



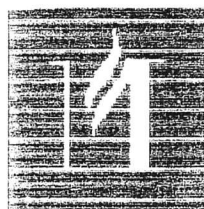
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JANUARY MEETINGS -- JANUARY 14 AND 21



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In January we will meet at the Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, to get an orientation to the Minnesota Historical Society's resources for Polish genealogical research. There will be a presentation from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. After that we will have time to use the books, newspapers and other relevant source material available at the center. The Minnesota History Center has an excellent cafeteria, which makes it convenient for those who would like to stay all day.

Because the MHC classroom can hold only 30 people and it is possible that we might have more than that who want to attend, we have arranged for the same program on two successive Saturday mornings, January 14 and 21. Please call the Kishel residence at 690-3329 to indicate which date you plan to attend. It is important to let us know of your plans in advance, because MHC briefings are open to anyone so we need to reserve a certain number of seats for our members. If you have not phoned you will be admitted on a space available basis.

Submitted by Ed Brandt, Program Chair

MGS ANNUAL BRANCHING OUT MEETING MARCH 4, 1995



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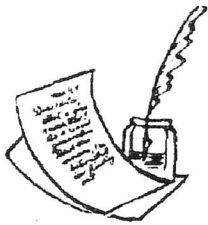
Our March meeting will be a part of the Minnesota Genealogical Society's annual "Branching Out" meeting, in which all branches participate. If you are researching ancestors from more than one country or ethnic group, this gives you a pick-and-choose option.

The all-day meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4, probably at Oak Grove Intermediate School, 1300 West 106th St., Bloomington, where it has been held the last few years. The program begins with a general session and a keynote speaker. There will be three different time slots thereafter for programs by each branch.

The following Polish presentations are scheduled:

- (1) Greg Kishel, "Starting from Scratch".
- (2) Ron Tomczik, "A visit to the Kashubian Homeland".
- (3) Informal information-sharing session.

Submitted by Ed Brandt, Program Chair



Letters to the Editor Listy do Redaktora

I am enclosing \$10 for a membership in the PGSMn. Although I am not currently engaged in genealogical research of my own, as a graduate student in history studying Polish Americans in Minnesota, I feel that many of my research interests correspond quite closely to those of your members.

I would also like to note that in the course of my research I have collected a great deal of information on individual Polish families from the parish of St. John Cantius in Wilno, Minnesota (Lincoln County) for the years 1882-1900 that I would be willing to share with any of your members who are interested. Basically, I have integrated 20 years of parish, property tax, census information for many of the families of this parish.

I look forward to getting your Newsletter and attending some of your meetings.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for publishing my contribution in the Fall 1994 Newsletter. I am terribly pleased. There are some editing problems but all in all it is wonderful.

I encourage others to contribute their experience. That is how we all learn. Perhaps I will start on a new story.

Dziękuję bardzo!!

Zostanie z Bogiem,

Harry McQuat, Wakefield, MA

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

President's Letter

As the New Year begins, I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year as well as much success in your searching endeavors. One resolution ought to be to devote more time to research; ask more questions; write more letters for documents and renew your pursuit with enthusiasm. Another year has gone by -- Czas szybko leci! (Time flies quickly!)

Some members were in arrears for 1994 and were reminded to pay their dues, but forgot that their 1995 dues are also due as well. So please pay your dues promptly as publishing the NEWSLETTER takes a good portion of our operating budget, not to mention that postage is going up this year. All of us on the staff volunteer our services to see that the NEWSLETTER is interesting and gets out on time. I wish to mention my special thanks to Paul Kulas, who does the work of putting it on computer and preparing it for printing.

One of the reasons our annual meeting was held at the new beautiful facilities of the Merriam Park Library was in order to make it closer and more convenient, for a change, for members from Saint Paul and vicinity east and of the Twin Cities. Unfortunately, the turnout was disappointing, albeit we were prepared with beverages and goodies. Also, we were prepared with materials from our library and to be of assistance in answering any of your questions.

We welcome and urge you to submit articles, particularly concerning your own personal research which may prove helpful or of interest to others.

The January meetings (2) at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul will clue us as to what is available there, particularly if our roots are in Minnesota. So call Greg and make your appointment early as space is limited. See program announcement on page 1 for further information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! SZCZĘŚLIWEGO
NOWEGO ROKU!

