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United Polish Genealogical Societies BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH MAY 12-15, 1994

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 1994. Arrival at Howard Johnson's Hotel.

8:45-10:00 pm Early Registration.

THURSDAY, May 12, 1994.

7:30-8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast.

8:45-9:45 am Daniel M. Schlyter - *Using Polish Civil and Parish Records to Compile Your Pedigree Chart.*

10:00-11:00 am Orientation to Family History Library.

11 am-10 pm Individual research at the Family History Library.

10:00-11:00 pm Research Questions at Howard Johnson's Hotel (Snack provided).

FRIDAY, May 13, 1994.

9:00-9:00 am Jolanta Setmajar - *Beginning Polish Research.*

9:15-10:15 am Daniel M. Schlyter - To be announced.

10:30 am-10 pm Individual research at the Family History Library.

10:00-11:00 pm Research Questions at Howard Johnson's Hotel (Snack provided).

SATURDAY, May 14, 1994.

7:30-8:30 am Marek Koblanski, A.G. - *Advanced Polish Research.*

8:45-9:45 am Questions/ answers Session with Marek Koblanski.

10 am-5 pm Individual research at the Family History Library.

5:30-6:30 pm Refreshments/ cash bar.

6:30-9:30 pm Conference Banquet (with FEEFHS).

Keynote Speaker: Marek Koblanski, A.G.

SUNDAY, May 15, 1994.

8:45-9:45 am Breakfast Buffet.

The Federation of East European Family History Societies' (FEEFHS)

Convention begins at 11:00 am.

The following are presentations pertaining to Polish research:

11:00-11:50 am Jonathan Shea - *Researching Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox Records in Poland.*

4:00-4:50 pm William F. Hoffman and Jonathan Shea - *Linguistic Aspects of Research in the Territory of the Former Kingdom of Poland.*

MONDAY, May 16, 1994.

9:00-9:50 am Larry Jensen - *Researching Ancestors from the Pre-World War I German Empire.*

10:00-10:50 am Ewald Wuschke - *Protestant Research in Central Poland and Volhynia.*

2:00-2:50 pm Daniel Schlyter - *Overview of the Family History Library's East European Holdings.*

3:00-3:50 pm Brian Lenius - *Multi-Ethnic Research in the Former Austrian Crownland of Galicia.*

Come and use the largest collection of records in the world, including: Polish church and civil records; U.S. ship passenger lists; U.S. census records; naturalization records from many U.S. courts; parish records from Polish Roman Catholic parishes from certain U.S. dioceses; Hamburg ship lists and much more!

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Meet the leading United States experts in the field of Polish genealogical research.

Lectures and orientation session on all aspects of Polish research for both the beginner and seasoned researcher.

Registration Form

\$50.00 Conference Fee per person includes Continental Breakfast on May 12, the Conference Banquet on May 14 and the Breakfast Buffet on May 15.

\$75.00 per person for both UPGS and FEEFHS Conference if you register at the same time.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
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Make checks payable to: United Polish Genealogical Societies
Mail to: United Polish Genealogical Societies
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President's Letter

Life brings with it many surprises and this year in January I underwent open heart surgery - a repeat 4 bi-pass operation. You will be pleased to know that I am recovering nicely and back in the flow of everyday life.

This year PGSMn again had three speakers:

Paul KULAS - Polish resources at the MGS Library
Kornel KONDY - Adventures in digging for my roots
Ed BRANDT - Tracing Germanic ancestors in Poland

at the Branching Out '94 MGS Membership Meeting, Saturday 5 March in Bloomington. These lectures were a great success and well-attended, much to the surprise of the meeting planners, as we are a new society. They wished to know if we required a larger room. Lets hope next year's attendance will also be that good. Our organization also had an attractive table displaying some items of interest. Thanks so much to the volunteers who gave their time to staff it and answer questions.

Our membership is growing steadily. We have now reached well over 100 paid-up members. Our goal for this year is to increase it to 200. One way we can achieve this is if each member tells friends or anyone interested about their own research, the fun they are having doing it and how much valuable guidance and assistance they get by belonging to our Society.

Respectfully
Walter Kornel KONDY, President

Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

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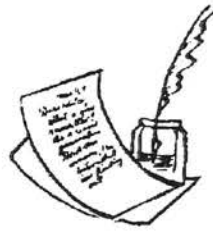
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Letters to the Editor *Liśy do Redaktora*

I have been collecting data on the first Canadian Polish families who settled in the vicinity of Renfrew in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada, pre 1900. These first Polish families were of Prussian origin, specifically Kashubian. Most of these families originated in the area south of Koscierzyna in the parishes of Lipusz, Lesno, Brusy, Parchowo, and Wiele. In 1992, I created an Index of Polish Surnames for which I have collected data. I am presently updating this index and will forward a copy to you for your library. Perhaps it might be of assistance to some of your members

I have found that many of the Kashubs who arrived via the port of Quebec, did not remain in Canada. This past summer (August 1993) when I visited Wisconsin, I identified several families who had entered America through Quebec, some staying several years in Renfrew and vicinity before they moved on to join friends and family in the States. There is no doubt that we are a sister settlement to those in Rosholt, Polonia, and Hofa Park, Wisconsin. Possibly the same is true for your area in Minnesota. In glancing through your newsletter of Autumn 1993, I was impressed by the common family names, i.e. Wysocka, Sadowska, Jakubec, Stopa, Gliszczynski, all from the first baptismal records of Sacred Heart Church in Minneapolis. I do think we have much in common.

