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The Gwozdz Family Tree

Simple Version

with the following family branches:

Gwozdz, Kmiec, Banas, Zagorski

Iwanowicz, Pawlak, Pisiewski, Parzych

West, Baret, Baird, Shields

Crawford, Dart, Magers, Ripley
and others

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a gift to my daughter [Holly](#)

This is a short, simplified version of my genealogy book. My full book is quite complicated because of all the details. I do not post names of living people on the web (except for a few who give me permission), so this short version has very few names of living people. There is another version:

<http://www.gwozdz.org/GwozdzFamilyTreeLivingDeleted.pdf>

which is my full book (2006 version) with most living names deleted.

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Introduction

This Genealogy is divided into three parts: [History](#), [Descendancy](#), and [Pedigree](#). Read the *History* section first. The *History* section is intended to be easy to read. The names with highlighting are links that jump around for more details.

The *Descendancy* is in the traditional genealogical style, with indentations for generations.

Look at the very last page. That is Holly's *Pedigree Chart*. The tree of her ancestors. Much of it is also your Pedigree Chart if you are a relative. Use the last page as a table of contents. The family names in the *History* and *Descendancy* appear in the same order as the family names in the *Pedigree Chart*, top to bottom. Also, the columns of the *Pedigree Chart* correspond to the *Descendancy* columns.

Most links take you in a circle. If you click on a person's name in the *History*, you jump to that person's location in the *Descendancy*; click again there on that same name and you jump to that person's location in the *Pedigree*; click again there on that same name and you jump back to the *History*.

Some persons are not mentioned in the *History*, so their links just jump back and forth between the *Descendancy* and *Pedigree*. Some links do not go around like this. If your pdf viewer does not have a back arrow, it may be difficult to jump back to where you were reading.

It's best if you save this file on your computer, then open it with Word. That way, when you jump from a link, you land at a bookmark, and the cursor blinks exactly at that bookmark.

You can also read this file using your browser, which probably has a back arrow.

Feel free to print, but then of course the links are not available.

The 2nd to last page has comments about my [sources and references](#).

Column Code

Code for the columns in the *Descendancy* and *Pedigree*.

4 3 2 1 G P H

4,3,2,1 columns for Holly's distant ancestors. The number indicates how many "greats"; for example, Holly's great-great grandmothers go in column 2.

Brothers & sisters (siblings) of grandparents go in the same column. So do cousins.

G column for Holly's four Grandparents, their siblings & cousins, etc.

P column for Peter's generation, including Holly's uncles & aunts, etc.

H Holly, the focus point.

Code for the comments next to the names in the *Descendancy*:

The first date is the birth date. Death date, if available, follows, after a dash (-).

m means married to: marriage date and spouse name. "never m" means never married.

liv means lived: place for most of the person's life.

d death comment.

bur buried - location of grave site.

The Gwozdz Name

The word "Gwozdz" means "nail".

There were people named Gwozdz in Poland as far back as the year 1390. We cannot be sure we descend from them, because the name may have arisen independently more than once. Many villages and towns in Poland are named Gwozdz, or Gwoznica, or Gwozdawka, or something similar.

In the year 1990, there were 7,111 people named Gwozdz in Poland, according to the census. Most of the Gwozdz people live near Cracow (Krakow) and Katowice, in southern Poland.

Gwozdz families in Wadowice Gorne, 1700's

Our Gwozdz ancestors lived in Wadowice Dolne, just west of Mielec. Wadowice Dolne is right next to Wadowice Gorne. "Gorne" means upper and "dolne" means lower.

Wadowice Dolne is in southeast Poland, in Podkarpackie Province. In Poland, provinces are like states in the US. The city of Tarnow is west of Wadowice Dolne; the city of Rzeszow is east of Wadowice Dolne. On the web, you can easily find the towns and cities that I mention.

The parish church is located in Wadowice Gorne. The parish also included two other villages: Wola Wadowska and Wapierzow.

Don't get confused. There is another Wadowice in southern Poland, near Krakow. Pope John Paul II was from that other Wadowice. It is common in Poland for a village or town to be named after another city, with "Gorne" or "Dolne" added to the name. It is like "North" Adams and "New" York in the US.

Maybe hundreds of years ago our ancestors moved east with a group of people from Wadowice? Maybe they started these new towns and named them after their home? This is just a guess.

The church at Wadowice Gorne kept good records. Baptisms (Births), Marriages, Deaths. Some record books are now stored at the diocese archive library, in Tarnow. The oldest book starts in 1777. I studied those books in 1998.

At the end of the 1700's, about 1% of the names in the Wadowice Gorne parish book are Gwozdz. I count 23 different fathers and grooms in the record. I guess that means that in the 1750's there were 2 or 3,

maybe 4 or 5, Gwozdz families. I wonder if they are all great grandchildren of one family that lived there before 1700?

Michael Gwozdz, 1765? - 20 Jun 1830

Michael (Michal) Gwozdz lived in Wadowice Dolne, Poland. He is our most distant positively identified Gwozdz ancestor. We know very little about him. Some Wadowice Gorne birth records list the grandparents, so we know for sure that Matthew Gwozdz's grandfather is Michael. Matthew is the father of Piotr Gwozdz, who is my grandfather. Michael is the great-great-great-great grandfather of Holly Gwozdz. Michael died at age 65.

Hedwig Gut, 1770? - 23 Mar 1821

Michael married Hedwig (Jadwiga) Gut.

Adelbert Gwozdz, 13 Apr 1810 - 1870?

Adelbert Gwozdz is a son of Michael Gwozdz and Hedwig Gut. Adelbert lived in Wadowice Dolne. The name Adelbert is used in English as the translation for Wojciech, which is a very common Polish name. Al worked as a farm laborer all his life. He managed to acquire a cottage and a quarter lot during the late 1830's and early 1840's. A quarter lot is not nearly enough for a peasant to support himself and a family, so he worked part time tilling the fields of others even then.

Katherine Gula, 26 Sep 1811 - 1870?

Adelbert married Katherine (Katarzyna) Gula on 9 Nov 1835. Al and Kathy have 9 children, listed in column 2 of the *Descendancy*.

Matthew Gwozdz, 9 Feb 1837 - 1918?

Mary Ann Kmiec, 8 Aug 1846 - 1912?

Matthew (Maciej) Gwozdz is the oldest son of Adelbert Gwozdz and Katherine Gula. Matthew married Mary Ann (Maryanna) Kmiec. They moved into the Kmiec home, which was built around 1850. In those days, most homes were a 2 room cottage, with more than one family.

Matt and Mary have 8 children. They are: Angel, Joseph, Michael, Ann, John, Adelbert, Stanley, and Peter. The family was very poor. Their children emigrated to America, although Michael and Ann eventually returned to Poland. Michael raised his family in that 1850 cottage. In 1998 I visited Michael's son Edward living in that cottage. I also visited many living relatives in the area.

Matt's youngest son, Peter, is my grandfather.

Rosalie Gwozdz was the midwife at the birth of Agnes Gwozdz, 11 Jan 1833. The father of Agnes, Adelbert Gwozdz, is a different Adelbert than our ancestor, but the two of them may be cousins, I suppose.

Joseph Gwozdz, 26 Jan 1873 - 30 Dec 1958

Joseph (Jozef) Gwozdz is my grandfather's cousin. He is the son of [Andrew](#), one of Adelbert's sons. Joseph moved to Cheshire MA, where some of his grandchildren still live. I remember Joseph.

The Joseph's are confusing! This Joe has an uncle Joe Gwozdz. He also has a cousin Joe, my grandfather's brother, who moved to Cohoes NY. And my uncle Joseph Gwozdz is my godfather. And I have a son Joseph Gwozdz. That's only 5 of them.

Peter Gwozdz, 6 Apr 1885 - 23 Feb 1956

Peter Matthew (Piotr Maciej) Gwozdz is the youngest son of Matthew Gwozdz and Mary Ann Kmiec.

He is my grandfather. I am named after him. I refer to him as Peter in this section. In the rest of this genealogy, I refer to him as Piotr. That way you won't confuse him with me.

Peter was born in Wadowice Dolne, Poland.

In 1889, the Berkshire Cotton Mills of Adams Massachusetts expanded, creating more than 2000 jobs. Between the years of 1895 and 1905, over 1400 Poles came from Poland to fill those positions. Some say that they came because the owner of the Mills, Plunkett, sent representatives to Poland to recruit workers under a contract of labor (paid passage in exchange for agreement to work a certain amount of time). Peter Gwozdz was among the recruited Poles.

Pete was 20 years old when he left Poland. He was in a hurry, because he was due to be conscripted into the Austrian army. It was rough sneaking out.

Leeches found him as he was passing through a swamp. The ship "Friedrich d. Gr." (Frederick the Great) sailed from Bremen, Germany, arriving in New York on 1 Dec 1905. Peter's brother Michael was living in Adams Massachusetts at 2 Valley Street, so Peter went to live with him at first. Mike later went back to Poland.

Peter married [Blanche Banas](#) 3 Feb 1909. They met, married, and lived in Adams, Massachusetts.

Engagement Called Off

[Mary Ann Kmiec](#) was engaged to marry John Machowski. The engagement was broken. Only a month or so later, Mary Ann became engaged to Matthew Gwozdz, whom she married. Lucky for us. If she had married that Machowski guy, we would never have been born!

Mary Ann apparently had a thing for older fellows. Both John and Matthew were 28. She was 18.

We know all these details because both engagements were recorded in the parish banns book in 1864. There are only 5 other engagements recorded between Mary Ann's two, so it all happened very fast.

"Banns" are announcements of planned marriages. The Catholic Church required all priests to keep records to prove that the announcements were made in church 4 times before a marriage.

In 1912 Peter opened a grocery store in partnership with Adelbert (Wojciech) Prejsnar. Somewhere along the line Peter ended up owning the building; the family lived upstairs above the store.

The previous owner of the store was Michael McMahan, who operated a saloon there. On 29 Apr 1906, the building next door burned to the ground. McMahan's building was very badly damaged, but spectators were assiduous in saving his stock and putting it to immediate use. The building was repaired in its original form before Gwozdz and Prejsnar bought it.

The store was at 104 Summer Street, Adams Massachusetts. The apartment above the store was

Peter's Chickens

It seems [Pete's](#) father Matt had a peculiar custom at their home in Poland. He would throw a chicken head over heels into their cottage. If the chicken landed head first, off came the head, and they had chicken to eat that day. If the chicken landed feet first, it was allowed to run free, at least for another day. Eventually, Pete took over the job for his father. After a few months, his mother remarked that when Peter threw a chicken it always landed head first.

Peter never lost his concern for having meat on the table. Even long after it should not have been a concern in the US, he raised rabbits to ensure a supply of meat, just in case. (I remember the rabbits on Summer Street.)

102 Summer Street. Peter and Blanche raised their nine children there. The building was torn down in the 1980's for a church parking lot.

About 1919 Peter started a soda concession under the Orange Squeeze franchise and converted the store to furniture sales. His son, [my](#)

father [Stanley](#), took over the Orange Squeeze soft drink business, moving it to Howland Avenue, where my brother Ted later ran it.

Peter's oldest daughter Felicia took over the furniture store after he died. Felicia lived many years in the apartment with her mother. The Polish grammar school was only a couple hundred feet away. As a child, I visited them almost every day after school with my siblings. I remember Babcia's (Blanche's) cookies. Usually, my aunt Felicia drove us home.

Peter Gwozdz died at home of cerebral hemorrhage (2 strokes) while suffering from myelocytic leukemia. I remember the funeral; it was huge; many people came. He and his wife are buried at the St. Stanislaus Cemetery south of town.

Peter's Ancestors

We know the family names of all four of Peter's grandfathers. They are: Gwozdz, Gula, Kmiec, and Sypek. These four family names were common in the Wadowice Gorne area during the 1800's. All four families were Catholic peasants. The maiden names of Peter's great grandmothers are: Gut, Niziol, Ogorzalek, and Balan. All 8 ancestors are listed in the left column in the chart on the last page here. **Francis Niziol**, born around 1750, is my most distant Gwozdz-branch ancestor that I can name with confidence. Francis does not fit on the last page; he goes into a column to the left in my full version of [my book](#). We continue our history now with the family of Peter's wife. Remember, Peter met and married Blanche Banas in the US.

Peter Banas, 23 Jun 1789 - 10 Jan 1825

Mary Ann Wilusz, 1793 - ?

On 26 Nov 1810, Peter (Piotr) Banas married

Mary Ann (Maryanna) Wilusz in the church at Niewodna, Poland. Peter's parents are **Andrew Banas** and **Magdalene Witalec**. Andrew is our most distant known Banas ancestor. He also goes in a column to the left of the *Pedigree Chart*. In [my full book](#), I made a separate chart for the Banas family, because the Niewodna record book is excellent all the way back to 1784. That chart has 15 of the 16 great-great grandparents of Banche, including these Andrew

and Magdalene.

Peter and Mary Ann have a son, **John Banas, 10 Dec 1812 - 1880**. John is our ancestor. The name John (Jan) is very common in this Banas genealogy. So is the name Joseph (Jozef). This John married **Rosalie Balicki, 21 Aug 1815 - ?**. (Rozalia Balicka is the Polish feminine form.)

Francis Banas, 3 Sep 1842 - 26 Jan 1919

Francis (Franciszek) is a son of John and Rosalie. On 3 Oct 1871, Francis married **Katherine Zagorski** (Katarzyna Zagorska). They have twelve children. 40 of their 56 grandchildren are listed in column G of the *Descendancy*. About half live in Poland, about half in America.

All of the great grandchildren of Frank and Kathy (me, my siblings, cousins, and second cousins) are listed in my full book. I count 157 of us.