Respectfully,

W. KORNEL KONDY, PRESIDENT



The Bulletin Board

IN OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER we printed two articles by members concerning aspects of their genealogical research. In this issue we are again printing an article submitted by one of our members. Beginning on page 5 is a article by Adeline M. Copa/Sopa about emigration from the Kaszuby area of northern Poland. The Kaszubs were among the very earliest Polish immigrants to North America. Their three principal destinations were Renfrew County in Ontario, Canada, Portage County in Wisconsin and the Winona area in Minnesota. Also, beginning on page 4 is a bibliography of resources for Polish genealogy by our program chair, Ed Brandt. This is a comprehensive listing of sources and will be continued in future issues of this newsletter. We are happy to print these articles and invite others to submit articles for publication. All submissions of articles, letters to the editor, news items, queries, etc. should be sent to: W. Kornel Kondy, PGSMn Newsletter, 619 S.E. Seventh St. Minneapolis, MN 55414-1327.

NEW PGSMN OFFICERS FOR 1995 were elected at our November 12 annual election meeting. Those elected are listed in the box on page 2. These officers along with the appointed chairs of standing committees will serve as the governing board of PGSMn for the coming year. Any concerns or suggestions for improvement can be directed to any of our board members. Or else write a letter to the editor and see your views published in our NEWSLETTER.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 1995 are now due. Renew your membership in PGSMn by completing and returning the membership form on page 11. Please save us the expense and inconvenience of sending out renewal notices. New member dues that were received by the treasurer after October 1 were applied to 1995 membership.

OUR JANUARY MEETINGS will focus on the Polish resources available at the Minnesota History Center. This center houses a major Minnesota collection of materials for genealogical research. We urge you to attend. Our program committee tries to plan informational meetings designed to aid you with your research. Fay Dearden's April presentation of the resources available at the Family History Center and Pat Anzels's September presentation of the resources available at the Archives of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis were two 1994 examples of the program committees efforts to inform you of the useful resources available in local libraries and archives. If you have suggestions for future programs please inform Ed Brandt, Program Chair, 13 - 27th Ave. S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55414-3101.

You are reminded that POLISH NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY continues at the MGS Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. 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, of our Polish collection and of Polish nights at the library on the second Tuesday of each month.

OUR LIBRARY COMMITTEE attempts to purchase or in some other way acquire library material that will aid you with your Polish research. The NEWSLETTER regularly reviews recent acquisitions. Suggestions for purchase can be sent to Paul Kulas, Library Chair, 12008 West River Road, Champlin, MN, 55316. Donations of library materials are always welcome.

PGSMn has inaugurated a CHURCH HISTORY AND BOOKLET COLLECTION for its library (housed at the Minnesota Genealogical Society's facility in St. Paul). We would welcome your donation of church histories, parish jubilee and anniversary booklets and the like, from any congregation in Minnesota that had a Polish ethnic affiliation or a sizable component of its membership of Polish extraction. These publications can contain little nuggets of genealogical information, from information on founding parishioners and their European backgrounds to data on wedding anniversaries and the like. If you do not wish to donate the original, we will (carefully) photocopy it and return it to you promptly. To date we have photocopies of jubilee booklets from St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Virginia, Minnesota, and St. Mary, Star of the Sea parish in Duluth. Please help us to broaden the collection to parishes from the Twin cities, Winona and all of the other locales in Minnesota where Polish immigrants founded their own church institutions. Contact Greg Kishel, 446 Mt. Curve Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55105-1326 (telephone 612-690-3329).

ED BRANDT AND KORNEL KONDY sat at the MGS booth at the 4th Annual European Oktoberfest along E. Hennepin Ave. on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2, 1994. Hopefully we enticed some new members to our Society. There were lots of questions from people of various nationality backgrounds. Thanks.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the death of MARY JO FRASCZAK, of St. Paul, on January 1, 1995, her 45th birthday. Mary Jo was one of the earliest members of PGSMn and attended many of our meetings. She was very active in the Minnesota Genealogical Society and in our sister MGS branch, the Germanic Genealogy Society; she served as President of the MGS and as the editor of GGS's newsletter. She will be long remembered for her enthusiasm and hard work in support of all Minnesota genealogists.

SOME RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH ON POLISH-AMERICAN GENEALOGY

compiled by Edward R. Brandt for the
Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota
as revised March 6, 1994

The Family History Library and Family History Centers (LDS)

1. Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 35 North West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150
2. LDS branch libraries (Family History Centers) in or near Minnesota (these are not mailing addresses)
 - a) 2801 Douglas Drive, Crystal (612-544-2479)
 - b) 2140 Hadley Ave. Oakdale (612-770-3213)
 - c) 2742 Yellowstone Blvd., Anoka (612-442-9679)
 - d) 3033 N.E. Birchmont Drive, Bemidji (218-751-9129)
 - e) 521 Upham Road, Duluth (218-722-9508)
 - f) 2502 - 17th Ave. S.W., Fargo, ND (701-232-4003)
 - g) 2814 Cherry St., Grand Forks, ND (701-746-6126)
 - h) 1851 Marie Lane, North Mankato (507-625-8342)
 - i) 1002 S.E. 16th St., Rochester (507-282-2382)
 - j) 1420 - 29th Ave. N. St. Cloud (612-252-4355)
 - k) Hwy. 25 N., Buffalo
 - l) 2006 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd
 - m) 1201 West Clifton, Sioux City, IA (712-255-9686)
 - n) 3900 South Fairhall Ave., Sioux Falls, SD (605-361-1070)
 - o) 3335 Stein Blvd., Eau Claire, WI (715-834-8271)
 - p) 644 S. 6th, Barron, WI (715-834-8271)
 - q) 700 Third St. W. Fort Frances, Ontario (807-274-9394)
 - r) 45 Dalhousie Dr., Winnipeg, Manitoba (204-261-4271)

Polish-American Genealogical Societies

1. Polish Genealogical Society of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622 (publishes *Rodziny and Bulletin of the PGSA*)
2. Polish Genealogical Society of California, P.O. Box 713, Midway City, CA 92655 (publishes *Bulletin*)
3. Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, 8 Lyle Rd., New Britain, CT 06053 (publishes *Pathways & Passages*)
4. Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleveland, 906 College Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113 (publishes *Bulletin*)
5. Polish Genealogical Society of Maryland, 1 Burwell Court, #302, Baltimore MD 21234
6. Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts, 50 Hastings Heights, Northampton, MA 01060 (publishes *Biuletyn Korzenie*)
7. Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, c/o Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202 (publishes *The Eagle*)
8. Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, P.O. Box 16069, St. Paul, MN 55116-0069 (publishes *PGSMn Newsletter*)
9. Polish Genealogical Society of Northern California, 560 Bellwood Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95054
10. Polish Genealogical Society of Texas, 15917 Juneau Dr., Houston TX 77040-2155 (publishes *PGST News*)
11. Polish Genealogical Society of Western New York, 299 Barnard St., Buffalo NY 14206 (publishes *Searchers*)
12. Polish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 37476, Milwaukee, WI 53237
13. Polish Nobility Association, 529 Dunkirk Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212

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THE FIRST POLISH SETTLERS CAME FROM KASZUBY

by Adeline M. Copa/Sopa, PGSMn member
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Polish heritage is claimed by the highest percentage of Portage County, Wisconsin residents. For many of them, it is their only ethnic heritage. Poles have lived in the county since the fall of 1857, when the Michael von Koziczkowski family came to the area. This became the second oldest Polish rural settlement in the United States and the first in Wisconsin.

The next year, 1858, they were joined by the Adam Klesmit, Joseph Platta, and John Zynda families. In early summer of 1859, the family of Joseph Daczyk arrived. In late summer of that same year, the families of Christian Dzwonkowski, Jacob Werachowski, Anton and Frank Woyak, Joseph Jazdzewski, Mathias Rzepinski, Casimir Lukaszewicz, and Stanislaus Konopacki traveled as a group to Portage County. Joseph Grzenia and his family had also sailed with this group but stayed in Renfrew County in the Ontario Province of Canada briefly before coming to Portage County. The Anton Lorbiecki, Peter Konopacki, and Onufry Kruzycycki families arrived in late 1859 or early 1860; reportedly after a short stay in Winona, Minnesota. All of these pioneers were from the Kaszuby area of what is now northern Poland. 1860 and the ensuing years brought many more families from this region into Portage County, Winona, and Renfrew County--their primary destinations.

The Koziczkowski family had arrived in Milwaukee where they heard about the availability of land in central Wisconsin. After some consideration, Koziczkowski decided to purchase some land from Joseph Osterle just east of what was to become known as Poland Corners, later called Ellis. It was not the best farmland but it was affordable. Certainly the glaciated environment of rolling hills surrounded by wooded areas and lakes was familiar since his home had been located in what is now referred to by Polish tour books as the Kaszubian Lakelands or Kaszubian Switzerland--also a glaciated area. Today, this area is a popular vacation choice for Poles.

Koziczkowski, his wife, Frances nee von Zielewska, and their seven children had lived in the small village of Podjazzy located in the province of Gdansk (Ger., Danzig) in West Prussia. Their district center was in Kartuzy (Ger., Karthaus). This town was also the center of the ethnic region of Kaszuby--named after the *Koszubi*, a Slavic people, who had lived in that area since early times. Their language is somewhat different than Polish as are the regional tongues of the Gorale in the mountains and the residents of Silesia and of the Mazury area. Although the residents of Kaszuby have always withstood the foreign powers who have ruled them, other Poles have not acknowledged this independence and have regarded them as somewhat too German.