My objectives now are to determine who the first Polish pioneers who came to the Renfrew area of Canada (this includes Wilno, the Official First Polish Settlement in Canada), to determine where they came from in Poland, when they came and where they settled. My hopes in forwarding you this information is to emphasize the nature and scope of my study. I would greatly appreciate any feedback you might give me. I am including my membership application and payment.

Shirley Mask Connolly, 21 Granville Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 0M5.

I notice in your publication the name Pulubicki. We have quite a few in Canada and they have published an excellent book on their family. Contact: Father Joseph Pulubeski in North Bay, Ontario.

There are two people in Canada who have done a lot of research on the migration of Kashubs to Canada and the U.S. I note quite a few names in your newsletter that are Kashub and are the same names as we have here. Father Al Rekowski, St. Mary's Rectory, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7M 2R6, Canada has compiled the spelling of Polish/Kashub names common to your area, Kashuby in Poland, and Renfrew County area of Ontario, Canada. It would be most useful for your library. Shirley Mask Connolly, 21 Granville Ave., Ottawa has done much original research on migration of Kashub/Polish families to North America. She went to your area last year and I think plans to go again this summer. I am sure a meeting with her would be a mutually useful exchange. If any of your people wish to come to Canada on a genealogy hunt I will try to help in whatever way I can.

Des Peplinski, 733 Southmore Drive West, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 7A2

Letters to the editor should be addressed to: Kornel Kondy, editor, PGSMn Newsletter, 619 S.E. Seventh St. Mpls. MN 55414-1427.

The Bulletin Board

WE ARE EXPANDING. Our newsletter is expanding to twelve pages with this issue. We hope you are pleased with our efforts. Publishing a newsletter is not an easy task. We continue to invite the submission of articles, queries, letters to the editor, etc. or any suggestions for the newsletter. All submissions or suggestions should be addressed to: W. Kornel Kondy, editor, PGSMn Newsletter, 619 S.E. Seventh Street, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

OUR MEMBERSHIP is also expanding. We recently exceeded one hundred members. A complete membership list as of February 28, 1994 appears beginning on page 4. **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1994?** Readers should check the code on their mailing labels. If the first two digits of the code are anything other than 94, this may be the last issue that you receive. Please renew now to avoid missing any of our mailings.

POLISH SURNAME DIRECTORY. One of our members, Mary Swiatek Hartig, is gathering information for the second volume of her Polish Surname Directory. An inventory of those researching Polish ancestry. If you would like to have your ancestral surnames included write to her at: Polish Surname Network, 158 South Walter Ave., Newbury Park, CA 91320-4339.

POLISH NIGHTS AT THE LIBRARY continues at the MGS Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. One of our more experienced genealogists is there to assist you on these nights. Complete library hours are: Tuesdays, 6:30 to 9:30 pm; Wednesdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and 6:30 to 9:30 pm; and on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The library is located at 1650 Carroll Avenue in St. Paul. Come and make good use of this facility.

THE POLISH COLLECTION at the MGS library is growing. Additions to our collection are financed primarily through voluntary contributions to our library fund. No dues moneys are used. You may want to include a contribution with your membership renewal. In addition, we are always looking for contributions of materials for our collection. Items dealing with Polish genealogy, history and travel or Polish-American immigration and settlement are the most typical. But we would also consider including materials on other Polish or Polish-American topics as well. We are now seeking to include the histories of the various Polish churches in Minnesota. If you have such a church history and are willing to donate it, it would be greatly appreciated. Or if you know of one for sale somewhere, please let us know, so our library committee can consider purchasing it. Donations of materials or suggestions for purchase should be sent to: Paul Kulas, Library Chair, 12008 West River Road, Champlin, MN, 55316.

Our POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA is an entirely volunteer organization. All of our activities -- programs, newsletter, library projects, etc. -- are organized by members without pay and **in their spare time.** It takes much work to run a smooth organization. If you can help in any way, please let us know. Phone numbers of our officers and our committee chairs are listed on page 2.

Our **TWIN CITY AREA POLISH COMMUNITY** will take part in the annual **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS** at the St. Paul Civic Center held this year on April 21 - 24. There will be a Polish booth in each of the exhibit, bazaar, and food areas. Make plans to attend.

