

Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis

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Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents were Matthias (Maciej) Król and Thecla (Tekla) Lepa from Zagórze. They were married in 1821 at the Catholic Church in Przeczyca. Their marriage record listed Thecla's parents as Gasper (Kacper) Lepa and Marianna Lis.

However, there are discrepancies in the church records for the Przeczyca Parish that may suggest there were as many as three families with the exact same names, including maiden surname.

Family #1: The 1821 marriage record in Zagórze for Matthias Król and Thecla Lepa, whose parents were Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis, listed Thecla's maternal grandfather as Bartholomew (Bartłomiej) Lis.

Family #2: There was a Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis family who lived at House #1 in Zagórze. When their son Joseph (Józef) married Magdalena Dudek in 1832, Joseph's maternal grandfather was listed as John (Jan) Lis.

Family #3: One baptism was found in the neighboring village of Dęborzyn for Sophia Lis in 1814 whose parents were Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis. Sophia's maternal grandfather was listed as Nicholas (Mikołaj) Lis.

To further complicate matters, there was (1) a Gasper Lepa and Frances (Franciszka) Podraza family in Dęborzyn with a child born in 1809, and (2) a marriage between Gasper Lepa and Eva (Ewa) Figura listed for Dęborzyn in 1807.

Errors were very common in church records during this time period. It was also normal for records not to include names of a mother, father, or both. As a result, there are only three known references to Marianna (Lis) Lepa's father. Those three references have three different names: John, Bartholomew, and Nicholas. Her mother was not listed in any known document to cross-reference.

There are several possible explanations for these discrepancies:

Scenario 1: There was only one Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis family. At least two of the three names (Bartholomew, John, and Nicholas) are wrong.

Scenario 2: Gasper Lepa was married at least three times and all three wives were named Marianna Lis.

Scenario 3: Marianna's mother was married multiple times, perhaps to men with the same Lis surname. Thus, one or more of the three names were a step-father.

There is a marriage record for Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis from 1797 in Przeczyca. The marriage was recorded for House #31 in Zagórze. Gasper was listed as 20 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1777. Marianna was listed as 21 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1776. Their parents and place of birth were not listed. The presumed baptism record for Thecla (Lepa) Król was listed for House #32 in Zagórze in 1800. These two records most likely refer to the same family, especially since the 1797 marriage and 1800 baptism took place at neighboring farms (House #31 and #32).

For genealogy purposes, Bartholomew Lis is deemed the most accurate identity for the father of Marianna (Lis) Lepa. That was the name written on the marriage record for Matthias Król and Thecla Lepa. Ultimately, the available evidence is insufficient to determine the exact identity of Marianna's parents.

Nine baptism records had been found for children born to Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis. Six of these baptisms were listed for House #1 in Zagórze, which suggests those children refer to the same family. All nine children were born during a reasonable timeline. If multiple babies had been born in the same year, that would suggest more than one family.

Child	Birth	Location	Notes
Thecla (Tekla)	1800	House #32 Zagórze	Marriage record listed Bartholomew Lis as her grandfather
Anna	1802	House #1 Zagórze	Died in February 1815 (House #1 Zagórze)
Marianna	1804	House #1 Zagórze	Died in February 1815
Joseph (Józef)	1806	House #1 Zagórze	Marriage record listed John Lis as his grandfather
Catherine (Katarzyna)	1809	House #1 Zagórze	Died in 1812 (House #1 Zagórze)
Adalbert (Wojciech)	1811	House #1 Zagórze	Most likely died between 1811-1813
Adalbert (Wojciech)	1813	House #1 Zagórze	Died in February 1815 (House #1 Zagórze)
Sophia (Zofia)	1814	Dęborzyn	Address was not listed on the baptism record (Nicholas Lis was listed as grandfather)
Marianna	1816	House #19 Zagórze	

Their daughters Anna and Marianna (the elder) and son Adalbert (the younger) all died within one week of each in February 1815.

