

Documents/Records Related to

John Henry Miles & Frank J. Makovsky

First Ontario County Men to Die During World War I

The first two Ontario County men to die in the war died from disease and suicide just sixteen days apart. Frank Makovsky was an immigrant, born in Austria. Both men are buried outside the county.

References:

“Honor Roll Contains Names of 80 Ontario County Men.” *Daily Messenger*. Oct. 18, 1922. p. 3. News article lists names, units, and dates of death for all men who were credited to Ontario County and died during World War I. The article was taken from the information contained in the Roll of Honor published by the state Adjutant General.

New York State. Adjutant General’s Office. *Roll of Honor. Citizens of the State of New York Who Died While in the Service of the United States During the World War*. Albany, NY. J. B. Lyon Co. 1922. Available on the Internet at:
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=loc.ark:/13960/t58d0dn7n&view=1up&seq=7> (Sep. 1, 2019). See: Ontario County. pp. 118-120.

See the service records and death certificate cited below.

John Henry Miles (Shortsville)

New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 for John Henry Miles. WWI Navy Cards. Meyer - Miller (Box 68). Available on the Internet from Ancestry.com.

Name MILES-JOHN HENRY		420		Service Number 196-50-02	
Enlisted at NAVY RECRUITING STATION-BUFFALO N.Y.		Date 8-29-17		U.S.N. U.S.N.F.	
Age at Entrance 31 YRS. 4 MOS.		Rate FIREMAN 2 CLASS			
Home Address ---		Town SHORTSVILLE			
0		State N.Y.			
Served at		From	To	Served as	No. Days
RECEIVING SHIP AT PHILA-		8-29-17	9-28-17	FIREMAN 2 CLASS	115
DELPHIA PA.		9-28-17	11-9-17		
U.S.S. MISSOURI		11-9-17	12-17-17		
RECEIVING SHIP AT PHILA-		12-17-17	12-22-17		
DELPHIA PA.					
NAVAL HOSPITAL LEAGUE					
ISLAND PA.					
Remarks:					
Date	Discharge	DIED 12-22-17 NAVAL HOSPITAL		Rating at Discharge FIREMAN 2 CLASS	
Place	Discharge	LEAGUE ISLAND PA.			
Library Bureau 26-1533 -5					

Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1964 for John Henry Miles. 1917 134501-137860 Available on the Internet from Ancestry.com.

Form V. S. No. 5.—B—7-31-16.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
County of PHILADELPHIA, Registration District No. 1.
Township of _____ Primary Registration District No. _____
or Borough of _____
or City of PHILADELPHIA. Hospital or Institution **U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, LEAGUE ISLAND, PA.**

2. FULL NAME **John Henry Miles**

File No. **135352**
Registered No. **36809**

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX **Male** 4. COLOR OR RACE **White** 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED **Single**
(Write the word.)

6. DATE OF BIRTH **March 30 1886**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE **21 yrs. 8 mos. 19 ds.** If LESS than 1 day how many hrs. or min.?

8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work **Fireman, U.S. Navy.**
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) **New York.**

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER **Patrick Miles**

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) **unknown**

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER **unknown**

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) **unknown**

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
(Informant) **Alfred J. [Signature] Medical Inspector**
(Address) **Naval Hospital League Island**

15. Filed **DEC 26 1917** **[Signature]** Local Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH **December 22 1917**
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from **Dec. 15 1917** to **Dec. 22 1917**, that I last saw him alive on **Dec. 22 1917**, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at **2.00** P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Pneumonia lobar
920
Contributory **Gonorrhea**
(Duration) yrs. **7** mos. **7** ds.
(Duration) yrs. . . . mos. . . . ds.

In deaths of children under 2 years of age, state if Breast fed or Artificially fed.

(Signed) **Alfred J. [Signature] Medical Inspector**
Dec 22 1917 (Address) **Naval Hospital League Island Pa.**

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH; or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, OR HOMICIDAL.

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals and Institutions.)
At place yrs. . . . mos. **7** ds. In the **Naval Hospital League Island Pa.**
Where was disease contracted, **Phila., Pa.** State yrs. . . . mos. **7** ds.
If not at place of death?
Former or usual residence **New York** - Ward, **D.**

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL **no record** DATE OF BURIAL **Dec 27 1917**

20. UNDERTAKER **J. J. [Signature]** ADDRESS **1710 Morris St. Phila. Pa.**

No image of grave marker yet found. He is buried in the semi-abandoned Mt. Moriah Cemetery in the City of Philadelphia, PA.

Frank J. Makovsky (Geneva)

New York, Abstracts of World War I Military Service, 1917-1919 for Frenk J Makovsky. WWI Army Cards Mahoney, C - Makowsky, W (Box 389). Available on the Internet from Ancestry.com.

Makovsky, Frank J	212	8	
(Surname)	(Christian name)	(Army serial number)	* White * Colonel
Residence: Geneva		NEW YORK	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
<p>* Enlisted * R. A. * N. C. * E. R. C. * Inducted at Ft Slocum NY on July 14 19 16</p> <p>Place of birth: Hanus Fallu Austria Age or date of birth: 20 5/12 yrs</p> <p>Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 3 Co Ft DuPont Del to Feb 24/17; 2 Co Ft DuPont Del to June 1/17; 6 Co CAC unassigned) Ft DuPont Del to death</p> <p>Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt; Corp June 13/17</p> <p>Engagements: XXX</p> <p>Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.</p> <p>Served overseas from † XXX to † , from † to †</p> <p>Died of _____ suicide by hanging _____ Jan 7, 19 18</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Cause and date of death)</p> <p>Person notified of death: Mrs Rose Makovsky mother</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Name)</p> <p>219 Cedar _____ Phillipsburg _____ NJ</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)</p> <p>Remarks:</p>			
<p>Form No. 724-S, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7389</p>			

Makovsky is buried in Phillipsburg, NJ with his parents who lived there when he was in Geneva.

Saint Philip and Saint James Cemetery, Greenwich Township, Warren County, New Jersey.

Information on the Internet at: http://www.interment.net/data/us/nj/warren/stsp&j/james_m.htm

Makovsky, Frank, b. 1896, d. 1918, Brother, Sec. B-4-A3

Image of grave on the Internet from Findagrave.com

https://images.findagrave.com/photos/2015/150/146742616_1433127676.jpg

