

Info From Rosemary Chorzempa July 1, 2008

If anyone has any additional information as to any of the names listed here or if you can verify the info from conversations from your parents or other relatives, please contact Gene Stock.

Here goes a long email, but everything here is very important. Please find the answers to all of these, if they are questions, and read carefully all the following, some of this is NEW to you.

Ignatius and Pauline Stachak had a son Michael who was born in Sept. 1900 and baptized at St. Hedwig on 9 Sept. 1900; he died 9 Nov 1900 buried on 10 Nov 1900 St. Hedwig age 2 months, COD malaria. You do NOT have him listed on your website as their child.

Was your Aunt Agnes McInnes previously married to a John Najbor? I have an index record of Agnes Stasiak age 19 baptized at St. Hedwig, married 6 July 1917 at St. Hedwig to John Najbar age 31 from Iskrzynia (near Krosno) Galicia.

There was an Angela Stasiak (no age given) from Kuchary parish (south of Konin) married at St. Hedwig on 10 Aug 1914 to Ladislaus (Walter) Wrobel.

There was an Anthony Stasiak age 24 from Bozycin (near Brzesko) Galicia who married a Anna Czernek age 24 from the same place, married at St. Hedwig on 24 Sept. 1917.

There was a John Stasiak (no age given), probably Anthony's brother, from Buzyckow (near Brzesko) Galicia who married Kunegunda Melko from Galicia at St. Hedwig on 6 July 1914.

IF ANY ON THE ABOVE STASIAKS ARE RELATED TO YOUR FAMILY, THEN THAT IS A BIG HELP IN LOCATING IGNATIUS' BIRTHPLACE IN POLAND.

Parents' names seen as Jacob and Agnes Stasiak twice in St. Hedwig records. Where did someone get John as Ignatius' father, and where did they see the birth date of 8 June 1858?

Look into sister Helen Wrzesinska for more info about Martha, and their birth places. Helen Jankowska married at St. Hedwig 9 Oct 1906 to Michael Wrzeszynski. Did you find Helen and Martha's passenger immigration listing yet? Did they come together?

Helen Wrzesinski's death certificate: put it on the website.

Naturalization papers for Ignac Stachak:
says he is a native of GERMANY (Prussia) and renounces allegiance to the Emporer of GERMANY

1900 Census:
Ignatz born in Austria-Poland
Pauline born in Ohio

1910 Census:
Ignac born in Austria-Poland
Marta born in German -Poland

1920 Census:
Earnest born in Poland

Martha born in Poland

1930 Census:

Ernest (Ignac) born in Poland

Martha born in Berlin Germany

Ignatius was probably not at home at the time the census takers visited, so the wives probably usually gave the family information. They may not have known details about their husband, and answered to the best of their knowledge. Interestingly, both Pauline and Martha gave Austrian Poland as Ignatius' place of origin. Remember, in 1920 and 1930, Poland DID exist on its own as a country, so the Polish American immigrants were happy to answer "Poland," which was then (1920) correct.

Can you put up Ignatius' draft records on the website, or at least let me see a copy of what it says?

I would say probably that Ignatius answered Germany (Prussia) correctly on his naturalization record, you wouldn't want incorrect info on those documents, or one would never know what might happen to him! But you need to poke around more for his origin in Poland.

On your website, you state that Pauline Bialecki was born Jan 11, 1880 in Poland and her parents were Peter Jankowski and Dorothy Wozniak. Not true. Pauline was born in Toledo! She was baptized 16 Feb 1880 at St. Hedwig. She was the daughter of Michael Bialecki and Michalina Kaminska.

Here is additional information about the Bialeckis from a project I am compiling:

The Mary Bialecka below (bc 1816) is the mother of both John and Michael Bialecki, and also the mother of Mrs. John (Marciana) Wozniak and Mrs. John (Michalina) Czelusta, all of whom settled in Toledo very early. Wozniaks and Czelustas you may have seen in some of your records from St. Hedwig. John Czelusta (aka Cielusta) was a marriage witness for one of your Ignatius' marriages.

The following (free) information may be helpful to those families whose mother was Pauline Bialecka, first wife of Ignatius Stasiak.

