

The Gula *Descendancy* [3] below shows four 6th cousins that I have identified. Some of the relations are based on good evidence that is not conclusive; I explain all the evidence in the *Notes* [4] of this document, which follow the *Descendancy*.

Click on a page link [3] next to a person's name to jump from the *Descendancy* into the *Notes* for that person. Once in the *Notes*, click on a page link next to a person's name to jump to the *Descendancy* for that person.

Reading and printing are better with the pdf version because the doc version may have display problems on your computer. The doc version may be better for studying, because the Word doc bookmarks serve as a handy index; ask me for the doc version if you want it.

These first couple pages have some introductory general notes.

Carol King [3] was the first distant cousin from Wadowice Gorne that I found, so I spent a lot of time researching our relation. The result is on the web: [Carol King.doc](#), with more Gula details. The web version of my genealogy book, [GwozdzFamilyTreeLivingDeleted.pdf](#), has yet more details. I did lots of work for Dave Gula [3], so [GulaDave.doc](#) has more detail.

This document has been shortened. Only Gula descendants that lead to a relative or to me are included. When all the information is included, it is difficult to see the relationship. I have a lot more detail available, with more Gula descendants in those other documents. I shortened the information when I originated this document in May 2017, copying from those other documents. Exception: I listed all 10 children of Bartlomiej Gula [3], because most of that detail is new.

It is possible there are relations I have not found. For example, Carol, Zosia Michonski [3], and I all have Morytko ancestors, but Morytko is a very common name and I have not studied the Morytko records fully for possible clues. I intend to make another document, same style as this one, called MorytkoCousins.doc.

Carol and Zosia both have Poczatek ancestors, so they might also be related in that line. Another future document.

I have yet to study the ancestors of Stasz Michonski [3]. Stasz saw my web documents and first contacted me by email 20 Mar 2011.

Descendants of Blazej 1 Gula

I call our common ancestor Blazej 1 [3], and I call his grandson Blazej 2 [3]. I used a tab to indent his children into a 2nd column. Grandchildren are in the 3rd column, great grandchildren in a 4th column, etc for following generations.

Comparing the descendants of different sons of Blazej 1, 1st cousins are in the 3rd column, 2nd cousins in 4th column, 3rd cousins in 5th, etc, cousin number = column number minus 2.

In other documents of mine, I call this entire family Gula 0 because there are several other Gula families that I call Gula 1, Gula 2, etc; I cannot connect these to each other because the records do not go back far enough.

Summary

I identify four 6th cousins of mine; all 5 of us are in the 8th column on page [3].

Carol King and Lindsay Bigda are 4th cousins because their common ancestor Jozef 1 Gula [3] is in column 3, a grandson of Blazej 1. Both of them are 6th cousins to the other 3 of us.

David Gula and Zosia (Poczatek) Michonski are 5th cousins because their common ancestor Bartlomiej 1 Gula [3] is a son of Blazej 1. Both of them are 6th cousins to the other 3 of us.

Parents Recorded at Marriage

We are lucky. Wadowice Gorne parish marriage records include the names of the fathers of the groom & bride, 1777 to the middle of 1784. This was unusual for parishes back then. The records from 1777 are the oldest records available.

We are unlucky. From mid 1784 the marriage records do not include the names of fathers. I guess the priest got lazy. Parents are not named again until the 1830s. The marriage table format was also changed in mid 1784: the older format does not include ages; from mid 1784 the format includes ages of groom and bride.

Parents are named at births, including maiden names of mothers. Grandparents are not routinely named at birth until the mid 1830's; grandfathers are occasionally named in the 1820's.

Sons of Blazej 1 Gula

Two sons of Blazej 1 were married before 1784, Lukasz [3] and Franciszek [3]. The record names their father - Latin genitive case Blazei. I provide evidence below that there was only one Blazej Gula individual in the region.

Both of these 2 sons remarried. Those 2nd marriages are shown by *-* in the same column down below their name.

Bartlomiej Gula [3] was married after 1785, so we cannot be sure of the name of his father. I noticed that Franciszek Gula is one of the witnesses at the marriage. Franciszek and Bartlomiej both had children in house number 69. (House number is in parenthesis in the *Descendancy*.) So we can guess they are probably brothers. We cannot be sure; they might be cousins or some more distant relation. It seems very unlikely, but possible, they are friends with the same last name who did not know of any family relationship.

