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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Joanis, Charles Arthur
1896 WI – 1972 WI**

Julius Hunter Janetsky Jr. – San Francisco Chronicle 8 Feb 1918 p 2



Charles Arthur Joanis – “Marshfield (WI) News-Herald” 7 Feb 1955 p 3



AT TUSCANIA SURVIVORS GATHERING—These 16 survivors of the sinking of the troopship Tuscania by a German torpedo in the Atlantic Feb. 5, 1918, gathered in Medford Saturday for the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors Association. Seated, left to right, are Ari Hansen, Withee; Martin De Boer, La Crosse; Charles Meyenberg, Stone Lake; A. R. Willey, Washburn; Oakley Parkhill, Neills-

ville, reelected president of the association Saturday; Charles M. Jonas, Washburn; Nat Carhardt, Neillsville, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Edmond Johnson, Rosholt. Standing, same order, are Fred Braem, Marshfield; O. R. Thompson, Rib Lake; William Rueschel, Shawano; Alvin W. Grambsch, Neenah; J. W. Kramer, Medford; Herb Hurd, Wausau; Hobart Edmunds, Waupaca; and Lehlend McCue, Poy Sippi.

Tuscania survivors - Charles Arthur Joanis misidentified as Charles M. Jonas, seated in front, 3rd from right - "Marshfield (WI) News-Herald" 7 Feb 1955 p 3

CHEQUAMEGON BAY PARENTS HEAR OF SONS CASUALTIES LIST OF NORTHWEST SMALL



10, Charles A. Joanis, Washburn, Wis.

WASHBURN, Wis., Feb. 11.—Four men from Washburn were aboard the transport Tuscania when she was torpedoed off the Irish coast. They were Asa R. Willy, sergeant; Fred H. Casperson, corporal; and privates Charles A. Joanis and J. F. McCutcheon.

These men were members of the One Hundred and Seventh supply company of the Thirty-second division.

All four were volunteers, having joined the Bayfield county company of the Sixth Wisconsin, organized in Washburn. They were transferred to the supply company after arriving at Camp McArthur, Texas.

the service.

Charles A. Joanis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Joanis and his great hope in joining the service was to get a crack at the kaiser. He wanted to be among the first to leave for France.

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Washburn Wis		A 1 102 624	
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Charles A. Joanis (4)

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MILITARY HISTORY

Date and Place of Birth	Rank	Company and Regiment	Date and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disabilities when admitted to the Home
June 8, 1917 Washburn Wis	Pvt.	Co. 107 Dep. Main.	May 29, 1919 G. Grant, Ill. Pvt.	Condy 4th	0717 Hernia ing right 1678 Insult: Chas.

DOMESTIC HISTORY

Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Build	Religion	Occupation	Residence Subsequent to Discharge	Married or Single	Married to
Washburn	35	5' 8"	Light	Blue	Black	Medium	Catholic		Washburn	Single	Miss L. Joanis.
											Box 43.
											Washburn Wis.

HOME HISTORY

Date of Death	Date of Admission to Home and Transfer	Conditions of Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death
	Adm 777 Jul 24 1931		Disch 29 1931	Spinal Fr. Coll.	

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1200/images/MIUSA1866_113896-00488?pld=523332

Edmund Joanis

Edmund Joanis, 96, Washburn, died June 1 at Ashland Memorial Hospital.

He was the father of the late John Joanis, chief executive officer of Sentry Insurance of Stevens Point.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Louis Catholic Church, Washburn, and burial was in Washburn.

Mr. Joanis was born in Washburn June 6, 1892. He was a retired employee of the DuPont plant in nearby Barksdale.

His wife preceded him in death. Surviving are four sons, Robert, La Crosse, Kenneth, Kenosha, George, St. Louis, and William, Washburn; a sister, Mrs. Loretta Anderson, Washburn; 15 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Obituary of his brother Edmund W. Joanis – "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" Tuesday 7 Jun 1988 p 2

Name: Charles Arthur Joanis

Name variations: Art Joanis

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - private

Serial number: 251,189

Entered service from: Washburn, Bayfield WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Charles A. Joanis

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Fred Joanis, Washburn WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Charles A. Joanis

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Louisa Joanis, Bayfield St., Washburn WI (PFC, Co. E, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Charles A. Joanis - b. 29 Mar 1896 Washburn WI; res: W. 8th Ave., Washburn, Bayfield WI. Single. Laborer at saw mill, J.S. Stearns Lbr. Co., Washburn WI.

