

PANEK

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME: **GDOWKA**

HUSBAND'S NAME	Ignaz / Ignatz Panek
BIRTH DATE	29 July 1823
BIRTH PLACE	Wysoka (Olesno), Poland
BAPTISM DATE	30 July 1823
BAPTISM PLACE	Św. Mikołaja i Św. Małgorzaty (St. Nicholas and St. Margaret), Wysoka (Olesno), Poland
OCCUPATIONS	Poland: chłop (farm worker); Texas: farmer
RESIDENCES	Wysoka (Olesno), Poland; Bexar County, Texas
DEATH DATE	28 September 1866

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME	Jadwiga (Hedwig) Gdowka
BIRTH DATE	Circa 1822
BIRTH PLACE	Poland
RESIDENCES	Wysoka (Olesno), Poland; Bexar County, Texas
DEATH DATE	23 September 1898
BURIAL PLACE	St. Michael Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

Sources and Additional Information

BAPTISM	Husband: Św. Mikołaja i Św. Małgorzaty, Wysoka (Olesno) Poland, p. 64, entry #71 (LDS Microfilm #0958429)
SHIP AND PORT	<i>Schüler Agency List</i> shows departure from Bremen on 1 October 1855.
TAX ROLLS	Texas: 1856, 1858-1860 and 1862 Bexar County
LAND RECORDS	Bexar County Deeds, Volume N1, pp. 626-627, city sale, date of instrument: 21 December 1855, date filed: 22 December 1855 (bought half interest in 45.5 acres and half interest in 50.05 acres from J. H. Kampman for \$363); Volume T1, pp. 403-404, date of instrument: 8 April 1865; date filed: 28 April 1865 (bought 3 acres for \$325 on east side of the Mission San Juan Road from T. G. Friesleben); Volume 1, p. 20, date of instrument: 9 November 1872, date filed: 9 November 1872 (Hedwig and son Jacob bought 87 acres located 15 miles southeast of San Antonio near the property of Matias Drisch and wife from James L. Trueheart.)
FEDERAL CENSUS	Texas: 1860 Bexar County; wife in 1870 and 1880 Bexar County
DEATH RECORD	Wife: Report of Deaths in the City of San Antonio, Texas, p. 301, entry #82
BURIAL RECORD	Wife: St. Michael Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas, p. 222 (LDS Microfilm #0025459)
FUNERAL HOME	Wife: Zizik and McCormick, San Antonio, Texas, funeral ledger #2, p. 121
TOMBSTONE	Wife: In Polish in St. Michael Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas
PROBATE	Bexar County, Volume A, p. 316, Inventory and Appraisement and Petition for Appointment of Appraisers, #877, date filed: 28 September 1868 (Date of death for Ignaz Panek was noted in this record.); Volume B, pp. 201-202, Inventory of Homestead, #985, date filed: 2 November 1872
OTHER	Ignac Panek was the brother of Paul Panek (see Paul Panek profile).
VARIATIONS	Surname spellings include: Panek and Pannek Wife's maiden name spellings include: Gdowka, Gdówka, and Wdowka
SIGNATURE	Inventory of Homestead

Hedwiga Panek

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Ignaz was the son of Michał Panek and Sophia Jendruś. In 1855 Ignaz contracted with the Schüler Agency to immigrate to Texas with his wife Hedwig and their children. They settled in San Antonio, and in late 1855, Ignaz purchased an undivided one-half interest in 96 acres for \$363 (Bexar County Deed Records, Volume N1, pp. 626-627). By 1862 Ignaz owned 40 acres of land valued at \$400 as well as 2 head of cattle and miscellaneous property totalling \$55 (Bexar County Tax Assessments, 1862, p. 58, entry #7). Three years later, Ignaz purchased three acres on the east side of San Juan Road for \$325 (Bexar County Deed Records, Volume T1, pp. 403-404).

Ignaz died in 1866 leaving Hedwig a widow with six children. In 1868 the community property belonging to Hedwig and her deceased husband was appraised. It included the undivided one-half interest in 96 acres of land in District 1 valued at \$95 and 3 acres of land valued at \$400 located on Mission San Juan Road. Attesting to the appraisal were Jacob Zajac, Jacob Halamuda, and Anton Pyka (Bexar County Probate Records, Inventory and Appraisal, Volume A, p. 316, #877, 28 September 1868). In 1872 Hedwig once again filed documents regarding community property which included a 3-acre lot of land with house valued at \$500 as well as a yoke of oxen, 3 cows, household furniture, and a wagon, all valued at \$90. Ed Kotula and Frank Pollok signed a sworn statement that they would give a fair appraisal to the property in question (Bexar County Probate Records, Inventory of Homestead, Volume B, pp. 201-202, #985, 2 November 1872).

It is likely that Mrs. Panka, listed as one of the original parishioners of St. Michael Church, was Hedwig Panek. Other founding members included the five Polish Texans who aided in the assessments of her property (Dworaczyk, 1936, p. 91). Hedwig is buried in the parish cemetery, and an iron cross marks her grave.

Baptism Records of Panek Children

8 August 1846	Maria	p. 173, entry #96	Św. Mikołaja i Św. Małgorzaty,
13 July 1849	Margareth	p. 216, entry #95	Wysoka (Olesno), Poland
30 August 1851	Johanna	p. 29, entry #101	(LDS Microfilm #0958430)
17 February 1854	Simon	p. 117, entry #16	
8 July 1855	Jacob	p. 167, entry #94	
21 November 1857	Joseph	entry #3679	San Fernando Cathedral,
16 July 1859	John	p. 62, entry #473	San Antonio, Texas
			(LDS Microfilm #0025439)
29 June 1860	Cecelia	p. 18, entry #96	St. Mary Catholic Church,
			San Antonio, Texas
			(LDS Microfilm #0025467)
16 October 1862	Francis	p. 159, entry #1250	San Fernando Cathedral,
			San Antonio, Texas

Note: Symeon [Simon] died at age 1/4 and was buried 10 May 1854 (Św. Mikołaja i Św. Małgorzaty, Wysoka (Olesno), Burial Records, pp. 305-306, entry #78, LDS Microfilm #0958432).

Link: Johanna married Mathius Dryś on 23 January 1872 in San Antonio at St. Michael (pp.14-15, entry #13; see Jacob Dryś profile).

Margareth Panek (1849 - 1913)
and her husband, John Stanislaus Rakowitz (1847 - 1929)



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