The Banas Homestead

Our Banas ancestors, way back to Andrew, lived in Wisniowa, Poland, and went to church over the hill in Niewodna. Wisniowa is 30 miles southeast of Wadowice Gorne, 20 miles southwest of Rzeszow. The name Wisniowa is quite common on Polish maps. The word means either "of cherry", or "of Wisnic". Perhaps a noble family named Wisnic owned the land hundreds of years ago?

There is a "T" intersection near the center of Wisniowa today, on the main road. The side road goes just about due north, upstream along the west side of Szufnarowka Creek, a small tributary of the Wislok River. The Banas homestead is on the east bank of that creek, a little less than a mile north of the "T" intersection.

I do not know the location of the house where Andrew Banas' son Peter was born. Maybe it was right there next to the Banas homestead. Or near by. Or somewhere else in Wisniowa. Peter and his 3 brothers were married while living in that other house. Peter's older brothers continued to live and have children in that house where Peter was born. I have not traced the records for those brothers.

Peter moved to what I call the Banas homestead. He must have moved shortly after his

The Overnight Visit

Blanche wanted to spend the night at a friend's house. She goes "Like, I never get to visit anywhere!" So her parents Frank and Kathy reluctantly packed her for an over-nighter.

"Bummer" she said, when she got back the next morning. "It was totally smoky all night. Like, they don't even have a chimney!"

Kathy patiently explained that "only very rich people have chimneys. That's why the one room for living is called the Black Room, from all the soot on the walls. Lucky for us, your father is a carpenter, so he built a chimney for our family stove."

Blanche realized how fortunate she was on that day in the 1890's.

1810 marriage, because his son John was born there in 1812. Peter's cottage stood to modern times. My cousin [Joseph Armata](#) visited and photographed it in 1980. It has since been razed. Peter's son John spent his entire life there. John's son Francis was born there.

Francis was a part time carpenter. He built a nice cottage next door for his family. This is our Francis, the one with 157 great grandchildren. Francis carved the date, "1876", along with his initials, into the central beam of the cottage. He engraved a rosette star next to the date. Those carvings were the custom of the time. My grandmother, Blanche, was born in that cottage.

John, son of Francis, lived and raised his family in that cottage. This second John lived for awhile as a young man in Adams, MA.

My mother visited in 1975, sleeping in a quilt bed in Francis' cottage. Joe Armata published a sketch of this typical Polish peasant cottage, with a description of the traditional use of the two rooms on the human half. The animal half of the cottage was torn down since Joe visited, but the human half was still used for storage when I visited. I photographed that date on the beam. That cottage was razed about 2010.

[Henry](#), son of the second John Banas, started to build a modern home next door. The house was finished by August Grela, husband of Elizabeth, daughter of Henry. That's where I stayed when I visited. It is now the Grela homestead.

August knows everyone. He made my research easy by introducing me to the priests and to the county clerk. The Banas - Grela homestead is my favorite spot in Poland. Situated on the slope beside the gentle creek, it is a perfect pastoral place. The paved roads are out of sight, but the new home has all the modern amenities.

[Blanche Banas](#), 23 May 1886 - 21 Feb 1966

Blanche (Bronislawa) was a little girl when she

moved into the new cottage built by her father, Francis. Blanche, only 12 years old when her mother died, was a very responsible young girl, taking care of the house when her older siblings were working in the fields. Her duties included trading fresh eggs for dry goods with wandering gypsies who stopped by.

About 1902, her sister Stephanie signed up to go to Adams, Massachusetts in the US. Apparently, she signed up with the representatives of the Plunketts. Stephanie got sick and died. Someone had to go to fill the contract. That someone was Blanche.

In Adams, she met and married Peter Gwozdz. She died at home, of congestive heart failure. She is buried next to Peter in Adams.

[Katherine Zagorski](#), 1 Jan 1851 - 14 Jan 1899

Katherine, wife of Francis Banas, came from Szufnarowa, a village north of the Banas homestead, up that stream. Katherine died of pneumonia at the age of 48.

The names of Katherine's parents are written on the birth certificate of her daughter, [Aniela Banas](#). As far as I know, the names [Sebastian Zagorski](#) and [Tekla Szymanski](#) had not been spoken in our family for over fifty years when I deciphered them in October, 1993.

I now know a lot about Katherine's ancestors. The priest in charge of the record books is a good friend of August Grela. Father Bronislaw Domino suggested that I take the 6 record books to Grela's house for a couple days, to study at my leisure. The whole Grela family joined in. The oldest records are dated 1784, so the paper of those books is as old as

The Stairs

Blanche brought lunch to her [father](#), who was working on a house for a wealthy family. He was building a flight of stairs. Blanche had never seen stairs before. She wished with all her heart that someday she could live in a house with stairs.

Blanche's wish was granted. She really got stairs. In Adams, Blanche lived most of her life at 102 Summer Street, which was above the 104 Summer Street Store. The store had a high ceiling. The stairs started at the street entrance next to the store. They went all the way up to the apartment entrance landing, then back down the other side, in a straight run almost the length of the building (inside). Like the stairs in the song from *Fiddler on the Roof*. I remember counting them as a small boy. I don't remember the exact total, but I figure it must have been about 30 steps from the street up to the entrance landing.

In her later years, Blanche often paused to rest part way up the stairs and pondered the saying that you should be careful what you wish for.

the wood in the center of Francis' logs next door (more than 100 rings, center beam inscribed 1876).

Blanche's Ancestors

We know the family names of all 8 of Blanche's great grandparents. They are: Banas, Wilusz, Balicki, Pazdanski, Zagorski, Kwolek, Szymanski, and Kepanowski. These names are listed in the left column in the chart on the last page here.

These 8 families all lived in the Wisniowa area in the late 1700's. All were Catholics. All except Kepanowski were members of the Parish of Saint Ann in Niewodna, which was founded in the year 1313. I suppose most of them walked a mile over the hill to Niewodna. Some of them may have attended church in the chapel in Wisniowa, on the land of the local Count, who was Franciszek Mycielski in the 1880's. I understand it was customary for the parish priest to travel to the chapels in the area on Sundays.

Of these 8 families, 6 were farmer - peasants and 2 belonged to the middle class: The Balicki's were blacksmiths. Mr. Pazdanski was a "townsman"; what that meant in those days I do not know.

I never imagined when I started this project in 1993 that I would find the names and occupations of all 16 of my father's great-great grandparents, listed in column 4 on the last page here. And there are more distant ancestors listed in [my full book!](#) My notes have several names of people who died in the late 1700's, born in the early 1700's. No doubt one or more of these names is my ancestor, but I have no proof. Several hours study of the record books would probably produce evidence for a few more names. I guess we owe our thanks to the priest in Niewodna

who started to write these names in 1784. (The books for each village are separate; the Szufnarowa books were moved to the Szufnarowa church when it was founded in the 20th century.) The record books were probably designed by bureaucrats of the Austrian empire, or by Austrian monks, so I guess we owe thanks to the Austrians. I bet our ancestors would prefer we hold back on our Austrian appreciation.

And do not forget the Gwozdz record books in Tarnow, which start in 1777, and which were handwritten copies sent to the diocese as required at that time. These Tarnow records are available on microfilm, but not the Niewodna or Szufnarowa.

As I edit this in 2017, my most distant Banas branch ancestor whose birth year I can quote is **Blaze Kwolek**, born 1735, father of [Agnieszka](#). That birth year comes from his death record, where it is written that Blazej died at age 78 in 1813. Those records are notorious for exaggerating ages. Maybe he was born 10 years later. If there were 2 people in the area named Blazej Kwolek (very unlikely) I may even have the wrong death record.

If Kwolek is wrong, then the most distant honor goes to Magdalene Witalec, born 1741 or her husband Andrew Banas, born 1743, parents of [Piotr Banas](#). Again, I subtracted to get their birth years; she died age 80; he died age 52, it is written.

On my mother's side, I found 3 ancestor couples even further back, in column 6, whom I figure were born around 1720 or so. One of them is Banasiak. It is a coincidence that Banasiak is a name very similar to Banas.

Send Money

The first men of the large Polish emigration to the US came in the 1890's. Many of those worked for a few years, saving money, and then returned to Poland. With their savings, they were able to buy a house and a horse, get married, and start a family. Others saw this and realized that working abroad for a few years looked like a good idea. The emigration wave began. My grandfather's older brother [Mike](#) and my grandmother's older brother [John](#) both went to Adams to work as cotton weavers and to save up some money. They both returned to Poland. While they were here, that made it convenient for both my grandparents (independently) to come, and live at first with their older brothers. All 4 of my grandparents intended to return to Poland.

Then World War I started. Their parents wrote to them: "Do not come home. We have nothing to eat. Send us money." [Peter](#) sent money to his home in Poland. Actually, his wife [Blanche](#) mailed the money, using empty sugar bags from Peter's soft drink business. Blanche made underwear from the cotton bags. Because of problems with mail theft, she sewed the money into the hems. She alerted the family with a previous letter about where the money would be. In 1998, I found a 2nd cousin in Mielec, Poland. Her mother [Anna](#), 88 years old, daughter of that older brother Mike, was confused. She did not understand who this is - this relative Peter from the US. When I mentioned the money in the hems of underwear, Anna burst into tears. She kissed me repeatedly because I am the grandson of Peter Gwozdz who sent them money.

The Aristocrat

[Uncle Chet](#) told this story; I'm not sure I believe it, but it is so widely told in the family that I better include it. [Holly's](#) great-great-great-great grandfather was a wealthy Polish nobleman. We do not know his name, but it would be in the Iwanowicz line, in column 4 of the chart on the last page here. That means he probably lived in the 1700's. Well, he and his wife were killed during one of the routine Russian military campaigns of the era. His son was hidden from the murdering Russians by a peasant couple, who raised him with the name Iwanowicz, which means Johnson in Russian. The family legend does not tell us the first name of this son. I figure it would be [John](#) (Jan), if the story is true. The son grew up and showed the family estate to his son [Frank](#), but he dared not breathe the family name for fear of Russian retribution. Frank told this story to his son, [Stanley](#), who told it to his son, our Uncle Chet. Uncle Chet had no son; we better pass the story on for him.

[Frank Iwanowicz](#) & [Eve Pawlak](#)

Frank (Franciszek) was a Polish soldier in the Russian Army. He and his wife Eve (Ewa) Pawlak actually had two families, one before and one after he was gone fighting for 6 years.

Frank was a house builder. When he was young, he was an able provider, at least for the standards of his time. His savings were all lost, however, during one of the Russian invasions. As a result, he warned his descendants about "baskets of money" that can be worthless when there is no food to buy.

Three of Frank & Eve's children emigrated to the US. Their son [Stanley](#) regularly sent money from America to his wife [Rosalie](#), so she could join him. She shared some with her parents, the Piszewski's. She also shared with her in-laws the Iwanowicz's, with whom she lived. Eventually, the Piszewski's moved in with the Iwanowicz's.

My aunt [Felek](#) (Felixia), Rosalie's daughter, lived with them. Later, when Felek moved to the US, she remembered fondly her young life with four grandparents. She was particularly fond of "dziadziu" Frank.

Frank was 85 years old when he died. Eve died at 83.

[Stanley Iwanowicz](#)

25 Mar 1878 - 26 Mar 1945

Stanley (Stanislaw), my grandfather, died when I was only a few months old, so I do not remember sitting in his lap in that picture.

Born in Sypniewo, Poland, he is the son of Frank and Eve.

The Polish name Stanislaw has a slash through the *l*, which means it is pronounced as a *w*. The *w* is pronounced as a *v*. The name is usually rendered Stanley in English, although Stanislaus is the literal translation.

Stanley, in his old age, told stories to his children from the nine years he was forced to serve in the Russian Imperial army.

When Stanley came to the United States he was 26 years old. He worked in the Pennsylvania coal mines for about a year when a back injury forced him to find work elsewhere. He went to Shelbourne Falls, Massachusetts to work on a farm for \$18 per month, \$10 of which he sent to his wife in Poland so that she could save up enough money to join him. In 1909 she

The Draft Dodger

In 1904 [Stanley Iwanowicz](#) was drafted by the czar to fight in the Russian Japanese war. But a few months before, he had just finished serving nine years in the Russian army! Now Stanley was newly married, living with his bride's family in Sypniewo, and had just planted a beautiful orchard there. His father had served 6 years in the Russian army. Stanley figured enough is enough and beat it to the US. In 1991, I was sitting in a Russian bar telling the story of my draft dodging grandfather to a group of Russians with whom I was doing business. Harry Rutstein, the Seattle importer who hired me for the trip, laughed. He told the story of his Lithuanian grandfather, who sold Lithuanian names to rich Russians to avoid that same draft. Harry's grandfather beat it here, too, when his name came up. A Russian businessman raised his vodka in a toast (in Russian): "Here's to your grandfathers, who were smarter than our grandfathers."

did join him in Holyoke (still farming) with their four year old daughter Felixia. They moved to Pittsfield where they owned and operated a butcher shop and general store. In 1915, they moved to Windsor, Massachusetts as farmers.

Rosalie and Stanley raised their children on that farm in Windsor. After Stanley died, she moved with her four sons to the Maple Grove Farm, also in Windsor. As a boy, I spent many Sundays and a couple summers on that dairy farm. My uncles [Chet](#),

[Poly](#), and [Alec](#) lived their adult lives there. Meanwhile, the old farm, where Stanley died, passed on to my aunt Wanda [Skrocki's](#) family; the farm is now a watershed for the city of Pittsfield. The other uncle, [Walter](#), moved from Maple Grove to his own farm in Richmond.

Stanley and Rosalie have 8 children, 29 grandchildren, and 61 great grandchildren. My list of their great-great grandchildren is still growing.

Stanley and Rosalie are buried at the cemetery in Windsor, MA.

Pawlak

You may recognize Eve's last name. A Pawlak was once the prime minister of Poland.

