

## JASIEK - JASKOWSKI - JASKOSKI

My name is Nancy C. (JASKOSKI) Batterson. I am the great granddaughter of Jacob and Martina (later known as Mary) JASIEK of Paris(ville), Michigan. I had very little to go on as I began my search about my Polish roots but, like with most things in life, patience and perseverance can lead you to little bits of information at a time with wonderful and surprising results! This is my story about my Polish roots...

Jacob Jasiek was born to Mathias and Catharina (Rudnik) JASIEK of Sosno, West Prussia (occupied Poland) on 18 July 1844. Mathias (dob: abt 1805) and Catharina (dob: abt 1810) Jasiek were married 7 Feb 1831 in the Catholic parish of Makowarsko (Monkowarsk), POLAND. Mathais and Catharina were my great *great* grandparents

As of this writing I have been able to learn about three siblings to Jacob; Augustinus (dob: abt 1841); Marianna (dob: abt 1846); and Ignatius (dob: abt 1847). I am also aware of their marriage dates and respective spouses in Poland.

At age 24 in Sosno at Marii Magdaleny Catholic Church in Wawelno, Gmina Sosno, West Prussia, Jacob married Martina MIZDALSKA (dob: 16 Oct 1850), who was the daughter of Joannes MIZDALSKI and Eleanora (Domek) MIZDALSKI.

Shortly after they were married, Jacob and Martina (or Mary) boarded the sailing ship the WESER at Bremen, Germany, arriving in New York, NY on 20 April 1868. I have a copy of their German passport which verifies this information.

I have no documentation of where they lived from the time they arrived in New York until May 3, 1871. On that particular date I have a copy of Jacob's Declaration of Intention which he filed in Paris (now Parisville), Michigan, providing evidence that he was in Huron County at that time. I would assume that he and Mary lived in the area during the fall fire of 1871.

On 1 July 1872, for the sum of \$400., Jacob purchased 80 acres of farmland on Atwater Road in Paris from Martin and Mary DUMOND. The name on the deed was spelled Yazek. Mary was expecting their first child in November. In 1972, the State of Michigan declared this land a Centennial Farm.

On the 1880 census, Jacob and Mary used the name Jasiek. They had four (4) children at that time; *Catharina* (dob: 27 Nov. 1872 - dod: 1950); *Lucy* (dob: 20 Dec. 1874 - dod: 2 Feb. 1961); *Anthony* (dob: 1 Feb 1877 - dod: 31 Mar 1939); and *Peter* (dob: 24 Sept 1879 - dod: 3 July 1943). Peter was MY Grandfather.

My Uncle Irvin Jaskoski who lives in Minden City, Michigan shared a story with me. He recalled hearing that Jacob, Mary and the children escaped the Great Fire of 1881 by jumping into their well. Various book and articles documented such desperate actions taken by families to survive the horrible fire that loomed over them.

Subsequent to the fire, Jacob and Mary had 5 additional children...John S. (dob:1 Jan 1882 - dod: 7 Nov. 1966); Anne (dob: abt Oct 1884 - dod: unknown); Frank (dob: 2 Feb 1887 - dod: 28 June 1887); Maggie (dob: 30 April 1888 - dod: 21 Aug 1978); and Martha (dob: 17 Oct. 1892 - dod: unknown).

Catharina (also known as Kate or Cate) married Francis Peruski on 9 May 1892 in Parisville, Michigan. They had 12 children. Lucy married Alexander Susalla and they had 5 children. Anthony married Julia Dropiewski on 27 Jan. 1903 and they had 10 children. Peter married Agnes Pelot and they had 7 children...one of which was MY father, Jacob. John married Martha Zmich and they had 6 children. Their next child, Frank, died at 4 months of age. I have not been able to determine who or if Anna married. Maggie married Frank O'Berski in July 1918. And lastly, I have found no information about Martha and if she married.

My great grandfather Jacob died in Parisville on 18 June 1928 and is buried at St. Mary's cemetery. Mary lived to be nearly 99 years old when she died on the 14 April 1949. Sadly, she had to experience the loss of three sons...Frank as an infant, and later Anthony and Peter as men and fathers. She is buried next to her husband.

During the course of my research in contact with Poland I received official copies of Jacob's baptismal and marriage certificate. As well as his parents (marriage) certificate. These documents verified that their name *was* JASIEK. Once in America their surname changed often but finally settled on JASKOWSKI. I have not found out why they changed their name from Jasiek to Jaskowski. Earlier versions of Jasiek spelled several different ways was likely due to pronunciation ...a common occurrence at that time.

My Grandfather, Peter, chose to omit the "w" from our surname and thus our name was always spelled JASKOSKI. As I mentioned earlier, he married Agnes PELOT on 1 Nov 1903 in Minden Twp. She was the daughter of Gotlieb and Frances (Swartz) PELOT. Together they had 7 children; Minnie, Irene, Jacob (my father!), Emma, Edward, Margaret and Irvin. I'm writing this in February 2009 and all have passed away with the exception of my Uncle Irvin.

Minnie married Walter TREPkowski, Irene married Leo BISMACK; Jacob married Gertrude STEVENS; Emma married Raymond ROLOFF; Edward married Rita LaBELLE; Margaret married Enock (Joe) PEPLINSKI; and Irvin married Rosie (PERUSKI). Irvin and Rosie still live on their family farm in Minden Township.

My own father, Jacob, named after his grandfather moved to the Port Huron area where he met and married Gertrude N. Stevens, my mother on 19 Feb 1936. They had four children and their first born son was named...what else? Jacob! Two more brothers, William and Michael arrived then myself. The name Jacob has continued to be used within our family through various children and grandchildren.

If you have any questions or information about the Jaskoski family that you can share with me, please contact me at 231-334-4996 or by e-mail [wdbncb@charter.net](mailto:wdbncb@charter.net).