized 1912, emigrated 1903, naturalized 1912, tannery laborer

Agnes Penza, 41 Volenjsko, Russia; parents b. Volenjsko, Russia, emigrated 1904, naturalized [wife]

August Zura, 22 Russia, emigrated 1910, naturalized 1912, auto factory laborer [stepson]

Joseph Penza, 7 WI [son]

Agnes Zura, 20 Russia, emigrated 1910 [stepdaughter]

[August's and Agnes's parents both born Volenjsko, Russia - this is now Slovenia]

1930 Kenosha, Kenosha WI - 5042 - 17th Avenue - the age at 1st marriage questions were obviously answered incorrectly

Joe ZURA [but this should read Zerjav], 45 Austria, parents b. Austria, speaks German, emigration information unknown, age 45 at 1st marriage, foundry [August's stepfather Joseph Zerjav]

Agnes, 50 Hungaria, parents b. Hungaria, speaks Germany, age 50 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1903, naturalized [wife]

August Zura, 32 Austria, parents b. Hungaria, married, age 25 at 1st marriage, laborer, auto factory, WWI veteran [son]

Agnes Zura, 29 Austria, parents b. Hungaria, divorced, emigrated in 1914, naturalized, hairdresser, beauty salon [daughter]

Louis Zura, 27 Austria, single, emigrated 1915, naturalized, laborer, brass mill [son]

Joe Zura 17 WI, parents b. Austria/Hungaria, single [son - this is Joe Penza]

The previous census entry: also 5042 - 17th Ave.:

John Zura, 34 Hungaria, age 24 at 1st marriage, laborer, wrench factory, WWI veteran

Alga, 28 Austria, age 18 at 1st marriage

Delores, 4 months WI

1940 Kenosha, Kenosha WI - 5042 - 17th Ave. - same place in 1935

August Zura, 42 Austria, assembler, motor car company

Emily, 41 WI

1950 Kenosha, Kenosha WI - 6339 - 12th

August Zura, 52 Austria, sander, automobile manufacturer

Emilie, 51 WI

& mother-in-law Martha Napra, 71 Germany