Their daughter Thecla Lepa married Matthias (Maciej) Król in 1821 at the church in Przeczyca. They are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents. Thecla and Matthias's only known child to survive into adulthood was a daughter Marianna. She married Gregory (Grzegorz) Dudek in 1844, also in Przeczyca. They are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents. Gregory Dudek's sister Magdalena Dudek married Joseph Lepa, the son of Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis. Therefore, Thecla's son-in-law Gregory and her sister-in-law Magdalena (Joseph's wife) were brother and sister.

Both family surnames were spelled differently over time in different documents. For instance, Lepa was also spelled as Lempa. There is uncertainty about whether the surname Lepa should be written with accents, such as Łepa or Łępa.

There is only one set of death records that could reflect the correct family. Gasper Lepa passed away on 11/9/1831 at House #1 in Zagórze. His son-in-law Matthias Król died five months earlier. Three of his Król grandchildren died within weeks of each other between July and August of the same year. Marianna (Lis) Lepa died in 1847, also at House #1 in Zagórze.

These two death records correspond to the farm where the six baptisms were recorded at House #1. However, it does not explain why the two youngest children listed above were not born at House #1. The only explanation would be that the family temporarily left the farm and returned after the two youngest children were born. The three death records for Anna, Marianna, and Adalbert in 1815 would suggest that the family returned to House #1, but left again perhaps because of this tragic series of events.

A death record has not been found for the first son named Adalbert, who most likely died between 1811-1813 in order for a second son to have the same name. Neither marriage nor death records have been found for their daughters Sophia and Marianna (the younger) that might reveal more details about the discrepancies for the father of Marianna Lis.

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1797 Marriage of Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis
House #31 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Sepelivit Joannes Bienkowski Administratus	
Novemb[er]	Gasperus Lepa paterfa 1. " 1. " Ann[us] 49. H[ab]it[us] S[acramentis]
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Sepelivit Joannes Bienkowski Administratus	
Decemb[er]	Jacobus Kalman 1. " 1. " Ann[us] 13.

Death of Gasper Lepa
 Died on 11/9/1831
 House #1 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Listed as 49 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1782.

Sepelivit Joannes Bienkowski Curatus.		Ann[us].
32. 18. 20.	1. Mariana Lepina Vidua.	1. 60 Ordinaria. pro: S. sacramentis.
Sepelivit Joannes Bienkowski Curatus.		Ann[us].
39. 29. 21.	1. Jacobus Andree et Mariano	1. 13 Ordinaria.

Death of Marianna (Lis) Lepa
 Died on 7/18/1847
 House #1 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Listed as 60 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1787.



Present-day Catholic Church in Przezyca
Parafia rzymskokatolicka pw. Najświętszej Maryi Panny Wniebowziętej
Cemetery is located in the background

