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Summary

Carl Rapa and I seem to be 6th cousins. Sixth cousins share a pair of 5-great grandparents. We each have a 4-great grandfather named Ogorzalek. My ancestor is Mateusz Ogorzalek. His is Kasper Ogorzalek. I have no proof they are brothers, but they lived together in house 40 in the parish of Wadowice Gorne. The evidence is the birth records of their children, 1777 - 1790, where birth house number is recorded. House numbers are not a conclusive proof of close family relation. They might be cousins, in which case my relation to Carl is 7th cousin. Or the relation might be more distant. It is a reasonable conclusion that they are brothers.

Carl and I also both have Gwozdz ancestors. I could not document a relationship. My 3-great grandfather is Michal Gwozdz. Carl's 3-great grandfather is Wojciech Gwozdz. If they are brothers, then we are 5th cousins, but there is no evidence to suppose they are brothers. There are several contemporary Gwozdz families in the parish.

Larry Wydock (Wojdacz) is a 2nd cousin of Carl's father and a 5th cousin of my father.

Format

There is a descandancy below for each family, with notes following each descandancy. Gwozdz is first, Ogorzalek second, the others are alphabetical. The last page is a pedigree chart, which is also a sort of index. The page references in brackets [5] are "hot links"; you can click on them to jump to that reference.

The bookmarks also act as an index. Use Insert - Bookmark for an alphabetical list to click.

Boldface dates, like **20 May 1886**, are dates that are not in the microfilms, so you need to read the notes to see where the date comes from. All other dates correspond to records that I have personally examined in the Wadowice Gorne microfilms.

Introduction

Carl Rapa contacted me in August 2001. I have been trying to identify a distant Gwozdz relative, so I worked on his Gwozdz ancestor records in Wadowice Gorne, Poland. Microfilms are available at LDS. I also have good notes from my study of the records at the parish rectory in Wadowice Gorne.

This document is my notes on the project. It keeps changing as I add and correct information.

There is more detailed information on the first records that I found for this project in a file named "Gwozdz Thomas.Doc", because his marriage is the first document that I studied. I kept the document name as I added more information and made new version until 2003, when I archived it and moved the information to this document. Ask for a copy of "Gwozdz Thomas.Doc" if you need one for more details on the early data.

I sort of gave up in 2001 when I could not find records for Thomas and his father Martin. However, I had been continuing to grow my data base for Gwozdz people in Wadowice Gorne. The project has been part time for many years, like a giant jigsaw puzzle. In January 2003 I spotted the birth record for John, brother of Thomas; that record clearly identified Martin as one of the Martin Gwozdz individuals for which I have an extensive family tree. I call that tree "Gwozdz 8". I have several Gwozdz family trees from Wadowice Gorne, and number 8 is the largest - larger even before 1880 than "Gwozdz 0", which is my own tree. Both 0 and 8 are copied here, below.

In October 2003 I spotted the Dragan family in the village of Izbiska. The records are available through LDS, under the parish, Zgorsko. Data below.

Meanwhile, I had been accumulating more Ogorzalek family trees. Finding Dragan inspired me to put more effort into the Ogorzalek branch, where I found the likely relationship in October 2003.

Carl gave me permission to post this document on web, email 1 Dec 2003. Summer 2006 new data added, analysis not started until April 2005, at which time emails sent of births of Wiktoria & siblings.

2007 note; emails from Kevin Podgursky, who has Gwozdz 1 cousin of Wiktoria. Kevin sent me data on Gwozdz lines in Nova Scotia & Detroit, but I have not studied these yet.

In 2008 Larry Wydock [8], a closer relative of Carl, contacted me by email and provided more information on the children of Jakub Ogorzalek [8]. I added that information to this document.

In 2019 I converted this document to pdf for the web. My working copy [CarlRapa.doc](#) is still available.

Closest Relationship

Fourth cousins share a pair of 3-great grandparents. Carl and I are definitely **not 4th cousins**. Carl and I each have eight 3-great grandparents in Wadowice Gorne, and I have identified all their names. None of them are common. For Carl's list of 8, see the last page, 2nd column. Gwozdz and Ogorzalek are the only names common to both our families from these two lists of 8.

