

Family Tree of Joseph and Katherine Kuznia

JOSEPH KUZNIA b-1879, d-1948 to KATHERINE ADAMSKI b-1892, d-1940

- 1. Albert Kuznia b-1925, d-1925
- 2. Peter J. Kuznia b-1926 to Loretta Falkowski b-1931
 - A. Joseph Kuznia b-1959
 - B. James Kuznia b-1960
 - C. Philip Kuznia b-1962
- 3. Mary Kuznia b-1927 to Chester Gerszewski b-1925 A. Luke Gerszewski b-1951 d-1951
 - B. Lawrence Gerszewski b-1951 d-1951
 - C. Cynthia Gerszewski b-1954 to Michael Malinski b-1950 1) Christa Malinski b-1979
 - D. Michael Gerszewski b-1956, d-1956

E. Allen Gerszewski b-1956

F. Gloria Gerszewski b-1957 to Edward Otis b-1950

- G. Alex Gerszewski b-1959
- H. Alden Gerszewski b-1960
- I. Alfred Gerszewski b-1962
- J. Adam Gerszewski b-1964
- 4. Stanley Kuznia b-1929, d-1929
- 5. Luke Kuznia b-1930, d-1931
- 6. Cecilia Kuznia b-1932 to Marlin Hughes b-1935 A. Sharon Hughes b-1957
 - B. Brian Hughes b-1960
 - C. Joy Jean Hughes b-1963
- 7. Katherine E. Kuznia b-1934 to Laverne E. Stansbury b-1925
 A. Veronica A. Stansbury b-1956
 - B. Theresa M. Stansbury b-1957 to Gregory Klein b-1955
 - C. Joseph L. Stansbury b-1958
 - D. Anita K. Stansbury b-1959
 - E. Jerome L. Stansbury b-1962

Joseph and Katherine (Adamski) Kuznia

Joseph Kuznia was born in Poland on October 8, 1879. He spent his childhood days in his native land, coming to America with his parents, Albert and Hedwig (Krzyzosiak) Kuznia in 1884. The family lived in Chicago, Illinois, for some months before coming to the Stephen, Minnesota, area in the spring of 1885 and locating on a farm in Florian. Later, Joseph worked for some years in Chicago and Milwaukee and in lumber camps before moving back to Florian.

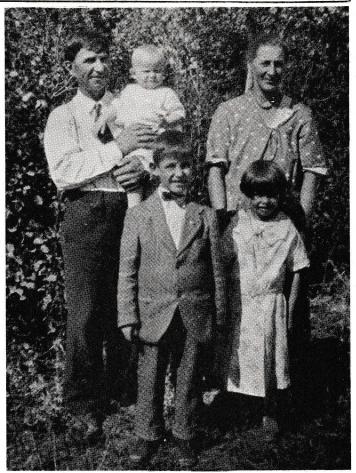
On July 27, 1920, he married Katherine Adamski. Katherine was born October 27, 1892, to Stanley and Agnes (Fabich) Adamski. She was born in Minnesota, but a brother, Joseph, was born in Illinois in 1886. She also had two sisters: Agnes (Mrs. Joseph Donarski) and Mary (Mrs. Joseph Myskowski). Katherine's grandparents were Sam and Martha Adamski, who were born in Poland.



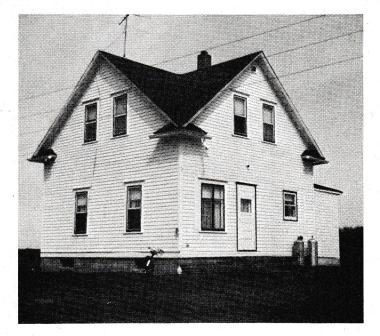
Joseph and Katherine Kuznia - 1920

Joseph and Katherine farmed one-half mile north of Florian. To their union, seven children were born. Three died in infancy: Albert 1925, Stanley in 1929, and Luke 1930-31. Four are living: Peter as born in 1926 and resides in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; Mary so born in 1927 and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cecilia was born in 1932 and lives in Blaine, Minnesota; and Katherine was born in 1934 and now lives in North St. Paul, Minnesota.

Joseph was a farmer and a threshing machine operator, helping many to thresh their crops. He also had a gift for discovering water



Joseph and Katherine Kuznia Family -- 1933 [Back L-R] Joseph holding Cecilia, and Katherine [Front] Peter and Mary



Former Joseph and Katherine Kuznia Home [Now the Florian Kuznia Home]

wells and was of great help to neighbors and friends in finding water.

