

Jan Masiowski & Anastasia Kotlarchuk

Family History

Author's Note

The information in this booklet was collected from a number of sources both paper and digital including census records, passenger lists, school attendance records, newspaper articles, history books, websites, and family photographs.

Some of the most helpful were *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*, *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*, and *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography, Pioneer Settlers of Manitoba 1891-1900*.

This version, prepared after presentation at the Masiowski family reunion, July 19th, 2024 is incomplete but genealogical work can never truly be complete. There will always be another path or rabbit hole to follow but that's the fun of it.

The focus of this edition is Jan Masiowski and Anastasia Kotlarchuk with some information on their ancestors and some on their children. More research and information are required to expand the booklet. Please send information, stories, and photographs to kailaj@mts.net

You can be sure that a future edition will continue where this one leaves off and grow in depth as information, stories, and photographs are shared.

- Kaila Johnston

*(great-granddaughter of Jan and Anastasia Masiowski
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daughter of Jim and Sally Johnston)*

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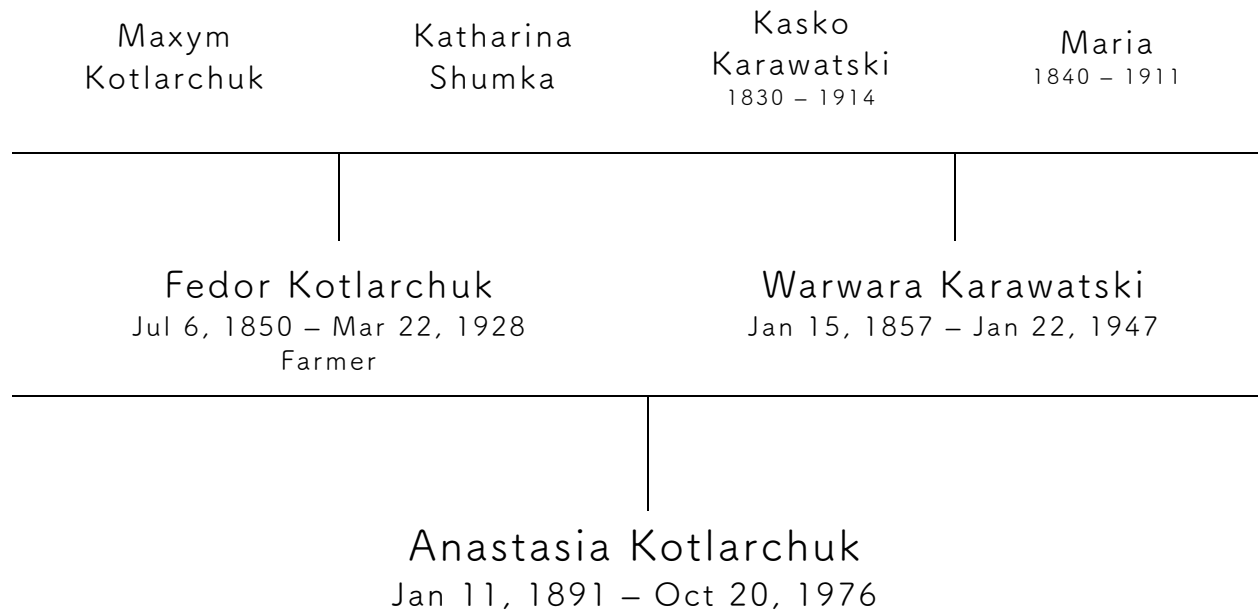
Masiowski Family Tree

Jornass Masiowski
Farmer

Katarzyna Nurjnsn

Jan Masiowski
1884 – Apr 5, 1961
Farmer

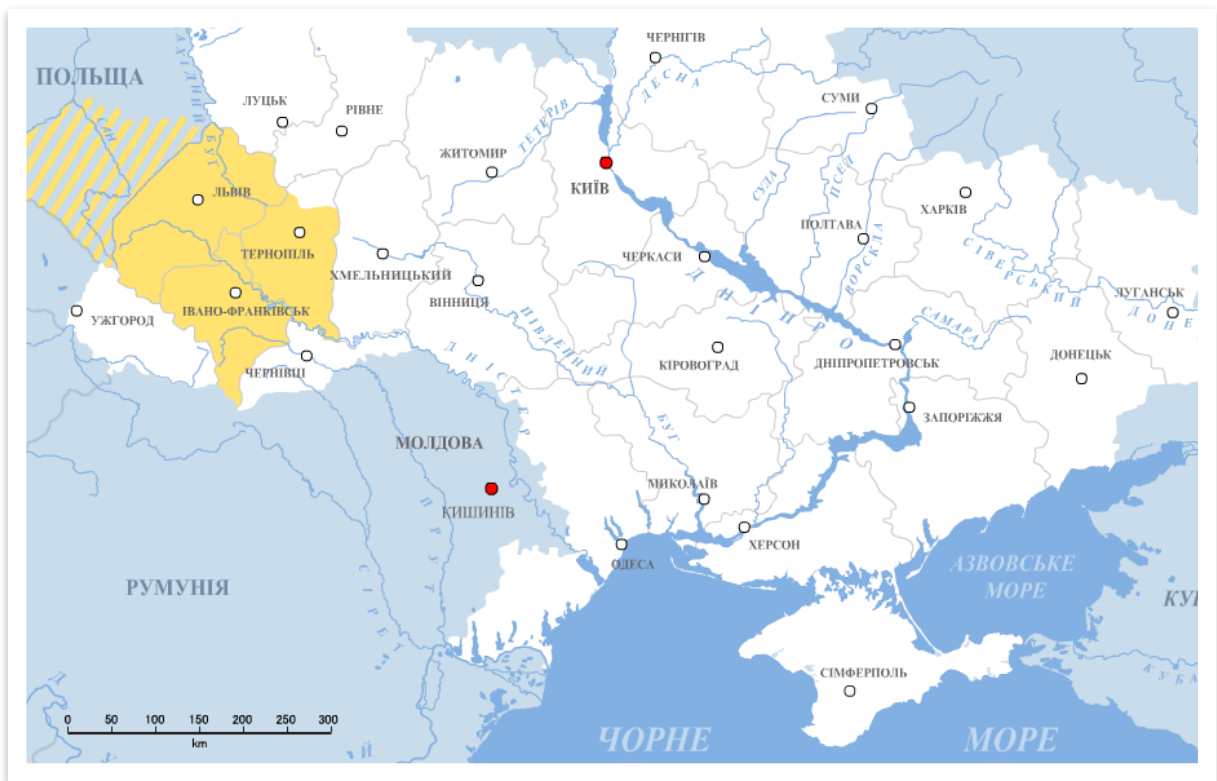
Kotlarchuk Family Tree



Jan's Family and Early Life

Jan Masiowski also known as "John" was born sometime around April 1884 in the village of Tsyhany, Galicia. John had at least two brothers including one named Joseph who also immigrated. He visited Manitoba until he was deported to the USA and made his home in Chicago. More research is required to learn more about John's parents, siblings, and family.

John was born in the village of Tsyhany (Ukrainian: **Цигани**, Polish: Cygany) which can be translated to "Gypsy" village. It is important to touch upon this place as both John and Anastasia came from the same village located in Galicia (Ukrainian: **Галичина**, Polish: Galicja).



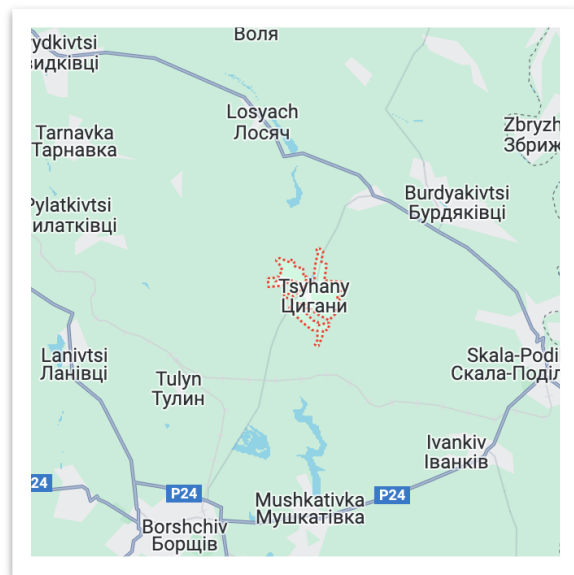
File:Ukraine-Halychyna.png. Wikipedia (<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Ukraine-Halychyna.png>)

Location of Galicia in today's Ukraine and Poland. The area's name developed out of the old Principality of Halych(yna). Striped is western Poland and full yellow is eastern Ukraine.

Galicia was a historical and geographic region in southeastern Poland and western Ukraine¹. It was the poorest region in the Astro-Hungarian Empire and consequently thousands of Galicians immigrated².

It would be impossible to cover the history of Galicia in this publication but suffice to say it was once part of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria, the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Republic of Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, and Ukraine.

The village of Tsyhany is located in the Borshchiv district, Ternopil oblast, Ukraine on the banks of the Tsyanka river (Цига́нка)³. In 1880 there were 1562 people who lived in the village, in 1900 there were 2267 (an increase of 705 over a span of 20 years), while there are 1304 people who live there today⁴.



Tsyhany, Ternopil Oblast, Ukraine. Google (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rm68BBFsSuy6K1Xk9>)

¹ Galicia (Eastern Europe). *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galicia_\(Eastern_Europe\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galicia_(Eastern_Europe)))

² Poverty in Austrian Galicia. *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poverty_in_Austrian_Galicia)

³ Цигани (село). *Wikipedia* ([https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Цигани_\(село\)](https://uk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Цигани_(село)))

⁴ Цигани. *Терен, Тернопільські експрес-новини*. (<https://web.archive.org/web/20160517003458/http://teren.in.ua/regions/tsyhany>) Борщівський район > Цигани

On April 24th, 1901 John boarded the *S.S. Assyria*, operated by the Hamburg America Line⁵, in Hamburg, Germany with 463 other souls and sailed to Canada with Michael Chornoboy and family.

The Choroboyas are on the passenger list on the *S.S. Assyria*⁶⁷. They arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 6th, 1901 and then headed to Winnipeg. Supposedly John was an orphan⁸, however, more research is required to confirm if his parents had died before he immigrated.