Children of Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis

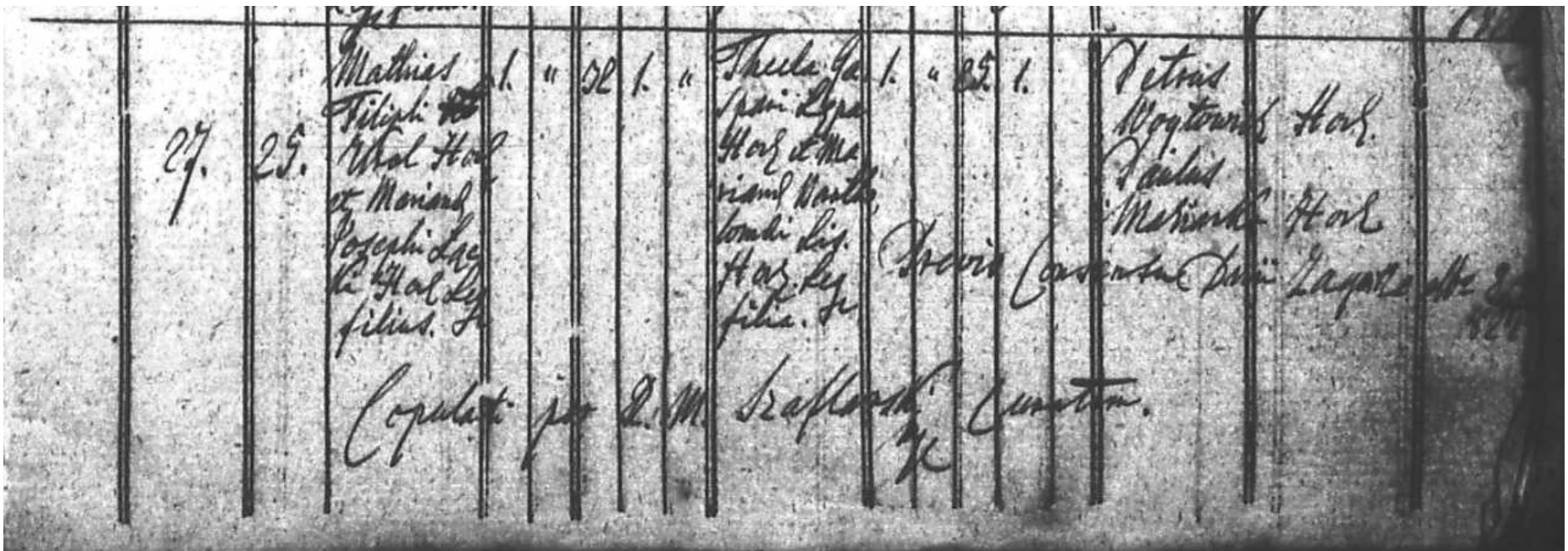
Representative documents are shown below.

Thecla

April 6	32	Thecla	1	.	.	1	.	1	Gasper Lepa	Marianna Lis	Agnes Krolka	Wojcik
7	5	Adalbertus	1	.	1	.	.	1	Jacobus	Catharina	Casimir Lacki	Agnes Liana

Presumed Baptism of Thecla Lepa
House #32 Zagórze (Przezyca Parish)

Baptized on 4/6/1800 (date of birth not listed)
Godparents: Casimir Lacki (?) and Agnes (?)



Marriage of Matthias Król and Thecla Lepa
5/27/1821

Listed as House #25 Zagórze (Przeczyca)
Witnesses: Peter Woytowski (?) and Paul Maziarka (?)

Thecla's maternal grandfather was listed as Bartholomew Lis

Sepelivit	Joannes Bierkowiaki	Barochus.					
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Death of Thecla (Lepa) Król
House #25 Zagórze (Przeczycza)
Died on 5/16/1874

A handwritten table with multiple columns. The first row contains the date 'May 6', the name 'Anna', and several columns with the number '1'. The second row contains the names 'Gasparus Lepa' and 'Marianna Lis' in the first two columns, followed by 'Jacobus Dudzik' and 'Herkula' in the last two columns. The third row contains 'Junius & Antonius' in the first two columns, followed by 'Cezimona' and 'Maniam' in the last two columns. The word 'Pate' is written above the second row.

May 6	Anna	1	1	1	1	Pate	Gasparus Lepa	Marianna Lis	Jacobus Dudzik	Herkula
Junius & Antonius		1	1				Cezimona	Maniam		

Baptism of Anna Lepa
Baptized on 5/6/1802
House #1 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

12.	1.	Anna Gasper Lepa.	7.	"	"	1.	Oct. 14.	Oct. 8.
Apr. 12.		Marianna						

Death of Anna Lepa
 Died on 2/12/1815
 House #1 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

Anna's sister died six days earlier and brother Adalbert five days earlier.

Marianna

August 5	1	Marianna	1	.	.	1	.	1	Gasper Lepa	Marianna Lis	Andreas Lis Katharina	Uxor Maria
ober 1	13	Hedwig	1	.	.	1	.	1	Simon	Regina	Johannes	

Baptism of Marianna Lepa
 Baptized on 8/5/1804
 House #1 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

29.	1.	Perill M ^{ca} Dm ^{ca} Stanislaw Koron Kochanowski. Posepser Sculleria	1.	"	1.	" Am: 19. Or: 2.
g. 6. ca	4.	Joanes Dm Sta. mislai de Koron Kochanowski.	1.	"	1.	" Am: 4. Or: 2.
J. J. a. Am ^{ca} 8. 19. Sobny	5.	Marianna Gaspa Lepa.	1.	"	1.	Am: 8. Or: 2.
	6.	Adalbert Gaspa Lepa.	1.	"	1.	" Am: 3. Or: 2.