Fifth cousins share a pair of 4-great grandparents. There is a **small chance we are 5th cousins** on the Gwozdz branch because I have not identified Carl's 4-great grandparents named Gwozdz. For example: I have evidence (not proof) that mine is Adam Gwozdz. If this Adam Gwozdz is the father of my 3-greatgrandfather Michal [4] and also the father of Carl's 3-great grandfather Wojciech [5], then we are 5th cousins. Unfortunately, there are two contemporary individuals named Adam Gwozdz in that time frame, and quite a few other Gwozdz families too. So the chance of a connection at this generation is slim. We cannot be 5th cousins through another branch, because Gwozdz and Ogorzalek are the only candidate families, and I identified both our Ogorzalek 4-great grandparents (discussion below).

Between fifth and sixth (5th cousins once removed) is a logical possibility, but only a slim chance. There are multiple ways this might be: We each should have sixteen 4-great grandparents. I only identified 3 of Carl's; see the last page, column 1. I have identified 14 of my 16. One of our 4-great grandmothers may have married twice, once in Carl's tree and once in mine, producing half-siblings as our 4-great grandparents. A second way would be if one of our 4-great grandparent pairs is a 5-great grandparent pair in the other's tree. Each of these possibilities is very remote, but there are several branches to consider, so the net possibility ends up being slim but realistic.

Sixth cousins share a pair of 5-great grandparents. **It is very likely Carl and I are 6th cousins**, in any one of a few different ways:

This is quite possible on Gwozdz branch because although there are quite a few Gwozdz families in the parish, we are talking here about grandparents of Michal Gwozdz and Wojciech Gwozdz, so the probability is reasonable that if they are not brothers they are 1st cousins (common Gwozdz grandparents).

Sixth cousin is very likely in the Ogorzalek branch, because I have identified both our Ogorzalek 4-great grandparent pairs. They lived together. My Mateusz Ogorzalek and his wife Apolonia Kobos have 7 children born between 1777 and 1790, with 4 of them recorded as born or died in house 40. Carl's Kasper Ogorzalek and his wife Zofia have 6 children born between 1777 and 1788, all recorded in house 40. The birth records start in 1777, so they may have had children earlier. I stopped taking data in 1799, so they might have had children later. House numbers are not solid proof that a family lived permanently in a house; a few families have different house numbers for each child. The number of children in house 40 over the years in this case, however, leads us to believe they lived together. Living together with the same family name most likely (not positively) establishes a close family relationship. That they are brothers is a good guess, although they might be cousins, or even uncle and nephew. If they are brothers, then Carl and I are 6th cousins. If they are cousins, then Carl and I are 7th cousins. If they are uncle and nephew, then Carl and I are between 6th and 7th.

Sixth cousin is also possible in another unknown branch. Carl and I each have 16 pairs of 5-great grandparents, corresponding to the 16 family names of our 4-great grandparents. I have identified 14 of my 16 families at this generation, but I have only identified 8 of Carl's 16 (last page family names).

If we are 6th cousins in 2 independent ways, that is a third way we could be genetically equivalent to between 5th and 6th. Possible, but not likely. It takes four 6th cousin relationships to be genetically equivalent to 5th cousins, very unlikely.

Seventh cousins or closer is a very high probability, because 32 families are involved in both our trees at that generation. Any 2 people with a grandparent from the same Polish parish are likely to be 7th cousin or closer.