The Iwanowicz roots are planted along the west bank of the Narew river in northern Poland. The Pawlak family lived in Rzechowo, southwest of Sypniewo. Olszewnica, to the southeast, is the home village of the Pisiewski family.

[Adam Pawlak](#), Eve's grandfather, is our most distant known Pawlak ancestor. He was born about 1758. We do not know the maiden name of his wife, Agnes.

Rosalie Pisiewski

10 Feb 1886 - 29 Jan 1965

Stanley's wife Rosalie (Rozalia) is the daughter of [Anthony Piszewski](#) and [Marcy Ann Parzych](#). In Poland, the name is spelled with a "z" instead of an "i", but it sounds the same in Polish.

Rosalie met her future husband while she was singing from her song book. She was 17 years old. Stanley Iwanowicz was home on leave from the army. Rosalie had not seen him in several years. She hardly recognized him earlier that day when he showed up at the farm. A group of men were going around from farm to farm, helping with the harvest. Now, in the evening, they all got together to sing. He strolled up behind her and

started singing along, reading over her shoulder. When their eyes met, they fell in love. They were married that winter, February 1904, on Rosalie's 18th birthday. That's the way Rosalie told it, many years later, to my sister Helen Gwozdz Miller.

Babcia

My grandmother (babcia) [Rosalie](#) was a very intelligent woman. Although unschooled, she taught herself to read, but had difficulty with formal writing. (That's understandable for adults. I read somewhere that Charlemagne also taught himself to read as an adult but never could get the hang of writing. And he was smart enough to conquer the known world!)

Anyway, Babcia dictated letters to her smart young child, Stasia (later [Stella](#), my Mom). These letters to Poland were saved, I bet by [Frank's](#) wife. Mom's cousin [Frances](#) had them stored in a chest. Mom saw them when she visited Poland! Unfortunately, these letters were destroyed when the Piszewski home in Sypniewo burned in the late 1970's.

Rosalie, who emigrated to America in the early 1900's along with thousands of other Poles, dreamed of returning home someday. She never did. Clinging to her Polish roots, she did not apply for American citizenship.

She avoided using the English language. To her

Casey Pawlak

[Kazimierz \(Casimer\) Pawlak](#) is the son of Adam, father of my great grandmother Eve. It took me a very long time to work out the Pawlak family tree, because I could not find Casimer's death record. I needed that death record to get the name of his father and mother.

I studied the microfilms for months. One by one, I found what looks like a complete list of all 9 of his children. I found both his marriage records. It is sad. His first wife died. Most of his children died as infants. I figured Kaz died in the 1850's, but that book is missing from the microfilms. Finally, I double checked the death records. I noticed that the 1837 Gasewo death index is missing from the microfilms. Without the annual index, it is very difficult to study these records. During my first time through, I had skipped that year. Next, I spent 4 hours reading through each and every 1837 death record one by one. I was hoping Casey would not be there, because it wasn't fair that he should die at age 45 just one year after his youngest daughter Eve was born. But there he is. After all that involvement in his life, I was actually sad to have Casey die on me. I told my daughter Holly how sad I was, and she sent me a bereavement card. Funny thing: one month later, January 1997, a new microfilm appeared on the Mormon Microfilm index, for the Gasewo 1700's births. I found his birth: 1792. That was nice. For me, Casey Pawlak was born after he died.

last days, she pretended to not understand anything her grandchildren said in English. In this manner, she kept the Polish language alive in her family. On the other hand, she occasionally watched television and often read the Pittsfield newspaper.

Rosalie's Ancestors

Rosalie must have told many stories to her children about her family back in Poland. Most of those stories have been forgotten. Even her ancestors' names were forgotten, I found, when I phoned her children (then in their 70's and 80's) in 1993. But Felixia had told the names to her son [William](#), who wrote them down. Bill's paper resurfaced in 1994, and the names of John Pisiewski and Marcin Parzych came to the lips of their great-great-great grandchildren.

Parzych

There is a village by the name of Parzychy 28 miles northeast of Sypniewo. I wonder if our Parzych ancestors came from there? I found the death record for [Joseph Parzych](#), in Rzechowo, 6 miles southwest of Sypniewo. Joe's parents, Paul and Maryann, are named on his death record.

Paul and Maryann Parzych are our most distant known Parzych ancestors. They do not fit on the Pedigree Chart on the last page here. They go into a column on the left. That means they are Holly's 5-great grandparents. I know nothing else about Paul and Maryann. I guess they were born sometime around 1750.

Joseph (Jozef) Parzych, born in 1784, is one of our middle class ancestors. It is written in his death record that he was an innkeeper.

[Marcin](#) is a son of Joseph and his wife Katherine. Marcin was married twice. He was 43 years old when he married my great-great grandmother [Julianna Banasiak](#). Julianna was 25.

Banasiak

The Banasiak family moved to Olszewnica in the early 1800's. Olszewnica is a flood plain next to the Narew River. Today, it is all farmland. I guess 200 years ago it was a forest, because it is written in Julianna's marriage record that her late father [Andrew](#) was a "forest settler". Today there are only two houses and a half dozen barns in Olszewnica. Three miles from a paved road. I visited in 1998 with my son Dave.

We took a picture of the site where a Piszewski family had lived about 50 years ago. An old lady

remembers this family, probably cousins of my

My Mitochondrial Mom

All my mitochondria come from Frances, mother of Elizabeth Kolodziejczak. Mitochondria are the tiny globs in our cells that convert food into energy. So I guess you could say I get my energy from Frances.

Mitochondria are a lot like bacteria. They have a membrane wall. They live outside the nucleus. They have their own separate genes. They grow. They multiply by splitting, without any sex. We each get our mitochondria from our mother's egg cell. No help from males. Frances Kolodziejczak is my mother's-mother's-mother's-mother's-mother's mother. Her maiden name was not written in the records that I found; I think perhaps she did not have a family name before she married Wawrzyniec Kolodziejczak.

Most of our genes come equally from all our ancestors. The mitochondria genes are an exception.

I cannot pass on my energy. My children get their mitochondria from Nina Ripley, the bottom name on the pedigree chart, last page.

grandmother.

Benedict and Maryann

The way I figure it, Benedict and Maryann did not have family names. They were a married couple in Magnuszewo Kotowe, which is a small village in the parish of Szelkow. That village of Olszewnica, where my grandmother was born, is also in the Szelkow parish.

When Benedict and Maryann lived, about 1720 to 1780, it was very common for peasant folks to have only one name. In the 1700's, people in northern Poland decided it was proper for everyone to have a family name, so that is when the last of the Polish names originated. At first, from 1780 to 1800, the children of Benedict and Maryann used the name Bajtko.

I think Banasiak is more appropriate. One son of Benedict agreed with me. Although he named his other children Bajtko, on 15 Jan 1788, Franciszek son of Benedict and Maryann had his youngest daughter baptized with the name Katherine Banasiak, and so it is written in the record books. Katherine's cousins born in the 1780's and 1790's, however, received the name Bajtko. One of her cousins, [Andrew](#), our ancestor, was baptized Bajtko.

The youngest of the Bajtko cousins, grandchildren of Benedict and Maryann, was born Bajtko in 1777. Later, those grandchildren started to have their

children. The first two, born 1803 and 1805, were named Bajtko. After them, all the rest were named with the Banasiak family name. Our ancestor Andrew, the one I mentioned as a forest settler in Olszewnica, was born Bajtko but named all his children Banasiak.

I do not know if it was common for Polish families around 1800 to use different names while they decided which name is best.

We do know that the name "Banasiak" means "family of Benedict", so it was appropriate for Andrew to switch to using this name. This name, and names like Banaszkeiwicz are common in northern Poland. I guess the people in northern Poland around 1800 liked long names. In southern Poland, I guess people liked shorter names, like Banas, for "family of Benedict". Perhaps my father's mother from south Poland, Blanche Banas, also has a long forgotten ancestor named Benedict.

You probably wonder how I figured all this out. It was very difficult. I have lots of proof in [my full book](#). I found the best proof last: On 25 Feb 1810, Apolonia Bajtko was married. It is written in her record that the two witnesses were her brother Joseph Bajtczak age 38, and her paternal uncle Joseph Banasiak, age 56. The Polish word for a paternal uncle, "stryia", is used in the record. There is no explanation why her brother and uncle had different family names than hers. Maybe it was not uncommon. Yes, the family was also using the name Bajtczak, but to Poles, that's just a variation of Bajtko. Anyway, that uncle Joe, born Bajtko, is our ancestor; he is the father of that Andrew the forest settler baptized Bajtko but switched to Banasiak. Our [Andrew](#) is in column 4 on the last page here.

6 - Great Grandparents

Never did I think when I started this genealogy hobby that I would find any of my great - great - great - great - great grandparents' names. But so far I have found 6 of them! They are all in the Piszewski - Parzych branch. For Holly, these people are 6 - great grandparents, so they go in column 6, which I did not include in this short version.

Although I surely found the easier ones first, I bet there are more names in the microfilms waiting to be figured out. Maybe even one for column 7?

OK. That finished [my](#) side of the family. Next, the side of [Barbara West](#), my wife:

[Andrew West](#), 15 Mar 1799 - 31 Jul 1873

Andrew West was born in North Carolina. He married Sarah McAtee when he was 24 years old. She was 18. They moved to Indiana in 1830, living at first near Princeton and ending up about 1855 in Madison, where they spent the rest of their lives.

[Sarah McAtee](#), 23 Dec 1805 - 4 Jun 1889

Sarah was also born in North Carolina. Her parents, [Zachariah McAtee](#) and Susannah Leatherman, came from Maryland. Zachariah McAtee was 70 years old when he moved to Indiana with the Wests. Susannah was 55.

Andrew, Sarah, Zachariah, and Susannah each lived well past 70. All four are buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Madison Township, Pike County, Indiana.

Sarah and Andrew West have twelve children. I can appreciate how busy Sarah must have been, because my mother also had twelve children. In addition, the Wests adopted several orphan relatives and raised them, too.

Andrew Jr., their youngest son, was born July 1856. Andrew Sr. was 57 years old. Sarah was 51.

Andrew and Sarah have lots of descendants. There are more than 7 pages of them listed in my notes. I received most of these names from Carol Frainer, who is a 4th cousin of my daughter Holly. Carol sent me these names on floppy disks. There are lots more names; I did not copy the names of all of Holly's 4th and 5th cousins into my notes. Carol got this information from Natalie Robling, who did the genealogical research. Natalie's husband Dale is a 4th cousin of my wife. I made up a term for us: Natalie and I are "4th cousins twice in-law".

I heard about Carol Frainer through Jim Moore, a 2nd cousin of my wife [Barbara](#). Jim, Carol, and Natalie are all descendants of Andrew and Sarah West. So is my wife Barb. My wife has never met them. Barb and I spoke on the phone with Jim, Carol, and Natalie.

[Zachariah West](#), Apr 1836 - 28 Nov 1909

Zachariah, the fifth child of Andrew and Sarah West, was born when they were living near Princeton. Zachariah lived near Princeton until he was over 50.

When he was 27, he married Margaret Loveless. They have three children. Margaret died of typhoid when Enos, their youngest, was less than two years old. Margaret was only 27 when she died.

Millions of years before [Zachariah](#) and Lawrence came to Stoddard county, it was the south shore of the continent. The Mississippi river deposited all that fill to the south that is now called Arkansas and Mississippi. The soft fill keeps settling, producing earthquakes. The earthquakes at New Madrid are the most severe in the Midwest.

Thousands of years before Zachariah and Lawrence came to Essex, the Mississippi River flowed through the area. The high ground to the west, now called Gray Ridge, was the cliff overlooking the river. In an ancient earthquake, the Mississippi changed course at what is now Cairo Illinois, flowing into what was then the Ohio river bed; the Mississippi still flows there today, joining its ancient path in Arkansas. The abandoned river bed in Stoddard filled with silt and sand, forming a huge cypress forest swamp.

Zachariah West cut up those cypress trees. Lawrence West drained that swamp. Essex is now a very productive flat farming area.

Three years later, on 15 Jun 1871, Zachariah married Anneta Baret. Zach was 35; his bride was 34.

[Anneta Baret](#), 9 Feb 1849 - 5 May 1913

Anneta is the daughter of [Richmond](#) and Hannah Baret. As a young woman, she had been married to Mr Bilderback. All 5 of Anneta's children were born during her second marriage, to Zach West. A year after Zach died, Anneta married a third time, to O.K. Defendall.

Zachariah and Anneta moved to Essex, Stoddard County, Missouri in 1888. The trip was by covered wagon. Zach bought and sold several parcels of land over a twenty year period, ending up on a small farm south of Essex.

In addition to working the land, Zachariah owned and operated a saw mill. After his death, Emory, Anneta's oldest son, took over the saw mill and ran it for many years.

Zachariah died on his farm, 73 years old. He and Anneta are both buried not far away, at Taylor Cemetery.

[Lawrence West](#), 24 Jan 1881 - 10 Aug 1954

Lawrence was only 7 when he took that long, long ride in the covered wagon. He moved with his parents Zachariah and Anneta from his birthplace, Princeton Indiana. The countryside near Essex Missouri was his new home. He lived there the rest of his life. His granddaughter, [Barbara West](#), my wife, was born in Essex.

Lawrence married [Bessie Baird](#) 20 Jun 1907.

Lawrence West was a dredger for many years. He worked for weeks at a time on the steam powered shovels that drained the swamps in Stoddard County. The equipment floated in the water as it dug the ditches that still move water to the south today. Once,

Lawrence worked for months on dredging operations in Louisiana.

Lawrence also worked for many years as a section foreman for the railroad. He was quite handy, working off and on as a carpenter and as a mechanic in addition to doing a little farming.

With all his wandering jobs, Lawrence was not home very much. Somehow, he and Bessie managed to have 12 children. Funny how that number keeps coming up. There are probably ten different families in my genealogy book with an even dozen.