THE UNITED POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES bi-annual conference will be held this year in Salt Lake City, May 12-15 (see page 1 and article in our last issue). Members who have attended this conference in the past say that this is an excellent conference. Besides having the world's largest collection of genealogical records at your disposal, all the Polish experts on the Family History Library staff make themselves available to participants of the conference. This is an excellent opportunity to get the help you need to solve that particular Polish genealogical problem that you have. If you can -- go. You won't regret it.

LODGING IN ŁÓDŹ. Ks. Mariusz Werner, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Łódź, has informed us the church's guest house has now been completed and visitors to the area are welcome. Since most hotels in Poland are either luxury class or very simple, this is a most welcome development. To reserve a room, write to: Parafia Ewangelicko-Augsburska, św. Matewska, ul. Piotrkowska 283, 90-407 Łódź, Poland (Polska). The telephone number is 84-66-72.

One of our members, Des Peplinski, informs us of the **PEPLINSKI REUNION 1995.** It will be a get-together of all Peplinskis and descendants at Barry's Bay, Ontario. The region has beautiful, clear lakes and excellent tourist facilities. Peplinskis who came to Canada in the 1860s to '80s first settled in this area. The Peplinski musicians will play the music our ancestors brought to Canada and Shirley Mask Connolly will make a presentation on the Peplinski family history. By April 15, 1994 contact: Des Peplinski, 733 Southmore Drive West, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 7A2

HELEN BARCIKOWSKI, one of our new members and a senior, does not drive and needs transportation to attend our meetings. She lives in Circle Pines. If you can help, please call: 780-2730

CHORZEMPA GUIDE AVAILABLE. Ed Brandt has copies of Rosemary Chorzempa's Korzenie Polskie: Polish Roots available for sale. It was inadvertently listed at \$30 at the MGS Branching Out meeting. The correct price is \$18. Contact: Ed Brandt 13 - 27th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414-3101.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret the death of Frank Renkiewicz in New York City on October 9, 1993 at age 58. Dr. Renkiewicz was a student of Polish-American history and is perhaps best known to PGSMn members as the author of the chapter on Polish immigration to Minnesota in They Chose Minnesota: A Survey of the State's Ethnic Groups. This chapter should be required reading for all of us. Dr. Renkiewicz spent considerable time in Minnesota as a member of the faculty and chair of the history department at the College of St. Teresa in Winona during which time he was active in state and local ethnic associations. His contributions to Polish-American scholarship will be sadly missed.

Membership Report: The following is a list of our membership as of February 28, 1994. The footnotes indicate the family names that member is researching. Space considerations have precluded us from publishing the full addresses of our members. If you are researching a like family name and wish the address of a member, write to: Barbara Rockman, Membership Chair 735-85th Lane NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Include SASE.

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 2Jacob J, Bratek, Lucille Maykowlak, Joseph Breza(Bryza), Elizabeth Wicka
 3Pienkowski, Muras, Mlynczak
 4Zawislak, Kroll, Dryewiecki
 5Koenig, Steffer
 6Sambrowski, Wiernasz
 7Lyrek(Lurek), Huncia, Hunzia(Huncha), Drubel(Drabelis), Drabelina
 8Opyt, Opyd, Draus, Madon
 9Seredinski, Huniewich, Pichur, Kawalska
 10Schuffletowski, Clelman, Ludwikoski, Gratzek, Brinlowski
 11Eckman, Copa
 12Pawlak, Skorupka
 13Malak, Tesmer
 14Palubicki, Rymarkiewicz, Majkowski, Piechowski, Orlikowski, Literski
 15Fraszczak, Ziolkowski, Romocky
 16Maslowski, Pikula, Jorek, Dziabas, Dambowy, Stanek
 17Wiatr, Wiater, Cikota, Tsikota, Tzikota, Rydziel, Schab
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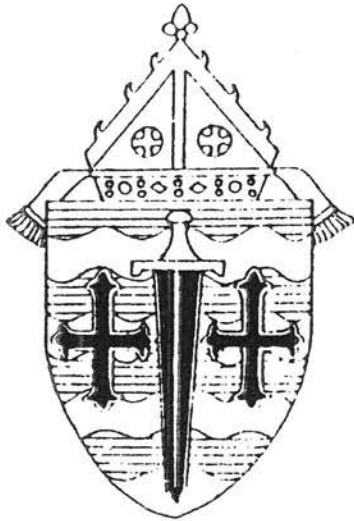
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 24Kava
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 26Nogosek, Kampa, Klimek, Lyga
 27Kishel, Kisielewski, Piatek/Friday, Wrosienski
 28Rogalski, Utrata, Pacer, Kolton, Derda/Drda
 29Rolbiecki, Lilla, Kowalewski, Datta
 30Kowalzek, Kowalczyk, Swara
 31Peplinski, Bodus, Stefaniak, Wozniak, Zientek
 32Krzoszka, Kuztelski, Malak, Rakowska, Brzostowicz
 33Kulas, Witek, Kokot, Soltys, Duczmal, Talaga, Mazur, Owczarz, Karczmarz, Gmur, Stoczynski, Junik, Moras, Obalzak, Kolodziejki, Bielawna, Szostak, Szkudlarz, Drobny
 34Laskowski, Markowski, Grajewski, Kalka, Anderwald
 35Samolinski, Wlodarski
 36Lepak, Radecki
 37Brezinski
 38Jakubik, Soboszczyk, Pluskwik
 39Klimek, Nalipinski, Prybel, Lucki
 40Chmielewski, Jablonski, Slomka, Dunaiski

