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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Slocum, Frank Anthony / Sroka, Frank Anthony
1895 MI – 1955 MI



Find A Grave 218816662

2 H/S 7/2 ORIGINAL

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)		APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (Please make out and return in duplicate)	
☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER ☒ GRANITE MARKER ☐ BRONZE MARKER	ENLISTMENT DATE June 19, 1916 DISCHARGE DATE Sept. 8, 1919 May 21, 1919 March 1, 1943	SERIAL No. 182 14 PENSION No. 36525262	EMBLEM (Check one) ☒ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE COMPANY
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) SROKA, FRANK A.		STATE Mich.	RANK PVT
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) August 27, 1897		DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) August 11, 1955	
NAME OF CEMETERY Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Mich.		LOCATION (City and State) Mich. Ne Saginaw, Michigan	
SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY) Water Funeral Home, Saginaw		NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State) New York Central Railroad, Saginaw	
(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)		POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE County, Saginaw, 818 Janes St. Saginaw, Michigan	
DO NOT WRITE HERE FOR VERIFICATION SEP 19 1955 ORDERED B/L WY 3942353 12 OCT 1955 SHIPPED H. E. FLETCHER CO., INC. WEST CHELMSFORD, MASS.		I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense. Mrs Anna Hurst APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE 8-18-55 DATE OF APPLICATION ADDRESS (Street, City, State) 715 S. 10th St, Saginaw, Michigan.	

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2375/images/40050_2421406274_0416-01572?pId=317486

Frank A Sroka	
in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007	
Name:	Frank A Sroka
Birth Date:	27 Aug 1897
Death Date:	11 Aug 1955
Claim Date:	2 Sep 1955
SSN:	380099041
Notes:	19 Aug 1977: Name listed as FRANK A SROKA

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5230877:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=77617212&pid=34369541310>

SLOCUM FRANK ANTHONY		C
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		T 433 670
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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
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INDEX CARD

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<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:W74N-4SPZ>

Frank A. Slocum

Military • Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919

Name **Frank A. Slocum**

Residence Place **Saginaw, Saginaw**

Birth Date **27 Aug 1895**

Birthplace **Saginaw, Mich.**

Military Final Rank **Pvt.**

Military Unit Note **San. Corps San. Sqd. #8**

Father's Name **Stanley Slocum**

Mother's Name **Katherine S. Slocum**

Event Type **Military Service**

Event Place **Waco, McLennan, Texas, United States**

Event Place (Original) **Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas**

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPKB-DCM4>

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 Sroka Frank (U S N), 634 S 14th
 Sroka Herman (U S N), 634 S 14th
 Sroka Peter, lab, bds 634 S 14th
 Sroka Stanislaus, lab, res 634 S 14th
 Sroka Stephen, bds 634 S 14th

1919 Saginaw MI city directory - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/421904460:2469?tid=77617212&pid=34369541311&queryId=131cfabe32877e577f3f1b9d96f2b549&_phsrc=hFB56826&_phstart=successSource

Life:

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336	1142	Almon L. Calkings, Lennon
337	2495	Henry P. Roche, Owosso
338	2439	Neil Horton, Owosso
339	1765	Ray Newell, Owosso
340	6	Joseph Daniel, Perry
341	2167	Charles R. Wietzke, Owosso
342	327	Herman J. Austin, Carland
343	664	Louis G. Bartlett, Owosso
344	93	Richard P. Powers, Laingsburg
345	1448	David Streeter, Durand
346	1722	Charles C. Freeman, Owosso
347	957	Earl Asher, Laingsburg
348	1557	Frank A. Griffin, Durand
349	1744	Harry G. Johnson, Owosso
350	1112	Leo St. Clair Swinart, Bancroft
351	2462	William Liner, Owosso
352	2516	George Leo Schlaak, Owosso
353	345	John Homola, Corunna
354	1595	George F. Peck, Gaines
355	2184	Thomas W. Buckley, Owosso
356	1355	Floyd Lambertson, Durand
357	103	Frank Slocum, Owosso
358	2196	Floyd N. Currey, Owosso
359	1585	Frank A. McNally, Durand
360	1912	Walter H. Bulver, Owosso

[list continues]

Draft examinations – "Lansing (MI) State Journal" Saturday 21 Jul 1917 p 1

Saginaw.

