

# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: WENZ

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Anton Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	20 November 1826
BIRTH PLACE	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	20 November 1826
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	9 August 1855
MARRIAGE PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas
OCCUPATIONS	Texas: saddler; Illinois: clerk
RESIDENCES	Pluźnica Wielka and Kotulin, Poland; Karnes County and San Antonio, Texas; Joliet, Will County, Illinois
DEATH DATE	20 March 1907
DEATH PLACE	509 Oneida Street, Joliet, Will County, Illinois
BURIAL PLACE	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, Lemont, Illinois

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Philippina Wenz
BIRTH DATE	Circa 1837
BIRTH PLACE	Bavaria
RESIDENCES	Bavaria; Karnes County and San Antonio, Texas; Joliet, Will County, Illinois
DEATH DATE	13 October 1931
DEATH PLACE	Daughter's residence, 105 N. Center St., Joliet, Will County, Illinois
BURIAL PLACE	Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, Lemont, Illinois

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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Stanisława, Pluźnica Wielka, Poland, pp. 179-180, entry #36
MARRIAGE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 1, entry #1 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
SHIP AND PORT	Husband: <i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December 1854.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1855 Karnes County; 1864 and 1872 Bexar County
LAND RECORD	Bexar County Deeds, Volume H2, pp. 88-89, date of instrument: 12 May 1859, date filed: 14 May 1859 (sold San Antonio lots 3 and 4 that they had bought in 1857, located east of the Alamo Ditch, to N. Boubel and F. J. Seng)
CITIZENSHIP	Declaration of Intention: 20 October 1873, Bexar County District Court, Naturalization Papers, Box D, #527
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870 and 1880 Bexar County; Illinois: 1900 Will County; wife in 1910, 1920 and 1930 Will County
DEATH RECORDS	Husband: Will County, Illinois, certificate #13715, stamped #12031 Wife: Will County, Illinois, certificate #39439, registered #483
BURIAL RECORD	Wife: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Lemont, Illinois, Record of Interments Index The index indicates that Philippina's burial record can be found on page 54.
OBITUARIES	Wife: <i>Joliet Evening Herald News</i> , 13 October 1931, p.2 and <i>The Lemont</i> , 15 October 1931, p. 9
TOMBSTONE	Husband: In Polish in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery, Lemont, Illinois
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba



**Moczygemba / Moczigemba Homesite:** *Morrison & Fourmy's Revised Map of City of San Antonio, Texas, 1883*



**A**nton Moczygemba was a single man when he immigrated with other family members in 1854. Soon after arriving in Texas, he married Philippina, the daughter of Jacob Wenz and Elizabeth Peter. Their marriage in 1855 was the first recorded in Panna Maria by Anton's brother, Father Leopold Moczygemba (see Moczygemba Family Chart in the Thomas Moczygemba profile). By May 14, 1858, the baptism date of their son Leopold, Anton and Philippina were residing in San Antonio. The 1860 Bexar County census indicates that Philippina's widowed mother and grandmother were living in the adjacent household. Later in 1866, the Anton Moczygemba family was one of 36 families that comprised the original congregation of St. Michael Church (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 91).

The 1870 census indicates Anton was a saddler, and in 1872 he owned a town lot valued at \$1,200 (Bexar County Tax Assessments, 1872, p. 74). By the end of the decade, Anton was a saddler with the U.S. Arsenal, located in the 600 block of South Flores Street, and he and his family lived on the north side of Alameda Street (present-day East Commerce Street) between Live Oak and Bowie streets (*Morrison & Fourmy's General Directory of the City of San Antonio, for 1879-80*, p. 197). The 1880 census lists Anton as a saddler residing with his family on Chestnut Street.

On June 29, 1884, Anton and Philippina's newly ordained son, Reverend Leopold Moczygemba, celebrated his First Solemn Mass in Lemont, Illinois, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church (*Diamond Jubilee*, p. 21). Tragically, almost eight years later at age 33, Reverend Leopold passed away on April 14, 1892, and was buried four days later in the parish cemetery (Sts. Cyril and Methodius Record of Interments, p.5).

By 1900 Anton and Philippina were living near Chicago in Joliet, Illinois, with a daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Peter Maday. Anton was still working, not as a saddler, but as a clerk. In 1907 Anton died when he was 80 years old. Twenty-four years later, Philippina passed away, and her obituary notices proclaimed that she was 94 years old. Anton and Philippina are both buried in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery in Lemont, Illinois, where their son, Reverend Leopold Moczygemba, was also laid to rest.

**Baptism Records of Moczygemba / Moczigemba Children**

10 February 1857	Anna Maria	entry #3424	San Fernando Cathedral,
14 May 1858	Leopold	entry #126	San Antonio, Texas
Circa 1859	Elizabeth	not yet found	
7 September 1863	August Valentine	p. 87, entry #4	St. Mary Catholic Church,
8 December 1865	Maria Theresa	p. 123, entry #1	San Antonio, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025467)
Circa 1876	Lizzie	not yet found	
Circa 1877	Alze/Alojzy	not yet found	



Marriage Record of  
Anton Moczygemba and Philippina Wenz

Anno Domini millesimo octingentesimo quinto  
 quagesimo sexto die. Die nona Augusti Philippina  
 ex infrascriptis matrimonio iurata Anton  
 Moczygemba filium legitimum des.  
 Leopoldi Moczygemba et Euae Krawietz cum  
 Philippina Wenz filia legitima Jacob  
 Wenz et Elizabethae Peter conj. Testes  
 erant Nicolaus Krawietz et Paulus Labus.  
 Ita testor Reverendus Leo Moczygemba.

This wedding on August 9, 1855, was the first one recorded at the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church in Panna Maria, Texas. The parents of the groom were Leopold Moczygemba and Ewa Krawietz, and the bride's parents were Jacob Wenz and Elizabeth Peter. The witnesses were Nicolaus Krawietz and Paul Labus. The record was transcribed in Latin, including the spelling of names, by the groom's brother, Reverend Leopold Moczygemba (p. 1, entry #1, LDS Microfilm #0025335).



Anton Moczygamba  
1826 - 1907



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# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: YOSKO / JOSKO

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HUSBAND'S NAME	August Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	13 November 1830
BIRTH PLACE	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	14 November 1830
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	4 November 1863
MARRIAGE PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas
OCCUPATION	Texas: shoemaker
RESIDENCES	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland; Panna Maria, Karnes County, and San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas
DEATH DATE	9 October 1907
DEATH PLACE	At the home of August Gabrysch, Falls City, Karnes County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Maria / Marya Yosko
BIRTH DATE	Circa 1841
RESIDENCES	Poland; Panna Maria, Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	23 February 1890
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM	Husband: Św. Stanisława, Pluźnica Wielka, Poland, pp. 237-238, entry #37
MARRIAGE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 10, entry #24 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
SHIPS AND PORTS	Husband: <i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December 1854. Wife: <i>Schüler Agency List</i> shows departure from Bremen on 1 April 1856.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1876 Karnes County
LAND RECORDS	Bexar County Deeds, Volume P1, p. 503, date filed: 2 January 1858 (lot in Eagle Pass bought from Father Leopold Moczygemba); Karnes County Deeds, Volume B, p. 467, date of instrument: 24 October 1863, date filed: 6 January 1871 (August sold Lot #4 in the first block north of the church in Panna Maria to Maria Yosko for \$10.)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: husband in 1860 Bexar County; 1870 and 1880 Karnes County; husband in 1900 Karnes County
DEATH RECORDS	Husband: Karnes County, Volume 1, p. 83, certificate #797; Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #36659
BURIAL RECORDS	Husband: Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Falls City, Texas, p. 78 (LDS Microfilm #0025081) (Record notes burial in Panna Maria.) Wife: Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 19 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
OBITUARY	Husband: <i>Southern Messenger</i> , 17 October 1907, p. 5
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba Wife's maiden name spellings include: Joschko, Josko, and Yosko





**A**ugust Moczygemba was unmarried when he immigrated to Texas in 1854. He settled in Panna Maria and worked for his brother, Father Leopold Moczygemba (see Leopold Moczygemba profile), in an unrecorded capacity (Baker, 1974, p. 387; 1975b, p. 132). In the 1860 Bexar County census, August was listed as a shoemaker in San Antonio and was living next door to his brother Anton who was a saddler (see Moczygemba Family Chart in the Thomas Moczygemba profile).

