

Thomas and Sophia Kaczka

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5x-great-grandson

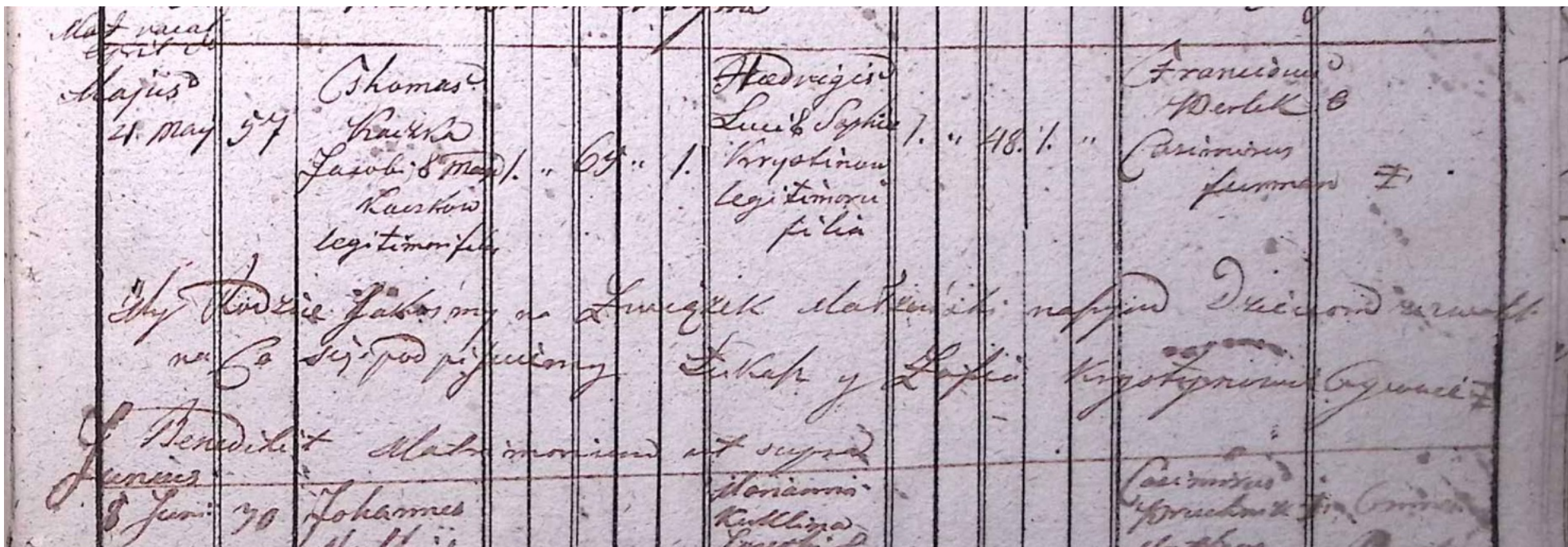
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Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents were Simon (Szymon) Krul and Catherine (Katarzyna) Kaczka. Catherine's parents were verified as Thomas (Tomasz) and Sophia (Zofia) Kaczka. However, Sophia's maiden name was not listed in any known document for cross-reference with families that had the same names. There is uncertainty about whether Kaczka was their actual surname since Catherine's maiden name was written in multiple documents as variations of Mikrut and Stanislaw. Her first name was also written as Sophia. It is therefore not possible to determine with confidence what Catherine's name was at birth or where she was born. To further complicate matters, after Simon Krul's presumptive death, multiple members of the Krul family moved to House #16 in Zagórze. There was a Thomas and Sophia Mikrut family who lived next door at House #15. There was also a Thomas and Sophia Kaczka family who lived in Skurowa within the Przeczyca Parish during the 1820s. However, very little is known about that family prior to 1823 to determine if they had a daughter Catherine. There was also a Thomas and Marianna Kaczka family who lived in the neighboring village of Jodłowa who did have a daughter Catherine (born in 1802). The Kaczka surname appears to be more common in the Jodłowa Parish than in the Przeczyca Parish. For genealogy purposes, Catherine Kaczka and the identification of her parents as Thomas and Sophia Kaczka remain the most reasonable conclusions.