Frank Slocum, private, Sanitary Squad No. 2, Thirty-second division. Father, Stanley Slocum, 634 S. Fourteenth street, Saginaw.

Frank E. Kohnze, private, One Hundred and Seventh Engineering train. Half-brother, August Coons, Saginaw.

Herbert C. J. Besner, corporal, among scattered units. Mother, Mrs. E. E. Tettingham, Saginaw.

Aboard Tuscania – Frank Slocum – "Detroit (MI) Free Press" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

Michigan Men Are Survivors

The names of the Michigan survivors of the Tuscania disaster, as compiled up to midnight Sunday are as follows:

John L. Lindstrom, Marquette.
Roy C. Richardson, Marquette.
Wilbur S. Adair, Harrisville.
Stanley D. Anderson, Highland

Park

Chales N. Bailentine, Port Huron.
Stephen C. Bergmuster, Carleton.
Albert A. Bettings, Grand Rapids.
Charles L. Burns, Beaverton.
Ephriam Buck, Detroit.
H. G. Cortan, ———.
William Deacon, Walkerville.
Bernard E. Flickey, Adalia.
Frank J. Gronowski, Detroit.
Merle T. Howe, Mount Pleasant.
Hugh I. Joseph, Detroit.
Eli W. Kittl, Oakar.
Fred A. Krey, Harrisburg.
Arthur W. Loga, Temperance.
Reginald I. Mitchell, Trimountain.
Ernest Monroe, Weberville.
Archie E. Moore, Elsie.

Carlo Rosignolia, Detroit.
Ernest M. Shield, Lowell.
Cosmore H. Slater, Munising.
Claude D. Smith, Lannon.
Thomas P. Bowland, Detroit.
William E. Boughner, Birmingham.
Earl Burton, Redland.
Albert Crumley, Detroit.
Glenn S. Gennison, Lansing.
Silverster Felapbauer, Berford.
John Fyvie, Jr., Newberry.
Mark R. Fulsher, Harringville.
G. G. Gove, Techumsah.
Wesley G. Green, St. Johns.
Jacob Hamstra, Zeeland.
Frank E. Haushee, Detroit.
Leon J. Kilgore, Marcelius.
Frank E. Kountz, Saginaw.
Oliver E. Kniss, Battle Creek.
Richard T. McGrath, Powers.
Santey Marill, Republic.
Walter Moczarki, Detroit.
Leonard E. Reed, Hubbardstown.
Frederick S. Roach, Rock.
Max T. Rogers, Flowerfield.
Edward E. Seymour, Detroit.
George E. Schwartz, Richmond.
Arthur J. Siblond, Muskegon.
Donald A. Smith, Detroit.
Charles Stoddard, Mt. Clements.
Richard L. Thomas, Bay City.
George Banderlaan, McBain.
William J. Widman, Detroit.



Vahan Yacobian, Detroit.
Adolph E. Zimmerman, Neta.
Henry Bronpyke, Grand Rapids.
Robert H. Broyler, Kalamazoo.
Louis Chaltraw, Bay City.
Bruce Sheldon Goulder, Ingalls.
Otto K. Kady, Lansing.
Roscoe G. Leland, Kalamazoo.
Robert A. McNeol, Detroit.
Barney Mienkwiez, Bay City.
Paul S. Rehs, Detroit.
Harry L. Richards, Rodney.
William Schrader, Byron Center.
Jake H. Shiller, Detroit.
Clarence Shugars, Edmore.
Frank Slocum, Saginaw.
Marshall J. Smith, Bay City.
John E. Stevens, Kalamazoo.
Harry W. Stewart, Algona.
Ralph T. Storey, Bay City.
Charles P. Ward, Ann Arbor.
Ralph Winked, Marion.
August Wolf, Detroit.

