

Polish Surnames: *Here's What I Learned Thus Far!* (reads better at <http://kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Polish%20name%20research.pdf>)

The previous posted focused on English Names which is well beyond my needs. But I learned much from the web sites I encountered. Because of this inquiry, I have a burning desire to learn more about my Polish/Slovak/Ukrainian/Lemko heritage as well that originated within the borders of present-day Poland. If any of our Facebook patrons desire insight about surnames in their ancestor's countries of origin, please leave a comment as part of this posting and it will be accomplished!



Spelling of the KUZMICH name and its history intrigues me. In my USA research, I have come across these documented ways of spelling the KUZMICH name. * Denotes most prevalent spellings in the United States.

- KUZMICH *
- KUZMICK *
- KUZMIC
- KUZMICZ
- KUZMACK
- KUZMIK
- KUZNIYCZ
- KUZNICH
- KUZMICHOFF
- KUZMIAK

Many of the above are obviously the result of the phonetic interpretations from immigration records from Eastern Europe that occurred when the ancestors immigrated to the United States between 1890 and 1910. I have made only two generations about the origin of my family surname: 1) it started with a 'K' and 2) the name is of **Russian origin** meaning one who deals with metal (heavy metal), mechanic or blacksmith. In **Polish**, KUZMICK mean dweller near or worker in a smith's shop. In **Croatian**, KUZMIC means beautiful or heavenly through the Latin word 'Cosmic.'

The origins of my Eastern European paternal ancestors originated in Galicia in extreme southeast Poland near the Ukrainian/Slovakia border. Because the Russian occupation of Poland was actually worse than the German occupancy during World War II, Russian/Ukrainian ancestors were forced to leave Poland in 1945-47. This extreme reaction of the Polish government towards my Lemko ancestors who lived in Carpathian Mountains of Galicia was massive. They had a choice of replacing the German soldiers on the western Polish border or replacing the Jewish residents in eastern Ukraine who were immigrating to the newly created Palestine area of Israel in 1947. My relatives were given 24 hours notice to enter railroad box cars with whatever belongings they could gather with no financial remunerations for their lands. Most of my relatives choose eastern Ukraine. But there was no electricity there until the 1960's.

The Polish government even started planting trees on my relatives' properties so the land could not be used for farming even if my ancestors were to ever return back to their own properties.

Closing Comments

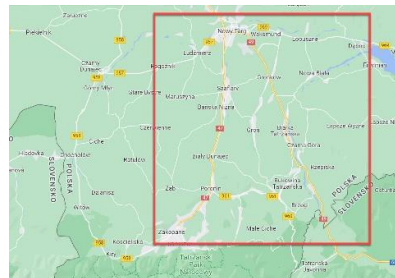
Cited below, there are many insightful links to bridge more information about Polish ancestors. Polish names can very awkward to pronounce as their excessive use of consonances can be lengthy. For example, the Americanized "WOLSONOVICH" was original spelled as "WOŁOSZYNOWICZ" in Poland and Americanized "BOCHNOVICH" as "BOCZNIWICZ." As a rule, **Polish surnames that include a suffix with the letter k (czak, czyk, iak, ak, ek, ik, and yk) have a similar meaning which translates to either "little" or "son of."** The same is true for the suffixes **yc** and **ic**, which are most commonly found in names of eastern Polish origin.

Polish Surname Meanings and Origins - ThoughtCo

<https://www.thoughtco.com/polish-surname-meanings-and-origins-1420793>

Most **Polish surnames** can be traced to the 1) name of a paternal/maternal ancestor, 2) the place he lived, or 3) a descriptive physical or personality ...