BIALECKI John (aka Jan, Joannes) bc 1840 Poland parents Adalbert BIALECKI and Marianna CHELMINIAK, John d 29 Jun 1893 Toledo, John (m 30 Jan 1870 in Dziewierzewo, Poland) to NOWAK Michalina b 29 Aug 1851 Czerlin, Czewszewo Wagrowiec, Poland parents Martin NOWAK and Francisca MUZOLF; John immigrated 13 Jun 1872 SS Carl from Bremen to NYC [only Johann Bialetzky 31 farmer, also Michel Bialetzky 23 farmer, and Joseph (John?) Czeslute 25 farmer]; earliest record child bp Dec 1874 St. Mary; first child bp at St. Hedwig Jan 1877; Michalina BIALECKA widow (m 22 Oct 1894 St. Hedwig) to Michael GRABARSKI widower; 1880 & 1900 residence: Mettler St., Toledo

BIALECKI Michael (aka Michal, Mieczyslaw) b 12 Sep 1850 Suchorzecz, Szaradowo parish, Poland parents Adalbert BIALECKI and Marianna CHELMINIAK, Michael (m 7 Oct 1878 St. Hedwig) to KAMINSKA Michalina bc Jun 1859 Znin parents Adalbert KAMINSKI and Catharina MAJCHRZAK, Michalina d 4 Dec 1910 Toledo bd St. Hedwig; Michael immigrated 13 Jun 1872 SS Carl from Bremen to NYC [with Johann Bialetzky 31 and Joseph (John?) Czeslute 25 farmer]; earliest record Michael gp for bro's child Dec 1874; 1880 & 1900 residence: Mettler St., Toledo

BIALECKA (maiden name CHELMINIAK) Mary bc 1816 d 19 Feb 1893 bd St. Hedwig; m to Adalbert (aka Wojciech) BIALECKI bc 1814 d 10 May 1870 Dziewierzewo, Poland; children: Marcianna m John WOZNIAK, John BIALECKI, Michael BIALECKI, Michalina m John CZELUSTA; Mary's residence Mettler St., Toledo; immigrated c 1872

CZELUSTA (aka Cielusta) John (aka Jan, Joannes) bc 1847 Poland (m 6 Feb 1870 Dziewierszewo, Poland) to BIALECKA Michalina b 19 Sep 1842 Kcynia parents Adalbert BIALECKI and Marianna CHELMINIAK; children b Dziewierszewo Jan 1871 (Valentine) and Oct 1872 (Marianna); immigr 13 Jun 1872 SS Carl from Bremen to NYC [only Joseph (John?) Czeslute 25 farmer, with Michel Bialetzky 23 and Johann Bialetzky 31]; Michalina gp for Bialecki child bp Dec 1874 St. Mary Toledo; first child bp Nov 1877 St. Hedwig; 1880 and later residence Dexter St.

WOZNIAK John (aka Jan, Joannes) bc May 1835 Kcynia or Czeszewo Wagrowiec parish areas, Poland parents Thomas WOZNIAK bc 1807 and Agnes KOLISIAK, John Wozniak d 28 Mar 1916 Toledo bd St. Hedwig; John (m 1866 Dziewierzewo, Poland) to BIALECKA Marcianna bc 1836 (1841, 1846) Poland parents Adalbert BIALECKI and Marianna CHELMINIAK bc 1816 d Toledo; Marcianna (aka Mary) Wozniak d 12 Sep 1895 Toledo bd St. Hedwig; Wozniak child bp Jan 1872 Dziewierzewo; residence Dexter St., member St. Hedwig; more information on this family available

I was curious about the Ellis Island website (keeping in mind not everyone came through there!). I checked out "Uncle Joseph Sporysz." Do you know much about him? Anything more than what's written on the website? Very often, a dear family friend was called "Uncle" or "Aunt" even if they were not related by blood, but as an honor. And if you were a kid what would you call them? By their first name? No way! Anyhow, Sporysz is a very uncommon name. BUT, I did find an entry at Ellis Island and here is what it said:

SS Vaderland from Antwerp to NYC arrival 2 Aug 1911
Sporysz Joseph 24 years 5 months occupation Artist (!) can read and write
nationality Austrian race Polisih last permanent residence Russia town Warschau (Warsaw)
nearest relative mother Emilia Sporysz in Suchedinow gouv. (gubernia, district) Kielce
final destination NY, NY to friend Charles Rohrmann 106 Est. 80th Ct. NY
5 ' 7" dk complexion and dk hair brown eyes
place of birth Russia Warschau (doubt it)
FYI Suchedniow is a town near Kielce in "Galicia", and that's probably where this Joseph is from.

He would have lived for a short time in NY at least, unless that was just someone he knew here and each immigrant needed a person in America as a contact. Do you know anything else about Uncle Joe?

ANYTHING you find I would like to see it. My grandfathers (both) kept a little notebook with important dates and information, a goldmine. Both date from 1900 to 1940s. They used those little tiny blank booklets they got from an insurance company or similar.

Read all of this carefully. Possibly print a copy and when you "digest" or answer each section, then you could highlight or cross out that section. Nice job on the family website!