"Escanaba (MI) Morning Press" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 4

ONE DEAD TWO NEAR DEATH IN GUN BATTLE

Saginaw Co. Farmer
Kills Friend and
Battles with Deputy
Sheriff

SAGINAW, Mich., Sept. 11.—(AP)—One man was dead and two others, one a deputy sheriff, were believed dying today following a gun fight last night at the farm of Lloyd Doherty, near Marlon Springs.

Doherty shot and killed his life-long friend, Gerritt McKetchey, another farmer, and then fought with deputy sheriffs when they came to arrest him. He wounded J. M. Brewster, a deputy, and was himself shot by the officers.

Doherty, 56 years old, told officers he shot McKetchey when the latter tried to hold him up.

"He charged I had been unfriendly with his 14 year old daughter, and demanded money. He made his first demands Monday, and kept insisting that I pay him since then. Last night he came to the house, held me up and demanded \$1,900. I pulled a pistol and shot him."

When Brewster, James Trew, Frank Sroka and Bert Engel, other deputies, arrived at the Doherty farm, in response to a telephone call from a neighboring farm, they found McKetchey's body lying in the front yard. As they were examining the body they saw Doherty run from his house toward his automobile.

Brewster gave chase, and was shot twice in the abdomen, as Doherty drew a gun and fired on the run. Brewster returned the fire, as did the other officers. Doherty, hit by several bullets, crumpled and fell.

Leonard Schandler, of Saginaw, a friend of Doherty, was said to have witnessed the shooting of McKetchey. Officers could not find him, however, as he presumably slipped away during the second fight. He was being sought today.

Brewster was captain of company F, 125 infantry, Michigan national guard.

"Marshall (MI) Evening Chronicle" Friday 11 Sep 1931 p 1

Parents;



Parents Stanislaus Sroka (in rocker) & mother Catherine Jarecki Sroka -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/77617212/person/34369541312/media/4fad7a45-f401-49a3-9fd1-84d8d78156b0>

Father:

Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934

[View image](#)[View record](#)

Name	Stanislav Sroka
Gender	männlich (Male)
Departure Age	25
Birth Date	1859
Residence Place	Strozna, Böhmen
Departure Date	14. Mai 1884 (14 May 1884)
Departure Place	Hamburg, Deutschland (Germany)
Arrival Place	New York
Occupation	Arbeiter
Ship Name	Bohemia
Captain	Karlowa
Shipping Clerk	Aug. Bolten Wm. Miller's Nachfolger
Shipping Line	Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft
Ship Type	Dampfschiff
Ship Flag	Deutschland
Accommodation	Zwischendeck
Volume	373-7 I, VIII A 1 Band 052 A

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/77617212/person/34369541312/facts>

Stanislaus Sroka

< Vital • Poland, Tarnow Roman Catholic Diocese Church Books, 1612-1900 >

VIEW RECORD

Name	Stanislaus Sroka
Sex	Male
Baptism Date	16 Jan 1860
Baptism Place	Bobowa, Bobowa, Rzeszów, Poland
Father's Name	Joannes Sroka
Mother's Name	Francisca Zigba
Event Type	Baptism
House Number	19
Volume Beginning Year	1798
Volume Ending Year	1865

Is this his father? <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XP59-NJP>

Name **Stanislaus Sroka**
Sex **Male**
Baptism Date **26 Feb 1862**
Baptism Place **Zabratówka, Powiat łańcucki, Rzeszów
Voivodeship, Polen**
Birth Date **25 Feb 1862**
Father's Name **Thomas Sroka**
Father's Sex **Male**
Mother's Name **Catharina**
Mother's Sex **Female**
Event Type **Baptism**

Or is this father? <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6FB3-SS7V>

14-5710-1 (Rev. 1-27-67)

1 PLACE OF DEATH
SAGINAW
County.....
Township.....
Village.....
City.....
No. **173 61577.35** St. Ward
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME **STANLEY SROKA**
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

3 a) Residence No. **634 S. 14th St** St., Ward.....
(Usual place of abode)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred **44** yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX **MALE** 4 Color or Race **WHITE** 5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced: (Write the word) **WIDOWED**

6a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of **KATH. SROKA**

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) **1867**

7 AGE Years **60** Months **0** Days **0** If LESS than 1 day..... hrs. OR..... min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work **RETIRED**
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)
(c) Name of employer.