It looks as though there were several families from the village of Tsyhany who traveled on the same ship including Baszczak (Bastchak), Galaj, Hilasz (Helash), Kubyn, Panagabko (Panagapko), Rimiak, and Semczysyn (Semchyshyn).



Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 for Jan Masiowski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/799753:1068>) > 1901 > Direkt Band 118 (Apr 1901), p. 194.

On the Canadian Passenger List it states that John was 18 years old, a farmer, and his destination was Winnipeg, MB. Some of the other families are also headed to Winnipeg and some even closer like Sifton.

Port of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	Adults		Children between 1 and 14.		Number of Infants not over 1 year.	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.	Nation or Country of Birth.	Births at Sea.	Deaths.	Places in the Dominion of Canada or United States to which passengers are bound.
		Age.		Age.							
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.						
Hamburg	Myron Juch	40					farmer	Austrian	Pal		Winnipeg
	Masiowski Jan	18				13	farmer		She		Winnipeg
	Michael	25									

⁵ S/S Assyria, Hamburg America Line. *Norway-Heritage* (http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_ship.asp?sh=assyr)

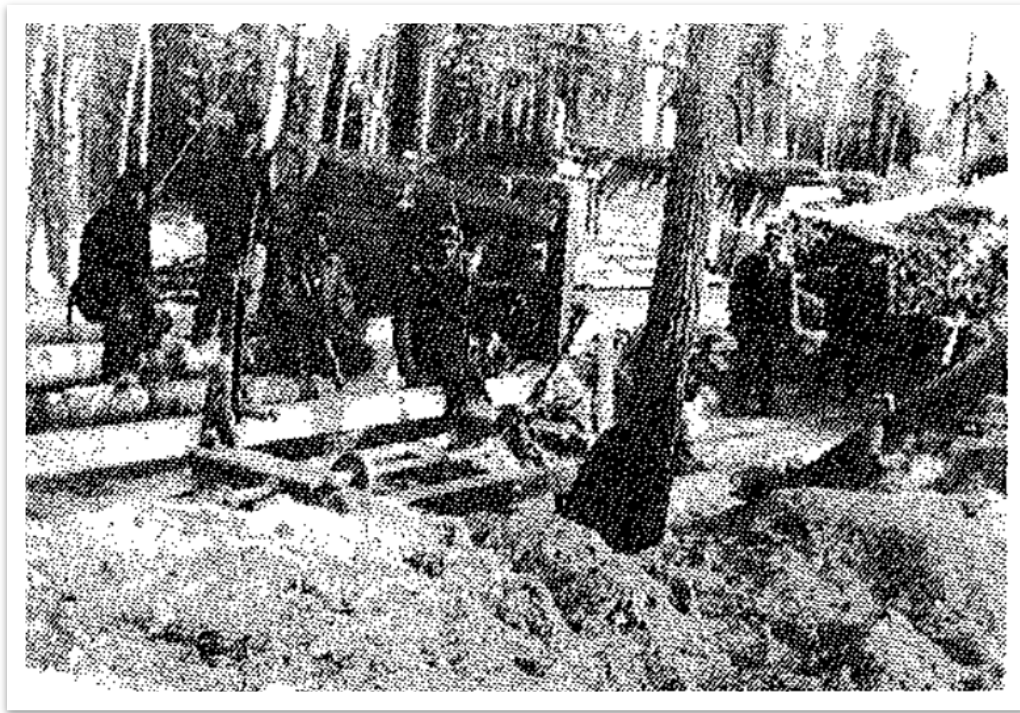
⁶ Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 for Michal Czornobaj. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/799434:1068>) > 1901 > Direkt Band 118 (Apr 1901), p. 193.

⁷ Canada, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 for Mihaly Cyomoboj, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/3876304:1263>) > Halifax, Nova Scotia > 1901 > 05, p. 58.

⁸ *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*. [Manitoba Legislative Library, F5648.M73 P10, circa 1968].

Canada Passenger Lists 1865-1935 for Jan Masiowski, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/3876267:1263>) > Halifax, Nova Scotia > 1901 > 05, p. 57.

He worked on the railroad and then, later on, he worked for Billy Williams who operated a sawmill in the Mossey River municipality.



No date. Billy Williams sawmill. *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*. [Manitoba Legislative Library, F5648.M73 P10, circa 1968].

In 1903, John settled on section 20, township 29, range 18^{9 10} and would remain here until he later moved the family.

Western Canada was divided into six-by-six-mile blocks called townships which were further sectioned into 1-square mile plots of land defined by the Dominion Land Survey¹¹. The plots were divided into 4

⁹ *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*. [Manitoba Legislative Library, F5648.M73 P10, circa 1968].

¹⁰ Jan Massouski. SW-20-29-18-W1. *Library and Archives Canada*. (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=489069&>) Land Grants of Western Canada, 1870-1930 > Jan Massouski.

¹¹ Section-Township-Range Numbers. *Government of Manitoba* (https://www.gov.mb.ca/mao/public/help_section.aspx) Municipal and Northern Relations > Property Assessment.

quarters: the northwest (NW), northeast (NE), southeast (SE), and southwest (SW) quarters.

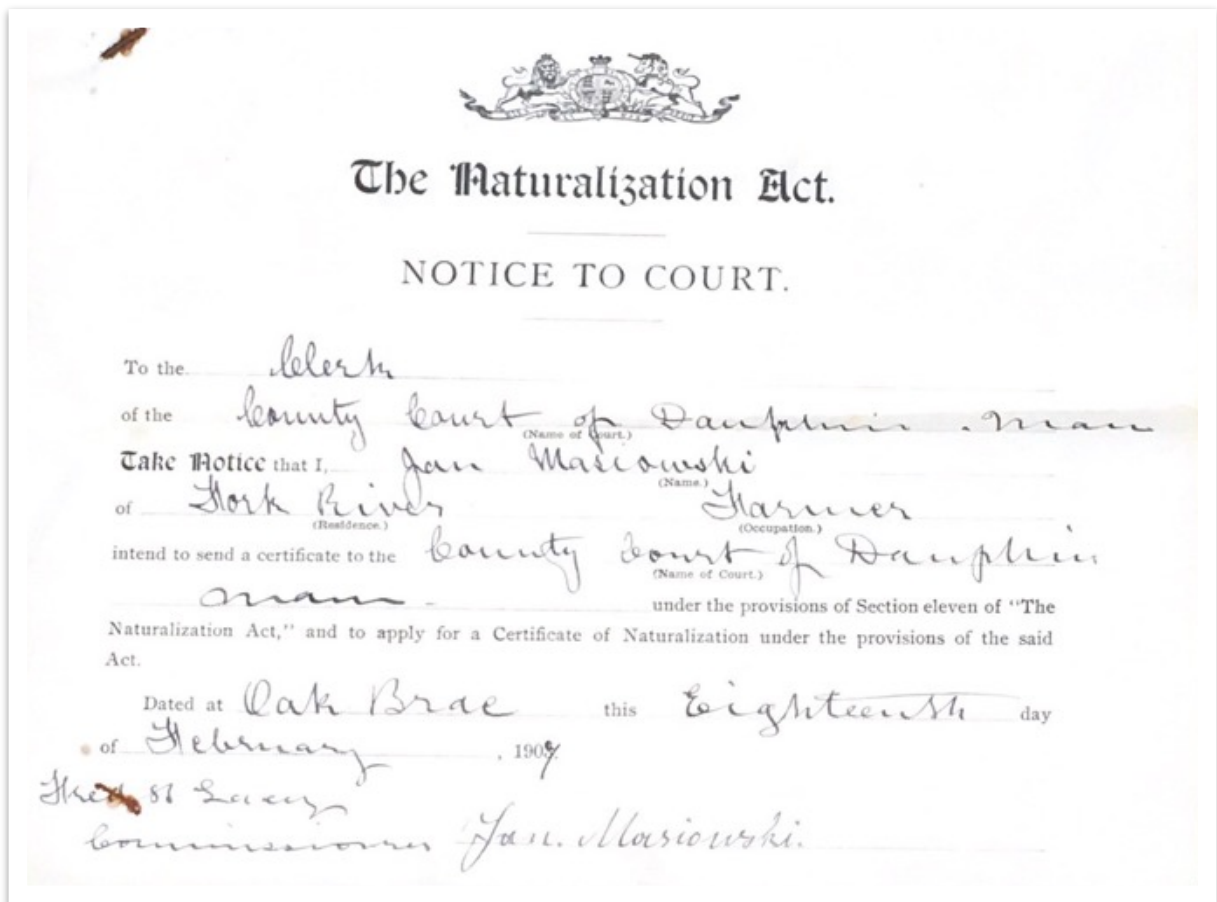
The Cummin's Manitoba Railroad Guide for 1923 identified G. Mashenski on southwest section 20, township 29, and range 18 with no other neighbours on the same section which leads me to believe that the spelling is an error¹².



G. Mashenski on SW-20-29-18. Rural Directory Map No. 90. Cummin's Manitoba Railroad Guide for 1923.

John became a naturalized Canadian citizen on February 18th, 1907 in Oak Brae.

¹² Rural Directory Map No. 90. Cummin's Manitoba Railroad Guide for 1923.



Jan Masiowski. The Naturalization Act – Notice to Court. Manitoba Archives.

Anastasia's Family and Early Life

Anastasia Kotlarchuk (1891-1976) and her family came from the same village as John, Tsyhany, but left two years earlier in 1899 from Hamburg, Germany on the *S.S. Phoenicia* and arrived in Halifax on May 21st, 1899.

There were 1308 souls on board including 700 adults, 489 children between the ages of 1 and 14, and 119 infants¹³ as well as other families from the same village with the surnames Bilinsky, Caruk, Geleta, Hilarz (Helash), Kryska, Koloduczuk, Papuszak, Paskal (Pascal), and Zurba.

¹³ Canada, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1865-1935, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.ca/imageviewer/collections/1263/images/IMCANQC1865_C4519-00448?pid=4674964) Halifax, Nova Scotia > 1899 > 05, p. 14.

