

Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny

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Adalbert (Wojciech) Byczek and Catherine (Katarzyna) Czarny were married in 1874 in the Catholic church located in Osobnica in southeastern Poland near Jasło. They were both born in Osobnica on neighboring farms. Adalbert was born in 1846 and Catherine in 1851. The parents of Adalbert Byczek were Jacob (Jakub) Byczek and Catherine (Katarzyna) Dybas from House #118 in Osobnica. Catherine Czarny's parents were Paul (Paweł) Czarny and Marianna Paluch from House #117.

Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny had eight known children, all born at House #118 in Osobnica:

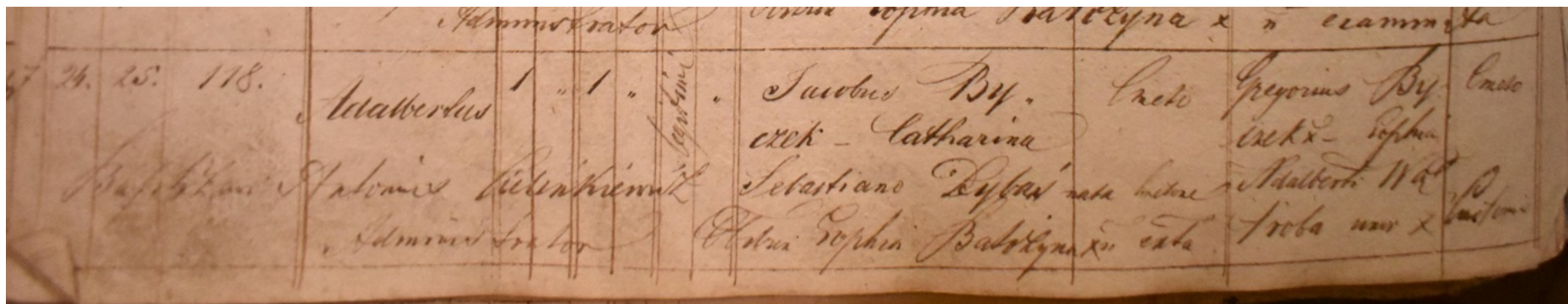
Child	Date of Birth	Godparents	Notes
Martin (Marcin)	9/12/1877	John Watroba and Marianna Czarny (wife of Antoni)	Settled in Chicago, IL
John (Jan)	12/26/1879	John Watroba (?) and Agatha Czajka (wife of Frank)	Settled in Chicago, IL
Joseph (Józef)	2/28/1883	Michael Bartus and Anna Majcher (wife of Peter)	
Jacob (Jakub)	7/8/1885	Jacob (illegible last name) and Maria (?) Kwilosz (wife of Thomas)	Settled in Chicago, IL
Andrew (Andrzej)	11/20/1887	Michael Bartus and Anna Majcher (wife of Peter)	
Peter (Piotr)	6/22/1890	Andrew Stygar and Marianna Kwilosz (wife of Thomas)	House #448 (presumed an error)
Louis (Ludwik)	8/7/1893	John Bragiel (?) and Sophia Kwilosz (wife of Stanislaw)	Died when 6 days old
Lawrence (Wawrzyniec)	8/7/1893	Michael Budziak and Marianna Kwilosz (wife of Thomas)	Died when 5 days old

At least three of their children (Martin, John, and Jacob) settled in Chicago, IL as adults. They joined their uncle John Byczek, aunt Hedwig (Byczek) Gnatek, and several relatives from the Byczek and Czarny families.

Their son Martin Byczek married Maryanna (Marianna) Dudek in 1907 after settling in Chicago. They are Michael E. Byczek's great-grandparents. Martin's uncle John (Jan) Byczek (Adalbert's brother) was married to Maryanna's aunt Magdalena Król.

The death records of Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny have not been verified. It is presumed that they are buried at the Osobnica Catholic parish cemetery.

