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Reminder; this is my genealogy web site.

Ancestors on the Web

I continue to submit my research results, names and dates, to the LDS web site. More of my stuff is available this year: www.familysearch.org.

Genealogy Book

I have not published a complete update of *The Gwozdz Family Tree* since 21 November 2001. Don't worry, any data you have sent me is in my computer version of this book. Most of the changes and additions are not in publishable form, however. All my recent findings are reported in my annual Xmas "Genealogy News", including this one for 2005. The 2002 through 2005 "Genealogy News" are all posted at gwozdz.org

Next time I finish an update of the book, I plan to also produce a version with data on living people removed, so that I can post it electronically at gwozdz.org.

Family Tree Poster

For Mom's 90th birthday party this August, I put together a 2 by 3 feet poster with Mom's ancestors and descendants. It's available in pdf format for printing at gwozdz.org, either full size or an 8.5 by 11 inch black & white shrink version.

The poster has all ancestor names that I have found in the microfilms to date, although the explanation and documentation in my book is not complete.

My total count of named ancestors on the poster is 105. If you are my cousin, even a distant cousin, many of these 105 are also your ancestors.

Gwozdz & Banas

No news this year, except genetic tests, article in next column.

West

No news this year, except Baird, page 2.

Crawford

No news this year.

Genetic Tests

The Armata family got me interested in the National Geographic genetic testing project. See: <https://www5.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/>

Bernadette Armata's mitochondria are haplogroup I. Bernie (and any female line descendant of our grandmother Bronislawa Banas) gets this mitochondria from Katarzyna Czudak (1764-1817), Bernie's most distant known female line ancestor. Haplogroup I is found across Europe, but in low frequencies.

My Y genes are haplogroup E3b (M35). This is our "Gwozdz gene". Haplogroup E3b is common in southern Italy, southeast Europe and northern Africa.

If you get tested and are interested, send me your results for documentation. We could easily identify a dozen or more ancestral haplogroups if our distant relatives respond to this newsletter with data.

Although inexpensive tests such as these Genographic tests cannot prove that someone is a relative, a negative result can be very meaningful.

For example, any Gwozdz male with a Genographic result other than E3b definitely does not share a distant Gwozdz ancestor with me. This year I arranged the Wadowice Gorne parish records into 12 Gwozdz families that lived in the early 1700's. Our line is one of these 12. I continue to get emails from Gwozdz people all over the world. Hopefully soon I'll get emails from Gwozdz males with ancestors in Wadowice Gorne from one of those other 11 lines. I'll encourage them to get tested.

If one of you male Iwanowicz cousins gets tested, send me your result. I'll see if I can arrange for that Iwanowicz family that I found last year near Sypniewo to get tested.

With time and data, I may get evidence for or against the Iwanowicz orphan prince legend.

I realize that if a lot of people send data, I am bound to find evidence of illegitimacy and cuckoldry, which I promise not to publish for anyone born after 1850.

Iwanowicz

My rewrite of the Iwanowicz section of my book is essentially finished. I split it into two sections: Iwanowicz (including Pawlak) and Piszewski (including Parzych). Watch for both of these sections soon at gwozdz.org.

Piszewski (Pisiewski - Piseski)

In last year's newsletter I asked if anyone ever heard of any Piszewski relatives in Parish NY. My request paid off. Charles Knappe of Dalton MA sent me the name and phone number of Steve Lopitz of Parish NY. Charles' late mother Florence nee Pisiewski seems to be the only relative who maintained contact with our distant relatives in Parish. I phoned Steve and figured out that we are third cousins. Steve put me in contact with his aunts and uncles, who provided genealogy details for this family.

I wrote "PiseskiUpdate.doc", a preliminary update of the Piszewski section of my book, and circulated it to the Piseski family and to some of you. Watch for the final version at gwozdz.org soon (with living people data removed). This documentation includes plenty of proof that I identified the correct family. A brief summary:

John Piszewski emigrated from Poland to Parish, and switched to the family name Piseski. He is a first cousin of my grandmother Rozalia. Do not get confused with Rozalia's brother John Piszewski who used the American spelling Pisiewski, and whom we knew as "uncle Johnnie".

The youngest son of the late John Piseski Sr. of Parish is John Piseski Jr. of FL, the family genealogist. We exchanged lots of data by email. John found time to visit his 2nd cousin whom he had never met or even hear of, my Mom. I missed the visit, but Fran snapped a photo of John and his wife with Mom. Mary posted the picture at our (password required) MyFamily.com site, "piseski visit 6-20-05".

Baird (West)

I finished a complete rewrite of the Baird section of my book in June. It is posted at gwozdz.org. It is the only section of my book online right now.

Barb and I visited Scotland this spring. It was fun to stay a night in Gilmerton, the village where John Baird was born in 1666. A number of web sites claim that this John is Barb's ancestor, as discussed in my book. We did not expect to find proof of the claim, but we did discover a "Baird House" from 1888, and lots of evidence that the Baird family was prominent in that region south of Edinburgh in the early 19th century (long after a John Baird emigrated to NJ).