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POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN MINNESOTA

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Part 1: Polish Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis



Archives of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

This is the first of a series of articles which will identify Polish parishes in Minnesota. This series will begin with a discussion of the Polish Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In this issue we will present an overview of the series followed by a description of the Polish Catholic parishes in St. Paul and vicinity. In our upcoming summer issue we will report on the Polish parishes in Minneapolis. Polish parishes in the rural part of the archdiocese will be covered in the Autumn issue of this newsletter. By the time this series of articles is completed, we hope to have examined all Polish Catholic parishes in each of the six Roman Catholic dioceses in Minnesota.

When Polish immigrants settled in Minnesota, they tended to settle among others from their native land who spoke their language. Most Polish immigrants were Roman Catholic and many Catholic parishes in Minnesota were formed by distinct ethnic groups. These were called "national parishes" where parishioners could pray, confess, and hear the word of God preached in their native tongue. We will identify these national Polish parishes in Minnesota as well as to attempt to identify those "territorial parishes" which contained a significant number of Polish speaking members. We will determine the beginning dates of the baptismal, marriage and burial records of these parishes and indicate where these records can be located. We will also give a short history of the beginnings of each parish and identify the names

of those Polish immigrants who were instrumental in the founding of each parish.

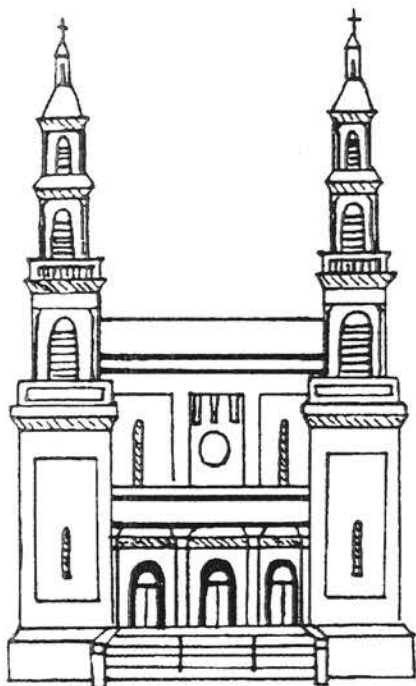
The information for these articles comes basically from parish questionnaires sent out from the Archdiocese of St. Paul in the mid-1930's and then again in the late 1940's. The completed questionnaires are housed in the archdiocesan archives and microfilm copies are also available at the Minnesota Historical Society. Also consulted was the W.P.A. Historical Records Survey: Churches available at the Minnesota Historical Society. This survey of many churches in Minnesota was conducted in the late 1930's by the Federal Writers Project of the W.P.A. Also, a number of parish histories available either at the archdiocesan archives or at the Minnesota Historical Society were extremely helpful in compiling information for this series of articles. Especially useful for information about the early history of the Polish settlement of St. Paul and of St. Adalbert's parish was a paper written by Marcilla Rosenthal -- an eighth grade student at St. Adalbert's School in 1920 -- on file at the archdiocesan archives. The chapters about Polish and other Slavic ethnic groups which appeared in They Chose Minnesota (Minnesota Historical Society, 1981) were also consulted as was James Michael Reardon's The Catholic Church in the Diocese of St. Paul (North Central Publishing Co., 1952).

The original baptism, marriage and burial records of all Catholic parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis mentioned in this article remain with each individual parish. Microfilm copies of these records are available for research at the archdiocesan archives located at 226 Summit Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. The archives are open to the public 9:00 to 5:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays **by appointment only**. Call (612) 291-4429 to schedule an appointment.

POLISH CATHOLIC PARISHES IN ST. PAUL AND VICINITY

The settlement of Polish immigrants in the St. Paul area began in the late 1860's. Among the first to arrive were Casimir Krawczak, John Rozmiarek, a Mr. Bronk and a Mr. Paczkowski. These men were laborers who settled in the city. Frank Rosenthal, Andrew Paszek, John Chmiel, John Soika, Joseph Skiba, John Bona, a Mr. Danielski,

John Henig and Joseph and John Wyzikowski were farmers who settled in the New Brighton area. Martin Lida, Albert Polski, a Mr. Marglewski and Frank Turostrowski were also farmers who settled around Highwood. Messrs Bojarski, Gorecki and Kowalski settled around Lake Josephine. The Poles living in the city at this time were attending church services either at the Cathedral parish (established 1841) or at the German Church of the Assumption (1856) while the Polish farmers were attending the closest parishes in their rural areas.



