

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty

Drahota, Frank

1895 MN – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



Frank Drahota – Find A Grave 173221076



Find A Grave 173221076

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Veterans Administration Master Index -

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Form 1		867 REGISTRATION CARD		No. 57	
1	Name in full	Frank Drahotka	Age in yrs	21	
2	Home address	Jackson	City	Des Moines	State
3	Date of birth	October 8	Year	1895	
4	Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural born citizen			
5	Where were you born?	Jackson	City	Des Moines	State
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Farmer			
8	By whom employed?	By Father and Mother			
9	Where employed?	Des Moines, Ia. Jackson			
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)?	No			
11	Married or single (which)?	Single	Race (specify which)?	White	
12	What military service have you had? Rank	None			
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?	No			
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
		209 Frank Drahotka (Signature of card)			

22-1-10-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT				
1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)?	Medium	Shoulder, medium, or stout (which)?	Medium
2	Color of eyes?	Light blue	Color of hair?	Light
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?	No		
I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:				
Des Moines				
City or County				
State				
June 5, 1917 (Date of registration)				

WWI draft registration 5 Jun 1917 - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-918J-JV8?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A7BFD-5TT2&action=view&cc=1968530&lang=en>

Page 13 Minnesota		WHITE; INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON INDUCTION			
NAME	SERIAL NO.	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	
Drahotka, Frank		Pvt	Co D 6 Bn 20 Engr	Feb 5/18	

US, WWI American Expeditionary Forces Deaths - MN
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Life

The following List Are the Names of
Boys From This State Aboard
Tuscania.

Minnesota.

O. P. Anderson, Thief River Falls.
E. R. Burkey, Bemidji.
J. W. Sauby, Elbow Lake.
Fred E. Allen, Ada.
R. J. Moody, King Bridge.
A. C. Anderson, Nelson.
William Shook, Northome.
B. C. Marcy, Windom.
W. A. Constans, Blue Earth.
I. O. Carter, Nashua.
Dale M. Fish, Wheaton.
Frank Drahota, Jackson.
George L. Lystrom, Ada.
George R. Borden, Thief River Falls.

The Albert Lea Tribune

List continues – Albert Lea MN

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Northwest Men Missing.

Men of the northwest who were unaccounted for by latest advices were the following: Minnesota—Edward R. Burkey, Bemidji; Fred K. Alten, Ada; Robert J. Moody, Kingbridge; Dale M. Fish, Wheaton; Frank Drahota, Jackson; Willard A. Constans, Blue Earth; Gun-der G. Austad, Oklee; John A. Eich-hammer, East Grand Forks; William L. Trageser, Cottonwood; John C. John-son, Big Falls; William Crellin, Vir-ginia; Joseph A. Allen, Shakopee.

South Dakota—Fred M. Unger, Park-
ston.

Iowa—Harry D. Long, Nodaway; Wil-
liam D. Lawrence, Webster City; Clyde
C. Pelley, Cedar Rapids.

Late today 345 men were still unac-
counted for.

Minneapolis MN

The Minneapolis Journal
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 · Page 1

List of Americans Buried

The first complete list of Americans now buried on the Scottish coast has been made up. Each body, whether identified or not, was given a number. Thus, at a point where 78 victims were buried side by side in a long trench, the numbers run from 1 to 78.

Numbered in a Long Grave

At another point in a long grave are 49 bodies. They are all in coffins, and are numbered from 1 to 49.

Last Resting Places

At a third place 44 victims are buried in three trenches, the largest holds 18 bodies, another 16 and a third 10. In the first named the bodies have been numbered from 1 to 18.

Those in the next grave are numbered from 19 to 34.

In the third grave only 10 men were buried, tagged from 1 to 10.

FRANK DRAHOTA, Jackson, Minn.

J. C. ROBINSON, Potlach, Idaho.

MAJOR HENRY A. SKINNER
(not Henry A. Stemmer) Rockford, Ill.

N. B. SHORT, Stephens, Ark.

JOHN SLOSS, Lochwinnoch, Scotland.

R. F. MURRAY, Eugene, Ore.

H. C. BATES, Baker, Ore.

ANTHONY ABBONI, (not Elboni)
Detroit, Mich.

The Daily Times

Wed, Feb 13, 1918 Page 12

Excerpts -

Davenport IA

Tuscania's Death List 170; Bury 164 on Scotch Coast

J. A. Allen of Shakopee Is
One of Seven More Sur-
vivors Announced.

J. J. BUCKLEY AMONG
MEN WHO WERE LOST

Roster of Rescued Incom-
plete—270 Names Are
Undecipherable.

(The first complete list of Americans, Tus-
cania victims, now buried on the Scottish coast,
on Page 5.)

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 14.—War depart-
ment advices indicate that few Ameri-
can soldiers lost their lives on the
Tuscania in addition to the 164 report-
ed yesterday as having been on the
Scottish coast.

Latest reports place the American
loss at not more than 170 of 2,179
who were on board the ship, although
the list of rescued still is far from
complete.