M99

M99 is my short name for the 3 microfilms for the record books from the parish of Wadowice Gorne. I discuss these films in my genealogy book, and also at [my Wadowice Gorne page](#). Almost all of the information here in this document comes from M99. Information for recent years comes from my family genealogy, and from those four 6th cousins of mine.

I have an Excel database where I entered all the oldest data (births, marriages, deaths), 1777 to 1799. After 1800 I have births only for my family lines, including births to my Gula ancestors - but not all Gula births. I have all the Gula marriages 1800 - 1827. I have all the Gula deaths 1800 - 1860. It is very easy to find records and relationships in this database.

Two of the M99 microfilms have been digitized. Data is available at the LDS site [4].

I found Wadowice Gorne parish records after 1878 that have not been microfilmed. I do not consider those as M99. I have notes and photos. I entered some (not all - not Gula) of that data into my Excel database.

From the various Wadowice Gorne families I have studied, I estimate that for any random pair of Wadowice Gorne parish residents living in the year 1900, there is roughly a 1/3 chance that M99 has data showing they are related as 4th cousins or closer. I suppose about 90% of such random pairs from 1900 are 5th cousins or closer, but such 5th cousins usually would not be found in M99 because that usually would go back beyond the oldest records available - 1777. Lindsay and I each have one grandfather who was born in Wadowice Gorne parish; Carol and David each have two; The Michonski couple each have four. It is not a surprise that I found Gula connections; we might even have additional connections in other family lines. Over the years, I checked other people with Gula ancestors who do not connect to these.

Gula

Blazej 1 [5]	1722 - 19 Feb 1800 (69)	m Jadwiga (1732? - 3 Jul 1798)
Lukasz [6]	1748? - 28 Jan 1794 (7)	m 12 Jan 1779 (16) Elzbieta Stachowicz
_		2m 18 Nov 1781 (7) Barbara Swol
Jozef 1 [6]	7 Mar 1785 (7)	m 22 Nov 1807 (59) Katarzyna Marnik
		parents not named in marriage record
Maryanna 3 [8]	15 Nov 1817 (81)	m 4 Nov 1839 (5) Michal Bigda 3
Marcin Bigda	1840	m 10 Nov 1862 (1) Apolonia Ogorzalek
Wawrzyniec	25 Jan 1884 (68) - 1960 (Thorndike MA)	m Apolonia Kos
William Bigda	1915 - 1973	m Sabina Mosakewicz
Paul Bigda	1958 - 2016	
6th cousin >>>	Lindsay Bigda	
Maciej	24 Jan 1820 (79)	2m 9 Feb 1858 (45&21) Zofia Nikodym
Wojciech 4 [6]	22 Jan 1859	m 29 Nov 1882 (45D&17D) Wiktorya Midura
Maryanna 2 [6]	11 Oct 1885 (Dolne 17)	m Michal 2 Morytko
		(Michal 19 Jan 1888 (Wp) - 31 Mar 2017)
	Emilia Ann	8 Jan 1923 CT
	Carol	m Jul 1962 Arthur Leonard King
6th cousin >>>		
Franciszek [7]	1761	m 17 Nov 1782 (184) Apolonia Morytko (1756 - 28 Nov 1801 (69))
Blazej 2	2 Feb 1793 (69)	m < 1818 Malgorzata Niziol
Katarzyna 1	26 Sep 1817 (69)	m 9 Nov 1835 Wojciech Gwozdz
		(13 Apr 1810 - 1875)
	Maciej Gwozdz	9 Feb 1837 - 1918?
	Piotr Maciej	m 20 Feb 1865 Maryanna Kmiec
		6 Apr 1886 - 23 Feb 1956 Adams MA
	Stanley	m 3 Feb 1909 MA, Bronislawa Banas
		2 Jan 1915 - 5 Aug 1978 Adams, MA
		m 26 Jul 1941 Stella Iwanowicz
		(4 Aug 1915 - 12 Aug 2009)
Author >>>	Peter Gwozdz	m Barbara West
_		2m < 1856 Maryanna Juszczak
_		2m 7 Feb 1802 (69) Jadwiga Woszczyna
Bartlomiej 2	16 Aug 1809 (69)	
Bartlomiej 1 [7]	1761	m 15 Feb 1789 (28) Maryanna Kapinos (1770 - 8 Dec 1835)
	{maybe 1762?}	m witnesses Franciszek Gula & Wojciech Kapinos
		guess that Franciszek & Bartlomiej are brothers
	Jan	1790 - 11 Nov 1849 (111)
	Helena [8]	18 May 1792 (69)
	Anna [8]	23 Jul 1824 (77?)
	Marcin Poczatek	m 15 Nov 1818 (69) Kazimierz Morytko
	Jan Poczatek	m Tomasz Poczatek (25 Sep 1821)
	Michal Poczatek	
6th cousin >>>	Zofia [8]	m Stanislaw Michonski [8]
Apolonia	2 Feb 1794 (69) - 17 Mar 1802 (117)	
Franciszka	20 Feb 1797 (69)	
Wojciech 1 [8]	16 Mar 1798 (69)	m 1 Oct 1820 (69) Katarzyna Galica
Wawrzyniec	6? Aug 1825 (77?)	m 8 Feb 1847 (34? & 49) Maryanna Pietras
Wojciech 2	7 Apr 1854 (49)	m 12 Feb 1877 (70 & 55) Agnieszka Mazgaj
Wladyslaw [9]	7 Feb 1889 (70)	
		m 23 May 1911 (Bondsville MA) Antonia Sypek
	Eugene	m Rita Borsa
6th cousin >>>	David [8]	
Stefan	1 Jan 1802 (69) - 8 Aug 1807 (69)	
Kazimierz	3 Mar 1805 (69) - 24 Mar 1805 (-)	
Jozef	16 Mar 1806 (69) - 3 Dec 1824 (-)	
Katarzyna	6 Oct 1808 (69) - 3 Dec 1812 (82)	
Zofia	16 Mar 1811 (56)	