One day the cook fell overboard. Lawrence dove off the dredge and saved her from drowning. It was quite a chore, because she weighed well over 200 pounds!

Lawrence and Bessie West have 31 grandchildren. I have more than 60 great grandchildren listed for them in my full book; surely there are more; these are second cousins of my daughter, Holly.

[Ernest Zachariah West](#), son of Lawrence, was born in Essex and lived there until 1987. My father-in-law Ernest lived the last 10 years with his wife Ruby next door to us. Their granddaughter, Holly, was the inspiration for this genealogy.

[Lawrence West](#) did not have a middle name, but he used the initial A. "You must obey me" he warned his children, "because I am the L. A. W.!"

Lawrence and [Bessie](#) are buried at the Essex Cemetery. Ernest and Ruby are buried at the same family plot. Our whole family

visited the cemetery when Ernest died.

Let's go back now and cover the in-law families:

McAtee

Patrick Macketee was probably born near Glasgow Scotland around 1652. Patrick married a woman named Rosamond, who was also born around 1652. They are the most distant West family ancestors that we can name. It seems Pat and Rosey had 6 children in Scotland.

Patrick Macketee and Rosamond do not fit on the Pedigree Chart on the last page here; they go into column 8.

In 1690, a ship with 200 Scotsmen came to Maryland. No names were recorded, but perhaps Patrick Macketee was one of those Scots. Perhaps his wife and children came to Maryland a few years later.

James Warner Robling figured all this out. James is not positive this is all correct. James, another 4th cousin of my wife Barbara, wrote a book "McAtee Family". All this McAtee information is copied from Robling's book. You should read Robling's book for more details.

Patrick Macketee wrote his will 5 October 1716. Rosamond wrote her will 3 March 1717. James Robling copied the 2 wills into his book. In his will, Patrick split his tobacco plantation among his 3 sons. Apparently, Patrick died in 1717; Rosamond died in 1719.

Pat and Rosey lived in Charles County Maryland, near where there is now a small town called Pomfret. It is not too far south of Washington DC, on the east side of the Potomac River.

Edmund Charles MacCatee built his house and plantation on the north side of his father's land before his father died. His father's will acknowledged that Edmund inherited the north third.

Edmund, the first born of Patrick and Rosamond, was probably born in Scotland around 1675. (Robling figures birth years from ages that people gave for land purchases and for other legal documents. These documents are available in genealogical libraries.) Ed was probably a teenager when he immigrated to America with his mother.

The name of Edmund's first wife does not show up on any documents. His 2nd wife is Mary Nevitt.

Edmund and his two brothers lived their lives on the land settled by their father. They too were tobacco farmers.

Edmund did very well. His will is dated 15 Sep 1764. In addition to land, furniture, and a long list of farm animals, he owned 10 Negroes and 6 feather

beds. I guess that means his family lived in a 6 bedroom house.

1764 is before the United States was formed.

John MacCatee is the 2nd son of Edmund, by his first wife. Yes, they spelled their name lots of ways. I am copying the spelling that each person used for his will. John was born in Maryland about 1704.

The name of John's wife is not known. John

Four Zachariah's

Nancy Wade's father is Zachariah Wade, probably born about 1700. Zachariah was also a plantation owner in Maryland about the time of the Revolutionary War. We are not certain his daughter married John McAtee Jr., but if she did, then Zachariah Wade is an ancestor. John Jr. has a son [Zachariah McAtee](#), born about 1761, perhaps named after his grandfather. Andrew West has a son [Zachariah West](#), born 1836, no doubt named after his grandfather Zachariah McAtee. Lawrence West has a son, [Ernest Zachariah West](#), born 1911, no doubt his middle name is after his grandfather Zachariah West. Wow! What a string of Zach's! Every other generation.

also lived his life in Charles County, having 6 children.

Their third son is John. On at least one document, he signed as John McAtee Jr. John Jr. was born about 1730. He served in Capt. William McPherson's Militia during the Revolutionary War. It is not certain, but it seems he married Nancy Wade.

John and Nancy have 6 children. They moved from Maryland to Roan County, North Carolina about 1781. Their youngest child was born in NC.

Their 2nd is [Zachariah McAtee](#). Zach married Susannah (Suky) Leatherman in Roan County on 9 Nov 1798. They have 7 children. I mentioned above that [Sarah](#), the 4th child of Zach and Suky, married [Andrew West](#). Apparently, Zachariah moved to Indiana alone, then sent for his wife and younger children later. Perhaps they came with Andrew and Sarah? Zachariah did OK; he purchased and sold land often. Apparently, he could read and write; he signed his name. Susannah signed with an "X".

Leatherman

Hans Dewalt Lederman was born in Germany. He married Maria Engel. They lived near Mattstall. Eight of their children were born in Germany.

Hans does not fit on the Pedigree Chart on the last page here. He and Maria are in column 6. That means they are 6-great grandparents of my daughter Holly.

All this information on the Leatherman family comes from the book "McAtee Family" by James Warner Robling.

On 27 Sep 1727, the ship James Goodwill, David Crockett, master, from Rotterdam, arrived in Philadelphia. Tewalt Leatherman was on that ship with his family. The next day, his name was recorded as Hans Depelt Lederman at the court for allegiance.

The youngest son of Hans and Maria was born 3 years later in Germantown Pennsylvania.

The 2nd youngest son is Nicholas (Johann Nickel). Nick married a woman named Elizabeth, who apparently sometimes went by Anna Maria. They moved to Maryland sometime after their first daughter was born. Their youngest daughter, Susannah, was born in North Carolina, where she married [Zachariah McAtee](#). We already told their story.

John Baird, 1666 Scotland - 1755 NJ

This John Baird is mentioned often on the web, where it is claimed that he was born 4 Mar 1666 in Liberton Scotland, died Apr 1755, and was buried at the Topanemus cemetery in New Jersey. Good reference documents are cited as evidence for the birth and for the burial, but I could find no evidence that the John Baird of Liberton is the same John Baird that was buried at Topanemus.

I did very little independent research for [Barbara's](#) ancestors; most of what you see here and in [my book](#) came from the web, and from email communications with other genealogists. The exception is Baird; I started with a little research; that piqued my interest; I ended up doing a lot more research. The details are in [my book](#). Here is a brief summary:

The evidence for John Baird who is buried at Topanemus is quite common on the web. The gravestone is often mentioned. The gravestone inscription is quite elaborate, explaining that this John Baird came from Scotland at age 18. The oldest reference is a 1902 book by Symmes. Barbara came along with me on my 2004 business trip to NJ; we

took a day to visit the Topanemus cemetery; we found no John Baird gravestone. For several years I doubted the validity of the gravestone inscription because it is so elaborate; it seemed to me that the 1902 book mixed some speculative notes into the notes from the gravestone. In 2015 I finally made contact with St. Peter's Episcopal Church; they informed me that several broken stones were moved to the cellar of a chapel, because of vandalism at Topanemus cemetery in the 1960's. They emailed page 65 of a booklet from an Eagle Scout project; page 65 is a photo of the gravestone which is impossible to read, but the caption of the photo is similar (not exact) to the various different quotations you can find on the web for John Baird's stone. So we can be confident that the 1755 gravestone described on the web is for a John Baird who came from Scotland.

But I find no reasonable evidence this is the same John Baird as the one born at Liberton in 1666. None of the genealogy books that mention the 1755 gravestone mention Liberton. The oldest reference I could find claiming a Liberton birth was a batch of data submitted in to a Mormon genealogy database by Rose Baird (now deceased); that data was microfilmed in 1979. The Liberton baptismal records including 1666 were microfilmed in 1952. I verified the John Baird 4 Mar 1666 baptism in one of those films. It seems to me Rose found that John Baird baptism in the 1970's and speculated that this might be the same John Baird who ended up at Topanemus. However, there are several John Baird baptisms in those microfilms, and there are more John Bairds in other microfilms, and of course most villages in Scotland do not have surviving 17th century records. So it seems to me that the specific connection of John Baird 1666 to John Baird 1755 is possible but unlikely.

Barbara came along with me on my 2005 business trip to Europe; we took a vacation in Scotland. I determined that the originals of the old record books for Liberton parish are stored at New Register House, downtown Edinburgh. We visited. Professional genealogists were available there for discussion; they verified that most records from the 1660's are lost, and that many families back then did not register for baptisms, so a common name like John Baird cannot be confidently assigned to any particular record without more information.

Liberton is now part of Gilmerton, which is in the south part of metropolitan Edinburgh. Barbara

and I stayed in Liberton one night at the Thistle Bed & Breakfast, 111 Drum Street.

Andrew Baird, 1700 - Oct 1773

Andrew is a son of John Baird, according to the web. He lived in New Jersey. I have not personally checked the source references to see if this assignment is well documented. My brief study gave me the impression that it might take quite a bit of research to maybe find documentation that this Andrew is in fact a son of the John Baird buried at Topanemus.

Ezekiel Baird, 1737? NJ - 10 Mar 1831

I did check the source documents for Ezekiel; there is reasonable documentation that he is an ancestor of my wife Barbara. Ezekiel is named in Andrew's will, establishing confidence that Andrew is also an ancestor.

Ezekiel is not on the last page here because he falls into column 6 in [my book](#). His son Bedent E. Baird falls into column 5, which is just to the left of column 4 on the last page here.

Ezekiel was born about 1737 in NJ and moved to Valle Crucis NC. I found his house, "Baird House", on the web as a bread and breakfast inn. I arranged a vacation for 4 of us to stay there: Barbara, her sister and husband, and me. The Baird cemetery is on a hill behind the house. Some web sources claim that Ezekiel died 10 Mar 1831 and is buried at that cemetery, but there is no stone for him there. Other sources, including a 1918 book, say that Ezekiel "went west and died". I have not researched this question enough to give my own opinion.

[Alexander Baird, 1804 - 1884](#)

Alexander is a grandson of Ezekiel. Alexander lived in the Baird House and has a gravestone in that cemetery.

[Jerome Baird, May 1852 - 1906?](#)

[America Shields, 3 Mar 1861 - 18 Nov 1929](#)

Jerome Baird, grandson of Alexander, married America Shields in Nov 1880. The bride was 19 years old.

America Elizabeth Shields, daughter of [Robert Shields](#), was born in Iowa. She spent her childhood principally in Ray and Carrol Counties, Missouri.

In 1884, Jerome and America moved to south-eastern Indiana, where they lived in Posy, Pike, and Gibson counties until January, 1905, at which time they came to Essex, Missouri, where their children lived. America lived her last 24 years in Essex.

When she was 16, America Shields was converted and united with the Baptist church of Carillon, Missouri. For most of her life, however, she was not particularly religious. Then, in 1908, when she was 47 years old, she was reunited with her religion at a revival meeting, and was a devout Baptist for the rest of her life, as recorded in her obituary by her blind son [John](#), a Baptist preacher. [Barbara](#) remembers John reading to her from a Braille book when she was a girl.

America and Jerome have 8 children, 3 of whom died as infants.

America is buried in Essex Cemetery. She was separated from her husband in her later years. We do not know where Jerome lived his later years.

[Bessie Baird, 12 May 1890 - 7 Dec 1957](#)

Bessie, a daughter of Jerome and America Baird, was born near Vincennes, Indiana. When she married Lawrence West, she was just a month over 17 years old. She died at home at the age of 67. She is buried in the Dexter Cemetery, near Essex, Missouri.

[Barbara](#) remembers her grandmother Bessie very well.

The Crawford Name

Crawford is an old Irish & Scott name. There was an Irish emigration from Ireland to Holland before the Holland Dutch emigrated to New Amsterdam, America. New Amsterdam was renamed New York in 1664. There were Crawfords in both those migrations, and they lived with the Dutch. So our Crawfords are an Irish - Dutch - American line.

[Isaac Genoa Crawford, 1808 - 1890?](#)

Isaac's family moved from New York to Pennsylvania to Indiana. Isaac married [Sarah Shroyer](#) in Pennsylvania. They moved to the region of Lawrenceville, Illinois, where they lived for the rest of their lives. Isaac and Sara have eight children.

Isaac was a prominent citizen of Lawrenceville, involved in many real estate and legal affairs. He was the executor of the will of his father in law, [Daniel Shroyer](#). Isaac's last real estate deal was when he was 81 years old.

Robert and Josiah, sons of Isaac G. Crawford, served in the civil war, on the North side.

Robert Oliver Crawford served with Company B, of the 88th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers; on 5 April, 1864, he was appointed First Sergeant.

Josiah Crawford, 20 Dec 1842 - 22 Jun 1916

Josiah was born when Isaac and Sarah were living in Clinton County, Indiana. In the Civil War, Josiah served in company B, 63rd Infantry, Indiana Volunteers.

Josiah married [Louisa Dart](#). They lived on her father's farm in Lawrence County, Illinois. Josiah and Louisa have three children: Martha, Robert, and Isaac.

In 1886, they bought a farm in Ezell about three and a half miles southwest of Dexter, Stoddard County, Missouri, and lived the rest of their days there. Josiah was a very successful farmer.

After his death, Josiah's farm was divided among his children, in three sections of about 40 acres each. Isaac lived in the family home. Martha and her husband built a home on their section. Eventually, all three children sold their sections, so Crawfords no longer live on that farm.

In 1997, our family visited the rolling hills where Josiah's farm used to be.

[Ralph Dodson](#) wrote a genealogy book, *The Browns of Obion County And Their Kin*. Ralph was married to Berdie Louise Crawford, daughter of Josiah's son Robert. Most of this *History* of the Crawfords, Shroyers, and Darts comes from Dodson's book. Dodson interviewed many of the relatives, especially his father in law, [Robert G Crawford](#), who had an excellent memory.

Josiah and Louisa are buried at Ezell Cemetery.

