

MY ANCESTORS
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When I first thought of writing a 1,200 word theme about my ancestors it did not seem pleasing to me. After I got some information about my ancestors I decided it was a good idea. It turned out to be interesting and I enjoyed learning about my ancestors. Most of my ancestors were good, honest hard working people.

I decided to look into my mother's side of the family first. I wrote to my Aunt Leona, who my mother says knows a lot about the family history. I didn't go too far back because if I had it would take a book to tell you about all my ancestors.

My Grandfather's name is Edward Simon Lechowicz. He was born in Lekno, Poznan, in Poland, on October 20, 1871 and so he is now 81 years old. He was a painter and auto and carriage body finisher. He was the tenth child of eleven. Great Grandmother's name was Angilina Macknikovska, and Great Grandfather's name was Frank Lechowicz. Great Grandfather was a city official in Lekno. City official was like the title of mayor.

My Great Great Grandfather was Simon Lechowicz. There was a title in the family but with the fall of Poland and it being split up in three ways between Germany, Russia and Austria right after our own War of Independence it no longer meant anything. Also the great Uncle of grandfathers who was to have carried on the title became a priest so the title stopped there. My Grandfather's mother or my great Grandmother and my Great Aunts always wore hats not babushka and also wore under pants with lace. The family place "Lechowicz" was still shown on old maps of Austria in the early 1800's as this part of Poland was taken by Austria.

Grandfather decided to follow his two brothers and a sister to America. He landed in Quebec, Canada, June of 1892 and from there went on to Chicago, Illinois. He worked there at the world's fair of 1893. Then he went to Racine, Wisconsin where he met and married Anna Heinisch and they made their home there. He married Grandmother, June 18, 1895 and so last June they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They had ten children, my mother being the seventh. Grandfather was a charter member of the Polish St. Stanislaw

Church and was a member of the building committee, as the Secretary and Treasurer. He is a member of St. Marys Church now.

One of Grandfather's brothers who came over to America was my Great Uncle Victor Lochowitz. He made his home in Racine, Wisconsin and married Elizabeth Ollie and they had nine children. His avocation was making violins. The children were Edward, Elizabeth, Frank, John and Victor (twins), Margaret, Rev. George (priest) Anna, and Anthony.

My great Uncle Joseph Lochowitz married my Great Aunt Paulina and they made their home in Chicago, Illinois. They had nine children. He worked for a shoe manufacturing Company. Some of their children's names are: Edmund, Maximillian, Lillian, Charlotte, Helen, Virginia and Alphonse.

My Great Aunt Eleanora Lochowitz married Joseph Tylchinski. One of their children was a very talented musician. He could play any instrument. His name was Stanly Tilchinski. Aunt Eleanora Tylchinski and Joseph Tylchinski had five children. They are Wanda, Helen, Angeline, Joseph and Stanley.

My Great Aunt Theodora Lochowicz married an officer in the Russian Czar's Army. They had two sons were killed by the rebels during the revolution of 1917 because they were educated people. One son had been a doctor and one a professor in the University at Moscow.

My other Great Aunts and Uncles of the Lochowicz's are: Baislous, Nicodemus, Mary, Therese, Wanda, Stanislova, Theodora, Eleanora, Joseph and Victor. My Great Aunt Mary Lochowicz is still living in Poland with her daughter and corresponds with Grandfather Lochowitz.

My Great, Great Uncle Frank Machnikowski while a seminarian student in German Poland was wanted in the Kaiser's Army and was required to supply his own horse which was very expensive, so he went to Russia and finished his studies and became a priest and died in Russia in the early 1900's at the age of 93.

Great, Great Uncle Stanislovs Machnikovski owned a very large horse Ranch and raised army horses for German Poland.

My Grandmother Lechowitz's folks came from West Germany about 90 years ago. They landed in New York with six children. While in New York my Great Uncle Valentine got lost. My Great Grandparents found him again and bought a rope. They then tied the children together and the children looked just like mountain climbers.