Gula Notes

Gula is the 5th most common family name in my Excel database, 1777 to 1799, all Wadowice Gorne parish data. In 2002 I did a Gula study; I have descendancies for 8 Gula families from the late 1700's that I cannot connect together. In addition there are several Gula families that had very few records before 1800 (or their first records after 1799); for example, the Bartlomiej 1 Gula [3] family was not one of my original set. I don't know if most of these Gula all descend from one family that lived long before 1777, or if multiple families took the name Gula independently.

I saw Gula records in the microfilms from the Zgorsko parish (only a couple miles south of Wadowice Gorne), but I did not attempt to figure out which Gula individuals moved between these two parishes. My DNA test at 23AndMe.com matched me as 3rd to 6th cousin with a lady whose Gula grandfather is from Zabrze (5 miles northwest), Szczucin parish; she did not provide much information, so I don't even know for sure if Gula is the correct family name for our match, but it probably is.

LDS site; www.familysearch.org: This site provides searching of their database. Here are my results from a study that I did at the LDS site in May 2017:

Their database includes digitized data from Wadowice Gorne microfilm 1980467. Only births (baptisms, actually) are digitized; the marriages from that film are not digitized. The other 2 films from Wadowice Gorne are not digitized (as of May 2017). This is part of a "Collection" called "Poland, Tarnow Roman Catholic Diocese Church Books, 1612-1900". I'm familiar with the Tarnow Archive; I visited it; I mention it often at my gwozdz.org site. I'm not familiar with this digitization of the Tarnow data - it does not seem to be part of the LDS "Indexing" projects that are described at the LDS site. This Tarnow data has the icon for an image of the microfilm, but when you click on that icon (May 2017 last try), it says "No image available". (Update Jan 2018: data from two of the microfilms have now been digitized, but you need to go to a local LDS library for access on one of their computers.)

Gula is properly written Gula, where a written "f" often looks like a "t". Most of the LDS digitized Gula data from Tarnow is entered as Guta. There are lots of complications due to the use of both Latin and Polish, and due to inflections; the LDS computer groups some, but not all of these variations together. There are lots errors, for example if the "a" is scribbled it sometimes looks like an "s" so the name might be digitized as Guts. Because of the confusion, I don't know how to verify if all births 1777 - 1870 were digitized, or if there are omissions. (In addition, the microfilms have missing birth data in the range 1777 - 1870.)

Worldwide, most Gula data is spelled with an English "f", so Gula is more common than Guta at LDS: Restricted to exact spelling Gula has 19,242 hits worldwide while Guta has only 2,907. 1,049 of those Guta (almost half) are from the Tarnow Archive Collection. Only 239 Gula (still exact spelling requests) are from Tarnow Archive.

To me Guta sounds like it might be a valid Polish name, but I have not seen it in the Wadowice Gorne microfilms; all the apparent "Guta" that I see in the microfilms have on the same page apparent words like "Stanistaw" which is of course really "Stanislaw", and where by comparing many words on adjacent pages I can mostly distinguish "f" from "t" for the scribbling of that particular priest recorder. I don't know if some of the "Guta" in the LDS database might really be records for a Guta family that used a "t" for their name, but I am sure Guta is rare (if not absent) in Wadowice Gorne parish because I have a Gut ancestor so I have been attentive to "f" vs "t".