Poland had not existed as a political nation since the late 1700's as a result of three partitions by her neighbors Prussia, Russia and Austria. However, the Polish populace continued to use their mother language to follow the customs of their culture and to practice their Catholic faith. Although the residents of Kaszuby were citizens of Prussia and later, after 1871, of the German Empire, ethnically they were Poles. The League of Nations restored Poland as a sovereign state after World War I. This scenario was to be repeated following World War II with another foreign power to be tolerated and another struggle to maintain their Polishness. Again the Poles prevailed.

In early July of 1857, the congregation of the Koziczkowski parish church at Suleczyno was informed by their priest that the family had decided to go to America. They gathered later that week to say goodbye and to wish them well. A young boy, Anton Hinc/Hinz watched them leave. Little did these participants realize what an impact this day would have on the Kaszuby area in which they lived and on the central Wisconsin area in which the Koziczkowski family was to live.

The residents of the Kaszuby area were mostly farmers. Few were fortunate to own a farm -- usually very small. Most were tenants on the estates owned by landlords while others were "landless farmers" or as we know them, migrant workers. Like much of Europe, this rural area had experienced a population explosion.

There also had been several poor crop years and the land became dear. When the railroad came to Poland in the mid 1850's, transportation to the seaports became available. Koziczkowski was an educated man who realized that a better situation could be found in America. His family was among the first to leave the Kaszuby area. By 1885, approximately 150 families from that area were to follow them to central Wisconsin -- among them Anton Hinz, the young boy mentioned earlier, and his family. A few days after Hinz's arrival in the early 1880's, much to his amazement, he met Koziczkowski on the Market Square in Stevens Point.

This emigration from Kaszuby to Portage County is significant because it was an emigration of families not of adventurers or speculators. The heads of these first families were at least 30 years old and most of them were literate. Generally they left as a family unit and often as an extended family which might include grandparents and/or siblings. There are several examples of three generations on a passenger list. This immigration to central Wisconsin was a chain migration -- relatives, friends, and neighbors moving from one locality to another. They were attracted by letters of encouragement and a promise of a new home surrounded by people they knew and a church of their faith. Most importantly, they could own land. The majority farmed after their arrival in central Wisconsin despite the challenge of clearing the stumps from the land and the abundance of huge stones in their fields. The hard-working families created productive farms. Their produce was taken to the Market Square in Stevens Point. The local saw mill provided off-season work and extra income. Some opened saloons, general stores, or a blacksmith shop in Poland Corners or later in Polonia.

St. Stephen's in Stevens Point was the first Catholic church in the area and served the city and the rural area until the organization of St. Martin's at Poland Corners, now known as Ellis, in 1857 by the Irish and German settlers of that area. By 1864, the Polish populace had grown to 40 families and they decided to build their own church just down the road -- St. Joseph's. This parish was one of the first Polish parishes in Wisconsin and the first in a rural area. Problems began to develop between the saloonkeepers and the pastors of St. Joseph's. Church attendance suffered because of the close proximity of the saloons. About 1873, the newly ordained Rev. Joseph Dabrowski (Dombrowski) established a new community just a mile and a half to the east of Poland Corners and named it Polonia. St. Joseph's Church was dismantled and moved to Polonia. The parish was later re-named Sacred Heart of Jesus. Polish churchgoers from Stevens Point, Hull, New Hope, Amherst, and Stockton traveled by wagon, horseback, or they walked through the fields to attend services in Polonia. As the Polish population grew, the need for another church became apparent. St. Casimir's in Hull was organized in 1871, under the direction of Rev. Dabrowski, and by 1875 had a full time pastor. St. Peter's in Stevens Point was established in 1876, St. Bartholomew's in Mill Creek in 1883, and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel at Fancher in 1884. A total of 11 parishes in Portage county have a Polish orientation.

The first Poles moved into the city of Stevens Point from the Poland Corners area in the early 1860's. The earliest families are identified as those of Thomas Kuchlinski, Joseph Jazdzewski, Polebitski (perhaps, Michael Palubicki), and Paul Lukaszewicz. The family of Joseph Kitowski, which included John Bojar, Michael Mozuch, Joseph Kitowski, Leopold Kitowski and their families, is considered to be the first Polish group to come directly to the city. The businesses of these first Polish residents tended to be saloons or small shops. The others were employed by local businesses, some as tailors, sawyers, laborers, or in service positions.