My Great Grandmother's name was Therese Haas. My Great Grandfather's name was Michael Heinisch. After they arrived in Racine, Wisconsin they lived at 1632 Villa Street. The house is still standing and in good condition. My cousin John Heinisch lived in it until a few years ago. My grandmother was born in this house.

My Great Grandparents Heinisch were charter members of the Holy Name Church and helped build it. Great Grandfather took turns with the other men of the parish keeping fire in the wood stoves in the Church and School. He also rang the Angelus. One day my Great Grandmother was ringing the bell and she pulled so hard on the rope that she tipped the bell and Great Grandfather had to go up in the steeple and right it.

Great Grandfather operated a drayage service with a horse and wagon. He hauled trunks for the boys at Racine Military College.

My Great Grandfather died when my grandmother was ten years old. He died suddenly. Great Grandfather Heinisch had a cold and he hauled trunks for the college boys when he should have been in bed. He died three days later of what they called in those days, quick consumption. My Great Grandmother Heinisch died of old age in 1911.

My Great Uncle Charles was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He was the 8th child of my Great Grandparents. (Heinisch) When he was a young man he left home to seek his fortune and wasn't heard from for forty years, but you should hear him now!! His tales of selling fire water to the Indians and hair raising stories of Indians and settlers where he had been. I guess he was one of the black sheep in my family. He never married and now at the ripe old age of 88 he resides in Davenport, Iowa.

My Great Aunt Lucy Heinisch was born soon after my Great Grandparents came to America. She married Peter Greb and had six children. She is still living at the age of 89. There children are: Elizabeth, Katherine, Peter, Margaret, Lawrence and John.

Great Aunt Therese Heinisch was the ninth child and she married Peter Schmahl and they had nine children. They are: Theresa, Gertrude, Henry, Lucy, Michael, Katherine, Marie, Anna and Peter.

Great Aunt Mary Heinisch was born in Germany and she was married to Ferdinand Keatting. Aunt Mary died very young leaving two small boys and one girl. The children are Michael, Peter, and Theresa. Ferdinand Keatting married Minnie Bayerman.

Great Uncle Valentine Heinisch was born in Germany and he married Maggie Ruetz and they had six children. Great Uncle Valentine was a carpenter. He died about two years ago. He was totally deaf and almost blind toward the end of his life but he still drove a car. He asked my grandfather if he didn't want to go for a ride. My grandfather didn't want to refuse so he went with him and he said he sure felt good when he got back home without being in a wreck. The children are John, Mamie, Elizabeth, Peter, Abbie and Frances.

There are two other Great Uncles that I know of and they are Great Uncle John Heinisch. He married Elizabeth Gillis and they had two children. They are John and Katherine. Great Uncle Thomas Heinisch died unmarried in his youth.

My Grandparents had ten children, Wanda, Joseph, Leona, Felix, Severina, Sylvester, Coletta, Bernard, Dorothy and Aloysius.

Edward Simon Lochowitz and Anna Marie Heinisch married in 1895. Edward S. Lochowitz died on March 19, 1954 and Anna Marie Heinisch Lochowitz died on January 26, 1959.

Wanda their first child died at 3 months of age in 1896. She was born August 20th, 1896 and died November 10th, 1896

Raymond Joseph Young - teacher and sheet metal worker was born May 21, 1929. He married Lois Marie Smithana (Secretary) on July 21, 1951. They have two sons and three adopted children.

Kevin John - farmer was born January 28, 1954.

John James - student was born March 29, 1967.

The adopted children are: David Joseph, born November 26, 1958

Patricia Ann born July 14, 1963.

Susan Marie born June 14, 1965.

Felix E. Lochowitz was born April 13, 1903. He went to Marquette University and became a dentist. He married Jeanette on July 29, 1933. They had three children. Mary Jo born July 24, 1934 received a B.S. in Medical Technology. She married Gordon Kumke on August 12, 1961. He is a civil engineer. He designs and estimates waste disposal plants. He was born March 6, 1938. They have four sons.

Kevin born June 29, 1962 is a premed student at Fairfield University, Conn.

