

KOCUR / KOTZUR

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: SEKULA

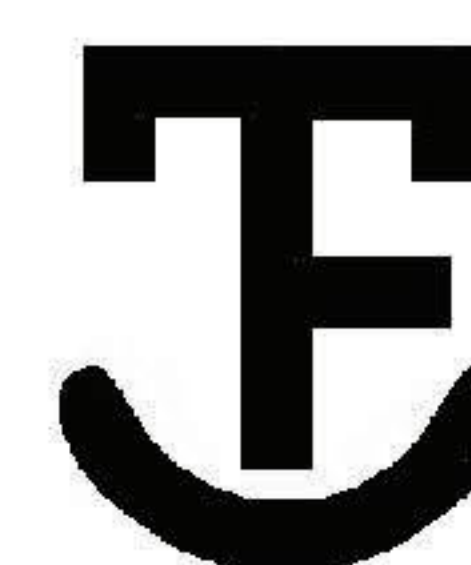
HUSBAND'S NAME	Franciszek / Franz (Frank) Kotzur
BIRTH DATE	27 March 1828
BIRTH PLACE	Niewiesie, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	27 March 1828
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Jana Chrzciciela (St. John the Baptist), Poniszowice, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	31 August 1852
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Trójcy (Holy Trinity), Wiśnicze, Poland
OCCUPATION	Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Niewiesie, Poland; Karnes and Wilson Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	16 July 1906
DEATH PLACE	Wilson County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Susanna Sekula
BIRTH DATE	7 August 1831
BIRTH PLACE	Dąbrówka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	10 August 1831
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Trójcy (Holy Trinity), Wiśnicze, Poland
RESIDENCES	Dąbrówka and Niewiesie, Poland; Karnes and Wilson Counties, Texas
DEATH DATE	23 January 1908
DEATH PLACE	Wilson County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Jana Chrzciciela, Poniszowice, Poland, pp. 158-159, entry #18 Wife: Św. Trójcy, Wiśnicze, Poland, p. 124, entry #28
MARRIAGE	Św. Trójcy, Wiśnicze, Poland, record with priest's seal
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1860, and 1862 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume B, pp. 464-465, date of instrument: 29 December 1870, date filed: 7 January 1871 (paid Marius Chiensse \$362.50 for 184 1/2 acres on the west side of Cibolo Creek)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870, and 1880 Karnes County; 1900 Wilson County
BURIAL RECORDS	Nativity of the BVM Catholic Church, Cestohowa, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0024960)
TOMBSTONES	Husband: p. 372, third entry Wife: p. 1, third entry Both in Polish in Nativity of the BVM Cemetery, Cestohowa, Texas (Dates on both tombstones disagree with documented sources.)
PROBATE	Husband: Wilson County, Volume J, pp. 293-295; Volume G, p. 50, Will #647, date filed: 16 October 1908 Wife: Wilson County, Volume J, pp. 296-297; Volume G, p. 51, Will #648, date filed: 16 October 1908 (date of death recorded as 15 January 1908)

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Frank was the son of Andrzej Kocur and Teresja Kraffcik. Susanna was the daughter of Stephan Sekula and Maria Franuś (see Wojciech Sekula profile). An added notation to Susanna's baptism record indicated that she went to America in 1855.

Frank and Susanna settled in Panna Maria. Two years later, Frank owned a cow valued at \$15 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1857, p. 13). In 1859 and 1860, Frank owned 6 cows valued at \$36 and 5 hogs valued at \$5 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1859, 11th page; 1860, 12th page).

All eight of their Texas-born children were baptized at the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church in Panna Maria. Sometime after the Cestohowa parish was organized in 1873, the Kocurs became members there. In 1896 Frank's name was included on a roster of Cestohowa parishioners (*125th Anniversary, Nativity of the BVM, Cestohowa*, 1998, p. 17).

Both of their wills were written in Wilson County on the same day in 1892. While probate records indicate that both Frank and Susanna died in Wilson County, they were buried in the Cestohowa parish cemetery in Karnes County.

Baptism Records of Kocur / Kotzur Children

28 August 1853	Marianna	pp. 231-232, entry #54	Św. Jana Chrzciciela, Poniszowice, Poland (LDS Microfilm #2160611)
1 March 1856	Josepha	entry #3	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
5 April 1858	Balbina/Albina	entry #54	
7 October 1860	Frank	entry #129	
17 January 1863	Francisca	entry #220	
23 May 1865	Urban	entry #269	
6 October 1867	John	entry #318	
5 February 1871	Anna Agatha	entry #387	
19 August 1873	Rosalia	entry #16	

Note: In 1925 the Urban Kocur family purchased land in Hidalgo County and helped to establish the Polish settlement of McCook (Przygoda, 1971, pp. 74-75; Baker, 1979, p. 154).

Links: Marianna married Frank Manka on 5 November 1872 in Panna Maria (entry #72; see Frank Manka profile).

Albina married Franz Moczygemba on 28 January 1879 in Cestohowa (p. 258, entry #6; see Johan Moczygemba profile).

Urban and Frances Pawelek Kotzur Family



Left to right: Clement, Barbara, Urban, Frances [Pawelek], Regina, Rose, and Susanna standing in front of her mother, Falls City, Texas, 1920s

Urban married Frances Pawelek on 5 February 1889 in Cestohowa (p. 273, third entry; see Maciej Pawelek profile).

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