Church of St. Adalbert
265 Charles Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103

Church of Saint Stanislaus Kostka. In 1872, the Polish farmers and laborers together with Czech Catholics organized the Church of St. Stanislaus located on the corner of Western Avenue and Superior Street near West Seventh Street in St. Paul. Father Barszcz, who was Polish, was named the first pastor. The parish and the neighborhood around St. Stanislaus soon became increasingly Bohemian and the parish was given a Czech pastor. The Polish parishioners then began to collect money to build a church of their own. They left the parish in 1878 and temporarily held mass in the basement of the old cathedral with Father Socha as pastor. St. Stanislaus then became a distinctly Czech national parish. Still there are a number of Polish names listed in the parish's early baptism, marriage and burial records. The first baptism on record was that of John Bakula, the son of Venieslai Bakula and Barbara Shongova on January 10, 1877. The first recorded marriage occurred on April 22, 1877 and was between Julium Krawczak, age 26, and Julianna Grajczyk, age 20. And the first recorded death, on March 3, 1877, was that of Josepha Jendykiewicz, the infant daughter of Joseph Jendykiewicz and Catharina Przybylska.

Church of Saint Adalbert. In 1879, a committee consisting of Joseph Matz, president, Andrew Nadolny, secretary, Joseph Rosenthal, treasurer and committee members Frank Rost, Frank Lemke and Frank Kanka purchased two lots on the corner of Charles and Galtier Streets and then purchased the old French church and had it moved to the site. The church was placed under the patronage of Saint Adalbert and was dedicated on November 20, 1881. Rev. J. Horbaczewski was named the first pastor and Frank Lemke and John Krolikowski were named the

first lay trustees. Pioneer members of the parish were "Immigrants from the three parts of Poland . . . Settled in St. Paul and vicinity, i.e. So. St. Paul, Inver Grove, Stillwater, No. St. Paul, New Brighton (then Mounds View), Minneapolis, East Side and all points West." The first baptism in the new parish was that of John Urbaniak, son of Ignatius Urbaniak and Petronella Jukubowski, on August 29, 1881. The first marriage, on October 10, 1883, was that of Peter Zabawa, son of Adalbert and Sophia Zabawa, and Marianna Stefanik, daughter of Michael and Victoria Stefanik. The death records at St. Adalbert's date from 1911. The first recorded death was that of N. Drawinga, a still born infant, on January 12, 1911.

The present church was erected in 1910-11 under the direction of Rev. Dominic A. Majer, the second pastor (1883-1910) of St. Adalbert's, together with a building committee consisting of Joseph Rosenthal, Roman Polski and Frank Skorczewski. Monsignor Majer was the first Polish priest in America to be made a Domestic Prelate and was a nationally known figure in the history of the Polish church in America. He was buried from the still uncompleted church in 1911. St. Adalbert's is the mother church of all the Polish Catholic churches in the St. Paul area. From it were formed St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, St. Casimir's in St. Paul and Holy Trinity in South St. Paul. Since Msgr. Majer was instrumental in the establishment of Holy Cross Church in northeast Minneapolis, it too might be considered a daughter church of St. Adalbert's.

Church of Saint John the Baptist, New Brighton. Polish farmers on the northern fringes of St. Paul soon demanded their own parish and separated from St. Adalbert's in 1883. The first church, that of St. Charles in Moundsvue, was built in 1884. The



St. John the Baptist Church
835 2nd. Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

original settlers of this area were Irish but they were soon outnumbered by Polish neighbors. Pioneer members of the parish include the Farrell, Marston, Skiba, Waldock, Lange, Moga, Chmiel, Ryan and Olchefski family names. From 1883 to 1902 the parish was served by priests from White Bear Lake, northeast Minneapolis, Little Canada and Rice Lake. The early baptisms, marriages and burials of members of the parish were probably recorded in the home parish of these visiting priests between 1883 and 1902 and at St. Adalbert's before 1883.

The parish received its first resident pastor in 1902. The basement church of St. John the Baptist in New Brighton was built by Rev. A. Szczukowski (1902-7) in 1902. The superstructure was built in 1922 by Rev. A. Kryjewski (1916-31). The present church is a modern, post-Vatican II type structure. The first baptism listed in the parish records is that of Adam Bona, son of John and Michalina Bona, on July 20, 1902. The first marriage was that of Thomas Skiba, son of Joseph Skiba and Maryanna Reca, and Anna Laska, daughter of Joseph Laske and Marianna Poloszek, on September 12, 1902. The first burial was that of Andrew Gorecki, age 40 the son of John and Konstantina Gorecki, on October 6, 1902. There are no records at St. John's for the years 1883 to 1902.