Simon Krul and Catherine Kaczka raised their family at House #27 in Dęborzyn within the Przeczyca Catholic Parish. They were most likely married nearby around 1822. Their marriage record and baptisms for the oldest children have not been found. There are several uncertainties and discrepancies regarding their origins that can only be resolved through the discovery of additional records. Parish boundaries were not fixed over time. It appears that at least one village from the Przeczyca Parish was also served by the neighboring Brzostek Parish during this time period. It does not appear that online access to digitized church records for the Brzostek Parish is publicly available for the 1820s.

Thomas and Sophia Kaczka Family from Skurowa

There is one known reference to a Thomas and Sophia Kaczka family who lived within the Przeczyca Parish in the 1820s. However, there are discrepancies about this family that prevent a definitive conclusion about whether these are the correct records.



1823 Marriage of Thomas Kaczka and Hedwig Krystin
 Listed as House #57 Skurowa (Przeczycza)
 Married on 5/4/1823 (the month is slightly illegible)

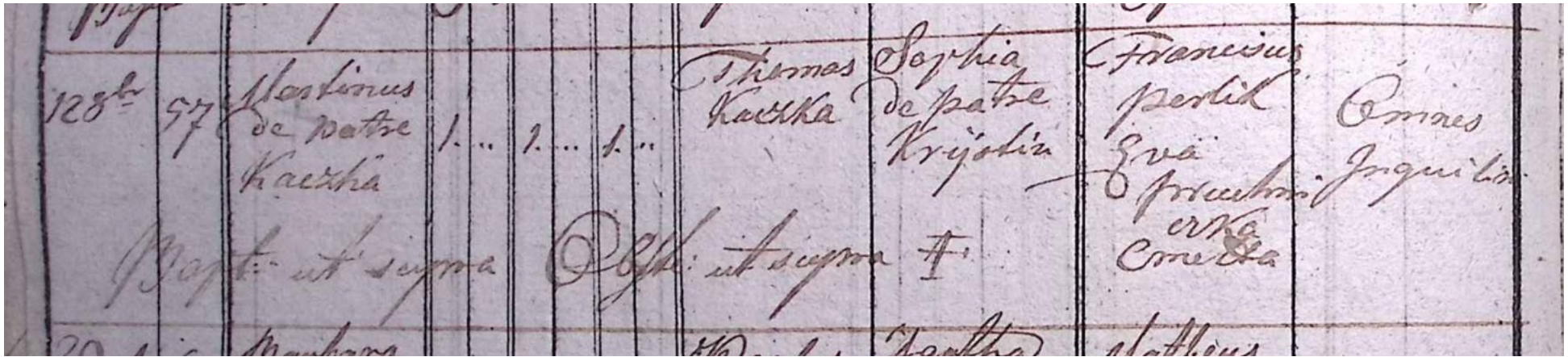
Thomas was listed as a 65 year old widower with an estimated year of birth as 1758
 His parents were identified as Jacob and Magdalena Kaczka

Hedwig was listed as 48 years old and unmarried
 Her parents were Luke and Sophia Krystin

<i>Sebrnarnes</i>	<i>Thomas Kaczka</i>	1.			<i>80</i>	<i>Ordinaria</i>
<i>21.</i>	<i>57. Thomas Kaczka</i>	1.		1.	<i>80</i>	<i>Ordinaria</i>
	<i>Patrycja Kaczka</i>					<i>Ordinaria</i>
<i>22.</i>	<i>20. Sophia Kaczka</i>					<i>Ordinaria</i>