Kotlarchuk Fedor	1	46	E. B. H. } V. H. } C. H. }	C. H. }	C. H. }	C. H. }
Warwar	1	40				
Mihail	1	34				
Nikolaj	1	31				
Anna	1	16				
Ivan	1	13				
Anton	1	9				
Anastasia	1	8				

Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 for Anastasia Kotlarchuk, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/718004:1068>) 1890-1900 > Direkt Band 102, p. 308.

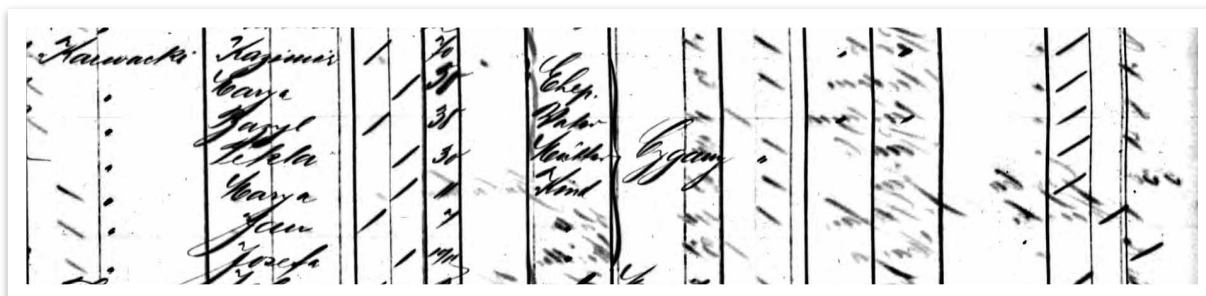
Kotlarchuk Fedor	46	} wife
Warwar	40	
Mihail	24	
Nikolaj	21	
Anna	16	
Ivan	13	
Anton	9	
Anastasya	8	} childr
Kotlarchuk	1	

Canada, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 for Anastasya Burstale, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/4674964:1263>) Halifax, Nova Scotia > 1899 > 05, p. 38.

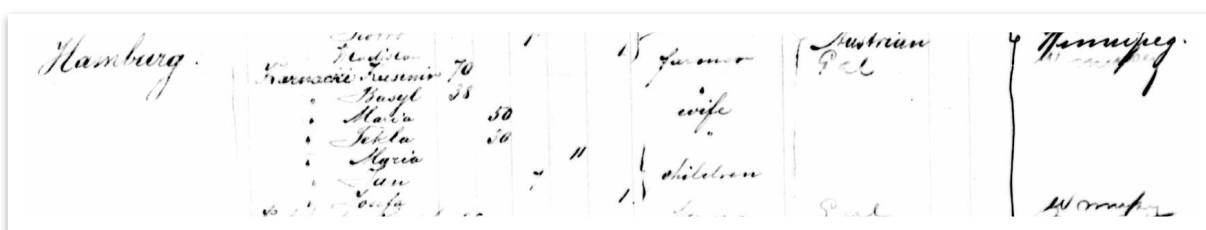
Her parents Fedor Kotlarchuk (1850-1928) "Fred" and Warwara Karawatski (1857-1947) "Barbara", siblings Michael (1875-), Nykola (1878-1957), Anna (1883-1940), Ivan (1885-), Anton (1890-1968), and Katharina (1898-1918), and maternal grandparents Kasko Karawatski (1830-1914) and Maria (1840-1911) came to Canada with them¹⁴.

¹⁴ Kaye, Vladimir J. *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography. Pioneer Settlers of Manitoba 1891-1900*. Toronto, Canada: Ukrainian Canadian Research Foundation. 1975. p. 50.

Her uncle Wasył (1866-1915) and his wife Tekla and children also traveled with the Karawatskis and also settled in the Mossey River municipality.



Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934 for Kazimir Karwacki, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/891996:1068>) 1890-1900 > Direkt Band 111 (Jun 1900), p. 158.



Canada, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1865-1935 for Kasenin Karwacki, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/5784465:1263>) Halifax, Nova Scotia > 1900 > 07, p. 61.

In the 1901 Canadian Census, the Kotlarchuks lived in the district of Marquette and the subdistrict of Aberdeen. Some of their neighbors were Bilinsky, Geleta, and Zurba who were families that had traveled on the same ship to Canada with them.

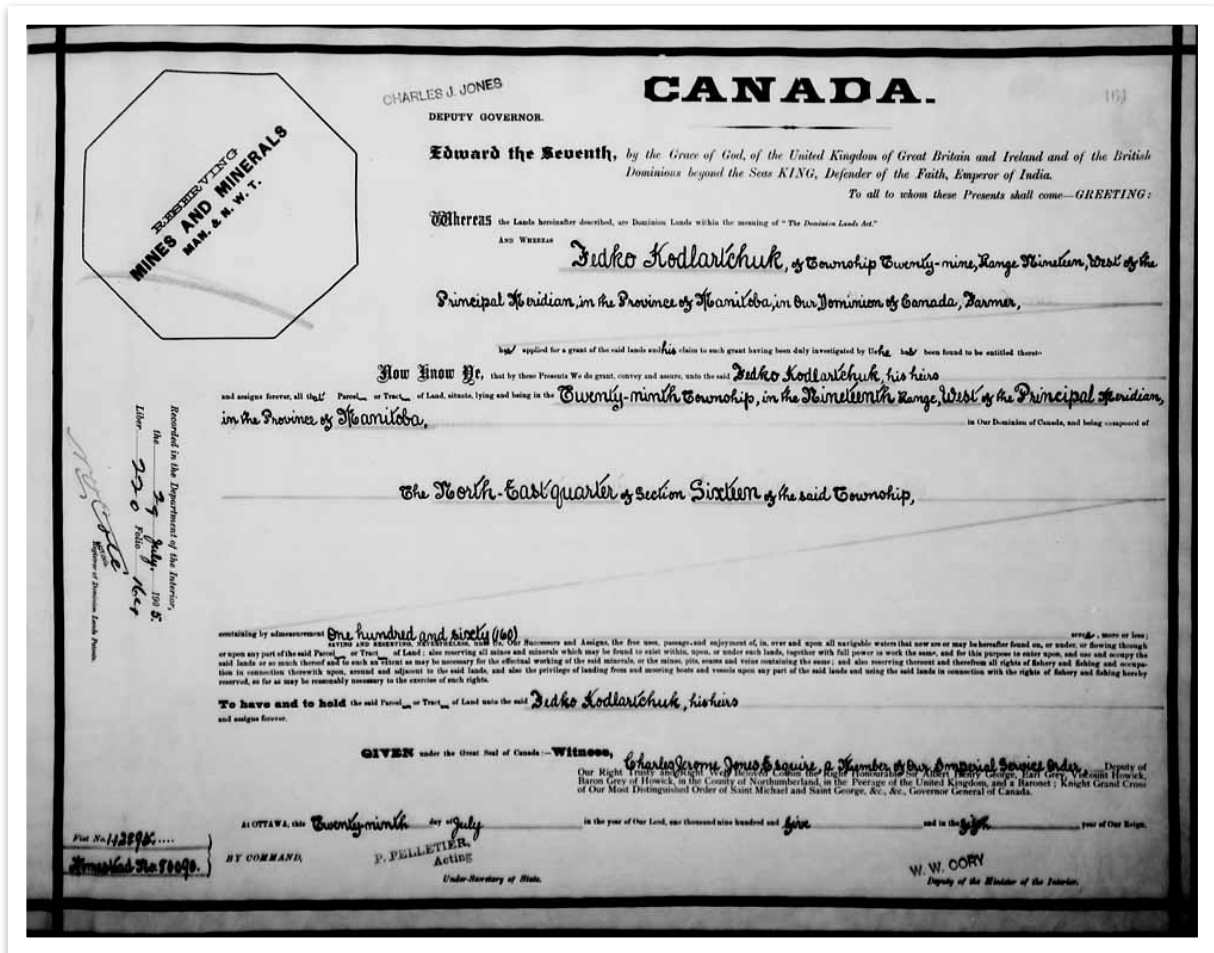
Kodlarchuk Fedko	25	w	Head	25	6 July	1861	240
Wassara	21	w	wife	21	4 Nov	1864	35
Nickel	25	w	Son	8	9 Dec	1886	20
John	21	w	Son	8	28 Aug	1889	17
Antony	25	w	Son	8	10 May	1886	15
Anna	21	w	daughter	8	10 July	1887	19
Nastie	21	w	daughter	8	16 Jan	1889	12
Kataryna	21	w	daughter	8	15 Nov	1888	3
Michael	25	w	Son	8	16 Feb	1890	21

1901 Census of Canada for Nastie Kodlarchuk. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/10860686:8826>) Manitoba > Marquette > Aberdeen [Unorganized Territory/Territoire Non-Organisé #02], p. 21.

There is a Western Land Grant issued for northeast section 16, township 29, range 19 in Fedor's name (Fedko Kodlartchuk) on July 29th, 1905. This is the same section they lived on in the 1906 Canadian Census where they are listed as Austrians who immigrated in 1899.

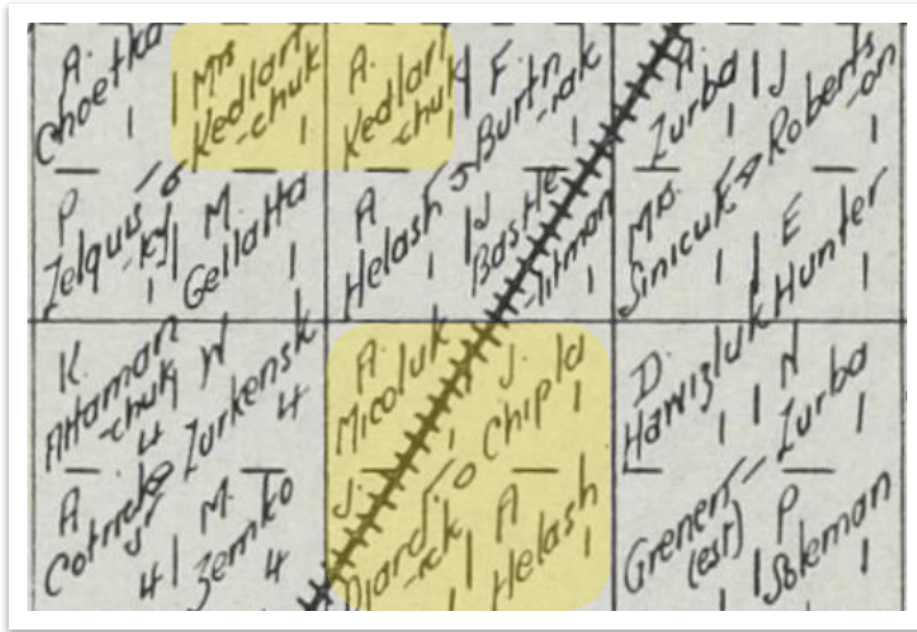
Kodlartchuk Fedko	Head	m	m	25	Austria	1899
Martha	wife	F	m	50	Austria	1899
John	Son	m	S	20	Austria	1899
Antony	-	m	S	20	Austria	1899
Catherine	Daughter	F	S	18	Austria	1899
Nastie	-	F	S	16	Austria	1899
Harba	-	F	S	12	Austria	1899
Kodlartchuk Fedko	Head	m	m	24	Austria	1899
Michael	-	m	m	21	Austria	1899

1906 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for Kotlarchuk. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/1731412:8827>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 23, p. 11.



