

Serbian Orthodox Cemetery
Within Fairview Cemetery, DeKalb, IL USA
And
Serbians in Dekalb County Cemeteries
Grave Transcript

A full transcript of Serbians and their descendents buried in the Serbian Orthodox section and a partial transcript of other sections of Fairview Cemetery and of Serbians buried in other cemeteries in DeKalb County, IL

As of June 2019

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Historical Background

This is a broad overview of what I've been able to find out from family members and historical records. If anyone has any information to add or update, your information would be greatly appreciated. There may be more Serbians and descendents buried in Dekalb County cemeteries as the community was much larger than what is reflected in cemetery burials that I've found.

Many persons of Serbian descent came to Dekalb in the early to mid 1900s from the Balkan and Adriatic Regions of Southeastern Europe. Many of the families came from Lika, Croatia and neighboring Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. Some even came from the same villages in the old countries and then later lived in Dekalb near each other. Most of the Serbs lived near each other in their own neighborhoods near Dodge Avenue and Market Street. Although there were also Serbians from Serbia proper, most were from neighboring countries within Austria-Hungary and later Yugoslavia. Most of these Serbians worked in the Steel and Wire Industry, manufacturing, on the railroads, or as general laborers. Once settling permanently in their new country and working towards becoming naturalized citizens, the Serbs in Dekalb established "Gusle" Lodge # 192 of the Serbian National Federation to preserve their heritage and culture. The lodge, along with the Serbian Orthodox Church, were the two main organizations that kept the Serb Diaspora unified and encouraged their cultural preservation. The lodge erected two dedication markers in the cemetery which can still be viewed today in both English and Serbian Cyrillic language. Some of the graves are also inscribed in Cyrillic, but have been transcribed within this document in their English equivalents.

Antjelovich

1. Bozo Antjelovich 1898-1918

2. Nikola Antjelovich 1857-1920

Benderach

3. Vaso Benderach 1919-1948

Sergeant, 15th Air Force

Colovich

4. Magda Colovich 15 Feb, 1856-3 Mar, 1934

Dotlich

5. Milan Dotlich 24 Apr, 1878-19 Jul, 1929

Daglas

6. John Daglas 27 Mar, 1915-7 Mar, 1916

Dujmovich

7. George Dujmovich 1885-1931

Eror

8. Milan Eror 15 Apr, 1911-10 Dec, 1982

9. Mary Eror Tico 13 Sep, 1916-15 Feb, 1988

10. Soka Eror 1887-1916

11. Trifun Eror 18 Jan, 1885-22 Oct, 1935

12. Howard M. Grundy (Husband of Smiljana Eror) 29 Jan, 1922-3 May, 2011

13. Smiljana Eror Grundy (wife of Howard M. Grundy) 14 Jan, 1915-15 Jul, 1995

Gurovich

14. George Gurovich 15 Apr, 1917-21 Feb, 1919

15. Jovo Gurovich 28 Jan, 1888-12 Dec, 1944

Grgich

16. Lotta Grgich 1886-6 Nov, 1918

Gutesha

17. Dan Gutesha 29 Jan, 1885-9 Jan, 1956

18. Joseph Gutesha 10 Oct, 1914-27 Feb, 1997

19. Mary Gutesha 28 Aug, 1893-18 Oct, 1972

20. Michael Gutesha 15 Aug, 1883-2 Nov, 1933

21. Michael Dimitar Gutesha 6 Apr, 1922-12 Dec, 1992

22. Sophie Gutesha 10 Sep, 1919-30 Aug, 1961

23. Infant Gutesha

Hinic, Hinich (Enich)

24. Bude Hinich 1883-1919

25. George Hinich 23 Apr, 1891-21 Dec, 1972

26. Yeka Hinich 3 Jun, 1886-8 Dec, 1954

27. Mane Hinich 1892-1945

Hrnyak (Hrnjak)

28. Rade Hrnjak 22 May, 1894-20 Apr, 1954

29. Danica Hrnjak 27 Jul, 1907-17 Sep, 1963

Jablan

30. Sako Jablan 1878-1937

Knezovich

31. Jovo Knezevich 1882-1912

Komadina

32. Andjelija Komadina 10 Apr, 1881-2 Apr, 1965

33. Dimitar Komadina 1887-1922

34. Joka Komadina 12 Feb, 1872-2 Oct, 1947

35. Leonard Komadina 31 Jan, 1911-6 Aug, 1963, Private First Class, Company M, 4th Infantry, WW2

36. Mary Komadina 1876-1925

37. Michael Komadina 26 Feb, 1895-13 May, 1971

38. Mane Komadina 1913

39. Orila Komadina 1913

40. Rade Komadina 16 Jun, 1876-22 Apr, 1938

41. Sophia Komadina 15 Nov, 1931-

Kovacevich

42. Ari Kovacevich 3 Jul, 1917-18 Dec, 1992

43. Ruth Kovacevich 1919-1963

44. Danilo Kovacevich 15 Sep, 1915-14 Jan, 1916

45. Bosilka Kovacevich 1913

46. Milan Kovacevich 21 Nov, 1872-6 Feb, 1940

47. Tadora Kovacevich 1875-1926

48. Zorka Kovacevich 1911

Kovach (Kovich)