1828 Death of Thomas Kaczka
House #57 Skurowa (Przeczycza)

Listed as 80 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1748



1823 Baptism of Martin Kaczka
House #57 Skurowa (Przeczyca)
Appears to have been baptized on 10/28/1823

The parents were listed as Thomas Kaczka and Sophia Krystin

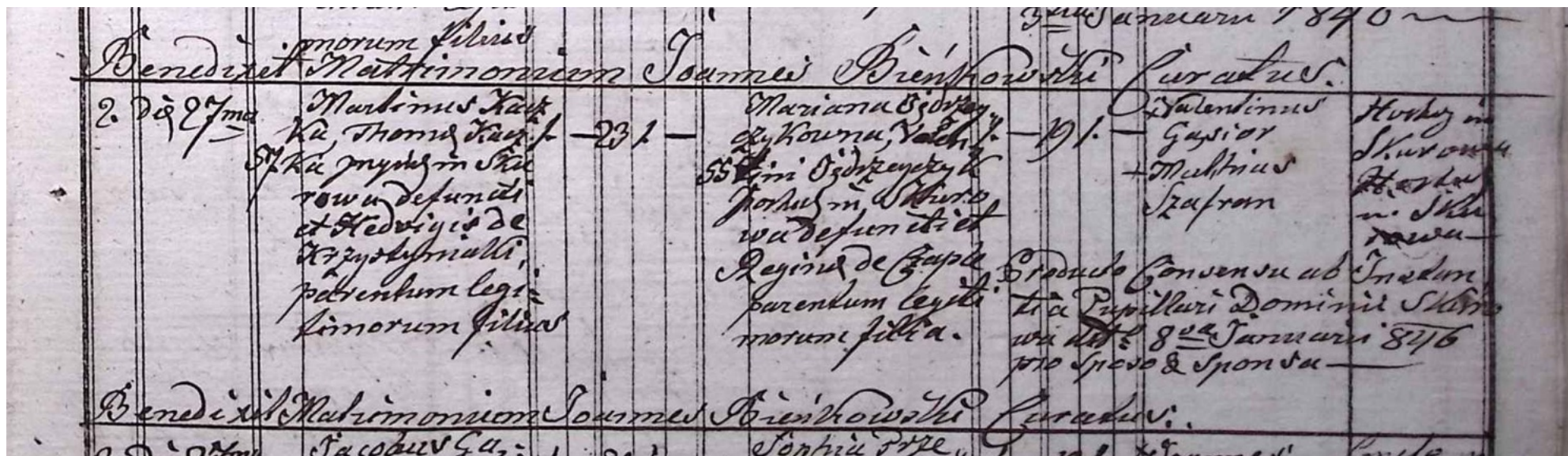
Thomas Kaczka, a widower, married Hedwig Krystin in May 1823

Yet, Sophia Krystin was listed as the mother of a baby born at the same farm in October 1823

Unless there were two Thomas Kaczka families who both lived at House #57 Skurowa, which is possible, the mother's name is an error

One explanation is that Sophia was the name of Thomas Kaczka's deceased wife, whose name was written instead of his current wife.

This is the only known reference to a Thomas and Sophia Kaczka family in the Przeczyca Parish during the relevant time period.



1846 Marriage of Martin Kaczka and Marianna Jędrzejczyk
 House #57 Skurowa (Przeczyca)

Martin's mother was listed as Hedwig with a maiden name similar to Krzysztof
 This would suggest that the baptism record was an error with regard to the name of Martin's mother (Hedwig versus Sophia)

