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The research has not been completed, so there may be errors and omissions.

This document lacks 1950 census data.
Please return to Tuscania1918.org in the future to see if a revised and
finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Kounze, Frank Everson
1886/1888/1889 MI – 1946 MI

County Mason MICHIGAN. 717
 Township _____ DEPARTMENT OF STATE—DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
 Village _____
 City Lansing CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH. REGISTERED NO. 89

Full name Amelia Jane Coons Date of death

MONTH.	DAY.	YEAR.
<u>Dec</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1898</u>

Place of death 2^d Ward Harrison Sex female Color White

Single, married, widowed or divorced _____ Age

YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
<u>34</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

If married, age at first marriage 19 years.

Parent of 3 children, of whom all are living. Birthplace (State or country) Canada

Occupation Household work

Name of father Ally Cuthbert Birthplace of father (State or country) England
 Maiden name of mother Mary Preston Birthplace of mother (State or country) Canada

Proposed date of burial or removal Dec 20 1898

Proposed place of burial City Cemetery

Proposed place of removal _____

Signature of undertaker W. H. Smith Address of undertaker Lansing

Certificate of Reporter.
 The personal and family particulars herein given relative to deceased are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Witness my hand this 17 day of Dec 1898.
 (Signature) J. Van Wilkerson
 (Address) Lansing Mich.

Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.
 I hereby certify that I attended deceased from July 1897 to Dec 17 1898
 that I last saw her alive on Dec 17 1898, that she died on Dec 17 1898
 about 9-30 o'clock P. M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the CAUSE OF DEATH was as hereunder written:
Cancer of uterus
 Disease causing death* _____

Immediate cause of death _____
 Contributory causes or complications, if any _____
 Post mortem No

*In case of a Violent Death, state (1) mode of injury and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal; (2) what was the nature of the injury and the immediate cause of death; (3) contributory causes or conditions, e.g., septicemia. Also whether amputation was performed, etc.

Witness my hand this 17 day of Dec 1898
 Signature of physician, health officer or coroner J. H. Crook
 (Address) Lansing Mich.

MI death certificate of his mother (?) Amelia Jane Cuthbert Coons -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355246-01247?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&pid=2218436

Name:	Frank E Kounze
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital status:	Widowed
Death Age:	57
Birth Date:	26 Jun 1888
Birth Place:	Michigan
Death Date:	25 May 1946
Death Place:	Allen Park, Wayne, Michigan, USA
Father:	William H Kounze
Mother:	Amelia Custerfer
File Number:	001288

Frank E Kounze

in the Michigan, U.S., Death Records, 1867-1952

https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=60872&h=642974&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=60525

Kounze, Frank E.	Sep. 18, 17	Trans to 107th Eng. Train pr DSO # 91, dated Dec. 31, 1917.
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Frank E Kounze

United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939

Tools

Event Type: Military Service

Name: Frank E Kounze • [Edit](#)

Event Date: 18 Sep 1917 • [Edit](#)

Event Place: United States • [Edit](#)

Kounze, Frank E.	Sep 20/17	Assgd to Co Sep 21/17 E and A card Joined sd Trans to 32 Natl Guard Div Oct 27/17 par 1 SO 55 Hq 85 Div 1917
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Frank E Kounze

United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters,
1916-1939

Tools

Event Type:	Military Service
Name:	Frank E Kounze • Edit
Event Date:	20 Sep 1917 • Edit
Event Place:	United States • Edit

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3HT-W9K1-9?cc=3346936&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A8CWL-QFN2>

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H5-VZLS?cc=3346936&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A8FLV-K2W2>

Kounze, Frank E.	Assd. to Regt. Oct. 31, 17. VODO assd. to Co. Oct. 31, 17, RO #34, Oct. 31, 17. Joined sd.
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Frank E Kounze

United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters,
1916-1939

Tools

Event Type:	Military Service
Name:	Frank E Kounze • Edit
Event Date:	31 Oct 1917 • Edit
Event Place:	United States • Edit

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H5-VHGL?cc=3346936&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A8X58-FDT2>

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See instructions attached)

☒ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates 9-21-1917 and 5-21-19
Discharge dates 5-20-19 and 5-20-20
Pension number G-580 245
Serial number 251708