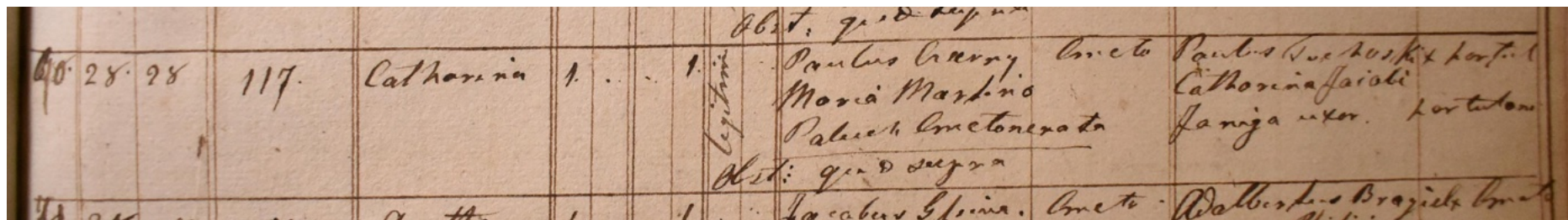
The last verified document for the family in Osobnica was the death of their twin sons Louis and Lawrence in 1893. Their sons Martin, John, and Jacob began to relocate to Chicago, IL in 1903, the same year that Adalbert's mother Catherine (Dybas) Byczek passed away in Osobnica. Research is ongoing to verify whether the three brothers lived in the nearby neighboring villages of Rygllice and Bistuszowa (about 21 miles from Osobnica) prior to their arrival in the United States. Jacob Byczek is verified to have lived in Rygllice when he departed Poland for Chicago, which is listed in his naturalization documents. The passenger lists for Martin and John have not been verified. However, the best candidate passenger records both list villages that were written similarly to Bistuszowa, which is immediately adjacent to Rygllice. It is unknown whether their parents Adalbert and Catherine, or other brothers (Joseph, Andrew, and Peter) remained in Osobnica during this time period. It does not appear that either Adalbert or Catherine traveled to Chicago, but the names Joseph, Andrew, and Peter appear in records for the Bridgeport neighborhood.



Baptism of Adalbert Byczek - House #118 Osobnica

Born on 11/24/1846

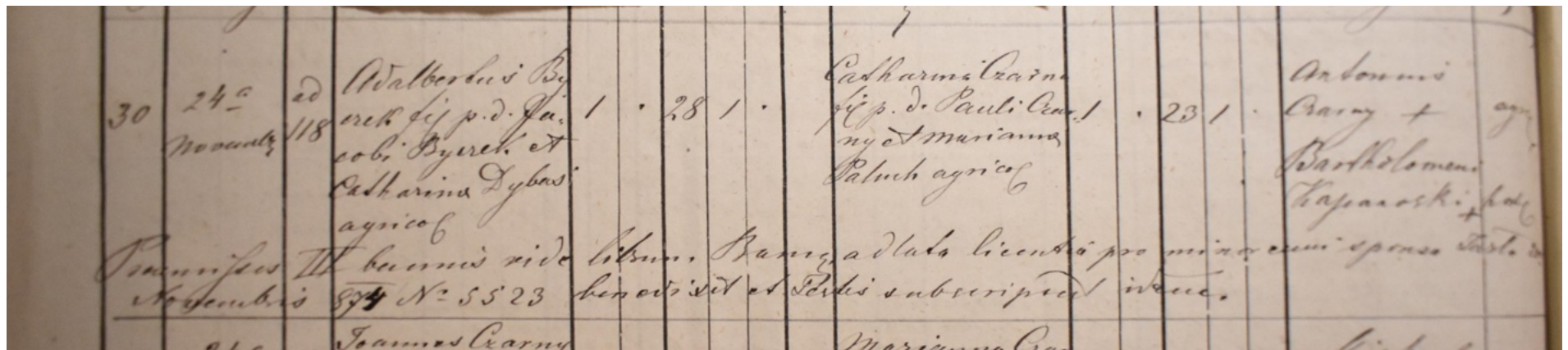
Godparents: Gregory Byczek and looks like Sophia (wife of Adalbert) Watroba



Baptism of Catherine Czarny - House #117 Osobnica

Born on 7/28/1851

Godparents: Illegible. Doesn't look like family surnames (first names are Paul and Catherine)



Marriage of Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny - Listed as House #118 Osobnica