A couple of years later, August returned to Panna Maria, and in 1863 he married Maria Yosko. Gervas Gabrysch served as a witness to their wedding vows. August and Maria soon built a stone house which still stands across the street from the Immaculate Conception of the BVM Church at Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 21; Baker, 1975b, p. 132). August, Maria, and their four children were listed in the 1870 Karnes County census, and August's occupation was again listed as a shoemaker. In 1876 August owned one town lot valued at \$415 as well as 4 horses, 10 cattle, and 5 goats (Przygoda, 1971, p. 150).

Interestingly, Maria registered a cattle brand prior to 1865 (see above Jackson and Long, 1865, p. 79). August registered a similar brand in 1876 (Karnes County Marks and Brands, Volume 1, p. 47, #1785).

In 1889 August owned 2 lots valued at \$360, a carriage or wagon worth \$5, 2 horses assessed at \$50, 12 cattle valued at \$60, and 5 hogs worth \$5 (*Polish Footprints*, 1999, Volume XVI, Number 1, p. 28). Maria died in 1890 and was buried in the parish cemetery at Panna Maria. Ten years later, August was recorded in the 1900 Karnes County census living with his daughter Anna and her husband, Peter Dupnik. When August died in 1907, his funeral Mass was at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Falls City, but he was buried next to his wife Maria in Panna Maria.

### **Baptism Records of Moczygemba / Moczigemba Children**

20 July 1864	John	entry #252	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
5 October 1865	Frank	entry #273	
4 October 1867	Agnes	entry #317	
2 March 1870	Theodore	entry #369	
31 August 1872	Anna Maria	entry #435	
14 August 1875	Henry August	p. 2, third entry	
22 January 1878	Felix Phillip	p.	

Link: Anna married Peter Dupnik on 20 November 1895 in Panna Maria (p. 26, second entry; see Joseph Dupnik profile).



## Burial Record of Maria Yosko Moczygemba

*Maria* *Anna Domini 1890 die 24 Februarii in Panna-*  
*Moczygemba* *terio Panna Maria sepultum est corpus*  
*Mariae Moczygemba uxoris Augustini*  
*Moczygemba aetatis suae quinquaginta*  
*quod huius expiravit.*  
*Felix Zwiardowski C.R.*

Maria's burial record, written in Latin, indicates that she was buried on February 24, 1890, in the Panna Maria cemetery. It states that she was the wife (*uxoris*) of August Moczygemba and reveals her age as 50. The last three words translate as "who died yesterday." The transcription was signed by Reverend Felix Zwiardowski (Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 19, LDS Microfilm #0025335).



## August Moczygemba House in Panna Maria



This house was later purchased by the Mika family  
(Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 21; Baker, 1975b, p. 132).

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# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: FELUKS / FELUX

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Johan / Jan (John) Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	23 June 1815
BIRTH PLACE	Łużnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	23 June 1815
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	10 February 1841
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
OCCUPATION	Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Łużnica Wielka, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	10 March 1900
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Marya (Marianna) Felux
BIRTH DATE	28 January 1816
BIRTH PLACE	Łużnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
RESIDENCES	Łużnica Wielka, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	17 March 1900
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Św. Stanisława, Łużnica Wielka, Poland Husband: pp. 31-32, entry #9      Wife: pp. 39-40
MARRIAGE	Św. Stanisława, Łużnica Wielka, Poland, p. 96
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December 1854.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1855, 1857, 1859, 1860, 1862, and 1865-1867 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, p. 3, date of instrument: 21 July 1860, date filed: 25 August 1862 (bought 75 acres on east side of San Antonio River at Panna Maria from John Twohig and W. J. Hardee for \$474.30)
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: 25 November 1869, Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 69, #218 (Declaration of Intention referenced in this record); Voter Registration: 1869 Karnes County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870, and 1880 Karnes County
BURIAL RECORDS	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335), both on p. 30
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba

*Submitted by:* George A. Moczygemba 1939 - 2020





**J**ohan was the son of Stanislaus Moczigemba, a soldier, and Zophia Smieszek (see Moczygemba Family Chart in the Thomas Moczygemba profile). In 1841 Johan married Marya who was the daughter of Vincent Feluks and Zophia Rzepka. Johan and Marya immigrated to Texas in 1854. Less than six months later, Johan helped his cousin, Father Leopold Moczygemba (see Leopold Moczygemba profile), inspect stone for the construction of the first church at Panna Maria (Baker, 1974, p. 384; 1975a, p. 20). It was also in May that Johan wrote to friends and relatives in Poland urging them to immigrate, making suggestions regarding goods to bring with them, and providing descriptions of life in Panna Maria.

“When you come I will show you everything. You will live in my room with me...you ask what kind of leather; buy all that you can for boots and shoes and the whole strip for soles, because here they exist but are very expensive. It is difficult to go with bare feet, because there are various thorns and reptiles....Don’t wonder that we ask for so many things, because here there are no people and that’s why no things. There are no villages. One cottage lies from the other ten miles or even more....I have six cows and five calves and two oxen and one mule for work and one mare...all my animals cost 198 dollars...There is no prepared land, but everybody must get it ready for himself, because the land is covered with trees and bushes and no one has ploughed it before...there is Turkish wheat....Potatoes are of two kinds....Some people took some of all kinds of grain, and it grows beautifully....And when you come, take all vegetables with you, and particularly beans, so much so you could give some to me....Here one can get a house very easily, and everybody builds his house himself. Here there is no winter....You can plant cotton, which is very expensive, and I, Johan Moczigemba, plan to grow it...buy me three harrows...and leather for boots...and half a hundredweight of hemp...bring a wagon for me...bring two plough blades and one strong winch...” (Baker, 1974, pp. 383-386).

### **Baptism Records of Moczygemba / Moczigemba Children**

21 April 1843	Marianna	p. 139	Św. Stanisława,
29 April 1844	Catharina	p. 153	Plużnica Wielka, Poland
27 August 1846	Rosalia	p. 193	
18 June 1848	Florentina	pp. 223-224	
29 September 1850	Franz	pp. 276-277	
25 January 1854	Johann	pp. 326-327, entry #3	(LDS Microfilm #2089244)
25 January 1854	Paul	pp. 326-327, entry #4 - twins	
20 March 1856	Maria	entry #6	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)

