

Recollections of the Pajewskis/Pages

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Introduction

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For ease of use, the above [Table of Contents](#) includes active links along with a simplified genealogy chart to assist in selecting items of interest. Merely touch the line or page number to move to a section of interest.

In order to help preserve our Pajewski family history and to make that history more widely available, [Our Pajewski/Page Family Web Pages](#) was created in the early years of the 21st century.

While quite successful in its goals, it became clear with the passage of time, that a web site with many hundreds of pages was not easy to print or to electronically download. Thus in the later part of the first decade of the 21st century, I began to compile various categories of information such as *Pajewski/Page Family Addresses*, *Pajewski/Page Family Census Records*, *Pajewski/Page Genealogy Source Records*, and *the Pajewski/Page Stories* into pdf documents.

Such pdf files will make it easier to download files for preservation on our many computers and they will also allow much easier printing of pages and for studied analysis as desired. As part of this effort, a [Pajewski/Page and Gainowski PDF Downloads](#) web page was created. From this page, all currently available pdf's from [Our Pajewski/Page Family Web Pages](#) and out [Our Gainowski Family Web Pages](#) can be accessed.

You are encouraged to download the various Pajewski/Page and Gainowski pdf files, not only for your own study but to also help preserve for future generations hard to obtain data and information about our common Pajewski, Gainowski and Jordan origins and history. Files are updated every once in a while, and checking about once a year is a reasonable frequency. Version dates are shown at the beginning of the [Table of Contents](#).

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What's New

Going forward it is intended to briefly describe what major items were added since the last version of this document.

1. 10/11/2014: Miscellaneous format updates.
2. 12/10/2012: Primarily formatting changes and fixes of a few typo's.

Recollections File Connections

As follows are other files that connect with *Recollections of the Pajewski/Pages*. All are available at [Pajewski/Page and Gainowski PDF Downloads](#) as individual pdf documents with titles and file names as listed below.

1. *The Pajewski/Page Story*
File: Stories_Pajewski.pdf
Summary: *The Pajewski/Page Story* provides a written history of the origins of our Pajewski/Page family and our Gainowski family. As part of this story there are many appendices and sections.
2. *Recollections of the Pajewskis/Pages*
File: Recollections_Pajewski.pdf
Summary: *Recollections of the Pajewskis/Pages* provides a collection of short anecdotes and memories of our Pajewski/Page family.

Recollections of the Pajewskis and Gainowskis

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John Pajewski/Page

Recollections of John Pajewski/Page:

1. John Pajewski/Page was born Johann Pajewski in Melencz in the County of Marienburg, West Prussia about 1865. John didn't know his exact birth date so he chose January 1. His relatives would all gather that day at his home to celebrate. His grandson, Ed Jordan recalled they passed around a bucket of beer at the table that day for everyone to fill up their glasses.
2. John mentioned to his grandson Ed that the town he was from in Germany had a very large toy factory. He also told Ed that one of Ed's B-17 missions was to his hometown. While this would appear to be a great clue, none of the towns on Ed's mission list appear to be anywhere in West Prussia. Ed Jordan's missions to Germany include Berlin, Ruhland (possibly near Dresden), Leipzip, Saarbrucken, Peenemunde, and Brandenburg.
3. Ed Jordan recalled hearing that when John landed in New York City from Germany that someone put a stack of pencils in his hand and told him to sell pencils on the street. It is not known whether he was in New York a few days or a year before moving on.
4. Ed Jordan recalled hearing that before John came to Chicago he was employed as a lumberjack in Michigan. He believed it was either Bay City or Saginaw. It is not known whether this was for a season or for several years.
5. John Pajewski/Page brought his son-in-law, Herbert Jordan, into his construction business for short time. They called it *J/P Construction* for Jordan/Page Construction. One of their specialties was putting basements under existing houses. This involved jacking up the house, using teams of horses to drag the dirt out, and then building a foundation under the lifted house. This was probably a part time effort for Herbert as he always had other jobs such as a streetcar driver or mailman. Herbert learned his carpentry skills through working with his father-in-law. Later in life, Herbert built homes, one at a time in California.
6. According to Bud Ulrich, John Page was fond of wearing blue work shirts.
7. John was short in stature about 5 foot 3.
8. Ed Jordan recalled that John enjoyed playing a game called *Klaberjas*, a game where you banged your fist on the table.

Anna Pajewski/Page (nee Gainowski)

Recollections of Anna Pajewski/Page (nee Gainowski):

1. Anna Gainowski was born December 3, 1871 in Danzig, West Prussia, Germany. She said she came to this country with her parents when she was age 15. This suggests a year of immigration of about 1886.
2. Elizabeth M. Jordan recalled hearing that her parents were farmers and left because of bad potatoes.
3. Ann Ulrich said that her mom Anna Page burned all the pictures of herself and her relatives. How sad. So far the only early ones found are for John and Anna's engagement, wedding and 50th wedding anniversary.
4. Ann Ulrich recalls that when her brother John Jr. died at age 15 months that he was waked at the house. She recalls that he died of obstruction of the bowels.

Page Memorabilia

The following items of memorabilia have been found which originally belonged to the John and Anna Page family.

1. Ray Ulrich has John's and Anna's rocking chair, which John Page made.
2. Ray Ulrich has John and Anna Pajewski's original wedding photo.
3. Dave Jordan has one of John's screwdrivers.

Frank and Augustine Pajewski/Page

Recollections of Frank Pajewski/Page, the brother of John Pajewski/Page:

1. Frank Pajewski/Page was born March 15, 1862 in Germany. He married Augustine Abend November 3, 1888.
2. Ann Ulrich said that when she was growing up, Uncle Frank was good for a quarter.

Joseph and Rosa Gainowski

Recollections of Joseph and Rosa Gainowski:

1. Joseph Gainowski was born March 1846 in West Prussia Germany. He married Rosalina Wogervodka 7 July 1867. Anna Pajewski/Page (nee Gainowski) is their daughter.
2. Rosalia Wogervodka was born 2 Feb 1847 in West Prussia Germany.
3. Elizabeth M. Jordan recalled hearing that Joseph and Rosa Gainowski and their children arrived in Boston first. They lived in a poor and dirty section and didn't like it, and decided to try Chicago.
4. Elizabeth M. Jordan and Anna Ulrich recalled that their grandfather Joseph Gainowski always wanted to go back to Germany. They said the reason the family came to Chicago was because Joseph had a job waiting for him through his great-uncle Joe, who was his sponsor. It is not known who that would be and perhaps it was his uncle and not great-uncle since our Joseph Gainowski was about 40 years old when he came about 1886.
5. My notes indicate that Anna Pajewski/Page, daughter of Joseph and Rosalia Gainowski had an aunt who lived on the north side. The name was Lain or Lizzie Washkofski or Worshoski. This could either be the sister of her mother Rosalia or her father Joseph. Recent information suggests that the Gainowski family and Pajewski family first settled on Chicago's near north side around Division Street. See the *Historical Pajewski/Page Family Addresses* document.