Data is available in that digitized Tarnow data from other parishes in the region. I know that most parishes in the Wadowice Gorne region have microfilms, but I do not know how many parishes in the region with microfilms are absent in the Tarnow Archive Digitized Collection at LDS.

Location of Gula People. In the LDS database, Gula data is concentrated largely near Wadowice Gorne in the southeast corner of Poland and secondarily in the southwest corner. If you check this, the data from near Wadowice Gorne comes up primarily as from Rzeszow and also from Krakow and Lublin. That's because the LDS site uses the name of the major city for each province. The provinces, called wojewodztwo (English voivodeship) have long names; for example Rzeszow is really podkarpackie province. See [Wiki](#) for a table. Krakow province is just west of Rzeszow; there are very few LDS Gula from the region around the large city of Krakow; most of the Krakow Gula are from the east side, closer to Wadowice Gorne. Similarly, most of the LDS Lublin Gula are from the south part of Lublin province, near Wadowice Gorne. Most of the Rzeszow Gula are from Wadowice Gorne and secondarily from parishes near by. Wadowice Gorne has more Gula than any other parish in the Tarnow data, which seems to indicate a concentration in Wadowice Gorne parish, but I'm not certain; another parish with lots of Gula just might not have digitized data entered, or maybe no microfilm available.

The southwest corner is different. Those secondary LDS Gula data come from Wroclaw province. The city of Wroclaw is 200 miles west of Wadowice Gorne. Those Wroclaw data all come from "Find a Grave Index"; there is no digitization of archival data included. So there could be a lot more Gula in Wroclaw, perhaps more than in Rzeszow. This entire analysis might be misleading, because there might be other places in Poland with lots of Gula people where those places just do not have lots of data entered into the LDS database. I should repeat this analysis someday, using the Poland census data.

Wroclaw was the capital of the kingdom of Silesia in Medieval times. If this brief analysis is correct, I wonder if centuries ago a group of people including Gula people moved from Wroclaw to Wadowice Gorne, or vice versa. On the other hand, it could be a coincidence that ancestors in two different places selected the name Gula when people were picking family names.

There is a 3rd possibility: after WWII the significant German population in the Wroclaw area was killed or moved to Germany; at the same time, the farthest southeast Poland was incorporated by Russia into Ukraine and most Poles from that region were moved to the Wroclaw area. If many Gula people were moved, perhaps the Gula name was not common in the southwest before that time. This last sentence is speculation by me; I don't know.

I'm pretty sure Gula is primarily a south Poland name. None of the other 13 provinces have more than a few Gula in that LDS database. Even the large Warsaw province, with the most people, has only 3 Gula entries.

Blazej 1 [3] is our common ancestor. He died at age 78 in 1800. He has several contemporaries who could be brothers or cousins, but I found no evidence connecting him to the several other Gula families. There is a Maciej Gula who died in 1789 at age 89 who could conceivably be father of Blazej 1, but with so many Gula families and no evidence, I was unable to extend the Gula line to the previous generation.

I found 4 records that mention him, assuming he was the only contemporary Blazej Gula [next topic]:

1: His death 19 Feb 1800 in house 69.

2: Blazej 1's wife **Jadwiga** is named only once, as a godmother 1 May 1778; the good priest took the trouble to mention her husband's name, Blazej Gula.

3 & 4: Marriage of **Lukasz** [3] and **Franciszek** [3]. The recorder at their marriages named their father Blazej. I assume only one Blazej Gula in the parish had sons being married so Lukasz and Franciszek seem to be brothers [next topic].

House 69 is the house for death of Blazej 1. Franciszek Gula had 12 children all born in house 69.

Franciszek's son Blazej 2 had 9 children; the first 5 were born in house 69. I do not list all children here; see Carol King.doc and my genealogy book for details. Franciszek's wife Apolonia died in house 69. House 69 is evidence that Blazej 1 is the father of Franciszek and grandfather of Blazej 2.