Settlers from other areas of Poland also came to Portage County, usually after a short stay in the east or in Chicago or Milwaukee. The end of the Civil War saw the arrival of a large number of Poles from the provinces of Bydgoszcz (Ger., Bromberg) in southern West Prussia and of Poznan (Ger., Posen) in Prussia -- areas commonly referred to as German Poland. It was at this time, that the families from Gulcz, Stevens Point's Polish Sister City, came to the county. Several of these families had lived in Dunkirk, NY for a few years. In 1895, John Heffron, a land speculator, actively recruited Polish families living in Chicago and Milwaukee to buy farm land in southern Portage County in an area now known as Heffron. Poles from Austrian Poland and Russian Poland began to arrive in the area in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Perhaps they chose this central Wisconsin area because of the existing Polish community that had its beginning with those first families from Kaszuby.

Sources and Suggested Reading

Albert Hart Sanford. "Polish People of Portage County", Proceedings, 1907, Wisconsin Historical Society. An article commemorating the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Michael v. Koziczkowski family in Portage County in 1857.

Malcolm Rosholt. Our County, Our Story: Portage County, Wisconsin, (Stevens Point, WI: Worzella Publishing Co.), 1959.

100th Anniversary - Sacred Heart Congregation, Polonia, Wisconsin. 1864-1964.

Waclaw W. Soroka. Polish Immigration to the United States, Authorized Notes from the Lectures of Professor Waclaw W. Soroka. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1983.

Microfilm of parish records of churches in the Kaszuby area, available from the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt Lake City, UT.

Microfilm of passenger lists of ships, available from the Family History Library or at the State Historical Society in Madison, WI

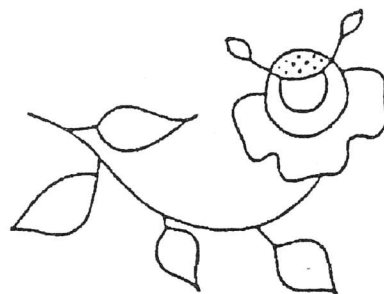
Microfilm of federal and state census of central Wisconsin counties, available at the Portage County Library or at UW-Stevens Point Area Research Center.

Naturalization records on file at the UW-Stevens Point Area Research Center or at the Clerk of Courts Office in the Portage County Court House.

Vital records on file at the Register of Deeds Office in the Portage County Court House and the UW-Stevens Point Area Research Center. The Area Research Center also houses the Kitowski Collection which is a compilation of the research of a Portage County native of the earlier Polish settlers of the central Wisconsin area.

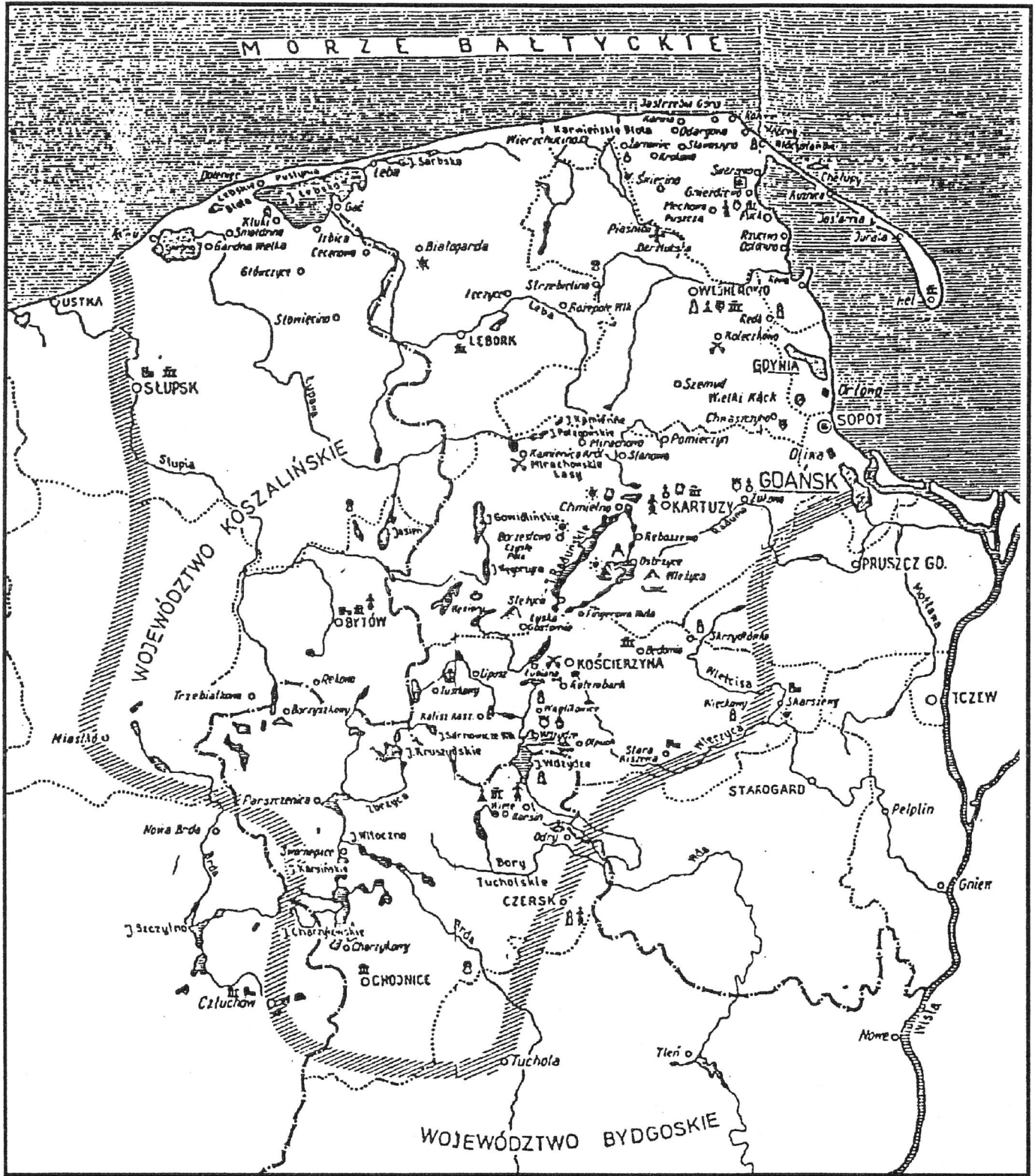
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Traditional Embroidery Design from Kaszuby