Seven additional survivors were offi-
cially reported last night, reducing
the department's list of those not re-
corded as saved to about 260.

270 Names are Garbled

Despite the fact that some 260 of
those on the passenger list are offi-
cially unaccounted for, the department
has more than 270 names of survivors
which it has been unable to decipher.

About 40 of these are supposed to
be duplications and as many more are
names of men of whom there is no
record.

The saved reported today were:
Joseph A. Allen, Shakopee, Minn.
Everett L. Hamilton, Scranton, Pa.
Herbert Clarence Jensen, Barron,
Wis.

Albert V. Meyer, Lewistown, Pa.
Eugene Tumblintou, Bishop, Texas.
Hugo Weirich, Fredericksburg, Tex.
Jacob Zalkind, Fore River, Mass.
Allen is a private in the 158th aero
squadron.

Minneapolis Among Dead.

Contained in the list of victims of
the torpedoing who were buried in a
Scottish seaport, are the names of a
number of men from Minnesota and
the Northwest, among them the fol-
lowing:

James J. Buckley, Minneapolis.
Walter Orellin, Virginia, Minn.
John A. Eichhammer, East Grand
Forks, Minn.
John C. Johnson, Big Falls, Minn.
W. F. Tragesser, Cottonwood, Minn.
Edwin C. Burkey, Bemidji, Minn.
Fred K. Allen, Ada, Minn.
Gunder A. Austad, Oklee, Minn.
Frank Dakota, Jackson, Minn.
Charles E. Swanson, Fairchild, Wis.
Fred A. Rudolph, Milwaukee.
Orvel N. Casper, Milwaukee.
William R. Johnson, Metamora, Mich.
Raymond Butler, New Richmond,
Wis.

John Edwards, Butte, Mont.
Herbert C. J. Bresner, Saginaw,
Mich.

M. B. Cook, Coma, Mont.
Homer Llewellyn Anderson, Cumber-
land, Wis.

Elmer L. Cowan, Victor, Mont.
Russell P. Bennett, Plainfield, Wis.
James F. Hawley, Neenah, Wis.
J. J. Byrne, Butte, Mont.

Otis Hutchins, Whitehall, Wis.
George H. Reinhardt, Jefferson, Wis.
Claire Metznerbauer, Chippewa Falls,
Wis.

W. W. Clark, Lansing, Mich.
Anthony Abboni, Detroit, Mich.
Alven M. Collins, Markesan, Wis.

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Minneapolis MN

Six Minnesotans on Honor List

OFFICIAL REVISED LIST OF DEAD FROM SINKING OF THE TUSCANIA RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON — EIGHTY-TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS MENTIONED IN THE FIRST LIST.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—On the honor roll of America's dead, the war department wrote the names of 82 American soldiers who perished in the sinking of the transport Tuscania.

Melvin Haugvedt, Barnesville.
Roy E. Leach, Downer.
Ned N. Wiger, Ulen.
Leonard Evanson, Ulen.
Merl M. Van Campen, Barnesville.
Charley A. Monson, Moorhead.
Bert McDonald, Hawley.
William E. Hill, Otisworth.
William O. Ljvdahl, Comstock.
Ludvig Bloomsteth, Moorhead.
George C. Garvin, Baker.

The list, the first installment of the official revised records received here from London includes the following Minnesotans:

Fred K. Allen, Ada.
Walter Crellin, Virginia.
Frank Drahota, Jackson.
John C. Jensen, Big Falls.
Jas. J. Buckley, Minneapolis.
Wm. H. Tragser, Cottonwood.

BOMBARD DOVER.

London, Feb. 15.—An army submarine bombarded Dover this morning, killing one child and injuring three men and women and three children, was announced today.