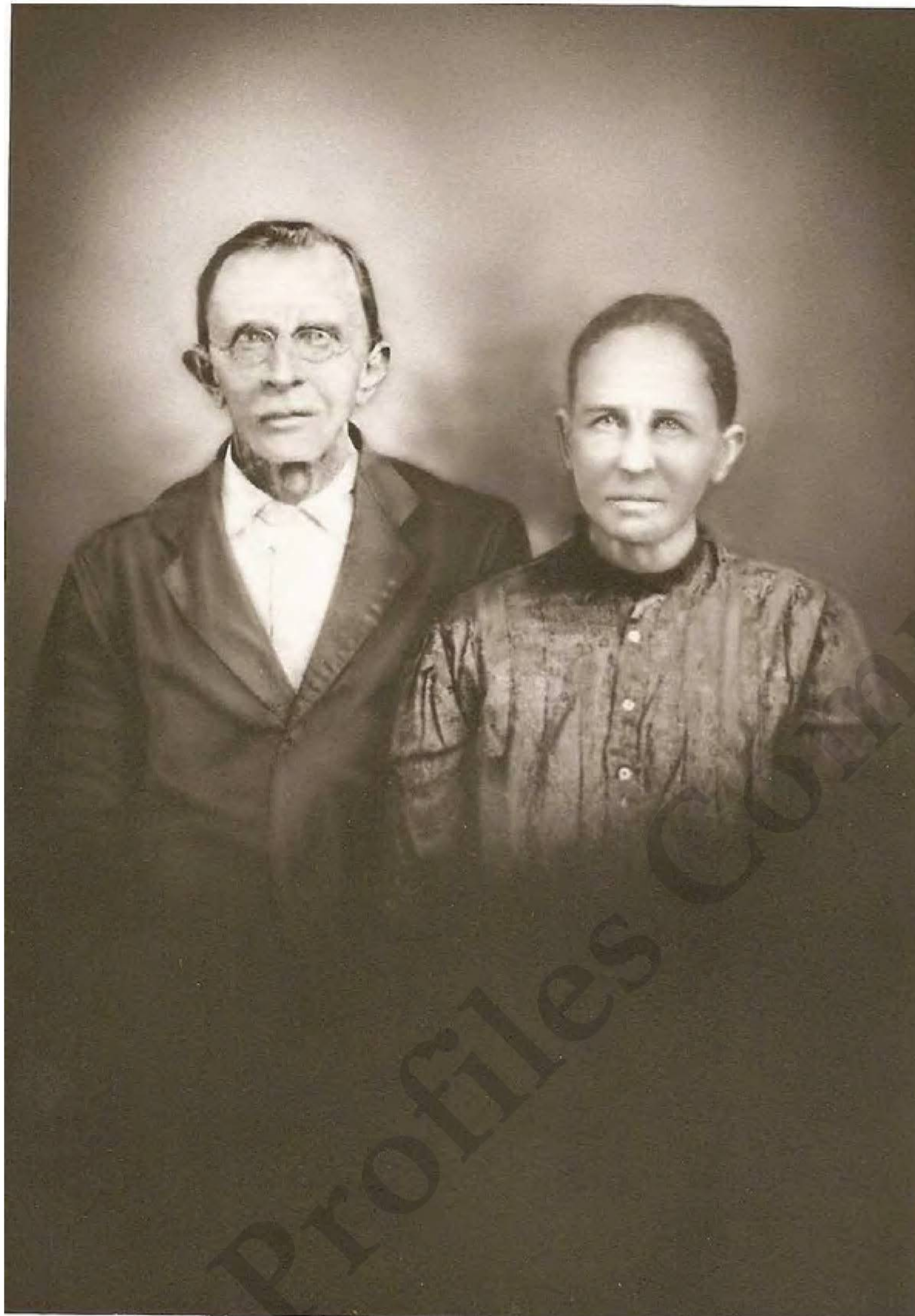
**Note:** Johann died when he was only nine days old on 2 February 1854 and was buried two days later. His twin brother Paul died on 16 May 1854 and was buried three days later (Św. Stanisława, Plużnica Wielka, Poland, Burial Records, pp. 37-38, entry #8, and pp. 39-40, entry #24, LDS Microfilm #2089245).

**Links:** Catharina married Joseph Kyrish on 23 May 1865 in Panna Maria (p. 12, entry #27; see Joseph Kyrish profile).

Maria married Joseph Lyssy on 23 January 1877 in Panna Maria (p. 3, third entry; see Franz Lyssy profile).



## Franz Moczygemba and Albina Kotzur



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

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# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: CADENA

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Johann (John) Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	1 June 1833
BIRTH PLACE	Ligota Toszecka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	1 June 1833
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Płużnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	11 October 1857
MARRIAGE PLACE	San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas
OCCUPATIONS	Texas: milkman, saddler, and canvasser
RESIDENCES	Ligota Toszecka, Poland; San Antonio, Texas
DEATH DATE	1 July 1908
DEATH PLACE	San Antonio, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	San Fernando Cemetery #1, San Antonio, Texas

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Maria Carmen Cadena
BIRTH DATE	Circa 1840
BIRTH PLACE	San Antonio, Republic of Texas
RESIDENCE	San Antonio, Texas
DEATH DATE	14 September 1901
DEATH PLACE	Bexar County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	San Fernando Cemetery #1, San Antonio, Texas

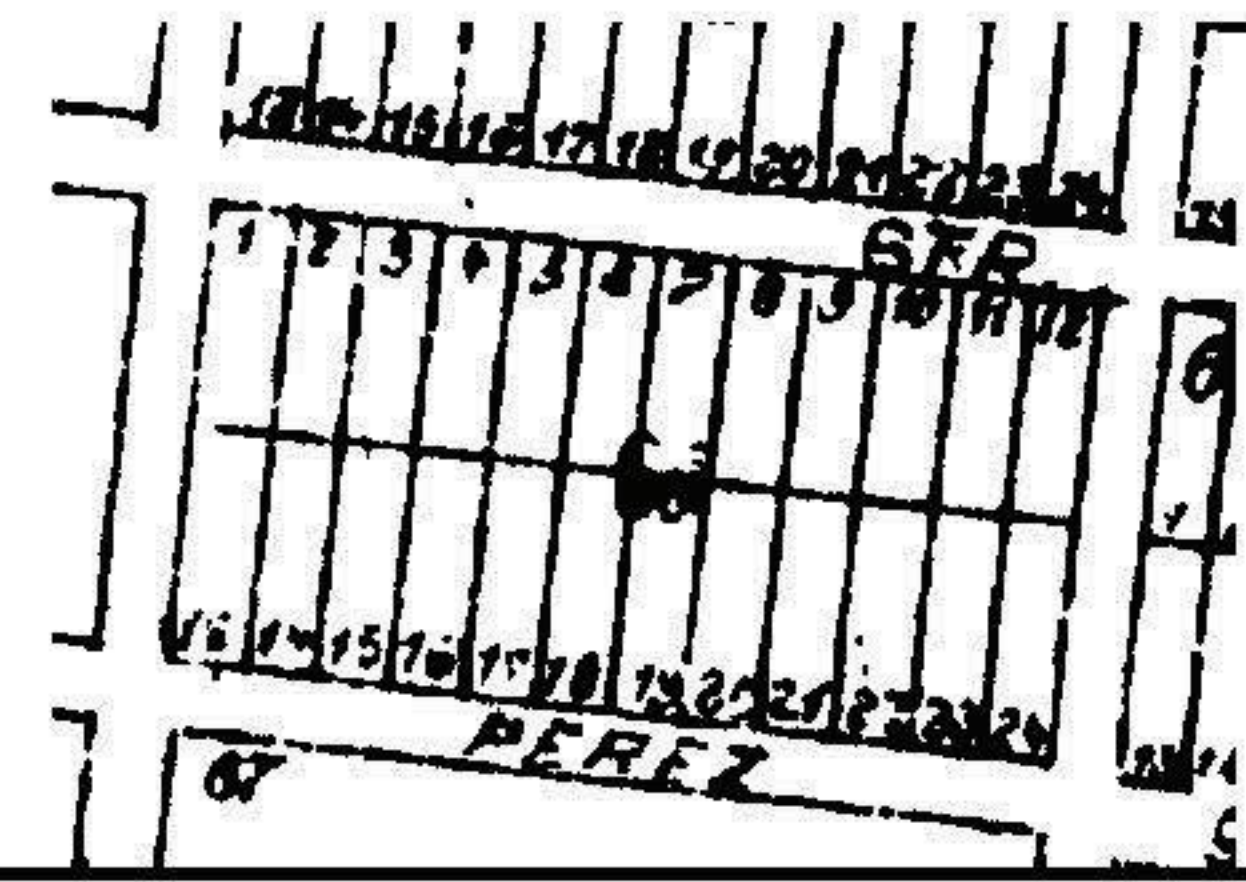
## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM	Husband: Św. Stanisława, Płużnica Wielka, Poland pp. 273-274, entry #13
MARRIAGE	San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas, entry #98; Bexar County Marriage Records, Volume D2, p. 15, entry #1432 1/2
MILITARY	Civil War: Under command of Colonel Luckett, Light Artillery, Third Infantry, Confederate States of America Army, Archives (rejected pension application) - Texas State Library (see military photograph in this profile)
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1859, 1864, 1870, and 1871 Bexar County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, pp. 216-217, date of instrument: January 1860, date filed: 17 June 1872 (bought from Father Leopold Moczygemba one acre on First North Street in Panna Maria for \$30)
CITIZENSHIP	Declaration of Intention: 27 March 1857, Bexar County District 4 Civil Minutes, Book D, p. 379 and Box B, #237; Naturalization: 27 July 1860, Bexar County Commissioner's Minutes, Book 2A, p. 320; Voter Registration: 1865 Bexar County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1850 (wife with mother), 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900 Bexar County; husband also in 1870 Presidio County
DEATH RECORDS	Husband: Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #6521 Wife: Report of Deaths in the City of San Antonio, Texas, p. 114, entry #41
BURIAL RECORDS	San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas (no page nor entry numbers)
FUNERAL HOME	Husband: Zizik Undertaking Company, San Antonio, Texas, p. 150
TOMBSTONES	Both in San Fernando Cemetery #1, San Antonio, Texas (Birth date on husband's tombstone disagrees with documented source.)
OBITUARIES	Husband: <i>San Antonio Express</i> , 2 July 1908, p. 7 Wife: <i>San Antonio Daily Light</i> , 15 September 1901, p. 5

