

Jozef Gula

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Summary

Carol King's ancestor Jozef Gula was married **22 Nov 1807**. The marriage record gives his age as 21. I identified this groom as the Jozef Gula born **7 Mar 1785**. His age at marriage would have been 22. An error of one year is quite common for marriage records in these Wadowice Gorne records. If he were the only Jozef Gula in town, this would be an OK genealogical identification. However, there are 5 different Jozef Gula individuals to consider in the following detailed presentation of the logic behind my identification.

I did an extensive study of the Gula family last year. I have all births 1777 through 1799 in my data base, all Gula marriages 1777 through 1827, all deaths before 1799, and all Gula deaths after 1800 of people born before 1800. I double checked the records this month, scanning for "Jozef" for this identification project. No errors or omissions in my data base were found. I extended my earlier study to 1830's births. Details follow:

Births

Here is the list of all the Jozef Gula boys born in the parish 1777 - 1799. I numbered them with an ID number for discussion below.

ID	Birth date	house	father	my relative?	age in 1807
3	16 Mar 1783	88	Jakub 1	no	24
1	7 Mar 1785	7	Lukasz	yes	22
4	6 Mar 1788	88	Jakub 2	no	19
2x	13 Mar 1789	69	Franciszek	yes	18
5x	12 Mar 1790	Wamp 13	Andrzej	don't know	17

It is no coincidence they are all born March; feast of Saint Joseph is 19 March.

Jozef 1 son of Lukasz is the best fit, but those two sons of a Jakub are not too far off.

Jozef 1 and Jozef 2 are cousins (Lukasz and Franciszek are brothers). Jakub 2 and Jozef 3 are half brothers, sons of Jakub 1 by different wives. The two wives of Jakub 1 are Jadwiga Padykula and Franciszka Morytko, both Carol King ancestor families! Jakub 1 is a contemporary of our common ancestor Blazej 1. It is possible they are brothers or cousins, but I found no connection. So even if I am wrong about the Jozef 1 ID, Carol and I are probably still related here somehow!

There are quite a few Jozef Gula born after 1799, way to young to concern us here.

The "x" on Jozef 2 and 5 are discussed below.

Deaths

Death records have only one possible match to these five Jozef Gula, 17 May 1836; age 46, married man, house 91. The record does not name his wife or his parents. His calculated birth year is 1790, but death ages are notoriously inaccurate. He is probably one of these 5. Jozef 5 is fits best, but it really does not matter for ID of the 1807 groom.

There is a Jozef Gula who died in 1821 at age 100, way too old to concern us here.

There are Jozef Gula children who died after 1814, too young to concern us here.

Marriages

Here is the list of all Jozef Gula grooms 1780-1835:

ID	Marr date	Marr house	age	calculated birth year	wife
3? not 1	23 Oct 1803	87	20	1783	Maryanna Midura
3? not 1	16 Oct 1803	Wamp 50	21	1782	Maryanna Stachowicz
1	22 Nov 1807	59	21	1786	Katarzyna Marnik
2	30 Sep 1827	176	41	1786	Apolonia Galica

A 1778 Jozef Gula groom, probably that one who died 1821, is too old to concern us here.
There are other Jozef Gula grooms after 1835, but they are all too young to concern us here.
All 4 of these grooms are recorded as bachelors at marriage, even the 41 year old.

Births after 1832 have grandparents named, so I scanned for father Jozef. While I was at it, I scanned all of Film 467 Item 5 (1828 - 1844). I found 5 births to father Jozef Gula:

Jan Gula was born 1838 to father Jozef and mother Apolonia Galica. The record names his grandfather Franciszek Gula, so that ID's his father as Jozef 2, who was really a 38 year old bachelor at his marriage, not 41. I used boldface for the **2** ID number, and added an "x" to his birth ID, eliminating him as a candidate for the 1807 marriage. This couple also had a child in 1829.

The other 3 births 1839 - 1843 are to a father Jozef Gula born 1814, son of Pawel, too young to concern us here.

Conclusion: The Jozef Gula's married to Midura, Stachowicz, and Marnik did not have children at the time grandparents are named. Too bad. I cannot use grandparents to ID their births to their marriages.

Next topic. Young grooms. A marriage at age 17 or 18 is unlikely, but not impossible. In the entire decade 1800 through 1809 there are in the parish only:

- 1 groom aged 17 (Wamp, Oct 1805)
- 4 grooms aged 18
- 3 grooms aged 19
- a few grooms aged 20

So Jozef 5 is eliminated. Very unlikely a 17 year old would be recorded as 21. "x" on his ID.

Jozef 1 is eliminated from the two 1803 marriages for the same reason. He was only 18 in 1803, very unlikely to be recorded as 21. This by itself is not solid proof that he married in 1807, but increases the confidence that he is properly identified.

Jozef 4 was age 19 in 1807, a more possible but still unlikely mistake that he would be recorded as 21. Not strong enough a doubt to earn an "x" in my opinion.

That leaves Jozef 1 as the best fit for the 1807 marriage, with Jozef 3 the 2nd best, and Jozef 4 a distant third.

The two 1803 marriages are irritating. We have only one birth, Jozef 3, who fits both. Maybe someone came from out of town. This does not matter for our ID of Carol's ancestor line. I suppose two 1803 marriages makes it more likely that Jozef 3 married in 1803, however, adding more evidence against him being the one of interest in 1807.

Jozef 1 Follow up. Note added 9 May 2017: Here is a way to find further evidence that Lukasz is the father of Jozef 1: Birth records after 1832: look in the microfilms after 1832 for children of siblings of Jozef 1. These will name their grandparents, which should be Lukasz & either of his 2 wives, which we can combine with the parents named at the birth of Jozef 1 and that sibling. It is a lot of work to scan the films for each project that I do, so I'm not planning this. However, I have a long term project to enter all the data into an Excel file; I'm only up to 1800. If someone wants to help with entering data into the Excel file, let me know. The research goes very quickly with little effort once an Excel file is available.

Conclusion

If you followed all those steps, you see why I conclude that Jozef 1 is an acceptable identification for the 1807 marriage.

Disclaimer

I did not find a document naming the Jozef married 1807 as the same as the Jozef born 1785. Parents are not named in the marriage records around 1807.

Even if there were only one Josef Gula in town, the ID would still not be air tight. For example, it is possible that the Jozef Gula who married 1807 came from out of town. The entire decade 1800 - 1809 does not have a single groom's village recorded. It is not uncommon in this time frame (in other parishes or in other years for Wadowice Gorne) for a groom to come from out of town to marry and have children. Usually an out of town groom has his village written. It seem this priest was a lazy record keeper.