Moorhead Daily News
Sat, Feb 16, 1918 ·Page 1

Moorhead MN

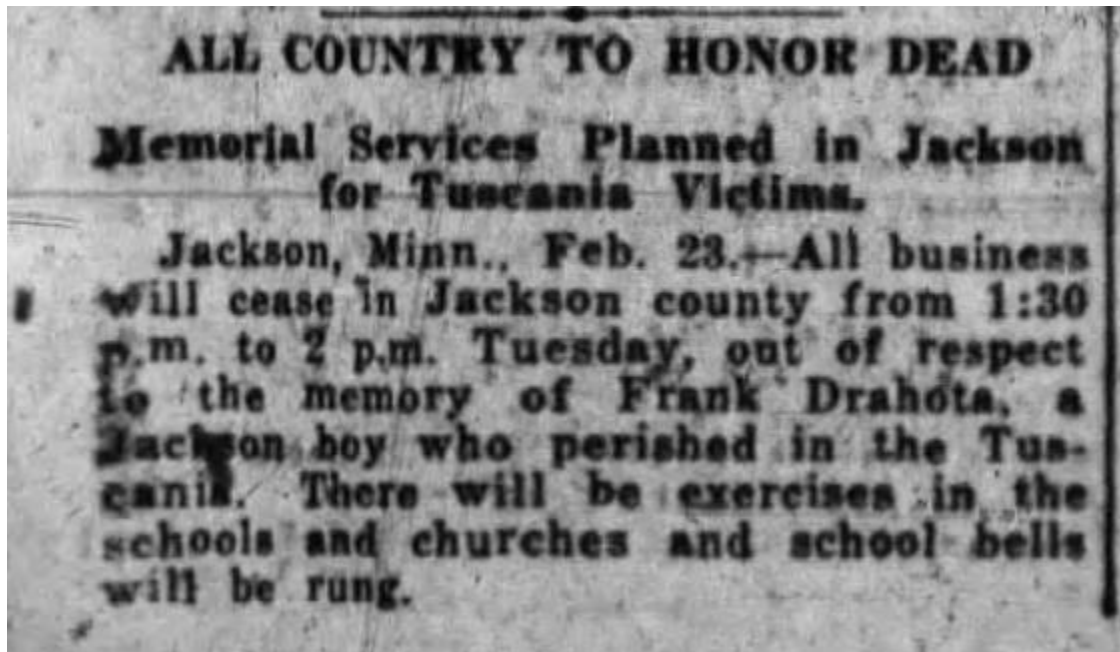
FIRST HONOR ROLL OF SOLDIERS ARRIVE

(By United Press)

Washington, Feb. 16.—The war department has written on the Honor Roll of America's dead the names of the eighty-two American soldiers who perished when the Tuscania was sent down.

The list is the first casualty list from Washington, and contains the names of Fred Allen of Ada, Walter Crellin of Virginia, Frank Drahota and John Johnson of Big Falls, James Buckley of Minneapolis and William Tragser of Cottonwood.

The Pioneer
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Bemidji MN



The Minneapolis Journal
Sat, Feb 23, 1918 · Page 5

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Father

REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE.

Prague, Czechoslovakia, November 19, 1931.

[Place and date.]

Name in full: Adolph Drahota Age: 70
 Native or naturalized: Naturalized on September 26, 1906, at Jackson County, Minn. [As nearly as can be ascertained.]
 Date of death: August 30th 10.00 A.M. 1931
 [Month.] [Day.] [Hour.] [Year.]
 Place of death: General Public Hospital, Cesky Brod, Czechoslovakia.
 [Number and street] or [Hospital or hotel.] [City.] [Country.]
 Cause of death: Tuberculosis of lungs as per official death certificate
 issued on November 21, 1931, at Cesky Brod, Czechoslovakia.
 Disposition of the remains: Buried at the cemetery of Kacov, Czechoslovakia.
 Local law as to disinterring remains: does not apply
 Disposition of the effects: In custody of his son, Theodore Drahota,
 Register of Deeds, Jackson, Minnesota, shipped by Jan Masek,
 brother-in-law, according to his statement.

Reports of Deaths of American Citizens Abroad -

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Person or official responsible for custody of effects and accounting therefor: See above

Accompanied by relatives or friends as follows:

NAME.	ADDRESS.	RELATIONSHIP.
Jan Masek,	Kourim, Czechoslovakia,	brother-in-law

Address of relatives (so far as known):

NAME.	ADDRESS.	RELATIONSHIP.
1. Theodore Drahota,	Jackson, Minnesota, U.S.	son
2. Jan Masek,	Kourim, Czechoslovakia,	brother-in-law

Notification sent to:

----	by	---	on	---
[Name.]		[Mail or telegraph.]		[Date.]
----	by	---	on	---
[Name.]		[Mail or telegraph.]		[Date.]

This information, ~~an inventory of the effects, accounts, etc., have been recorded in full in the Miscellaneous Record Book, pages~~ has been, and ~~copies~~ placed under File 330 in the correspondence of this office.

The widow's attention has been called to the Act of September 22, 1922. No

Remarks: The deceased was the bearer of Departmental passport
No. 409132, issued on June 19, 1931, and canceled by this
Consulate General on November 25, 1931.

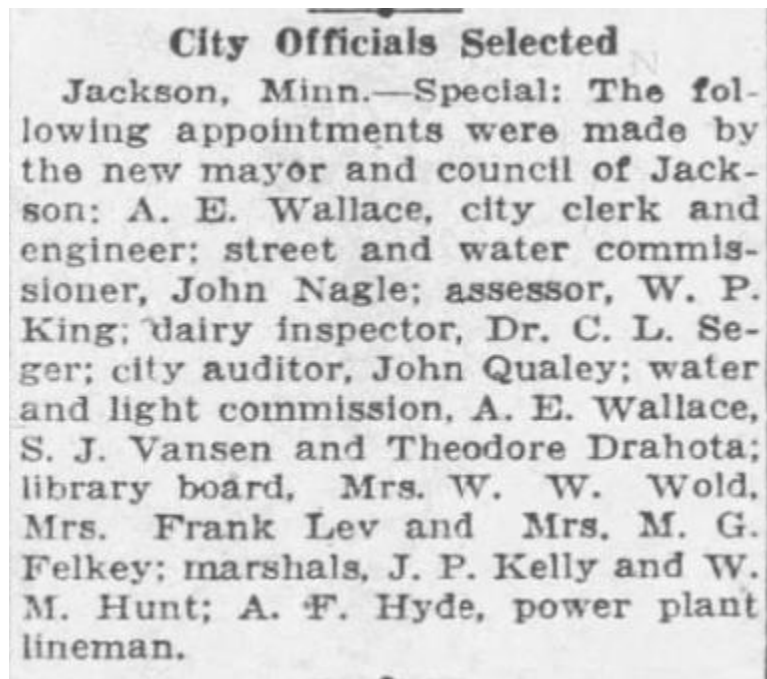
John W. Bailey, Jr.
 John W. Bailey, Jr.,
 Consul of the United States of America.

