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This record also lacks 1950 federal census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Brother of Tuscania survivor Joseph Inda

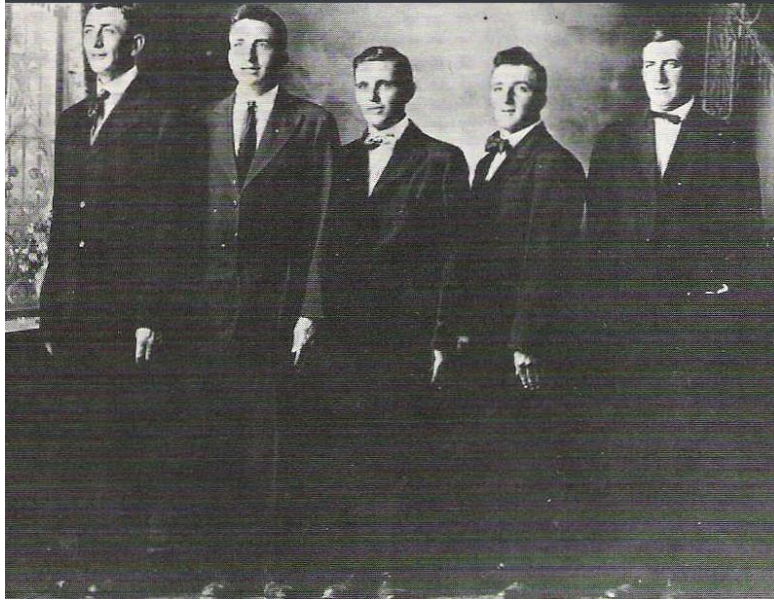
Inda, John Martin

1890 WI – 1972 WI



Some of the Inda siblings – standing (left to right): Wallace Frank Inda, John Martin Inda, Martin Inda, Roman Inda, Frances (Fan/Fran) Inda Mason, Frank Albert Inda. Kneeling in front (from left); Joseph (Joe) Inda [John's fellow Tuscania survivor] & Steve Inda -

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From left: Frank Albert Inda, Martin Inda, Joe Formiller (apparently a relative, likely a cousin),
Joseph (Joe) Inda of the Tuscania & John Martin Miller of the Tuscania -

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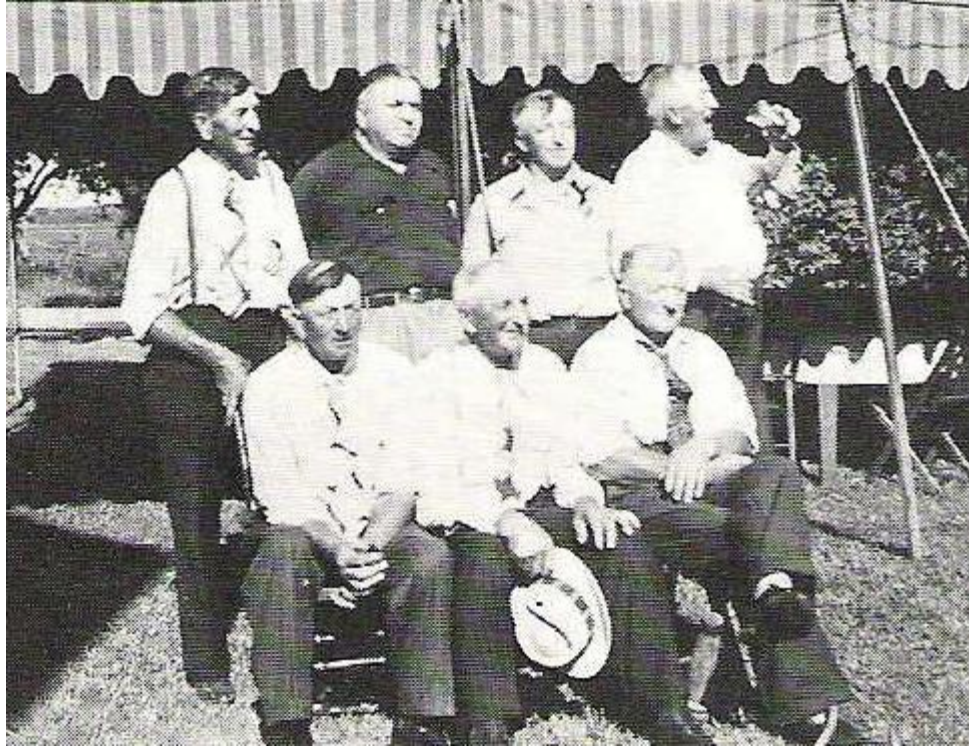
A reunion of the Inda family was held Sunday at the Frank Inda home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Dardy of Riverside, Cal., who are visiting here. Mrs. Dardy is the youngest of the Inda family and this is the first time she has returned for 15 years. It is also the first occasion the entire family has been together for that period of time. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Inda, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Inda and Irene, Poysippi; Mr. and Mrs. Roman Inda and George, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Chier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Plato and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bednarek and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fralish and family, Joe Inda and Virginia

