

TUSCANIA

Capodice, Joseph Allen
1888 IL – 1971 IL



nue.
One's Mother Has Died.
If Private Joseph A. Capodice of the One Hundredth aero squadron is still alive, sad news awaits him. Three weeks ago he told his father and mother good-by at their home, at 6637 Evans avenue. Since then the mother has died. The father has heard nothing from him since the sinking of the Tuscania.

*Joseph August Capodice – "Chicago Tribune" 9 Feb 1918 p 3 -
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Jo...Ayf Cap?dici
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Detail	Source
Name	Jo...Ayf Cap?dici
Birth Date	19 Mar 1888
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Ethnicity	American
Race	White
Father	Agusto Cap?dici
Mother	Hany Lulicichia Cap?dici
FHL Film Number	1287874

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Capodice
 Joseph A. Capodice, beloved husband of Ella Fusco Capodice; dear brother of Ella Strassner, the late Anthony, Martin and Salvatore Capodice and Rose La Mantla. Visitation after 7 p. m. Wednesday. Funeral Friday, 9:45 a. m., from the Sheehy Funeral Home, 10727 S. Pulaski Rd., to St. Bede the Venerable Church. Mass 10:30 a. m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, kindly make contributions to the Villa Scalabrini, Northlake, Ill. ST 3-7700.

"Chicago Tribune" Wednesday 28 Apr 1971 p 36

5-17-77 MS

CAPODICE JOSEPH AUGUST
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 Born 3/19/88
 Enl 10/3/17 Dis 6/29/19

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Life:

2 THE DAYTON SUNDAY NEWS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1918

AMERICAN BOYS RESCUED WHEN TUSCANIA WAS TORPEDOED

Thomas A. Coker, Robe, Texas.
 William W. Cooper, Spokane, Wash.
 Joseph A. Capodice, 667 Evan avenue, Chicago.
 Evan W. Chase, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 James Henderson Childs, 64 Packwood avenue, Pasadena, Cal.
 Thomas Wiley Clayton, Dixon, Ill.
 Andrew J. Cory, Verona, N. J.

"Dayton (OH) Daily News" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 2

Legion Chief Visits Pontiac

"Cappy" Capodice Is Guest; Stresses Membership.

Salvatore Capodice, Hollywood, Cal., national vice-chairman, American Legion, and Matthew J. Murphy Chicago, commander of the department of Illinois, visited Pontiac Wednesday afternoon and were met by a delegation of members of Aarvig-Campbell post No. 78, headed by commander R. Burnell Phillips. They were accompanied by William Mundt, Bloomington, state adjutant.

Million Members

At a luncheon meeting in the Imperial hotel, Mr. Capodice declared that Legion membership is now 900,000 and that a new high of 1,100,000 is expected for the year. He stressed the legislation now before Congress which the Legion sponsors, including war widows' pensions, national defense, and universal service. He also sketched the contribution made by the Legion to flood relief, when 50,000 members were on active duty in the war zone. Mr. Murphy also talked, particularly on flood relief work in Illinois.

Brother Once Here

Joseph Capodice, brother of the national official, is a former Pontiacan. His brother reported that Joseph, a Tuscania survivor, and since the war in soldiers' hospitals a great part of the time, is much improved in health.

"Pontiac (IL) News Review" Thursday 13 May 1937 p 1

South area residents carried on the pay roll as temporary employees, their job classifications, salaries [monthly unless otherwise stated], and sponsors, are:

8TH WARD

WEEK BASIS, TECHNICAL,

Maryland av., 8244, Joseph A. Capodice, clerk, \$230, Collanni.

"Chicago Tribune" Sunday 30 Mar 1947 p 198

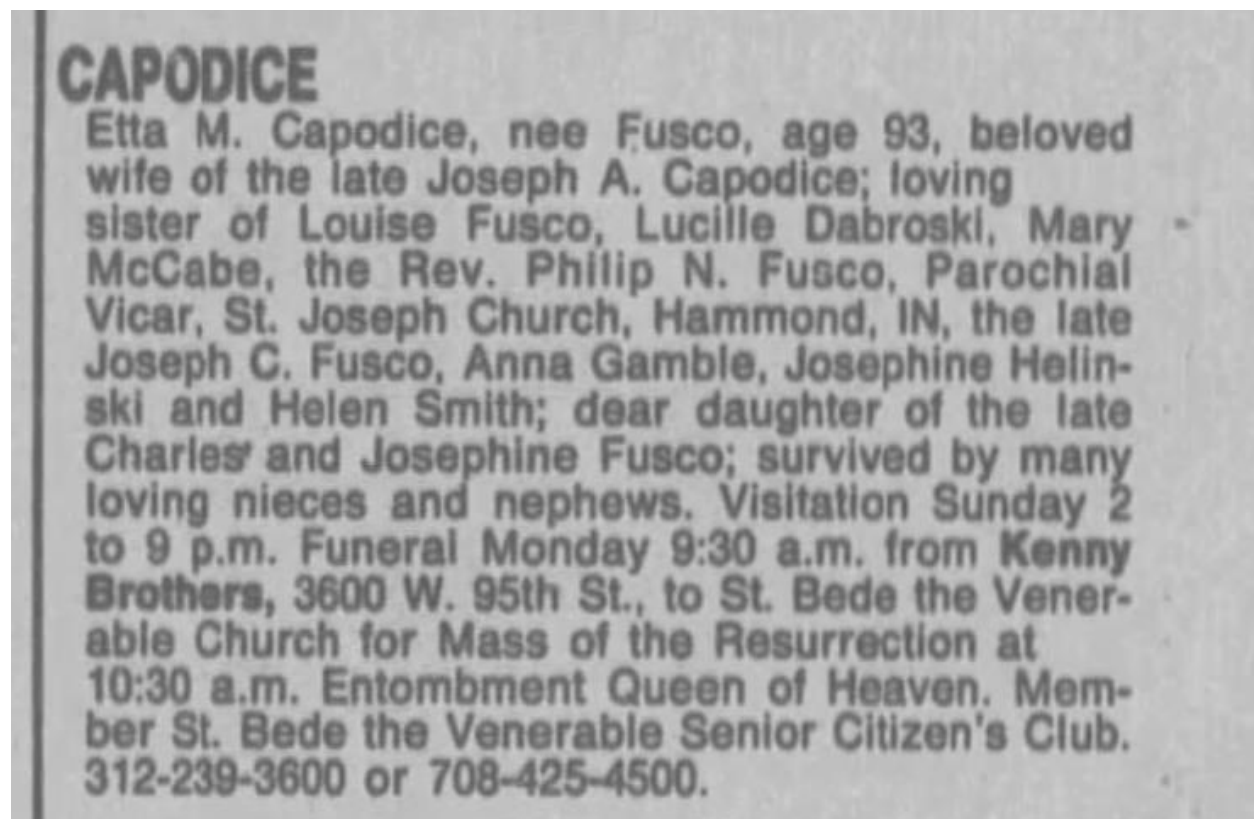
James C. Birmingham, 7141 Normal Blvd., Fireman-Oiler	5,496.00
Joseph A. Capodice, 8244 Maryland Ave., Fireman-Oiler	5,496.00
William E. Duffy, 2936 W. 97th Pl., Evergrn. Pk., Fireman-Oiler	5,496.00
Martin J. Flaherty, 725 E. 89th St., Fireman-Oiler	5,496.00

