

KIERYŚ / KYRYŚ / KYRISH

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: BARTOSZEK

HUSBAND'S NAME	Josef (Joseph) Kyrish
BIRTH DATE	24 February 1827
BIRTH PLACE	Poland
BAPTISM DATE	25 February 1827
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	27 January 1853 (FIRST MARRIAGE)
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Poland: mason; Texas: stonemason and farmer
RESIDENCES	Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	Circa 1900
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Lucia Bartoszek (FIRST WIFE)
BIRTH DATE	10 December 1826
BIRTH PLACE	Borowiany, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	12 December 1826
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
RESIDENCES	Borowiany, Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	Circa 1864

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Św. Bartłomieja, Kielcza, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0937146) Husband: p. 73, entry #9 Wife: p. 72, entry #37
MARRIAGE	Św. Bartłomieja, Kielcza, Poland, p. 48, entry #5 (LDS Microfilm #0937147)
SHIP AND PORT TAX ROLLS	<i>Jeverland</i> arrived New Orleans, Louisiana, on 27 December 1854. Texas: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1862, and 1865-1867 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume B, pp. 119-120, date of instrument: 4 January 1869, date filed: 4 January 1869 (paid Johan Pawlik \$330 for 220 acres on the Cibolo)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860 Karnes County; husband in 1870 and 1880 Karnes County with second wife
TOMBSTONE	Husband: In Polish in Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas (no dates on tombstone)
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Kierys, Kyrys, Kyrish, and Kyris

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Joseph was the son of Bartek Kieryś and Josepha Bronder. Lucia was the daughter of August Bartoszek and Josepha Krawitz. Joseph, a mason by trade, and Lucia arrived in New Orleans in 1854 on the *Jeverland*. They travelled to Texas and settled in Karnes County. Early census records indicate Joseph was both a stonemason and a farmer.

By 1857 Joseph owned a cow, oxen, and hogs valued at \$43 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1857, p. 13). Two years later, he owned five cattle valued at \$30 and oxen valued at \$20 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1859, p. 11). Joseph's assets gradually increased through the years, and by 1862 he owned a horse valued at \$30 and 22 cattle valued at \$122 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1862, p. 11).

When Lucia was only 38 years old, she died having been in America for nine brief years. Joseph was left as a widower to raise three young children.

Baptism Records of Lucia Bartoszek and Josef Kieryś / Kyryś / Kyrish Children

12 March 1856	Agnes	entry #1	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
15 March 1859	Marcelina Ana	entry #86	
12 July 1862	Elizabeth	entry #196	

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: **MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA**

HUSBAND'S NAME	Josef (Joseph) Kyrish
BIRTH DATE	24 February 1827
BIRTH PLACE	Poland
BAPTISM DATE	25 February 1827
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	23 May 1865 (SECOND MARRIAGE)
MARRIAGE PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Panna Maria, Texas
OCCUPATIONS	Poland: mason; Texas: stonemason and farmer
RESIDENCES	Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	Circa 1900
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Catharina / Katarzyna Moczygemba (SECOND WIFE)
BIRTH DATE	29 April 1844
BIRTH PLACE	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	29 April 1844
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
RESIDENCES	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	30 June 1928
DEATH PLACE	Cestohowa, Karnes County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Bartłomieja, Kielcza, Poland, p. 73, entry #9 (LDS Microfilm #0937146) Wife: Św. Stanisława, Pluźnica Wielka, Poland, p. 153
MARRIAGE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 12, entry #27 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
SHIPS AND PORTS	Husband: <i>Jeverland</i> arrived New Orleans, Louisiana, 27 December 1854. Wife: <i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December 1854.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1862, and 1865-1867 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume B, p. 119, date of instrument: 4 January 1869, date filed: 4 January 1869 (bought from Johan Pawlik)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860 Karnes County (Joseph with first wife and Catherine with parents, Johan and Marianna Moczygemba), 1870 and 1880 Karnes County; wife in 1900 and 1910 Karnes County
DEATH RECORDS	Wife: Karnes County, Falls City Book, p. 164, certificate #7; Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #26822
BURIAL RECORD	Wife: Nativity of the BVM Catholic Church, Cestohowa, Texas, p. 40, third entry (LDS Microfilm #0024960)
OBITUARY	Wife: <i>Karnes County News</i> , 5 July 1928, p. 1
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas (no dates on tombstones)
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Kierys, Kyrys, Kyrish, and Kyris Wife's maiden name spellings include: Moczygemba, Moczigemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba

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Joseph Kyrish, after the death of his first wife, married Catharina, the daughter of Johan Moczygembra and Marianna Felux (see Johan Moczygembra profile). Joseph was a stonemason whose talents were highly respected in Karnes County. In 1865 Joseph served on a committee that investigated fire damage to the courthouse located at Helena (Didear, 1969, p. 40; Baker, 1982, p. 59). He was subsequently selected to serve on another committee in 1871 to oversee the construction of a new courthouse and was given the authorization to "...draft resolutions, take contracts and bonds for the purpose of completing the courthouse building now unfinished in the town of Helena..." (Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 121, entry #382; Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 46; Didear, 1969, p. 40; Baker, 1975a, p. 49). In 1867 Joseph, along with John Gawlik, was hired as a mason to build St. Joseph's School at Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 39; Baker, 1979, p. 114).

Joseph Kyrish and John Gawlik, both residents of the Cestohowa community, signed a contract in 1877 to build the new church at Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, pp. 50-51; *125th Anniversary, Nativity of the BVM, Cestohowa*, 1998, p. 11). Joseph also donated \$100 to the Panna Maria church (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 52). In May of 1877, Joseph was listed as County Commissioner of Precinct 2 (Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 362, entry #1311). In early 1880, Joseph was paid \$96.75 for material and work on the Helena jail (Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume 1, p. 44, entry #163).

Catharina died in 1928, and her obituary notice referred to her as "...one of the old pioneers of Karnes County..." who had come to America as a young girl (*Karnes County News*, 5 July 1928, p. 1). She was buried in the parish cemetery at Cestohowa beside her husband Joseph who had died around 1900.

Baptism Records of Catharina Moczygembra and Josef Kieryś Children

12 July 1866	Victoria	entry #289	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
2 November 1867	Joseph	entry #322	
30 January 1870	Romuald/Raymond	entry #366	
22 August 1872	Maria Salomea	entry #434	
30 June 1875	Leon Paul	p. 1, third entry	
30 May 1878	Sophia Theresa	p. 29, fourth entry	Nativity of the BVM Catholic Church, Cestohowa, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0024960)
9 June 1881	Florence/Florentina	p. 46, first entry	
21 April 1884	Catherina Margaret	p. 38, first entry	
6 August 1887	Bronislava/Bernice Clara	p. 69, second entry	

Link: Florentina married Alexander Jendrusch on 24 January 1905 in Cestohowa (p. 305, second entry; see Anton Jendrusch profile).