*Submitted by:* Cheryl Lynn Highley, San Antonio, Texas



**Moczygemba / Moczigemba Homesite:** *Morrison & Fourmy's Revised Map of City of San Antonio, Texas, 1883*



**A**ccording to his citizenship papers, John Moczygemba arrived in New York on May 1, 1854, seven months prior to the first major wave of Silesian immigrants in December of 1854. He lived briefly in Karnes County where his brothers and cousins settled (see Moczygemba Family Chart in the Thomas Moczygemba profile). John soon relocated to San Antonio where he married Carmen Cadena in 1857. According to the 1860 Bexar County census, John was employed as a milkman.

When the Civil War began, John enlisted and served for four years (see photograph on next page). After the war, John returned to his family in San Antonio, but by late 1869 he was living in Ft. Stockton in west Texas. Presidio County records reveal that on December 3, 1869, John was elected Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 and was soon embroiled in numerous conflicts between military and civil rule (Baker, 1979, pp. 96-97; Williams, 1982, p. 127). By July of 1870, John was listed as a store clerk in the same community (Federal Census, Presidio County, Texas, 1870, p. 536).

John appeared in the 1870 Bexar County census with his wife and children (see family photograph on next page). His occupation was listed as saddler, while the 1880 census indicated he was a laborer. In 1887-1888 John was a canvasser [salesman] for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and he and Carmen resided at 615 Ruiz Street (*Morrison & Fourmy's General Directory of the City of San Antonio, 1887-88*, p. 241). A few years later, the local newspaper reported that John was building an elegant residence on Perez Street (*San Antonio Daily Light*, 22 March 1890, p. 8). By 1895-1896 John was still working for the Singer Sewing Machine Company and living at 201 Perez Street (Appler, 1896, p. 434).

John Moczygemba died in 1908, and according to funeral home records at Zizik-Kearns, his family ordered 15 coaches for the funeral procession (Zizik Funeral Records, p. 150).

### Baptism Records of Moczygemba / Moczigemba Children

7 October 1858	Edward Leopold	entry #226	San Fernando Cathedral,
8 October 1860	Maria Sophia	entry #779	San Antonio, Texas
20 February 1865	Jose Gerardo Eduardo	entry #1789	
6 June 1874	Luis Jose Juan	entry #123	
30 July 1877	Maria Luisa Ana	entry #904	

Note: Edward Leopold died on 16 January 1859 when he was 3 months 10 days old and was buried on the next day in San Fernando Cemetery (San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas, Burial Records, entry #1452A).





## John Moczygemba

John Moczygemba was mustered into service by Colonel Philip Noland Luckett and served as a sergeant in Captain R. B. Maclin's Company, First Regiment Texas Light Artillery (National Archives Records Service, General Services Administration, Roll 238; Confederate Pension Application #3781). Carmen sought financial assistance from the government and on March 6, 1863, received \$10 (McMinus, 1985, p. 8).

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## Moczygemba Family

This circa 1867 photo shows John and Carmen Moczygemba with Maria Sophia and Jose Gerardo Eduardo.

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John Moczygemba  
1833 - 1908

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Carmen Cadena  
1838 - 1901

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# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: ZIENC

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Joseph Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	28 January 1819
BIRTH PLACE	Łużnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	28 January 1819
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	15 November 1842 (FIRST MARRIAGE)
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Michała Archanioła (St. Michael Archangel), Kotulin, Poland
OCCUPATION	Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Łużnica Wielka and Kotulin Mały, Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	31 July 1912
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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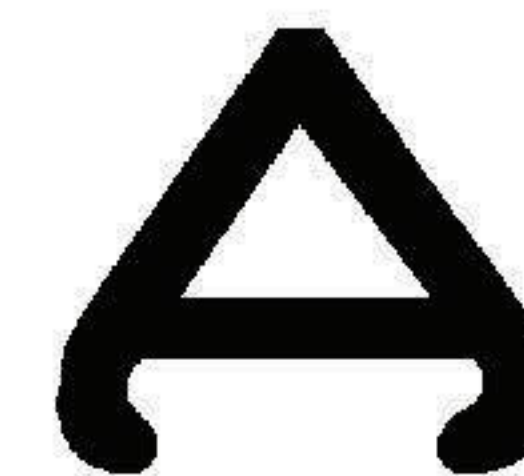
WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Tecla Zienc	(FIRST WIFE)
BIRTH DATE	29 October 1821	
BIRTH PLACE	Kotulin Mały, Poland	
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Michała Archanioła (St. Michael Archangel), Kotulin, Poland	
RESIDENCE	Kotulin Mały, Poland	
DEATH DATE	1854	
DEATH PLACE	En route to America	

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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Stanisława, Łużnica Wielka, Poland, pp. 69-70, entry #3 Wife: Św. Michała Archanioła, Kotulin, Poland, unpagged
MARRIAGE	Św. Michała Archanioła, Kotulin, Poland, pp. 370-371, entry #7
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December, 1854.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1857, 1859, 1860, 1862, and 1865-1867 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, p. 4, date of instrument: 28 April 1860, date filed: 22 July 1871 (bought from John Twohig and others)
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: 19 November 1869, Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 66, #210 (Declaration of Intention referenced in this record); Voter Registration: 1869 Karnes County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: Joseph with second wife in 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Karnes County
OBITUARY	Husband: <i>Southern Messenger</i> , 22 August 1912, p. 5
TOMBSTONE	Husband: In Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba





**J**oseph and Tecla Moczygemba sailed in 1854 from the port of Bremen to a new life in Texas. Tecla's father, Albert Zienc, and her younger brother John travelled with them (*Galveston Zeitung*, 9 December 1854, p. 2). Sadly, Tecla died on the voyage leaving Joseph with several young children (Baker, 1975b, p. 130; 1979, p. 149). Joseph and the children travelled on to Panna Maria with his brothers, Anton and August, where their brother, Father Leopold Moczygemba, planned a new settlement (see Moczygemba Family Chart in the Thomas Moczygemba profile).