Four consecutive deaths (as registered) occurred at House #1 in Zagórze (Przeczyca)
Siblings Marianna Lepa, listed as 8 years old, died on 2/6/1815 and Adalbert Lepa, 3 years old, on the following day.

1806		Nr. Domus	Religio		Sexus				PARENTES		PATRINI	
Menfis		NOMEN	Catholica	Accatholica	Puer	Puella	Illegitimi	Legitimi	PARENS	MATER	NOMEN.	CONDITIO
Marcius							Thori					
4	1	Josephus	1		1				Gasper Lempa	Marianna de Patre Lis	Joannes Lima Kathanna Dudkowa	Kuchel
									Barthol	Th. L.	Malbans	

Baptism of Joseph Lepa
 Baptized on 3/4/1806
 House #1 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

9.	1.	Adalbert	1.	1.	1.	1.	Gaspar Lepa	Marianna Lis	Barbara	Thoma
10.	13.	Catharina					James Thoma	Thoma	Jmowa	Catharina

Baptism of Adalbert Lepa
Baptized on 4/5/1813
House #1 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

Refer to the death record for Adalbert's sister Marianna Lepa in 1815.
She and Adalbert died one day apart.

Majus								Wygrywska De Podkowa	
9.	Sophia.	1.	"	1.	"	1.	Gaspary Lepa.	Marianna Lis.	Mathias Gustowski.
									Apollonia Butkowna.
Junius							Petrus Helena	Michael	

Baptism of Sophia Lepa
Baptized on 5/9/1814
Dęborzyn (Przeczycza)
House number was not listed

Sophia's maternal grandfather was listed as Nicholas Lis

Marianna

			Cath	Acc	Puer	Piel	Thori			
15. 10. 19.	Marianna	1.	"	"	1.	"	1.	Gasper Lepa	Marianna Lis	Simon Podlaszy Horb.
St. Mary	Obstch. Podlaszy	Podlaszy						Horb. Lis. Horb.		Horb. Podlaszy
Marking										Horb. Podlaszy

Baptism of Marianna Lepa
 Born on 12/15/1816
 House #19 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Other Lis and Lepa families in the Przeczyca Parish

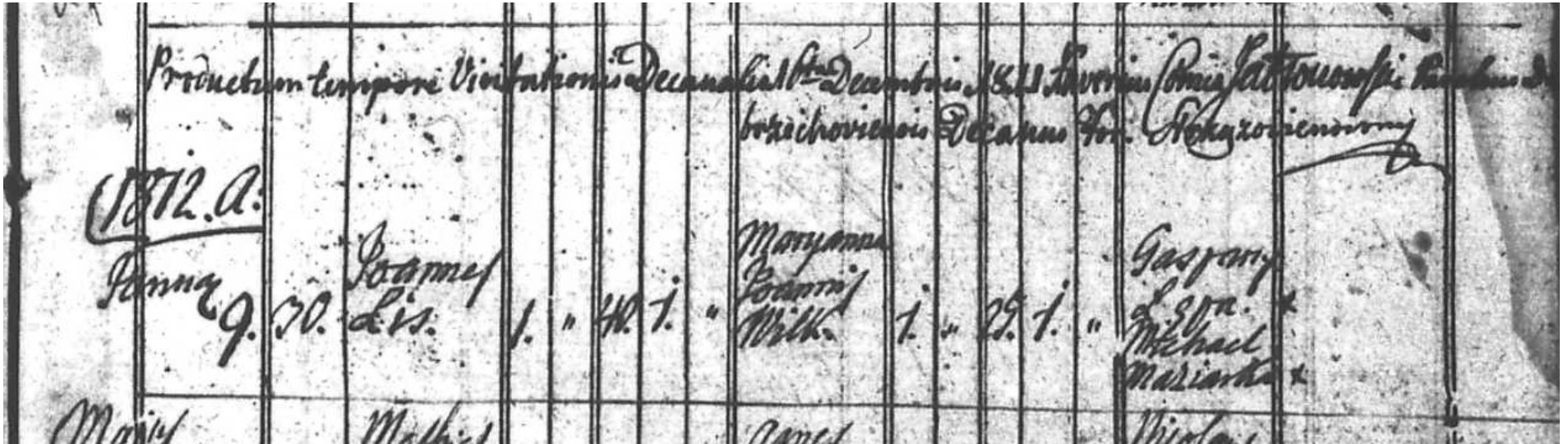
The 1797 marriage record of Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis was listed for House #31 in Zagórze. The Franciszkańska land records for 1820-1825 show that House #31 was owned by John Lis. House #1 was owned by Gasper Lepa.