49. Danny Kovich 16 Feb, 1921-26 Feb, 2006

50. George Kovich 4 May, 1916-6 Sep, 1964

51. John Kovich 6 Jul, 1888-12 Dec, 1954

52. Marko Kovach 1883-25 Aug, 1959

53. Mary Kovich 12 Apr, 1912-1 Feb, 2020

54. Nick Kovich 1880-1970

55. Visnja Kovich 1891-1974

Laketa

56. Dewey Laketa 13 Feb, 1918-28 Nov, 2007, Private First Class, US Army, WW2

57. George Laketa 5 May, 1916-5 Aug, 1986

58. Ilija Laketa 8 Jan, 1887-17 Jan, 1961

59. Mileva Laketa 11 Aug, 1919-2 Dec, 1924

60. Michael Laketa 22 Feb, 1928-25 Apr, 1928

61. Zurza Laketa 23 Feb, 1889-18 May, 1947

Ljubenko

62. Sava Ljubenko 1861-1908

Milosevich

63. Gaso Milosevich 1888-1908

Milovich

- 64. Milena Milovich 1911-1912
- 65. Marian (Marica) Milovich 1908-19 Jan, 1910
- 66. Savsta Milovich 16 Jan, 1918-25 Nov, 1920

Miskin

- 67. Anna Miskin 1910-1914
- 68. Mara Miskin 1910-1914
- 69. Mila Miskin 1910-1914
- 70. Steve Miskin 1875-13 May, 1954

Negowan

- 71. Dmtar Negowan 1861-1917

Pamucina

- 72. Vojislav Pamucina 1911-1915

Rupar

- 73. Obren Rupar 1885-20 Jun, 1963
- 74. Ethel (wife of Obren Rupar) 1890-1973

Samardzija

- 75. Mike Samardzija 1919-5 Sep, 1974
- 76. Nikola Samardzija 15 May, 1884-1 Feb, 1929

Simich

- 77. Jovo Simich 1886-26 Jul, 1979
- 78. Rista Simich 11 Feb, 1898-30 Apr, 1994
- 79. Savo Simich 31 Dec, 1884-26 Dec, 1936

Soknich

- 80. Victor Soknich 12 Jun, 1887-4 Nov, 1966
- 81. Vasilija Soknich 30 Jan, 1898-5 Feb, 1977

Stamatovich

- 82. Stana Stamatovich 1911-15 Sep, 1915

Sulaver

- 83. Joan Sulaver 19 Jan, 1937-6 Jan, 2008
- 84. Marie Sulaver 1910-13 Jan, 1960
- 85. Mildred Sulaver 22 Jul, 1932-10 Aug, 2016
- 86. Mitar Sulaver 22 Oct, 1884-8 Feb, 1974
- 87. Steve Sulaver 1889-7 Oct, 1955

Svilar

- 88. Ilija (Eli) Svilar 12 Aug, 1883-13 Nov, 1965
- 89. Sofija (Sophie) Svilar 14 Oct, 1883-27 Sep, 1974
- 90. Amelia Svilar 1908-1910
- 91. Miliitsa Svilar 1910-2 Aug, 1912

Tepovich

- 92. Dorothy Tepovich 1916-1955
- 93. Helen Tepovich (Wife of Michael) 1890-1969
- 94. Michael Tepovich 21 Aug, 1909-9 May, 2000

Private First Class, US Army, WW2

95. Michael Tepovich 29 Mar, 1881-16 Apr, 1975

96. Nikola Tepovich 1913

97. Nikola Tepovich 15 Feb, 1884-25 Apr, 1973

Topich

98. Mane Topich 5 May, 1890-10 Jul, 1951

Vauslovich

99. Mile Vauslovich 1872-1906

Vukvich

100. Spasoje Vukvich 1864-1910

Vukajlovich

101. Jovan Vukajlovich 18 Jan, 1886-6 Dec, 1968

Vunjak (Vunyak)

