

Polish Heritage in Otsego County Research Project



Earlier this year, the Otsego County Historical Society published "Early Times in Otsego County" by Bill Granlund. Chapter 16 of the book focuses on the Polish families of our county.

Many Polish families are mentioned in the book. The purpose of this research project is to include additional Polish families who have lived in Otsego County for 100 years or more. We're also looking for photos and details on when they moved to Otsego County, where in Poland did they live, and other information that describe points of interest such as family traditions, favorite recipes, and special remembrances.

Here's how you can help --

1. Take a look at the attached list of names. Do you see any missing family names? If so, please add them and any additional information that you have. Who else do you suggest we contact for more names and family histories?
2. Do you have photos or documents that we can scan and add to the archives at the museum?
3. Memories of celebrating Dyngus Day
4. Are there any stories passed down through your family, especially those related to our county history, that you could share?
5. Are there Polish customs or traditions still practiced in your family? If so, would you know anyone who could demonstrate or teach those skills?
6. Favorite Polish recipes such as Czernina, flaki soup, golabki, kavas, kielbasa kluski, paczki, pierogi, potato pancakes, or sauerkraut.

Thank You!

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	YEAR	Notes/ where in Poland?
Amborski	Martin	1885 – 1900	
Basinski	Peter and Josephine	1875 – 1885	parents of Martha Jaruzal
Bielejewski			
Blahowiak			
Borowiak	Valentine	1875 – 1885	
Butka			
Burzynski	Tony		
Cherwinski	Michael & Mary	1880	(same as Czerwinski?)
Czapran			
Czarkowski			= Woods
Czerwinski			
Dipzinski	Frank	1875 – 1885	= Daniels
Dypczynski			
Dobleski			
Dreffs = Dumanski	Andrew	1875 – 1885	daughter Joann Swantek
Drzewiecki			
Duczkowski			
Eurek	= Jurek		
Franckowiak	= Frances		
Gapinski	Martin	1891	Ludzisko, Poland
Gruszczynski	Joseph		
Harlukowicz			
Holewinski	Jacob and Frances	1874 – 1880	daughter Rose Kwapis
Jaruzel	Francis	1885 – 1900	
Jozwiak			
Kaczmarek			
Kierczynski	Stanislaw		Stained glass window @ St. Mary
Kobylczak			
Kobylinski			
Kondratowicz	John	1885 – 1900	daughters Rose and Emma
Koronka	Valentine	1875 – 1885	son Roman
Koscielniak			Leo, Floyd from Poznon
Kosiara			
Kostowski			
Kowaleski	Joseph	c. 1892	son Alex
Kozlowski			
Kucharek	Casper & Catherine		1886
Kujawa	Jacob and Mary	1885 – 1900	daughter Celia Pomarzynski

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Kuras	Tomasz		
Kwapis			Stanley, Valentine, Tony, Frank
Latusek	Peter and Veronica	1885 – 1900	daughter Sophie Rolinski
Latusek	Frank		
Lenartowicz			
Lewandowski	Frank	1875 – 1885	daughter Josephine Kosiara
Liwosz			
Luzinski	Mary's Tavern		son Bob, daughter Barb McCoy
Mackowiak	Andrew and Catherine	1875 – 1885	
Mackowiak	Stanislaus	1875 – 1885	
Makarewicz			
Mankowski	Jacob and Mary		daughter Victoria Rolinski
Mankowski	Valentine		
Marcenkowski	John	1875 – 1885	= Cook
Markiewicz	= Marker		
Masloski			Donna
Matelski			
Matusik			
Merkiel	Dan		
Merkiel	Michael	1875 – 1885	
Muzyl	Stanislaus = Stanley	1909 & 1932	Returned to Poland in 1914
Natomski	Antoni		Stained glass window @ St. Mary
Nowaczyk	Frank		
Nowak			
Pewinski			
Piasecki	Stanley		daughter Mary Wojtkowiak
Polus			
Pomarzynski			
Prusakiewicz	Michael and Kostanty		
Radecki			
Renkiewicz			
Rolinski			
Rypkowski			
Rzepecki			
Sierocka			
Siwecki			
Skowronski			
Slivinski			

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Smolarz			Ignatius Richard, Martin
Sobanski	Stanislaw		Stained glass window @ St. Mary
Strzynski			
Swantek	Michael	1875 – 1885	son Walter
Swiatek			
Switalski	John	1875 – 1885	
Szczepaniak			
Szerafinski			
Szocinski			
Tomaski			
Tomaszewski	= Tomaski		
Tuczynski			
Tyborski	Jozef		Stained glass window @ St. Mary
Waczkowski			
Weitzel			
Winiecki			
Winiski			
Wojciehowski			
Wojtkowiak			
Zaremba			
Zimbicki	Joseph and Antonina (Muzyl)	1911	Antonina is Stanley Muzyl's sister

Additional Information & Comments:



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