Legal notices - "Daily Calumet" (Chicago IL) Wednesday 30 Jan 1957 p 8

Wife:

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014	
View record	
Name	Etta M. Capodice
Social Security Number	330-20-6748
Birth Date	15 Oct 1898
Issue year	Before 1951
Issue State	Illinois
Last Residence	60652, Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA
Death Date	Jan 1992

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/166002168/person/342165097553/facts>



"Chicago Tribune" Sunday 5 Jan 1992 p 74

Private Member Photos Pictures View	Name	Concetta "Etta" Margaret Fusco
	Birth	15 Oct 1898
	Death	Jan 1992

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Father:

Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947	
View record	
Name	August Capodice
Death Date	10 Mar 1937
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Gender	Male
Father Name	Mariano Capodice
Mother Name	Rose Carriero
Spouse Name	Anna
FHL Film Number	1952630

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Funeral Services Monday for August Capodice, 82

Funeral services for August Capodice, 82 years old, a resident of Chicago for more than fifty-three years, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Anthony church, with interment in Mount Olivet cemetery. Mr. Capodice, a retired fruit dealer, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ella Strossner, 5758 South Sangamon street. Surviving are two other children, Joseph and Salvatore, of Los Angeles, Cal. Salvatore is national vice commander of the American Legion.

"Chicago Tribune" Saturday 13 Mar 1937 p 30

Mother:

Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947	
View record	
Name	Anna Capodice
Birth Date	5 Oct 1861
Birth Place	Italy
Death Date	7 Jan 1918
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Date	10 Jan 1918
Cemetery Name	Mt. Olivet
Death Age	56
Occupation	Housewife
Race	White
Marital Status	M
Gender	Female
Residence	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Father Name	Anthony Filicickia
Father Birth Place	Italy
Mother Name	Camilla Papania
Mother Birth Place	Italy
FHL Film Number	1852586

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6938847/person/350043257853/facts>

Siblings:

Anthony Capodice	
in the Web: Illinois, U.S., Select Deaths Index, 1877-1916	
Name	Anthony Capodice
Death Age	20
Birth Date	abt 1886
Death Date	5 Jul 1906
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA
Certificate Number	00001930
URL	https://apps.ilsos.gov/isavital/deathsrc/h.jsp

Brother Antonio Capodice (1886-1906) - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/141295:9758?tid=6938847&pid=350043258549&queryId=4548b6a4-b115-4e5f-bb24-d447875f4907&_phsrc=cPx13454&_phstart=successSource

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
COUNTY OF COOK.) ss. Probate Court of Cook County, April Term, A.D. 1907

the 26th day of April A. D. 1907
COURT BEING IN SESSION.

PRESENT, Hon. CHARLES S. CUTTING Judge of the Probate Court of Cook County.
CHRISTOPHER STRASSHEIM Sheriff of Cook County.

Attest WILL GUERSON Clerk of the Probate Court of Cook County.

In the matter of the estate of Antonio Capodice deceased.) GRANT OF ADMINISTRATION.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of James Reddick
Antonio Capodice day of July
of the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, from which it appears to the Court that Chicago
A. D. 1902, leaving Personal in said County, died intestate on or about the 15th
Seven thousand property and effects in said County, the value of which does not exceed the sum of thousand
of said decedent, and pray that he Dollars; that the petitioner is the Public Administrator of Cook County
he may be appointed to administer upon said estate.

And it appearing to the Court that all the allegations of said petition are true, on motion, it is ordered that the said James Reddick
Antonio Capodice deceased, upon filing his Official bond as such administrator of the in the penal sum of the
Whereupon said present Dollars, with good and sufficient surety, conditioned as the law directs
said bond, duly executed with the the oath of office as such
And the Court having examined said sureties, and being satisfied of their responsibility, it is ordered that said bond be received and approved,
and that letters of administration be issued accordingly.
And it is further ordered that William M. Hart, Henry W. Brainerd, and Robert C. Sturgeon
be appointed to appraise the personal estate of said decedent subject to appraisal, and that a warrant be issued to them therefor.

JUDG.

Probate - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/502159:9048>

DRAG THE LAKE FOR NAVAL YOUTHS

Comrades and Officers of the State Reserves Search for Four Bodies—One Recovered

Chicago, Ill., July 6.—(Special.)—Boat crews of the Illinois naval reserve are today dragging the lake at the foot of Randolph street for the bodies of four comrades. By the capsizing of a dingey five young men were drowned and only one body was recovered.

The dragging of the lake is watched by weeping parents, brothers and sisters of those who lost their lives. Assisting in the work are Thomas Coffey and Frank Randall, the two members of the ill-fated boat crew who were rescued.

The Drowned.

Anthony J. Capodice, 20 years old, son of August Capodice, confectioner, 6510 Cottage Grove avenue.

Ralph Heeg, 21 years old, son of C. L. Heeg, 188 West Jackson boulevard.

E. M. O'Carroll, 19 years old, 2927 Parnell avenue, clerk at 259 Clinton street.

Joseph Pimes, 30 years old, 1659 Barry avenue.

Robert E. Schram, 18 years old, 306 Haddon avenue; employed as a clerk in offices of J. Walter Thompson & Co., New York Life Insurance building.

Body of Pimes Recovered.

Shortly after the disaster the body of Joseph Pimes, who was formerly a member of the Maryland Naval reserves, was recovered by the life-saving crew that went to the rescue of the men in the water.

The work of dragging the lake is in charge of Lieut. Cecil Page of the First division. For several hours following the accident Lieut. Page and his men searched for the bodies of their drowned comrades, but failed to find any after the body of Pimes had been taken from the water.

Anthony J. Capodice mentioned in above dispatch is a cousin of M. Capodice, the fruit dealer, of this city.

GOVERNMENT TO ACT IN DROWNING

Federal Authorities Order Inquiry Into Death of Naval Reserves—Two Bodies Are Re- covered—Search Still Progressing.

Three of the five bodies of members of the naval reserve who were drowned near the end of the Randolph street pier shortly before midnight Thursday night are still in the waters of Lake Michigan, in spite of the fact that 100 of their comrades dragged the lake all day yesterday and far into the night in an effort to locate them.

While the search is being prosecuted the mothers of two of the young men, Ralph Heeg and Robert E. Schrom, are hysterical at their home, under the care of physicians, anxiously awaiting news of the search which will confirm their worst fears, and friends of the

cadets are condemning the officers who permitted them to risk their lives in such a hazardous manner, apparently without means of protection.

Order Is Criticized.

The fact that boys who were unable to swim and who were unaccustomed to rowing were permitted to venture on the lake during a night when squalls were imminent has brought forth comment from many quarters, and in one instance the condemnation has been open. C. E. Raymond, the employer of Robert E. Schrom, whose body is still in the

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THE NEWS



ALARMING PARTY



THOMAS COFFIE



EDWARD M. O'GARROLL



ANTHONY CAPODIE

ATTACKS CUMMINS' MONOPOLY OF VOTES

of the life saving service on the great lakes. Surviving members of the crew of the ill fated "dingy" will be examined and the members of the life saving crew will be asked to tell of the rescue. The watchman at the station will be one of the principal witnesses, as it was he who first gave the alarm and called the crew to the rescue.