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) **POLAND**

10 NAME OF FATHER **STANLEY SROKA**

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) **POLAND**

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER **ANNA**

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) **POLAND**

14 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) **SEPT 6 1927**
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from **Sept 6, 1927** to **Sept 6, 1927** that I last saw him alive on **Sept 2, 1927** and that death occurred on the date stated above at **11 A.M.**
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Fracture skull
Accidental Fall
(duration)..... yrs. mos. ds. **185**
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary).....
(duration)..... yrs. mos. ds.
18 Where was disease contracted
If not at place of death?.....
Did an operation precede death?..... Date of.....
Was there an autopsy?.....
What test confirmed diagnosis?.....
(Signed) **Dr. P. H. Hume** M.D.
SEPT 10 1927 Address **SAGINAW MICH**
*State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.
(See reverse side for further instructions.)

14 Informant **MRS. C. S. JACH** 19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
(Address) **SAGINAW MICH** Date of Burial
15 Filed **9-11** 1927 **100** **100**
DR. HARVEY 712 S. PARK ST. **SAGINAW**

MI death record of father Stanley Sroka (Stanislaus) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_354986-00920?pld=753141118

Mother:

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

1 PLACE OF DEATH		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
County. SAGINAW		Division of Vital Statistics	
Township		173 5894	
Village		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
City. SAGINAW		634 S. 14TH ST.	
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)		Register No. 443	
2 FULL NAME. Catherine Sroka		CHATERINE SROKA	
a) Residence No. 643		St. Ward	
(Usual place of abode)		(If non-resident give city or town and state)	
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds.		How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.	
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			
3 SEX FEMALE	4 Color or Race WHITE	5 Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (Write the word) MARRIED	
6a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of STANLEY SROKA (or) WIFE of			
6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day and year) 1867			
7 AGE 60	Years	Months	Days
If LESS than 1 day ... hrs. OR ... min.			
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work HOUSE WIFE (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) (c) Name of employer.			
9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (state or country) POLAND			
10 NAME OF FATHER JOSEPH JARECKI			
11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) (state or country) POLAND			
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER CHATERINE			
13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) (state or country) POLAND			
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day and year) May 20th 1927			
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from 19.... to May 20 19 27 that I last saw him alive on 19.... and that death occurred on the date stated above at m.			
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Arterio Sclerosis			
(duration)..... yrs. mos. ds.			
CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary)..... (duration)..... yrs. mos. ds.			
18 Where was disease contracted If not at place of death?..... Date of.....			
Did an operation precede death?..... Date of.....			
Was there an autopsy?..... No			
What test confirmed diagnosis? Dr. Charles W. Coleman, M.D. May 21, 1927 Address Saginaw, Mich			
State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for further instructions.)			
19 Informant C.S. JACH (Address) SAGINAW		19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL MT. OLIVET	
20 Filed 5-21-27		20 UNDERTAKER C.S. JACH	
		Date of Burial 5/23 19 27	
		Address SAGINAW	

MI death record of mother Catherine Jarecki Sroka -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_354986-00657?pld=3140588