ZIEMIA KASZUBSKA



MAP OF THE KASZUBY REGION

Source: Roza Ostrowska and Izabella Trojanowska, Bedeker Kaszubski

Some Resources, Continued from page 4Multi-Ethnic Organizations

1. Federation of East European Family History Societies (\$10 subscription to newsletter, \$15 for membership; send to Eva-Maria Bates, 2968 Glenmare St., Salt Lake City UT 84106)
2. Immigrant Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7369, Burbank, CA 91510-7369 (strong on German holdings)
3. East European Branch, Manitoba Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2536, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4A7, Canada (publishes *East European Genealogist*)
4. The Augustan Society, Inc., P.O. Box p, Torrance, CA 90504-0210

Polish Genealogical Societies

1. Towarzystwo Genealogiczno-Heraldyczne, ul. Wodna 27 (Pałac Górków), PL 61-781 Poznań, Poland (publishes a Polish-language journal with very brief English synopses of each article but does not provide research services; Rafał T. Prinke, president of this society, is fluent in English)
2. Silesian Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 312, PL 50-950 Wrocław 2, Poland (publishes *Chronicle* in English, German, Polish and Esperanto)
3. Polskie Towarzystwo Heraldyczne, Rynek Starego Miasta 29/31, PL 00-272 Warszawa, Poland
4. Alleum, c/o Tadeusz Wojtakowski, ul. Ułanowskiego 24 A, PL 53-144, Wrocław, Poland

Polish Genealogical Societies Outside of the U.S. and Poland

1. Polish Genealogical Society of New Zealand, 16 Nugent St., New Plymouth 4601, New Zealand

North American Archives

1. Polish-American Archives, The Orchard Lake Schools, Orchard Lake, MI 48324
2. Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, Center for Immigration Research, 18 South Seventh St., Philadelphia PA 19106
3. Genealogical Institute, Family History World, P.O. Box 22045, Salt Lake City, UT 84122
4. YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1048 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10028

European Archives, Research Centers, and Religious Offices

1. Naczelna Dyrekcja Archiwów Państwowych, ul. Długa 6, skrytka pocztowa Nr. 1005, PL 00-950 Warszawa, Poland (for English-language requests for information from all state archives)
2. Urząd Stanu Cywilnego Warszawa Śródmieście, Archiwum Akt Zabuzzańskich, ul. Jezuicka 1/3, PL 00-950 Warszawa, Poland (has records for the area east of the Bug River for 1890-1945)
3. Piast Genealogical Research Center, ul. Zaufek 22, PL 06-100 Pułtusk woj Ciechanowskie Poland (does research)
4. The Genealogical Society of AROS Co., Ltd. (The Archives of Russia), 15 Pushkinskaya ul., 103821, Moscow, Russia (has access to some records of former Polish territory; for research request form, write: Russian-American Genealogical Archival Service, Box 236, Glen Echo, MD 20812)
5. Polski Autokefaliczny Kościół Prawosławny (Orthodox Church headquarters), Al. świerczewskiego 52, PL 03-402 Warszawa, Poland
6. Kościół Ewangelicko-Augsburski (Lutheran headquarters), ul. Miodowa 21 PL 00-246 Warszawa, Poland
7. Starokatoliki Kościół Mariawitów (O.C. Mariavite headquarters), ul. Wieczorka, PL 00-4674 Warszawa, Poland.
8. Kościół Polsko-Katolicki (Polish Catholic headquarters), ul. Szwoleżerów 4, PL 00-464 Warszawa, Poland
9. Muzulmanni Związek Religijny (Islamic headquarters), Rynek Kościuski 26 m 2, PL 15-426 Białystok, Poland
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Pioneer Members of St. Casimir's Church

