

# BOMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: **PINKAWA**

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Joseph Bomba
BIRTH DATE	11 March 1814
BIRTH PLACE	Gogolin, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	11 March 1814
BAPTISM PLACE	Wniebowzięcia NMP (Assumption of the BVM), Otmęt, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	26 October 1840
MARRIAGE PLACE	Wniebowzięcia NMP (Assumption of the BVM), Otmęt, Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Poland: gajowy (forester); Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Gogolin, Poland; Karnes, DeWitt, and Bee Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	4 February 1899
BURIAL PLACE	Papalote Cemetery, Papalote, Bee County, Texas

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Franciska Pinkawa
BIRTH DATE	30 October 1820
BIRTH PLACE	Kadłubiec, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	30 October 1820
BAPTISM PLACE	Wniebowzięcia NMP (Assumption of the BVM), Otmęt, Poland
RESIDENCES	Kadłubiec, Poland; Karnes, DeWitt, and Bee Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	13 July 1902
BURIAL PLACE	Papalote Cemetery, Papalote, Bee County, Texas

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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Wniebowzięcia NMP, Otmęt, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0936561) Husband: p. 41, entry #15    Wife: p. 145, entry #58
MARRIAGE	Wniebowzięcia NMP, Otmęt, Poland, p. 195, entry #17 (LDS Microfilm #0936563)
SHIP AND PORT MILITARY	<i>Schüler Agency List</i> shows departure from Bremen on 1 October 1855. Civil War: Private under Captain Robert Kleberg, Coleto Guards, Reserve Company, DeWitt County, 24 <sup>th</sup> Brigade, Texas Militia, Archives - Texas State Library
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1857 and 1859 Karnes County; 1870 DeWitt County
LAND RECORD	DeWitt County Deeds, Volume I, p. 792, date of instrument: 26 January 1860, date filed: 21 March 1862 (110 acres in the L. M. Mason Survey on the southwest side of Twelve-Mile Coleto Creek from Peter Bluntzer)
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: September 1865, DeWitt County; Voter Registration: 26 July 1867, DeWitt County (Naturalization referenced in this record)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870, and 1880 DeWitt County; wife in 1900 Bee County
OBITUARIES	Husband: <i>Cuero Daily Record</i> , 8 February 1899, eighth page Wife: <i>Beeville Bee</i> , 18 July 1902, third page and <i>Cuero Daily Record</i> , 29 July 1902, fourth page
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Papalote Cemetery, Papalote, Bee County, Texas (Dates on both tombstones disagree with documented sources.)

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**J**oseph Bomba was the son of Franz Bomba and Veronica Sapock. His wife Franciska was the daughter of Franz Pinkawa and Josepha Giemsa. In 1855 Joseph and Franciska immigrated to Texas with their six surviving children. They briefly settled in Panna Maria, and in 1856 Franciska was one of four official witnesses listed in the baptismal book where Father Leopold recorded the blessing of the new church (Dworaczyk, 1945, p. 30). After four years in this rural community, Joseph owned 2 horses, 18 cattle, oxen, and hogs valued at \$242 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1859, 11<sup>th</sup> page). One year later, the Bombas moved to DeWitt County where they owned 100 acres valued at \$250 (U.S. Agricultural Census, DeWitt County, 1860, p. 31, entry #23). In 1862 they purchased 110 acres on the southwest side of Coletto Creek in the Meyersville area (DeWitt County Deed Records, Volume I, p. 792).

During the Civil War, Joseph served with the Coletto Guards under Captain Robert Kleberg. As a reserve company, this unit was formed to repel an invasion of Texas (Texas State Archives, Record Group 401).

Joseph was tall, had blue eyes, and his gray hair had once been blonde. He raised corn and fruit on their farm. Franciska was typical of all little grandmothers, and she wore a knitted or crocheted cap whenever she went out. They had a nice house with a big bedroom and a large upstairs area (Bomba, 1980, unpagged).

In the 1890s, the Bombas moved to Papalote in nearby Bee County with other family members (Bomba, 1980, unpagged). By 1900 Franciska, a widow, was living with one of her grandchildren in Papalote (Federal Census, Bee County, Texas, 1900).

### Baptism Records of Franciska Pinkawa and Joseph Bomba Children

11 April 1841	Constantine / Constantina	p. 81, entry #17	Św. Marcina Biskupa, Paczyna, Poland (LDS Microfilm #2160680)
15 October 1843	Franz	p. 130, entry #71	
20 February 1845	Alvina Veronica	p. 153, entry #15	
14 March 1847	Joseph	p. 184, entry #15	(LDS Microfilm #2160681)
7 February 1849	Johann	pp. 21-22, entry #7	
21 April 1850	Theodor	p. 69, entry #29	
15 February 1852	Apollonia	p. 131, entry #10	
10 September 1854	Nicodem	pp. 338-339, entry #38	Św. Stanisława, Płużnica Wielka, Poland
17 May 1859	Amelia	entry #90	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)

Note: Johann died on February 8, 1849, and was buried two days later (Św. Marcina Biskupa, Paczyna, Poland, Burial Records, entry #7, LDS Microfilm #2160680).

Link: Constantina married Joseph Bednorz on 31 May 1868 in Victoria County (Transcribed Volume 1, p. 121; see Joseph Bednorz profile).



## Obituary of Joseph Bomba

Mr. Joseph Bomba, Sr., Dead.

MEYERSVILLE, February 8.

Saturday evening at 9 o'clock Mr. Joseph Bomba, Sr., died of paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gregozeczyki, at Papalote, Bee county, where he and his wife have been since 1897. He was born in German Poland on March the 19th, 1810, and was 88 years old his last birthday.

He was married at the age of 22 and had seven children, three boys and four girls. His wife and two sons, Joseph and Tye of Meyersville, and one daughter, Albina, survive him.

He came to Pana Maria, Karnes county, Texas, with his family in 1855. He was a stranger among strangers and had nothing except his ability and willingness to work.

During the war he hauled freight between Galveston and the Rio Grande and after the war he farmed. From 1859 to 1897 he lived on his farm at Meyersville.

In 1882 at Meyersville he celebrated his golden wedding with four children, a great many grandchildren and some great grandchildren.

He was a life-long, prominent and devoted member of the Catholic church and was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Papalote.

A memorial window in the Catholic church at Meyersville serves to commemorate the names and religious charity of him and his wife. May his soul rest in peace.

*The Cuero Daily Record, 8 February 1899, eighth page*