Fralish, Berlin; Leonard Inda, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. George Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Topping, Saxeville; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cismoski and family, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Blakeslee and family and George Masterson, Chicago; Mrs. Ann Puddy, John Inda, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Inda, Mrs. Robert Pilz and family, Wild Rose; Martin Inda, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Inda and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. William Dardy and Harry Mortenson, Jr., Riverside, Cal.; Jeannette and Barbara Inda, Neenah; Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Inda, Appleton; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Formiller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Numbrue and Junior Numbrue, Waupaca; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawson, Ripon.

"Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune" Tuesday 24 Jun 1947 p 6



Brothers Steve (left) & John Martin Inda - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/32300441/person/20475609851/media/e316362f-6ff9-443a-8a28-cddd529f9c67?_phsrc=hFB17212&_phstart=successSource



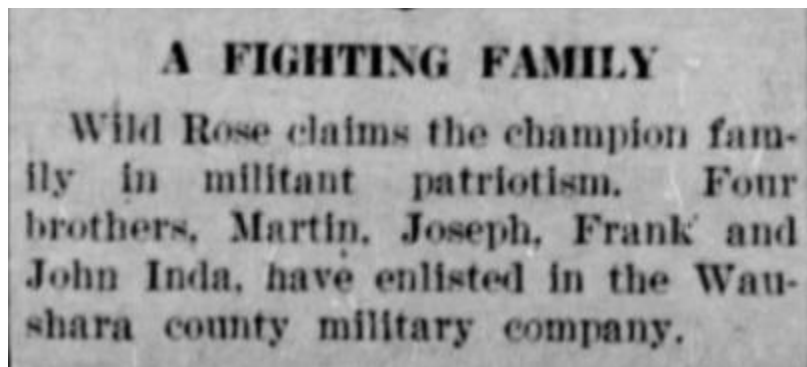
The Inda brothers, ca. 1955 – Standing (left to right): Frank Albert, Martin, Joseph (Joe) of the Tuscania & John Martin (of the Tuscania). Seated (left to right): Wallace, Roman, Steve
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The 4 brothers – Martin, Joseph, Frank & John – enlist in the Waushara Co. WI military unit –
 “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Saturday 7 Jul 1917 p 1