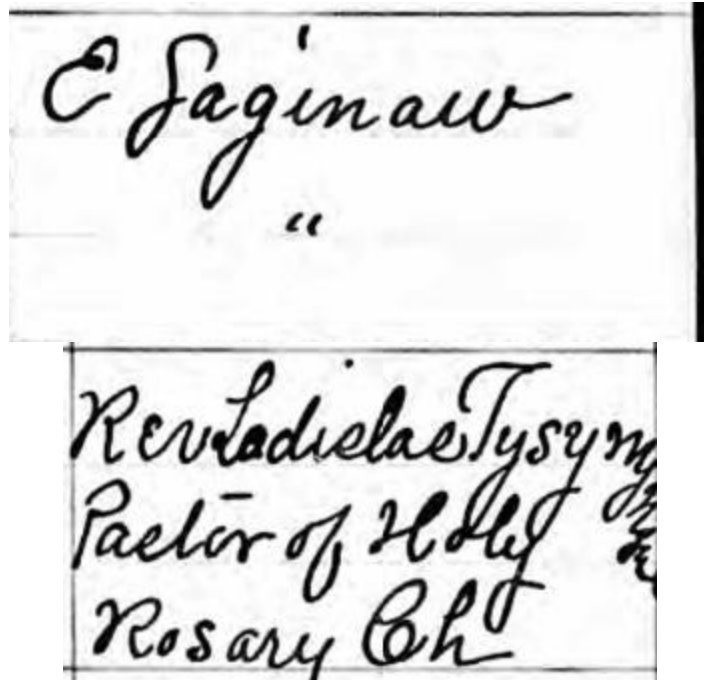
Michigan, County Marriages, 1822-1940

View record

Name Catherine Arec
 Gender Female
 Age 24
 Birth Date 1864
 Marriage Date 1 May 1888
 Marriage Place E Saginaw, Saginaw, Michigan, USA
 Father Moritz Arec
 Spouse Harislas Sooka
 Film Number 000967190

As indexed - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/900124751:61374?ssrc=pt&tid=77617212&pid=34369541391>

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				Catherine Arec ✓ 24	"	"
Germany ✓				"	John Sooka	
"				—	Moritz Arec	
May 1 10	"	"	"	"	John Grabiec	
					Agnes Josua	



Original - https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_342429-00182?pld=1121493

Siblings:



Brother Richard T. ("Anthony") Slocum (Sroka) (1892-1942) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/77617212/person/34369542075/media/bb5544b2-c66f-4bde-985f-532b20890b56>

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SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>368-05-5025</u> If veteran, name war		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics		State File No. 22527961	
FULL NAME <u>Richard T. Slocum</u> <i>Richard T. Slocum</i>		Local File No. <u>1238</u>			
PLACE OF DEATH: County <u>Genesee</u> Township _____ City or village <u>Flint</u> Name of hospital <u>St. Joseph Hospital</u> (If not in hospital, give street address.) Length of stay: In hospital _____ In this community _____		USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: State <u>Michigan</u> County <u>Genesee</u> Township _____ City or village <u>Flint</u> Street no. <u>2510 Bennett</u> Citizen of foreign country? _____ If yes, name country _____			
Sex <u>Male</u> Color or Race <u>White</u> Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced <u>Married</u> NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE Name <u>Anna Slocum</u> Age, if alive <u>40</u> Birth date of deceased <u>January 28, 1892</u> 19 ____ Age: Years <u>50</u> Months <u>9</u> Days <u>15</u> If less than one day hrs. ____ min. ____		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION Date of death <u>November 14, 1942</u> N <u>42</u> I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from _____ 19 ____ to _____ 19 ____ I last saw him alive on _____ <u>11-14</u> 19 <u>42</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above at <u>9:25 P.M.</u> Duration _____ Immediate cause of death _____ <u>cerebral hemorrhage</u> Other contributory causes of importance _____ <u>arteriosclerosis</u> Major findings and dates: _____ Of operations _____ Of autopsy <u>N.O.</u> In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide _____ <u>suicide</u> Date _____ 19 ____ Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city, county, or state) <u>City</u> In industry, home or public place? <u>St. Joseph Hospital</u> Was disease or injury related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>			
Informant <u>Anna Slocum</u> Address <u>2510 Bennett</u> Burial, cremation or removal (Circle the word which applies) Place <u>Flint, Michigan</u> Cemetery <u>New Calvary</u> Date <u>Nov 20, 1942</u> Funeral director's signature <u>Brown & Co</u> Address <u>Flint Mich.</u>		Filed <u>11-18, 1942</u> <u>L. McKenney</u> Registrar <u>Deputy</u> Signature <u>James H. Sutherland</u> Address <u>Carew, Genesee Co</u>			

