

Mroz

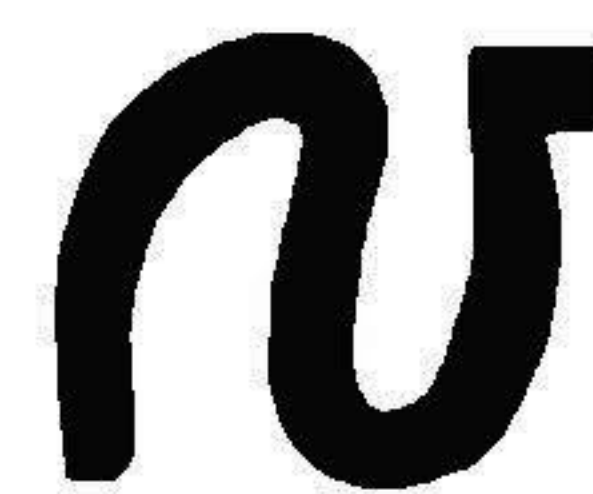
WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: PLOCH

HUSBAND'S NAME	Valentin Mroz
BIRTH DATE	12 February 1837
BIRTH PLACE	Kadłub, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	14 February 1837
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Michała (St. Michael), Rozmierz, Poland
MARRIAGE DATE	15 May 1859
MARRIAGE PLACE	San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas
OCCUPATIONS	Texas: blacksmith and farmer
RESIDENCES	Kadłub, Poland; Bexar County, Texas
DEATH DATE	27 January 1919
BURIAL PLACE	Annunciation of the BVM Cemetery, St. Hedwig, Texas

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Barbara Ploch
BIRTH DATE	3 December 1840
BIRTH PLACE	Osiek, Poland
BAPTISM DATE	6 December 1840
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Michała (St. Michael), Rozmierz, Poland
RESIDENCES	Osiek, Poland; Bexar County, Texas
DEATH DATE	17 March 1912
DEATH PLACE	At her residence, 1808 Montana Street, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas
BURIAL PLACE	Annunciation of the BVM Cemetery, St. Hedwig, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISMS	Św. Michała, Rozmierz, Poland (LDS Microfilm #0922993)
MARRIAGE	Husband: p. 20, entry #36 Wife: p. 179, entry #180 San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas, entry #197; Bexar County Marriage Records, Volume D2, p. 121, entry #1642
SHIP AND PORT TAX ROLLS	Husband: <i>Gessner</i> arrived Galveston, Texas, on 20 December 1855. Texas: Husband in 1856, 1859, 1862, 1864, 1866, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1882, 1883, 1885, and 1889 Bexar County; Wife in 1866, 1867, and 1889 Bexar County
LAND RECORDS	Bexar County Deeds, Volume U2, pp. 211-212, #298, date filed: 16 July 1867, date recorded: 17 July 1867 (bought 80 acres from Isaac Roberts for \$150); Volume 27, pp. 455-456, date of instrument: 8 January 1881, date filed: 16 May 1883 (Valentin and Barbara bought 45 acres from Anton Ploch for \$250.)
CITIZENSHIP	Declaration of Intention: 23 September 1871, Bexar County District Court #23, Civil Minutes, Book G, p. 526 and Box C, #543
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860, 1880, and 1900 Bexar County; wife in 1910 Bexar County
DEATH RECORD	Wife: Texas State Death Certificate, stamped #6146 (Death date of 18 March 1912 disagrees with the church burial record.)
BURIAL RECORDS	Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church, St. Hedwig, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025495)
OBITUARIES	Husband: p. 40, second entry Wife: p. 16, second entry Husband: <i>San Antonio Light</i> , 30 January 1919, p. 2 Wife: <i>San Antonio Light</i> , 19 March 1912, p. 8
TOMBSTONES	Both in Polish in Annunciation of the BVM Cemetery, St. Hedwig, Texas (Birth date on husband's tombstone disagrees with documented source.)
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Mroz, Mrosz, Mros, and Maros



Valentin, the son of Francis Mroz and Maria Szczeponek, arrived in Texas on the *Gessner* in 1855. Settling in St. Hedwig, east of San Antonio, he soon married Barbara Ploch, the daughter of fellow Silesian immigrants, Lawrence and Francisca Ploch (see Lawrence Ploch profile). In 1866 Barbara and Valentin owned 80 acres of land valued at \$300; Valentin also paid his poll tax (Bexar County Tax Assessments, 1866, p. 60). The following year, Valentin was deeded 80 acres of land from Isaac Roberts for payment of \$150 (Bexar County Deed Records, 1867, Volume U2, pp. 211-212, #298). Later, in 1883, Valentin purchased additional acreage from his brother-in-law, Anton Ploch (Bexar County Deed Records, 1883, Volume 27, p. 455).

Barbara and Valentin's son Martin left the St. Hedwig area at a young age and became a cattle rustler. He was an acquaintance of John Wesley Hardin in El Paso, and Hardin was likely responsible for Martin's ambush and death by law enforcement officers in 1895 (Metz, 1976, pp. 260-262).

In the 1900 census, Valentin was listed as living alone on his St. Hedwig farm, and Barbara was living nearby with their son Frank. Later Barbara relocated to San Antonio and died in 1912 in her home at 1808 Montana Street. Her obituary stated Barbara "...was a native of Poland and emigrated to this country with her parents ..." (*San Antonio Light*, 19 March 1912, p. 8). She was buried next to her father, Lawrence Ploch, in the St. Hedwig parish cemetery. Valentin died in 1919 and was also buried in the St. Hedwig cemetery.

Baptism Records of Mroz Children

Circa 1860	Mary	not yet found	
24 November 1861	Martin	p. 47, entry #4	St. Mary Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025467)
17 March 1864	Alexander George	p. 97, fourth entry	
31 December 1865	Thomas	p. 124, entry #5	
14 April 1867	Julianna Catharina	entry #33	Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church, St. Hedwig, Texas (LDS Microfilm #0025495)
1 November 1869	Francisca	entry #60	
25 January 1875	Lucia Josephine	third entry	
17 October 1880	Francis	p. 39, entry #4	