Waushara Co. Survivors of Tuscania Meet

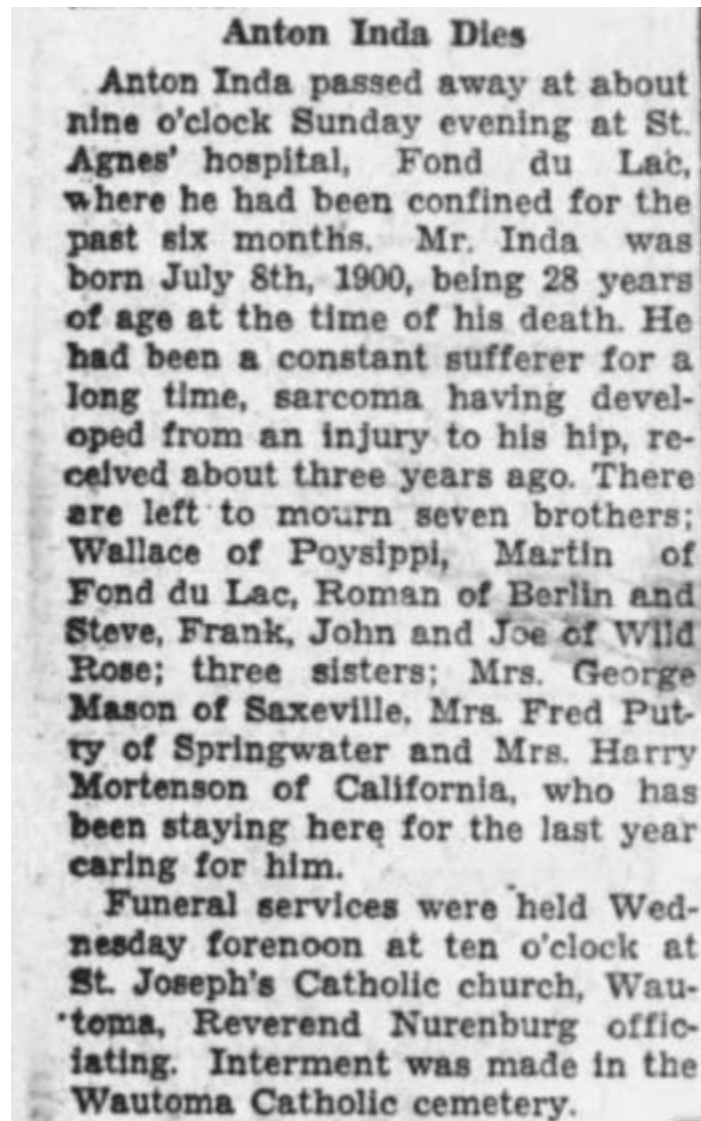
Plainfield— The Waushara county survivors of the ill-fated Tuscania gathered at the Legion club rooms in Plainfield on the evening of Feb. 5 at 5:35 p. m. to reenact the tragedy of 15 years ago.

The torpedo struck at the specified time but much differently from the one 15 years ago. A very fine plate dinner was served by the local Legion boys. After dinner the regular business meeting was carried on. A vote was taken to hold the next meeting at Red Granite Feb. 5, 1934, with John McArdle as president and Tom Evans as secretary.

The survivors talked over old times, which were very interesting to the visitors. The rest of the evening was spent in playing cards.

The attendance of members was somewhat smaller due to the national meeting held at Chicago which was attended by several, and due to the unusually colder weather. The members present were, Nels Jenson, Joe Bowen, Walt Callahan, Laland McCue, Edwin Rose, Henry Gathers, John Inda, Joe Inda, D. McLaughlin. Visitors were, Steve Inda, George Madon, A. Thompson, Milo Fields and A. Bradway. The survivors were served by the following local members: Lanford Lant, A. A. Spees, Roy Diver, George Turner, Glenn Walker and H. A. Weymouth.

Both John & Joe Inda attended the Waushara Co. WI Tuscania commemoration – “Wisconsin Rapids (WI) Daily Tribune” Thursday 9 Feb 1933 p 2



Obituary of his brother Anton Inda – “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Thursday 13 Dec 1928 p 8

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John M. Inda, 191

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
7-9-1917 Wild Rose, Wis.	1st Lt.	Co. 3rd Inf. Train.	8-14-1919 Camp Grant Ill.	Wound	0143 Arthritis severe

DOMESTIC HISTORY

Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Build and Weight	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or State	Place and Name of Nearest Relative
Wisconsin	42	70"	White	Blue	Gray	Med	Catholic	Carpenter	Wild Rose Wis.	Single	Brother Frank Inda Wild Rose Wisconsin

HOME HISTORY

Date of Admission	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
	Mar 6/30/1932		9/16/1932	W.H.P. 11003		

Admission to the Milwaukee WI National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers – 30 Jun 1932 to 16 Sep 1932 – for severe arthritis. Listed his brother Frank Inda of Wild Rose WI as his next-of-kin. Age 42, height 70 inches, Catholic, carpenter, resident of Wild Rose WI.