ORIGINAL

Name <u>KOUNZE, Frank E.</u>	Rank <u>Private</u>	Company <u>Supply Co. 50th Inf.</u>	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel <u>45th Infantry</u>	Date of Death <u>May 25, 1946</u>
Name of Cemetery <u>Forest Lawn Cemetery</u>	Located in or near— City <u>Saginaw</u>	State <u>Mich.</u>	If World War Veteran Division <u>20</u>	
EMBLEM Christian <u>None</u>				

To be shipped to Charles Koons at Pere Marquette Railway, Potter St.
(Name of consignee) (Give R. R., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is P.O. Box 793, Saginaw, Michigan

DO NOT WRITE HERE

For verification JUL 25 1947
GREEN MOUNTAIN, VT. SEP 23 1947

Ordered 3218339

B/L 251708

Shipped 251708

WAR DEPARTMENT
O. Q. M. G. Form No. 623

Approved Aug. 12, 1913;
May 18, 1931; Feb. 15,
1937; May 1, 1939; July 1,
1940; July 1, 1942.

This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. The Government STONE will be furnished and shipped freight prepaid at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

Charles A. Koons Applicant.
(Signature of Applicant)

Address P.O. Box 793 Date July 7, 1949
Saginaw, Mich.

IMPORTANT—COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE

16-11453-1 GPO

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35044

Frank E. Koons (94)

MILITARY HISTORY

Time and Place of Each Enlistment	Rank	Company and Regiment	Time and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disability when admitted to the Home
<u>Sept. 21, 1917</u> <u>Michigan</u>	<u>Priv.</u>	<u>Supply Co. 50th</u> <u>Inf.</u>	<u>May 20, 1919</u> <u>Cy Six 7d</u> <u>Inf.</u>	<u>P.T.D.</u>	<u>038. Infection hearing</u>
					<u>Hsp</u>

251708

DOMESTIC HISTORY

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
<u>Michigan</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>5'3"</u>	<u>Dark</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Prot</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Saginaw</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Charles Koons</u> <u>Ch. #6. Mableworth</u>

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
	<i>Adm. M. Apr. 5. 1930</i>		<i>July 27-1930</i>	<i>Dispt. from Coll.</i>		
U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938						
Milwaukee > Registers > K						

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1200/images/MIUSA1866_113894-00541?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&queryId=b457fc125888339e99a8bc1fe83ed90d&usePUB=true&_phsrc=hFB23462&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pld=234288

1205—Henry Simmmers, Weidman 1510—Frank Kounze, Mt. Pleasant 1091—Wm. N. Wager, Rosebush
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Called to the colors – “Isabella County Enterprise” 3 Aug 1917 p 6 -

<https://digmichnews.cmich.edu/?a=d&d=IsabellaICE19170803-01.1.6&srpos=1&e=-----en-10--1--txt-tx|N-kounze-----IsabellaICE19170803%252D01-->

SERIAL NUMBER U 855	1. NAME (Print) FRANK EVERSON KOUNZE (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 1227 E. GENESEE SAGINAW SAGINAW MICHIGAN (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[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 BOX 915 E. GENESEE, SAGINAW, MICHIGAN (Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE NONE	5. AGE IN YEARS 52 1889 DATE OF BIRTH JUNE 26 1899 (Month) (Day) (Year)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH LUDINGTON (Town or county) MICHIGAN (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MISS HATTIE McTAGGART - BOX #165 - COLEMAN, MICH.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS MR. SANHER		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 917 So. HARRISON SAGINAW SAGINAW MICHIGAN (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 4-1-42)	(over)	19-21630-2 Frank Everson Kounze. (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT			
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT			
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White ☒	5-4	138	Fallow
	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			

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:

Walter D. Dushka
(Signature of registrar)
Registrar for Local Board #1 Saginaw Michigan
(Number) (City or county) (State)
Date of registration: April 26, 1942

LOCAL BOARD NO. 1

Saginaw County
304 State Building
Saginaw, Michigan

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

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

19-21630-1

WWII draft registration 26 Apr 1942, Saginaw, Saginaw MI -

<https://www.fold3.com/image/594595740>

KOUNZE FRANK EVERSON		C	580 245
Pvt Sup Co 50 Inf		K	
315 Ottawa St Saginaw Mich		A	1 495 787
Ssn	251 700	Died	5/25/46
Born	6/27/88	T	428 557
Enl	9/20/17	R	
		Dis	5/20/20
		Cl	280 132
		I	

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7200--Rev. Sept., 1936

INDEX CARD

William Coons, a Pere Marquette brakeman, who lives at 725 West Fourth street, Saginaw, has returned to County Clerk Wertman the marriage license that he purchased on October 2, with a request that the clerk refund the money that he paid for the license.