Joseph born March 14, 1964 is a high school senior. Plans on business Adm.

Patrick born March 27, 1965 is a high school Junior. Interested in music & art.

Daniel born April 11, 1966 is a high school sophomore. Interested in swimming and cross country running.

Lawrence Lochowitz was born February 24, 1937. He enlisted in the Air force, worked as a postal clerk but disliked inside work so became a truck driver. He married Esther Lowther an accountant clerk at Servamation a food vending Co. She was born March 8, 1943. They were married on She, Esther, has two children.

Dolores born June 3, 1943. She received a B. S. degree in physical Therapy. She married James Hipp a pharmacist on September 3rd, 1966. They have two sons and an adopted daughter.

Michael was born June 4, 1967 is a high school freshman.

Steven was born January 19, 1969 is a grade school student.

Kristin Colleen (Casey) was born September 30, 1972. Adopted October 7, 1972

Joseph John was born August 19th, 1897. At the age of 14 he went to St. Francis Seminary to study for the priesthood. He contracted tuberculosis and died March 30, 1921.

Leona Elizabeth was born May 26, 1900. She married Calvin R. Young (born August 16, 1897) on June 18, 1923. They had 54 years of married life when Calvin died June 29, 1977. They had two children, Eileen Mary and Raymond Jose Eileen Mary born April 6, 1924. She married James Freres (owner Sterling Tool) on April 22, 1940. They have eight children. Patricia, James, Peggy John, Jean and Janet (twins) Stephen and Nicklous.

Patricia Mary - a Linguist was born March 10, 1945. She married Charles Stinger (professor Renaissance History) on June 15, 1968 and they have two children, Owen Andrew born November 10, 1970 and Katherine born October 14, 1976

James Michael - born July 5, 1948 (Child Phycologist) married Annette Durand (teacher) August 12, 1972. No issue.
works with teen agers.

Peggy Anne - Nurse, born September 29, 1949. She married Charles Granger (Child Phycologist, works with disturbed children) on May 22, 1976. They have one daughter Christine Mary born December 20, 1979 and expecting No. 2.

John Thomas - tool and die maker born January 21, 1951. He married Julie Paur (teacher) on June 19, 1976. They have one boy Ryan born March 4, 1981

Twins Janet Marie and Jean Louise. Janet Marie born November 20, 1951. She married Steven Ramig (Manager of orders and billings) on May 27, 1972. They have three children - Tamara Ann born November 21, 1972. Kristyn Margaret born November 13, 1975. Steven Michael born August 12, 1977.

Jean Louise - Purchasing agent for bank, born November 20, 1951. She married John Schoenwaelder (General Manager Bepton Store) June 22, 1974. No issue.

Nicholas Allen - student, born February 27, 1957. He married Debbie Larsen on June 2, 1979. No issue

Stephen Phillip - (Fisheries of the Forestry Dept.) born April 3, 1958. He married Susan Marie Czudec (Secretary) June 6, 1981.

Severina Theresa was born April 3, 1906. She married Edmund James Beetcher on June 29, 1929. He was born May 20, 1906 and died May 14, 1967. He was the owner of a service station. They had two girls, Nancy and Mary Jo.

Nancy Lois an insurance claim agent was born May 22, 1930. She married Thomas Becker, May 26, 1951 and they had one girl and three boys.

Jane Ellen was born May 22, 1952. She became a teacher and married Thomas Schrimpf an attorney on April , 1979 and they have one daughter Jill Marie born May 10, 1981.

James an artist was born July 31, 1953. He married Theresa in 1978 and are now divorced.

John Allen was born August 31, 1955 is a student in law school.

Gary Edward was born September 23, 1957 and is a salesman. He married Julie Fischer on February 14, 1981.

Mary Jo was born September 10, 1932 and she married Joseph De Matthew a fireman on February 26, 1953. Joseph died July 30, 1964. They had five children Jeffrey was born December 29, 1954. He works at a runner apparel store.