Married on 11/24/1874

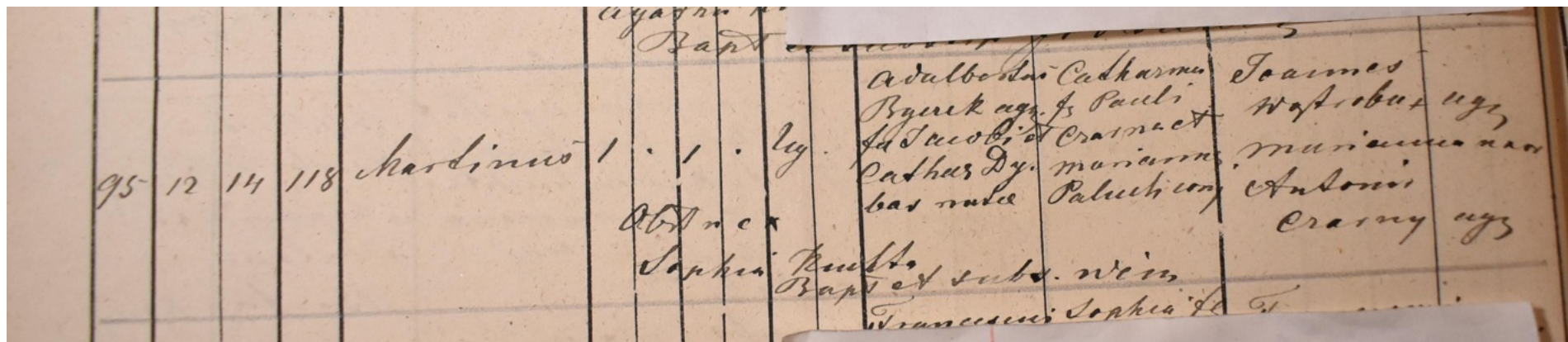
Witnesses: Antonius Czarny and the other looks like Bartholomew Kapanowski ?.



Present-day Catholic Church in Osobnica
Parafia pw. św. Stanisława BM w Osobnicy
Source: <https://parafiaosobnica.pl>

Children of Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny

Representative documents are shown below.



Baptism of Martin Byczek
Born on 9/12/1877 - House #118 Osobnica

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

COOK COUNTY, }

To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

Marriage may be Celebrated between Martin Byczek
of Chicago, in the County of Cook and the State of Illinois, of the age of 26 years, and
Maryanna Dudek of Chicago, in the County of Cook
and State of Illinois, of the age of 27 years.

Witness, JOSEPH F. HAAS, County Clerk of the County of Cook, and the Seal thereof,
at my office in Chicago, this 17 day of September, A. D. 1907.

Joseph Haas
County Clerk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK, }

I, the undersigned, Rev. Paul Maria
hereby certify that Mr. Martin Byczek and Mrs. Maryanna Dudek
were united in Marriage by me at Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, on
the 14th day of Sept, 1907.

S. Maronczyk
A. Maronczyk

H. B.—This License, with certificate of marriage properly made, must (within thirty days) be returned to the County Clerk, by the person who performed the marriage ceremony.

1907 Marriage License of Martin Byczek and Maryanna Dudek
Chicago, IL

15.	Martin Byczek			Adalbertus	Catharina			Joanna Huski	
1/2. September	Maryanna Dudek	"	1.	Adalbertus	Sophia	4		Lawrence Pawlak	

1907 Church Record for Martin Byczek and Maryanna Dudek
St. Mary of Perpetual Help - Bridgeport (Chicago, IL)

Maryanna's mother was listed as Sophia instead of Victoria.
This could be a misunderstanding or phonetic error because her grandmother (Victoria's mother) was Sophia.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE FILE NUMBER

DECEDENT'S BIRTH NO.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 16.10

REGISTERED NUMBER 33655

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. STATE ILLINOIS
b. COUNTY COOK
c. ☒ INSIDE corporate limits and in City, Village, or Incorporated Town CHICAGO
d. ☒ INSIDE corporate limits and in City, Village, or Incorporated Town Chicago

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission.)
a. STATE Illinois
b. COUNTY Cook
c. ☒ INSIDE corporate limits and in City, Village, or Incorporated Town Chicago
d. ☐ OUTSIDE corporate limits and in Township name Road District No.

3. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION
a. (FIRST) MARTIN
b. (MIDDLE)
c. (LAST) BYCZEK
d. DATE OF DEATH May 17, 1963

4. SEX Male
5. RACE White
6. ~~WIDOWED~~ (specify) widowed
7. DATE OF BIRTH August, 1879
8. AGE (in years and birthday) 85
9. ☐ under 1 year MONTHS DAYS
10. ☐ under 24 hrs. HOURS MIN.

10a. USUAL OCCUPATION Laborer (Ret.)
10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Lumber Co.
11. BIRTHPLACE (City and state or foreign country) Poland
12. Citizen of what country? U.S.A.

13. FATHER'S FULL NAME Unknown
14. MOTHER'S FULL MAIDEN NAME Unknown

15. Was deceased ever in U.S. Armed Forces? (Yes, no, or unknown) (Give war or dates of service) no
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 351-07-1866
17. INFORMANT a. SIGNATURE Michael S. Byczek
b. ADDRESS 2520 S. Stark St.
c. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED son

18. MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (Enter only one cause per line for (A), (B), and (C))
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) Chronic rheumatic (inactive) myocarditis
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to the above IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), stating the UNDERLYING cause last.
due to (B) Generalized arteriosclerosis
due to (C)
INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH unknown
unknown

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (A)
19a. DATE OF OPERATION, IF ANY
19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION
20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NOTE: If an injury was involved in this death, the Coroner must be notified.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from MARCH 13, 1963, to MAY 17, 1963, that I last saw the deceased alive on APRIL -26, 1963, and death occurred at 10:20 P.M., from the causes and on the date stated above.
Signature: Chester S. Koneski M.D. License Number 18734 Date Nov 9 1960
Address 2897 S. Archer Ave. Phone CI-4-3444

22. DISPOSITION: BURIAL ~~AND CREMATION~~ Date 5-20-63
CEMETERY Resurrection
LOCATION Justice, Cook, Illinois
23. FUNERAL DIRECTOR Ocwieja Funeral Home
SIGNATURE ~~Michael S. Byczek~~
ADDRESS 2878 S. Throop St. License 1085
CHICAGO, ILL. Number

24. Received for filing on MAY 18 1963 (Sign) Samuel L. Andelman, M.D. LOCAL REGISTRAR

VS & R 200—BUREAU OF STATISTICS—ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

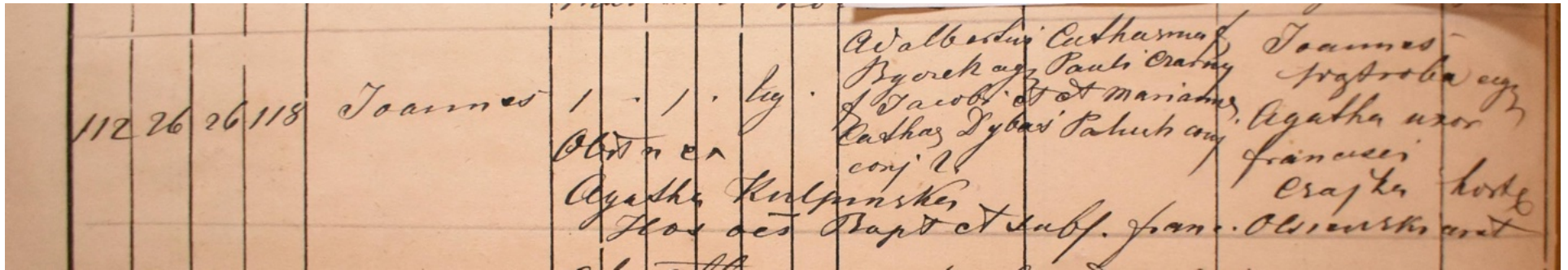
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1963 Death Certificate for Martin Byczek.
Chicago, IL

Byczek

Martin Byczek, late of the Bridgeport neighborhood, loving father of Louis [Angeline], Walter [Anne], Victoria [Joseph] Przybylo, George [Lillian], Michael [Marie], Anthony, and John [Lottie]; dear grandfather of 13; great-grandfather of seven. Funeral Monday, May 20, 9:30 a. m., from Ocwieja Funeral Home, 2878 S. Throop street, to St. Barbara church. Interment Resurrection. VI 2-1070.