When we discussed St. Casimir's Church in St. Paul in our Spring, 1994 issue we indicated that the parish's golden jubilee booklet listed 112 pioneer members of the parish. The following is that complete listing.



Saint Casimir
Prince of Poland

Gruchot Joseph	Hudalla, Joseph	Bialucha, Frank
Sznajder, Jacob	Tomaszewski, John	Wirth, Anthony
Mroszczak, Norbert	Pazderski, Bartolomew	Chlebek, Joseph
Kujawa, Martin	Sobanski, Joseph	Zielinski, John
Kaluza, Frank	Kubiak, Anthony	Szczepaniak, Anthony
Kaluza, Joseph	Kubiak, Albert	Hurysh, John
Skwers, Ignatius	Kaczmarek, John	Kujawa, Michael
Hilla, Andrew	Maradzinski, Jacob	Sokolowski, Joseph
Szwenkler, Charles	Rygwalski, Frank	Zientek, Joseph
Helminiak, John	Pelarski, Andrew	Pilarski, Stanley
Prentkowski, Thomas	Osinski, Martin	Romanowski, Thomas
Maslowski, Michael	Lewandowski Frank	Tyburski, John
Lijewski, Anthony	Cylkowski, Vincent	Rozycki, Anthony
Lijewski, Stanley	Urbanski, Michael	Danisch, Charles
Gierok, Casper	Urbanski, Andrew	Pawelski, Jacob
Zajaczkowski, Frank	Stachowiak, Stanley	Grzybowski, John
Mularczyk, Michael	Stachowiak, Jacob	Koleski, Peter
Wodaszewski, Jacob	Wermas, Joseph	Strzyzewski, Stanley
Zawacki, Edmund	Golaski, John	Strzyzewski, Thomas
Maslowski, Simon	Kasprzak, Peter	Leda, Michael
Glombitza, Peter	Grzegorowski, Joseph	Wodaszewski, Peter
Tarara, Daniel	Grzegorowski, Albert	Hudalla, Anthony
Jasinski, Frank	Malecki, Albert	Jambor, Stanley
Jasinski, Joseph	Lukaszewski, Albert	Helminiak, Michael
Rozycki Ladislaus	Sierakowski, Vincent	Kusztelski, Joseph
Schwietz, Lawrence	Hajer, Casimir	Kroll, Michael
Ciernia, Ignatius	Abisch, Jacob	<i>Contributed by Paul Kulas</i>
Ciernia, Charles	Frost, Jacob	
Walczak, Thomas	Kiszka, Frank	
Szczepaniak, Michael	Ratajczak Thomas	
Wirth, Michael	Krawczewski, Stanley	
Wirth, Valentine	Mosik Joseph	
Stolkowski, Leo	Milanowski, Alex	
Nalipinski, Leo	Zajaczkowski, Joseph	
Ratajczak, Mattias	Pobozny, Andrew	
Schultz, Frank	Pella, Rochus	
Rutkowski, Matthian	Strzeszynski, Casper	
Datko, Frank	Hudalla, Steven	
Dross, Frank	Wasielewski, Ladislaus	
Eliasz, Albert	Mierwicki, Martin	
Jurek, Michael	Bieniak, Valentine	
Drewnik, Jacob	Jambor, Frank	
Drozdowski, Frank	Cichocki, Andrew	

MISSING BRANCHES

QUERIES: Each issue of the newsletter will contain a research information exchange section. Members are invited to place queries pertaining to the exchange of family information, requests for help or offers to aid others researching the same family lines. Send to: W. Kornel Kondy, PGSMn Newsletter, 619 S.E. Seventh St. Minneapolis, MN 55414-1327