Medium height, slender build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 1955 WI Survivors: Washburn WI

World War II draft registration (1942): as Charles Arthur Joanis - b. 29 Mar 1896 Washburn WI; res: W. 4th St., Washburn, Bayfield WI. NOK Mrs. Tom Peterson, Washburn WI [his sister Jennie Joanis Peterson]. Employed by US Forest Service, Rogers Station, Washburn WI. Height: 5'8" – 154 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: Washburn WI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, Cas Det 2 Tr Bn, 161st Depot Brigade

Birth & death:

Born: 29 Mar 1896 Washburn, Bayfield WI

Died: 26 Jan 1972 Washburn, Bayfield WI

Find A Grave record: 36932064, presence on the Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Washburn, Bayfield WI

Cemetery: Calvary

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin PFC Co E 107 Sup Train WWI

Father: Alfred Despocas ("Fred") Joanis, 30 May 1860 Angers, Quebec, Canada – 11 May 1943 Washburn, Bayfield WI. Son of Vincent Joanis. Arrived in the US in 1876 or 1880. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI.

Find A Grave: 36931872

Mother: Louise M. [also found as Rose] Cayo Joanis, 8 May 1864 Saint Johnsbury, Caledonia VT – 1 Apr 1950 Washburn, Bayfield WI. In the 1880 census, living on Winooski Ave. in Chittenden, Burlington Co. VT, Rose Cayo, age 16 VT, dressmaker, with parents b. VT, living with her divorced mother Delia Cayo, 42 VT, keeping house, parents b. Canada. - ?? A divorce is granted to Samuel Cayo vs. Delia Cayo on the grounds of "willful desertion" is recorded in the "Vermont Journal" (Windsor VT) Saturday 19 Mar 1870 p 1 & "Black River Gazette" (Ludlow VT) Friday 11 Mar 1870 p 1. When Samuel Cayo dies 31 Oct 1900 in Winooski VT, he is survived by a wife (unnamed) & 4 daughters (none of them Louise) Obituaries of Samuel Cayo in "St. Albans (VT) Daily Messenger" Thursday 1 Nov 1900 p 7 & "Burlington (VT) Free Press" 1 Nov 1900 p 6. But in the 1900 census, Louise's father John Cayo is living with her & her Joanis family in Washburn WI; he entered the US in 1899. – Louise is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI.

Find A Grave: 36931923

Parents' marriage: 21 Jul 1883 Muskegon, Muskegon MI

Spouse: Dorothy Marie Huntley Hyke Joanis, 18 Aug 1892 Spencer, Marathon WI – 6 May 1972 Park Falls, Price WI. SSN 387-18-0428. Daughter of Charles Rufus Huntley & Mary A. Upson. Buried in Nola Cemetery, Park Falls, Price WI under the tombstone "Hyke."

First married to Walter William Hyke (1895 WI – 1946 WI, FD: 19650718).

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 5 Jan 1953 in St. Louis Catholic Church, Washburn, Bayfield WI.

Stepchildren: children of his wife Dorothy Huntley by her 1st husband, Walter William Hyke

- Nellie Mae Hyke Herbst, 31 Jul 1913 Park Falls, Price WI – 9 Nov 1989 Price Co. WI. Wife of Steven A. Herbst (1913-1990). Buried in Nola Cemetery, Park Falls, Price WI. F: 19935139

- Mary Marcia Hyke Turney, 24 Dec 1917 Park Falls, Price WI – 13 Feb 1996 Price Falls, Price WI. Wife of George E. Turney (1915-2005). Burial details unknown. F: 206755910
- Harriet Evelyn Hyke Paul, 9 Jan 1920 – 24 Dec 1994 Ishpeming township, Marquette MI. Wife of George C. Paul (1924-2015). Buried in Hurley Cemetery, Hurley, Iron WI. F: 151567174
- Walter Merton Hyke, 16 Mar 1922 Park Falls, Price WI – 3 Apr 2009 Duluth, St. Louis Co. MN. Husband of Ruth Josephine Jardine (1928-1995). Buried in Sunrise Memorial Park, Hermantown, St. Louis Co. MN. F: 200535238
- Mildred D. (“Millie”) Hyke Kozup, 8 Feb 1924 – 5 Oct 2013. Wife of John George Kozup (1915-1972) whom she married 2 May 1942 in Ashland WI. Worked in the Veneer Mill in Mellen WI, retiring in 1986 at age 62. She moved to Ashland WI & for 15 years worked at & then managed Bargain Hut & as a volunteer at the Ashland Senior Center. Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, High Bridge, Ashland WI. F: 12834629
- Donald J. Hyke, 16 Mar 1925 WI – 24 Aug 1989 Chicago, Cook IL. SSN 396-12-2422
- Mary Louis Hyke Ree, 1928 WI – 1946 Mellen, Ashland WI. Wife of George J. Ree (1921-2006). Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, High Bridge, Ashland WI. F: 12834617

Siblings: in the 1910 census, his mother Louise says she has given birth to 14 children, 12 of whom were living

