

KOWALIK

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: SNOGA

HUSBAND'S NAME	Johann (John) Kowalik
BIRTH DATE	30 May 1824
BIRTH PLACE	Obrowiec, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	31 May 1824
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Marii Magdaleny (St. Mary Magdalen), Jasiona, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	10 November 1850
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Marii Magdaleny (St. Mary Magdalen), Jasiona, Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Texas: farmer and mail carrier
RESIDENCES	Obrowiec and Strzebniów, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	30 March 1904
DEATH PLACE	Frank Opiela's Store in Panna Maria, Karnes County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Agnieszka (Agnes) Snoga
BIRTH DATE	21 January 1827
BIRTH PLACE	Gogolin, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	21 January 1827
BAPTISM PLACE	Wniebowzięcia NMP (Assumption of the BVM), Otmęt, Poland
RESIDENCES	Gogolin and Strzebniów, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	29 January 1897
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Marii Magdaleny, Jasiona, Poland, p. 45, entry #41 (LDS Microfilm #0936558) Wife: Wniebowzięcia NMP, Otmęt, Poland, p. 30, entry #6 (LDS Microfilm #0936561)
MARRIAGE	Św. Marii Magdaleny, Jasiona, Poland, p. 84, entry #28 (LDS Microfilm #0936559)
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 June 1855.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1857, 1860, 1862, 1865, and 1866 Karnes County
LAND RECORDS	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, p. 1, date of instrument: 1 April 1867, date filed: 20 July 1871 (paid Johan Dziuk \$1 for 46.6 acres 3.5 miles above the mouth of the Cibolo Creek); Volume C, p. 2, date of instrument: 1 April 1867, date filed: 20 July 1871 (paid Thomas Moczygemba \$1 for 20 acres on the San Antonio River 3 miles above the mouth of the Cibolo Creek); Volume C, pp. 145-146, date of instrument: 5 January 1872
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: 23 November 1869, Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 68, #215 (Declaration of Intention referenced in this record.); Voter Registration: 1869 Karnes County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870, and 1880 Karnes County; husband in 1900 Karnes County
DEATH RECORD	Husband: Karnes County, Volume 1, p. 71, certificate #72; Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #36549
BURIAL RECORDS	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335) Husband: p. 33 Wife: p. 27
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas
OTHER	Paul Snoga, a brother of Agnes, arrived in 1870 (see Paul Snoga profile).

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John was the son of Jacek Kowalik and Magdalena Cebula. Agnes was the daughter of Andrzej Snoga and Franciska Biela. John and Agnes sailed to Texas in 1855 on the *Weser* and settled in Panna Maria. In 1866 John owned a town lot valued at \$30, 20 acres worth \$40, 16 cattle valued at \$96, and other property worth \$78 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1866, p. 9).

In 1867 plans proceeded for the construction of a parochial school in Panna Maria with John serving as an advisor on the building committee of the two-story stone building. This building, with the school located on the first floor and a rectory on the second floor, was completed in January of 1869 (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 39; Przygoda, 1971, p. 47; Baker, 1979, pp. 114-115).

In the 1870s, a mail route ran from San Antonio to Panna Maria and then on to Helena, Goliad, and Victoria. For a brief time, John had charge of this mail route (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 45; Didear, 1969, p. 39).

In 1872 John purchased 50 acres of land in the Panna Maria area from John Twohig and W. J. Hardee. He paid for the property with "...two hundred fifty dollars gold..." (Karnes County Deed Records, Volume C, p. 145). John continued to prosper and in 1877 was also one of the benefactors for the second church built at Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 39).

Seven years after Agnes died, John died in Frank Opiela's Store in Panna Maria. They are both buried in the parish cemetery.

Baptism Records of Kowalik Children

10 August 1851	Marianna	p. 160, entry #102	Św. Marii Magdaleny, Jasiona, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0936558)
12 January 1853	Philippine	p. 186, entry #2	
Circa 1855	Joanna	not yet found	
6 April 1858	Vincent	entry #55	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
12 August 1860	Peter	entry #122	
27 September 1862	Tecla	entry #205	
8 April 1864	John	entry #246	
11 November 1866	Leopold	entry #299	

Note: Marianna, who was born on 7 August 1851, died after only sixteen days on 23 August 1851 (Św. Marii Magdaleny, Burial Records, p. 102, entry #64, LDS Microfilm #0936560).

Link: Joanna married Anton Kroll on 31 January 1876 in Panna Maria (p. 2, second entry; see Franz Kroll profile).