Siblings:



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Brother Theodore Drahota (1888-1946) – Sioux City IA



The Sioux City Journal
Tue, Apr 29, 1930 · Page 4

Sioux City IA

REGISTERED AT JACKSON
Jackson, Minn.--Special: One of the largest mortgages ever presented for recording in Jackson county has been received by Register of Deeds Theodore Drahota.
 It represents \$45,186,000 and is an instrument issued by the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Omaha railway and takes the place of a mortgage for \$30,000,000 filed in 1880. The registration fee for the mortgage in Minnesota amounts to \$28,905.

The Sioux City Journal
 Fri, Apr 14, 1933 -Page 2

Sioux City IA

ASSOCIATION ELECTS
Jackson, Minn. —(Special)—Newly elected officers of the Jackson Building and Loan association are: Theodore Drahota, president; Leland G. Nelson, vice president; John Qualey, secretary; W. D. Hunter, treasurer.

Arlington NE

Arlington Review-Herald
 Thu, May 21, 1936 -Page 2

Register Seeks Re-Election
Heron Lake, Minn.—Special: Theodore Drahota, register of deeds of Jackson county, has filed as a candidate for re-election. He has been in this office for several years.

The Sioux City Journal
 Wed, Mar 16, 1938 -Page 3

Sioux City IA

Mrs. Laura Drahota

JACKSON — Funeral was held here Saturday from Church of the Good Shepherd for Mrs. Laura Drahota, 84, who died Thursday at the local hospital. The Rev. Richard Riordan officiated. Interment was in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Drahota was born Aug. 8, 1891 at Guthrie Center, Iowa, the daughter of Wesley and Barbara Benda Worshek, coming to Jackson as a baby. She and Theodore Drahota were married Jan. 20, 1914 at Jackson. He preceded her in death in 1946.

She is survived by two sons, Claude, Alpha, and Donald, West St. Paul; 11 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by one brother, Henry, Jackson, and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Timko, South Gate, Calif., and Mrs. Blanche Quyle, Los Angeles, Calif. Besides her husband, one daughter, Irene, preceded her in death in 1969.

The Globe

Thu, Jun 03, 1976 · Page 15

Worthington MN

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Harry Drahota

JACKSON — Funeral services were held here today at 2 p.m. from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hunter Township for Harry Drahota, 72 - year - old retired farmer who died Wednesday at his farm home following a cerebral hemorrhage.

The Rev. John Luther Bajus officiated. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Drahota was born March 2, 1893 in Czechoslovakia, the son of Adolph and Mary Drahota. He came to the United States at the age of one year, first living in Chicago.

He attended school in Jack-

son County, District 11. He and Julia Whisney were married Jan. 19, 1915 at Jackson. He did custom farm work for many years, retiring from farming seven years ago. He was a member of ZCBJ Bohemian Lodge.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five sons, Leonard, Lawrence, Milo, Harry, Jr., and Jerry, and one daughter, Mrs. Warren Wachal, all of Jackson.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frances Bunderle, St. Peter; Mrs. Tillie Weiss, Chicago, and Mrs. Marie Parks, Sacramento, Calif.

The Globe

Mon, Mar 22, 1965 · Page 11

Brother Harry Drahota Sr. (1893-1965)

FIND BEER IN WELL.

Workmen Unearth Cache of Pre-Volsteadian Nectar.

Windom, Minn., Dec. 15.—Special: Deepening wells soon will become a popular pastime if the experience of workmen on a Jackson county farm is often repeated. While deepening a well on the farm of Harry Drahota in Hunter township, workmen unearthed some bottles of 4 per cent beer that had been buried in the bottom of the well for many years.

The contents were found to be in perfect condition.

The Sioux City Journal
Tue, Dec 16, 1924 · Page 3

Sioux City IA - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/509186206/>

FARM HOME IS BURNED.

Firemen and Neighbors Attempt to Save House.

Jackson, Minn., April 28.—Special: The farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drahota, southwest of Jackson, was destroyed by fire which originated in an unused room on the second floor of the building. Firemen from this city and volunteers from the neighborhood made an effort to save the structure but were unable to do so when the supply of water gave out.