The following topic questions if there was more than one Blazej Gula, but it does not matter for my genealogy. In addition to house number 69, there is more solid evidence that Blazej 2 Gula is the grandson of Blazej 1 Gula: At his 1782 marriage, Franciszek [3] Gula has his father Blazej mentioned, and of course his wife Apolonia Morytko is named. At the 1793 birth, Blazej [3] has his parents named: Franciszek Gula and Apolonia Morytko. Although Franciszek and Apolonia are common names, the chances are extremely thin there are two different couples named Franciszek Gula and Apolonia Morytko at the same time, with no conflicting data in the microfilms. I am *defining* the grandfather as Blazej 1 and the grandson as Blazej 2. If there were another Blazej Gula, contemporary with Blazej 1, it would not matter for my direct line of descent.

Was there only one contemporary Blazej Gula? This is an important question, because if there were two Blazej Gula, then I could be wrong about my identification of Lukasz [3] and Franciszek [3] as brothers. If their fathers are different Blazej, then I am not a Gula 6th cousin of Carol King [3].

That 19 Feb 1800 death date for Blazej 1 does not matter. I doubt this is a different Blazej because of the house number 69 (discussed more below) for his death record. Even if that death is a different Blazej, it does not matter in this document, because I don't use that 1800 death date as evidence for anything other than his birth year.

The following two topics - "My Database" and "LDS Search" - are my evidence that there was no other Blazej Gula contemporary with Blazej 1 Gula:

My Database: Blazej is a very rare first name. My Excel database has all the data before 1800; after 1799 my database has all the records for descendant of my ancestors that I have identified. My Excel database has only 10 records for a first name Blazej. My database has 5977 records where the first name is legible. Assuming about half the records are for a male, that means Blazej is used for only $10/(5977/2) = 0.3\%$ males = 3 per thousand. That 1793 birth of Blazej 2 is one of those 10; none of the other 9 is a Gula; 3 others are for birth of a Blazej before 1800.

LDS Search: In the records the Latin name Blasius is used; for a father the genitive Blasei is common. On the LDS site either "Blaz" or "Blas" seem to provide the same data - many variations with exact spelling off. Blas Gula gave only one hit (May 2017, exact spelling off, restricted to Poland): a 1925 birth in Lublin of Antoni Gula with father Gula, no first name, this is not relevant. Blas Gula gave 20 hits: 7 births and 13 father at a birth. 2 of those births are 1700's: Birth of Blazej 2 [3] in 1793 (incorrectly as Gula), and birth of Blazej Gotz in 1794, father Antoni Gotz, in Chonow, Krakow province, which is 43 miles SW of Wadowice Gorne. If that "Gotz" is really Gula, that Blazej is a candidate for confusion with Blazej 2 in the unlikely event that he moved to Wadowice Gorne. Another birth is 1805, birth of Blazej Gula, father Sobestianus, Czermin, which is only 6 miles north of Wadowice Gorne, so this is a candidate for confusion with Blazej 2, although not for confusion with Blazej 1. The other 4 of those 7 births are 1822 to 1887, of no concern here.

The 13 records for father at birth include 7 records where Blazej 2 is the father, with his wife's name spelled many different ways but recognizable; I knew about these; it's strange that the birth of the oldest, 1817, my ancestor Franciszka, is not included - probably digitized so badly that the computer did not include it in the search results.

The last 6 are fathers' names in 3 births and 3 other events, 1846 to 1905, too recent to be of interest here.

My 4 records for Blazej [above] of course do not come up at LDS because one is for a godmother, one was a death, and two were marriages; these are all data that were not digitized (not yet in May 2017).

Blazej Gula comes up in the LDS "Family Tree" feature, because my daughter Holly entered most of my ancestral data as a tree.

LDS Search Summary: I found no LDS record for a Blazej Gula as reasonable candidate for confusion with our Blazej 1 Gula 1722 - 1800. This LDS search included all of Poland, in case another Blazej Gula may have moved into Wadowice Gorne Parish.

Summary regarding only one Blazej Gula: I found no evidence for another. I cannot rule out the possibility of another, contemporary with Blazej 1 Gula, but it is very unlikely. I spent a lot of time on this because I am assuming only one Blazej Gula before 1793 in the Parish of Wadowice Gorne.

Lukasz [3] married twice. His second wife **Barbara Swol** is the ancestor of Carol King. The previous topics provide my evidence that Lukasz is the brother of Franciszek.

Jozef 1 [3] is the weakest link in my Gula descendency of Carol. I wrote a separate document explaining my identification of him. See "[Jozef Gula](#)" for explanation of my identification. The problem is that parents are not named in his marriage record. I have no document naming his father as Lukasz. Summary: His age at marriage misses his birth year by only 1 year. However, there are 5 Jozef Gula individuals. My document considers and eliminates each except this one. However, I cannot rule out the possibility of a 6th Jozef Gula. Jozef is the most common male name in my database for that parish at that time.