Isaac Wesley Crawford, 9 Jun 1879 - 25 Sep 1956

The youngest child of Josiah and Louisa Crawford, Isaac Wesley Crawford was born when the family lived in Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Isaac married [Mary Majors](#) in 1907. They have five children. Their daughter [Ruby](#) is the mother of my wife Barbara. Ruby's brother Wilford lived in Texas.

[Josiah Crawford](#) loved practical jokes. So did his father in law, Amor Dart. In the battle to one up each other, they ended up not getting along very well. Finally, Amor, unable to stand his son in law any longer, offered to pay out his daughter's inheritance in advance, on the condition that Josiah leave the state. That's how the Crawford family ended up in southeast Missouri.

[Josiah's](#) horse team knew the way home. They had to. Josiah, who liked to drink, often fell asleep in the wagon and let the horses bring him home. On June 22nd, 1916, the horses were frightened by something. The wagon tipped over onto Josiah near the corner of Chautauqua Avenue and One Mile Road, Dexter, Missouri, killing him. Exactly 81 years later, I took a photo of his great granddaughter, [Barbara West](#), standing next to the road sign at the corner of Chautauqua and One Mile Road.

Isaac's family suffered untimely deaths. A daughter Nina died as a child. A son Josiah Larkin died as a young adult. Isaac's wife Mary died when the youngest, Lila, was a baby. Lila was raised in Arkansas by Wilford and Martha Majors.

Isaac later remarried, to Elizabeth Davis.

Isaac was a very large man, both in height and girth. My father in law, Ernest, long remembered the trepidation with which he approached Isaac to ask the hand of Ruby in marriage.

Isaac worked for many years as a line man for the telephone company.

Isaac and Mary Majors Crawford are both buried in Ezell Cemetery.

Daniel Shroyer, 1790? - 12 Dec 1865

This completes the history of the Crawford family line. We return now to nineteenth century Lawrence

County, Illinois, where the Crawford, Shroyer, and Dart families lived. Shroyer is probably a German name.

Daniel Shroyer's family, like Isaac Crawford's, came to Illinois from Pennsylvania. Daniel has eight children. His daughter Sarah married [Isaac G. Crawford](#); we already covered their history

above. Daniel, like Isaac, was a prominent citizen of Lawrenceville. He was quite the patriarch; a son and four grandsons are named Daniel.

Daniel's will was recorded 3 Nov 1865, just before he died. His will names his son in law, Isaac G. Crawford, as the executor. One of the witnesses is Amor Dart. Daniel is buried at Bunker Hill Cemetery, near the Dart farm.

We know very little about [Sarah Shroyer](#), daughter of Daniel, mother of Josiah Crawford.

Amor Dart, Dec 1812 - 5 Sep 1890

The name Dart comes from Dort, a Dutch name. History tells us that some Dutch moved from New York to North Carolina to escape British persecution. Our Dart line moved on to Illinois.

Amor Dart was born in North Carolina. Another prominent citizen of Lawrence County, he was a

farmer. His photograph appears in Dodson's genealogy book.

His farm is just south of Bunker Hill Cemetery and School, and a few miles south of Lawrenceville, Illinois, near what is now Highway #1. In the 1970's, his grandson, Jess Litherland, was still running that same farm. I wonder if Jess's family still lives there?

Amor married [Delilah Ramsey](#). They have seven children.

Amor is buried at Bunker Hill, near his farm.

[Louisa Dart](#), 6 Nov 1843 - Feb 1918

Louisa, daughter of Amor Dart and Delilah Ramsey, married [Josiah Crawford](#).

[Tobias Decker Ramsey](#), 20 Dec 1788 - 9 Dec 1857

Margaret Cutler, 10 Apr 1792 - 12 Dec 1845

Tobias is the son of Allen Ramsey and Barbara Decker, born when they lived in Ohio. He married Margaret Cutler on 12 Jul 1812, the same year as that little war with England. Margaret was born in Franklin, Indiana.

Tobias and Margaret lived in Vincennes, Indiana, where they started their family of 9 children. They moved to Illinois. Tobias is buried in St Francisville, Illinois. Margaret is buried at Bunker Hill.

[Delilah Ramsey](#), 25 Aug 1813 - 6 Apr 1860

Delilah was the oldest child of Tobias and Margaret Cutler Ramsey. She married Amor Dart. We already told their history.

Isaiah Magers

[Larkin Magers](#), 1779 - 1872

Mary Slaughter, 1781 - 1870

That finishes the Ramsey - Decker History. Next, we jump to Tennessee and pick up the family line for Mary Majors, wife of [Isaac W. Crawford](#):

Isaiah Magers moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in the late 1700's. He settled in Elkton, Lincoln County. His son Larkin married Mary Slaughter. Larkin and Mary, who lived their life in

Ruby Louisa is the second child of [John L. Magers](#). Like so many of her brothers and sisters, she died young, at age six, in 1891. Years later, in 1914, her sister Mary had a daughter. Mary named her daughter [Ruby Louisa](#), in memory of her sister.

That second Ruby is the mother of my wife, [Barbara](#). Ruby, whose mother died when she was only five, did not know she had been named after her aunt. She found out in 1994, at age 80, when I received this genealogical information.

There is a continuous string of six sons named John Magers. [John Talmadge Harris Magers](#) is the first. His grandson John Talmadge Magers, or John III, is a son of [John Larkin Magers](#), or John Jr. John IV, son of John III, is the father of Glenda Edwards, who gave me all this information. Glenda's brother, John Talmadge Magers V, has a son, John Magers VI.

Tennessee, have six children. Some children moved to Texas and some moved to Arkansas.

I have a copy of a photograph of Larkin. It was copied and mailed to me by his great-great-granddaughter, Glenda Edwards. Glenda provided information on the Magers family and also copies of photographs of Mary Slaughter, and of their son John.

[John T. Magers](#), 15 Feb 1831 - 6 Nov 1880

Mary Hindman, 26 Dec 1830 - 26 Dec 1864

John Talmadge Harris Magers, youngest child of Larkin and Mary, was married four times.

Mary Hindman is the mother of his 5 children. She was born and died in Elkton. I found this on the web, in Ancestral File. After Mary's death, John T. Magers moved to Poinsette County, Arkansas, living near Harrisburg. He built the county's first cotton gin and served as the county clerk.

He was murdered in his bed. He was scheduled to

perform an audit on an individual the next night. He had taken that individual home the night he was

murdered. Maybe that individual, whose name I do not have, killed him. The case was never solved.

[John L. Magers](#), 1 Jun 1860 - 26 Feb 1936

Nina Ripley, 20 Jan 1857 - 20 Jan 1894

John Larkin Magers, the youngest child and only son of John T. Magers, married Nina Ripley. Nina is the mother of five of his eleven children. We know very little about Nina. The five children were born while they lived in Harrisburg. John's second wife, and her child, both died less than three years after Nina. John has six more children, by his third wife, Mary Hinshaw.

Although John lived to the age of 76, death struck his family mercilessly. Only four of his eleven children lived past 17, and Mary died at age 36.

[Mary Magers](#), 10 Apr 1883 - 4 Mar 1919

Mary, oldest child of John Larkin Magers and Nina Ripley, was born near Harrisburg, Arkansas. She married [Isaac W. Crawford](#) in Malden Missouri, not very far away. Mary died in the flu epidemic of 1919.

Gwozdz

- [Michal](#) (Michael) 1765? - 20 Jun 1830 Poland. m Jadwiga Gut (1770? - 23 Mar 1821)
- . Teresa 6 Oct 1795 - 26 Nov 1847 (Knap). m 15 Nov 1820 Michal Szumor (1792)
- . . Agata 1822 - 25 Aug 1822
- . *. * 2m 20 Sep 1829 Jan Padykula
- . . children??
- . Maryanna 22 Dec 1797. m Michal Robak
- . . 3 children known
- . Tomasz 10 Dec 1799
- . Rozalia 24 Sep 1802 - 19 Dec 1809
- . Zofia 17 May 1805 - 16 Aug 1805
- . Katarzyna 29 Oct 1806 - 1 Jul 1807
- . [Wojciech](#) (Adelbert) 13 Apr 1810 - 1875. m 9 Nov 1835 [Katarzyna Gula](#)
- . . [Maciej](#) (Matthew) 9 Feb 1837 - 1918? Wadowice Dolne, Poland. m 20 Feb 1865 [Maryanna Kmiec](#)
- . . . Aniela 11 May 1867 - ? 2nd m 24 Jan 1891 Jozef Topor (1863 - ?). Chicopee MA
- 6 children all Chicopee MA
- . . . Jozef 24 Dec 1869 Wadowice Dolne Poland - 1934 Cohoes NY.
- 9 children all NY state
- . . . Michal 29 Aug 1872 - 1945. m 21 Nov 1906 Karolina Poczatek (2 Oct 1888 - 19 Dec 1934)
- 7 children all Poland
- Anna 7 Jun 1910 - July 2005. lived in Mielec, Poland. I visited her
- [Edward](#) lived in the ancestral cottage
- Anna 14 Feb 1875 - ? m Kazimierz Kolano. liv Poland
- 4 children all Poland
- Jan 15 Sep 1877. m 7 Jan 1901 Chicopee MA, Agnieszka Gula
- children??
- . . . Wojciech 12 Mar 1880 - 24 Mar 1938 Chicopee Falls MA. m 25 Sep 1906 Chicopee Falls, Julia Kozak
- 4 children all Chicopee
- . . . Stanislaw 23 Mar 1883. never m. lived in US
- . . . [Piotr](#) Maciej (Peter Matthew) 6 Apr 1885 Wadowice Dolne - 23 Feb 1956 Adams MA
- m 3 Feb 1909 Adams, [Bronislawa Banas](#)
- Mary (Maryanna Malgorzata) 17 Jul 1910 Adams, MA - 14 Jul 2000 Tuscon AZ. m Alfred Davies(1911-2001)
- Alfred 13 Jan 1948 - 14 Jul 2005 Tuscon
- Felicia (Phil)(Felicja H.) 23 Oct 1911 Adams - 22 Dec 1996 Pittsfield MA. never m
- Kassie (Kasimiera Josephine) 10 Mar 1913, Adams - 4 Jan 1999. m 12 Oct 1943 Frank Murphy (1911-1985)
- [Stanley](#) (Stanislaw Franciszek) 2 Jan 1915 - 5 Aug 1978 Adams, MA. m 26 Jul 1941 [Stella Iwanowicz](#)
- . **Author:** . [Peter](#) Stanley 11 Nov 1944 m 16 Aug 1969 Essex MO, [Barbara West](#)
- [Holly](#) Joanna 23 Aug 1974. m 23 Apr 1994. Inspired this genealogy
- Frances Mary 22 Jul 1947 - 28 Oct 2012 Florida. m 18 Sep 1976
- Jane Elizabeth 19 Feb 1949 - 1 Oct 2009. m 29 Oct 1982
- Mark Francis 27 Jul 1956 - 4 Apr 1995. never m
- Joseph (Jozef Benedykt) 28 Oct 1916 - 10 Apr 1988. m 29 Jan 1957 Edith Linnea Morris (? - 13 Jan 1990)
- Helen (Helena Cecylia) 23 Dec 1918 - 5 Feb 2007 Adams. m 23 Apr 1946 Roman Armata (18 Oct 1915)
- [Joseph](#) 3 Dec 1953. A major contributor to this genealogy
- Joanna (Joan) Rose 8 Aug 1920 - 21 Dec 2015. m 29 May 1950 Anthony Bodzioch (11 Jan 1918-2014)
- Joseph Paul 9 Sep 1959 - 25 Dec 1986. m Sheryl (? - 25 Dec 1986)
- Cecelia (Cecylja Agnieszka) 12 Mar 1925 - 3 May 2004. m 28 Dec 1948 Joseph Thomas Olsztyn (12 Mar 1924)
- Virginia (Winkie) Jadwiga 22 Jun 1927 - 1 Mar 2007. m 25 Jan 1951 William Carpenter (? - 16 Mar 1965)
- *. * Virginia's 2nd m 26 Aug 1977 Thomas Maguire
- . . [Andrzej](#) (Andrew) 12 Oct 1839 - 8 Mar 1924. 2nd child of Wojciech Gwozdz
- . . . 6 children Poland and USA
- . . . [Jozef](#) 26 Jan 1873 - 30 Dec 1958. m Helena Nida (? - 20 Jun 1950). lived Cheshire MA
- 7 children Cheshire MA; my father's 2nd cousins
- Josephine 7 Jun 1917 - 19 Mar 2004. m 23 Sep 1943 [Walter Iwanowicz](#)
- . . Maryanna 6 May 1841. m 21 Nov 1864 Michal Wachta
- . . . children??

