

GABRYŚ / GABRYSCH

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: ZUBER

HUSBAND'S NAME	Gervas Gabrysch
BIRTH DATE	14 April 1831
BIRTH PLACE	Kielcza, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	15 April 1831
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	4 May 1853
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Texas: bricklayer and stonemason
RESIDENCES	Kielcza and Żędowice, Poland; Bexar and Karnes Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	20 August 1904
DEATH PLACE	Karnes County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Josepha Zuber
BIRTH DATE	Circa 1829-1831
RESIDENCES	Żędowice, Poland; Bexar and Karnes Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	9 November 1906
DEATH PLACE	Falls City, Karnes County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM	Husband: Św. Bartłomeja, Kielcza, Poland, p. 94, entry #14 (LDS Microfilm #0937146)
MARRIAGE	Św. Bartłomeja, Kielcza, Poland, p. 51, entry #18 (LDS Microfilm #0937147)
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 June 1855.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1857, 1862, 1865, and 1866 Karnes County
LAND RECORDS	Karnes County Deeds, Volume D, pp. 4-5, date of instrument: 19 February 1872, date filed: 2 November 1874 (paid John Twohig and W. J. Hardee \$506.65 in gold for 100 acres in Panna Maria on the Cibolo); Volume E, pp. 337-338, date of instrument: 10 February 1877, date filed: 12 February 1877 (S. G. and Josepha Gabrysch sold John Kowalik the 100 acres for the same price paid in 1872.)
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: 20 November 1869, Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 67, #211 (Declaration of Intention referenced in this record); Voter Registration: 1869 Karnes County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860 Bexar County; 1870 and 1880 Karnes County
DEATH RECORDS	Husband: Karnes County, Volume 1, p. 45, certificate #99 (states S. G. Gabrysch for Gervas; death date disagrees with church record); Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #36540 Wife: Karnes County, Volume 1, p. 45, certificate #173; Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #36613
BURIAL RECORDS	Nativity of the BVM Catholic Church, Cestohowa, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0024960)
TOMBSTONES	Husband: p. 370 Wife: p. 372 Both in Polish in Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas (Death date on husband's tombstone disagrees with documented source.)

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Gervas, the son of Simon Gabryś and Ewa Kulik, married Josepha Zuber in 1853. They immigrated to Texas in 1855 aboard the *Weser* and initially settled in Panna Maria. Gervas was the fourth and final contractor hired to complete the original church structure at Panna Maria. The masonry structure was 70 feet by 36 feet and was dedicated on September 29, 1856 (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 12; Didear, 1969, p. 28; Przygoda, 1971, p. 46; Baker, 1975a, p. 21).

The family moved to Bexar County where Gervas was a bricklayer. Their daughter Constantina was baptized at San Fernando Cathedral in 1858.

By 1861 the family had moved back to Panna Maria, and Gervas' skills as a mason were much in demand in Karnes County. In 1871 he was paid \$7.20 for repairing the Helena jail (Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 125, entry #396). Six years later, he was hired as the contractor for the church at Cestohowa; the dimensions of the church were 40 feet by 80 feet, and the cost was approximately \$7000 (Dworaczyk, 1936, pp. 129-130; *125th Anniversary, Nativity of the BVM, Cestohowa*, 1998, p. 11).

Baptism Records of Gabryś / Gabrysch Children

24 July 1853	Joseph	p. 127, entry #96	Św. Bartłomeija, Kielcza, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0937146)
12 June 1855	Felicyan/Felix	entry #17	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
23 May 1858	Constantina	entry #133	San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas
Circa 1859	Mary	not yet found	
25 August 1861	August	entry #169	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
24 September 1863	Rosalia	entry #232	
17 April 1865	Anastasia	entry #265	
17 April 1865	Apolonia/Paulina	twin #265	
20 February 1867	Alexander	entry #307	
14 February 1869	Walenty/Valentine	entry #346	
27 August 1871	Josepha Rosa	entry #405	
11 August 1873	Dominique	thirteenth entry	

Note: Felicyan's baptism record clearly shows 1855; however, it is located between June 1856 and August 1856 baptism records.

Links: Felix married Mary Kroll on 19 November 1878 in Panna Maria, and Alexander married Hedwig Kroll on 11 February 1890 in Cestohowa (p. 5, fourth entry and p. 276, first entry; see Franz Kroll profile).

Mary married Michael Dworaczyk on 25 October 1886 in Cestohowa (p. 269, third entry; see Jacob Dworaczyk profile).