Jozef 1 Follow up. Here is a way to find further evidence that Lukasz is the father of Jozef 1: Birth records after 1832: look in the microfilms after 1832 for children of siblings of Jozef 1. These will name their grandparents, which should be Lukasz & either of his 2 wives, which we can combine with the parents named at the births of Jozef 1 and that sibling. It is a lot of work to scan the films for each project that I do, so I'm not planning this. However, I have a long term project to enter all the data, including grandparents, into an Excel file; I'm only up to 1800. If someone wants to help with entering data into the Excel file, let me know. The research goes very quickly with little effort once an Excel file is available.

I have children and grandchildren births, and marriages for the Jozef 1 Gula line. A summary follows here; see Carol King.doc for more details. These are straightforward genealogy documents that link nicely together, from Jozef 1 Gula to Carol King.

Wojciech 4 [3] Gula, grandson of Jozef 1, is the line of interest. Married 1882, at the end of the microfilm records. Carol found his banns record in the microfilm; I checked it. His parents are properly named, connecting him with this Gula descendency. I call him Wojciech 4 because my full descendency has multiple men named Wojciech Gula descending from Blazej 1.

I checked the Gorne birth book, 1884 - 1900 at the Wadowice Gorne rectory, no children to Adalbertus (Latin for Wojciech) Gula & Wiktorya Midura. There is another contemporary Adalbertus Gula having children in the town of Wadowice Gorne. Carol's Wojciech lived in Wadowice Dolne - for which the 1884+ book is missing.

Wojciech's 1882 marriage record is at Tarnow, not microfilmed: I photographed this in 2006, and emailed the jpg file to Carol on 5 April 2007.

Maryanna 2 [3]. The microfilms end before the birth of Maryanna. Mary Ann Gula is Carol's grandmother, wife of Michal Morytko. Carol, in an email to me 22 Aug 2004, summarized her proof that her grandmother is the daughter of this Wojciech Gula as follows:

Mary Ann Gula's marriage and death certificates both name her parents as Wojciech Gula and Wiktorya Midura. (Wiktorya is a rare name.) The names were also known by the family through oral tradition.

Through oral tradition it was known that Wiktorya married previously to Kagan and had children in that marriage. The 1882 Banns record says Wiktorya is a widow after Kagan. Carol found the first marriage to Kagan, 1870, in the Banns, and I checked it. Parents are named OK. The Morytko *Descendency* is available in Carol King.doc.

Those banns are difficult to read. I have a long explanation that I attached to my 27 Jul 2003 email to Carol.

Carol's first email says Wojciech is called the "Prussian" Gula, perhaps from the army. His Banns record mentions that he is a soldier.

A birth date 8 Oct 1888 comes from Carol's mother. I used this date with "(maybe 1885?)" in versions of this document before 2007. The year 1888 was probably fibbed by Maryanna. The Marriage age gives 1885. The death certificate birth date, per Carol's 24 Jul 2003 email to me, is 10 Oct 1888.

The marriage certificate says Maryanna is from Wadowice. In the descendency for Gula, notice that the house number for the marriage of Wojciech 4 [3] is (45D&17D). My code: that means house 45 in Wadowice Dolne for Wojciech and house 17 in Wadowice Dolne for the bride. His father Maciej's marriage is (45&21), which means houses 45 and 21 from the Wadowice combined book, which does not specify village, except Wampierzow marriages are in a separate book.

In 2006 I took photographs of the Gorne-Dolne birth records in Tarnow that have not been filmed. In April 2007 I finally arranged printouts into a file and studied them. I quickly found Maryanna's (as Maria) birth record, 11 Oct 1885. I emailed a jpg file to Carol.

Maria is OK. I noticed a few other entries with the name "Maria" in the 1880's. Apparently the taboo against recording the name was lifting. Previous to the 1880's, "Maryanna" was recorded for records of females named after Mary, although I suppose they used the name Maria or Marisza at home. I left "Maryanna" in the descendancy for consistency.

Franciszek Gula [3] is my ancestor; see my genealogy book for detailed notes. His age is not recorded at his first marriage. I calculated his 1861 birth year from his 2nd marriage record, where his recorded age might not be accurate.