Church records for this time period verify that John Lis lived at House #30. His wife was Marianna Wilk, whose married name was Marianna Lis. It is possible that he owned or operated two neighboring farms. Gasper Lepa was a witness to their marriage in 1812. This particular John Lis could be the origin of the mistake for Marianna's father.

There was Casimir Potepa and Catherine Lepa family who lived at both House #30 and #31 in Zagórze. Their marriage in 1806 was listed as House #19, where Gasper Lepa and Marianna Lis lived in 1816. These records suggest that there may have been a wider connection between the Lis and Lepa families.

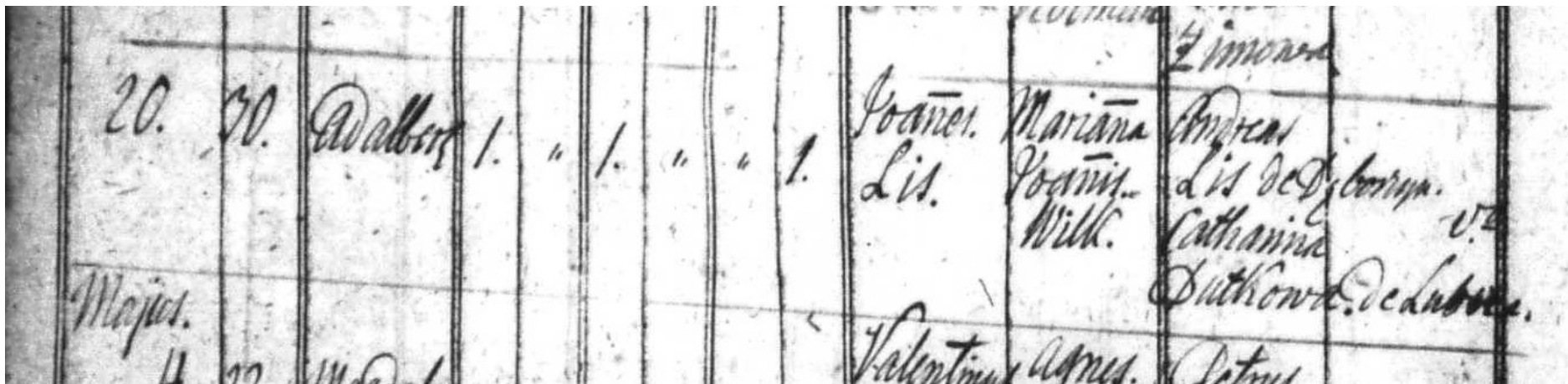
There was a Nicholas Lis who lived in Dęborzyn. His wife was Catherine Majchrowicz. They were married in 1790 and had a daughter named Marianna Lis who was born in Dęborzyn in 1792. That daughter Marianna Lis appears to have married Adalbert Stanoszek in 1810. This could be the source of the confusion if there were two married women in Dęborzyn at the same time whose maiden names were both Marianna Lis. It is possible that the wrong father or husband was listed.