MI death record of Richard T. Slocum -

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

View record

Name Richard T Slocum
 Birth Date 3 Feb 1892
 Birth Place Saginaw, Michigan
 Death Date 14 Nov 1942
 Claim Date 23 Nov 1942
 SSN 368055055
 Notes 02 Sep 1977: Name listed as RICHARD T SLOCUM

Social Security has birthdate of 3 Feb 1892 – MI death record lists 28 Jan 1892 – WWII draft records
6 Feb 1890 – always in Saginaw MI - [https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-
content/view/5041307:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=77617212&pid=34369542075](https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/5041307:60901?ssrc=pt&tid=77617212&pid=34369542075)

No. 51155 **Marriage License** 1943

Saginaw County, Michigan 73 18143

To any person legally authorized to solemnize marriage in the State of Michigan,

Greeting:

Marriage May Be Solemnized in the State of Michigan Between

Mr. Bruno Groks and M. Helen Bratkiewicz

affidavit having been filed in this office, as provided by Public Act No. 128, Laws of 1887, as amended, by which it appears that said

Bruno Groks is 45 years of age, color is White, residence is Saginaw, Mich., birthplace was Saginaw, Michigan., occupation is Printer, father's name was Stanley Groks, and mother's maiden name was Katherine Jasocki and has been previously married No time; and that said Helen Bratkiewicz is 41 years of age, color is White, residence is Saginaw, Michigan, birthplace was Bay City., occupation is Factory Work, father's name George Nowicki, and mother's maiden name was Eva and who has been previously married One time, and whose maiden name was _____, and whose _____ consent, in case she _____

Parent's or guardian's

reserved for binding

and whose _____ consent, in case she
Parent's or guardian's
has not attained the age of eighteen years, has been filed in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and the
seal of Saginaw county, Michigan, this 22 day of October, A. D. 1943

Raymond Charles
County Clerk

Certificate of Marriage

Between Bruno Sroka and Helen Bratkiewicz

I hereby certify that, in accordance with the above license, the persons herein mentioned were joined
in marriage by me, at Saginaw, county of Saginaw, MICHIGAN,
on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1943, in the presence
of Frank Selaski of Saginaw Mich
and Virginia Glowacki of Saginaw Mich
as witnesses.

Rev. B. Rosciedlinak
Name of magistrate or clergyman.
Asst Pastor Holy Rosary Parish
Official title

This copy is to be retained by the County Clerk until the original is returned; then it is to be completed by endorsement and forwarded on the first of the following month to the Michigan Department of Health.

Marriage of brother **Bruno Herman Sroka (1898-1960)** to Helen Nowicki Bratkiewicz on 6 Nov 1943 -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9093/images/41326_342117-00840?pid=1051991505



Tombstone of Bruno Herman Sroka – Find A Grave 100172742

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SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File No. 17321524
If veteran, name war		MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Bureau of Records and Statistics		
FULL NAME <i>Stephan Sroka</i>		Local File No. <i>337</i>		
PLACE OF DEATH:		USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:		
County <i>Saginaw</i>		State <i>Mich.</i> County <i>Saginaw</i>		
Township		Township		
City or village <i>Saginaw</i>		City or village <i>Saginaw</i>		
Name of hospital <i>Fairview Hospital</i> (If not in hospital, give street address.)		Street no. <i>7153 10th</i>		
Length of stay in hospital		Citizen of foreign country?		
In this community <i>42</i>		If yes, name country		
Sex <i>Male</i>	Color or Race <i>W</i>	Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <i>Single</i>	MEDICAL CERTIFICATION	
NAME OF HUSBAND or WIFE			Date of death <i>4-3-43</i>	
Name			I hereby certify that I <i>viewed</i> the deceased <i>in captivity</i> .	
Age, if alive			19 <i>of</i> to <i>Coroner</i> , 19 . I last saw him alive on	
Birth date of deceased <i>12/18/1900</i>			19 . Death is said to have occurred on the	
Age: Years <i>42</i> Months <i>3</i> Days <i>15</i>			date stated above at <i>4 A.</i> M.	
If less than one day			Duration	
Birthplace <i>Saginaw Mich</i>			Immediate cause of death	
Usual occupation <i>Employee of P.M.R.B.</i>			<i>Chronic Myocarditis</i>	
Industry or business			<i>Cardiac Tumor</i>	
Father (Name <i>Stanley Sroka</i>)			<i>Alcoholism</i>	
Birthplace <i>Poland Janeska</i>			Other contributory causes of importance	
Mother (Maiden name <i>Katherine J. Sroka</i>)			Major findings and dates:	
Birthplace <i>Poland</i>			Of operations	
Informant <i>Harold Waier</i>			Of autopsy	
Address <i>Saginaw Mich</i>			In case of violence, state if accident, homicide or suicide	
Burial, cremation, or other (Circle the word which applies)			Date . 19	
Place <i>Saginaw Mich</i>			Where did injury occur? (Specify city, county, or state)	
Cemetery <i>MT Olivet</i> Date <i>4-6</i> . 19 <i>43</i>			In industry, home or public place?	
Funeral director's signature <i>Walter Linn Howe</i>			Was disease or injury related to occupation? (document)	
Address <i>818 James St</i>			Signature <i>Richard P. Pugh</i>	
Filed <i>4-5</i> . 19 <i>43</i> <i>Frank Sroka</i> Local Registrar			Address <i>Coroner Sag Co.</i>	