- Frederick John (“Fred”) Joanis, 8 Apr 1884 Muskegon Co. MI – 16 Apr 1978 Rome, Oneida Co. NY. Was a resident of Blossvale, Oneida NY in 1942 on his WWII draft card. Husband of Bertha L. Anderson (1890-1964, F: 100562749). Buried in St. Peter’s Catholic Cemetery, Rome, Oneida NY. F: 100562709
- Mary Louise Joanis Scantland, 21 Dec 1885 [Dec 1886 MI in 1900 census] Muskegon, Muskegon Co. MI – 31 Dec 1968 Iron Mountain, Dickinson MI. SSN 384-46-7029. Wife of Amil John Scantland (1885-1947, F: 137289174). Buried in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park, Iron Mountain, Dickinson MI. F: 137289136
- Hattalis Louisa Joanis, 10 Aug 1887 Muskegon, Muskegon Co. MI – 15 Dec 1889.
- Rosalie (Rosa) May Joanis Jenson Lavalley, 9 May 1889 MI – 28 Jun 1973 Alexandria, Fairfax VA. SSN 390-09-5813. In 1910 census living in Ashland, Ashland Co. WI on 2nd Avenue West, Rose Jenson, age 20, b. MI, father b. Canada (French), mother b. MI, with husband Han [sic] A. Jenson, 25 WI, parents b. Denmark, laborer in a livery barn, both in their 1st marriage, married 2 years. Her daughter is listed as Loraine Jenson, age 19, living with her grandparents Fred & Louise & uncle Charles Joanis in Washburn WI in 1930. – Died at age 84 in Oak Meadows Nursing Home, 1510 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria VA. Was a resident of Washington DC. Widowed. Survived by a daughter Mrs. Virginia Miser (informant). Buried according to her VA death certificate for Rosalie M. Lavalley in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, Prince George’s County MD but not on Find A Grave as of 22 Apr 2021 (cemetery is 55% photographed).
- George Joanis, 26 Jan 1891 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 30 Jan 1891 Washburn, Bayfield WI.
- Edmund W. Joanis, 6 Jun 1892 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 1 Jun 1988 Ashland, Ashland WI. Husband of Emma E. Westen/Weston (1893-1972). “Stevens Point (WI) Journal” Tuesday 8 Jun 1982 p 12 – WI Governor Lee Dreyfus proclaimed June 6 as “Edmund W. Joanis Day” in the state, on the occasion of Edmund’s 90th birthday. Edmund is a Washburn WI resident & is “responsible” for his son John W. Joanis, the board chairman & chief executive officer of Sentry Insurance of Stevens Point. Edmund, born in WI, has 4 other sons. He retired from the DuPont explosives plant at Barksdale WI, which is near Washburn. - Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI. F: 36932140

- Jennie Joanis Peterson, 28 Dec 1893 [Dec 1894 in 1900 census] Washburn, Bayfield WI – 21 Sep 1983 Washburn, Bayfield WI. Age 16 in 1910 census. Married 28 Jun 1915 in Washburn, Bayfield WI to Thomas Peterson (1891-1981, F: 46347827). Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI. F: 46347830
- Albert Joanis, 18 Jan 1898 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 4 Mar 1985 La Habra, Orange CA . Age 12 in 1910 census. Husband of Norma Kathlyn Peterson (1900-1995, SSN 393-07-7881, whose mother's maiden name was Nielsen). Married to Norma in the 1920 census & living with her & their 1-year-old daughter Kathylin with his parents & some siblings in Washburn, Bayfield WI.
- William Cyril Joanis, 24 Sep 1900 [Aug 1899 in 1900 census] Washburn, Bayfield WI – 21 Oct 1976 Milledgeville, Baldwin GA. SSN 253-62-3357. Age 10 in 1910 census. Husband of Marion S. --- (1906-1992, F: 165476846). In the 1940 census a resident of Macon, Bibb GA; a dentist. Also residing in Macon GA on his 1942 WWII draft card; dentist. Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Bibb GA. F: 165476857
- Cecelia/Celia [buried as Ceil] Ann Joanis Smith, 11 Nov 1901 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 6 Dec 1978 Washburn, Bayfield WI. SSN 389-056-4645. Age 8 in 1910 census. Wife of Earl Blaine Smith (1895-1988, F:P 18673828). Resident of Ashland WI in 1940. Buried as Ceil A. Smith in Mount Hope Cemetery, Ashland, Ashland WI. F: 18673831
- Emil Theodore Joanis, 26 Jun 1903 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 13 Nov 1985 Washburn, Bayfield WI. Husband of Martha M. Kamasa (1903-1977) whom he married in Ramsey, Gogebic MI on 12 Oct 1935. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI. F: 36931960
- Raymond A. Joanis, 5 Jun 1905 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 26 Aug 1964 Marseilles, LaSalle IL. Husband of Esther J. Molnaa (1905-2000) whom he married in 1925. Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Marseilles, LaSalle IL. F: 32957307
- Loretta Joanis Anderson, 6 Jun 1907 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 1 Nov 1991 Washburn, Bayfield WI. SSN 389-38-1079. Age 2 in 1910 census. Listed as Laurette in 1910 census & as Lorrette in 1920 census, age 12. Wife of Harold C. Anderson (1908-1989, F: 46261518). Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Washburn, Bayfield WI. F: 46261513
- John Earl Joanis, 10 Feb 1911 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 27 Aug 1911 Washburn, Bayfield WI.