Gwozdz 8

Wojciech 1 1770 m 15 Nov 1795 (-) Ewa Jaros (1781 - 27 Jan 1848 (44)) [11]
 Maryanna 1 1 Sep 1799 (195) m 18 Nov 1816 (81) Michal Rys
 Marcin 1 5 Nov 1803 (195) m 22 Feb 1829 (195) Maryanna Zaiac (1801-1 Feb 1852 (44))
 Michal 1 1831 m 8 Oct 1860 (44) Marianna Kulig
 Andrzej 1 1861 (g)
 Franciszka 1 1863 (g) m May 1885 Wojciech Strycharz
 Wladyslaw 13 Aug 1869 (44g)
 Karolina 1 29 Mar 1873 (147g)
 Jan 7 1880? m Oct 1905 Anna Szumny
 Jozef 1 1833 m 26 Sep 1855 (44) Apolonia Midura (1839 - 30 Dec 1859 (104))
 careful: there are 2 Apolonia Midura married to Gwozdz 8 and a 3rd married to Jozef Gwozdz 9
 Katarzyna 1 1857 m 18 Nov 1873 Jakub Balon
 Piotr 1 1859 - 16 Feb 1860
 _ 2m Katarzyna Balon
 Helena 1863 (g)
 Ludwika 1865 m Nov 1887 Kazimierz Setra
 Tekla 1 5 Sep 1867 (104g)
 Maryanna 4 5 Feb 1870 (104g)
 Jan 5 24 Dec 1872 (104g)
 Maciej 1839 m 6 Feb 1865 Apolonia Gula
 Jan 4 20 Mar 1869 (127)
 Marcin 2 29 Sep 1871 (-g)
 _ 2m 28 Nov 1877 Katarzyna Gadecka
 Maryanna 2 1878 - 1878
 Antonina 13 Nov 1879
 Maryanna 3 22 Oct 1881 (166)
 Stanislaw 1 23 Jul 1883 (166)
 Piotr 2 25 Jun 1885 (166) - 16 Dec 1886
 Jan 2 31 May 1887 (166) - 2 Apr 1892
 Anna 1 21 Jul 1889
 Karolina 2 16 Aug 1891
 Franciszek 1 1841 m 1864 (44) Wyktoria Bieda
 Ludwik 1 16 Jan 1869 (69g)
 Jan 3 25 Feb 1871 (-g)
 _ 1840 2m 26 Aug 1874 (158) Agnieszka Skowna
 Apolonia 1844 m 1864 (44) Maciej Ogorzalek
 Scribbled 1848 m 1868 (44) Wincenty Sypek
 Kazimierz 28 Jan 1852 (44) - 1 Feb 1852 (44)
 _ 2m **3 May 1852** (5 Zgorsko) Katarzyna Dragan (1821 - 7 Sep 1857 (44)) [10]
 Tomasz 1 1853? m 5 Feb 1879 (44g) Maryanna Ogorzalek [8]
 Wojciech 22 Nov 1879 (0)
 Anna 24 Jul 1881
 Katarzyna 13 Sep 1883 (102) (Tarnow records)
 Jozef **20 May 1886** (102) (found in rectory records)
 Wiktor 25 Mar 1889- 1961 m 8 May 1912 Jan Rapa **grandmother of Carl Rapa**
 Stanislaw 5 May 1892
 Marianna 2 Feb 1895
 _ 2m **Jul 1895** Apolonia Gula
 _ 3m **Jul 1911** Katarzyna Gula
 Jan 10 Feb 1855 (44)
 _ 3m 16 Nov 1857 (44) Katarzyna Starzyk (1824)
 Wojciech 2 1861
 Jan 6 1862
 Anna 2 28 Feb 1870 (44g)

Agnieszka 1	13 Dec 1807 (195)	
Jan 1	12 Dec 1813 (195)	m 20 Oct 1835 (44) Apolonia Midura (the other one)
Michal 2	1842	m 1865 (44) Karolina Kozibula
Ludwik 2	9 Oct 1869 (108g)	
Stanislaw 2	1870?	m Nov 1891 Katarzyna Midura

Gwozdz Notes

Wiktoria [5] Gwozdz is the grandmother of Carl Rapa. Carl had the names of her parents, which he emailed to me before I started research on his family. Carl also emailed the siblings of Wiktoria. The death date comes from Carl. The birth year calculated from age at death is 1893. Wiktoria's birth 1889 record is in the book at the parish rectory of Wadowice Gorne. In 2006 I photographed Wiktoria's birth record and on 5 Apr 2007 I emailed the jpg file to Carl.