MI death record of **brother Stephan Sroka (1900-1943)** -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/60872/images/44471_355009-01328?pld=751469947

Name: Frank Anthony Slocum / Frank Anthony Sroka

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Sanitary #2 – private 1st class

Serial number: 18,214 [WWI] & 36525262 [WWII]

Entered service from: Saginaw, Saginaw MI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Frank Slocum

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Stanley Slocum, 634 S. 14th St., Saginaw MI

Returned from war on: "Louisiana" May 1919 [note: Fold3 misspells ship name Louisiana as Lousiana]

Sailed on return ship as: Frank A. Slocum

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Dan Slocum, 634 S. 14th St., Saginaw MI (PFC, Sanitary Squad #8)

World War I draft registration (1917):

World War II draft registration (1942): as Frank Anthony Sroka – b. 27 Aug 1897 Buena Vista township, Saginaw Co. MI; res: 715 S. 10th St., Saginaw, Saginaw MI. NOK Anna Hurst, same address. [sister]. Employed at Chevrolet Foundry, N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Saginaw WI. Height: 5'10" – 193 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 6 Apr 1917

Discharged: 21 Jul 1919

Address: 634 S. 14th St., Saginaw MI

Rank/unit: private 1st class, 8th Sanitary Squad, 32nd Division

Birth & death:

Born: 27 Aug 1897 (tombstone & WWII draft registration) but 27 Aug 1895 (on Veterans Administration Military Index & Michigan military cards) - ca. 1894 (1920 federal census) - ca. 1898 MI (1930 federal census) - ca. 1897 (1940 census) –Saginaw Co. MI

Died: 11 Aug 1955 MI

Find A Grave record: 218816662 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Saginaw, Saginaw MI

Cemetery: Mount Olivet Cemetery

Tombstone: veteran flat: Michigan / PFC 125 Infantry / WWI

Father: Stanislaus (Stanislaw/Stanley) Sroka, 1860 Poland [also found as 1867] – 8 Sep 1927 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Son of John & Anna, or Stanley & Anna. Fell on a sidewalk & fractured his skull. Resident of 634 S. 14th St., Saginaw MI at time of death. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI.

Find A Grave: 100170150

Mother: Catherine Jarecki (Arec) Sroka, 1860 Germany/Poland [also found as 1864] – 20 May 1927 Saginaw, Saginaw MI (at 634 S. 14th St.) Daughter of Moritz Arec. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI.

Find A Grave: 100170128

Parents' marriage: 1 May 1888 East Saginaw, Saginaw MI

Spouse: status was "never married" in the 1950 census

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings: In the 1910 census, his mother says she has given birth to 11 children, 7 of whom are living. Listed are Joseph, Anna, Anthony [Richard], Frank, Herman [Bruno Herman], Stafford [Stephan] & Peter.