In 1855 Johan Moczygemba wrote to relatives in Silesia and included the following regarding his cousin Joseph: "When he came, he was alone, but it was not so hard as in Silesia, because here he can breed whatever animals he wants and it costs nothing. He told me that with the help of God he could sell his wheat for one hundred dollars this year" (Baker, 1974, p. 387). More of this letter appears in the Johan Moczygemba profile.

In November of 1855, Joseph wed Carolina Szyguda (see next page). Their marriage was the second one recorded at Panna Maria by Father Leopold Moczygemba.

### Baptism Records of Tecla Zienc and Joseph Moczygemba Children

3 November 1843	Joseph	p. 68, entry #37	Św. Michała Archaniola, Kotulin, Poland
30 November 1845	Casper Franz	p. 93, entry #63	
15 August 1847	Franz	p. 118, entry #51	
1 January 1850	John	p. 150, entry #80	
1 January 1852	Casper	p. 178, entry #2	
27 April 1854	Leopold	p. 6, entry #27	

Links: Franz married Johanna Pawlik, widow of John Rabstein, on 24 January 1871 in Panna Maria (fifty-fourth entry; see Johann Pawlik and John Rabstein profiles). When Johanna died, Franz married Anna Gregorczyk in Panna Maria (p. 7, fourth entry; see Franz Gregorczyk profile).



# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

## WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: SCHYGUDA / SZYGUDA

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Joseph Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	28 January 1819
BIRTH PLACE	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	28 January 1819
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	20 November 1855 (SECOND MARRIAGE)
MARRIAGE PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas
OCCUPATION	Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Pluźnica Wielka and Kotulin Mały, Poland; Karnes County, Texas
DEATH DATE	31 July 1912
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

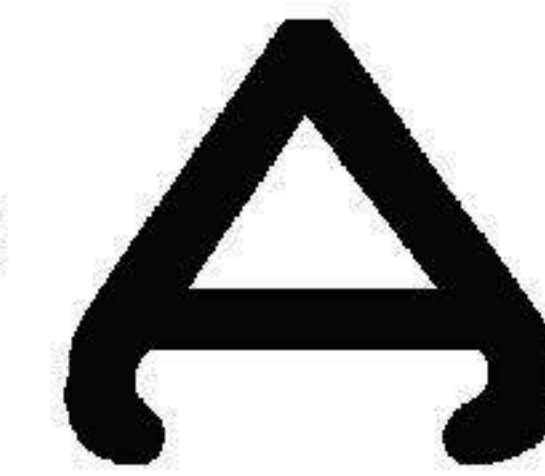
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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Carolina Szyguda	(SECOND WIFE)
BIRTH DATE	31 December 1836	
BIRTH PLACE	Kielcza, Poland	
BAPTISM DATE	1 January 1837	
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Bartłomieja (St. Bartholomew), Kielcza, Poland	
RESIDENCES	Kielcza, Poland; Karnes County, Texas	
DEATH DATE	11 March 1917	
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas	

### Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Husband: Św. Stanisława, Pluźnica Wielka, Poland, pp. 69-70, entry #3 Wife: Św. Bartłomieja, Kielcza, Poland, p. 21 (LDS Microfilm #0937146)
MARRIAGE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, entry #2 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
SHIP AND PORT	Husband: <i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 December 1854. Wife: <i>Weser</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 3 June 1855.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1857, 1859, 1860, 1862, and 1865-1867 Karnes County
LAND RECORD	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, p. 4, date of instrument: 28 April 1860, date filed: 22 July 1871 (bought from John Twohig and others)
CITIZENSHIP	Naturalization: 19 November 1869, Karnes County Commissioner's Court Minutes, Volume A, p. 66, #210 (Declaration of Intention referenced in this record); Voter Registration: 1869 Karnes County
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 Karnes County
OBITUARIES	Husband: <i>Southern Messenger</i> , 22 August 1912, p. 5 Wife: <i>Karnes County News</i> , 15 March 1917, p. 8
TOMBSTONE	Joint tombstone in Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas (Birth dates on tombstone disagree with baptism records.)
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba





**J**oseph Moczygemba, a widower with several children, married Carolina, the daughter of Casimer Schyguda and Rosalia Gaś, in late 1855 (see Casimer Schyguda profile). By 1859 Joseph owned 11 cattle, oxen, and hogs valued at \$150 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1859, 10<sup>th</sup> page). The following year, Joseph purchased 70 acres of land for \$441. Seven years later, the 70 acres were worth only \$100, and his other assets included 3 horses, 20 cattle, and miscellaneous property valued at \$332 (Karnes County Tax Assessments, 1866, p. 9). By 1889 Joseph's assets included 101 acres of land valued at \$490, a town lot assessed at \$10, a carriage or wagon, 6 horses, 14 cattle, and a hog (*Polish Footprints*, 1999, Volume XVI, Number 1, p. 28).

Joseph and Carolina's daughter Joanna was in the convent at Castroville in the early 1870s. Thomas, their son, remembered going there with his father to remove his sister Joanna so she could join the Blue Sisters (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 54; Callahan, 1955, p. 106). In 1877 Joseph was one of 10 parishioners to generously donate \$100 to the second church constructed at Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, pp. 51-52).

In 1890 Joseph and Carolina experienced the joyful occasion of their son Thomas' ordination as a Catholic priest. "Following studies for the priesthood in the Jesuit seminary in Seguin and the diocesan seminary in Victoria, he was ordained in the latter city Jan. 5, 1890." (*San Antonio Light*, 1 January 1950, p. 12). Only Carolina would live to celebrate Thomas' silver jubilee when his *Pamiętka* [souvenir] cards reflecting the years 1890-1915 were distributed as keepsakes in San Antonio, Texas.

In their later years, Joseph and Carolina lived at different times with two of their sons, Jacob and Ignatz. Prior to his father's death in 1912, Jacob wrote to relatives in Silesia: "Mother is afraid that he will go mad because he is thinking about the old country, about his Fathers even though they've been lying in their graves for a long time..." (Baker, 1979, p. 149; 1982, p. 94). When Carolina died in 1917, her obituary pointed out that she was known to many as "Grandma Moczygemba" and was one of the earliest settlers in Panna Maria. She died at the home of her son Ignatz (*Karnes County News*, 15 March 1917, p. 8).

### **Baptism Records of Carolina Szyguda and Joseph Moczygemba Children**

2 May 1857	Jacob	entry #17	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
29 August 1860	Joanna	entry #125	
12 April 1862	Vincent Leopold	entry #193	
6 January 1864	Thomas	entry #242	
10 November 1866	Maria	entry #296	
21 July 1869	Ignatz	entry #352	



Joseph Moczygemba and Carolina Szyguda



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## Św. Stanisława in Płużnica Wielka



The parish was established in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. The church was originally built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and remodelled twice. The following families in *Silesian Profiles* had baptisms and / or marriages recorded here: Długi, Feluks, Fridrich, Jarzumbek, Korus, Kruppa, Moczygemba, and Strzelczyk. Other families from Płużnica Wielka who have been profiled are Schmiga and Sobeczek.