Representative documents are shown below.



1812 Marriage of John Lis and Marianna Wilk
Listed under House #30 Zagórze (Przeczyca)
One of the witnesses was Gasper Lepa

John appears to have been listed as 40 years old (illegible) with an estimated year of birth as 1772



Baptism of Adalbert Lis
Son of John Lis and Marianna Wilk
House #30 Zagórze (Przeczycza)
The godfather was Andrew Lis

1806				Potocienka			Augustyn	
ober	19	Casimir	20	Catharina	20		Thomas	
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1806 Marriage of Casimir Potepa and Catherine Lepa
Listed as House #19 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

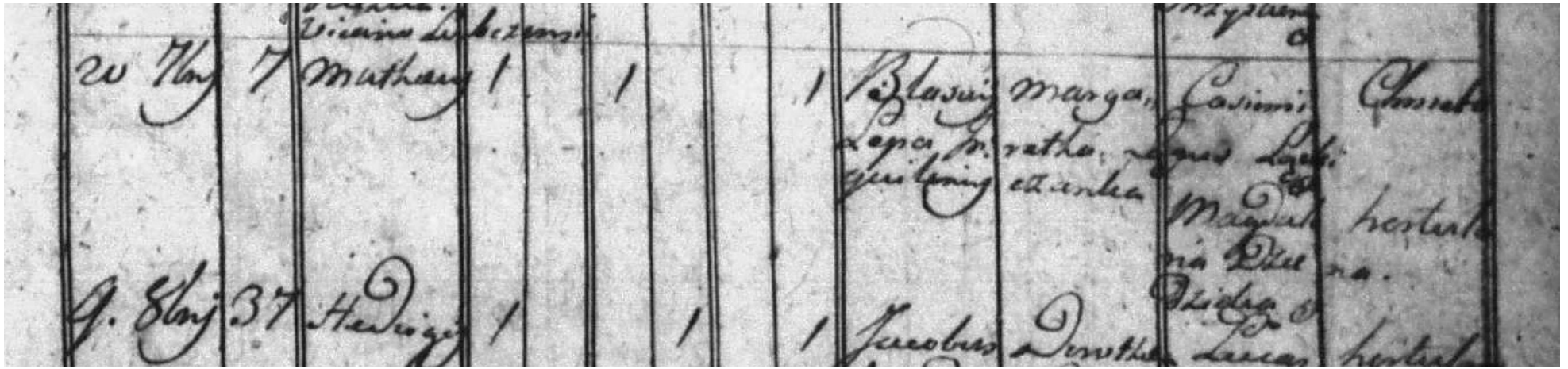
Catherine was listed as 20 years old with an estimated year of birth as 1786

12	20	Lucia	1	.	1	.	1	Casimira Potepa	Catharina de Patre Lempa	Thomas Marianka Lepa Abraham	Rustia
13											

1807 Baptism of Lucy, daughter of Casimir Potepa and Catherine Lepa
House #30 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

8. 31.	8. 31.	Probus	1	.	1	.	1	Casimir Potepa	Catharina Blaise Lepa	James Wroch Joseph Wojtowicz	Maria Bridget
		Margaretha	1	.	1	.	1	Philipp	Agnes	Valentyn	

Baptism of Nicholas (name is illegible), the child of Casimir Potepa and Catherine Lepa
Catherine Lepa was identified as the daughter of Blaise (Błazej) Lepa
House #31 Zagórze (Przeczycza)