Church of Saint Casimir. Because a growing number of Polish immigrants began settling in St. Paul's East Side in the 1880's, organization efforts for a second Polish parish in the city began in 1888. The first members of the parish were Poles from Silesia, Galicia, Posen, Pomerania and Congress Poland. The new parish was placed under the patronage of St. Casimir, Prince of Poland, and was dedicated on November 27 1892. The church was located at the corner of Jessamine and Forest Streets. Its first pastor was Rev. Henry Jazdzewski who served the parish from 1892 to 1894 and then again from 1913 to 1916. From 1894 to 1913 Father Jazdzewski was pastor at Holy Cross in Minneapolis and figured in the controversy surrounding the establishment of Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church in northeast Minneapolis (we will briefly discuss this controversy when we discuss Holy Cross parish in our next issue). On March 4, 1916, Father Jazdzewski was shot to death in his confessional by a distraught woman who also was involved in that controversy.

The first baptism at St. Casimir's was that of Leon Kaluza, son of Francis and Sophia Kaluza, on November 27, 1892. The first marriage was that of Albert Malecki and Rosalia Podgorska on January 9, 1893. The first death was Francis Hadulla, age 60, on December 28, 1893 with burial at Calvary Cemetery in St Paul. Earlier records for St. Paul's Polish eastsiders are found in St. Adalbert's parish records. Among the organizers of the parish

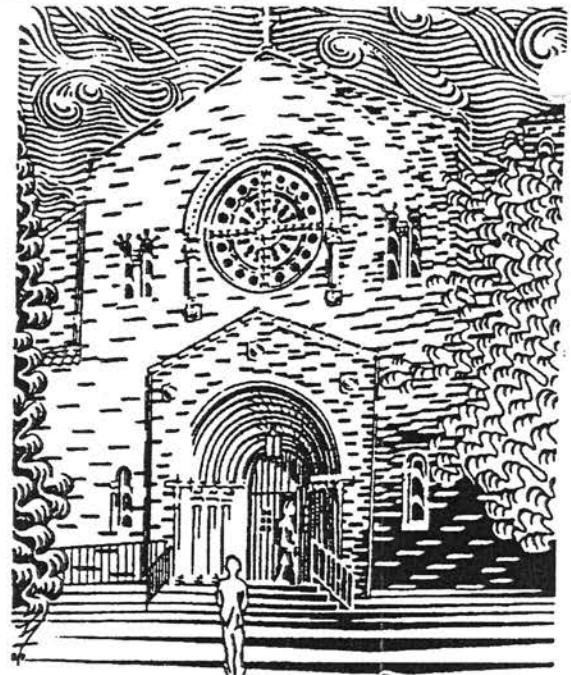
were Joseph Gruchot, Martin Kujawa, Francis and Joseph Jasinski, Peter Glombitza, Walter Rozychki, Michael Szczepaniak, Charles Ciernia and Daniel Tarara. The parish's golden jubilee booklet lists 112 pioneer members of the parish (We will print this list in a future issue of this newsletter). The present church was erected in 1904 during the pastorate of Rev. Casimir Kobylinski (1894-1910). Rev. Andrew Stojar, O.M.I. served the parish from 1916 to 1955.

Church of the Holy Trinity, South St. Paul. The St. Paul Union Stockyard opened in 1886 and the packing plants followed shortly thereafter. South St. Paul soon became the meat packing center of the northwest. To obtain workers, the packing plants sent labor conscriptors to eastern Europe. Many Slavic immigrants, a majority of whom were Poles, flocked to South St. Paul to seek employment. The Poles of South St. Paul first worshipped at St. Adalbert's in St. Paul or else at St. Augustine in South St. Paul. St. Augustine's was established in 1896 and was almost exclusively German and Irish until about 1910 when Polish, Croatian, Bohemian and other Slavic people began to become members.

In 1917, the Poles organized a committee to approach Archbishop Ireland with a request that a Polish Catholic parish be formed in South St. Paul. The archbishop consented to their request and the Church of the Holy Trinity

was incorporated on November 13, 1917. Archbishop Ireland died shortly thereafter and the organization of the parish suffered a setback. It was not until 1940 that Archbishop Murray appointed Rev. Joseph F. Siegienski to organize the new parish and the first mass was said at the Polish Hall on June 30, 1940. The church was completed in 1942 and the new parish was to serve all Slavic Catholics of the area. The first lay trustees of the parish were Anthony Matzcynski, Treasurer and Chester Kaminski, Secretary. Leonard Matzcynski was the first organist and choir director, Rose Sobaskie was the first sacristan and Thomas Sobaskie was the first alter boy. William Flood was the first usher and Irene Kmiecik was the first secretary and bookkeeper. Joseph Jaworski was the first janitor and Magdalen Herrick was the first housekeeper.