Fedko Kodlartchuk. NE-16-29-19-W1. Library and Archives Canada. (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/land/land-grants-western-canada-1870-1930/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=492186&>) Land Grants of Western Canada, 1870-1930 > Fedko Kodlartchuk.

The Karawatskis are close by on section 10, township 29, range 19 which in truth is only 1/2 mile south of section 15 and southeast of section 16.



Mrs. Kedlarchuk, A. Kedlarchuk. NW-15&NE-16-29-19. Rural Directory Map No. 90. Cummin's Manitoba Railroad Guide for 1923.

In the 1906 Canadian Census, Anastasia's maternal grandparents lived on the same section as her uncle and his family. Wasyl and Tekla had four children while two were born in Manitoba, Nashta and Marie.

Karawatski Wasyl	Head	M	M	40	Austria	1900
Tekla	Wife	F	M	30	Austria	1900
Yanka	Son	M	S	14	Austria	1900
Nashta	Daughter	F	S	9	Austria	1900
Marie	...	F	S	7	Austria	1900
Nashta	...	F	S	5	Man	-
Marie	...	F	S	3	Man	-
Karawatski Wasyl	Head	M	M	42	Austria	1900
Marie	Wife	F	M	36	Austria	1900

1906 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for Kasko Karawatski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/1731889:8827>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 23, p. 17.

In the 1911 Canadian Census, the Kotlarchuks continued to live on the section of land granted to Fedor in 1905. Anastasia's siblings Anton and

Katharina lived with them as did her grandfather who was now a widower. They were recorded as Rutherians and under religion there's a note that says "Protest. Ind" and whose meaning is unknown at this time.

Kurpora Karloski	Head	M	35	March 1876
Wife	F	32	Dec. 1878	
Son	M	12	July 1898	
Mother	F	13	March 1898	

1911 Census of Canada for Kurpora Karloski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/2816061:8947>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 51, p. 4.

Kasko passed away of old age on August 22nd, 1914 while his son and daughter-in-law (Wasył and Tekla) died a year later in 1915 due to tuberculosis.

Wasył's son, John, and his family kept farming on section 10, township 29, range 19 until they moved before the 1926 Canadian Census and are located in the 1931 Census in Nelson, Manitoba¹⁵.

In the 1916 Canadian Census, Fedor and Warwara live with their son Anton and his wife and son Joseph. Unfortunately, the census record does not identify what section only that it is in township 29, range 19. I doubt the family has moved off of section 16.

Kedlartchuk, Anton	Head	M	M	30
Wife	F	M		22
Father	M	M		67
Mother	F	M		50
Son	M	S		12

1916 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for Fredrick Kedlartchuk. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/756906907:1556>) Manitoba > Dauphin > 23, p. 16.

¹⁵ 1931 Census of Canada for John Karwatski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/3936086:62640>) Manitoba > Nelson > 0016, p. 7.

In the 1921 Canadian Census, Fedor and Warwara live with Anton and his wife and three sons named Joseph, Alec, and Mike on section 16, township 29, range 19. They are recorded as Greek Catholic Rutherians.

Kotlarchuk Fedor	16	29	19	Michassy River	0	-	S Wood	2	Head	M	33
Kotlarchuk Warwara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wife	F	19
Kotlarchuk Joseph	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	12
Kotlarchuk Alec	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	5
Kotlarchuk Mike	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	2
Kotlarchuk Fred	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	* Father	M	74
Kotlarchuk Warwara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wife	F	63

1921 Census of Canada for Fred Kotlarchuk. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/6453883:8991>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 24, p. 30.

In the 1926 Canadian Census, Fedor and Warwara live with their son Anton and his wife and seven children. They were recorded as being born in Poland while the whole family's mother tongue was Ukrainian.

Kedlartchuk Anton	16	29	19	W1	..	Head	M	29
Kedlartchuk Michaela	..	..	..	..	..	Wife	F	22
Kedlartchuk Joseph	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	11
Kedlartchuk Alec	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	9
Kedlartchuk Mike	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	8
Kedlartchuk Metro	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	4
Kedlartchuk Stefan	..	..	..	..	..	Son	M	2
Kedlartchuk Katchka	..	..	..	..	..	Daughter	F	2
Kedlartchuk Hanka	..	..	..	..	..	Daughter	F	2
Kedlartchuk Fred	16	29	19	W1	..	Head	M	75
Kedlartchuk Warwara	..	..	..	..	..	Wife	F	65
Kedlartchuk Mike	..	..	..	..	..	Wife	F	17

1926 Census of Canada for Fred Kedlartchuk. *Library and Archives Canada* (<https://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?app=census1926&op=img&id=e011219800>) Manitoba > District 2 > Sub-District 27, p. 8.

In the 1931 Canadian Census, Warwara (now a widow) continued to live with her son Anton, his wife, and their seven children in a three-room house worth \$3000 on section 16, township 29, range 19. I suspect that the estimated worth of the homestead is an error with an extra zero and should be \$300 based on the estimates of other homesteads near-by.

Kottarchuk Tony	16	29	19	W	0	3000	S	W	3	No	Head	M	M	45	6
" Jena											Wife	F	M	27	1
" Joseph											Son	M	S	13	
" Alexander											Son	M	S	11	1
" Michael											Son	M	S	11	
" Dmitri											Son	M	S	9	
" Steven											Son	M	S	8	
" Paul											Son	M	S	1	
" Katherine											Daughter	F	S	8	
" Annie											Daughter	F	S	6	
" Pauline											Daughter	F	S	1	
" Warwara											Mother	F	W	74	1

1931 Census of Canada for Warwara Kottarchuk. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/3763600:62640>) Manitoba > Dauphin > 0025, p. 5.

On 1928, Anastasia's father Fedor died and on January 22nd, 1947 her mother Warwara died. Their burial plots are currently unknown at this time.

John and Anastasia's Marriage and Family

The story goes that in the spring of 1904, Jan and Anastasia, walked 10 miles to Sifton, Manitoba to be married¹⁶. A home was then built from the lumber that John had cut the previous winter. The homestead grew with a house, barn for horses and cows, one for pigs, and a hen house.

They raised a family of thirteen children (8 boys and 5 girls) named Joseph Alexander (1905-1997), Anton (1906-1925), Agnes (1909-2001), Peter Albert (1910-1991), Helen (1912-2006), Nicola Thomas (1914-1992), Pauline (1916-2006), Jean (1918-2017), Stanley Christopher (1920-2012), Anne Nastia (1922-2024), Frank John (1924-2015), Carl (1929-2005), and Thomas Lawrence (1932-).

In the 1906 Canadian Census, John is on section 20, township 29, range 18 with a wife and child. What is particularly interesting is that his

¹⁶ Masiowski, John and Nastia. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 363.

wife's name is Hanka. It's hard to tell whether her age is 18 or 13 due to the quality of the scan but they had a baby named Josef whose birth-year roughly matches that of John and Anastasia's first son Joseph.

Masiowski John	Head	M	S	32	Austria	1902
Hanka	wife	F	S	13	Austria	1902
Josef	Son	M	S	2	Austria	1902

1906 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for John Masiowski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/1731920:8827>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 23, p. 17.

Based on this record, apparently Hanka and Josef were born in Austria and had immigrated in 1902. This is a year off of John's immigration year but you will notice that dates on records typically have a range.

When we reference the Hamburg and Canadian passenger lists, we can be confident John had traveled alone to Canada. Hanka's name is possibly an error, however, Anastasia's name is listed with her parents and siblings in the same Census so it is hard to come to any conclusion.

In the 1911 Canadian Census, the Masiowskis live on the southwest quarter of section 18, township 29, range 18 along with another family named the Robertsons. They are identified as Catholic Rutherians with four children named [Giska] for Joseph, Anton, [???] for Agnes, and [Pytro] for Peter.

Masiowski John	Head	M	Wife	1888	26	Galicia	1904	1907
Anastasia	Wife	F	1888	22	Galicia	1904	1907	
Joseph	Son	M	Feb	1905	6	Man		
Anton	Son	M	Oct	1907	4	Man		
Pytro	Son	M	27th	1908	3	Man		
Pytro	Son	M	Feb	1900	1	Man		
Mathias John Robert	Head	M	Dec	1885	26	Galicia	1904	1907

1911 Census of Canada for John Masiowski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/2837069:8947>) Manitoba > Dauphin > Sub-District 44, p. 1.

In the 1916 Census, the Masiowskis are likely still on the southwest quarter of section 18 but could be on section 20 as the census record only identifies township 29 and range 18. They are identified as Roman Catholic Poles and their naturalization dates have changed.

There are six children in the home and it's interesting to see some of the names have changed to Joe for Joseph, [Aggness] for Agnes, [Helenia] for Helen, and [Polina] for Pauline. Anastasia's name is recorded as Nellie.

The image shows a handwritten census record for John Masiowski. The record is organized into columns for name, age, sex, marital status, and birthplace. The family is listed as follows:

Name	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Birthplace
Masiowski John	29	M	M	33 Galicia
" Nellie	18	F	M	27 Galicia
" Joe	1	M	S	18 Man.
" Alton		M	S	8 Man.
" Aggness		F	S	7 Man.
" Peter		M	S	6 Man.
" Helena		F	S	4 Man.
" Nicolo		M	S	2 Man.
" Polina		F	S	2 Man.