From the first break of dawn yesterday morning until far into the night searchers in boats patrolled the scene of the drowning

INQUIRY IS ORDERED INTO LAKE DROWNING

Government Asks Investigation
Into Deaths of Naval Reserve
Recruits—Two Bodies Are Re-
covered From Water During Day.

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lake, has expressed himself on the subject as follows:

"To the Editor.—One of the boys lost in last night's drowning disaster was Robert E. Schrom, who has for several years been a confidential clerk in my office, and for whom every one who knew him had a kind word and thought.

"He was a boy of unusual promise, attendant to his duties, anticipating what was expected of him, and had the making of a good citizen of the caliber that Chicago so much needs.

"In the sense of the great personal loss which I feel at his untimely end I cannot refrain from the thought that some officer or member of the naval corps was guilty of gross carelessness in permitting a boat load of raw recruits to go out upon the lake almost or entirely unattended by expert sailors. As far as can be learned, none of the boys were able to swim, a thing which one would think ought first to be taught to a naval recruit before subjecting him to the dangers of a body of water known to be as treacherous as Lake Michigan.

"I cannot but feel that the government would be doing itself a credit and the community of Chicago a service to adopt some common sense rules applying to such matters as would make a like catastrophe impossible in the future.

"I trust The Inter-Ocean will lend its influence in this direction. Very truly yours,
"C. E. RAYMOND."

Government to Act.

The disaster has aroused so much criticism that it has been decided that the federal government will take a hand and an effort will be made to fix the blame for the death of the five men. The court of inquiry, orders for which have been issued, will be headed by Lieutenant J. H. Quinan of the revenue cutter service, who is the assistant inspector

of the life saving service on the great lakes. Surviving members of the crew of the ill fated "dingy" will be examined and the members of the life saving crew will be asked to tell of the rescue. The watchman at the station will be one of the principal witnesses, as it was he who first gave the alarm and called the crew to the rescue.

From the first break of dawn yesterday morning until far into the night searchers in boats patrolled the scene of the drowning and made a vain effort to locate the bodies of the men who are known to have lost their lives. Aside from the life saving crews, many of the former comrades of the naval militiamen secured boats and assisted in the search, dragging the bed of the lake in the immediate vicinity. The efforts were watched by thousands who lined the pier and scanned the surface of the water in the hope of securing some trace of the missing men.

Drag nets and grappling hooks were secured early in the day and these were in constant use during the morning, without result. Some difficulty was experienced in fixing upon the exact location where the boat was overturned and the assistance of Coxswain Coffey and Frank Randall, the two survivors, were enlisted to fix upon the spot. These two men were among the early arrivals and they kept up the hunt throughout the day.

The body of Joseph Pimes, 30 years old, had been recovered during the night and removed to the family residence, 1659 Barry avenue, soon after the accident, and it was stated yesterday that if proper precautions had been taken the life of this recruit might have been saved. He had been in the water only a few minutes when he was taken out, but it is said that in spite of this fact no effort was made to resuscitate him.

The searchers, who had been scanning every inch of the surface of the lake in the immediate vicinity, were not rewarded until shortly before 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the body of Edward M. O'Carroll, a recruit barely 18 years old, was brought to the surface with grappling hooks.

C. Krieger, 139 Adams street, and E. H. Fay, 1311 Dunning street, were dragging the bottom of the lake close to the quarters of the Chicago Yacht club when their grappling hook suddenly caught in something which held it and stopped the progress of the boat, which was being rowed slowly across the water.

With nervous haste they brought it to the

surface and other searchers gave their assistance in bringing it to the pier, from whence it was conveyed to the family residence at 2327 Parnell avenue.

Following this the vigilance was redoubled, but was without effect. In some quarters the belief was expressed that the undertow of the lake may have carried the bodies far out from the shore, and it may be several days before they are recovered.

When Mrs. O'Carroll, who was suffering awful mental agonies all through the day, was told that her son's body had been taken from the lake bottom, she exclaimed, "Thank God." Then she fell fainting on the floor.

It was ascertained yesterday that Schrom, one of the boys who were drowned, had never been to a drill before, and had been a member of the reserves for only a week. Ralph Heeg, 188 West Jackson boulevard, had been a member of the division for only ten days.

"Chicago Inter Ocean" Saturday 7 Jul 1906 p 1 & p 3

BOAT CAPSIZES; FIVE DIE.

Squall Overturms Dingey in Which
Inexperienced Naval Reserves
Are at Practice.

Chicago.—Five members of the Chicago contingent of the Illinois naval reserves were drowned after a desperate struggle in the water just outside the harbor breakwater Thursday night, when a sudden squall overturned the dingey in which they were sailing. There were seven men in the boat, all but one of them, the coxswain, being inexperienced. When the wind struck the craft the men were so frightened that they became entangled in the cordage in their efforts to right the boat, and their misdirected efforts helped to capsize the dingey.

The dead are: Anthony J. Capodice, 20 years old, son of August Capodice, confectioner, 6510 Cottage Grove avenue; Ralph Heeg, 21 years old, 188 West Jackson boulevard; E. M. O'Carroll, 18 years old, 2927 Parnell avenue, clerk at 259 Clinton street; Joseph Pimes, 30 years old, 1659 Barry avenue, body recovered by life-saving crew; Robert E. Schram, 18 years old, 306 Haddon avenue, had enlisted this week, and was not yet formally enrolled.

The survivors: Thomas Coffey, 23 years old, 256 Fortieth street, coxswain; Frank Randall, 18 years old, residence 3031 Canal street.

The dingey, which was left behind when the Dorothea went for a cruise in Harbor Springs, Mich., started out on its trip of instruction shortly before nine p. m. Thursday. Six men in it were recruits and Coxswain Coffey was teaching them the use of the sail. The squall struck them about an hour after they left the boathouse, and Coffey and Randall clung to the bottom of the overturned boat for half an hour before a boat from the life-saving station reached them.

"Bureau County Tribune" (Princeton IL) Friday 13 Jul 1906 p 2

and Jansen street.

The finding of the third body of the victims of last week's drowning rewarded the search of members of the Illinois naval reserve at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The body is that of Ralph Heeg, 21 years old, 188 West Jackson boulevard. It was found by members of the reserve using the boat from which he lost his life.

Early this morning the Naval Reserves recovered the body of A. J. Capodice.

"Chicago Tribune" Monday 9 Jul 1906 p 3

BODY OF DROWNED CADET IS RECOVERED; 2 STILL IN LAKE

Corpse of Ralph Heeg Brought to Surface Near Scene of Accident—Search Continues.

Members of the Illinois naval reserve who have been dragging the inner harbor for the bodies of their comrades drowned last Thursday evening, early yesterday morning recovered the body of Ralph Heeg, one of the crew of the illfated dingy.

The body was found at daybreak within 100 feet of the Van Buren pier and a short distance from the spot where the accident occurred.

Two bodies, those of Robert Schram and Anthony Capodice, are still in the lake, and until they are recovered no steps will be taken by Coroner Hoffman or Captain Purdy, commanding the Illinois reserve, to investigate the causes which led to the accident.