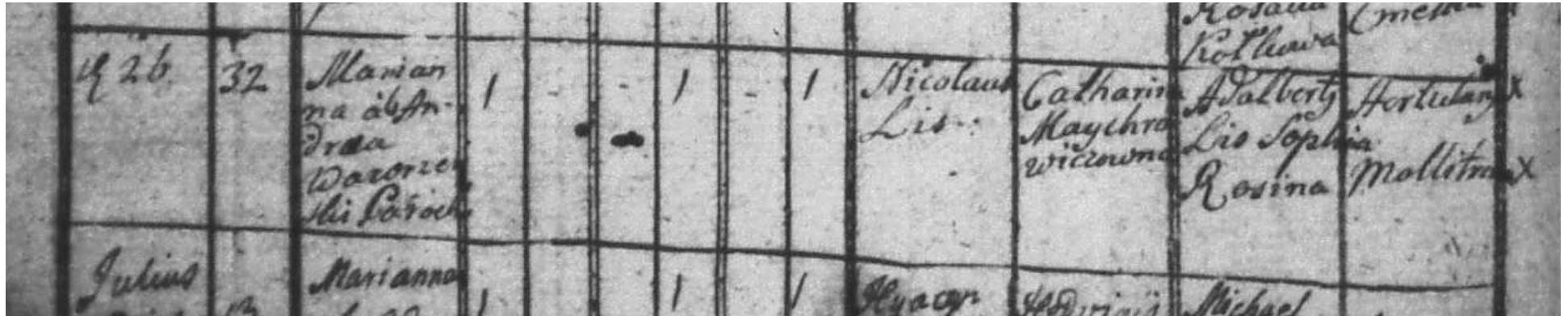
1789 Baptism of Matthias Lepa, son of Blaise and Margaret Lepa
House #7 Zagórze (Przeczyca)

It is unknown whether this is the same Blaise Lepa whose daughter Catherine married Casimir Potepa

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						Christo	Catharina	Simon	Hortul.

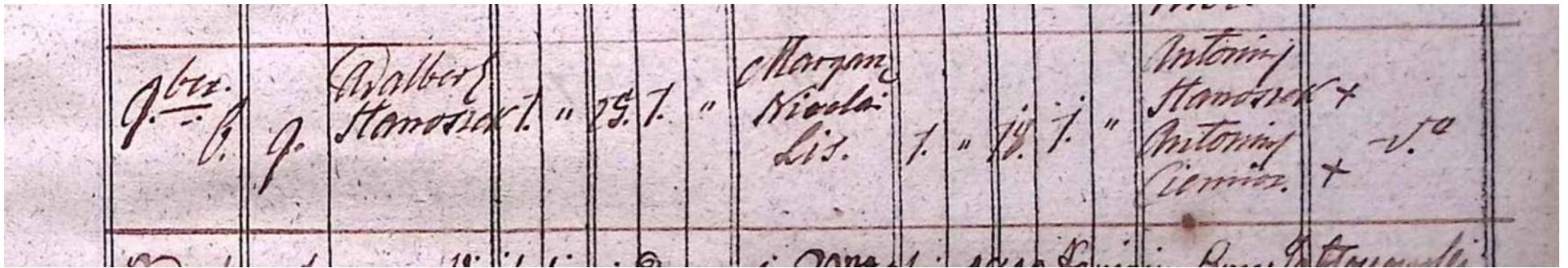
1791 Baptism of Rosalie Lepa, daughter of Blaise Lepa and Margaret Lacki
House #26 Zagórze (Przeczycza)

Refer to the Philip and Sophia Król documentary for a possible cross-reference to the Blaise Lepa family.
Sophia Król may have been formerly known as the widow Sophia Lacki from House #25 in Zagórze.



1792 Baptism of Marianna Lis, daughter of Nicholas Lis
House #32 Dęborzyn (Przezyca)

Coincidentally, this Lis family lived at House #32 in Dęborzyn, while Thecla (Lepa) Król was born at House #32 in Zagórze.
This could also be a source of confusion.



1810 Marriage of Marianna Lis, daughter of Nicholas Lis
Listed under House #9 Dęborzyn (Przeczyca)

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.

Gaspar Lepa and Marianna Lis are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Thecla Lepa (4x-great-grandmother) married Matthias Król in 1821, also in Przekyca. Their daughter Marianna Król (3x-great-grandmother) married Gregory Dudek in 1844, also in Przekyca. Their son Adalbert Dudek (2x-great-grandfather) married Victoria Król in 1886, also in Przekyca. 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.

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