Parochus
Ducens per Synoniam

Julius 1853

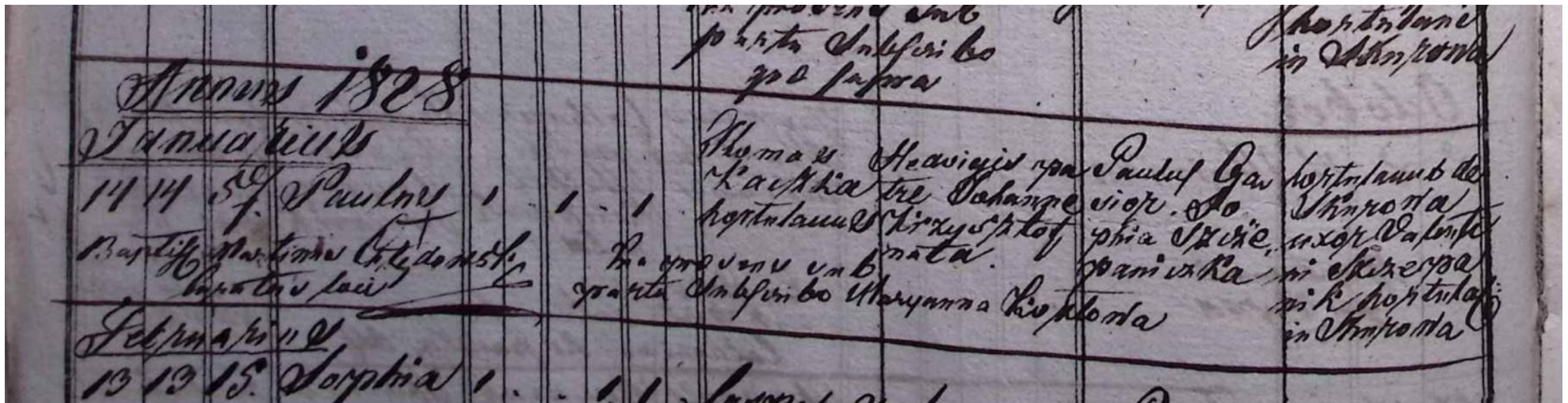
Aug 20 Martinus ex Kaczka post defunctum 55 inum Sedzicy Hedwigis filius Thomas Kaczka et Hedwigis Styrnauzontis conjugum.	-30-	4. Marianna Kopacz post defunctum Thomam Kopaczyniam filiam Huber et Dumulst Catharina Wolonka, conjugum.	-32-	X Josephus Kopacz X Josephus Kullu in Skuro in Skuro in Skuro
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 in Ecclesia Przeczycensi
 annuntiatae erant.

Benedixit Matrimonium Joannes Przechycki Curatus.

1853 Marriage of Martin Kaczka and Marianna Kopacz
 Skurowa (Przeczycza)
 It looks like the address is House #55

Martin's mother is again listed as Hedwig with a maiden name similar to Krzysztof



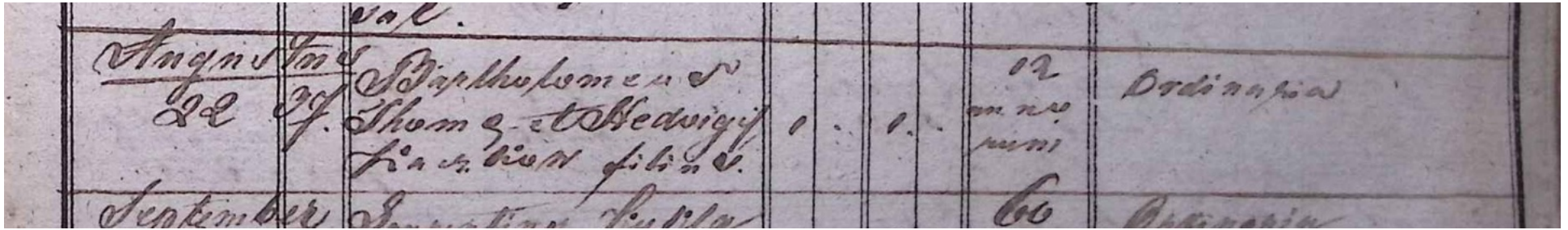
1828 Baptism of Paul Kaczka, son of Thomas Kaczka and Hedwig Krzysztof
House #57 Skurowa (Przeczyca)

Hedwig was identified as the daughter of John Krzysztof

121	57 Paulus Thomas et Hedwigis Kaczka licet	13	hebdoma dum	Opatowia
Wajm	Maryanna Kacza			

1828 Death of Paul Kaczka
 Son of Thomas and Hedwig Kaczka
 House #57 Skurowa (Przeczycza)

Bartholomew



1828 Death of Bartholomew Kaczka
Son of Thomas and Hedwig Kaczka
House #37 Skurowa (Przeczycy)

The address is slightly illegible and could be a mistake for House #57

		Ca	Ac	Pu	Pu	Thori				
Augusti.								Hedwigis	Paulus	+
14.	13.	Bartholomew	1	-	1	+		Kristina	Marian	Rustia
								na. Fur	manka	+
							Adalbertus	Sophia.	Mathia	+