More than sixty members of the reserve, with special grappling irons designed by Captain Purdy, are dragging the harbor, but the work is rendered difficult on account of the many holes in the bottom made by the dredging apparatus.

The body of Heeg was brought to the surface by Cockswain R. J. Tucker, who was working from the boat in which the accident took place.

"Chicago Inter Ocean" Monday 9 Jul 1906 p 3

DELANEY'S ASSAILANT CAPTURED

IDENTIFIED BY THE WOUNDED MAN AS THUG WHO SHOT HIM

Accused Man Arrested at Broadway and
Redondo by Alyea and Worley; Is
Alleged Chicago Gunman

ACCUSED MAN'S ROOMMATE IS ALSO IN CUSTODY

Alleged by the police to be a member of the
notorious "Little Italy" gang of Chicago, Joe
Passifiume, alias Joseph Bass, 23, was arrested at
10:45 this morning by Detectives Ralf Alyea and
J. B. Worley on suspicion of being the bandit who
shot and probably fatally wounded Patrolman J.
J. Delaney last Friday night.

Taken to the Long Beach Sanitarium, Bass
was positively identified by Delaney as the man
who shot him. Patrolman Walter J. Ray, who
was with Delaney at the time of the shooting, is
also certain that Bass is one of the bandits.

Martin Capodice, 25, who has been rooming
with Bass and who answers the description of the
other alleged bandit, was also arrested and is be-
ing held for investigation. Both Bass and Ca-
podice are being held incommunicado.

Mrs. E. C. Farrell, of 555 Maine avenue, to
whose home one of the bandits is alleged to have
fled following the shooting, and Mrs. I. G.
Rounds, wife of Detective Rounds, who saw one
of the bandits as he ran up Pine avenue, are not
positive as to the identification.

Article continues without another mention of Martin Capodice - "Long Beach (CA)
Telegram & the Long Beach Daily News" Wednesday 10 Aug 1921 p 1

Martin Capodice, arrested in con-
nection with the shooting of Patrol-
man J. J. Delaney, and at one time
suspected of being the partner of
Joe Bass, alleged flypaper burglar,
held on a charge of shooting the of-
ficer, was released from jail Sun-
day.

"Long Beach (CA) Telegram & the Long Beach Daily News" Monday 15 Aug 1921 p 3

THREE HELD AS ACCOMPLICES IN DELANEY CASE

Police Active in Gathering Evidence Against Alleged Assailant of Wounded Policeman

Rapid strides in the investigation of the shooting of Patrolman J. J. Delaney have been made by the police during the past 24 hours. The most important developments in the case since the arrest yesterday morning of Joseph Clarence Pasifiume, alleged Chicago gunman, are as follows:

Arrest of a woman said to be Bass' sweetheart and also of a man suspected of being the third bandit, who acted as a "look-out" the night of the shooting.

Issuance of a warrant by Justice S. H. Underwood, charging Bass with "assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder."

Discovery of a kit burglary tools in Bass' room.

Finding of a letter in which Bass told his sweetheart he intended to commit suicide.

Discovery of several pawn tickets which the police believe will lead to the recovery of considerable loot, which Bass and his alleged partners are believed to have secured in Long Beach during the past month.

Announcement by Chief McLendon that he intended to question James I. Butterfield, former chief of police, in connection with the case. Butterfield, McLendon has been informed, was seen talking to Bass the morning following the alleged shooting.

Inability of Bass to answer questions as to his whereabouts on the night of the shooting of Delaney.

Partial identification of Bass and his alleged partner, Martin Capodice, as the two alleged purse snatchers who have been operating recently in Long Beach.

The woman held in connection with the case is Ethel Caspari. She was taken into custody at 7 o'clock last night by Detective I. G. Rounds and Officer Strong at her home at 1451 1-2 Lime avenue. Ludwig Peterson, with whom she is said by the police to have been living as man and wife, was also placed under arrest on suspicion of being the third bandit. He denies the charge absolutely.

According to Chief McLendon, Miss Caspari, who is 25 years old, has admitted living with Bass as his wife for a month at a house on Juanita street in Los Angeles. Then there was some trouble between them and Bass wrote her the following note:

"A Lover's Farewell, Ethel honey-bunch, you have hurt me and I can't stand the pain. Girl, let this be a lesson to you. If you ever find a fellow that thinks as much of you as I did, don't treat him the way you treated me. Don't take this too hard, girl, and for God's sake don't do what I did. I wish you all the luck in the world and hope you'll find 'happiness.' My troubles will be over and it will be for the best, farewell, your broken hearted lover, signed Joseph Clarence Pasiflume, P. S., Please take care of the kid."

Several other letters filled with endearing terms from Bass to Miss Caspari are in the possession of the police.

"I'm thru with him, I know nothing about any shooting, I left him a month ago," was all Miss Caspari would state.

Closed in Chief McLendon's office from 2:30 to 6:30 yesterday afternoon Bass became very nervous and is said to have told several conflicting stories about his whereabouts the night of the shooting. At first he stated he was in Los Angeles getting his car fixed, but later he declared he was at Miss Caspari's home. The girl denies this. Several times in the course of the questioning, which was conducted by Chief McLendon, Detective Worley and Detective Rourke of Pasadena, Bass became very surly and attempted violence. He was subdued in short order, however, each time.

Bass told Chief McLendon he

knew nothing of the shooting until his partner read it in the paper and told him Sunday morning.

Detectives Worley and Alyea, who arrested Bass, are in Los Angeles today checking up several pawn tickets found in Bass' and Peterson's possession.

According to a story told the police today by neighbors living across the street from where Bass and Capodice roomed at 442 Zona court, both Bass and Capodice were seen to enter their room late Saturday night. As they went into the house, Bass is said to have laid a bundle on the front porch. He came out of the house ten minutes later and handed the bundle thru a side window to Capodice.

A close check to determine if Bass and Capodice have been implicated in recent purse snatchings and hold-ups in Long Beach was started today by Chief McLendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Way of 633 Elm avenue, who were held up last Friday night at Fifth street and Elm avenue, yesterday partially identified Bass. Mrs. Catherine Gully of 861 East Fifth street, whose purse was snatched on the night of July 29, will look at the suspects today. Bass and Capodice lived just a few doors from where Mrs. Gully purse was snatched. When the police arrived on the scene shortly after, the thieves were no where to be found.

Because of Bass' reputation for being an "extremely bad man," Chief McLendon today posted the following order:

"No trustees will be allowed to speak to other prisoners in Cells No. 1 and No. 2. The detail man is to see that the trustee who feeds the prisoners does not talk to them or carry out any messages, either written or oral. All prisoners should be thoroly searched for any messages or notes when released."

The condition of Patrolman Delaney was reported to be much improved today. He has not passed the crisis, however, and it will be several hours before physicians can determine definitely whether he will recover. He passed a very restful night and this morning was breathing better than he has for several hours. The losing considerable weight, Delaney is holding up remarkably, Dr. F. D. Sweet declared.