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. . Jan 19 Mar 1843 - 1938? 3rd son of Wojciech Gwozdz & Katarzyna
 m 6 Nov 1872 Zofia Nowak (1851). They moved with their son John to New Bedford MA
 . . . 10 children All but two USA
 . . . Michal 18 Sep 1875 Wadowice Dolne. m 14 Jan 1901 Apolonia Kuna. Milkman, Chicopee MA
 Michaeline 1916 - 1992. m Placzek
 Paul Paul Placzek is my source of information for these descendants of Jan Gwozdz
 John 24 Feb 1882 - 17 May 1988. Farmer in Westport MA. m Mary Polchlopek (1884 - 1968)
 100 yrs old 23 Feb 1982 article in New Bedford "Standard Times" (has parents' age at death)
 1982 article: 29 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren
 . . Apolonia 1846. m 10 Nov 1869 Jozef Morytko (1845)
 . . Jozef 23 Nov 1848. m 26 Nov 1876 Anna Gula (1857)
 . . . 4 known children
 . . Michal 16 Sep 1851. m 12 Feb 1877 Maryanna Rydzowska (1851)
 . . . 3 known children
 . . Anna 6 Jan 1858. m 25 Nov 1874 Wojciech Turek (1850 - 1888?)
 . . . 4 children
 . . *_* Anna 2nd m 18 Jun 1890 Piotr Bigda
 . . . 2 children
 . . Piotr 27 Jan 1861. m 29 Aug 1883 Apolonia Piksa
 . . . 2 children
 _ Michal 2nd m 29 Jul 1821 Maryanna Szczek (1802)
 . Jozef 25 Feb 1823 - 10 Sep 1849. m 3 Feb 1846 Maryanna Rys
 . Apolonia 21 May 1829

Gula

[Blazej](#) 1770? m Malgorzata Nizioł (7 Mar 1785)
 . [Katarzyna](#) 26 Sep 1817 - 1880. m [Wojciech Gwozdz](#)
 . Jan 1826. m 20 Feb 1866 Katarzyna Morytka (1832)

Kmiec

[Jozef](#) (Joseph) 1760. 2m 23 May 1803 Maryanna Ogorzalek (1784)
 . [Wojciech](#) (Adelbert) 11 Feb 1812 - 15 Nov 1855. m 13 Nov 1837 [Agnieszka Sypek](#)
 . . Jozef 1840? Wadowice Dolne. m Katarzyna Bida
 . . . Agnieszka 6 Oct 1861
 . . . Maryanna 6 Aug 1863. No death note, but maybe she died, same name next child.
 . . . Maryanna 29 Apr 1865
 . . . Jan 14 Apr 1869
 . . . Ludwika 4 Aug 1870 - 21 Aug 1870
 . . . Apolonia 26 Nov 1872 - 16 Dec 1872
 . . *_* Jozef 2m 1873 Marianna Lesniak
 . . Wojciech 1844. m 17 Nov 1869 Wiktorya Ciula
 . . . Two Kmiec brothers lived together, on Weber street, Adams MA. It is not known which Kmiec is their father.
 . . . thin mechanic m. no children. I'll just put these 2 here so I do not forget them
 . . . chubby tailor not married
 . . [Maryanna](#) 8 Aug 1846 - 1912? m [Maciej Gwozdz](#)
 . . Anna 1854. m 8 Feb 1878 Jan Sypek (1838)

Sypek

[Maciej](#) 1796? m 12 Nov 1820 Magdalena Bator (18 Jul 1802)
 . Apolonia 1819? - 10 Oct 1821. no, this one not ours
 . [Agnieszka](#) 1820? m [Wojciech Kmiec](#)
 . 2m 21 Jul 1855 Andrzej Sypek
 . Marcin 26 Nov 1825 - 27 Nov 1825

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Banas

Piotr (Peter)	28 Jun 1789 - 10 Jan 1825. m 26 Nov 1810 Niewodna Poland, Maryanna Wilusz (6 Sep 1791)
. Jan (John)	10 Dec 1812 - 26 Jan 1871. Wisniowa Poland. m 4 Nov 1834 Rozalia Balicka
. . Jozef (Joseph)	27 Nov 1835 - 29 Oct 1915. m Maryanna Wojcik
. . Apolonia	27 Jan 1838. One of Jan's daughters married Zarek, one married Jagodowski
. . Maryanna	24 Aug 1840
. . Franciszek (Francis)	3 Sep 1842 - 26 Jan 1919 Wisniowa Poland. m 3 Oct 1871 Katarzyna Zagorska
. . . Karolina	26 Jul 1872 - 1 Dec 1939 Wisniowa. m 23 Nov 1898 Wojciech Maslanka (23 Mar 1871)
. . . . Maryanna	14 Jan 1900 - 14 Jan 1900
. . . . Helena	3 Jun 1901. m 31 Jan 1923 Jozef Zagorski (31 Mar 1897). liv Szufnarowa
. . . . Edward	6 Mar 1908 - 21 Sep 1971 Wisniowa. m 29 Nov 1945 Helena Boruta (17 Sep 1923)
. . . . Franciszka	5 Apr 1910
. . . . Jan	1 May 1875 - 27 Dec 1937 Wisniowa. m US, Bronislawa Baran. Jan lived in US briefly.
.	I have a copy of the wedding picture of Jan & Bronislawa
. 2 children	buried in Adams, MA, Maple Street
. Felicja	27 Nov 1903 - 17 Feb 1981. lived Northhampton MA, USA
. Kazimiera	24 Jul 1907. m 30 Jul 1929 Piotr Miskiewicz (25 Feb 1901 Szufnarowa)
. Jozefa	8 Aug 1905 - 28 Apr 1945. Engaged, not married, at death.
. Henryk	26 Sep 1909 - 22 Dec 1989. m 26 Nov 1940 Czeslawa Wojcik (8 Mar 1914-31 Aug 2000)
. Maria	3 Aug 1912 - 1995? m 26 Oct 1938 Jozef Tokarski (30 Nov 1904 Szufnarowa)
. Wladyslawa	12 Feb 1915 - 1990? m Franciszek Godek
. Stanislaw	14 May 1923 - 1990? not m.
. . . . Jozef	8 Jun 1877 - 1945? Wisniowa. m 8 Feb 1905 Stefania Przystas (8 Jul 1888 - 24 Jun 1911)
. Maryanna (Maria)	22 Feb 1909. m 16 Nov 1927 Stanislaw Czaja
. *-*	Jozef 2nd m 30 Aug 1911 Eleonora Tatara (26 Aug 1887 Wisniowa)
. Emilia	11 Sep 1912 - ?. m 12 Jul 1939 Jozef Wojnar (6 Jul 1903 America - 11 Aug 1979)
. *-*	Jozef 3rd m 25 May 1919 Julia Czaja (22 Sep 1893 Niewodna - 9 Oct 1971 Wisniowa)
. Stanislaw	22 Dec 1921 - 29 Dec 1996. m 27 Oct 1947 Wladyslawa Biedron (1 Jul 1928) liv Wisniowa
. Felicja Katarzyna	22 Nov 1923. m 7 Jun 1955 Jan Polziec (26 Oct 1903 Rozanka)
. Czeslawa	7 Sep 1926. m 27 Oct 1948 Eugeniusz Balicki (17 Oct 1923 Jazowa - 1991). no children
. Boleslaw	9 Mar 1928. m 26 Oct 1955 Maria Zagorska (12 Apr 1923 Szufnarowa)
. Franciszek	? - 28 Nov 1944. I found this death in the records
. . . . Wladyslaw (Walter)	10 May 1879 Poland - 2 Feb 1961 Holyoke. m Sabina Sabik. liv Holyoke MA
. child	buried in Adams.
. Henryk	US
. Felicia	5 Apr 1902 - 1972. m Edmund Dymysza (12 Oct 1900 - 1973). She was a surgeon near Boston MA
. Frank	d in Holyoke
. William (Bolek)	d. La Mesa CA. m Ina
. Walter (Wladek)	d. Nashville TN
. Michael	d. lived Akron Ohio
. *-*	Wladyslaw's 2nd m (Helena) Apolonia Zajac
. Edmund	28 Nov 1916 - 1994. m Isabel Szewchynski (13 Apr 1918. liv Orleans MA. Provided info)
. Maryanna	2 Oct 1881 Poland - 7 Jun 1902 Adams. m Adam Przystas. She is in Walter's wedding picture
. Stefania (Stefcia)	10 Oct 1883 - 17 Jun 1902. The name Tekla is recorded in the Niewodna birth records.
. Stanislaw	1885? died at birth in Poland
. Bronislawa (Blanche)	23 May 1886 Wisniowa Poland - 21 Feb 1966 Adams. m Piotr Gwozdz
. Aniela	16 Jun 1888 Wisniowa - 10 Mar 1970 Pittsfield MA. never m. my "ciocia babcia"
. Eleonora (Leosia)	4 Apr 1890 - 6 Apr 1952 Wisniowa. m 18 Jun 1913 Wladyslaw Zarek (14 Mar 1887) lived at Wisniowa 27, Poland
. Kazimiera	28 Mar 1914 - 1997. m 4 Mar 1935 Michal Kolek. lived in Niewodna
. *-*	Eleonora's 2nd m 9 May 1920 Wojciech Zarek (17 Apr 1897 - 2 Dec 1964) Wojciech & Wladyslaw Zarek are brothers
. Emilia	11 Mar 1921. m 5 Jul 1950 Edward Wojcik (27 Jul 1919 Wisniowa)
. Tadeusz	21 Sep 1923 - 19 Dec 1975. m 9 Nov 1949 Maria Dlugosz (7 Jan 1924)
. Eugeniusz	16 Apr 1925 - ? m Irena. lived in Opole, 20 Zeleniogorska St.
. Zofia	5 Nov 1930. m 8 Jul 1954 Jan Balicki (19 Jun 1929 Wisniowa)

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. . . . Henryk ? - 1997. m Maria. liv Trzebinie
 Felicja (Feliksa) 26 Mar 1893 - 25 Aug 1951. twin of Anna. m 11 Feb 1920 Walter Myslakowski
 (Walter 28 Jan 1893?-5 Apr 1978)
 Wanda 16 Nov 1920 - 1 Jan Dec 1996 Hamtrack MI.
 Matt (Mieczyslaw) 10 Sep 1922 Detroit. - 23 Nov 2001
 Virginia 7 Aug 1924 Detroit. m 7 Aug 1948 Alphonse Chester Szymanski (13 Nov 1924-28 May 1990)
 Eleanor M 20 Feb 1931. m 14 Apr 1956 Robert A Wagner (18 Jun 1927)
 Walter George 23 Feb 1936 Argyle - May 1951 near Cass City MI.
 Anna 26 Mar 1893 - 13 Jun 1984. twin of Felicja. m 24 Nov 1920 Andrew Iwanski
 (Nov 1889 - Jun 1971). They lived Detroit; both children born there.
 Eugene (Eugeniusz) 30 Aug 1921 - 23 Feb 1998. not m. buried Battle Creek MI
 . . Karol (male) 22 Oct 1844. fifth child of Jan Banas, brother of Franciszek
 . . Teresa 13 Feb 1847
 . . Walenty (Valentine, male) 13 Nov 1849. d immediately after birth
 . . Walenty 6 Dec 1851
 . . Agnieszka 4 Sep 1855

Balicki

[Sebastjan](#) 16 Jan 1794. m 15 Apr 1815 Maryanna Pazdanska (1794)
 . [Rozalia](#) 21 Aug 1815 - ?. m [Jan Banas](#)
 . Franciszek 8 Sep 1818. m 17 Nov 1845 Tekla Wojcik (1825)
 . Augustyn 27 Aug 1820
 . Jozef 29 Mar 1822
 . Franciszka 16 May 1824. m 18 Nov 1844 Jozef Przystas (1822)
 . Katarzyna 1827 - 9 Sep 1841
 . Jakub 25 Jun 1828
 . Jan 29 Jan 1831
 . Victoria 4 Oct 1833 - 1845
 . Antoni 22 May 1839

Zagorski

[Maciej](#) 21 Feb 1786 - 4 Jun 1847. m 22 Nov 1805 Agnieszka Kwolek (8 Jan 1786 - 24 Dec 184)
 . [Sebastjan](#) 30 Dec 1815 - 23 Jun 1885. m 6 Sep 1837 [Tekla Szymanska](#)
 . . Maryanna m Banek. This name is from Anna Iwanski's memory
 . . Anna 13 Jun 1842 - 7 May 1846
 . . Victoria 26 Feb 1844 - 4 Mar 1844
 . . Jozef 3 Mar 1845 - 11 Dec 1847
 . . Michal 18 Aug 1847
 . . Franciszek 27 Aug 1849
 . . [Katarzyna](#) 1 Jan 1851 - 14 Jan 1899 Wisniowa. m [Franciszek Banas](#)
 . . Jan 27 May 1853
 . . Wojciech 19 Feb 1856
 . . Franciszka 14 Aug 1858
 . . Walenty 20 Nov 1860
 . . Jozef 23 Feb 1863 - 30 May 1887
 . . Karolina 20 Jun 1866. Anna Iwanski remembers that another daughter married another Franciszek Banas

Szymanski

[Stanislaw](#) 3 May 1791 - 23 Feb 1843. m 23 Nov 1812 Ewa Kepanowska (1793? - 8 Feb 1854)
 . [Tekla](#) 7 Jan 1822. m [Sebastjan Zagorski](#)
 . Anna 30 May 1824
 . Katarzyna 26 Mar 1826
 . Katarzyna 22 Aug 1828. First Katarzyna must have died as a baby?
 . Jozef 7 Feb 1831
 . Jan 16 Apr 1833