"As I am not to get married," he writes, "I am returning the license. You can send the money to my address."

Coons was to marry Miss Mary Little, of Flint. Inasmuch as the license money has been turned into the county fund the county clerk will suggest to Coons that he present a bill for \$1 against the county and the matter will be brought to the attention of the board of supervisors.

Is this his father? "Detroit (MI) Free Press" Saturday 14 Oct 1911 p 11

William Koons

in the Michigan, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1867-1995

Detail Source

Name: William Koons

Birth Date: abt 1851

Birth Place: New York

Death Date: 8 Mar 1916

Death Place: Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan

Death Age: 65

Race: White

Marital Status: Widowed

Gender: Male

FHL Film Number: 967176

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SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 Bureau of Records and Statistics

State File No. **28-1983**

IF DECEASED, NAME WAS _____

FULL NAME **Fred S. Koons** Local File No. **29**

PLACE OF DEATH: Country **Grand Traverse** State **Mich.** County **Gr. Traverse**
 Township **Garfield** Township **Paradise**
 City or Village _____ City or Village _____
 Name of Hospital **Gr. Traverse Co. Hos.** Street No. _____
 Length of stay: In Hospital **6 Days** (If not in hospital, give street address.)
 In this community _____

Sex **Male** Color or Race **White** Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced **Married**

NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE
 Name **Mrs Chloe Koons** Age, if alive **64**
 Birth date of deceased **May 16, 1886** Date of death **Sept. 9, 1941**
 Age: Years **55** Months **3** Days **24** If less than one day _____
 Birthplace **Midland, Mich.** Date stated above at **3.30 P.M.**

Usual occupation **Rail Roading** Immediate cause of death **Uremia**
 Industry or business **And Farmer** Duration **3 days**

Name **William Henry Koons** Major findings and cause of death: **Ur. Uremia**
 Birthplace **New York.** Of operation _____
 Maiden Name **Amelia Cuthbert** Of autopsy **No**
 Birthplace **Canada**

Informant **Mrs Chloe Koons** In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide
 Address **Kingsley, Mich. R.F.D.#2** Date _____
 (Mortal, Accidental or natural) (Circle the word which applies)

Place **Mayfield** Where did injury occur? _____
 Cemetery **Earnum** Date **Sept. 13, 41** (Specify city, county, or state)
 Federal Director's signature **W. H. Smith** In industry, home or public place? _____
 Address **Kingsley, Mich.** Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? _____
 Date **Sept. 15, 41** Signature **James J. J. J.** Address **Grand Traverse City, Mich.**

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

MI death certificate of brother (?) Fred S. Koons – Find A Grave 190772331

Simeon Coons, aged 15, a runaway from the Reform School at Lansing, was arrested by Truant Officer Selle yesterday and he will be returned to that institution.

Is this half-brother (?) Simeon Coons, although age is incorrect – "Detroit (MI) Free Press" 16 Jun 1893 p 5

Private Simeon Coons, who deserted from Ft. Meade, S. Dakota, a short time since, was arrested at Lincoln and while enroute for his original station, escaped from Corporal Hays, near Atkinson, he was discovered at Newport by the eagle eye of James Quincy who followed him to Bassett and called Sheriff Marsh, who took him to Ft. Niobrara Tuesday night.

Simeon Coons had enlisted in the Army for the 2nd time on 3 Jan 1904 – is this him? –
 “Newport (NE) Republican” Friday 18 Mar 1904 p 4

Name: Frank Everson Kounze

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. - private

Serial number: 251,708

Entered service from: Saginaw, Saginaw MI

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Frank E. Kounze

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: half-brother (“half” is added in handwriting) August Coons, 1323 Niagara St., Saginaw MI

Returned from war on: “Haverford” May 1919,

Sailed on return ship as: Frank E. Kounze

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: foster brother August Coons, 305 Niagara St., Saginaw MI (pvt, 107th Engineer Train)

Second voyage abroad: on “President Grant” 18 Oct 1919 (sailing from Hoboken NJ)

Sailed as: Frank E. Kounze

Next-of-kin on 2nd voyage to Europe: stepbrother August Coons, 305 Niagara St., Saginaw MI

Returned on: “Martha Washington” Jan 1920 (from Antwerp, Belgium, to Hoboken NJ)

Sailed as: Frank E. Kounze

NOK on 2nd return voyage: brother August Coons, 305 Niagara St., Saginaw MI

Rank & unit: pvt., Inf.