102. Milka Vunjak 1908-1910

Vukovich

103. Danilo Vukovich 13 Aug, 1936-25 Apr, 1937

104. Jovan Vukovich 26 Oct, 1891-25 Apr, 1946

105. Lata Komadina Vukovich 1912-1971

106. Marilyn Jean Vukovich Shaffer Davidson (daughter of Jovan and Lata) 27 Aug, 1938-29 Oct, 1972

107. Saveta Vukovich 1888-1958

Serbian Orthodox buried within other sections of Fairview Cemetery

Bedick

108. Dorothy Bedick 28 Dec, 1913-30 Mar, 2005

Enich (Hinich, Hinic)

109. Michael Hinich 25 May, 1892-22 Oct, 1945

110. Eli Hinich 30 May, 1913-21 Sep, 2002

111. Marion Elizabeth Hinich Brennan 1 Oct, 1917-23 Oct, 2014

Gurovich

112. Chana Gurovich Wilson (wife of Gerald Wilson) 25 Dec, 1914-5 May, 2007

113. Mary Gurovich McDaniel (wife of Wayland McDaniel) 19 Dec, 1913-8 Nov, 1996

Komadina

114. Andjelija Lonchar Komadina (wife of Jovan Komadina) 10 Apr, 1881-2 Apr, 1965

115. George Komadina 4 May, 1917-16 Dec, 1993

116. Martha Komadina Pesuth (wife of Matthew Pesuth) 17 Jun, 1918-14 Apr, 2011

Kovach (Kovich)

117. Andjelko Kovach 8 Jun, 1912-8 Aug, 1982

118. Donald Kovach 1946-27 Oct, 1959 (Beloved son of Angello K & Mary (Komadina) Kovach)

119. Mary Komadina Kovach (wife of Andjelko) 29 Jul, 1915-2 Mar, 2002

Kovacevich

- 120. Ione Kovacevich (wife of John) 18 May, 1918-20 Dec, 1999
- 121. John Kovacevich 10 Oct, 1915-13 Jan, 1987, Private First Class, US Army, WW2

Laketa

- 122. Helen B. Laketa 1921-1995 (wife of Dewey Laketa)

Pejovich (Peyovich)

- 123. Marie Pejovich McDowell (wife of Quentin McDowell) 9 Sep, 1927-17 Mar, 2017

Svilar

- 124. Anna Svilar Hackburt 1912-1997 (wife of Frederick Hackburt)
- 125. Smiljana (Minnie) Svilar Pettersen (wife of Harold Pettersen) 20 Mar, 1909-22 Feb, 2005

Fairview Cemetery

Also known as Fairview Park Cemetery

1600 S 1st St, DeKalb, IL 60115

GPS Coordinates: 41.9094009, -88.7617035

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/105630/fairview-cemetery>

Serbian Orthodox in Dekalb County

Serbian Orthodox buried within other cemeteries in Dekalb County, Illinois

Dekalb County Cemetery

- 126. Milos Opacic 25 Mar, 1911

Elmwood Cemetery

Sycamore, Dekalb County, Illinois

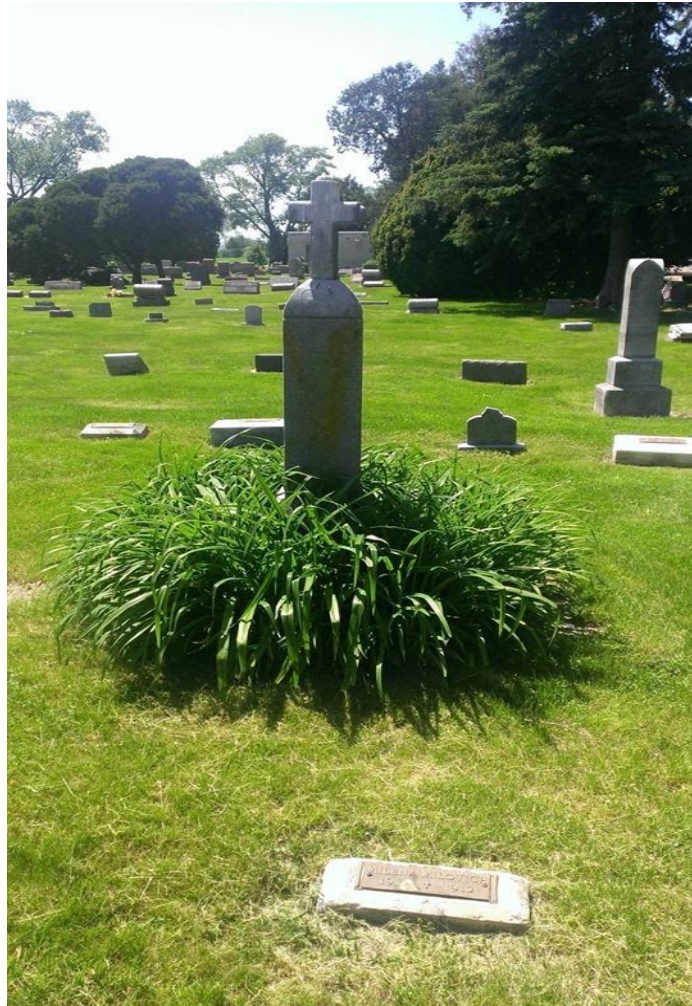
- 127. Minnie Hrnjak Edwards (wife of Norman Edwards) 5 Jun, 1929-23 Oct, 2012