- Joseph Sroka, ca. 1888 MI. Age 22 in the 1910 census. Found in the 1919 Saginaw MI city directory.

- Anna Sroka Hurst, 28 Mar 1889 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 6 Dec 1961. Married in 1912 in St. Paul Catholic Church, Owosso, Shiawassee MI to Alexander S. (“Bud”) Hurst (1886-1946, F: 17598734). Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. F: 17598862
- Richard Tony Slocum [Anthony Sroka], 3 Feb 1892 [Social Security] or 28 Jan 1892 [MI death record] or 6 Feb 1890 [WWII draft] or 7 Feb 1892 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 14 Nov 1942 Flint, Genesee MI. Thomas Slocum is listed on his father on his marriage & death records. Married Anna K. Applebee (1897-1971) on 27 May 1916. According to his MI death record, buried in New Calvary Cemetery, Flint, Genesee MI but not on Find A Grave as of 6 Dec 2022.
- Bruno Herman Sroka, 7 Mar 1898 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 31 Aug 1960 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Social Security lists his birthdate as 7 Jan 1898. Served in WWI & WWII. His military tombstone lists his rank as a cook, from Michigan. Married Helen Nowicki Bratkiewicz (1902-2001, F: 100172775), daughter of George & Eva Nowicke/Nowicki on 6 Nov 1943 in Saginaw, Saginaw MI. It was his 1st & her 2nd marriage. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. F: 100172742
- Stephan (Stephen) Sroka, 18 Dec 1900 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 2 Apr 1943 Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Listed as Stafford in the 1910 census. Listed as single on his MI death record. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. Has 2 Find A Grave records: as Stephan Sroka (F: 100172639, created 4 Nov 2012) & as Stephen Sroka (F: 219976890, created 19 Dec 2020, which shows his tombstone).
- Peter Sroka, 30 May 1902 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 29 Jun 1930 Detroit, Wayne MI. Buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saginaw, Saginaw MI. F: 100172685

Notes:

The family name was Sroka when they immigrated. It became Slocum but then family members reverted to the use of Sroka.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

His veteran headstone application notes 2 tours of service:

Enlisted 19 Jun 1916, discharged 21 May 1919, serial 18,214

Enlisted 8 Sep 1942, discharged 1 Mar 1943, serial 36525262

Obituary:

Social Security number: 380-09-9041

Censuses:

1900 census – cannot locate

1910 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 634 – 14th St. – also indexed as SUKEI

Stanley Srokei, 49 Poland, parents b. Poland, emigrated 1885, naturalized, married 23 years, laborer, lumber yard

Catherine, 48 Poland, parents b. Poland, no emigration information, gave birth to 11 children, 7 are living

Joseph, 22 MI

Anna, 21 MI

Anthony, 18 MI

Frank, 15 MI

Herman, 13 MI

Stafford, 10 MI [Stephan]

Peter, 8 MI

1920 – Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 634 S. 14th St.

Stanley Slocum, 58 Poland, parents b. Poland, date of emigration unknown, laborer, piano factory

Catherine, 55 Poland, parents b. Poland, date of emigration unknown

Frank, 26 MI, single, cutter, piano factory

Stephen, 20 MI, single, car repairer, railroad shop

Peter, 17 MI, single, cabinet maker, cabinet factory

1930 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 634 S. 14th St.

Stephen T. Slocum, 27 MI, single, carman, railroad [head of household]

Frank Slocum, 32 MI, single, deputy sheriff, Saginaw Co. MI [brother]

1940 Saginaw, Saginaw MI – 114 S. 7th St. – same place for all in 1935

Alexander Hurst, 53 MI, welder, auto plant [head of household]

Anne Hurst, 51 MI [wife]

Gladys Hurst, 23 MI [daughter]

Virginia Hurst, 15 MI [daughter]

Frank Sroka, 43 MI, single, watchman, auto plant [brother-in-law]

Stephen Sroka, 39 MI, single, yardman, steam railroad [brother-in-law]

1950 Detroit, Wayne MI – 708 Milwaukee

Frank A. Sroka, 51 MI, never married, guard-plant, auto factory [head of household]