World War I draft registration (1917): as Frank Everson Kounze - b. 27 Jun 1888 Ludington City MI; res: S. Washington, Mount Pleasant, Isabella MI. Single. Laborer for Gorham Brothers

Co., Mount Pleasant MI. Short in height, medium build. [Gorham Brothers manufactured wood panels & veneer from logs.]

World War II draft registration (1942): as Frank Everson Kounze - b. 26 Jun 1889 (1898 changed to 1889 on the form) Ludington MI; res: 1227 E. Genesee, Saginaw, Saginaw MI, mailing address Box 915, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. NOK Miss Hattie McTaggart, Box 165, Coleman MI. Employed by Mr. Sawyer, 9175 Harrison, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Height: 5'4" – 138 lbs. (found at:

<https://www.fold3.com/image/594595739?terms=wwii,frank,kounze,world,war,ii>)

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 20 Sep 1917

Discharged 20 May 1920

Address: 315 Ottawa St., Saginaw MI

Rank/unit: private, Supply Co., 50th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 26 Jun 1888 MI (MI death certificate) or 27 Jun 1886 (tombstone) - or 27 Jun 1888 (WWI draft registration & Veterans Administration Military Index) - or 1889 (WWII draft registration) - Midland, Midland MI or Ludington City, Mason MI (WWI & WWII draft cards) – If Amelia Cuthbert is his biological mother, his birth had to precede her death on 17 Dec 1898.

Died: 25 May 1946 Dearborn, Wayne MI (or Allen Park, Wayne MI - MI Deaths)

Find A Grave record: 131193390, presence on Tuscania indicated in text & flower

Burial location: Saginaw, Saginaw MI

Cemetery: Forest Lawn

Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Michigan PFC 45 Inf 9 Div WWI

Father (?): William Henry ("Bill") Coons, Dec 1854 Gilboa, Schoharie NY – 8 Mar 1916 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Son of William Coons (1815-1888) & Sally Sarah Richmond (1812-1891).

He was married to Anna E. Malcom Weas (1857- before 1884). Their children were Augustus Coons (1877) & Simeon Coons (1878). Anna is living with William & their 2 sons in the 1880 census in Midland, Midland MI.

He was then married to Amelia Jane Cuthbert (1864-1898). Their 3 children are listed on his Ancestry.com family tree as Frederick Seymour Coons (1885), Charles Albert Koons (1887) & Nelson E. Coons (1889). Note: no Frank is listed. His MI death record (name: William Koons) lists him as widowed.

Find A Grave:

Mother (?): Amelia Jane Cuthbert Coons, 12 Sep 1864 Canada – 17 Dec 1898 Ludington, Mason MI. Her Find A Grave record spells her surname COON; her MI death certificate spells it COONS.

Daughter of Alex Cuthbert & Mary Pesten. She died at age 34 years, 3 months, 5 days of uterine cancer. She had been 19 years old at the time of her 1st marriage, and had 3 children, all of whom were living. – Cuthbert is also found as Curterfer, Christofer & Custerfer. Buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ludington, Mason MI.

Find A Grave: 82141180

Parents' marriage: 1884 Mi

Spouse: listed as widowed on MI death record & 1930 admission to Milwaukee WI veterans' home. Was this his wife (presumably born with surname Allen) in WI in 1935? "Lake Geneva (WI) Register News" Thursday 26 Sep 1935 p 8 - Mrs. Frank Kounze & sisters Mary & Ruth Allen of Milwaukee WI were Sunday visitors in the Ray Allen home.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Half-siblings: not biological? – from William's marriage to Anna E. Malcom Weas