Jozef Gwozdz is the brother of Wiktoria, identified by Carl. Fortunately, I noted his birth record when I was studying the books at Wadowice Gorne. My notes have a comment that I got tired of noting all the Gwozdz records, so I do not have Wiktoria's birth record in my notes. My notes have Jozef's birth date, his parents, and his grandparents. The parents match the parents of Wiktoria, so this is definitely the record for her brother. I do not have the birth year of Jozef independently from Carl (Ellis Island, or marriage, or death record); that could be verified against the birth record date. In 2006 I photographed Jozef's birth record and on 5 Apr 2007 I emailed the jpg file to Carl.

Stanislaw Gwozdz is a brother of Wiktoria, jpg file emailed to Carl.

Katarzyna is sister; jpg emailed.

Tomasz [5] Gwozdz is the father of Wiktoria. His first marriage is in the Banns microfilm book. I also noted his marriage record when I studied the books at the Wadowice Gorne parish. Same date & parents. The wife's name matches the name from Carl and the mother name from the Jozef birth record, and the 4 parent names at marriage match the 4 grandparents at the Jozef birth, so this is the right marriage.

Tomasz remarried 2 times. Not in the microfilms. I just happened to note the data for both marriages from the book at Wadowice Gorne. My notes indicate the correct names of his previous wives as recorded, so this is all the same person.

Tomasz birth record not found: His age is given as 25 at marriage in 1879, which indicates an 1854 birth. That cannot be correct, because his brother **Jan** was born Feb 1855, same parents. An 1853 birth year makes sense, particularly since that year is missing from the records. I checked the birth films 1852 and 1854 - 1857; he's not there. There is more discussion about this in the notes for his mother, Katarzyna [10] Dragan.

Anyway, the Tomasz birth record is not needed. I spotted the birth record for his brother Jan. That birth 1855 record names their common parents, and also their 4 grandparents, which identifies the previous generation.

Marcin [5] Gwozdz is the father of Tomasz. Carl did not have this name for me. Marcin's name comes from the Jozef birth, from the first Tomasz marriage, and from the Jan birth record. The wife named in these records is Katarzyna Dragan. I could not find the marriage of Marcin to Katarzyna in Wadowice. However, I found the 1857 death record for Katarzyna Gwozdz, where it says her husband is Marcin and her maiden name is Dragan. She died in house 44, the same house number as the birth of Jan and the marriage of Tomasz. House 44 is the house of the births of the children of Marcin in the Gwozdz 8 tree, by his first wife, who died apparently in childbirth, 1852. Also, Marcin married a third time in house 44. Finally, Marcin Gwozdz's age at the third marriage is given; it calculates to birth 1805, close enough to his actual 1803 birth.

I already had an extensive family tree for this Marcin with his previous marriages, parents, and siblings; it is copied here, above. I call the family "Gwozdz 8" to distinguish it from other Gwozdz families for which I have trees made. Gwozdz is a common name in the parish. I call my ancestors "Gwozdz 0", also copied above.

I finished this Marcin match in 2002. In October 2003 I found the best evidence - his marriage record to Katarzyna in the neighboring parish of Zgorsko. See the Dragan notes for discussion. Here I should mention that the marriage record names all 4 of their parents. They match. That 1852 marriage record also mentions the name of his late wife, Maryanna Zajac. So we have the correct family match.

Wojciech [5] is the father of Marcin. He is named at Marcin's 1829 marriage, but Marcin's mother is not. Wojciech and his wife Ewa Jaros are named at Marcin's 1852 marriage. Marcin's age at

marriage matches up within 2 years of his birth record, close enough for a match considering there are no other Marcin Gwozdz closer. Marcin's mother is named, of course at his birth; her name matches the wife at the 1795 Wojciech marriage, **Ewa** Jaros.

The previous Gwozdz generation remains unidentified. I have the names of 6 Gwozdz males from the records who were born before 1750: Simon, Adam, a different Adam, Jacob, Matthew, and Thomas. Any of these could be the father of my Michal [4] and/or Carl's Wojciech. There are no doubt others who died before the death records start in 1784. I have some names of individuals who died before 1784 because the pastor between 1777 and 1783 wrote the names of fathers of the groom and bride at marriages. That was unusual in 18th century Poland. Starting in early 1784 a new pastor was not that ambitious, so marriages between 1784 and 1827 do not have parents named.