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Iwanowicz

- . [Jan](#) 1790?? - 1850?. m [Maryanna Godlewska](#)
- . . [Franciszek](#) 1829 Chojniki Poland - Jan 1915 Sypniewo. m 13 Feb 1860 [Ewa Pawlak](#)
- . . . Maryanna 7 Dec 1860 Sypniewo Poland - 1955? Poland. m 1 Feb 1885 Jan Tatarek (1855? -1907?)
- Antonina 1894? - 1980 m Poland, Golasinski
- Adam 3 Jan 1896 Poland - 16 Aug 1969 US. m 1921 Eleanora Dabkowska (28 Jun 1898 - 24 Sep 1924)
- US Social Security records show Adam born 1891; he fibbed to get in at 14 yrs old.
- I remember Adam, who made nut crackers in Windsor.
- Arlene (Alina) 12 Feb 1922. m 8 Feb 1941 James Pink (24 Apr 1917 - 14 Aug 1992). liv Schenectady NY
- *-* Adam's 2m 22 Sep 1927 Wladyslawa (Wladzia) (30 Jan 1909 - 24 Oct 1951)
- Eugene 17 Aug 1929. m 3 Oct 1954
- Mary 23 Jan 1931. m 15 Jun 1974. no children
- Edmund 12 Jun 1932 m 28 Nov 1953. liv Sterling Heights MI
- Josephine (Jozefa) 12 Mar 1897 Piniczi, Poland - 7 Jun 1950. m Minsk Russia, Wasel Filimon
- Emigrated to US. both d Cobleskill NY. Wasil (15 Nov 1893 Minsk - 6 May 1961)
- Sophia (Sally) 6 May 1916 Albany NY - Aug 1986. m Charles Valentino
- Julia (Sue) (Nadzia) 27 Feb 1918 Albany NY. m Alevras
- Walter 12 Oct 1919 Schenectady NY - 12 Jan 1990 San Diego CA. m Dolores Carrara
- Stephen 10 Jun 1924 - 30 Oct 1950 Cobleskill NY. m Ronnie (Veronica?)
- Felixia 28 Sep 1925. m Palmatier
- Alex Howe Cave NY
- Lawrence 1932? - 1950 in car accident, Cobleskill NY
- *-* Maryanna remarried; no further children
- Jan 1867? Poland - 30 Oct 1917 Poland. m 2 Feb 1891 Ploniawy, Maryanna Gerik
- Alexander ? - 11 Feb 1980 Pittsfield
- Alphonse ? - 1989. m Monica. liv Pittsfield
- Irene ? - 1989
- Feliks 13 Oct 1899 Sypniewo
- Jozefa Feb? 1869 - 17 Aug 1870 Poland
- Antoni 6 Aug 1871 Poland - ?
- Wladyslaw 29 Aug 1874 Poland - ?
- Jozefa Oct 1875? Poland - ?
- Jan Visited Windsor MA about 1920
- Anna Jan 1877? - ?
- [Stanislaw](#) (Stanislaus) Adam 25 Mar 1878 Sypniewo Poland - 30 Mar 1945 Windsor MA
- m 10 Feb 1904 Sypniewo Poland, [Rozalia Pisiewska](#)
- Felixia (Felek) 1 Nov 1904 Poland -1 Mar 1984. m 8 May 1933 William Wesolowski (?-18 Apr 1981)
- Helen 26 Mar 1934 - 13 Nov 1939, sarcoma in eye
- William 4 May 1937. m Jane Kordana, who provided information
- Chester (Chet) (Czeslaw) 3 Jul 1910 Pittsfield, MA - 14 Sep 1999. never m. Farmer, Maple Grove Farm
- Polie (Napoleon) 4 Jul 1911 Pittsfield, MA - 9 Aug 1999 Windsor. never m. Farmer, Maple Grove Farm
- Franciszek Nov 1913. d 7 days old.
- Walter 18 Jul 1914 - 10 Jan 1982. m 13 Sep 1943 [Josephine Gwozdz](#)
- Stanley 22 Dec 1946 - 22 Feb 2016
- [Stella](#) (Stanislaw) Rozalia 4 Aug 1915 - 12 Aug 2009. m Stanley Gwozdz
- Alek (Alexander) 12 Jan 1917 - 21 Nov 1998. m 12 Oct 1954 Helen Paterno
- Wanda 24 May 1921 - 28 Dec 2003. m 10 May 1941 Raymond Skrocki (31 Aug 1919 - 14 Mar 2002)
- Edward 13 Jun 1942
- Francis (Frank) 4 Nov 1943. m 21 Jan 1976 Cheryl
- Robert 28 Jan 1954 - 14 Apr 1989. m 26 Sep 1977 Rita (15 Jan 1954)
- Joseph 5 Jan 1880 Sypniewo - 1940? Pittsfield. (Son of Franciszek, brother of Stanislaw) m Holyoke
- Zofia (Sophie) m Gus Petroski. lived in Amherst MA
- Janina (Jennie) m William Grabowski. I spent summer 1960 at Jennie's house, Holyoke MA
- Josephine m Attridge
- Henry 5 Aug 1915 - 12 Sep 1972. m Helen Olchowski
- William ? - 24 Feb 1980. m Mary Lombardi. liv NJ
- Marcyanna 1835. sister of Franciszek. m 15 Aug 1859 Wawrzyniec Stancyll (1832)

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. . . Michal 7 Sep 1860 - 2 Feb 1862
 . . . Jan 8 Jan 1863 - 15 Jun 1865
 . . . Stanislaw 10 Sep 1864 - 2 Mar 1866
 . . . Antoni Jun 1868 - 26 Dec 1868
 . . . Maryanna 1869 - 1872
 . . . Franciszka 1873 - 19 Sep 1874
 . . Antoni 1839. m 10 Feb 1867 Katarzyna Roziecka (1939? - 1898)
 . . . Jan 20 Dec 1868 - 28 Jul 1869
 . . . Maryanna 16 Jun 1870
 . . . Stanislaw Aug 1872 - 8 Sep 1873
 . . . Jan Aug 1875. m 1898 Maryanna Kolodziejczak
 Wladyslaw 1899 - 1899
 Franciszek 1900
 . . . Stanislaw Nov 1879
 . . Kasper 1844 - 20 Sep 1846 Wola Pienicka, Krasnosielc

Godlewski

[Andrzej](#) 1755? - 15 Mar 1805 Sypniewo. m Katarzyna
 . 4 children
 . [Maryanna](#) 27 Sep 1805 Sypniewo - 27 Feb 1868 Sielc Folwark. m [Jan Iwanowicz](#)

Pawlak

[Adam](#) 1758? - 24 Nov 1794. m 6 Feb 1785 Agnieszka Midezanowna
 . Malgorzata 12 Jul 1787. m 26 Jul 1807 Pawel Ludwiniak
 . Ewa 26 Dec 1789
 . [Kazimierz](#) 29 Feb 1792 - 4 Sep 1837. 1st m 1817? Salomea Dzik (1797? - 12 April 1827)
 . . Jan 22 Oct 1818 - ?
 . . Rozalia 3 Jun 1820 - ?
 . . Mikolaj 6 Dec 1822 - ?
 . . Pawel 20 Jan 1824 - 27 Jul 1824
 . *_* Kazimierz 2nd m 1827 Rozalia Ruziecka (1805 - 1870?)
 . . Jakub 21 Jul 1828 - 20 Apr 1832
 . . Anna 24 Jul 1830 - 23 Jun 1834
 . . Michal 26 Sep 1832 - 1836
 . . Maryanna 19 Nov 1834 - 21 Sep 1836
 . . [Ewa](#) 17 Sep 1836 Rzechowo - 15 April 1920. m Franciszek Iwanowicz

Pisiewski (Piszewski)

. [Jan](#) (John) m Petronela Pikulska
 . . Stanislaw
 . . . Jan lived in Parish NY
 . . Tomasz
 . . [Antoni](#) (Anthony) 1854? Janopole - 1912? Sypniewo, Poland
 . . m 12 Feb 1882 Anna Radziszewska (1861 - 1882)
 . . *_* Antoni's 2nd m 17 Jan 1883 [Marcyanna Parzych](#)
 . . . Stanislaw 25 Oct 1883 - 24 Nov 1973. m 11 May 1903 Catherine Todzia (1881-22 Mar 1969)
 . . . 12 children; all born in Pittsfield & Windsor MA:
 Veronica 13 Jan 1904 - Dec 1978. m 10 Feb 1923 Edwin K. Welz
 Veronica M (Peggy) 23 Oct 1923 - May 1970. m William Roberts
 Tony 23 Jan 1905 - 18 Apr 1989. m Frances Belawander (? - Feb 1990)
 Walter 1938 - 1992. never m
 Joan ? - ?. m Gannon
 Martha 25 Oct 1906 - 23 Nov 1984. m William Stomski (? - Dec 1970). no children
 Frances 10 Oct 1908 - 5 Feb 1972. m John Lacey
 Mary 8 Dec 1928 - May 1929
 Felix Joseph 15 Jul 1910 - 17 Nov 1989. m 21 May 1938 Mary Novitski (1910 - 30 Oct 1988)
 Stella Rose 31 May 1912. m 15 Sep 1930 Edward Sadlowski (15 Aug 1910)

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. . . . Virginia 27 Sep 1932. m 25 Jan 1956. liv West Plains MO
 Anne 11 Apr 1914. m Robert Hood
 Francis Peter (Frank) 13 Mar 1916 - 26 May 1993. m Helen Watkins
 Jessie 22 May 1917. m Matthew Duda
 Mary 6 Sep 1919. m Alton Liley
 Edward 21 Jun 1922. m Alba Marinaro. no children
 Florence 9 Apr 1925 - ?. m Francis C. Knappe (29 Oct 1915 - 4 Aug 1987)
 Charles F 22 Jul 1950
 . . . [Rozalia](#) Katarzyna (Rosalie Katherine) 10 Feb 1886 Olszewnica Poland - 29 Jan 1965 Pittsfield MA
 m [Stanislaw Iwanowicz](#). bur Windsor MA
 . . . Zofia 13 Jul 1889 - 15 Jul 1889
 . . . Maryanna 26 Oct 1890 - 19 Jul 1892
 . . . Jan 20 Jul 1893 - 14 Jan 1981 m Stella Olendrowicz
 Helen m George Gian. liv Cheshire MA
 Josephine ? - 1995.m
 Sally m Carmen Panetti. liv Pittsfield MA
 Theodore Robert 28 Oct 1921 - 13 Apr 1993. m 12 Apr 1945 Dorothy E. Francoeur (? - 5 Aug 1992)
 . . . Franciszek (Franek) 3 Nov 1897 - ?. m 11 Nov 1917 Konstancja Chmielewska (? - 24 Dec 1976)
 Stanislaw m Maria Lipka (? - ?). lived Ilana near Olsztyn
 Kazimierz m Hanna (? - ?)
 Franciszka ? - 5 Feb 1986. m Wisniewski
 Jozefa (Josephine) m Tadeusz Zygmuntowicz. liv with son Andrzej in Rozan; I visited

Parzych

[Jozef](#) 1774 - 21 Dec 1837. m Katarzyna Gwara (1789? - 1850?)
 . [Marcin](#) 1813? Kadzidlo - 23 Mar 1872 Olszewnica, Szelkow
 . m 9 Nov 1835 Szelkow, Maryanna Przybylska (1819 - 30 Aug 1856)
 . . Antoni 1837 Rozan. m 21 Nov 1859 Szelkow, Balbina Michalska
 . . Wiktoria 1840 Rozan. m 11 Feb 1861 Szelkow, Marcel Pienkowski
 . . Stanislaw 10 Nov 1844 Bienduska - 17 Feb 1846
 . . Teofil 27 Apr 1846 Bienduska
 . . Tomasz 16 Dec 1849 Olszewnica
 . . Karol (male name) 2 Nov 1850 Olszewnica
 . . Jozef 26 Nov 1852
 . . Jan
 . . Jozefa 16 Mar 1856 - 1908? Poland. m Mateusz Samorajski.
 . *_* Marcin's 2nd m 13 Nov 1856 [Julianna Banasiak](#)
 . . Maryanna 12 Aug 1857. m 1873 Cychowski. CT.
 . . [Marcyanna](#) 5 Jun 1859 Olszewnica, Poland - 10 Aug 1936 Sypniewo Poland. m Antoni Pisiewski
 . . Jan 7 Jul 1861
 . . Marcelli (male) 3 Jun 1863. Baptism record was 1865, due to illness and war. m 1885 Ludwika Kozlowska
 . . Franciszka 4 Feb 1866. m 28 Jan 1891 Jan Swider
 . . Anna 1869 - 13 Jul 1878
 . . Anatazia 1871 - 21 Jul 1873

Banasiak

[Andrzej](#) 15 Aug 1785 (Bajtko) - 1850? m 28 Jan 1812 Elzbieta Kolodziejczak (19 Nov 1790 - 22 Apr 1836)
 . [Julianna](#) 14 Nov 1831 - 29 Aug 1891 m [Marcin Parzych](#)