John M. Inda

WAUPACA — Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday for John M. Inda, 82, Rt. 2, who died Monday at the Wild Rose Memorial Hospital.

A World War I veteran, he was born May 29, 1890 in the Town of Springwater in Waushara County.

Mr. Inda is survived by a brother, Steve of Wild Rose; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Moldenhauer, Wild Rose, and Mrs. Regina Dardy, Riverside, Cal.

The Rev. Dennis Worzalla will officiate at services to be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wautoma. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery in the Town of Belmont, Portage County.

Friends may call at the Holly Funeral Home, Wild Rose, after 6 p.m. Wednesday. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Obituary for John Martin Inda – "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 14 Nov 1972 p 24

Name: John Martin Inda

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. C - corporal

Serial number: 251,078

Entered service from: Wild Rose, Waushara WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: John M. Inda

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Frank Inda, Wild Rose WI

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Jul 1919 [the same ship as his brother Joseph]

Sailed on return ship as: John M. Inda

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Frank Inda, Wild Rose WI (PFC, Co. F, 2nd Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as John Martin Inda - b. 29 May 1890 Springwater WI; res: Star Route, Wild Rose, Waushara WI. Single. Farming for father in Springwater WI. Tall & stout.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Camp Taylor Lake, Grandview WI (1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors)

World War II draft registration (1942): as John Martin Inda - b. 29 May 1890 Waushara Co. WI; res: Springwater, Waushara WI, mailing address: Wild Rose WI. NOK Frank Inda, Wild Rose WI.

Employed by self – unemployed. Height: 5'10" – 215 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate

Enlisted

Discharged

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 29 May 1890 Springwater, Waushara WI (WWII draft card: Milwaukee WI)

Died: 13 Nov 1972 Wautoma, Waushara WI (Wild Rose Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 94946810, presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Belmont, Portage WI

Cemetery: Hope (also known as St. John the Baptist)

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Pvt Co F 2 Sup Train WWI

Father: Frank M. Inda, Sr., 1857 Germany – 27 Mar 1925 Springwater, Waushara WI. Son of Nikodem Inda & Marianna Katzban. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wautoma, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 109157258

Mother: Rosie Gregor Inda, 31 Aug 1859 – 8 Oct 1921. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wautoma, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 109157280

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: never married

Siblings:

- Wallace Frank Inda, 29 Jan 1882 Princeton, Green Lake WI [or Wild Rose, Waushara WI according to his Find A Grave obituary] – 3 Jun 1962 Columbia Co. WI. Married 22 May 1905 to Paulina J. Pink (1876-1960). Farmer. Survived by a son & daughter & 6 brothers: Frank, Joe, John & Steven (all of Wild Rose WI), Roman (Berlin WI) & Martin (Fond du Lac WI) & 3 sisters: Mrs. George [Frances] Mason, Mrs. Anna Moldenhauer (Saxeville WI) & Mrs. CW B Darby [Regina Dardy] of Riverside CA. Buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery, Berlin, Green Lake WI. F: 135839171
- Roman ("Bob") Inda, 31 Jul 1883 Springwater, Waushara WI – 25 Jul 1972 Berlin, Green Lake WI. Married in 1906 to Stella Platoszynski (1886-1949), also known as Stella Plato. A farmer in Waushara Co. WI most of his life. His obituary appears in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Tuesday 25 Jul 1972 p 30. He died in the Berlin (WI) Memorial Hospital. Buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery, Berlin, Green Lake WI. F: 132766810
- Stephen ("Steve") Inda, 16 Dec 1884 Springwater, Waushara WI – 10 Feb 1973 Wild Rose, Waushara WI. Resident of Wild Rose WI when his brother John died in Nov 1972. Husband of Catherine Florence McLaughlin (1889-1976) whom he married 19 Feb 1919 in Springwater, Waushara WI. His obituary appeared in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 12 Feb 1973 p 19. Buried as Steve Inda in Ravine Cemetery, Wild Rose, Waushara WI. F: 83707072
- Mary Inda, 6 Feb 1886 WI – 6 Jun 1886. Died at exactly 4 months of age. Buried by a large oak tree in a large bunch of lilac bushes. Buried in Inda Family Burials cemetery, Wild Rose, Waushara WI. F: 143484252
- Agnes Inda, 9 Apr 1887 Springwater, Waushara WI – 21 Apr 1912 Springwater, Waushara WI. Buried in Hope Cemetery, Belmont, Portage WI. F: 94946808
- Frank Albert Inda, 20 Aug 1888 Springwater, Waushara WI – 22 Jan 1970 Wild Rose, Waushara WI. Was a 2nd lieutenant in the 121st Machine Gun Battalion in WWI & earned a