DNA test. It would be neat to test one of Carl's Gwozdz male cousins. There is a remote chance he would match my Y chromosome, establishing a connection between our Gwozdz lines. Email sent to Carl asking for a Gwozdz contact. Email response 10 Apr 2007 saying Carl does not have a contact, but remembers that his Gwozdz cousins lived in the Chicopee area.

The Gwozdz columns above are shifted one column to the left compared to all the following data. The reasons: I do not have previous generation Gwozdz names, and it is nice to use the longer lines for more data. Some of the following have previous generation names, so the data is all shifted right one column compared to Gwozdz:

Ogorzalek

Mateusz 1739? - 24 Mar 1805 (40) m Apolonia Kobos
 Apolonia Kobos is named at children births.
 m 13 Nov 1803 (48) Maryanna Nikowna

Jakub Jul 1777 (40)
 Maciej 31 Jan 1780 (40)
 Maryanna 22 Mar 1781 (40) - 1 Aug 1849 (72) m 23 May 1803 Jozef Kmiec
 this other Maryanna Ogorzalek is an ancestor of Peter Gwozdz

Maciej 3 Feb 1784 (44) - 14 Jan 1822 (253)
 Jan 11 Jun 1786 - 13 Mar 1787 (40)
 Franciszka 21 Feb 1788
 Michal 26 Aug 1790 (-)
 Walenty 11 Feb 1794 (40)

Kasper 1749 - 8 Feb 1816 (34) m Zofia (1755 - 31 Mar 1795 (-))

Michal 31 Aug 1777 (40)
 Dorota 22 Jan 1780 (40)
 Maryanna 25 Jun 1781 (40) - 7 Sep 1817 (35)
 Agnieszka 18 Jan 1784 (40)
 Jan 17 May 1786 (40) - 16 Sep 1824 (81) m 7 Nov 1813 (32) Lucja Starzyk [11]
 Maryanna 3 Mar 1817 (20)
 Jakub 9 Jul 1819 (21) m 28 Oct 1844 (9 Piatkowiec) Anna Sosin

[11]

Jozef 30 Jan 1846 m 20 Nov 1872 (102) Magdalena Motyka
 Jan 2 Oct 1873 (102) - 15 Feb 1874
 Jozef 4 Jun 1875
 Piotr 1847 - 1854
 Agnieszka 1849
 Zofia 1851
Maryanna 4 Sep 1855 (1) m 5 Feb 1879 Tomasz 1 Gwozdz 8 [5]
 Michal 1858
 Wiktoria 7 Mar 1861 (102)
 Piotr 17 May 1863 (102) - 1924. m Salomea Sztajfer (1885 - 1970)
 Agnes 25 Mar 1918 - 3 Jul 2008 m Wydock (Wojdacz)
 liv Hazleton, PA
Larry liv El Cajon, CA; contacted me by email
 Larry is 5th cousin to my father Stanley

Ludwika 13 Jan 1866 (102) - 1936. m Stanislaw Pajak (Chicopee MA)
 Piotr 1 Jun 1823 (24)
 Apolonia 1 20 Mar 1788 (40)
 . 2?m 18 Oct 1795 (-) Agnieszka Kobos

I have notes on 2 sisters of Piotr; both same house number, same parents & grandparents: Wiktoria, born 7 Mar 1861; Ludwika born 13 Jan 1866. Midwife is again Katarzyna Miga for both

Ogorzalek Notes

Maryanna [8] Ogorzalek married Tomasz [5] Gwozdz. She is the mother of Wiktoria. Carl had this name from family tradition before I found records. For discussion, see the Tomasz Gwozdz notes. Maryanna birth year, calculated from the marriage record, is 1855. I quickly found her birth record in 1855, where her 4 grandparents are named. I did not look for siblings, but no doubt they are there in the microfilm.

Jozef brother of Maryanna was married in 1872, his banns record is in the microfilms. His house number, 102, is the same as the house number for Maryanna's banns (house number is available for both groom & bride). The parents are correct. Carl had given me the name Jozef as a brother in advance.