Brother Martin A. Capodice (1890-1932) – "Long Beach (CA) Telegram & the Long Beach Daily News" Thursday 11 Aug 1921 p 1

BUSINESS TROUBLE LEADS TO SUICIDE

Business difficulties following the purchase of a service station caused Martin Capodice, 41, to hang himself in his garage at 6465 Brayton Avenue early yesterday, police reported. His wife discovered the body hanging from a rafter at 7:30 A. M. He arose about 6 A. M. and went to the garage without eating breakfast. In addition to the widow two children survive, ages 2 and 4 years.

"Long Beach (CA) Sun" Tuesday 15 Mar 1932 p 2

Gas Station Man at Long Beach Hangs Himself

LONG BEACH, March 14.—Business worries caused Martin Capodice, 41-year-old service-station owner, to commit suicide by hanging in his garage this morning, police reported.

His wife discovered the body hanging from a rafter at the residence garage, 6465 Brayton avenue, early today when she went to call him for breakfast.

"Los Angeles Times" Tuesday 15 Mar 1932 p 12

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MICHAEL F. REILLY

Michael F. Reilly of 530 E. McKinley Ave. died in Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana, Friday morning at 5 after a long period of failing health.

Mr. Reilly was born Dec. 15, 1898, in Santiago, Cuba. He came to the United States in 1924 and since then has been a resident of Pomona. For 30 years he was employed by Pomona Pump Co. and Fairbanks Morse. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists and of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Surviving are seven sisters, Mary C. Johnson of Carlsbad, Eloise Baldwin of Pomona, Anita Beale, Catherine Perez'grau, Margaret Keith and Elizabeth Blanco, all of Puerto Rico, and Miss Rose B. Reilly of Baltimore, Md.;

one brother, Dr. James T. Reilly of Baltimore, and many nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be recited tomorrow evening at 8 in Todd Memorial Chapel. Requiem Mass will be celebrated Monday morning at 9 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

"Pomona (CA) Progress-Bulletin" Saturday 25 Jan 1964 p 8

WILLIAMS. Andrew Edward Williams of 1642 West Forty-seventh street, beloved father of Mrs. Gladys Reilly of La Verne, Cal., Evan P. Williams and Mrs. Lillian M. Randolph of this city. Funeral services Wednesday at 10 a.m. from the chapel of W. A. Brown, 1815 South Flower street.

"Los Angeles Times" Monday 29 Apr 1935 p 28

Gladys A Reilly

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Name	Gladys A Reilly
Gender	Female
Birth Date	3 Jun 1895
Birth Place	South Dakota
Death Date	12 May 1961
Death Place	Los Angeles
Mother's Maiden Name	Drake

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Salvatore A. Capodie

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MILITARY HISTORY

Time and Place of Each Enrollment	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disabilities when admitted to the Home
See 1917 Chicago Ill	Pat	US Marine Corps	June 27 1919 Washington DC		Amputation of rt thigh by wound left shoulder and forearm - arthra

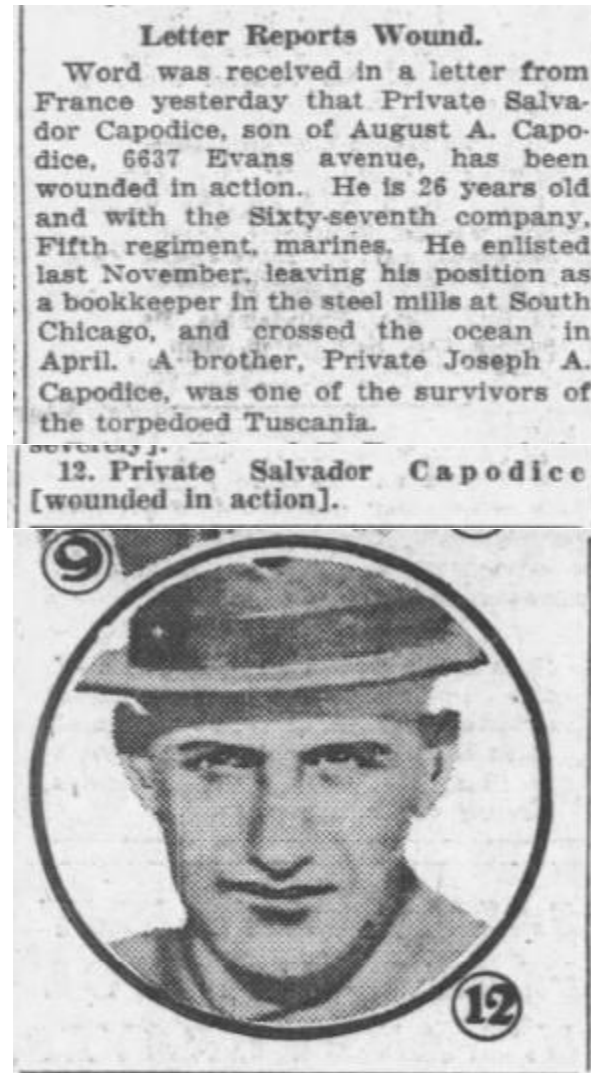
Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Read and Write	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Name and Address of Nearest Relative
Illinois	32	6'1"	Med Brown	Black	gray	Cath	Italian	Salesman	Los Angeles Cal	Single	Father August Capodie 206 Kensington Ave Chicago Ill

HOME HISTORY

Rate of Pension	Date of Admission Re-Admission and Transfer	Conditions of Re-Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death
Comp 85	Adm PD Feb 27 26		Oct 21 26	Spd		

US National Home for Volunteer Disabled Soldiers, Sawtelle CA - brother Salvatore August Capodice (1892-1954) -

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"Chicago Tribune" Sunday 21 Jul 1918 p 4

Salvatore August Capodice

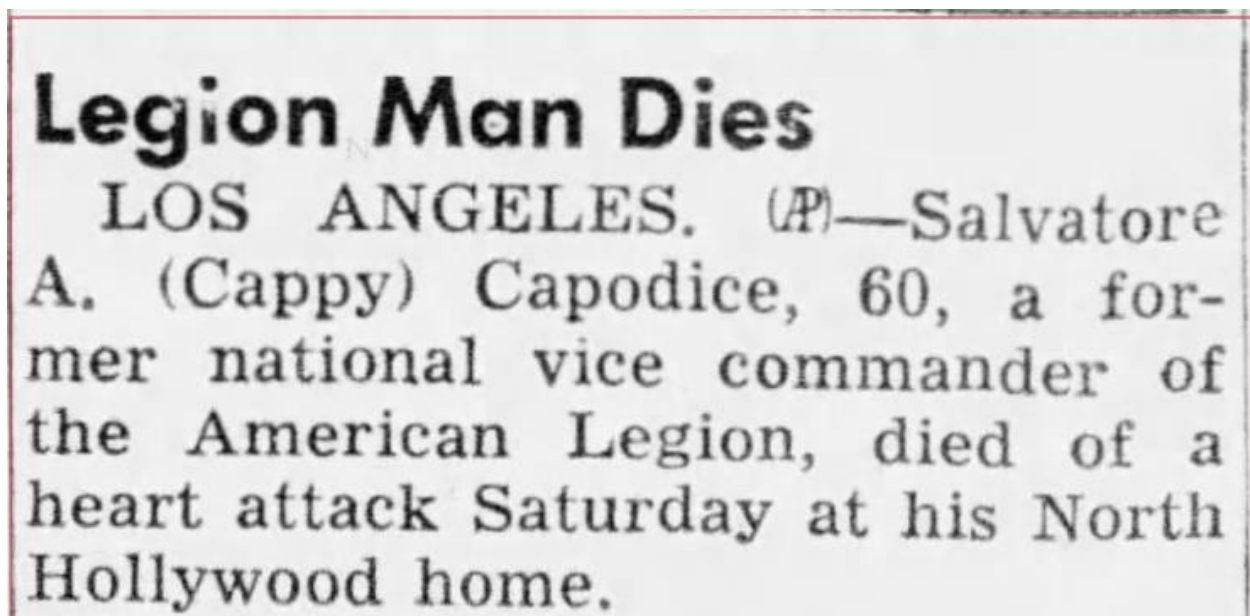
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Detail	Source
Name	Salvatore August Capodice
Social Security #	570056624
Gender	Male
Birth Date	27 Sep 1892
Birth Place	Illinois
Death Date	23 Jan 1954
Death Place	Los Angeles
Mother's Maiden Name	Hia
Father's Surname	Capodice