How do you know if a name is Polish? **Polish does not contain the letter 'V', it instead uses 'W' (with the sound of English 'v')**. This can often be a way to distinguish between Polish and other Slavic family names, although this is not always the case due to incorrect transliterations from Polish: e.g. NOWAK is Polish, but NOVÁK would be Czech or Slovak. Incidentally, I do have Slovak and Czech ancestors on my maternal lines besides [Lemko](#) or [Ruthenian](#) so I am not generally considered as Polish even though today's Poland was the very land of their family roots for both my paternal (see inside red box and maternal (see inside the red box below in the second map below) Slovak family lines.



Naming - Polish Culture

<https://culturalatlas.sbs.com.au/polish-culture/polish-culture-naming>

Don't miss this [ethnic video clip of Cultural Music and Landscape from Krempachy, Poland](#) (maternal grandparents) at 4:23 minutes.

How do you know if a name is Polish?_If you have a Polish surname in your family tree, you probably know it at a glance. **Surnames that end in "ski," "osz," "wicz," or are otherwise unpronounceable in appearance to native English speakers, it is probably Polish.**

What is a common last name in Poland? Bosko - This name comes from the Slavic word for barefoot. Brzezinski - A name with Hebrew origins and means birch tree. Dabrowski - This name means oak grove. Gorski - A mountain or hilly area.



Polish Last Names - Surname - FamilyEducation

<https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/polish>

Find your Polish last name and learn about its meaning and origins. Plus, learn the most popular Polish surnames.

The Most Common Surnames in Poland

surname	number of citizens
1. NOWAK	203,980
2. KOWALSKA / KOWALSKI	137,981
3. WIŚNIEWSKA / WIŚNIEWSKI	109,896
4. WÓJCIK	99,098

What are the ten most common last name in Poland?

Are all last names that end in SKI or SKY Polish?

Almost all surnames borne by the nobility with the -ski (or -sky) suffix are preceded by a place name (toponymic) or other territorial designation derived from their main court, holdings, castle, manor or estate.

Polish names - Wikipedia

https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Appendix:Polish_given_names

Masculine names		
Polish name	Common diminutives	English equivalent
Adam	Adaś, Adasiek, Adi	Adam
Adrian	Adek, Adi	Adrian
Albert	Albercik, Bercik	Albert
Albin		Albin
Aleksander	Alek, Aleks, Olek	Alexander
Aleksy	Alek, Aleks, Olek	Alex
Alfons	Alek, Aluś	Alphonso
Ambroży	Ambrożyk	Ambrose
Anatol	Tolek	Anatole
Andrzej	Andrzejek, Jędrzek, Jędrus, Jędrzej	Andrew
Anioł		Angel , Angelus

Antoni	Antek, Antoś, Tolek, Toni, Tosiek	Anthony
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Your Polish Surname and its Meaning

<https://ancestralfindings.com/your-polish-surname-and-its-meaning/>

Can you tell ethnicity by last name? **Ancestry can typically tell you the ethnic origin of your surname**, which you may already know. But it can also tell you if your name is occupational, habitational (based on a place), or descriptive, and you might even discover where your name originated. Enter your last name to learn its meaning and origin.

What You Can Learn About the Meaning of Your Last Name which could be helpful to all of my Facebook Group patrons!

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/what-you-can-learn-about-the-meaning-of-your-last-name/>

BADOWER Leonard — Barewski.
 BARON Stanisław Gustaw Romuald — Warski.
 BARUCH Józef — Baryszewski.
 BAUMFELD Gustaw — Bagniewski.
 BECK Bronisław Stefan — Dankowski.
 BENHYN Rudolf — Galewski.
 BENKIEL Icek — Gotjan.
 BERENHAUT Juljan Emil — Niedźwirski.
 BERENHAUT Róża — Orska.
 BERGER Adolf — Goroński.
 BERGERFREUND Gustaw — Belicki.
 BERGMANN Małgorzata — Rotter.
 BERGSTEIN Zdzisław Zenon — Bórowicz.
 BERGTRANN Ignacy — Bertran.
 BERLINERBLAU Władysław — Berliński.
 BERNFELD Edmund Marian — Bernecki.