Carol Jean was born February 11, 1956. She is a teacher for the handicapped. She married Steven Rawlinko July 18, 1981. He works at Rain Fair.

Daniel Edmund was born August 24, 1957. He is an accountant and married Amy Shannon August 29, 1981.

Barbara Ann was born May 15, 1959. She is a student.

James was born June 26, 1961. He is a student.

Mary Jo remarried John N. Becker on June 18, 1966. John is a meat mgr. for store They have one daughter Patricia Ann, born December 1974.

Sylvester Lochowitz, the sixth child of Edward and Anna Lochowitz died at three months of age in 1908

Coletta Katherine Lochowitz the seventh child was born January 31, 1910 She went to Moore's Business College and became a secretary. She later received her high school diploma at age 71. She married Henry Joseph Halamka on August 22, 1932. Henry was a Golf Pro and later became a salesman. He was born July 13, 1907 and died January 24, 1968. They had two sons.

James Henry was born March 24, 1936. He became a biologist and teaches at St. Clare County Community College. He married Judith June Krouse, December 26, 1961. She was born June 28, 1937. Judith also is a biologist. They have three sons.

Steven James was born August 23, 1963. He is a student at the Jr. Colleg and is interested in art.

Michael Jon was born April 27, 1966. He is a sophomore in high school.

Eric Edwin was born April 20, 1971. He is in 5th grade.

John Edward, second son of Henry and Colett Halamka was born December 17, 1942. He is a systems engineer in the space program and also a Patent Attorney. He married Dagmar Marie Vanags on March 3, 1962. She is an attorney and teaches Business Law at El Camino College and at U.S.C. They both practice law. They have one son.

John David was born May 23, 1962. He is a student at Stanford University. He has two majors. Political Science and Pre Med.

Clemens Bernard Lochowitz, the eighth child of Edward and Anna was born February 9, 1913. He was in the artillery during World War II and after the war he worked as a Post man. He married Marie Brach Willett June 6, 1969. Marie was born June 12, 1912. She married Everood Jack Willett June 25, 1941. They had a daughter, Doris born March 4, 1943 and a Son, John born Dec.21,1948. She was widowed December 12, 1951.

Doris Willett married Charles Holtz, June 4, 1959. They have two sons Charles Jr. born February 19, 1960 and John born November 2, 1963.

John Willett married Jill Merrill June 17, 1972. Jill was born January 10, 1949. They have a son Kyle who was born June 23, 1978.

Dorothy Marie the ninth child of Edward and Anna Lochowitz was born February 21, 1917. She married Gordon Freres a tool and die maker, born May 1, 1916, on June 9, 1945. They had three daughters.

Lynn Marie a Fire and Police dispatcher was born November 17, 1945 and she married William Borke on October 19, 1967. William is an electrician and was born on December 23, 1941. They have two girls

Carrie Ann, born December 1, 1970 and Jennifer Lee born March 31, 1978
Renee Ann was born September 6, 1948. She is a flower designer and married
to Michael Schacht a mechanical designer.. Michael was born January 3, 1949.
They were married September 20, 1968 and they have one son Brett Ebben
born March 29, 1969.

Karren Lee, the third daughter of Dorothy and Gordon Freres was born
December 29, 1953 and she is a teacher.. She married John Dziekan on
February 10, 1979.. No issue..

Aloysius J. Lochowitz the tenth child of Edward and Anna Lochowitz was
born March 17, 1921.. He won scholarships from St. Marys School and St.
Catherine's High School. Receiving a degree from the University of Wisconsin
He enlisted in the air corps in June 1942 while attending the University and
was called to duty February 25, 1943.. He became a pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt
fighter bomber. He was awarded the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross,
the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation for destroying enemy defenses..
He was killed in action over Italy October 12, 1944.

James Henry Halamka asked his Aunt Leona Young for most of the early
information and wrote it up as an assignment for school. This was in 1952.
In 1981 I asked my sister, Leona Young for more information and then brought
this up to date to the best of my ability.. If there are any mistakes or
anything left out, please correct and let me know also.

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