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“Visalia (CA) Times-Delta” Tuesday 26 Jan 1954 p 12

LEATHER-LEGGED LEATHER NECK

Marine, Who Was Told He Never Would Walk Again, Dances.



Salvatore Capodice dancing with Miss Jessie Oliphant.

When they lugged Private Salvatore Capodice of the U. S. Marines off the field at Belleau Woods in 1918 with his right leg punctured with bullets, he was told he never would be able to walk again. Two months later the leg was amputated above the knee.

Last night at a Christmas party for marines, given by Mrs. Bess Swift Ferrnald at the Marine Corps club-rooms, Capodice walked for the first time on his leather leg without a cane. And he also danced with Miss Jessie Oliphant and others.

Capodice wasn't the only wounded ex-service man who tripped to the jazz strains. Tony Kane was there and so were Maurice Marovitz, Ed Osterhout, Jerry McMahan, and a score of others who had battled under the Marine emblem.

Mrs. Ferrnald, the hostess, known as "the little mother of the Marines," took special delight in telling the girls present how she had found Capodice lying in a hospital in France minus a leg and with nine bullet and twelve shrapnel wounds in his body.

Cappy Capodice, S Noted Legion Executive, Dies

Funeral services were being arranged today for Salvatore A. (Cappy) Capodice, 60, for more than 30 years active in American Legion affairs here.

Capodice died Saturday of a heart attack at his home, 11623 Acama St., North Hollywood. He was former National Vice-Commander of the Legion, had served Hollywood Post No. 43 in every capacity except that of chaplain.

A Marine Corps sergeant in World War I, Capodice lost a leg in the battle of Belleau Wood. He served as a recruiting sergeant during World War II.

"Los Angeles Mirror" Monday 25 Jan 1954 p 27



SALVATORE CAPODICE
. . . Legion honor

Services Set For Capodice

The body of Salvatore A. (Cappy) Capodice will lie in state at the clubhouse of Hollywood Post 43, American Legion, 2035 N. Highland Ave., of which he was a past commander, tomorrow from 2 to 6 p.m. Mr. Capodice died of a heart attack Saturday at his home, 11623 Acama St., North Hollywood.

Rosary service will be at St. Ambrose Church, Fountain and Fairfax Aves., at 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Requiem high mass at 10 a.m. Thursday in the same church.

Graveside services will be conducted at the San Fernando Mission cemetery by Hollywood Post 43, American Legion.

"Los Angeles Evening Citizen News" Tuesday 26 Jan 1954 p 2

MIX-UP DEVELOPS

While this recount was going on, Wilbur A. Le Gette went to the office of City Clerk Dominguez and filed a petition for a recount of the vote for Municipal Judge, Office No. 1, in behalf of Salvatore A. Capodice, a supporter of Perry Thomas, who was defeated for that office by William Frederickson, according to the official returns. The petition asserted various irregularities by election board officials and with it Le Gette tendered and received a receipt for \$500 in cash to cover the cost of the recount.

At the time Dominguez was helping conduct the Fifth District recount, and the petition and money were accepted by a deputy in his office. When the petition was taken to Dominguez, he immediately referred it to City Attorney Werner, who instructed him not to accept it, inasmuch as the City Charter makes no provision for recount of the result of an election as distinguished from a nomination.

"Los Angeles Times" Thursday 14 May 1931 p 21

Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947	
View record	
Name	Rose La Mantia
Birth Date	abt 1895
Birth Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Death Date	2 Oct 1922
Death Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial Date	7 Oct 1922
Burial Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Cemetery Name	Mt Olivet
Death Age	27
Occupation	Housewife
Race	White
Marital Status	M
Gender	Female
Residence	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Father Birth Place	Italy
Mother Birth Place	Italy
FHL Film Number	1877160

Sister Rose Capodice La Mantia (1895-1922) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6938847/person/350043258503/facts>

Joseph Lamontia	
in the Cook County, Illinois, U.S., Marriages Index, 1871-1920	
Name	Joseph Lamontia
Age	21
Gender	Male
Birth Year	abt 1894
Marriage Type	Marriage
Marriage Date	27 Jun 1915
Marriage Place	Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Spouse Name	Rose Copodice
Spouse Age	20
Spouse Gender	Female
FHL Film Number	1030596

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Strossner

Henry J. Stossner, beloved husband of Ella, nee Capodice; fond brother of Marie McCarthy and Margaret Strossner; loving uncle of Margaret O'Malley, Thomas, John, Robert and William McCarthy, Rita Power, Marcella Mark and Marie O'Connor. Funeral Wednesday, 9 a. m., from the New Kenny Brothers, 3600 W. 95th St., to St. Christina Church, 9:30 a. m. Interment Mount Olivet. Member of First National Bank Am. Legion Post, 239-3600.

"Chicago Tribune" Monday 7 Jun 1971 p 35

STROSSNER

Ella M. Strossner, nee Capodice, beloved wife of the late Henry J.; special friend to Pat, Bernie, Terry and Marikay McMahon. At Kenny Bros., 3600 W. 95th St., Friday, after 2 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9 a.m. to St. Germaine Church. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Mt. Olivet. Former member of Visitation Church. 239-3600.