*Photograph courtesy of:* Victor Gambill, Liberty, Texas



# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

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NAME	Leopold Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	18 October 1824
BIRTH PLACE	Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	18 October 1824
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Pluźnica Wielka, Poland
ORDINATION DATE	25 July 1847
ORDINATION PLACE	Pesaro, Italy
OCCUPATIONS	Catholic priest, missionary, educator
RESIDENCES	Poland: Pluźnica Wielka, Gliwice, and Opole; Italy; Bavaria; United States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin
DEATH DATE	23 February 1891
DEATH PLACE	Dearborn, Michigan
BURIAL PLACE	Mount Elliott Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan
REINTERMENT DATE	13 October 1974
REINTERMENT PLACE	Panna Maria, Texas

## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM	Św. Stanisława, Pluźnica Wielka, Poland, p. 149, entry #41
SHIP AND PORTS	<i>Sea Eagle</i> departed Havre, France, on 6 July 1852 and arrived New Orleans on 28 August 1852; smaller vessel arrived Galveston on 1 September 1852.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1855 Karnes County
LAND RECORDS	Karnes County Deeds, Volume A, p. 274, date of instrument: 7 April 1856, date filed: 28 June 1867 (sold Lot #6 in the first block northeast of the church lot fronting on First and Pulaski Streets to John Kuhnel for \$30); Volume B, p. 488, date of instrument: 27 December 1859, date filed: 10 January 1871 (sold to Francis Krol)
CITIZENSHIP	Declaration of Intention: 6 March 1856, Bexar County District Court #4, Civil Minutes, p. 113 and Box B, #309 (32 years old)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Illinois: 1880 Cook County, stamped p. 379A
TOMBSTONES	Original tombstone from Mount Elliott, Detroit, Michigan, attached to monument erected on 8 December 1976, Panna Maria, Texas
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Mocziegemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba
REFERENCES	Dworaczyk, 1936; Swastek, 1951; <i>Memorial Homecoming</i> , 1974; Baker, 1984

*Submitted by:* Michael Kurtin, Navasota, Texas



## Reverend Leopold Moczygemba

“In their growing light, we see the young priest Leopold. In full flower is the Faith which his parents planted early in his soul, even as they tilled the open plains of Poland, under skies as endless as the power of God, yet clouded over by the twin tyrannies of Prussian rule and meagre crops...Our minds open to the memory of his vision. Our hearts open to the inspiration of his courage. Our hands open to the touch of his strength...



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...We dare today to act bravely because he lived bravely. We resolve to endure, to dream relentlessly, because he showed us how. Through his example, he has placed greatness within our grasp. We touch our lamps to the undying torch. In their surging light, we remember. The memory moves us once again to take up the cross of Christ, to cross alien seas, to find the Promised Land which is in the soul of each of us.”

--Reverend Monsignor Erwin A. Juraschek 1921 - 1993



# Baptism Record of Father Leopold Moczygemba

Der Tag, an welchem die Taufe ge- schehen.	Wichtige Anmerkungen.	Nro. der Taufen.
1824	Am 15ten October 1824, wurde der Sohn von Leopold Moczygemba, Wirt in Pluznica Wielka, geboren. Er wurde heute getauft.	
15ten October 1824	Der Sohn von Leopold Moczygemba, Wirt in Pluznica Wielka, wurde heute getauft. Die Eltern sind Leopold Moczygemba und Ewa Moczygemba. Die Taufzeugen sind: Adam Wycisk, Johann Badura, Theresia Schmiga.	39
15ten October 1824	Der Sohn von Leopold Moczygemba, Wirt in Pluznica Wielka, wurde heute getauft. Die Eltern sind Leopold Moczygemba und Ewa Moczygemba. Die Taufzeugen sind: Adam Wycisk, Johann Badura, Theresia Schmiga.	40
18ten October 1824	Der Sohn von Leopold Moczygemba, Wirt in Pluznica Wielka, wurde heute getauft. Die Eltern sind Leopold Moczygemba und Ewa Moczygemba. Die Taufzeugen sind: Adam Wycisk, Johann Badura, Theresia Schmiga.	41

## Translation

Pluznica Wielka  
18 October 1824  
Leopold

To tavern owner Leopold Moczygemba from Pluznica Wielka and his wife Ewa from the house of Krawietz, today at 1 A.M. was born a son, who today was baptized by the local parish pastor, and received the name Leopold. The godparents are Adalbert Wycisk—farmer from Kotulinka, Johana Badura—shepherd, and Theresia Schmiga—farmer, both from Pluznica Wielka.

Record obtained and translated by: Michael Kurtin, Navasota, Texas



# MOCZYGEMBA / MOCZIGEMBA

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: KRUPPA

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HUSBAND'S NAME	Thomas Moczygemba
BIRTH DATE	16 December 1817
BIRTH PLACE	Łużnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	17 December 1817
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	19 October 1841
MARRIAGE PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Poland: <i>bauer</i> (farmer); Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Łużnica Wielka, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	After 1892
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

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WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Katarzina (Catharina) Kruppa
BIRTH DATE	30 October 1820
BIRTH PLACE	Łużnica Wielka, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	31 October 1820
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Stanisława (St. Stanislaus), Łużnica Wielka, Poland
RESIDENCES	Łużnica Wielka, Poland; Panna Maria, Texas
DEATH DATE	20 September 1892
BURIAL PLACE	Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas

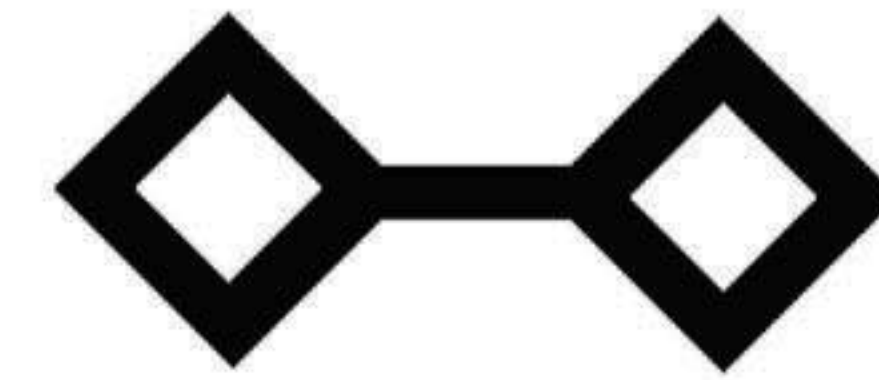
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## Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Św. Stanisława, Łużnica Wielka, Poland Husband: pp. 59-60, entry #35    Wife: pp. 91-92, entry #29
MARRIAGE	Św. Stanisława, Łużnica Wielka, Poland, pp. 97-98, entry #7
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Schüler Agency List</i> shows departure from Bremen on 1 October 1855.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1859, 1860, 1862, and 1865-1889 Karnes County
LAND RECORDS	Karnes County Deeds, Volume C, pp. 4-5, date of instrument: 11 July 1860, date filed: 22 July 1871 (bought from John Twohig 75 acres in Panna Maria on east side of San Antonio River for \$434.91); Volume O, pp. 153-154, date of instrument: 24 March 1866, date filed: 2 November 1892 (bought 101 acres from Agustin Foutant for \$454); Volume O, pp. 154-157, date of instrument: 1 November 1892, date filed: 2 November 1892 (indication that Thomas is still alive in 1892, bequeathing portions of his land to some of his children)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1880 Karnes County
BURIAL RECORD	Wife: Immaculate Conception of the BVM Catholic Church, Panna Maria, Texas, p. 22 (LDS Microfilm #0025335)
TOMBSTONES	Husband's in English and wife's in Polish in Immaculate Conception of the BVM Cemetery, Panna Maria, Texas (no dates on his tombstone)
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Moczygemba, Moczigemba, Moczygęba, and Moczygiemba

*Submitted by:* Mary Ann Moczygemba Watson, Sugar Land, Texas  
Suzanne Jane Moczygemba Sheppard, San Antonio, Texas





**T**homas, the son of Stanislaus Moczigemba and Zophia Smieszek, was a second cousin to Father Leopold Moczygemba. His wife, Katarzina Kruppa, was the daughter of Johan Kruppa and Francisca Rzepka. When the excitement of moving to America spread through their village of Płużnica Wielka, it is possible that Thomas and Katarzina had planned to travel to Texas with some of their neighbors who left in 1854, but their plans were delayed due to the death of their young son Ignatz. This tragedy prompted a letter: "Dear Brother...Now about your dead son, you don't need to conceal it. You must take a death certificate from the local officer of the community council, because you have had your passport for a long time..."(letter from Johan Moczygemba in Texas to his brother Thomas, dated 13 May 1855, *Four Letters from Texas to Poland in 1855*, *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Volume 77, No. 3, pp. 381-389, Baker, 1974).