Founding parish members included the Lencowski, Matzcynski, Kaminski, Roszak, Kuntz, Einfeldt, Romanski, Goral, Matras, Seliga, Jaworski, Sobaskie, Kmiecik, Waltman, Flood and Rogowski families. The first baptism in the parish was that of Patrick Herbert Darrow, son of Herbert Darrow and Mary Kalbo, on July 21, 1940. The first confirmation was that of Gerard Adamski on October 11, 1943. The first marriage was between Damien Dolney, who was born at Bowlus, Minnesota on March 30, 1920 and was the son of John Dolney and Angela Klosowski, and Dorothy Swoboda, who was born in Pierre, South Dakota on May 27, 1923 and was the daughter of Louis Swoboda and Florence Borthlette, on November 16 1940 (Marriage records in particular seem to contain a wealth of information about the origins of the participants and are therefore particularly useful for the Polish-American genealogist). The first burial was that of Rose Kosowski, age 49, on October 29, 1940. Records of Poles in South St. Paul before 1940 are probably found in the parish records of either St. Adalbert's or S Augustine's.



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Other St. Paul parishes. St. Adalbert's and St. Casimir's of St. Paul, St. John the Baptist of New Brighton and Holy Trinity of South St. Paul were distinctively Polish parishes that formed in the St. Paul area. However, some Poles settled in other St. Paul parishes as well. At **St. John's** (organized in 1886) the parish was mostly Irish, German, Polish, Bohemian, French and Scandinavian. Meanwhile, at **St. James** in St. Paul's west end (1887), the first Catholics were largely Polish, Bohemian and Austrian immigrants who found employment with the local breweries. The Irish, German and Italian members of St. James came later. As the 20th century progressed, Poles began to spread from their ethnic enclaves. The parish questionnaires of the 1930's and '40's indicate many of the newer parishes were ethnically mixed. For example, **St. Columba** (established in 1914) was said to be mainly comprised of Irish, Germans, French Canadians, Bohemians, Poles and Italians, etc., while **Maternity of the Blessed Virgin** (1949) was largely German, Irish, Italian, Bohemian, French and Polish. Meanwhile, outside the city limits, **Transfiguration** (organized in 1939) in Oakdale was a mixture of Irish, Poles, Bohemians, Italians and French. **St. Jerome's** (1941) in Maplewood was Swiss, German, Irish, French and Polish and **St. John Vianney** (1946) in South St. Paul was German, French, Lithuanian, Polish, Irish and American. **Presentation** (1946) in Maplewood, whose first pastor was St. Casimir native son Rev. Raymond A. Rutkowski, was a "mixture of all nationalities." Today there is probably no parish in St. Paul and vicinity that doesn't have some members who are of Polish descent while the historically Polish parishes now have many members who are of other ethnic origins.

This series of articles will continue in the next issue of this newsletter when we will examine Polish settlement in Minneapolis and discuss specifically the Polish Catholic parishes of Holy Cross, St. Philip's, St. Hedwig's and All Saints. Polish parishes in the rural area of the archdiocese will be presented in our Autumn issue. Meanwhile, the author is interested in your reactions to this article. You may also want to make sure that we include the parish of your Polish-American forebears in the future articles of this series. Direct all comments to: Paul Kulas, 12008 West River Road, Champlin, MN 55316.

LIBRARY CORNER ---- BOOK REVIEWS

Maralyn A. Wellauer, Tracing Your Polish Roots. rev. & enlarged. (Milwaukee: Roots International, 1991), 108 pp.

J. Konrad, Polish Family Research. rev. ed. (Monroe Falls, Ohio: Summit Publ., 1991), 72 pp.

Jan and Len Gancinski, Polish and Proud; tracing your Polish ancestry. (Indianapolis: Ye Old Genealogie Shoppe, 1983). 78 pp.

Although Rosemary A. Chorzempa's book Korzenie Polskie: Polish Roots, reviewed in the Autumn 1993 issue of this newsletter, is clearly the most comprehensive guide, no one volume can possibly provide the most detailed treatment of every aspect of the subject of Polish genealogy. Therefore, it is worthwhile to examine what other guides have to offer.

Wellauer's book pays more attention to the territories "reclaimed" by Poland from Germany after both World Wars. Although all these lands had been populated by Poles or closely related Slavic tribes, no distinction is made between the areas, which had always retained a Polish ethnic character and those which ceased to be populated by Polish speakers for at least four centuries prior to the Polish partitions in 1772-95. Nonetheless, her approach has some advantages for the Polish American genealogist. She lists a number of German sources (archives and books) which may be helpful for those researching ancestors from areas formerly ruled by Germany and Austria, a time when most Polish immigrants came to America. The bibliography is multilingual: English, Polish, German and French. Some American sources, e.g. local histories and biographies receive more explicit attention from Wellauer.

Konrad has a strong chapter on American sources which includes extra material not found in Chorzempa's book, particularly with respect to governmental record and their location. Since the number and nature of the questions asked by the recorders did not remain constant, the author covers in detail the kind of information to be found in each decennial census from 1790 to 1910. The book contains a chapter on Polish immigration, a topic not dealt with in the other guides. A disadvantage of the Konrad book is a brief table of contents, which makes it difficult for the user to zero in on a specific item.