Jakub [8] Ogorzalek is the father of Maryanna. Carl did not have this name for me. Jakub's name comes from the Jozef Gwozdz birth, from the first Tomasz Gwozdz marriage, and from the Jozef marriage. Jakub's name appears with his wife, Anna Sosin. They both are named in the 1855 Maryanna birth.

On 16 Nov 2008 Larry Wojdacz emailed to me a picture of the marriage record of Jacob & Anna Sosin. The record is from Piatkowiec. Larry found it in Zgorsko film 1960621. Parents of Jakub and Ana are correctly named. The house numbers are 15 and 9; I suppose (not sure) 9 is the Piatkowiec house number for Anna's home. The record says Jakub is from Wadowice.

Jan [8] Ogorzalek is the father of Jakub, according to that 1855 birth record, where he is named as the paternal grandfather, married to Lucja, maiden name "N" which means either unknown or, more likely, cannot be read by the person who copied the record book from the original. Ogorzalek is a very common name in the parish, but fortunately there are only two Jan Ogorzalek grooms in my data base, 1813 and 1872; that 1813 one has a bride Lucja Starzyk so bingo, that must be it. Unfortunately, the parents are not named in this marriage record.

I scanned all the birth records for Wad 1814-1825, looking for the children of Jan Ogorzalek. I spotted the 3 listed above in the descendancy. Lucja is named in these 3 births, along with her father. I stopped in 1825 because those are the years for which I have copies. Continuation should be done on the microfilms for 2 reasons: First, a birth after 1825 would rule out the individual who died 1824 (discussion below). Second, a child after 1832 (unlikely, but worth checking) would have grandparents named, for the next generation. I do not plan to do this 1825+ search anytime soon.

All the births before 1800 are in my data base; there are a few Jan Ogorzalek:

- (1-3) Adults died before 1813; too far back
- (4) Died 16 Sep 1824 (81) at age 41. This is a good candidate; no wife or father named at death.
- (5) Born 17 May 1786 (40). Father Kasper. Kasper has several children born in house 40, the same house where my ancestor Mateusz Ogorzalek has children born, including my ancestor Maryanna. Kasper & Mateusz are likely brothers. This (5) might be the same person (4) who died 1824.
- (6) 1786 - 1787 (40). My ancestor family (above). Died 8 months old.
- (7) Married 7 Nov 1813 (32) Lucja Starzyk. Likely the same person as (4) and (5). Carl's ancestor.
- (8) 16 Jun 1793 - 16 Jan 1802 (70). Died at 9 months old. Son of my ancestor Agatha Strycharz by her first husband Jozef Ogorzalek (coincidence - different family - not listed above).
- (9) Born 1799. Looks like he died 1801, but anyway, 1799 is too young to be married in 1813. My data base ends 1799, but we do not need any born after that.

Kasper [8] Ogorzalek looks like the father of the Jan who is the ancestor of Carl. This is not a proof, because the evidence is elimination of all the other Jan Ogorzalek birth records. It is possible the true Jan Ogorzalek ancestor birth record is missing or in another parish. However, the evidence seems good enough to add Kasper to the descendancy list. The birth year of Kasper comes from his age at marriage. His children are copied from my data listing. Please note that this very probable but not certain identification is a key link in establishing a 6th cousin tie between Carl and me.

The evidence that Jan died 1824 is also elimination, but it is independent of the Kasper father ID. It is not a key link.

It is very possible that Kasper is the brother of my ancestor Mateusz, because they both are having children born in house 40. However, they could be cousins, I suppose. According to their age at death, Kasper was born 1749 and Mateusz was born 1739. These dates are not expected to be accurate. I suppose they could be uncle & nephew. I copied above my data for the family of Mateusz.

The previous generation remains unidentified. I have the names of 4 Ogorzalek males from the records who were born before 1734 per ages at death or per guessed ages from a child's wedding: Wojciech 1709, Sebastian 1711, Jan 1728, and Antoni 1733. The death house is only available for Sebastian, (5), which is no help. The first 3 are all good fits for our ancestor, but of course there must be more Ogorzalek men who died before the death records start in 1787, so it would be unreasonable to pick one of these who happened to die after 1787.