- Augustus Lawrence Coons, 27 Sep 1877 Broome, Schoharie NY – ?. Is he the Augustus Coons who is incarcerated in Monroe County Penitentiary, Seneca NY, for "disorderly" – to serve 61 days or pay \$26? -Augustus Coons, son of William H. & Annie Coons, married 14 Oct 1899 in Ludington, Mason MI to Lucy King. In the 1900 census for Manistee, Manistee MI, Augustus Coons (24 NY, b. Sep 1875, parents b. NY, laborer at a saw mill) lives with wife Lucy C. Coons (21 WI, b. Feb 1880, parents b. WI) on River St. - August Coons, age 32, b. Broom Com. Co NY, son of William Coons & Anna Malcom, married on 19 Aug 1908 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI to Christine Linderoot. In the 1910 census for Blaine, Benzie MI, August Coons (33 NY, parents b. NY, in his 2nd marriage, farm laborer) lives with his wife of 2 years, Christina Coons (30 IL, in her 1st marriage) & father William Coons (61 NY, widowed, day laborer on odd jobs). - On his WWI (1917) draft record, his wife is Christina. August Lawrence Coons, b. 27 Sep 1877 NY, lives in Saginaw MI. He is a laborer at Bliss & Van Auken, S. Niagara St., Saginaw MI. Augustus signs his card with an X – "his mark." – In the 1920 census for Saginaw, Saginaw MI, August Coons (42 NY) & Christina (39) Coons have his mother, Annie Weas (age 62 NY, widow, father b. Scotland, mother b. PA) living with them. – In the 1940 census of Muskegon, Muskegon MI, August Coons (64 NY, widow, same house in 1935) lives with a housekeeper, Mary Hayes (63 IN, same place in 1935); he has no occupation. On 15 Jun 1943 in Hart, Oceana MI, August Coons, age 67, b. NY marries Mary J. Hayes.
- Simeon Coons, ca. 1878 NY – Simeon Coons enlisted in the US Army on 30 Jan 1901 from Saginaw MI, age 22, laborer, height 5'9", giving birthplace as Broomtown NY. This makes his birth year ca. 1889, however. - Simeon Coons enlisted in the US Army on 3 Jan 1904 from Saginaw MI, age 24 years 11 months, occupation: soldier, height 5'10". This puts his birth ca. Feb 1889. – The Simeon Coons (1879-1952, F: 174401016) of Valatie, Columbia NY reported his parents as John S. Coons & Mary E. Slyer to Social Security (080-03-8446).

Siblings: not biological? – from William's marriage to Amelia Cuthbert

- Frederick/Fredrick Seymour ("Fred") Koons, 16 May 1885 [or 1886] Midland Co. MI – 9 Sep 1941 Garfield, Grand Traverse MI. - Married Elizabeth Clara Schichtel (1879-1962, F: 109793555) on 9 Jan 1907 in Grand Traverse Co MI. She died of pneumonia, with childbirth as a contributing factor. She was the daughter of Philip Schichtel & Elizabeth Mary Haig. - Married Myrtle Potter on 24 Sep 1911 in Mount Pleasant MI. - Married Chloe Arnold Bradbrook Davis (1879-1962, F: 88780509) on 7 Oct 1927 in Kingsley MI. Chloe was the daughter of Newman Arnold & Julie Pitts. She had married Thomas F. Bradbrook on 18 Dec 1895 in Chicago IL & then married John Davis on 29 Sep 1898 in Bangor, Van Buren MI. After her marriage to Fred Koons, Chloe married Edward Weinand on 10 Jun 1943 in Traverse City

MI & is buried with surname Weinand. Buried in Barnum Memorial Cemetery, Mayfield, Grand Traverse MI with surname Koons. F: 190772331

- Charles Albert Koons, 14 Dec 1887 Loomis, Isabella MI – 4 Dec 1967 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Husband of Francelia Loretta Vasser (1888-1915) whom he married 8 Aug 1907 Traverse City, Grand Traverse MI. They had 1 daughter, Ruth Amelia Koons (1912-1993, F: 88536989). After wife Francelia died 15 Oct 1915, Charles married Ada Viola Newberg (1899-1966) on 4 Dec 1915. They had 5 children. Buried in Chapel Hills Memory Gardens, Jacksonville, Duval FL. F: 88536987
- Nelson E. (“Nels”) Coons, 30 Jun 1889 Homer, Midland MI - In the 1900 census, Nelson E. Coons, b. Jun 1889, was a ward of the state of MI, at school at the Michigan State Public School, Coldwater, Branch MI. His birth state was unknown, as were those of his parents. The Public School of Michigan opened in 1874 & housed & educated dependent & ill-treated children of MI. - Nelson E. Coons, age 29, b. Ludington MI, son of William Coons & Amelia Christofer, married Jun 1919 in Bay Co. MI to Elizabeth G. Dunna. She died as Elizabeth G. Coons on 6 May 1957 in NY, age 56, a resident of Angle Sea, Nassau NY.