1916 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for John Masiowski. Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/756906125:1556>) Manitoba > Dauphin > 23, p. 1.

In the 1921 Canadian Census, the Masiowskis lived in a two-room house on section 20, township 29, and range 18. They are identified as Roman Catholic Ruthenians and their immigration dates are more accurate.

There are nine children whose names have become more Anglicized to Joseph, Anton, Agnes, Peter, Helen, [Pawlina] for Pauline, [Gynka] for Jean, and [Kasko] for Stanley.

Joseph, then 16, was old enough to work on his father's farm which aligns with the story that he left school by grade 4 to do so.

Masiowski John	20 29 18	1	Manitoba	0	S Wood 2	Head	Ch	Ch	38	John
Marta						Wife	Ch	Ch	31	Marta
Joseph						Son	Ch	S	16	John
Anton						Son	Ch	S	14	John
Agnes						Daughter	S	S	13	John
Peter						Son	Ch	S	11	John
John						Daughter	S	S	9	John
Elizabeth						Son	Ch	S	8	John
Paulina						Daughter	S	S	5	John
Joseph						Daughter	S	S	3	John
Marta						Son	Ch	S	1 1/2	John
						Head	Ch	Ch	21	John

1921 Census of Canada for Masiowski. Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/6433989:8991>) Manitoba > Dauphin > 23, p. 17.

On October 11th, 1925, Anton Masiowski died. Reportedly he was a sickly child¹⁷ with a deformity on his back.

He was buried at St. Michael's Cemetery¹⁸ which is north of the North Lake School on the southwest portion of section 14, township 29, range 18. The years on his headstone for his birth and death are off by 1 year.



St. Michael's Cemetery. 2015. K. Johnston.

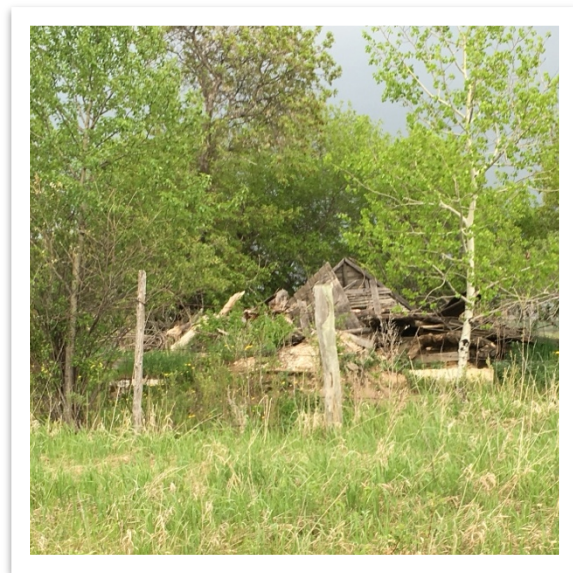
¹⁷ *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*. [Manitoba Legislative Library, F5648.M73 P10, circa 1968].

¹⁸ Web: Canada, GenWeb Cemetery Index, 1800-2011 for Antoni Masiowski. Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/591423:70668>)

In 1924, John decided to give up the original homestead because there were too many rocks and he was dissatisfied with the land¹⁹. He purchased the north half of section 10, township 29, range 18.

In the 1926 Canadian Census, the Masiowskis are recorded as on this homestead which grew in size with a log barn, grainery, hen house, and pig barn.

This homestead was dilapidated but still standing in 2015.



Masiowski homestead, 10-29-18. 2015. K. Johnston.

¹⁹ Masiowski, John and Nastia. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 364.



Masiowski homestead, 10-29-18. 2015. K. Johnston.

John and Anastasia were recorded as being born in Poland while the whole family's mother tongue was Ukrainian.

There were ten children named Joseph, Agnes, Peter, Helen, Nicola, Polly, Jennie, Stanley, Annie, and Frank.

Maschowski	John	Nov 10	29	18	W1	"	Head	12	M	M	43
"	Polly	"	"	"	"	"	Wife	"	F	M	38
"	Joseph	"	"	"	"	"	Son	"	M	S	21
Maschowski	Agnes	Nov 10	29	18	W1	Mary Kura	Daughter	"	F	S	18
"	Peter	"	"	"	"	"	Son	"	M	S	16
"	Helen	"	"	"	"	"	Daughter	"	F	S	14
"	Nicola	"	"	"	"	"	Son	"	M	S	12
"	Polly	"	"	"	"	"	Daughter	"	F	S	10
"	Jennie	"	"	"	"	"	Daughter	"	F	S	8
"	Stanley	"	"	"	"	"	Son	"	M	S	5
"	Annie	"	"	"	"	"	Daughter	"	F	S	5
"	Frank	"	"	"	"	"	Son	"	M	S	2
Maschowski	Frank	Nov 10	29	18	W1	"	Head	"	M	M	43

1926 Census of Canada for John Maschuski. *Library and Archives Canada*
<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/2837069:8947>) Manitoba > District 2 > Sub-District 27, p. 12.



Circa 1925-1930. Helen, Agnes, John and Anastasia (seated), Frank. *Pioneers of the Mowat School District No 1232 1904-1968*. [Manitoba Legislative Library, F5648.M73 P10, circa 1968].

In the 1931 Census, the Masiowskis live on the north side of section 10, township 29, range 18. The wooden structure has three rooms (two rooms plus a useable attic) and was worth \$400.

There were nine children named Joe, Peter, Nick, Stanley, Frank, Carl, Polly, Jinny, and Annie. The older boys (Joe, Peter, and Nick) worked on the farm while Frank, Polly, Jinny, and Annie attended school.

Mosowski	John	10	29	18	PW	0	400	S	W	3	no	Head	M	M	48
	Nellie											Wife	F	M	42
	Joe											son	M	S	26
	Peter											son	M	S	21
	Nick											son	M	S	17
	Stanley											son	M	S	9
	Frank											son	M	S	6
	Carl											son	M	S	2
	Polly											daughter	F	S	15
	Jinny											daughter	F	S	13
	Annie											daughter	F	S	8

1931 Census of Canada for John Masiowski. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/3762168:62640>) Manitoba > Dauphin > 0023, p. 6.

John and Anastasia continued to farm the land until they retired in 1946 and moved to Fork River. When their sons Nick and Stan returned from WWII, all seven sons worked together to build them a two-room retirement home in town.

On May 5th, 1954 John and Anastasia celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and received a Papal blessing dated March 21st, 1954.



May 5, 1954. Golden Wedding Anniversary.
Anastasia and Jan Masiowski, Kenny Pascal, and Michael Chornoby.



May 5, 1954. Golden Wedding Anniversary.

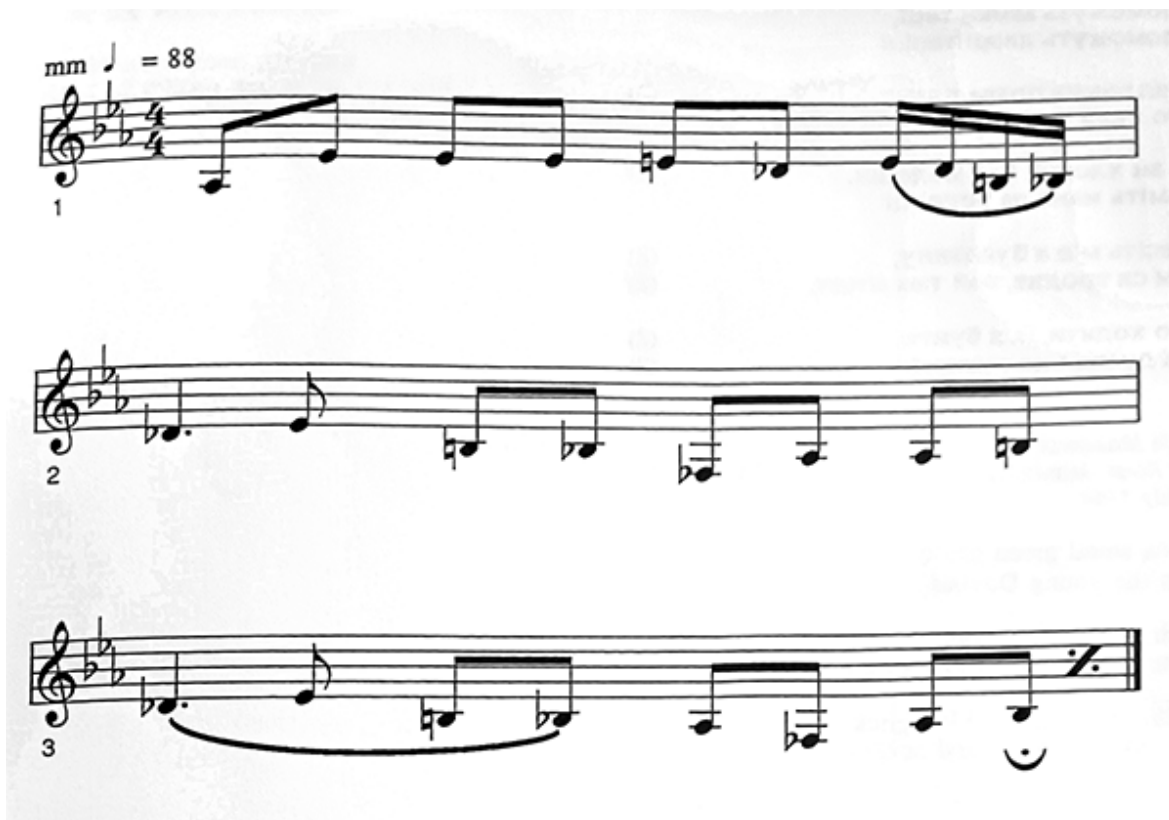
Back: Anna B. (Pete's wife), Jim J., Anita (Stan's wife), Albert, Ernie, and Joe M.
 Middle: Anne D. (Joe's wife), Pauline J., Helen P., John & Nastia M., Joe, Pete, Nick, and Frank M.
 Front: Lorraine, Helen and Judith P., Frankie M., Larry and Jim J., Elmer P., n/a, Victor M.