"Chicago Tribune" Friday 29 Mar 1985 p 11

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Joseph August Capodice

Name variations: Joseph R. Capodice (1 of the Tuscania passenger rosters)

Military:

On Tuscania: 100th Aero Squadron, 14th Squad - private

Serial number: 249,866

Entered service from: Chicago, Cook IL

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: as Joseph R. Capodice (Fold3.com, p. 425 of passenger list) & Joseph A. Capodice (p. 576)

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": uncle J.M. [in 1 list, handwritten Joseph R. in other] Capodice, 667 Evan Ave., Chicago IL

Returned from war on: "Louisville" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Joseph A. Capodice

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: uncle Joseph M. Capodice, 5206 Prairie Ave., Chicago IL (chauffeur 1st class, 100th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Joseph August Capodice - b. 19 Mar 1888 Chicago, Cook IL; res: 6637 Evans Ave., Chicago, Cook IL. Single. Chauffeur (spelled "chauffer") for J.M. Capodice, 2404 Indiana. Military experience: private, 3rd Infantry IL, 2 years 6 months. Short height, medium build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Joseph August Capodice - b. 19 Mar 1888 Chicago IL; res: 8244 Maryland Ave., Chicago, Cook IL. Contact: Jacob Berg, 8142 Maryland Ave., Chicago. Employed by William Gamble, 707 W. Harrison St. (temp.), Gold Seal Liquor at 707 W. Harrison St. Height 5'4". Weight 135 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 3 Oct 1917

Discharged 29 Jun 1919

Address: 7018 Lowe Ave., Chicago IL

Rank/unit: 1st class chauffeur, 100th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Mar 1888 Chicago, Cook IL

Died: 26 Apr 1971 Chicago, Cook IL

Find A Grave record: 168549059, presence on Tuscania noted in text & flower

Burial location: Hillside, Cook IL

Cemetery: Queen of Heaven Catholic

Tombstone:

Father: August (on Find A Grave but also Agostino, Agostino, Ageta) Capodice, 30 Aug Termini Imerese, Citta Metropolitana di Palermo, Sicily, Italy – 10 Mar 1937 Chicago, Cook IL. IL death record: August Capodice, d. 10 Mar 1937 Chicago, residence: 5758 S.

Sangamon. Widowed, retired. B. 30 Aug 1860 Termine Imerese, Palermo, Italy. Son of Mariano Capodice & Rose Corriero/Curreri. Wife Anna. Informant: Joseph A. Capodice. Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL on 15 Mar 1937.

Find A Grave: 230242191

Mother: Annie Filicicchia Capodice, 5 Oct 1860 Termini Imerese, Citta Metropolitano di Palermo, Sicily, Italy – 7 Jan 1918 Chicago, Cook IL. Her birth surname is found spelled a variety of ways: Filiciechia, Filicicchia, Filicickia, Felicicchia, Felicenhia.

In 1910, August & Annie Capodice live in Chicago, Cook IL with their children Martin, Salvador, Rosa & Ella, plus Annie's mother Ella Felicicchia, age 77, born Italy, widow.

Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL.

Find A Grave: 23024221

Parents' marriage: 9 Aug 1883 Termini Imerese, Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Spouse: Etta M. [Margaret?] Fusco Capodice, 15 Oct 1898 Chicago, Cook IL – 4 Jan 1992 Chicago, Cook IL. Daughter of Charles Fusco (1869-1968) & Josephine Pizza (1882-1975). One Ancestry.com source lists her as Concetta Margaret Fusco. In the 1900 census, she is age 1 year, born IL, listed as "Consita" Fusco. She lives at 290 – 90th St. with her parents, Charles Fusco (30 Italy) & Josephine (19 Italy) who had been married 2 years & had 1 child born to Josephine. - Name sometimes found as Ella (which can be confused with his sister Ella). Obituary: "Chicago Tribune" 5 Jan 1992 p 36 – Etta M. Capodice, age 93, wife of the late Joseph A. Capodice. Daughter of Charles & Josephine (Piazza) Fusco. Survived by nieces & nephews. Buried in Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside, Cook IL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 262847363

Marriage: both report being single in the 1920 census (where Etta is listed as Ada Fusco) & are married to each other in the 1930 census. Married circa 1924 according to 1930 census data.

Children:

Siblings:

- Antonio/Anthony (Tony) J. Capodice, 20 Apr 1886 Chicago, Cook IL – 5 Jul 1906 Chicago, Cook IL. Drowned while on a training exercise with the IL Naval Reserve. "Chicago Inter Ocean" 9 Jul 1906 p 3 – "Body of Drowned Cadet is Recovered; 2 Still in Lake" - Members of the IL Naval Reserve have been dragging the inner harbor for the bodies of their comrades who drowned 5 Jul. The body of Ralph Heeg has been recovered. Two bodies are still missing, one being that of Anthony Capodice. No steps will be taken to investigate by the coroner or the reserve until the bodies are recovered. Over 60 Reserve members are dragging the lake. "Bureau County Tribune" (Princeton IL) 13 Jul 1906 p2 – "Boat Capsizes; Five Die" – 5 members of the Chicago contingent of the IL Naval Reserves drowned after a desperate struggle in the water just outside the harbor breakwater of Chicago on 5 Jul. A sudden squall overturned the boat, which had 7 men in it. Only the coxswain had any experience. The other frightened men got tangled up in the cordage & their misdirected efforts helped to capsize the dinghy. One of the dead is Anthony J. Capodice, age 20, son of August Capodice, confectioner, 6510 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago. The dinghy was left behind when the "Dorothea" went to cruise in Harbor Springs MI. The men went out on a training trip shortly before 9 p.m. Coxswain Coffey was teaching the 6 recruits the use of sail. The squall hit about 1 hour later. Coffey (23) & Frank Randall

(18) clung to the boat for 30 minutes before a life-saving boat could reach them. The "Marengo (IL) Republican-News" 13 Jul 1906 p 2 adds that none knew how to swim. – Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL. F: 230242246

- Martin August Capodice, 6 Mar 1890 Chicago, Cook IL – 14 Mar 1932 North Long Beach, Los Angeles Co. CA. First name also found as Mariano, the name of his paternal grandfather. - Husband of Gladys Adele Williams whom he married 16 Dec 1924 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co. CA. He was age 34, b. IL, son of August Capodice & Anna Felicenhia; she was 29, b. SD, both residents Long Beach CA. – In the 1930 census for Long Beach, Los Angeles CA, Martin Capodice (40 IL, parents b. Italy, age 35 at 1st marriage, was a merchant at a fruit stand. In his household were Gladys (34 SD, father b. WI, mother b. IL) & son Orville (2 CA). His CA death record: resident 6471 Brayton Ave., Long Beach CA. B. 16 Mar 1890 Chicago IL. Died at his home on 14 Mar 1932. Merchant of petroleum products. Wife: Gladys A. Capodice, also the informant, at the home address. Son of August Capodice (b. Italy); mother's name & birthplace unknown. Lived in the district 5 months & in CA for 11 years. Cause of death: "strangulation from constriction around neck." Ruled suicide; inquiry made. At gas station, "hung self by neck with rope – strangulation." Buried in Valhalla Memorial Park, North Hollywood, Los Angeles CA. "Los Angeles Times" 15 Mar 1932 p 12 – Business worries caused service-station owner Martin, age 41, to commit suicide by hanging himself in his garage 14 Mar 1932. His wife found his body hanging from the rafters at the residence garage at 6465 Brayton early today when she went to call him for breakfast. – On 21 Apr 1934 in San Bernardino Co. CA, Martin's widowed wife Gladys Williams Capodice (3 Jun 1895 Plainton, Aurora SD-1961, F: 169683557), married Michael Faust Reilly. She was the daughter of Andrew E. Williams (F: 169675541) & Martha (Mattie) K. Drake (F: 169675413); the family lived in Plankinton, Aurora SD in the 1900 census. . In the 1910 census, the Williams family lived in Chicago, Cook IL. Michael Faust Reilly was born 15 Dec 1898 in Santiago, Cuba & died 24 Jan 1964 in San Bernardino CA. – Martin is buried in Valhalla Memorial Park, North Hollywood, Los Angeles CA. F: 237218685
- Salvador/Salvatore August ("Cappy") Capodice, 27 Sep 1892 Chicago, Cook IL – 23 Jan 1954 Los Angeles Co. CA. "Chicago Tribune" 21 Jul 1918 p 4 – photo – Pvt. Salvador Capodice, son of August A. Capodice of 6637 Evans Ave., was wounded in action. He is 26 years old, 67th Co., 5th Regiment, Marines. He enlisted Nov 1917; was a bookkeeper in the steel mills in south Chicago. His brother, Pvt. Joseph A. Capodice, was 1 of the Tuscania survivors. – He received 9 bullet wounds & 12 shrapnel wounds in the battle of Belleau Wood while serving in the US Marine Corps in WWI, resulting in the partial amputation of his right leg. - CA death certificate: was office clerk at Veterans Administration. Never married. SSN 570-05-6624. Resident 11623 Acama St. Died of coronary thrombosis. Informant: Mrs. Ella M. Strossner. Buried in San Fernando Mission Cemetery on 28 Jan 1954. Cemetery is in San Francisco CA. US National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Sawtelle CA – admitted 27 Feb 1926, discharged 21 Oct 1926. Was a private, US Marine Corps, 19 Dec 1917 Chicago – 27 Jun 1919 Washington DC. When admitted, had