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West

- . [Andrew](#) 15 Mar 1799 N Carolina - 31 Jul 1873 IN. m 1823? [Sarah McAtee](#)
- . . Isaac 1824 NC - 1876. 3 marriages, 3 children. 1st m 4 Jan 1848 Pike Co, Elizabeth DeJarnett
- . . Eliza Ellen 1829 NC - before 1900. m 17 Sep 1848 IN, Henry Grubb
- . . Elizabeth 1830 Madison Twp, Pike Co, IN - before 1875. m 18 Jan 1848 IN, Jackson B. Noland
- . . John 22 Mar 1833 Indiana - 13 Jul 1906 Pike Co IN. 1st m Elvira Willis
- . . *_* John West's 2nd m 28 Feb 1864 Pike Co IN, Clarissa Harvey
- . . Jeremiah 1834?
- . . [Zachariah](#) Apr 1836 Madison Twp, Pike Co IN - 28 Nov 1909 Essex MO. 2 marriages, 8 children
- . . . Zachariah is buried at Taylor Cemetery, southeast of Essex, but there is no grave marker
- . . . 1st m 2 Apr 1863 Margaret Loveless
- . . . Alzie (Alvaze) 1864 IN - ? Essex MO
- . . . Andy (Andrew) 1865 IN.
- . . . Enos 4 Nov 1867 Princeton IN - 12 Oct 1953 Princeton IN. m 28 Mar 1889 Evaline Colvin
- . . *_* Zachariah's 2nd m 15 Jun 1871 IN, [Anneta Baret](#)
- . . . Emory E 10 Apr 1872 IN - 30 May 1934 Stoddard Co, MO. m 1893 Julia Ann Trotter
- . . . Printis (male) 1875 IN - 1895. bur Taylor MO
- . . . Florence Jane 4 Dec 1876 Oakville IN - 10 Apr 1950 Dexter MO. m 3 times
- . . . 1st m 31 Dec 1892 Stoddard Co MO, James Benton Able
- . . *_* Florence West's 2nd m 17 Aug 1901 Bloomfield MO, A. Smith Edwards
- . . *_* Florence West's 3rd m 9 Mar 1916 Bloomfield MO, Alexander P. Patterson
- . . . [Lawrence](#) 24 Jan 1881 Princeton IN - 10 Aug 1954 Essex MO. m 20 Jun 1907 [Bessie Baird](#)
- . . . Leonard Bert 16 Dec 1907 - 17 Jun 1958 IN. m Mae Hamilton (1911 - 1990). lived in Paris AK
- 4 children
- Lovie Mae 10 Jul 1909 - 18 Oct 1910
- [Ernest](#) Zachariah 24 May 1911 Essex MO - 18 Jun 1997 Cupertino CA. bur Essex Cemetery
- m 31 Jan 1934 Essex MO, [Ruby Crawford](#)
- 3 children
- [Barbara](#) Kay 21 Jan 1946. m [Peter Gwozdz](#)
- Fay Evelyn 2 Jan 1913 - 27 Dec 1986. m Bill Autrey (13 May 1903 - 30 Jun 1968). both bur Essex
- 5 children
- Donald 11 Nov 1932 - Sep 2002. m 5 Apr 1954. liv Crystal City MO
- Billy Gene 12 Mar 1934 - 8 Oct 2000 Dexter MO. m 26 Jul 1953
- John 7 Aug 1949 - 19 Jun 2009
- Harold J. 4 Jan 1915 - 22 Dec 1938
- Nettie (Annetta) Elizabeth 3 Jan 1916 - 25 Jan 1997. m 15 Oct 1944 MO, Roy Vickrey (26 Feb 1907-1993)
- 1 child
- Eugene Alvin 5 Jul 1920 - 23 May 1997. m 15 Jun 1943 Wilma Block
- 3 children
- Daisy Aline 17 Oct 1922 - 23 Dec 1982. m Carlos Carl Smith (21 May 1921). liv Michigan
- 3 children
- Mary L. 18 Sep 1924 - 18 Sep 2011. m 16 May 1942 Jim Owens (?-2 Mar 2011)
- Roy Wayne
- Syble Irene 29 Jun 1927 - 12 Oct 1998. m Alan Alderman (11 Jun 1928)
- 3 children
- Mildred (Millie) 25 Jul 1928 Essex MO - 27 Nov 1992 Moberly MO. m Orville Rhodes
- 4 children
- D. Maxine 20 Jul 1929. m 16 Jul 1947 Boling Green OH, Dale Bitler. liv Tennessee
- 5 children
- . . . Marion Jun 1885 IN - 15 Dec 1953 Essex MO. m Elizabeth Davis
- . . Ellen (7th child of Andrew West) 25 Nov 1837 Madison Twp IN - 18 Jan 1915 Pike Co IN. m 4 Sep 1853 IN, Eli Rumble
- . . Margaret Dec 1841 Pike Co IN - 1922 Lincoln Co OK. m 23 Oct 1856 Pike Co, Mason Borders
- . . Albert 1842? IN. m 26 Mar 1863 IN, Lucy Willis
- . . Mary (Polly) 1 Jun 1845 IN - 1 Feb 1873. never m
- . . Sarah Jane 13 Mar 1850 IN - 8 Nov 1923, IN. m 7 Dec 1865 Henderson Shoaf
- . . Andrew Johnson Jul 1852 IN. m 5 Oct 1871 Susan Adkinson. 2nd m 7 Oct 1896 Letitia Minnis

McAtee

- [Zachariah](#) Aug 1761 Charles Co MD - 14 Feb 1839. m 9 Nov 1798 Roan Co NC, Susannah Leatherman both Zachariah & Susannah are buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery, IN
6 children
- . John 1799 Rowan County NC - 1855?. m 8 Sep 1825 Margaret Dent. no children
- . Nancy 1801? Rowan - 5 May 1876. m John Dent
- . (Joseph) Josiah 1803? Rowan - 1855. m 4 Jun 1835 Obesiance (Biddy) Miller
- . [Sarah](#) 23 Dec 1805 Rowan Co, North Carolina - 4 Jun 1889. m [Andrew West](#)
- . Benjamin 6 Sep 1806 Rowan - 17 Feb 1876 Pike Co IN. m 25 Oct 1832 Ellen Decker
- . William 21 May 1810 Rowan - 16 Mar 1892 Pike Co IN. m 30 Nov 1838 Susan Shoultz
- . Elizabeth 13 Mar 1818 Rowan - 8 Dec 1905. m 26 Oct 1833 Pleasant Hightower

Barett

- . [Richmond](#) 1804? NC - 1890?. m Hannah (1807? NC - 1890?)
- . . [Anneta](#) 9 Feb 1849 IN - 5 May 1913. m Bilderback. no children. bur Taylor Cemetery
- . . *-* 2nd m [Zachariah West](#)
- . . *-* Anneta 3rd m O. P. Deffendall

Baird

- [Alexander](#) 5 Apr 1804 NC - 20 Nov 1884. m 8 Oct 1826 Watauga NC, Nancy Vanderpool
- . [Bedent](#) 1828 Watauga NC - 1870??. m 29 Jul 1851 Gibson IN, [Susan Merchant](#)
- . . [Jerome](#) Bonaparte 1853 IN - 1906? m Nov 1880 [America Shields](#)
- . . . John Alvin 14 Aug 1882 - 28 Jul 1949. Was blind, but typed his mother's obituary. Baptist preacher
- . . . Charles Robert died in infancy
- . . . Oscar Birdie 28 Jun 1886 - 12 Oct 1953. m 16 May 1916 Lillie Mae Johnson (28 Aug 1891-25 May 1970)
- Paul B m Louella Lawson
- Wilma Mae [55] 7 Nov 1921 - 17 Oct 1996. m 19 Jul 1941 Clarence Miller
- Ruth Elizabeth 30 Jan 1924. m 14 Aug 1943 Darwin James
- . . . Nancy Ray died in infancy
- . . . [Bessie](#) May Evaline 12 May 1890 near Vincennes, Indiana - 7 Dec 1957 Essex MO. m Lawrence West
- . . . George Julian 1892? - 4 Oct 1935. WW1 350 Inf. 88 Div.
- . . . Eva 3 Oct 1896 - 3 Mar 1920. m Nelson Barton
- Pauline
- . . . Blanche died in infancy
- . . Mary Evelyn 22 May 1856 Gibson County IN - 20 Feb 1904 Gibson County IN
m 24 Dec 1874 Posey County, Julian Cornelius Overton
- . . Sarah A 1857 IN. 3rd and youngest child of Bedent Baird and Susan Merchant
m 4 Mar 1881 Daniel Overton. 10 children
- . Abram 1829. m Elizabeth Hartley
- . Joseph Warren 7 May 1830 - 22 Sep 1906 OK. m Rebecca Dovis Hartley
- . Ezekiel 1833? m Mary E Wilson
- . Phoebe 1837? not married
- . Elizabeth 1838? m Hiram Wilson
- . Jonathan 1844? - 1864? died in the Civil War

Merchant

- [Elisha](#)
- . [Susan](#) 1827 - 1859? m [Bedent Baird](#)

Shields

- . [Robert](#) 1823. age 37 in 1860 census. mentioned in America's obituary. m Nancy (1827)
- . . Martha 1856 Iowa
- . . [America](#) Elizabeth 3 Mar 1861 Iowa - 18 Nov 1929 Essex MO. m [Jerome Baird](#). America bur Essex
At Essex Cemetery, north edge, left to right: America, her children Eva & George, her brother John
- . . John

Crawford

. [Isaac Genoa](#) 1808 - 1890?. m Sarah Shroyer. (perhaps married Sarah's sister, Mary Ann)
 . . [Josiah S.](#) 20 Dec 1842 Clinton county, Indiana - 22 Jun 1916. m Louisa Dart
 . . . Robert Genoe 16 Jun 1867 - 15 Oct 1939. m 31 Dec 1893 Lillie D. Patterson
 Berdie Louise 10 Mar 1905 - Aug 1986. m 24 Jun 1923 Ralph Dodson
 . . . [Isaac Wesley](#) 9 Jun 1879 Lawrenceville IL - 25 Sep 1956
 m 6 Oct 1907 Malden Mo, Mary Majors
 Nina 24 Mar 1911 - 31 Oct 1913
 Josiah Larkin 16 Jan 1912 - 29 Sep 1961. m Gertrude Watts. bur Rosecrans National Cemetery
 [Ruby](#) Louisa 12 Jan 1914 Dexter MO - 28 March 1997 Cupertino CA. m Ernest West
 Ruby remembered the birth dates of Josiah and Wilford, but not the years.
 I guessed the years from a picture of them together, with Wilford a baby.
 Wilford Wesley 8 Jun 1916 - 1980?. m Hattie Anthony (? - 12 Dec 1999). lived in Dallas, TX
 Carol Ann 1948 - 27 Jan 1970. d in car accident
 Lila Lerene 14 Oct 1918 - 10 Apr 2003. raised by Wilford & Martha Majors.
 m Lewis Gray Butler (? -Jun 1991)
 *.* Isaac 2nd m Elizabeth Davis, no children.
 . . That finishes Josiah S. Next come the other children of Isaac Genoa Crawford; 8 total
 . . [Robert Oliver](#) served in Civil War; 88th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers
 . . William
 . . John
 . . Isaac G Jr.
 . . Daniel
 . . Washington
 . . Electa m Thomas Steward
 . Jim brother of Isaac Genoa Crawford, moved south before the Civil War

Shroyer

[Daniel](#) 1790? - 9 Dec 1865. will in Lawrence County, Ill, 3 Nov 1865. Tombstone at Bunker Hill Cemetery
 . [Sarah](#) 1820? m [Isaac G. Crawford](#)

Dart

. [Amor](#) Dec 1812, North Carolina - 5 Sep 1890. m [Delilah Ramsey](#)
 . . 5 children
 . . [Louisa](#) 6 Nov 1843 - Feb 1918. m Josiah Crawford

Ramsey

[Tobias](#) 20 Dec 1788 OH - 9 Dec 1857. m 23 Jul 1812 Margaret Cutler (10 Apr 1792 Franklin IN - 12 Dec 1845)
 . [Delilah](#) 9 children
 . 25 Aug 1813 N Carolina - 6 Apr 1860. m [Amor Dart](#)

Magars

[Larkin](#) 1779 Elkton, Lincoln County, TN - 1872. m Mary Slaughter (1781 - 1870). farmer
 . [John](#) (Talmadge Harris) 15 Feb 1831 - 6 Nov 1880 Harrisburg AK. m 4 times. bur Harrisburg
 . . m Elkton TN, Mary Elizabeth Hindman (26 Dec 1830 Elkton TN - 26 Dec 1864 TN)
 . . (John) [Larkin](#) 1 Jun 1860 Elkton TN -26 Feb 1936 Leachville AK. m 1 Sep 1881 Nina Josephine Ripley
 . . . [Mary](#) (Mamie) Josephine 10 Apr 1883 near Harrisburg AK - 4 Mar 1919. m Isaac W. Crawford
 . . . Ruby Louisa 6 Nov 1884 Poinsette County AK - 17 Aug 1891. bur Willis Cemetery
 . . . Wilford Garland 22 Jul 1886 near Harrisburg - 17 Apr 1952. m Martha Foster. bur Oaklawn
 . . . John Talmadge 16 Oct 1887 - 26 Jun 1921 near Harrisburg. bur Marlow OK.
 m 16 Jan 1908 Malden MO, Maggie Blanche Cossey (19 Mar 1890 TN - 4 Oct 1978 Marlow OK)
 . . . Thomas H. 3 Jun 1890 near Harrisburg - 17 Aug 1891. bur Oaklawn

Many thanks to the relatives who provided information for this genealogy. In my full version book, I name all my sources and references. If you have corrections and additions, please send them to me.

My on line version has sources and references www.gwozdz.org/GwozdzFamilyTreeLivingDeleted.pdf so you can check that version for any details of interest to you. That version was 2006; I plan to make a new one during 2017 (with most names of living people deleted for the web).

For the distant Gwozdz ancestors listed in columns 4 and 3, I found most of the information in the LDS microfilms, which I describe in detail in that on line longer version. For the distant West ancestors listed in columns 4 and 3, I found most of the information on the web, submitted by other genealogists, many of whom I contacted by email for more information.

Over the years, many distant relatives (3rd and 4th cousins) found my book on the web and provided me with names of cousins of our ancestors. I added those names to my book. I deleted most (not all) of those names from this short web version. For the web, I only post information regarding living persons if they give me permission.

My book also has references to web sites and books that provide lots of details.

In 1998, I submitted my full book to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, so it will be available to genealogists hundreds of years from now. I'll also submit the next edition when I finish updating. I also provide copies of my full book to a few family genealogists, to pass on to descendants. To my sources, I provide files with the pages for their family from my book.

This short version has some comments and stories that are not in my full book, so here are the sources:

The [midwife](#) vignette is an example of the details in the microfilms of the baptismal records, and also an example of men with exactly the same name.

The stories [Overnight Visit](#) and [Stairs](#) were told to me by my aunt [Winkie](#).

The Gypsy trading was related by aunt [Helen](#).

The [Send Money](#) story is a combination of many things told to me, with some liberty taken in the words used; for example the quotation is not exact.

I read on the web about the geology of [Stoddard county](#), taking some liberty with the details. Barbara experienced the New Madrid earthquakes when she was young.

My wife Barbara told me the story about the [cook](#) who fell overboard.

The horse accident at [Chautauqua Avenue](#) where Josiah Crawford died, and the [practical jokes](#) are in [Dodson's book](#). Barbara's mother discarded her copy because of the scandalous stories in it, but I made copies of pages out of [aunt Lila's](#) copy; the book is also available on microfilm. Dodson mentions in his book that he had in his files the original appointment paper for Robert Oliver's Civil War appointment; Josiah's Civil war information is on his gravestone.

Pedigree Chart

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