Notes:

Family tree: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/14637296/person/172626680/facts>

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – “Tuscania Survivors – Maybe His Name is Here” – among the survivors: Charles A. Joanis, Washburn WI.

Post-war:

1931 – admitted to US National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Milwaukee WI – Charles A. Joanis, entered Army 8 Jun 1917 in Washburn WI. Private, Co. E, 107th Supply Train. Discharged 29

May 1919 Camp Grant IL. Admitted with inguinal hernia & tonsillitis. Age 35, b. WI, Catholic, residence subsequent to discharge: Milwaukee WI. Single. NOK Mrs. L. Joanis, Box 843, Washburn WI. Admitted 24 Jul 1931. Discharged from home 29 Oct 1931.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 387-12-9528

Censuses:

1900 Washburn, Bayfield WI – Bigelow St.

Fred JONAS, 40 Canada (French), May 1860, parents b. Canada (French), emigrated 1876, in the US for 24 years, married 17 years, common laborer

Louise, 36 VT, May 1864, parents b. Canada, gave birth to 10 children, 8 are living

Fred, 16 MI, Apr 1884, school

Mary, 13 MI, Dec 1886, school

Rosa, 11 MI, May 1889, school

Edmond, 8 WI, Jun 1892, school

Jennie [this is partially overwritten & appears in indexes & family trees as “Muel” but the initial letter is a “J”], 5 WI, Dec 1894, school [a daughter]

Charles, 4 WI, Mar 1896

Albert, 2 WI, Jan 1898

William, 9 months, Aug 1899

& father-in-law John Cayo, 66 Canada [age 67 is crossed-off], Aug 1833, parents b. Canada, common laborer, emigrated 1899, in US for 1 year] [the census adds, but then crosses off, that he had 8 children, 6 of whom were living]

1905 WI state census - Washburn, Bayfield WI – as of 1 Jun 1905

Frederick Joanis, 45 Canada, parents b. Canada, [occupation illegible – lbrshovar ?]

Louise, 41 VT, parents b. Canada/VT

Fred, 21 MI

Rosie, 16 MI, housekeeper

Edmond/Edward, 13 WI

Jennie, 11 WI

Charlie, 9 WI

Albert, 7 WI

William, 6 WI

Celia, 4 WI

Emil, 2 WI

Raymond, 2 months WI

1910 Washburn, Bayfield WI – Pine St.

Fred Joanis, 50 Canada, parents b. Canada (French), emigrated in 1880, naturalized, in 1st marriage, laborer, saw mill

Louisa, 46 VT, parents b. Canada (French), in 1st marriage, gave birth to 14 children, 12 are living

Edmond, 18 WI, laborer, saw mill

Jennie, 16 WI, saleslady, dry goods

Charles, 14 WI

Albert, 12 WI
 William, 10 WI
 Celia, 8 WI
 Emil, 6 WI
 Raymond, 4 WI
 Laurette, 2 WI

1920 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 9th Ave. West – his parents & siblings but not Charles
 Fread JONIS, 59 Canada (French), parents b. Canada (French)., emigrated 1876, naturalized in
 1904, labor, box factory
 Louisa, 55 VT, parents b. Canada (French), house wife
 Lorrette, 12 WI, school
 Amiesul [Emil], 16 WI, labor, box factory
 Raymond, 14 WI, school
 Albert, 22 WI, labor, planing ---
 Norma, 20 WI, parents b. WI, housewife [daughter-in-law, i.e. Albert's wife]
 Kathylin, 1 WI [grandchild]

1930 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 840 – 8th Ave. W.
 Fred JONAS, 69 Canada (French), parents b. Canada (French), age 23 at 1st marriage, emigrated
 1897 (?), laborer, excelsior plant, not a veteran [but all entries on this page say the men are not
 veterans]
 Louise, 65 VT, parents b. Canada (French), age 19 at 1st marriage
 Charles, 34 WI, father b. Canada, mother b. VT, single, laborer, city
 Loraine Jensen [Jansen], 19 WI, parents b. VT [Fred's daughter Rose/Rosalie had been married to
 Hans Jenson]

1940 Washburn, Bayfield WI – 8th St. – in same house in 1935
 Fred Joanis, 79 Canada (French)
 Louise, 76 VT
 Charles, 44 WI, single, laborer, sewer construction