The Gnacinski guide is dated and was published when Poland was a relatively closed society. It contains detailed maps of Polish województwa (provinces) plus addresses of archives and libraries, but obviously lacks information about the research opportunities now available. It is a heritage oriented book with a chronology of Polish history and pictures of Polish flags and coats of arms. In addition it has a list of Polish parish churches in the United States. Unfortunately, not one Minnesota parish appears in this list. It is not all inclusive and many parishes do not appear in the other states covered. There is a brief history of five churches in Texas, Michigan and Wisconsin. Listed also are American public, genealogical and historical libraries in areas where many Polish immigrants settled.

Copies of the books reviewed above plus the Chorzempa book reviewed previously are in the Polish Collection at the Minnesota Genealogical Society's library.

Reviewed by Ed Brandt.

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The Polish Genealogical Society of America (Chicago) is showcasing the talents of our past president, Blanche Krbechek. Her wycinanki (shown here) was featured on the front cover of the Winter, 1993-1994 issue of their Bulletin. Her paper cutting designs are also scheduled to appear on their next three covers. Her cutting and the accompanying article from the Bulletin are reprinted here. The picture referred to in the Bulletin article was deleted here because of the difficulties in getting an acceptable computer scan.

An interesting aspect of this uniquely Polish folk art form is the opportunity it gives the viewer to attempt to discover the mind of the artist in the wycinanki's various designs. The basic feature of this cutting is obviously the Polish white eagle on the left and the American bald eagle on the right. This juxtaposition might be intended to show the significance of the two nations in the search for our Polish and Polish-American ancestors. Perhaps the tree in the cutting's design symbolizes the genealogist's family tree with its growing branches. Can you discover other elements in this design? Thank you PGSA for featuring our member and founding president.

Contributed by Paul Kulas



of *wycinanki*, cut paper designs, to use with each of the four yearly issues of the Bulletin. Blanche is not only a member of the PGSA, she is also the founding and past president of the Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, a member of the "Dolina" Polish folk dancers -- for whom she plays the bagpipes, as seen in the photograph above -- and she makes wycinanki in styles from different regions of Poland. She also works as a historic interpreter at Murphy's Landing, Shakopee, a site portraying history from the 1840's to the 1890's, with houses representing the different ethnic groups that settled there (she works, as you might expect, in the Polish House!). We hope you enjoy her designs as much as we do.

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BRUSKI, Mary Ellen, 3412 Parkview Blvd., Robbinsdale, MN 55422 is researching the KRUSZEWSKI, WRYCZA, and BRUSKI surnames in the Poznan area in Poland and in the St. Paul and Owatonna areas in Minnesota.

KARGUL, Bernadine M., 15180 Woodbine, Redford, MI 48239 seeks information on ancestors who settled in Minnesota in the 1870's in Morrison and McLeod counties.

KAVA, Stanley W. 2617 Moretto Ct., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 seeks contact with anyone who is knowledgeable about the Barnesville, Minnesota area. He is seeking information about the KAWA family who settled there when first coming to this country,

PEPLINSKI, Des, 733 Southmore Drive West, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1V 7A2 is researching the PEPLINSKI, SZCZYPION, BREZA AND KULAS surnames and will share any information the might be of interest to our members. The families were Kashubs and originated in the parish of Lipusz, about 35 miles south of Gdansk.

SYZDEK, Bruno C., 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 is seeking information about ancestors/siblings of Albert SYZDEK born 17/2/1858. Married Maryana BIELAMOWICZ. Emigrated 1885 from Jaslo, Austria Poland to Bremond, Texas. Also Vincent KAPCHINSKI born 19/7/1851. Emigrated 1870 from Prussia Poland. Married Helen PUTZ who also emigrated in 1870's. Married and settled in Bryan, Texas. Will exchange information.

SYZDEK, Phyllis Powers, 4625 Rip Van Winkle Lane, Las Vages, Nevada 89102 is seeking information on her great-grandfather David ANDREWS, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Died 1901. Wife Esther WILSON. Grandfather William Wilson ANDREWS, born 17/9/1855, was second of eight children. Also is seeking information on grandfather Michael Henry POWERS. Born 15/5/1847 in Ohio. Fought in Civil War. Wife Mary Louise HOOVER. Great-grandfather said born in Kentucky. Any information appreciated and will gladly exchange information.

WEBB, Jeanne, 1505 Friel St., Burton, MI 48529 seeks information on the GLISCZINSKI family who immigrated to Minnesota from West Prussia.

ORPHAN TRAINS. The Orphan Train Heritage Soc., Rt. 4 Box 565, Springdale, AR 72764, is seeking information on orphan train riders between 1854 and 1910. They need information on these orphans, their descendants, and to families that took them in. Mrs. Eloise Thompsen, 5843 Grant St. Om NE 68104, has maintained an orphan register for several years and additional information on Nebraska orphans is welcome.



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