Purple Heart. Husband of Amelia E. Maciejewski (1896-1979) whom he married 29 Jun 1920 in Berlin, Green Lake WI. His obituary appears in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 24 Jan 1970 p 24. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wautoma, Waushara WI. F: 99480031

- Frances M. (Fran/Fan) Inda Mason, Feb 1892 WI – 15 May 1969 WI. Married in 1915 to George R. Mason (1883-1968). Buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Saxeville, Waushara WI. F: 86479026
- Martin Inda, 9 Oct 1893 Waushara Co. WI – 14 Jul 1967 Wild Rose, Waushara WI. Operated a tavern at 180 S. Brooke St., Fond du Lac WI for many years. Married Marie C. Simons (1892-1945) on 25 Oct 1928 in Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac WI. Survived by 4 brothers: Roman (Berlin WI), John (Waupaca WI), Steve & Frank (of Wild Rose WI) & 3 sisters: Mrs. Frances Mason (Saxeville WI), Mrs. Ann Moldenhauer (Wild Rose WI) & Mrs. Regina Dardy (Riverside CA). His obituary appeared in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Monday 17 Jul 1967 p 12. Buried in Estabrooks Cemetery, Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac WI. F: 135829742
- Joseph ("Joe") Inda, 23 Mar 1895 Springwater, Waushara WI – 17 Aug 1966 Wild Rose, Waushara WI. John's fellow passenger & survivor on the "Tuscania." Buried in Hope Cemetery, Belmont, Portage WI. F: 94946809. See his full biography below.
- Ann Leda Inda Puddy Moldenhauer, 27 Nov 1896 WI [her obituary claims in Berlin, Green Lake WI– 25 Dec 1995 Wild Rose, Waushara WI. Resident of Wild Rose WI in Nov 1972 when her brother John died. Her obituary appeared in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Wednesday 27 Dec 1995 p 16. A resident of Saxeville WI, she died at age 99 in Wild Rose Manor, where she had been residing. In 1927 she married Fred Puddy (1882-1943), buried in Fond Du Lac WI, F: 202588539 with his 1st wife Anna (1879-1921, F: 202588523) in 1920 & he preceded her in death. Fred's obituary is in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 22 Nov 1943 p 7. – In the 1930 census, Fred Puddy (45) & Anna Puddy (33) live in Saxeville, Waushara WI. Anna reports she was 1st married at age 30 (ca. 1937). – As Ann Married Walter Moldenhauer (1885-1959, F: 54532375, buried with his wife Lillian H. Streicker, 1889-1942, on 10 May 1951 in Redgranite, Waushara WI. He died 3 Mar 1959. – Walter & Ann lived on his farm 2 miles west of Pine Grove WI. – Ann's 90th birthday celebration on 27 Nov 1986 is featured, with her photo, in the "Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Thursday 4 Dec 1986 p 11, hosted by her nieces & nephews. She worked in Hartford WI for 7 years & then for 4 years at Westinghouse in Milwaukee WI. After marrying Fred Puddy in 1927, they developed the south end of Long Lake & operated Puddy's Lodge for 16 years. Fred died in 1943 & she married Walt Moldenhauer in 1952 & lived on a farm in Saxeville until he died in 1968. Buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Saxeville, Waushara WI. F: 118250540
- Regina Juanita Inda Mortenson Dardy, 1 Jul 1897 Springwater, Waushara WI – 27 Apr 1990 Riverside Co. CA. She lived in Wild Rose WI for a year taking care of her brother Anton before his death in 1928. Resident of Riverside CA in Nov 1972 when her brother John died. - Wife of William Dardy in Jun 1947 when she returned home for the 1st time in 15 years. - Wife of Harry Edsel Mortenson (1891-1946, F: 120921575, buried in Saxeville WI). Buried in Evergreen Memorial Park & Mausoleum, Riverside, Riverside Co. CA. F: 135828272
- Anton ("Pat") Inda, 8 Jul 1900 WI – 9 Dec 1928 Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac WI. Died in St. Agnes Hospital where he had been for 6 months prior to his death from sarcoma. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Wautoma, Waushara WI. F: 109157525
- Mike Inda, 23 Oct 1903 Springwater, Waushara WI – 15 Nov 1903 Springwater, Waushara WI. Died at age 23 days. Buried in Hope Cemetery, Belmont, Portage WI.