Date	CHILD	Father	Mother
1804 Feb 19	Lewkowicz, Anastasia	Lewkowicz Cosmo	Klosowska, Tatianna
1806 8bris 25	Lewkowicz, Paulus	Lewkowicz, Cozmo	Klosowska, Tatianna
1808 9bris 24	Lewkowicz, Catherina	Lewkowicz, Cozmo	Klosowska, Tatianna
1812 Jun 14	Rebizant, Jan	Rebizant, Cosmo	Klosowska, Tatianna (dau of Jan)
1815 Jun 23	Rebizant, Omiphrius	Rebizant, Cosmo	Klosowska, Tatianna (dau of Jan)
1817 Dec 05	Rebizant, Anna	Rebizant, Cosmo	Klosowska, Tatianna
1821 Apr 24	Rebizant, Pelagia	Rebizant, Cezimir	Ferens, Tatianna
1822 Aug 09	Rebizant, Maria	Rebizant Cozma	Ferens, Tatianna
1826 Feb 13	Rebizant, Bazilius	Rebizant, Casimir	Ferens, Tatianna
1829 Jan 23	Rebizant, Petrus	Rebizant, Cezimir	Ferens, Tatianna (dau of Jan)
1832 Feb 13	Rebizant, Jozef	Rebizant, Cosmo	Klosowska, Tatianna
1799 Feb 20	Lewkowicz, Wlarius	Lewkowicz, Gregori	Groch Maria
1802 Feb 09	Rebizant, Marianna	Rebizant, Gregori	Groch, Maria
1804 Mar 14	Lewkowicz, Theodorus	Lewkowicz, Gregori	Groch, Maria
1841 Feb 26	Rebizant, Alex	Rebizant, Gregorius	Groch, Maria
1842 Jun 02	Rebiant, Jan	Rebizant, Gregorius	Groch, Maria
1844 Nov 17	Rebizant, Michal	Rebizant, Gregorius	Groch, Maria
1799 Mar 20	Lewkowicz, Maria	Lewkowicz, Theodor	Mazylak, Maria
1804 Apr 21	Lewkowicz, Jacob	Lewkowicz, Theodor	Mazylak Maria
@1805	Rebizant, Anastaszia	Rebizant, Theodor	Mazila..
1806 Feb 04	Lewkowicz, Semion	Lewkowicz, Theodor	Mazylak, Maria
1813 May 06	Rebizant, Nicolaus	Rebizant, Theodor	not named, Maria
1816 Oct 18	Rebizant Paraszewija	Rebizant, Theodor	Mazylak, Marianna
1820 Oct	Rebizant, Pelagia	Rebizant, Theodor	Mazlak, Marianna
1824 Sep 07	Rebizant, Michael	Rebizant, Theodor	Mazylak, Marianna
1786 8bris 17	Lewkowicz, Andreas	Lekowicz, Jan	Koszelowa, Maria
1788 Jan 25	Rebizant, Petrus	Rebizant, Jan	Koszelowa? Maria
1791 Mar 01	Rebizant, Eva	Rebizant, Jan	Koszelowa, Maria
1793 Feb 19	Lewkowicz, Theodor	Lewkowicz, Jan	Koszelowa, Maria

The green boxes below in the two map identify where my paternal (Lemko) and maternal (Slovak) ancestors originated from which abridges both present-day and pre-WWI Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Ukraine borders.





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- **Kendrzeński** - najwięcej osób o tym nazwisku mieszka w: Łódź, Burzenin.
- **Kendrzycki** - najwięcej osób o tym nazwisku mieszka w: Gdynia.
- **Kendych** - najwięcej osób o tym nazwisku mieszka w: Koszalin, Kretomino.
- **Kendyk** - najwięcej osób o tym nazwisku mieszka w: Biała, Morąg.
- **Kendys** - najwięcej osób o tym nazwisku mieszka w: Chojnice, Kraków.
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Brzeczyszczykiewicz

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Łęka