The Sioux City Journal
Wed, Apr 29, 1925 · Page 2

Sioux City IA

Mrs. Frances D. Bunderle

JACKSON—Funeral services will be held here Saturday at 4 p.m. from the Sathe Funeral Home for Mrs. Frances Drahota Bunderle, 68, who died Monday at St. Peter, where she had been in the state hospital for about 30 years. Interment will be in Riverside cemetery. Visitation begins Friday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Bunderle was born Dec. 15, 1897 at Jackson, the daughter of Adolph and Marie Drahota. She and William Bunderle were married in March, 1923 at Jackson.

She is survived by two sons, Arthur, Roswell, N. Mex., and Raymond, Jackson, and two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Wilson, Bellevue, Wash., and Mrs. Ellen Kalvig, Seattle, Wash.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Tillie Weiss, Chicago, and Mrs. Marie Parks, Sacramento, Calif. Her parents and five brothers preceded her in death.

The Globe

Thu, Jun 30, 1966 · Page 13

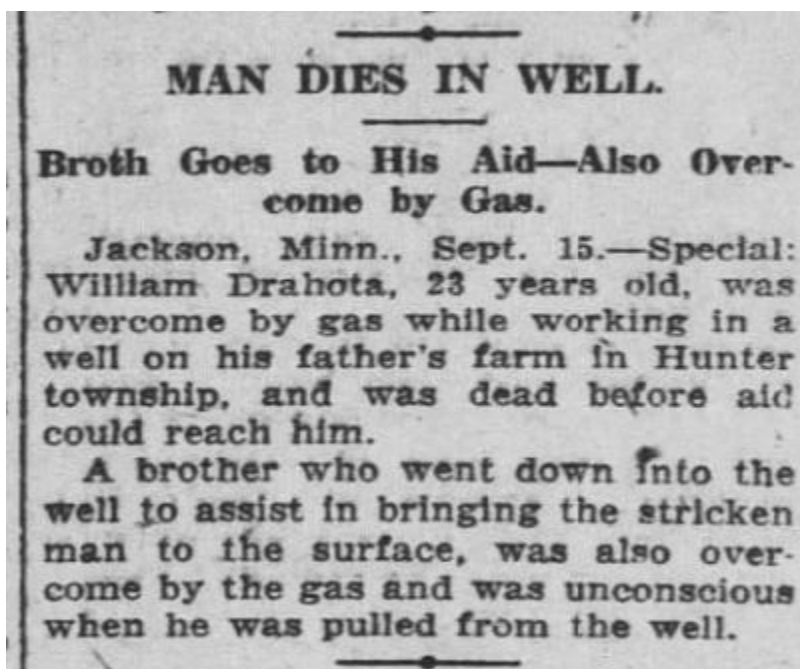
Sister Frances Drahota Bunderle (1897-1966) - Worthington MN

Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002

[View record](#)

Name	William Drahota
Record Type	Death
Death Date	11 Sep 1923
Death Place	Jackson, Minnesota, USA
Death Registration Date	1923
Certificate Number	006119
Record Number	386182

Brother William Drahota (1898-1923) –



The Sioux City Journal
Sun, Sep 16, 1923 ·Page 2

Sioux City IA

LOSES LIFE IN WORK UPON WELL

Son of Farmer Is Overcome By Gas and Dies Before Aid Can Reach Him

(Special to The Argus-Leader)

Jackson, Minn., Sept. 17. — William Drahota, 23 years old, was overcome by gas while working in a well on his father's farm in Hunter township, and was dead before aid could reach him.

A brother who went down into the well to assist in bringing the stricken man to the surface was also overcome by the gas, and was unconscious when he was pulled from the well.

Argus-Leader
Mon, Sep 17, 1923 -Page 3

Sioux Falls SD

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Mrs. Nathan Weiss
JACKSON — Funeral was held here Thursday from Church of the Good Shepherd for Mrs. Nathan Weiss, 73, who died Monday at the Lakefield hospital. The Rev. Richard Riordan officiated. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Weiss was born Tillie Drahota, daughter of Adolphe and Marie Drahota, March 10, 1902, at Jackson, attending school in Jackson county. She and Nathan Weiss were married Sept. 5, 1935, in Chicago where they made their home until 1968 when they came to Jackson, where she had done much volunteer work at the Good Samaritan Center.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Keith Parks, Sacramento, Calif. Her parents; one sister, Frances, and five brothers, Frank, Theodore, William, Adolphe and Harry Drahota, preceded her in death.

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 Sat, Mar 06, 1976 · Page 11

Worthington MN

Sister Matilda (Tillie) Jeanette Drahota Weiss (1902-1976) –

The Misses Tillie Drahota and Jennie Wakon of Jackson week-ended at the home of Miss Anna Holzheuer.