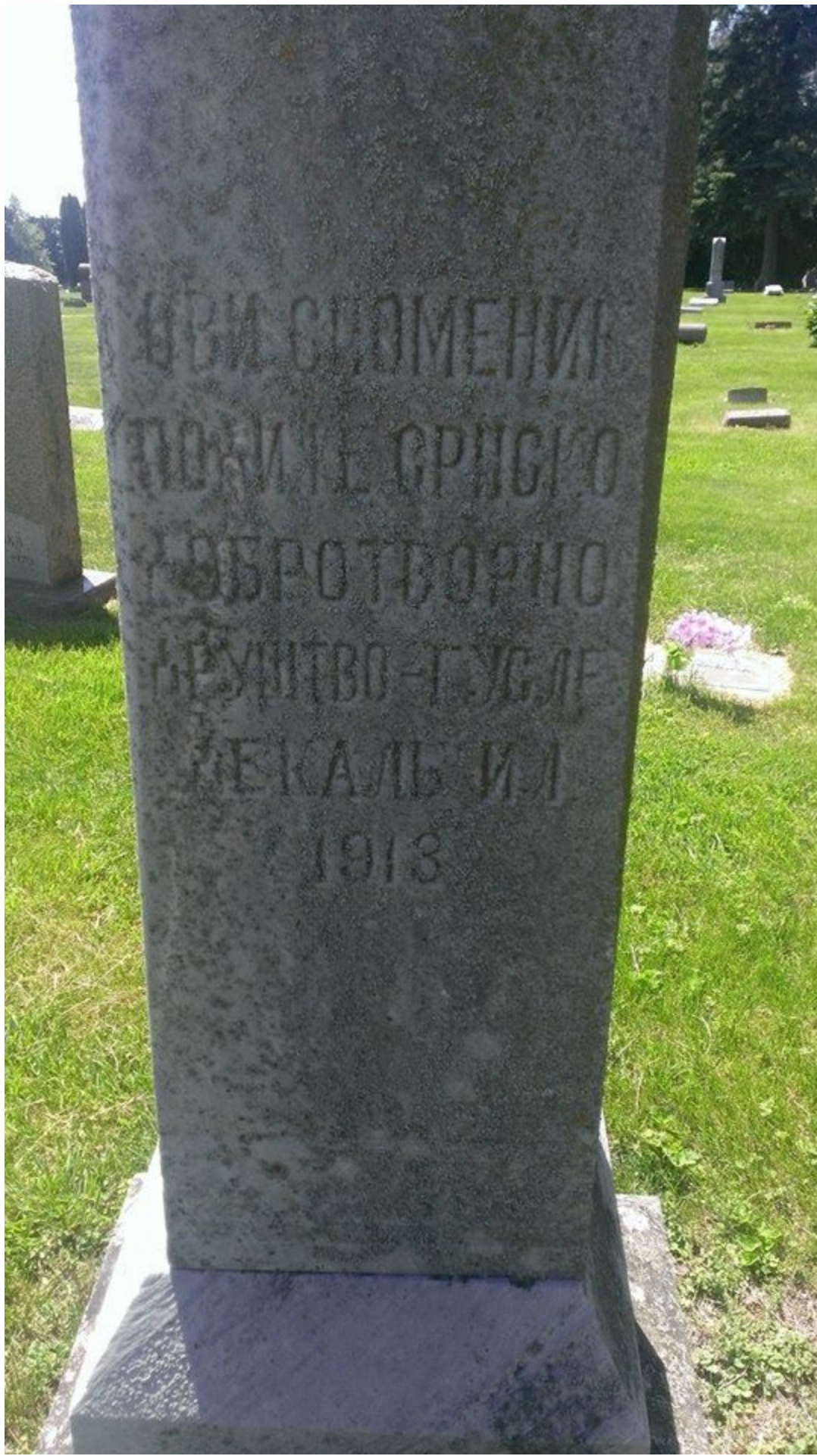
Mound Rest Cemetery

Cortland, Dekalb County, Illinois

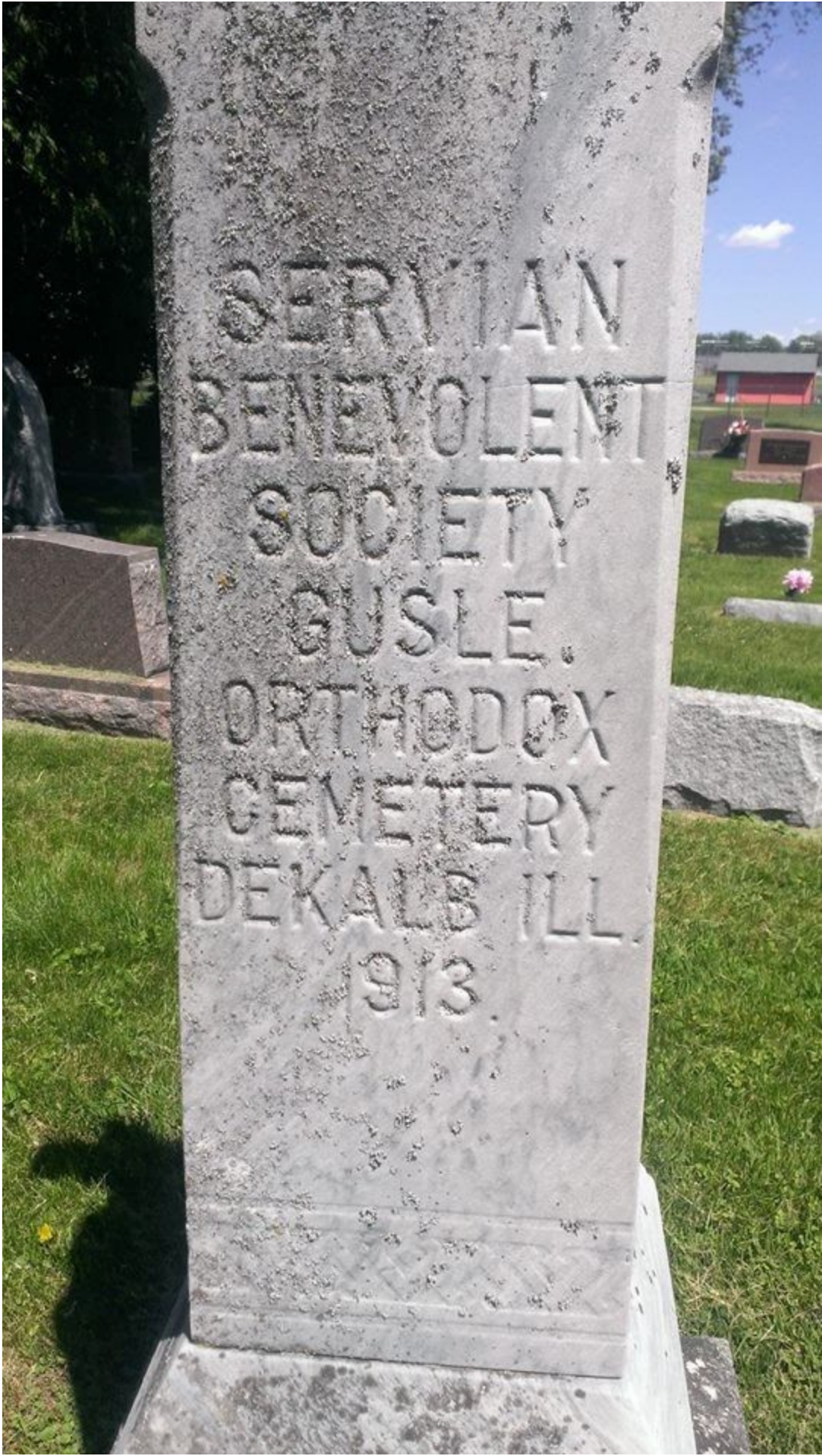
- 128. Bessie Hrnjak Troutman (wife of Robert Troutman) 28 Feb, 1932-28 Nov, 2012

2 Memorial Crosses in the Serbian Section of Fairview Cemetery, Dekalb, IL





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ПОЖИВЪ СРЪСКО
УДОТВОРНО
ПЕЧИТВО-Т. УБЛЕ
ВЕКАЛЬ ИЛ
1918



SERBIAN
BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY
GUSLE
ORTHODOX
CEMETERY
DEKALB ILL.
1913



