Kuczka / Kutchka

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: GOHLA / GOLA

HUSBAND'S NAME Johann (John) Kutchka

BIRTH DATE Circa 1817-1820

BIRTH PLACE Poland

MARRIAGE DATE 5 November 1843

MARRIAGE PLACE Sw. Mikołaja (St. Nicholas), Szczedrzyk, Poland

OCCUPATION Texas: farmer

RESIDENCES Kosice and Biestrzynnik, Poland;

Karnes County, Texas; Inez, Victoria County, Texas

BURIAL DATE 19 December 1883

DEATH PLACE Inez, Victoria County, Texas BURIAL PLACE Victoria County, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Catharina (Kate) Gohla BIRTH PLACE Biestrzynnik, Poland

BAPTISM DATE 22 April 1825

BAPTISM PLACE Św. Mikołaja (St. Nicholas), Szczedrzyk, Poland

RESIDENCES Biestrzynnik, Poland; Karnes County, Texas;

Inez, Victoria County, Texas

DEATH DATE 20 May 1907

DEATH PLACE Inex, Victoria County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE Victoria County, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM Wife: Sw. Mikołaja, Szczedrzyk, Poland, p. 87, entry #93

(LDS Microfilm #0949153)

MARRIAGE Šw. Mikołaja, Szczedrzyk, Poland, p. 68, entry #59

(LDS Microfilm #0949155)

SHIPS AND PORTS Archimedes departed Hamburg for Hull and Liverpool, 19 April 1855;

Isaac Wright arrived New York on 29 May 1855.

TAX ROLLS Texas: 1859, 1860, and 1862 Karnes County

LAND RECORDS Victoria County Deeds, Volume 9, p. 177, date of instrument: 9 June

1866, date filed: 18 June 1866 (bought 146 1/2 acres of the Ferdinand L. DeLeon Grant on the Garcitas Creek); Volume 9, p. 434, date recorded: 1 April 1868 (John Kutchka deeded land mentioned above to his sons,

Peter and Thomas Kutchka.)

FEDERAL CENSUS Texas: 1860 Karnes County, 1870 and 1880 Victoria County; wife in

1900 Victoria County

BURIAL RECORD Husband: St. Mary Catholic Church, Victoria, Texas, p. 28, entry #137

(LDS Microfilm #0025514)

OBITUARY Wife: *Daily Advocate*, Victoria, Texas, 30 May 1907, first page PROBATE Husband: Victoria County, Volume 6, p. 261, Will #220, date filed:

1 February 1884

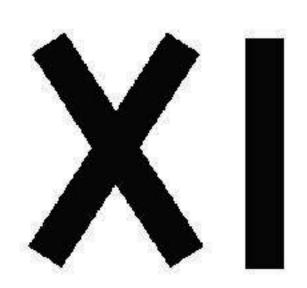
Wife: Victoria County, Volume 12, p. 586, Will #637, date filed: 20 June

1907

VARIATIONS Surname spellings include: Kuczka, Kutchka, Kuschka, and Kutzka

Submitted by: Janet Dawson Ebrom, San Antonio, Texas

Kuczka / Kutchka Brand: Victoria County Marks and Brands, p. 266, 25 May 1863



ohn, the son of Peter Kuczka from Kosice, was almost 24 years old when he married Catharina Gohla at Św. Mikołaja in Szczedrzyk. Catharina's foster father, Albert Zgorielski, husband of her mother Hedwig, was noted in the 1843 marriage record. John and Catharina were blessed with two children, Casper and Marianna, while living in the little village of Biestrzynnik. By the spring of 1855, they made the momentous decision to leave Silesia bound for America. John and Catharina often spoke of their voyage, gently explaining to Marianna, their eldest daughter, that she was only "twenty Sundays old" when they left Europe (Recollections of Mary Skrobarczyk Brzozowski of Yoakum, Texas, on 24 July 1974).

The young family joined the Panna Maria colony but after a few years settled in Inez, Texas. Some of the earliest residents on the Arenosa and Garcitas Creeks included the Kutchka family (Rose, 1961, p. 31). The settlement of Inez "...called Garcitas by the Americans and Gazeta by the Poles had about a dozen Silesian families...and required the ministrations of traveling Polish priests at least into the 1870's" (Baker, 1979, p. 57).

During their 20 years in Victoria County, John and Catharina raised their children and welcomed the next generation on their homestead (Ebrom and Sowa, 1981, pp. 46-49). In 1884 following John's death, written notices of his estate were posted on the courthouse door, Rive's Store in Mission Valley, and Koontz's Store in Arenosa Creek. He had real estate holdings including 315 acres of land, about 80 stock cattle, 6 horses, 10 hogs, and a two-horse wagon. (Inventory Appraisement, Victoria County Probate Records, Volume 6, p. 264). His widow "Kate" lived her final years on the Inez homestead with their son Peter, the namesake of his Kutchka grandfather. When Catharina was 82 years old, a newspaper column called "Inez Items" paid her final tribute: "Mrs. John Kutske, an old Polish woman of this place, died last Tuesday and was buried from the Catholic Church by Rev. Hendricks. She was supposed to have been the oldest woman in this community" (*Daily Advocate*, 30 May 1907, 1st page).

Baptism Records of Kuczka / Kutchka Children

4 January 1852 20 November 1854	Casper Marianna	p. 102, entry #5p. 149, entry #241	Św. Mikołaja, Szczedrzyk, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0949154)
13 October 1857 12 August 1860 26 February 1862	Hedwig Lawrence Peter	entry #30 entry #123 entry #184	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
30 October 1864	Thomas	p. 23, third entry	St. Mary Catholic Church, Victoria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025514)

Marianna Kutchka Skrobarczyk

1854 - 1927

...who left Europe when she was "twenty Sundays old"...



Marianna married John Skrobarczyk on 1 May 1877 in Victoria County (Volume 2, p. 128, entry #486; see Joseph Skrobarczyk profile).

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