I looked carefully for death of Franciszek years ago. Death records in M99 [33] span 1787 through 1860 with 6 years missing: 1829, 1840, and 4 others after 1842. I'm guessing that maybe he died at age 68 in 1829? He was about age 79 in 1840, also possible. Franciszek would have been 99 years old in 1861, which is possible but unlikely. It is not unusual for male death records to be missing, maybe when people were killed in a war or insurrection; I don't know.

See the *Notes* for Blazej 1 [3] for evidence that Franciszek is a brother of Lukasz.

The following topic reviews the evidence that Franciszek is a brother of Bartlomiej. That evidence includes Franciszek as a witness at marriage, so in this section I discuss the possibility of another contemporary man named Franciszek Gula. My method is the same as the method I used for Blazej 1 Gula [5], except Blazej is a very rare name, while Franciszek was a common name at the time. Here is a brief summary:

My database has two Franciszek Gula births, 1780 and 1786; these seem too young in 1789 to be that witness at the marriage of Bartlomiej. My database has only two marriages of Franciszek Gula; both are my ancestor. I have no death record for a Franciszek Gula.

LDS Search: (May 2017, exact spelling off, restricted to Poland) I got over 100 hits, about half female Franciszka, almost all males "Franciscus" well past that 1789 marriage in time. The known children of our Franciszek came up in Franciscus Gula, not Gula because of that crossed "f" looking like a "t". The closest 3 contemporary ones: 1: Franciscus Gula, father at the birth of Anna, 4 Jul 1811 (same time frame as our Franciszek's children), mother Cunegunda Galicka, in Cerekiew, 40 miles west of Wadowice Gorne (not very close but not very far either). 2: Franciscus Gotda father of 2 children 1823 & 1834, Kielk6w, 8 miles away; that Gotda name is not close. 3: Franciszek Gula father at a birth 1836, Lublin Archive, not Tarnow Archive, Lublin city 90 miles north. Those last two are a stretch; if they were an 18 year old witness in 1789 they would have been old fathers - 52 in 1823 to 65 in 1836.

Summary: There was no other contemporary Franciszek Gula in Wadowice Gorne parish that I know of, although I cannot rule out the possibility there was one with no records in the microfilms. There were other contemporary men named Franciszek Gula in Poland, only one in the LDS database reasonably close in time and distance. I cannot rule out the possibility there was yet another Franciszek Gula closer in time and distance. It is possible that another Franciszek Gula might have been the witness at the Bartlomiej Gula marriage in 1789, although not highly likely; all the evidence is considered together in the next topic.

Bartlomiej 1 Gula [3] is the ancestor of Zosia and Dave. There is no need to worry about him being the only contemporary Bartlomiej Gula, because I do not assume that for any significant conclusion. Nevertheless, there is no contemporary Bartlomiej Gula in my database. I also did an LDS search in May 2017 and found no contemporary Bartlomiej Gula close to Wadowice Gorne.

Bartlomiej 1 Gula married Maryanna Kapinos; that marriage is in my database, which also has 4 of their children births recorded before 1800, where they are named as the parents. My database has the 1835 death of his wife. My database also has 6 deaths of his children, only one (Apolonia) corresponding to a birth before 1800. I scanned the microfilm records and quickly found births for all but one of those deaths:

That one death is for Jan, died 1849 at age 59. That implies birth 1790, but my database does not have him. I double checked the death record; both parents are named OK. I double checked the birth records 1788 - 1814, also checking other Gula birth mothers in case of a mistake for the father, and also watching for an illegitimate Jan Gula. He's not in the microfilm. So that 1849 death is a loose end.

I checked births to 1814, when I figure Bartlomiej's wife Maryanna was about 44; I found an 1811 birth I did not know about, but none after that.

I did spot a couple births to Franciszek I did not know about, including the 1809 birth of his son Bartlomiej 2 [3], which I discuss below.

I have 3 items of evidence that Franciszek is the brother of Bartlomiej:

1: Witness at marriage. As I mentioned above, Franciszek Gula was a witness at the 1789 marriage of Bartlomiej, which is strong evidence they might be brothers. It is not conclusive by itself because, as I explained in the previous topic, that witness might have been a different Franciszek Gula, perhaps a distant relative or a friend.

2: House 69: I listed all 10 children of Bartlomiej 1 Gula below his name [3], one column to the right. They were born 1790 to 1811. 8 of Bartlomiej's 10 children were born in house 69. Franciszek had 12 children, 1785 to

1813 (same time frame as Bartłomiej's); all 12 were born in house 69. (The web version of Carol King.doc has 8 of these; I found 4 more in May 2017 while researching for this GulaCousins.doc. This house number 69 is strong but not conclusive by itself. House 69 combined with witness at marriage it is very strong evidence.