The Nobles County Daily Times
 Thu, Sep 06, 1923 · Page 7

Worthington MN

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Marie L. Drahota

JACKSON — Funeral for Marie L. Drahota, 78, was May 22 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Jackson, with the Rev. Urban Neudecker officiating. Burial was in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Mrs. Drahota died May 19 at Jackson Municipal Hospital.

Marie Lorraine Vrchota was born May 19, 1908, to Joseph and Anna Vrchota at Marshall County, S.D. She attended school in rural Veblen, S.D. On June 22, 1927, she married Adolph Drahota at Veblen. They farmed near Alpha in Martin

County until 1928, when they moved to Des Moines Township to farm until her husband's death on April 18, 1956. She moved into Jackson in 1966. She was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, where she was active in the Altar Society, church circle and mission sewing. She was also active in Jackson Senior Citizens.

She is survived by a son, Robert, Jackson; three grandsons; two great-grandsons; four brothers, Joe Vrchota, Veblen, Adolph and Edward Vrchota, both of Minneapolis, and John Vrchota, Sisseton; nine sisters, Anna Calta, Austin, Josie Haggerty, Browns Valley, Bessie Haggerty, Port Angeles, Wash., Helen Funston, Sequim, Wash., Margaret Drahota, Jackson, Rose Mulick, Portland, Ore., Blanche Tyler, Veblen, Alice LaMothe, Minneapolis, and Teresa Genovese, Los Angeles.

The Globe

Thu, Jun 05, 1986 · Page 8

Worthington MN

Brother Adolf Carl Drahota Jr. (1906-1956) –

Marie Drahota Is Married In Cathedral Rite

Following the 9 o'clock mass Saturday morning in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Miss Marie Drahota walked down the aisle to become the bride of Keith R. Parks.

The bride was given in marriage by her eldest brother, Theodore Drahota, who came from Jackson, Minn., and was attended by Mrs. Delmont Wonderly. Delmont Wonderly served as best man.

White satin formed the wedding gown of the bride. It was made along princess lines and the long sleeves and close fitting neckline were edged with ruching. Her full length veil fell from a halo of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of Briarcliff roses and white sweet peas.

Mrs. Wonderly wore a formal frock of teal blue silk made with a full sweeping skirt and tightly fitted bodice. She carried deep red carnations.

Following a honeymoon in San Francisco and along the coast the newly wedded couple will reside here.

The bride came to California two years ago from her home in Jackson, Minn., where she was educated. Her husband is the son of V. L. Parks of this city.

The Sacramento Bee
Mon, Jan 16, 1939 · Page 13

Sister Marie Dorothy Drahota Parks (1912-2013) -
Sacramento CA



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Fri, Feb 17, 1939 · Page 13



The Sacramento Union
Thu, Aug 09, 1956 - Page 9



Location of the Drahota family home in Europe – Kácov, Kutná Hora, Central Bohemian Region, Czech Republic as of 2025 – situated 29 miles southeast of Prague

Kácov

Market town



Kácov Castle behind the Sázava River



Flag



Coat of arms



Location in the Czech Republic

Coordinates:  $49^{\circ}46'41''\text{N } 15^{\circ}1'41''\text{E}$

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K%C3%A1cov>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Frank Drahota

Name variations: Frank Dragota

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value

Entered service from: Jackson, Jackson MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Frank Drahota

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Adolph Drahota, RR 5, Jackson MN

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: 1st buried in Kinnabus, Islay, Scotland, grave 25, as Frank Dragota

Body returned from war on: "Antigone" arriving Hoboken 29 Sep 1920

Body listed on return ship as: Frank Drahota

Rank: pvt, Co. D, 20th Engrs

World War I draft registration (1917): as Frank Drahota - b. 8 Oct 1895 Jackson MN; res: Jackson, Jackson MN. Single. Farmer, employed by father & mother, Des Moines township, Jackson Co. MN. Medium height & build.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlistment & discharge dates not given

Born 8 Oct 1895 – died 6 Feb 1918

Address: Jackson MN

Rank/unit: private, Co. D, 20th EngineersBirth & death:

Born: 8 Sep 1895 Jackson Co. MN (WWI draft card & Veterans Administration Military Index: 8 Oct 1895) Jackson Co. MN

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 173221076, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Jackson, Jackson MN

Cemetery: Riverside

Tombstone: "Co. D 6 Bn 20 Eng. / Torpedoed on U.S. transport Tuscania / Feb. 5, 1918"

Father: Adolph/Adolf Carl Drahota, Sr., 22 Aug 1861 Kacov, Bohemia [Kácov, Kutná Hora, Central Bohemian Region, Czech Republic as of 2020] - 30 Aug 1931 Cesky Brod, Czechoslovakia [Kácov, Kutná Hora, Central Bohemian Region, Czech Republic as of 2020].

Naturalized 26 Sep 1906 in Jackson Co. MN.

Died in the General Public Hospital, Cesky Brod, Czechoslovakia, of tuberculosis.

Buried in Kácov, Czechoslovakia.

When he died, his brother-in-law, Jan Masek of Kourim, Czechoslovakia, shipped his personal effects to Adolph's son, Theodore Drahota, the register of deeds in Jackson MN.