Obituary for Martin Byczek
Chicago Tribune - May 19, 1963



Baptism of John Byczek
Born on 12/26/1879 - House #118 Osobnica

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COOK COUNTY,

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

Marriage may be Celebrated between Mr. Jan Byczek
of Chicago, in the County of Cook and the State of Illinois, of the age of 23 years, and
Ms. John Czorny of Chicago, in the County of Cook
and State of Illinois, of the age of 25 years.

Witness, PETER B. OLSEN, County Clerk of the County of Cook, and the Seal thereof,
at my office in Chicago, this _____ day of May A. D. 1904

Peter B. Olsen
County Clerk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK,

I, the undersigned, Rev. Edw. Fried
hereby certify that Mr. Jan Byczek and Ms. John Czorny
were united in Marriage by me at Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, on
the 23rd day of May 1904

S. Mary
St. Mary's

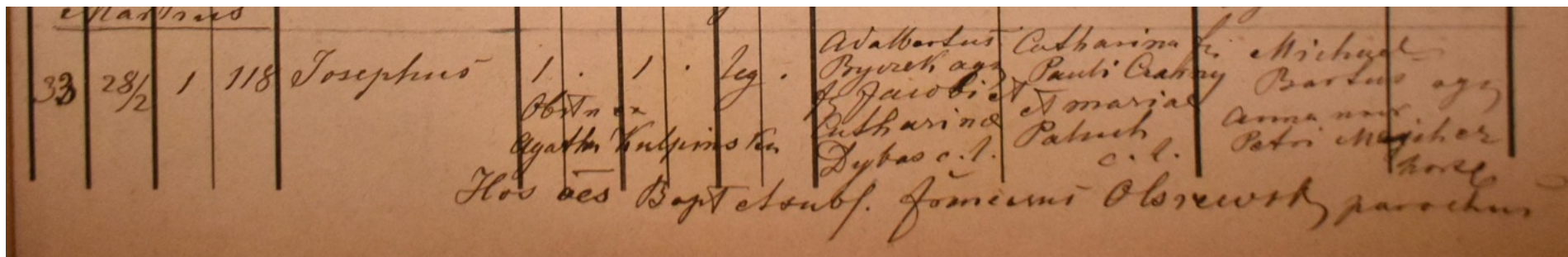
1904 Marriage License
Chicago, IL

23.	Joannes Byczek	1.	Adalbertus	Catharina	Martina Rakas
46.	Mari		Joannes	Marianna	Andrew Byczek

1904 Marriage Record
St. Mary of Perpetual Help - Bridgeport (Chicago, IL)

One of the witnesses was Andrew Byczek

Joseph



Baptism of Joseph Byczek
Born on 2/28/1883 - House #118 Osobnica

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66	8	12	118	Jacobus	1	1	1	1		Adalbertus By Calharne fecit
										Arch. ag. J. Jacob Pauli Czarny
										By arch. et Cath. et marianae
										mae Dybas. ag. Patuch c. t.
										Thomas
										Haribor ag
										Agatha Kulpwortha
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Baptism of Jacob Byczek
Born on 7/8/1885 - House #118 Osobnica

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Marriage License

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage.

GREETING:

Marriage may be Celebrated between Mr. Jacob Byczek
 of Chicago, in the County of Cook and the State of Illinois, of the age of 21 years, and
 Mrs. Mary Jarnot of Chicago, in the County of Cook and
 State of Illinois, of the age of 25 years.