3. Franciszek had a son whom he named Bartłomiej [3] in 1809. This by itself is very weak evidence of Franciszek having a brother named Bartłomiej, but combined with the first 2 items this item provides a bit more evidence.

Summary: Is Bartłomiej Gula the brother of Lukasz & Franciszek? I say yes, very likely. The evidence is very good. We cannot be sure; they might be cousins or some more distant relation. It seems very unlikely, but possible, they are friends with the same last name who did not know of any family relationship. I consider the evidence good enough to include all three as brothers in the *Descendancy* chart, with a reference link to these *Notes* explaining the uncertainty. When I post this on the web, someone will no doubt copy to another web page and leave out these caveats, which is unfortunate but unavoidable.

The death of Bartłomiej is not in my database. Although I entered all the Gula deaths through 1860, I was simultaneously entering data from multiple family names in my ancestry. I double checked some names, but not Gula. I may have missed his death record. See also my notes for the missing death record of Franciszek [above].

Helena Gula [3] is one of the children of Bartłomiej, born 1792. I mentioned above that she and her siblings were born in house 69. Notice that she married Kazimierz Morytko in house 69, adding evidence to a connection between her Gula family and mine. She is recorded as age 21, but Helena was actually 26. It's common for females to be recorded with a lower than true age in these Wadowice Gorne marriage records, but a fib of 5 years is unusual. As I said above, there is only one Bartłomiej Gula in the late 1700's records, and only one daughter Helena Gula. I suppose we might wonder if this Helena was older and came from another village, where her father might have been a different Bartłomiej Gula. Maybe, but it seems far fetched. I consider that a girl claiming to be 5 years younger is more likely the explanation, particularly in view of that house 69. But I try to document the uncertainties, along with the good evidence.

Anna Morytko [3]: Stasz Michonski [3] in his 26 Mar 2011 email to me, said: "Tomasz Początek b.1821 ... his wife Anna Morytko b.1824." He was referring to ancestors of his wife Zosia Początek [3].

I checked the records and quickly found both birth records, and their marriage record. Anna was born 23 Jul 1824.

If Anna Morytko and her 1824 birth year are independent information from the family records of Stasz's wife Zosia (Początek), then that birth record connects Zosia's 2- great grandmother to the Bartłomiej Gula line.

On the other hand, if someone had previously searched in the Wadowice Gorne parish records for information about Zosia's ancestry and found that same record, and decided that must be Zosia's ancestor, then I don't know what it means. I need an explanation for how Stasz and Zosia came up with that 1824 date. I emailed Stasz; he does not remember; he said he would check on this.

Both Anna's parents are named in her birth record. One grandfather, Bartłomiej Gula is named (in Latin - Bartholomeus). In the 1820's one or more grandparents were sometimes named. I suppose the priest knew Bart and his family.

Wojciech 1 Gula [3], son of Bartłomiej, is the ancestor of Dave Gula [3]. See GulaDave.doc for details

Maryanna 3 Gula [3] is the third Maryanna I found (late 2017) in this Gula *Descendancy* so I call her Maryanna 3. She has an age of 25 recorded in her 4 Nov 1839 marriage record to Michal Bigda. Her parents are named, so she belongs here in this family. That age of 25 implies birth 1814, but I found her birth record 15 Nov 1817 meaning she was 21 at marriage, just 11 days short of her 22nd birthday. It is common in these records for a bride to fib making herself younger, but a fib making her older is not expected, particularly since the groom was also 25. Three years, however, is not an unusual error in ages given in these marriage records; I suppose (not certain) the information might be provided by the witnesses at the recording - the bride and groom and parents might not be present. Most genealogist would not even mention a 3 year discrepancy, but here I am adding a long paragraph for this new data. For more evidence, I searched for children of Jozef Gula & Katarzyna Marnik around 1814: I found Jadwiga born 2 Oct 1813 and Agnieszka born 28 Dec 1815; Maciej [3] born 24 Jan 1820 I found years ago when working on Carol's ancestry. I did not look for more kids in this family. The house numbers for those 4 births, in order, are 72, 72, 81, 79. It is not unusual for house numbers to vary for children births, but I don't know why; maybe house 72 was getting too crowded so the mother went to the house of a relative or friend or the midwife (just my guess). Those other 2 births are not listed here to avoid crowding the data; all my Gula findings are in my document "Wadowice.doc", which is not as easy to read, and which does not have many *Notes*.