John R. BECKWITH, 6255 St. John's Dr. Eden Prairie, MN 55346-1732 is seeking descendants of the NOWAKOWSKI-BOLAK family, owners of Green Bay Inn, Marinette, WI ca. 1870-80's plus. Five daughters: Elizabeth, Agnes, Anna, Florence and Mary. Three sisters lived out their lives in Fond-du-Lac, WI. Sons? Mrs. Mary BICECK, sister/niece? lived in Chicago, IL, ca. 1970; Mrs. R. MAXWELL resided in Milwaukee, WI, ca. 1942. Some descendants believed to have lived in White Bear Lake, MN, ca. 1970's--surname uncertain. Found documents indicating BOLAK family came from Zloczow, Galicia, Church (Uniate?) of St. Nicholas at Olejow. Beckwith connection: grandfather's younger brother Peter/Piotr JACKOWSKI m. Elizabeth/Elzbieta NOWAKOWSKA at Sacred Heart Church, Marinette, WI in 1897. They moved to Grand Rapids, MI. Of the six children born, only one survives (Clara/Claire). As JACKOWSKI family historian, Beckwith received entire contents of P. JACKOWSKI's attic. 100's of photographs ca. 1870-1970 and some BOLAK family documents were included. P. JACKOWSKI heirs are not interested in any of the contents.

Anyone knowing descendants please contact them. Inquirers please include SASE for reply.

Shirley Mask CONNOLLY, 21 Granville Ave. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1Y 0M5 is seeking information about the WISNIEWSKI/VISNESKI family, who came to settle in Minnesota and Minneapolis. She is looking for descendants of Alec VISNESKI, aka Bronis, b. 5 Feb. 1896 in Wilno, Canada; Mary WISNIEWSKA; Mrs. Stanley KACZMAREK, b. 12 Aug. 1877 in Swiecie, Prussia.. There were apparently four KACZMAREK children: Louis, Edward, Stella (ROUTE) and Agnes (MARSTON). Alec and Mary's parents: Frank WISNIEWSKI and Martha JOLKOWSKA are buried in Wilno, Renfrew County, Canada.

E. Anthony GOLDA, 4320 SE 22 St. Gresham OR 97080 is seeking any information on the GOLDA or BOBER families who lived in the villages of Lutcza and Dormaradz, located south and west of Rzeszow. Baptismal records for this area were kept in the J. Jaroszowej Library in Rzeszow in the mid 1970's.

Diana J. GUSTAFSON, 1565 NE 148 Av., Portland, OR 97230 wishes information on: William and Hattie KUCHARSKI; Lawrence (Jan) and Magdalena URBANIAK; Bernard and Anna JUREK, who resided in the Polish settlement of Sturgeon Lake, MN in the late 1800's/early 1900's.

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Myrna Everest LINSENMAYER, 1565 NW 100th Oak Harbor, WA 98277 has little information about her mother's (Anna Christina HUNDER, b. Wheaton, MN, 21 Nov. 1904) family. Maternal grandfather, Frank HUNDER, b. no date; great grandfather, August HUNDER, b. 1827 and his wife, Mary GOIHL, b. 1839 -- all in Breslau, Germany now Wroclaw, Poland.

Kenneth Paul RAEDER, 5833 Banning Place, Burke, VA 22015-3665 is seeking any information about the KOLODZEYCIK/KOLODZIEJCZYK family of the former Silesia, Prussia area of southwest Poland. Some may have immigrated to the region about 1800-50 from Saxony. Concurrently others (German speaking Evangelical Lutherans) immigrated to the Masuria area of East Prussia (now Suwalki).

NEW MEMBERS: The following is listing of recent new members.

John R. BECKWITH, 6255 St. John's Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346-1732, phone: (612) 934-8887 is researching the JACKOWSKI, LIPCZYNSKI, BUCHOWICZ, KONCZAL, KIJESKI, KALINSKI and KORYTOWSKI family names from Janowice and Sanniki/Gostynin in Warsaw Province and from Poznan and Trzemeszno in Poznan Province.

Alfred J. FRITZ, 728 W. Main St., Washington, IA 52353-1630, phone: (319) 653-3410 is researching the JAGIELSKI, KURKA, FRITZ and POHREN family names from Poznan and Prussian Pomerania in Poland and in Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Kay Koffski LANE, 3116 90th Ave., Princeton, MN 55371-6134, phone: (612) 389-4357 is researching the ERZY-KOFFSKI/KOFFSKY family name. Leonard ERZY-KOFFSKI came through Montreal in 1852 and moved west in Canada. Family settled in Milton ND and spread from there to Minnesota, Illinois, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario.

Bernard R. LARSON, 2315 Blomquist Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55110-4809, phone: (612) 429-5037 is researching the GRONSKI and OLEW (sp.?) family names from the Suwalki region of Poland.

Ann T. POHL, 6500 - 335th St., Stacy, MN 55079-9535 is researching the Franciszek SZCZEPANSKI i Katarzyna and the ZRODER and ZIOBRAWSKIEJ names from Siedlizowice, powiat Dabrowa and from Tarnowska, wojewodztwo Krakow.

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