With their four remaining children, Thomas and Katarzina departed Bremen on October 1, 1855. Their daughter Marianna, who had just celebrated her eleventh birthday, remembered the journey and the rough seas. She told of a particular storm so fierce that her father and mother called their children together; they held hands and prayed that God would keep them safe. The storm passed, and they sailed again (Recorded interviews by Radio Free Europe, December 1963, interviewees included grandsons, Ludwig Dziuk and Johann Dziuk).

When Thomas, Katarzina, and their children arrived in Texas, they were welcomed by his brother and sister along with his second cousins, the four Moczygemba brothers who had come a year earlier (see Moczygemba Family Chart in this profile). After settling in Texas, Thomas wrote to his parents and friends in Płużnica Wielka, Silesia. He reassured them of his safe journey (see letter in this profile).

Karnes County records reveal a close bond among the original Moczygemba immigrants. Deed records show their farms were near one another. Three Moczygembas registered their cattle brands on the same summer day (Karnes County Marks and Brands, Volume I, p. 200), and livestock trading indicates handling of sales for one another (Karnes County Beef Register, p. 71).

In 1860 Thomas had 2 horses, 12 milk cows, 6 working oxen, 45 other cattle, 160 bushels of Indian corn, and 100 pounds of butter (U.S. Agricultural Census, Karnes County, 1860, p. 35, entry #39). In that same year, Thomas purchased 75 acres from John Twohig for \$434.91 (Karnes County Deed Records, Volume C, pp. 4-5).

Thomas is listed as one of the original 70 parishioners who financially supported the reconstruction of the present church in Panna Maria (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 51).

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## Baptism Records of Thomas Moczygemba / Moczygemba Children

13 September 1842	Franciszek	pp. 131-132, entry #38	Św. Stanisława,
23 September 1844	Marianna	pp. 161-162, entry #45	Płużnica Wielka,
21 October 1846	Johann	pp. 197-198, entry #40	Poland
23 May 1849	Johanna	pp. 248-249, entry #19	
26 December 1850	Stefan	pp. 280-281, entry #49	
1 February 1852	Ignatz	pp. 314-315, entry #5	

Note: Two of these children died in Poland before the family moved to America: Johanna died on 9 December 1849, and Ignatz died on 20 September 1854 (Św. Stanisława, Płużnica Wielka, Burial Records, p. 16, entry #20 and p. 43, entry #41).

Link: Marianna married Philipp Dziuk on 16 January 1866 in Panna Maria (p. 14, entry #35; see Johann Dziuk profile).

### Thomas Moczygemba Family *Schüler Agency List of 1855*

Ein- trags- Nr.	Name	Alter	Beruf	Ort	Land
50	Florentine	5	28.6		
51	Johann	2			
52	Albert Ciemer	30	Lauer	Proboschowiz	Gleiwitz
53	Renata geb. Uebrom	25			
54	Johann	5			
55	Hedwig	2			
56	Johann Drück	49	Lauer	Gr. Pluschnitz	Gr. Struth
57	Johanna geb. Wilczek	38			
58	Philipp	18			
59	Franciska	22			
60	Alexander	12			
61	Anna	9			
62	Thomas Moczygemba	38	Lauer	Gr. Pluschnitz	Gr.
63	Catharina geb. Kruppa	34			
64	Franz	12			
65	Marianna	10			
66	Johann	8			
67	Stephan	4			

The *Schüler Agency List* contains the names and ages of Thomas Moczygemba, age 38, his wife Catharina Kruppa, age 34, and their children Franz, age 12; Marianna, age 10; Johann, age 8; and Stephan, age 4. The fourth column identifies Thomas' occupation as a *bauer* [farmer], and the fifth column reveals their residence; the village name is listed in German. The Moczygemba family is shown as being from Gr. Pluschnitz which is now Płużnica Wielka, Poland (Jonca, 1998, p. 69).



## Thomas Moczygemba Letter to Poland

In this letter from Thomas Moczygemba, also signed by Johan Dziuk, Thomas is advising family and friends in Poland that they had arrived in Texas in good health and are thankful to God for their safe journey.

He recommends contracting with the Schüler Agency for their own journeys to Texas if they decide to emigrate. He assures them that Mr. Schüler is a trustworthy agent.

Greetings to parents, family, and friends are expressed.

*Mich bédie pochwalony Jézus Chrystus  
Niprzed się daia perącyi Jan Schüler panu  
rechtowu. teraz im ter opisujemy nasz raz z panu  
Schüler, że nam tak idnie jak' snailpsze. Bieom nasz  
raz zawiadua onas. wéenie iwnocy iochmy najwischszu  
starosci mieli iszrechmy wplurnicy byli to jest kwiuli  
pinicory narmiace to nam pan Schüler wszystko pomiani  
wlepcytku aostatek wbreimie auehali namy asmy siedli  
na Syff atoz ter drickujemy Panu Bogu zate pododzenie  
icemy się tam wstyscy sreczeliwie wzdrawiy dastali. uteraz  
porowawiamy wstyskich plurnieranow azosobna pana rektor  
ipiotra Dziuka piotra Kruppe zieich catemu familii  
aiereli bysty Piotre zed ze Janapka, toz się nudaicie bati  
odriadnego ieno zpanu Schüler trzymajcie towar wstyskie  
dobre weinicie i inszemto powiecie apiniadre toicno rabie  
cie jak' najwiecei stota bylibyscie mieli na optate na aii  
banie bona zlotcie morcieu dose profitowac aton wchisel  
napiniadre toiest naty ulicy Randy Pan Bohranc teraz ia  
ter Thomas Moczygemba porowawiam swoich Oicow nasto  
razy izostanc ieich sreczre Jyne azde smierci.*