Witness, ROBERT M. SWEITZER, County Clerk of the County of Cook, and the Seal thereof,
 at my office in Chicago, this 5th day of September A. D. 1912

Robert M. Sweitzer
 County Clerk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
 COUNTY OF COOK }

I, Rev. A. Nawrocki, a Roman Catholic Priest

(Name of person officiating)

(Official title)

do hereby certify that Mr. Jacob Byczek and Miss Rosalie Jarnot

were united in Marriage by me at St. Bernard's Church in the County of Cook and State of Illinois,
 on the 25th day of November 1912

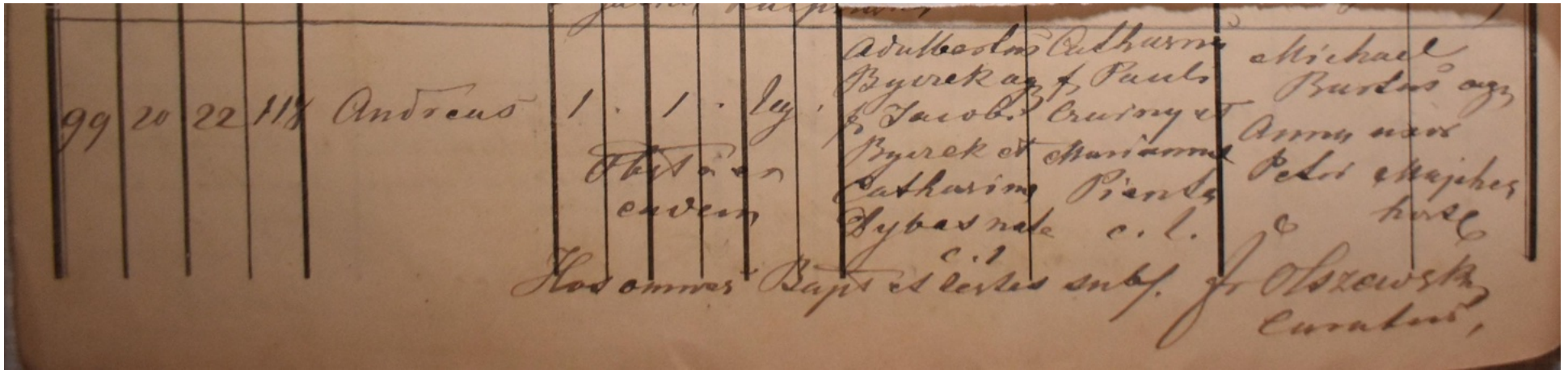
Address 2857 S. State St. Chicago

N. B.—This License, with certificate of marriage properly made, must (within 30 days) be returned to the COUNTY CLERK, by the person who performed the marriage ceremony.

1912 Marriage License
 Chicago, IL

Annus 1912 = 13 Registrum Matrimoniorum					In Ecclesia Sanctae Barbarae				
Numerus Currens	DATUM	NOMEN ET RESIDENTIA	LOCUS NATIVITATIS RELIGIO	Aetas	PATER ET LOCUS NATIVITATIS	MATER ET LOCUS NATIVITATIS	NOMEN MINISTRI	TESTES	ADNOTATIONES
79.	25 Novembris	Jacobus Byczek + Rosalie Jarnut	Polonia		Adalbertus Byczek Franciscus Jarnut	Catherina Czarna Catherina Morawicz.	Rev. J. Milecarek	Stanislaus Polowski Jannes Kierkowski.	

1912 Marriage Record
St. Barbara - Bridgeport (Chicago, IL)



Baptism of Andrew Byczek
Born on 11/20/1887 - House #118 Osobnica

N	N	B	N	C	A	F	F	I	I			
92.	Severus	118	Laurentius	1		1		Legitim		Adalbertus	Catharina	Michael
	Severus									Byczek	ag. filia Pauli	Pulchra
										fil. Jacobo	Genmy et	ag.;
93.	Severus		Ludovicus	1.		1.				Byczek et	Marianna	Marianna
										Catharinae	Pulch.	ue: Thomae
										De Byczek		Amilox ag.
												Joannes Byczek
												Sophia ue:
												Hen: Amilox

Baptism of Louis and Lawrence Byczek (twins)
Born on 8/7/1893 - House #118 Osobnica

58	12	14	118	Laurentius Byczek, filius Adalberti Byczek, agricolae et Catharinae de Czarny <i>Asp: qui supra</i>	1	-	1	-	4 Dies	Debititas	12/8 1893 L. 25
59	13	14	118	Ludovicus Byczek, filius Adalberti agricolae et Ca- tharinae de Czarny <i>Asp: qui supra</i>	1	-	1	-	5 Dies	Debititas	13/8 1893 L. 24
60	September	5	207	Felicia Stygar, filia Adal-							

Death records for the twins
House #118 Osobnica

Lawrence died on the 8/12/1893
Louis died the following day (8/13/1893)

Genealogical Coincidences

The Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny family in Osobnica is a perfect example of the due diligence necessary in genealogical research. In 1873, one year before their marriage, there was another wedding at the same church in Osobnica for a different Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny.