John passed away at the age of 77 on April 5th, 1961 and is buried in the Fork River Catholic Cemetery.

On July 20th, 1964 Ukrainian-Canadian folklorist Robert Klymasz visited Fork River and recorded 32 songs and stories with Anastasia.

There are 2 songs of hers that have been printed in his books called:

- Ой попід гай зеленький "By the green grove", and
- Там на горбочку там вогонь горе "There's a fire on the hill, there's grief."



Nastja Masiowsky – Fork River, Manitoba – 20 July 1964. *Old Country Songs. Song 12. Ukrainian Folksongs from the Prairies.* 1992. p. 29.

Ой попід гай зеленький

Ой попід гай зеленький
Ходить Довбуш молоденький.

By the small green grove
Goes the young Dovbuš.

На ніжечку налягає,
На топір ся підпирає.

He limps on [one] foot
He rests on his ace as on a cane.

«Бігом, хлопці, бігом, бігом,
Западає стежка снігом.

“Quickly, men, quickly, quickly,
Soon snow will fall and cover our
path.

Та коби ми бай до Дзвінки,
До Штефанової жінки.»

“Let’s make our way to Dzvinka,
To the wife of Štefan.

“Greetings, o wife of Štefan,
Is Štefan, your husband, home?”

«На день добрий Штефанова,
Ой чи є твій Штефан дома?»

«Ой нема Штефана вдома,
Ще вечеря не готова.»

«Ой чи вийдеш відтворяти,
Чи скажеш ся добувати?»

«Ой не вийду я втворяти,
Не скажу ся добувати.

В мене дсвері тисовії,
В мене замки сталювії.»

«Як підложу праве плече,
Не допоможуть замки твої,
Не допоможуть двері твої.»

Як підложив праве плече,
Його куля в саме серце.

«Ой ви хлопці бай молодці,
Візьміть мене на топорці.

Замесить м'я в Буковину,
Де-м ся вродив, най там эгину.

Було ходити та и буяти,
Суці правди не сказати.»

"Štefan is not home yet,
The supper is not ready."

"Will you open up willingly,
Or am I to force my way in?"

"I shall not open up,
Nor will I let you force yourself in.

"I have doors made of yew,
I have locks made of steel."

"When I brace my shoulder against
the door,
Your locks will not help,
Your doors will not help."

When he braced his shoulder to
the door,
A bullet hit him straight in the
heart.

"O my men, you young stalwarts,
Take me up on your axe [handles],

And take me to Bukovyna,
Let me die where I was born.

I should have gone roaming
Instead of telling that bitch the
truth."

III. 3

*Sung by Mrs. Nastja Masiowsky,
Fork River, Manitoba, 1964.*

Moderately fast $\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/8 time signature. The melody is simple, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are in Ukrainian and are written below each staff.

Там на гор - боч - ку там во -- гонь го -- рит,
Там дів - чи --- на пи - ро -- ги ва -- рит. А
з стрі -- хи ти - че на ї - ї пли - че, А з
но - са кап -- тит, пи - ро - ги мас -- тит!

III. 3. *The Ukrainian Winter Folksong Cycle in Canada.* 1970. p. 139.

NOTE: Singers often grope for the pitch and metre at the beginning of songs. If this song had had more verses, the singer would probably have established a triple metre throughout. The bar 4/8 time would then be sung in 38. [Kenneth Peacock.]

Там на горбочку там вогонь горе

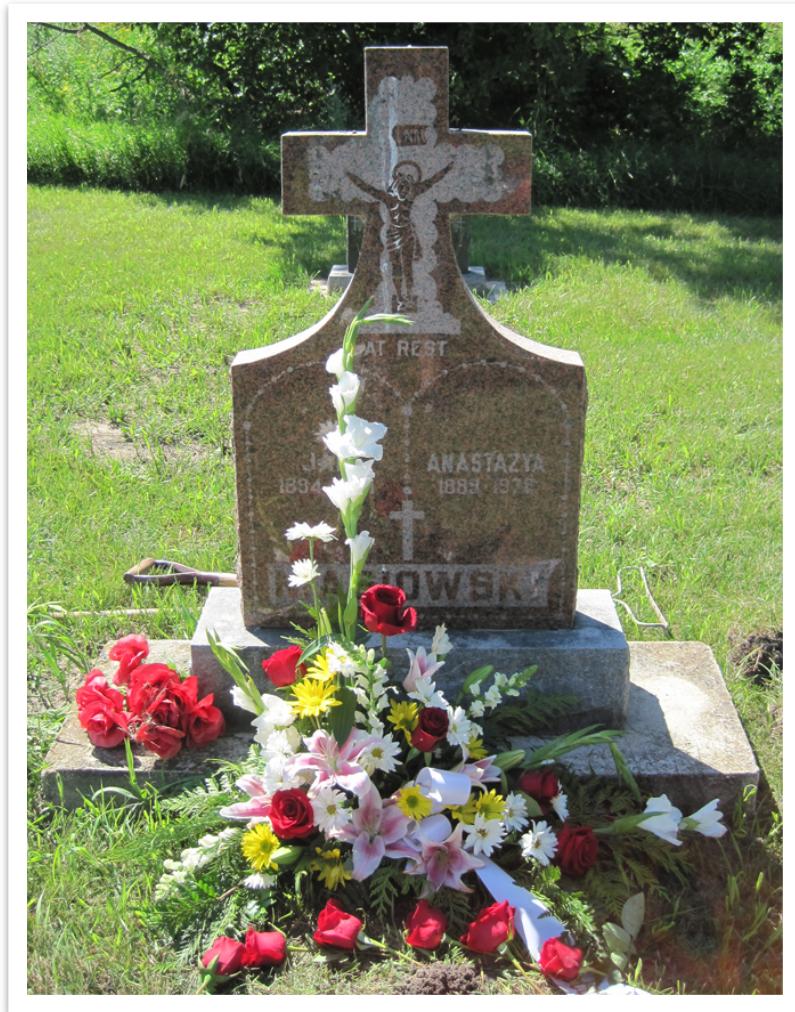
Там на горбочку там вогонь горе
Там дівчина пироги варит.

There on a hillhock burns a fire,
And a maiden's there cooking
dumplings.

А з стріхи тиче на її плече,
А з носа каптит, пироги мастит!

The thatched roof is leaking onto
her shoulder
And from her nose it's dripping
and buttering the dumplings.

Anastasia outlived her husband by fifteen years; she passed away at the age of 85 on October 20th, 1976. She is buried beside her husband.



Jan and Anastazy Masiowski. Fork River Catholic Cemetery. 2012.
K. Johnston.

The Masiowski Children

The Masiowski children attended Mowat School No. 1232 and later North Lake School No. 1431. The distance from the Masiowski farm to

the Mowat School was 3 and ½ miles while the distance to the North Lake School after they moved was only ¾ a mile²⁰.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MANITOBA										
HALF-YEARLY RETURN										
Of Attendance at the School District of <i>Mowat</i> for the Half Year ending June 30th, 1925.										
NOTE: The Legislative Grant for the half year is not payable to any school until its half yearly Return is fully and accurately filled up from the school register, certified to by the Secretary-Treasurer and the Teacher and sent to the Department of Education.										
GRADE	NAME OF PUPIL	AGE IN YEARS	NO. OF DAYS EACH PUPIL HAS ATTENDED						TOTAL	HALF YEAR
			JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE		
I	Miller, Andy	7	20	17	21	16	19	17½	110½	
	Brunson, George	7	19	19	20	16	19	19	112	
	Munroe, Henderson	7	20	17	20	16	16	19	108	
	Richardson, Beatrice	8	3	10	17	4	18	14	66	
	Denich, Edwin	7	2	9	11	5	17	17	61	
	Pzeski, Katie	6				5	20	18	43	
	Semeyppyn, Lena	6					9	9	18	
	Gurba, Alex	9						7	7	
	Antoshki, Lena	7	5	4					9	
	Robertson, Mabel	7	4	17	14	12	13	16	76	
	Anderson, Standay	8	12	18	17	13	20	13	93	
	Johnston, William	7	20	20	20	14½	18	19	111½	
	Rudkewitch, Eleanor	7	6	13	8	9	17	20	73	
	Masiowski, Molly	8				2	18	13	33	
	Gurba, Polli	10				2	13	8	23	
II	Gurba, Annie	11	2	16	14	2	14	12	60	
	Gurba, Mike	12	2	14	14	1	3	10	44	
	Gabiasa, Willie	8	8	17	13	5	16	16	75	
	Gower, Carl	8	9	5	8	11	18	17	68	
	Miller, Mary	9	18	16	20	14½	17	19	104½	
	Reader, Ronald	8	20	12½	21	16	20	22	111½	
	Richardson, Albert	10	15	12	19	12	18	16	92	
	Robertson, Florence	9	17	19	19	10	18½	17½	101	
	Rudkewitch, Brunson	9	18	19	18	9	18	20	102	
	Masiowski, Nicola	10	9	12	12	4	18	9	64	
	Johnston, Earnest	9	20	7½	21	16	12½	20	97	
	Salomon, Anna	9	2	16	18	9	19	20	84	
	Gabiasa, Johnny	10	11	18	15	6	14	12	76	
	Russelick, Philip	9	8	5	7	6	6	8	40	
III	Rudkewitch, Elizabeth	11	17	19	18	9	11	20	100	
	Semeyppyn, Alice	10	9	10	13	4	11	13	60	
	Gurba, Mary	13			4				4	
IV	Johnston, Jim	11	19½	19	22	16	16½	17	110	
	Pzeski, John	11	14	16	20	10	19	19	98	
	Richardson, Frank	11	15	12	19	12	14	15	87	
	Robertson, Joe	11	3	13	16	10		11½	58½	
	Miller, Jim	12	20	19	20½	16	18	21	114½	
	Myggren, Willie	12	19	19	16	14	10	18½	96½	
	Scheld, Mabel	10	17	11	14	11	20	19	92	
	Isperowski, Stephen	12	12	19	20	12	17	20	100	
	Isperowski, Tina	13	12	19	20	13	11		75	
	Gabiasa, Mary	12	13	20	17	5	17	17½	89½	
	Masiowski, Alice	13	10	14	12	4	13	8	61	

²⁰ Masiowski, John and Nastia. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.* (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 363-64.