He had held US passport #409132, issued 19 Jun 1931 & then cancelled (after his death) on 25 Nov 1931.

Find A Grave:

Mother: Maria (Mary) Masek Drahota, Oct 1864 or 22 Aug 1865 (also found as 1863) Bohemia (Czechoslovakia) – 30 Apr 1928 Jackson Co. MN.

Daughter of Hynek Masek & Frances Cihak.

Believe she is the Marie Drahota buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN but with an incorrect birth year of 1886 and a correct death year of 1928.

Find A Grave: likely 173223550

Parents' marriage: 28 Mar 1884 Bohemia/Czechoslovakia

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage

Children:

Siblings: <https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/L9HQ-4F4/adolf-carl-jr.-drahota-1906-1956>

- **Agnes Drahota**, 16 Aug 1884 Bohemia – 1884 Bohemia. In family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/104490167/person/170040140651/facts>
- **Theodore Drahota**, 22 Oct 1888 Kacov, Czechoslovakia/Bohemia – 22 Jul 1946 Jackson Co. MN. – He is listed as Bochosh in the 1900 census & Bohemil in the 1910 census. (Spellings approximate due to handwriting.) - Married 20 Jan 1914 in Jackson Co. MN to Laura Clara Worshek (1891-1976). - WWI draft (1917) – was assistant cashier, Jackson National Bank, married with 2 children. - “Sioux City (IA) Journal” 21 Mar 1932 p 3 – Theodore Drahota was elected a director at the annual meeting of the Peoples Co-Operative Co. in Jackson MN. - “Terril (IA) Record” 21 May 1936 p 6 – Theodore Drahota was elected president of the Jackson Building & Loan Association. “Sioux City (IA) Journal” 16 Mar 1938 p 3 – Theodore Drahota, register of deeds for Jackson Co. MN, filed for re-election. He has been in the office for several days. [Also in Apr 1933] - On WWII draft card (1942): retired register of

deeds, Jackson Co. MN, now weed inspector for Jackson Co. MN. – According to Laura’s obituary, she is buried in Good Shepherd Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN.

- **Stephanie Drahota**, 1892-1892, presumably in Bohemia (Czechoslovakia)
- **Harry Drahota, Sr.**, 2 Mar 1893 Bohemia (Czechoslovakia) – 17 Mar 1965 Jackson Co. MN. – His obituary says he came to the U.S. at age 1. - Married 19 Jan 1915 in Jackson Co. to Julia Whisney (1896-1976, F: 173221716). She was his neighbor, living with her parents, in the 1900 census - “Sioux City (IA) Journal” 16 Dec 1924 p 3 – While deepening a well in Hunter township, Jackson Co., workmen found bottles of 4% beer in perfect condition which had been buried many years ago. “Deepening wells soon will become a popular pastime if the experience of workmen on a Jackson county farm is often repeated.” [Is this the same well in which his brother William died?] - “Lake Park (IA) News” 22 May 1952 p 7 – Entertaining at the Dickinson Co. Farm Bureau dance was Harry Drahota & his Bohemian Band. - Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN. F: 173221096
- **Frances (Franny/Fanny/Frances) Drahota Bunderle**, 15 Dec 1897 Jackson Co. MN – 27 Jun 1966 St. Peter, Nicollet Co. MN. - Married William Frank Bunderle (1897-1969, F: 211005729) on 19 Apr 1922 in Jackson Co. MN – Institutionalized in the St. Peter State Hospital (psychiatric hospital, once called the hospital for the criminally insane) for almost 30 years before her death in that institution. - Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN. F: 168798752
- **William (“Willie”) Drahota**, 31 Dec 1898 MN – 11 Sep 1923 Jackson Co. MN. - He and father Adolph were digging a well using dynamite to blast rocks. William went into the well while his father waited at top. When Adolph called to him, William did not answer so William’s older brother was lowered into the well with a rope tied around his waist, carrying another rope to tie to William. The brother signaled to his father to be drawn up; he was unconscious when he got to the surface. He had tied the rope to William, who was pulled up to the surface but was dead. A doctor determined William had died from inhaling gas, which was likely the result of the dynamite explosion. - (Covered in Estherville IA newspaper). - “Sioux Falls (SD) Argus Leader” 17 Sep 1923 p 3 – in Jackson MN, William Drahota, 32, was overcome by gas & died while working on a well on his father’s farm in Hunter township. His brother was also stricken & was brought to the surface unconscious. - Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN. F: 173223625
- **Matilda Jeanette (“Tillie”) Drahota Weiss**, 10 Mar 1902 Jackson Co. MN – 1 Mar 1976 Lakefield, Jackson MN (in Lakefield Hospital). - Married 5 Sep 1935 in Chicago, Cook IL to Nathan A. Weiss (1906-1997, F: 188805747). – They moved to Jackson MN in 1968. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN as Tillie. F: 173223572
- **Adolf Carl Drahota, Jr.**, 12 May 1906 Alpha, Jackson MN – 18 Apr 1956 Jackson Co. MN. – “Adolphe” found as variation of 1st name. - Married 22 Jun 1927 to Marie Lorraine Vrchota (1908-1986, F: 281267305) in Veblen, Marshall SD. – His wife died on her 78th birthday, at the local senior citizen center, as party attendees were singing “Happy Birthday” to her. Buried in Good Shepherd Cemetery, Jackson, Jackson MN. F: 281448191