This “other” Adalbert Byczek was born about 1851 compared to 1846. His parents were Gregory Byczek and Frances Lesniak. The “other” Catherine Czarny was born about 1852 compared to 1851. Her parents were Thomas Czarny and Marianna Kwilosz. The marriage was listed for House #184 in Osobnica. Both families had children born and baptized in Osobnica during the same period of years.

The most crucial fact to consider is that members from both families relocated to Chicago, IL. The “other” Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny traveled to Chicago together with their children. The family that is the subject of this documentary (Michael E. Byczek’s 2x-great-grandparents) had at least three sons (Martin, John, and Jacob) who settled in Chicago at the same time that the other family lived in the city. At first glance, it might appear that these records refer to a single family. It remains unknown exactly how the two families are related.

Nrus serialis	1873	Sponsus						Sponsa						Testes				
	Dies & Mensis copulationis	Nrus domus	Ejus ac parentum nomen, cognomen atque conditio; item ejus Districtum &c. & nativitatis locus	Religio		Aetas	Caelebs	Viduas	Nrus domus	Ejus ac parentum nomen, cognomen atque conditio; item ejus Districtum &c. & nativitatis locus	Religio		Aetas	Caelebs	Vidua	Eorum		
				Catholica	Aut alia						Catholica	Aut alia				Nomen & cognomen	Conditio	
28 ^a 1873 1 Octobr.	184	Adalbertus Byczek filius p. J. Gregorii Byczek et Fran- ciscae Lesniak agric	1		22 1/2				Catherina Czarny filius p. J. Thome Czarny et Mariannae Kwilosz agric	1		21				Michael Kossick Jacobus Kossick agric	hosp agric	
Premissis in hunc modum: Adalbertus Byczek et Catherina Czarny per p. J. Gregorium Byczek et Mariannam Kwilosz in Osobnica die 28 ^a Octobr. 1873 Nr 4544 et 4542 contraxerunt nuptias.																		
										Marianna Kwilosz filius p. J. Thome Czarny et Mariannae Kwilosz agric							Simon Kossick agric	

1873 Marriage of Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny
Osobnica

The marriage was listed under House #184

474	Woj. Dyrektor mnr. D. 12-8-95 pogr. 14-8-95	Syn Gregorai Francuski Lesniak	zasto Oschmiedzi w Gahoyi	44/45	Woj. Dyrektor Bickson 678	10 =
	Francuski, Adam	Polish, Francis			Cleaver 103	525

1895 Death Record of Wojciech Byczek - St. Stanislaus Kostka (Chicago, IL)

Parents listed as Gregory Byczek and Frances Lesniak from Osobnica

Additional Information

Michael E. Byczek, an Illinois attorney and managing real estate broker, has compiled original records for genealogy since 1992. Research and analysis have been published on family websites for over 30 years. A project to compile comprehensive digital, print, and video documentaries for every direct blood ancestor began in September 2024 for accurate online genealogy.

Adalbert Byczek and Catherine Czarny are Michael E. Byczek's 2x-great-grandparents. Their son Martin Byczek (great-grandfather) married Maryanna Dudek in Chicago, IL at St. Mary of Perpetual Help in the Bridgeport neighborhood in 1907. Their son Michael S. Byczek (grandfather) married Marie Flanagan in 1950 at St. Bridget's in Bridgeport. Their eldest child Michael M. Byczek (father) married Betty A. Bykowski in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children. Michael E. Byczek is the eldest and was born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Google Maps:

- Osobnica is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Jasło, within Jasło County, Subcarpathian Voivodeship, in south-eastern Poland

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