Half-Yearly Return of Attendance for School District of Mowat No. 1232. Jan-Jun, 1925. Archives of Manitoba.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MANITOBA											
HALF-YEARLY RETURN											
Of Attendance at the School District of <i>North Lake</i> for the Half Year											
ending June 30th, 1925											
If pupils from a district, in which the school is closed because of small attendance, have attended your school, separate half-yearly and annual returns must be made to cover the attendance of such pupils.											
N.B.—The Legislative Grant for the half year is not payable to any school until its half-yearly Return is fully and accurately filled up from the school register certified to by the Secretary-Treasurer and the Teacher and sent to the Department of Education.											
AGE	GRADE	NAME OF PUPIL	POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE FOR TERM	AGE	GRADE	NAME OF PUPIL	POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE	ACTUAL ATTENDANCE FOR TERM	AGE	GRADE
6	B	Florena Belga	60	41 1/4	11	VI	Andrew Perch	116	100%		
6	B	Nellie Solomon	60	42	10		Olga Klemmichson	116	98		
6	B	Peter Klemmichson	60	45	14		Mike Rudkewich	116	100%		
6	B	Lena Martin	60	44	12		Metro Klemmichson	116	100		
6	B	Mary Bilinsky	50	38	12		Nellie Muzyska	100	82		
					11		Ernie Zapitney	116	114		
6	I	Violet Mosiowski	116	108	11		Olivia Belga	116	109		
7		Jelke Muzyska	116	97	11		Nettie Symmichson	116	93		
7		Mike Koltchak	116	81	11		Ray Strandin	116	100		
7	II	Emma Symmichson	116	100	12	III	John Muzyska	116	100%		
8		Donnie Martin	116	105%	12		Ella Muzyska	116	110		
7		Walter Jayga	116	63	19		Ray Spikhaluk	116	109%		
					14		George Perch	116	97		
7	III	Mary Klemmichson	116	109							
7		Annie Muzyska	116	92	14	IV	Stanley Belga	116	106		
7		Stella Rudkewich	116	106%	15		Julia Rudkewich	116	109		
8		Lillian Gibbs	116	97							
9		Mary Kimpisky	116	95	14	IX	Fred Zapitney	116	112		
					16		Metro Kologian	40	93		
8	IV	Larry Mosiowski	116	112							
9		Jessie Symmichson	116	101							
8		Lawrence Mosiowski	116	110							
		Mich. L. L...	116	101							

Half-Yearly Return of Attendance for School District of North Lake No. 1431. Jan-Jun, 1941. Archives of Manitoba.



Joseph Alexander was born on February 8th, 1905 and attended the Mowat School until grade 4 when it was expected he would work on the farm.

He married Anne Demczyszyn (1913-2003) on July 19th, 1931. This occurred after the 1931 Canadian Census was taken so Joe is still listed as living with his parents and siblings.

In 1933 they purchased northwest section 1, township 29, range 18 and built a house and barn. They farmed there until they sold it in 1974 and moved to Winnipegosis, Manitoba.

They had four children named Elizabeth (1932-), Violet (1935-), Edward Victor (1932-2020), and Geraldine. Joseph passed away on October 2nd, 1997 and his wife passed in 2003. They are buried at the Winnipegosis Roman Catholic Cemetery.



Anne and Joseph Masiowski. Winnipegosis Roman Catholic Cemetery. 2015. K. Johnston.

Agnes was born between 1908 and 1909 and attended the Mowat School. She married Clarence Slater (1907-1991), likely in Saskatchewan between 1926 and 1930. I have been unable to find a digital record from Manitoba Vital Statistics and Saskatchewan Vital Statistics do not have any digital records available.

The couple and their oldest son Ken lived as lodgers with the Goulden family on section 1, township 41, range 23, meridian 2. Clarence was a labourer on the farm while Agnes was a homemaker.

Goulden, Hugo	1	41	23	2	R	15th	S. 1st	6	4	Head	M	M	27
Goulden, Martha										wife	F	M	28
Goulden, Walter										Son	M	S	2
Goulden, Gordon										Son	M	S	1
Slater, Clarence										lodge	M	M	34
Slater, Agnes										lodge	F	M	23
Slater, Kenneth										lodge	M	S	3/4

1931 Census of Canada for Agnes Slater. *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.ca/discoveryui-content/view/4598374:62640>) Saskatchewan > Humboldt > 0085, p. 5.



Slater, Mar 7, 2001. *Star-Phoenix* Saskatoon, p. 25.

Their other children include Violet Florence Kitter (1931-2011), Nina Elizabeth Rankel (1938-1997), Doreen, Loraine, Anne, and Muriel.

Clarence predeceased his wife by ten years and Agnes passed away at the age of 93 years old on March 5th, 2001 in Humboldt, Saskatchewan. They are buried at in Humboldt Public Cemetery²¹.



Clarence and Agnes Slater. Humboldt Public Cemetery. 2018. Diane A.

²¹ Agnes Masiowski Slater. *Find a Grave* (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115340399/agnes_slater)

Peter Albert was born February 7th, 1910 and attended the Mowat and North Lake Schools.

He married Anna Jennie Bratko (1909-1997) on October 7th, 1936 in Fork River, Manitoba.

The had a homestead on northeast section 10, township 29, range 18 until they moved to northeast section 11, township 28, range 19.



In 1952 they sold this farm and moved to northeast section 11, township 28, and range 19. In 1965 they sold this farm and Peter went to work for Manitoba Good Roads. On retirement they moved to Winnipegosis before they moved to Dauphin²².

They had two children named Albert John (1940-) and Ernest. Peter passed away October 1st, 1991 and his wife Anna followed in 1997. They are buried at Riverside Cemetery²³.

²² Masiowski, Peter and Anna. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 365.

²³ Peter Albert Masiowski. *Find a Grave* (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/184176175/peter_albert_masiowski)



Peter and Anna Masiowski. Riverside Cemetery. 2021. D.G. Bomak.

Helen was born March 29th, 1912 and attended the Mowat and North Lake Schools.

She married Joseph Alexander Pascal (1906-1995) on November 15th, 1933. Manitoba Vital Statistics identified her name as Alice²⁴ which also matches a name found on school records.

²⁴ Alice Masiowski and Joseph Pascal. Marriage certificate. *Vital Statistics Manitoba*. Registration number: 1933-042469.



No date. Helen, two girls, and Joe Pascal. Courtesy of Elmer Pascal.

They had eleven children named Kenneth (1935-2019), Wayne James (1955-2013), Judy, Lawrence, Helen, Lorraine, David, Joey, Elmer, Peter, and Melvin. Joseph predeceased his wife by eleven years and Helen passed away at the age of January 6th, 2006 in Dauphin, Manitoba. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery²⁵.



²⁵ Helen Masiowski Pascal. *Find a Grave*
(https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/200497933/helen_pascal)



Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.



Nicolas Thomas Masiowski. Riverside Cemetery. 2020. K. Johnston

Nicola Thomas was born February 3rd, 1914 and attended the Mowat and North Lake Schools.

In 1940, he joined the Lake Superior Regiment and served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He rode his Bren-gun Carrier through all these countries and arrived on May 8th, 1945 for the V-E Day Parade in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany²⁶.

His regimental number was H-46118 and his name as well as his brother's, Stanley, were published in several articles of the Dauphin Herald for this time.

²⁶ Return to Peace. *Juno Beach*. (<https://www.junobeach.org/canada-in-wwii/articles/return-to-peace/>) Canada in the Second World War > Return to Peace > Return to Peace.

Fork River

NAVY

McLEAN, William

ARMY

ANDRES, H.

BASARABA, J.

BECK, John Henry

BOWMAN, Robert

CAMERON, Alex

DALE, J. W.

DANYLIUK, W.

DERRICK, Steve

FLETT, Fred

PORTNEY, John

GULBIS, William

HAFENBRAK, Ernest

JAMIESON, Arthur

LEN, Steve

LOS, Peter

LUNDY, Peter

LYTWYN, Peter

MARCHENSKI, Arthur

MASIOWSKI, Nicholas

MASIOWSKI, Stanley

NOWOSAD, Joseph

PAPADYN, Steve

PASCAL, Jack

PERCH, Peter

RICHARDSON, Robert

ROWE, Harold

ROWE, Larrie

SANDERSON, John

SEDOR, John

SMITH, Walter

SOLOMON, Steve

SOLOWAY, W. B.

STARANCHUK, W.

STOYKO, Peter

TAYLOR, Eric

TAYLOR, George

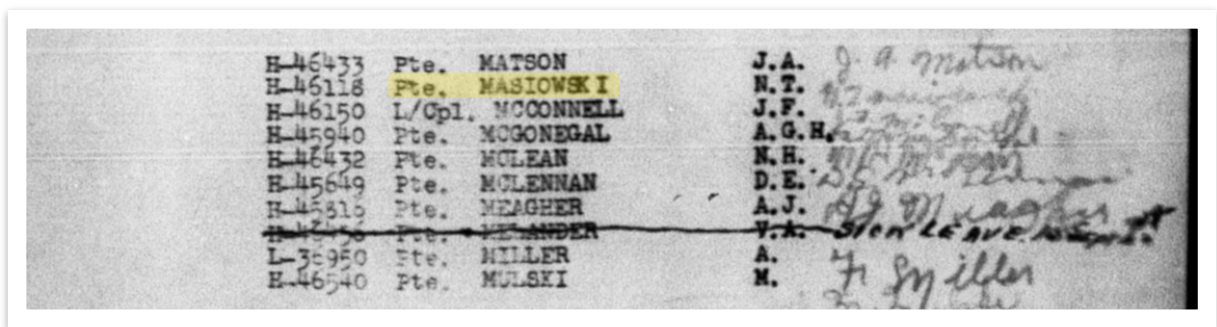
TERIN, Walter

WAWRENTY, Steve

DAUPHIN HERALD. CFN. C.F. King, CFN. J.N. Dale and TPR. Alex Belza, Pte. Nick Maisowski, Pte. Nathan Monroe all returned via the Queen Elizabeth in time to spend all or part of New Year's Day with their parents and relatives.

Jan 10, 1946. Dauphin Herald.