Dragan

Mateusz		m Katarzyna Dziubek
Katarzyna	5 Nov 1820 (15 Zgorsko)	m Marcin [5] Gwozdz
Agnieszka	21 Dec 1823 (15 Zgorsko)	

Katarzyna [10] Dragan married Marcin [5] Gwozdz. She is the mother of Tomasz [5]. Her death record is discussed in the discussion section for her husband.

I just happened to be looking in Zgorsko for one of my relatives and spotted her birth record there. Zgorsko is the closest parish to Wadowice Gorne, just to the south. The birth year calculated from age at marriage is 1821, close enough. Her birth record above is boldface, meaning it is not in the Wadowice films. It is in the Zgorsko films.

I had not found her marriage record in the Wadowice Gorne records. As soon as I spotted her birth in Zgorsko, it only took a few minutes to find her marriage record. I mentioned that record in the discussion of her husband, Marcin [5] Gwozdz. Notice that Marcin married Katarzyna just 3 months after his first wife died in 1852. Then, when Katarzyna died in 1857, Marcin married a third time just 2 months later. I have noticed rapid remarriage before in these records, particularly when there are young children in the family, but 3 in a row that rapidly is interesting.

Mateusz [10] is the father of Katarzyna, named in her birth record. Her mother is **Katarzyna** Dziubek. This couple are also named as the maternal grandparents at the 1855 birth of Jan Gwozdz, brother of Tomasz [5]. They are also both named as the parents of Katarzyna at her marriage. This is a good match. Neither Dragan nor Dziubek are names in the Wadowice records before 1800, and both are very rare in Wadowice after 1800. I spotted other Dragan and Dziubek people in the Zgorsko records.

I also spotted one sister of Katarzyna, above. I did not take the time to look for more siblings. Grandparents are not named in these older records.

I did look carefully in the Zgorsko films for the marriage of Mateusz & Maryanna. I checked 1807 - 1823. I was looking for someone in my family at the same time. I only found a Jozef Dragan in 1819. The marriage records seem complete. Maybe they married in another parish. I have not run into families moving around very much in that time frame, but then again, maybe certain families moved around much more than most?

The births in Zgorsko start 1799. There is a chance that Mateusz Dragan and/or Maryanna Dziubek are recorded there, but it would not be certain they are the same persons without the names of the parents from a marriage or from a birth with grandparents named.

Finally, I briefly looked for the birth of Tomasz Gwozdz in the Zgorsko film. Unfortunately, the year 1853, when I figure he was born, is missing from both Wad & Zgor. I checked 1854 - 1987 anyway by quickly scanning "Thomas"; he's not there. I did not take the time to check all the father's names to see if Marcin Gwozdz had any other children in Zgorsko. (He had a son Jan 1855 in Wad.) The records of Zgorsko are available both as originals and as copies. I suppose the 1853 birth records are on the other film, but I did not rent it to check. The birth record for Thomas Gwozdz might be there, if anyone is interested in checking.

Jaros

Ewa Jaros is the wife of Wojciech [5] Gwozdz. Jaros is a pretty common name in the parish. That final s has an accent, which makes the sound identical to Jarosz, a spelling that is also common, considered the same name. Actually, the two Ewa records (marriage and death) are spelled Jarosz. She was married at 14; her birth should be in 1781. It is not there. There are no other Ewa Jaros records in my data base before 1800. Too bad, the previous generation would be named. Maybe that 14 is a mistake, maybe she was born elsewhere.

Sosin

Antoni

Anna

m Urzula Pula

m Jakub Ogorzalek [8]

Neither Sosin nor Pula families are in my complete data base for Wadowice Gorne before 1800. These people are either from out of town, or sole survivors of their family in this parish. I have noticed the name Pula in other parishes, including Zgorsko, because it looks a lot like my ancestor name Gula; both have the slashed l: ł.

In 2008 Larry found Anna's marriage record; see notes for Jakub.

Starzyk

Tomasz

Lucja

m Jan Ogorzalek [8]

Tomasz is named at the births of Lucja's 3 Ogorzalek children

Pedigree Index

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