amputation of right thigh, gunshot wounded left shoulder & forearm & [unintelligible], NOK father August Capodice, 206 Kensington Ave., Chicago IL. Age 22, height 6'1", Catholic, salesman, resident of Los Angeles CA. Single. – Buried in Hollywood Forever, North Hollywood, Los Angeles CA. F: 261232712

- Rosa/Rose Capodice La Mantia, 26 Jan 1895 Chicago, Cook IL – 2 Oct 1922 Chicago, Cook IL. On 27 Jun 1915 in Chicago, Cook IL, she married Joseph) Vincent La Mantia (24 Jul 1893 Termini Inerese, Palermo, Sicily, Italy-18 Dec 1970 Chicago, Cook IL) who married Verna Swanson on 14 Jun 1923 following Rosa's death. Found also as Giuseppe (Joseph) Vincent, he was the son of Vincenzo Lamantia & Antoinette Marie Battaglia. Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL. F: 151251126
- Ella Capodice Strossner, 21 May 1898 Chicago, Cook IL – 28 Mar 1985 Chicago, Cook IL. Wife of Henry John Strossner (1892-1971, F: 261232893). Buried in Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Chicago, Cook IL. F: 261232885

Notes:

Wartime:

His next-of-kin was his uncle, Joseph M. Capodice, 5206 Prairie Ave., Chicago IL.

"Chicago Tribune" 9 Feb 1918 p 3 - photo – "If Private Joseph A. Capodice of the One Hundredth aero squadron is still alive, sad news awaits him. Three weeks ago his told his fataher and mother good-by at their home, at 6637 Evans avenue. Since then the mother has died. The father has heard nothing from him since the sinking of the Tuscania." [His mother Anna had died 7 Jan 1918]

"Chicago Tribune" 10 Feb 1918, p. 2 – Pvt. Joseph A. Capodice, 6637 Evans St., Chicago

"Waukesha (WI) Freeman" 17 Sep 1941 – "Legionnaire Visiting Waukesha Describes Tuscania Disaster" – described as a short, olive-faced Italian, Capodice was in Waukesha describing the Tuscania experience & looking for 4 Waukesha doughboys who were on the Tuscania that day. He was in Waukesha visiting friend Louis Rano, another WWI veteran. The two met at Resthaven, while Capodice was recovering from injuries received on the Tuscania. The torpedo struck the ship at 5:50 p.m. & the soldiers were on the 2nd supper shift. Capodice was in the pantry of the mess room below deck on K.P. duty. He was just serving a tray of prunes when the torpedo hit. He said it was bedlam as troops & crew "scrambled in a mad attempt to reach the top deck and board a lifeboat. It took Capodice an hour and a half to get on deck." The lifeboats were double-loaded, soldiers were dashing frantically around the ship, some were committing suicide by jumping overboard or shooting themselves. "Men who had never seen the inside of a church dropped to their knees." Without a lifeboat, Capodice dashed up & down the deck, being refused entry to a boat several times. So "he breathed a prayer and leaped into the water. Capodice never could swim, and he knew it." – "I muttered a quick, final prayer and thought of the good

meal of Italian spaghetti the sharks would have as I jumped overboard.” – A CA doughboy named Arthur Jones [no one of this name was onboard] spotted Capodice as he came up for the 2nd time and grabbed him by the hair, yanking him onto a makeshift raft already jammed with escaping soldiers. Jones later died of exposure, as did 28 others on that raft. Capodice was unconscious from the time he hit the water until 11 days later, when he woke in a little home in Ireland. “He was nursed, fed and clothed by a young Irish couple. A stranger, without clothes and penniless, Capodice was treated like a brother, and when he left, a Catholic priest by the name of Father Foley gave him his coat.” Capodice still calls Ireland “God’s country.” After leaving Ireland, Capodice served under the English command in the 100th Arrow Squadron, a bombing division which fought in Alsace-Lorraine.

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Chicago Tribune" 28 Apr 1971 p 36 - survived by wife Ella (Fusco) Capodice, 1 sister: Ella Capodice Strassner [i.e. Strossner]. Was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Anthony, Martin, Salvatore & 1 sister Rose La Mantia. Funeral 30 Apr 1971. Interment in Queen of Heaven Mausoleum.

Social Security Number: 326-07-6525

Censuses:

1900 – Chicago, Cook IL - 6511 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Illinois
 Ageta Capodice, 44 Italy, Aug 1855, parents b. Italy, married 16 years, emigrated 1884, 16 years in US, naturalized, fruit dealer
 Annie, 36 Italy, Oct 1863, parents b. Italy, emigrated 1884, 16 years in US, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living,
 Tony, 14 IL, Mar 1886, at school
 Joseph, 12 IL, Mar 1888, at school
 Martin, 10 IL, Mar 1890, at school
 Salvador, 7 IL, Sep 1882
 Rosa, 5 IL, Jan 1895
 Ella, 3 IL, May 1887

1910 Pontiac, Livingston IL – E. Wadson St. – line 90
 Joseph A. Capodice, 22 IL, parents b. Italy, single, retail salesman, grocery store
 Roomer with William S. & Hanna M. Hales

1920 Chicago, Cook IL – 6637 Evans Ave. – conducted 2 Jan 1920
 August Capodice, 67 Italy, married [wife had died], retired, emigrated 1883, naturalized, year naturalized a question mark

Joseph, 31 IL, single, salesman, wholesale fruits
Martin, 29 IL, “schauffer” (chauffeur), truck driver
Salvatore, 27 IL
Ella, 21 IL
For the children: both parents b. Italy

1930 Chicago, Cook IL – 804 E. 81st St. – rented
Joseph Capodice, 42 IL, parents b. Sicily, age 36 at 1st marriage, owner, fruit & vegetable store, WWI veteran
Ella, 25 IL, parents b. Sicily, age 25 at 1st marriage

1940

1950 Chicago, Cook IL – 8244 Maryland
Joseph A. Capodice, 62 IL, fireman & oiler, city sanitary district [misindexed as “lineman” although very clearly reads “fireman”]
Etta, 51 IL