We Salute our Men In Arms. Dec 25, 1941.
Dauphin Herald.



"B" Company - Nominal Roll - The Lake Superior Regiment (motor) - Aug 17, 1942.
<https://wartimes.ca/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1135> p. 2.

Nick settled in Winnipegosis after the war and worked at a variety of odd jobs until he became a cook in drill camps with Mid-West Drilling²⁷. He retired to Winnipegosis and in 1992 moved to Dauphin where he passed away on October 27th, 1992 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery²⁸.

Pauline was born April 9th, 1916 and attended the Mowat and North Lake Schools and Fork River High School.

During WWII she worked at a munitions factory until 1942. Later, she worked as a nurse's aide.

She married James Henderson Johnston (1913-1981) on October 23rd, 1943 in Dauphin, Manitoba.



She lived on the Johnston homestead and had six children named James Franklin, Larry, Robert, Wayne, Marilyn, and Maureen.

²⁷ Masiowski, Nick. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 365.

²⁸ Private Nicholas Thomas Masiowski. *Find a Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/229667580/nicholas-thomas-masiowski>)



No date, circa 1950s. James Sr., Pauline, Jim, Larry, and Marilyn Johnston.



No date, circa 1989. Pauline Johnston.

Pauline's husband passed away in a car accident in 1981 outside of Ninette while Pauline passed away twenty-five years later on May 26th, 2006. They are buried at Riverside Cemetery²⁹.

²⁹ Pauline Masiowski Johnston. Find a Grave
(https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/220323166/pauline_johnston)



James and Pauline Johnston. Riverside Cemetery. 2020. D.G. Bomak.

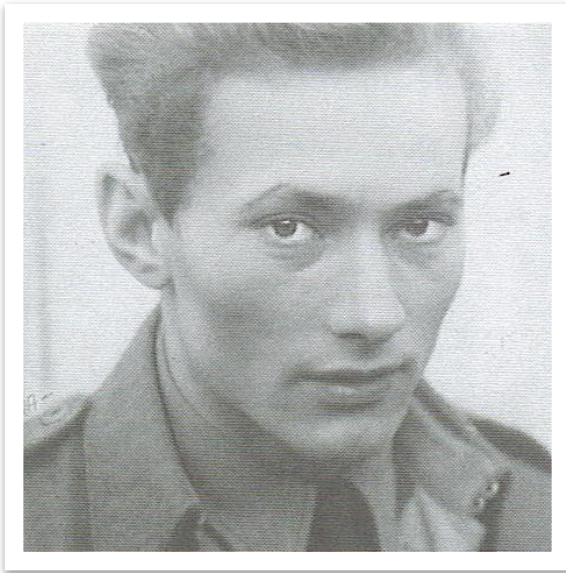
Jean was born during a severe snow storm on February 23rd, 1918 however she celebrated her birthday on March 23rd throughout her life. She attended the North Lake School.

Jean married Harold Renton Stephens (1914-1995) and had two sons named John Robert "Rusty" and Harold Roy.

Jean passed away on April 20th, 2017.



No date. Courtesy of Roy Stephens.



Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.

Stanley Christopher was born October 15th, 1920 and attended North Lake School until grade 8. He joined Royal Canadian Engineers (R.C.E.) of the Armed Forces in 1941 and was part of the 8th Canadian Field Squadron sweeping for mines and building bridges. He trained in Portage La Prairie, Dundurn, Chilliwack, and other places in BC.

In 1944, Stanley was seriously wounded while building a bridge in Moerstraten, Netherlands. He was sent to Brussels to be operated on and then England to recover.

Like his older brother, Nick, Stanley ended up in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany³⁰ for the V-E Day Parade. Afterwards, he spent time in Raalte, Netherlands during the summer where he met his future wife. In the fall of 1945, he married a Dutch girl named Anita (1925-1978) in Zwolle, Overijssel, Netherlands. They had three children named Stanley Jr., Bev, and Hermien.

In 1947 they bought southeast section 10, township 29, range 18 and had 220 acres by 1953. Later, they moved to Flin Flon and rented the farm before they sold it.

³⁰ Masiowski, Stan and Anita. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.* (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 366.



Stanley C Masiowski. Fork River Catholic Cemetery. 2024. Donna B.

Stanley worked for Midwest Drilling and then for Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting before he retired in 1979. His wife Anita passed away in 1978, however Stanley remarried Jean Sklar Mullen in 1981 after he returned to Dauphin.

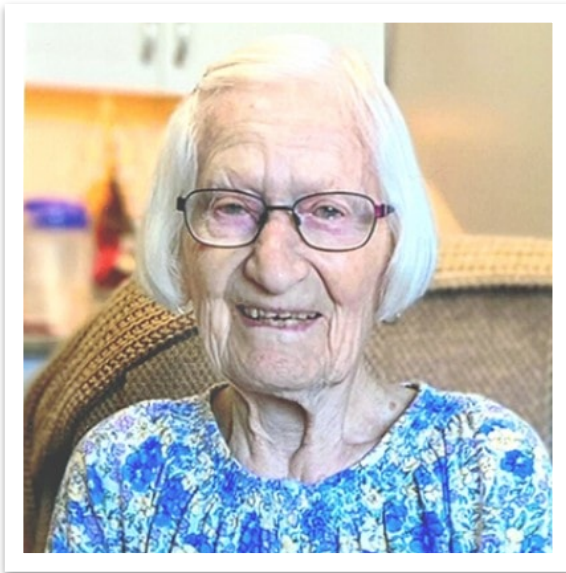
Stanley died on July 15th, 2012 and was buried in the Fork River Catholic Cemetery³¹ on July 20th, 2012.

Anne Nastia was born August 9th, 1922 and attended the North Lake School.

She served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and traveled to Europe. She married her husband Joseph Gerard Arthur Lorenzo "Larry" Giroux (1921-2019) in a civil ceremony on November 16th, 1945 in Groningen, Holland.



³¹ Stanley Christopher Masiowski. *Find a Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/264130532/stanley-christopher-masiowski>)



Later, they were married in a religious ceremony on November 17th, 1945 by the Army Chaplain³².

They had 8 children named Lorne Albany, Michelle Lee, Kathleen Joyce, Toni Marie, Debarah Jane, Patricia Lynn, Judie May, and Shirley Anne. The couple moved to BC.

Larry passed away in 2019 and Anne passed away at 101 on January 1st, 2024 in Vernon, BC. They were both cremated.



Anne and Larry Giroux and family.

³² Joseph Gerard Arthur Lorenzo "Larry" Giroux. June 8, 2019. *Vernon Morning Star*. (<https://www.vernonmorningstar.com/obituaries/joseph-gerard-arthur-lorenzo-larry-giroux-3299785>)



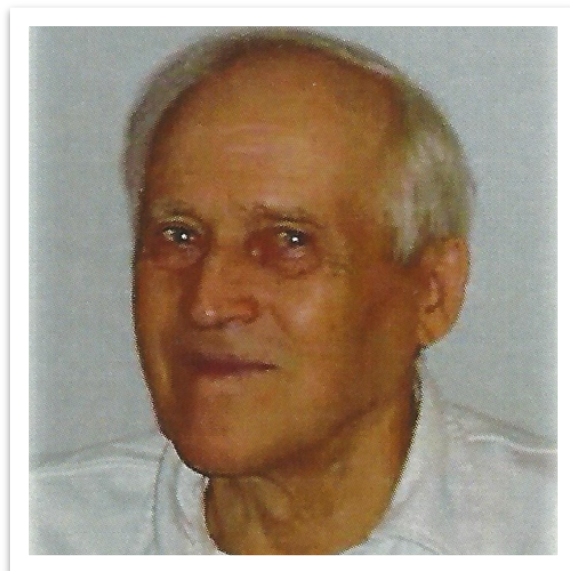
Frank John was born August 22nd, 1924 and attended the North Lake School and served in the Fort Garry Horse Military Cadets.

He married Ethel Chornoboy (1932-) in 1951 in Rorkton, Manitoba. They had 4 children named Frank "Frankie" Gerald (1951-1957), Deborah Lynne, Arlene, and Bradley John.

They farmed in North Lake and then managed a general store in Sifton. Frank also worked for Ontario Hydro in Minaki, Ontario.

While driving across a frozen lake a truck with Frank and 19 others fell through the ice. Frank was 1 of only 5 survivors of this accident³³.

Frank and family also lived in Thompson, Ninette (where they owned a café), and Winnipeg.



He was a heavy equipment operator and held build the 1951 floodway, the road from Grandview to Baldy Mountain, and streets in Thompson.

Frank passed away on March 15th, 2015 and his funeral was held on March 21st, 2015 at the Wojcik's Funeral Chapel in Winnipeg.

³³ Masiowski, Frank and Ethel. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 362.

Carl was born in 1929 and attended the North Lake School.

He joined the Canadian Army in 1948 and served as a gunner in the Korean War. His regiment number was SH4519.

He worked in a variety of odd jobs in plumbing, well drilling, lumber mills, and farming.



Carl is top left. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.*

Carl also worked as security guard at Calgary Zoo until his retirement and passed away in 2005 in Calgary, Alberta³⁴.



Thomas Lawrence was born in 1932 in Dauphin, Manitoba and the only child of John and Anastasia to be born in a hospital³⁵. All of the other Masiowski children were born on the homestead with a midwife.

He attended the North Lake and Fork River Schools.

³⁴ Masiowski, Carl. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.* (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 362.

³⁵ Masiowski, Thomas and Columbine. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River.* (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 366.

He was employed as a Station Agent for the Canadian National Railway in Minaki, Ontario where he met his future wife. He married Columbine "Colly" Anna Baldwinson (1934-1997) in 1955 in Riverton, Manitoba.

They had 4 children named David William (1964-2004), Lawrence Glen "Larry", Maxine Ann, and Myra Lynn.

Colly passed away in 1997. As of the writing of this booklet, Tom resides in Kelowna, British Columbia.



1988. John and Nastia Family Reunion. *Memoirs "From the Past": Rural Municipality of Mossey River*. (<https://digitalcollections.lib.umanitoba.ca/islandora/object/uofm%3A3039058>) p. 364.

Nine of thirteen children made it to their ninetieth birthdays while Anna Nastia reached 101 years old. I hope that I have also inherited the longevity genes!