1815 Baptism of a baby named Bartholomew whose father was not listed.
 His mother was Hedwig with a maiden name similar to Kristin

It is possible that the Bartholomew Kaczka who died in 1828 may not have been the biological son of Thomas Kaczka

The Thomas Mikrut and Sophia Jakubowski Family at House #15 in Zagórze

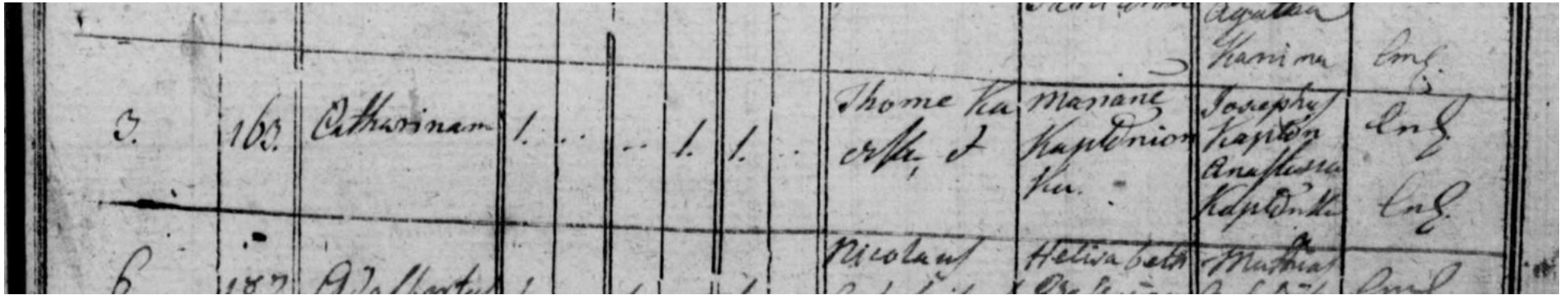
The Krul family lived at House #16 Zagórze when they referred to Catherine Kaczka as Catherine Mikrut. A few years earlier, there was a Thomas and Sophia Mikrut family who lived at the farm right next door at House #15. It is unknown whether the two families lived next door to each other at the same time, but it provides one possible explanation for the Mikrut discrepancy.

Junius 24	15	Marianna	1	.	1	.	1	Thomas Leander Mikrut	Sophianat Parente Jakubowski	Michael Klato Marianne Gachynde	Herkula Herkula Herkula
Julius 4	21	Maryanna	1	.	1	.	1	Antonius	Marianna	Walberta	Herkula

1803 Baptism of Marianna Mikrut
 Daughter of Thomas and Sophia Mikrut (maiden name of Jakubowski)
 House #15 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Thomas and Marianna Kaczka from Jodłowa

As an example of multiple families with the same name who lived in neighboring villages, there was a Catherine Kaczka who was born within the neighboring parish of Jodłowa. Her father was Thomas Kaczka. She was about the same age as Catherine (Kaczka) Krul, as she was born in 1802.



1802 Baptism of Catherine Kaczka, daughter of Thomas Kaczka
House #160 Jodłowa (Jodłowa Parish)

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.

Thomas and Sophia Kaczka are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Catherine Kaczka (4x-great-grandmother) married Simon Krul. Their son Martin Krul (3x-great-grandfather) married Sophia Maziarka in 1860 in Przeczyca. Their daughter Victoria Król (2x-great-grandmother) married Adalbert Dudek in 1886, also in Przeczyca. Their daughter Maryanna Dudek (great-grandmother) married Martin Byczek 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 Bridgeport.

Southeast Poland - Dębica County, Subcarpathian Voivodeship:

- Przeczyca is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Brzostek
- Zagórze is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Jodłowa
- Dęborzyn is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Jodłowa
- Skurowa is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Brzostek
- Brzostek is a town and seat of the gmina called Gmina Brzostek
- Jodłowa is a village and seat of the gmina called Gmina Jodłowa

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