Notes: Brothers John & Joe Inda, who shared their passage on Tuscania, never married and are buried side-by-side.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 8 Feb 1918 p 9 – On board Tuscania from Co. C – John M. Inda, Wild rose WI – and – Jos. Inda, Wild Rose WI

"Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer" 10 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the survivors: John M. Inda, Wild Rose WI

Post-war:

Obituary:

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" 14 Nov 1972 p 24 - funeral 16 Nov, age 82, of Rte. 2, Waupaca WI. WWI veteran. Born 29 May 1890 Springwater, Waushara WI. Survived by 2 sisters & brother Steve. Burial at St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

Social Security number: 395-07-3670

Censuses:

1900 Springwater, Waushara WI

Frank Inda, 42 Germany, Aug 1857, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1881, in US for 19 years, married 19 years, farmer

Rosa, 40 Germany, Aug 1859, parents b. Germany, emigration unknown, naturalized, gave birth to 12 children, 11 are living

Wallace, 18 WI, Jan 1882, day laborer

Roman, 16 WI, Jul 1883, day laborer

Stephen, 15 WI, Dec 1884, day laborer

Agnes, 13 WI, Apr 1887

Frank, 11 WI, Aug 1889

John, 10 WI, May 1890

Frances, 8 WI, Feb 1892

Martin, 6 WI, Oct 1893

Joseph, 5 WI, Mar 1895

Annie, 3 WI, Nov 1896

Virgena, 1 WI, Jul 1898

1905 WI state census – Springwater, Waushara WI

Frank Inda, 47 Germany, parent b. Germany, farmer

Rosie, 45 Germany, parents b. Germany

Wallace, 23 WI

Roman, 22 WI

Stephen, 20 WI

Agnes P., 18 WI

Frank, 17 WI

John, 15 WI

Frances, 14 WI

Martin, 12 WI

Joseph, 11 WI

Regina, 8 WI

Anton, 5 WI

& Pauline Inda, 26 WI [hard to read but must be daughter-in-law as Paulina/Pauline is Wallace's wife]

1920 Springwater, Waushara WI

Frank Inda, 62 Germany, parents b. Germany (spoke Polish), alien, farmer, general farm

Roisia, 60 Germany, parents b. Germany, unknown emigration date, alien

Frank, 30 WI, farmer, general farm

John, 29 WI, farmer, general farm

Martin, 27 WI, farmer, general farm

Joe, 24 WI, farmer, general farm

Anton, 19 WI

1930 Springwater, Waushara WI

John M. Inda, 39 WI, parents b. Germany, single, laborer, mason, WWI veteran

Joe Inda, 35 WI, parents b. Germany, single, farm laborer, general farm, WWI veteran

[the next census entry is for their brother Frank Inda, his wife Amelia & Frank's children]

1940 Springwater, Waushara WI – same place in 1935

John Inda, 50 WI, single, stone mason, general

Joe Inda, 45 WI, single, carpenter, general