*Thomas Moczygemba  
Johan Dziuk*

Letter provided by: Professor Karol Jonca (1930 – 2008), Wrocław, Poland

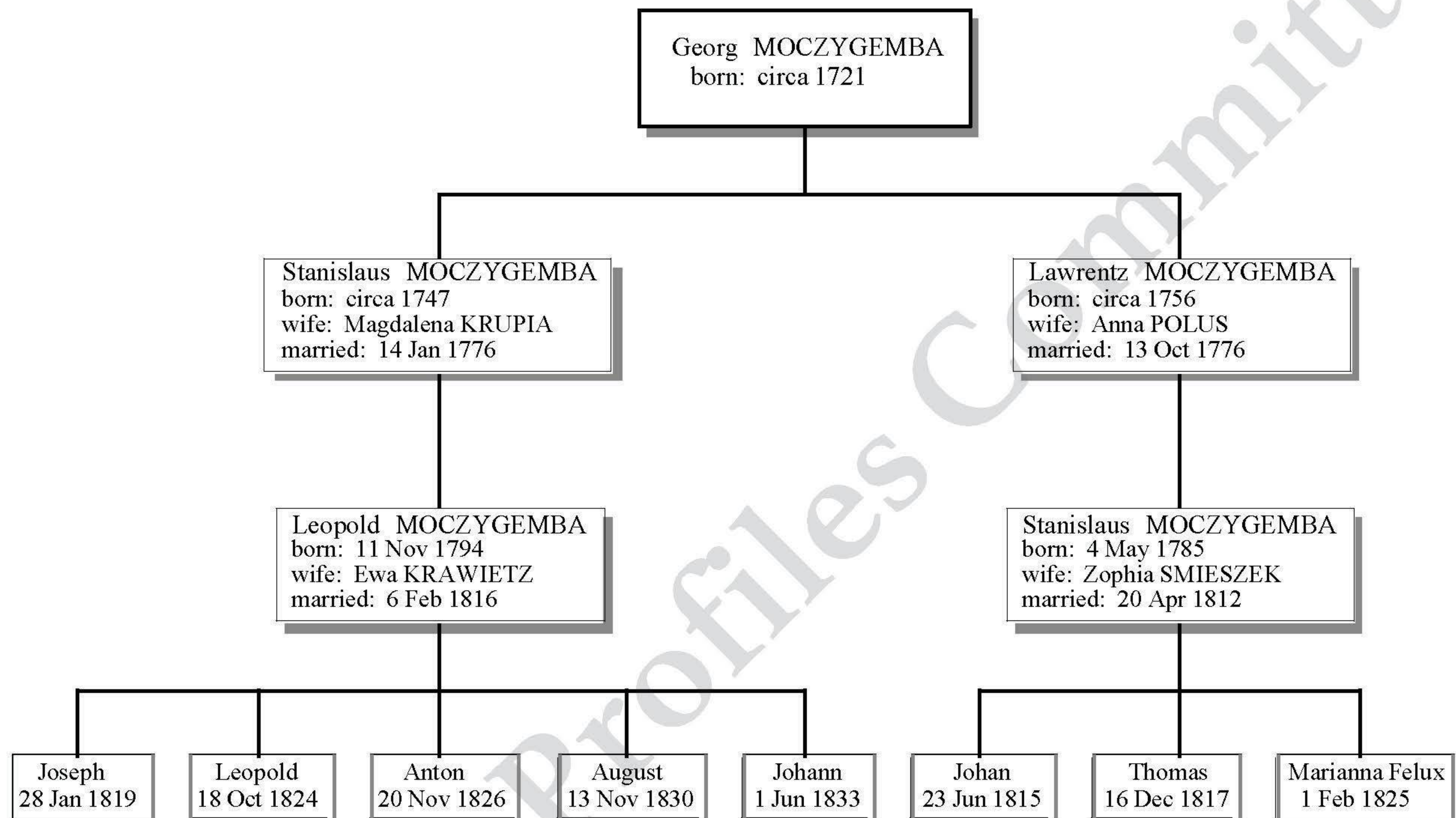


# Moczygemba Family Chart

Curiosity about the Moczygemba family relationship launched a search into the Płużnica Wielka church records. Documentation from Św. Stanisława, provided by Father Stanisław Bober, identified the two families who left Silesia for Texas. Their common progenitor was Georg Moczygemba. The first Texas Moczygemba families were second cousins.

Father Leopold and his four brothers who immigrated were Anton, August, Johann, and Joseph. These five men were sons of Leopold Moczygemba and Ewa Krawietz.

Thomas Moczygemba, his brother, Johan Moczygemba, and their sister, Marianna Moczygemba Felux, were the children of Stanislaus Moczygemba and Zophia Smieszek.



Note: Children's given names on chart are spelled exactly as shown in baptism records.

*Information provided by: Mary Ann Moczygemba Watson, Sugar Land, Texas*



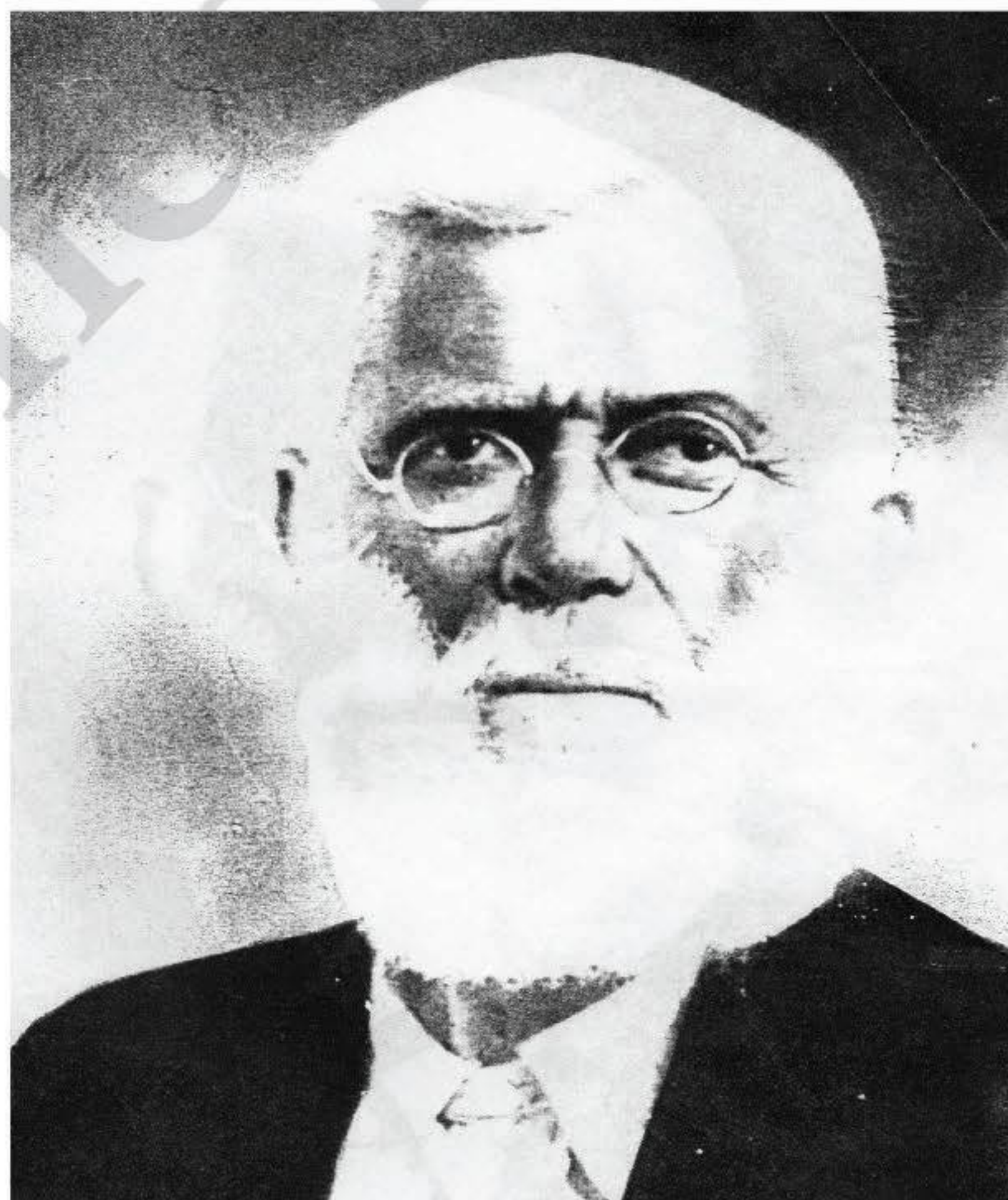
## Johann Moczygemba and Johanna Kowalik



Johann married Johanna Kowalik on 16 November 1869 in Panna Maria (p. 22, entry #51; see Melchior Kowalik profile).

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## Stefan Moczygemba and Maria Wiatrek



*Photographs courtesy of: Thomas Bednorz, Karnes City, Texas*