- **Marie (May) Dorothy Drahota Parks**, 5 Oct 1912 Jackson Co. MN – 2013 Paradise, Butte CA. - Marriage: "Sacramento (CA) Bee" 16 Jan 1939 p 13 – married in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento on 14 Jan 1939 were Miss Marie Drahota & Keith R. Parks. She was given in marriage by her eldest brother, Theodore Drahota, who came from Jackson MN. After a honeymoon in San Francisco & along the coast, the couple will live in Sacramento. Marie came to CA two years ago from her home in Jackson MN, where she was educated. Keith is the son of L.V. Parks of Sacramento. Keith Richard Parks was b. 9 Jul 1912 Tacoma WA, employee Southern Pacific Co. on 1942 WWII draft card, with wife Mrs. Marie Dorthy [sic] Parks. In 1962, Keith R. & Marie are in the Sacramento CA city directory, he a carman for the SP Co., living at 4936 Date Ave. Keith died in Sacramento CA in 1967.

Notes:

Because of the fluid national lines in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Drahota family birthplaces in Europe may be listed as Bohemia, as Czechoslovakia, or the Czech Republic or Czechia or in Austria, as it was part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

Wartime:

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" 14 Feb 1918 p 1 – Frank Drahota is buried in a Scottish seaport

"Little Falls (MN) Herald" 15 Feb 1918 p 5 – Among the Minnesotans who died on Tuscania & buried in a Scottish seaport is Frank Drahota of Jackson MN.

Post-war:

"Sioux City (IA) Journal" 27 Oct 1920 p 6 – "Bury Two Veterans" – Jackson MN, 26 Oct – Two military funeral held for two World War casualties – Frank Drahota, died when the Tuscania sunk, and William Lundahl, who died in Germany in the Army.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1900 Des Moines township, Jackson MN – conducted 22 Jun 1900

Adolph DROCHATA, 38 Bohemia, Aug 1861, parents b. Bohemia, emigrated 1894, in US for 6 years, papers filed for citizenship, married 6 years, farmer

Marie, 35 Bohemia, Oct 1864, parents b. Bohemia, emigrated 1864, in US for 6 years, gave birth to 7 children, 5 are living

Bochosh, 11 Bohemia, emigrated 1894, in US for 6 years, at school [Theodore]

Harry, 9 Bohemia, emigrated 1894, in US for 6 years

Frank, 4 MN, Sep 1895

Annie, 2 MN, Dec 1897

William, 5 months MN, Dec 1899

The next census entry is for Mike & Annie Whisney. Among their children is Julie, age 4, b. MN, Feb 1896. She married Harry Drahota.

1905 MN state census – Des Moines township, Jackson Co. MN – conducted 17 Jun 1905

Adolph Drahota, 43 Bohemia, parents b. Bohemia, farmer

Mary, 41 Bohemia, parents b. Bohemia

Bohemil, 16 Bohemia, farm laborer [this appears to be Theodore]

Harry, 13 Bohemia

Frank, 11 MN, farm laborer

Frances, 8 MN

Willie, 7 MN

Otilia, 4 MN [Matilda/Tillie]

1910 Des Moines township, Jackson MN – conducted 30 Apr 1910

Adolph Drahota, 49 Austria/Bohemia, parents b. Austria/Bohemia, in 1st marriage, married 25 years, emigrated 1894, naturalized, farmer, grain

Mary, 46 Austria/Bohemia, parents b. Austria/Bohemia, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1894, naturalized gave birth to 7 children, 7 are living

Harry, 17 Bohemia, emigrated 1894, naturalized, farm laborer, home farm

Frank, 14 MN

Fannie, 12 MN

Willie, 10 MN

Tillie, 8 MN

Adolph, 6 MN

1920 Des Moines township, Jackson MN – Frank has died in WWI – conducted 22/23 Jan 1920

Adolph Drahota, 59 Bohemia, parents b. Bohemia, emigrated 1894, naturalized, farmer, grain farm

Mary, 55 Bohemia, parents b. Bohemia, emigrated 1894, naturalized

William, 20 MN, laborer, home farm

Tillie, 17 MN

Adolph Jr., 13 MN

Mary, 7 MN

1930 Jackson, Jackson MN – 112 Bluff Ave. – conducted 3 Apr 1930

Adolph Drahota, 67 Czechoslovakia, parents b. Czechoslovakia, age 24 at 1st marriage, emigrated 1894, no occupation

Marie D., 17 MN, parents b. Czechoslovakia, no occupation [daughter]