Notes: family tree (?) (but not of him) at: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/154624672/person/262045311396/facts?_phsrc=hFB23495&_phstart=successSource

Frank Everson Kounze is a mystery. Not sure what his birth name was, or who his biological parents were.

His family, if they are the ones listed here, spell the surname Coons or Koons or Coon, or perhaps Kounzs.

Is his middle name – Everson – of some significance? His birth surname? A connection to some relative?

His MI death certificate lists his father as William H. Kounze.

His mother is listed as Amelia Custerfer (but only the index has been viewed, not the original document). This would appear to be Amelia Cuthbert.

In the 1880 census, he is not yet born. In the 1900 census, he is not listed with William Coons & sons Fred (May 1885) & Charles (Dec 1886). If this is his family, then Frank’s 1886 birthdate on his tombstone is either not accurate and his birth is likely the 1888 date – or – he was adopted or fostered later – or he was living with someone else.

In the 1920 census, he appears to have been in the US Army, not returning from Europe until Jan 1920, and has not been located.

When he sails on Tuscanis, his next-of-kin is listed as August Coons, half-brother (originally written as “brother” with the word “half” added later). When Frank returns from WWI on “Martha Washington,” his next-of-kin is his brother August Coons. August lives at 305 Niagara St., Saginaw MI on both lists. On his WWI (1917) draft registration, August Lawrence Coons resides at 1213 S. Harrison St., Saginaw MI but is employed at Bliss & Van Auken on S. Niagara St., Saginaw MI.

His record – where his name appears to be written as Frank E. Koungr or Kouns -- at the Milwaukee WI Veterans Home, where he was admitted 5 Apr 1930 & discharged 27 Jul 1930 (actually “dropped from rolls”) lists his next-of-kin as his brother, Charles Koungr/Kounzs, at Route 6, Wadsworth [Walworth Co.] WI. He had been admitted for defective hearing.

Frank says he is widowed on the 1930 veterans’ home records & is listed as widowed on his MI death record.

His 26 Apr 1942 WWII draft registration in Saginaw, Saginaw MI lists a resident of 1227 E. Genesee, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. His next-of-kin is Miss Hattie McTaggart of Coleman MI.

He is listed in the 1940 census.

His veteran tombstone when he dies in 1946 is sent to Charles A. Koons at the Pere Marquette Railway, Potter St., Saginaw MI.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Detroit (MI) Free Press” 9 Feb 1918 p 3 – Among those on board: from Saginaw MI – Frank E. Kounze, private, 107th Engineering Train, half-brother August Coons of Saginaw MI.

“Wisconsin State Journal” (Madison WI) 10 Feb 1918 p 4 – “Tuscania Survivors – Maybe His Name is Here” included the name of Frank E. Kounze, Saginaw MI.

Post-war:

There are very few references to “Frank Kounze” on Newspapers.com.

Is this him? “Cairo (NE) Record” Wednesday 4 Oct 1922 p 1 – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kounze & Mrs. Charles Woelz & daughter Eleanor of Grand Island NE spent Sunday at the Charles Stollenberg home.

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1880 Midland, Midland MI – his family (?) – Frank not yet born
 William Coons, 26 NY, parents b. NY, laborer
 Anna, 23 NY, parents b. NY, keeping house
 Augustus, 5 NY
 Simeon, 2 NY

1900 Coleman, Midland MI – [Frank lists Hattie McTaggart of Coleman MI as his next-of-kin in 1942]
– but no Frank

William Coons, 46 NY, Dec 1853, widowed, father b. Germany, mother b. NY, day laborer

Fred, 14 MI, May 1885, father b. NY, mother b. Canada

Charles, 13 MI, Dec 1886, father b. NY, mother b. Canada, at school

1930 – cannot locate in census but resident of Soldiers Home in Milwaukee WI according to the
1930 Milwaukee WI city directory

1940 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – on Hayden - in 1935 resided in Clare Co. MI

Frank E. Kounze [also indexed as Hovnze], 49 MI, single, [no occupation]

Lodger with William & Hattie Grissin