Katherine had a gift for fancy work. She embroidered, crocheted and did tatting. She was also a very good seamstress.

They were very social and friendly people. In 1938, they celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary with an old fashioned dance in their granary.

Katherine passed away on September 27, 1940. After she passed away, Aunt Bridget Kuznia was of much help to Joe and the children.

Joe put a lot of work into getting the Florian Assumption Church built. All of his children can remember helping him clean bricks so they could be reused to build the new church. Joe died August 11, 1948, having never seen the completed church.

PETER AND LORETTA [FALKOWSKI] KUZNIA 2418 Ericon Drive Minneapolis, Minnesota 55430

Peter J. Kuznia, a son of Joseph and Katherine (Adamski) Kuznia, was born at his parents' home near Florian, Minnesota, in 1926.

On August 30, 1958, at St. Casimer Catholic Church in Krakow, Wisconsin, he married Loretta Falkowski, the daughter of John and Josephine (Gazda) Falkowski. Her brothers and sisters are: Henry, Mildred (Mrs. Raymond Meisekothen), Frank, Margaret (Mrs. John Rudkowsky), Max, and Agnes (Mrs. Gerald Wautier).

While in the service, Peter worked in engineering - heavy equipment. He now has worked for 23 years at Pako.

Peter and Loretta have three sons: Joseph, James, and Philip.



Peter and Loretta Kuznia Family -- 1979 [Standing L-R] Joseph, Philip, and James [Seated] Peter J. and Loretta

CHESTER AND MARY [KUZNIA] GERSZEWSKI 3926 Emerson Avenue North Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412



Chester and Mary Gerszewski Family - 1975 [Back L-R] Allen, Mary, Chester; [Middle] Alden, Cynthia, Alex [Front] Alfred, Gloria, and Adam

Mary Kuznia, the first daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Adamski) Kuznia, was born at the family home near Florian, Minnesota, in 1927.

On October 10, 1950, at Assumption Catholic Church in Florian, she married Chester Gerszewski, the son of Alex and Stella (Paschke) Gerszewski. Chester has six brothers: Peter, William, Raymond, Joseph, Thomas, and Steve; and six sisters: Eleanor (Mrs. Edward Smith), Anna (Mrs. Cyril Seeba), Frances (Mrs. Joseph Kazmierczak), Loretta (Mrs. Robert Lechner), Gertrude (Mrs. Paul Biggs), and Magdaline (Mrs. John Kostrzewski). Chester served in the Air Force in 1945 at the end of the Second World War.

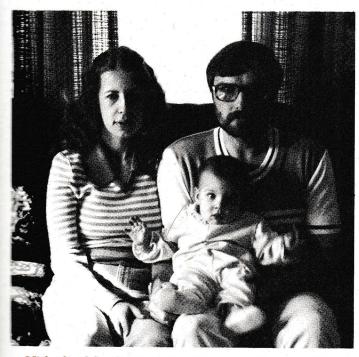
Mary and Chester had three children who died in infancy: twin sons Luke and Lawrence, and another son, Michael. They are buried at the Assumption Cemetery at Florian, Minnesota. Their other children are: Cynthia, who is married to Michael Malinski, Allen, Gloria, Alex, Alden, Alfred, and Adam.

MICHAEL AND CYNTHIA [GERSZEWSKI] MALINSKI

Cynthia Gerszewski, the first daughter born to Chester and Mary (Kuznia) Gerszewski, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1954.

On April 26, 1975, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, she married Michael Malinski, the son of Harold and Lawrency (Beer) Malinski. Michael has two brothers: Greg and Dan. He served with the U.S. Army from 1970-73 and at present is a county agent.

Cynthia and Michael have one daughter, Christa.



Michael and Cynthia Malinski with daughter Christa -- 1979



Marlin and Cecilia Hughes Family Children [L-R] Joy Jean, Brian, Shary

LAVERNE AND KATHERINE [KUZNIA] STANSBURY 2542 4th Avenue East North St. Paul, Minnesota 55109

MARLIN AND CECILIA [KUZNIA] HUGHES 4867 North Road N.E. Blaine, Minnesota 55014

I (Cecilia Kuznia) was born on my parents' farm in Florian, Minnesota, in 1932. My parents were Joseph and Katherine Adamski) Kuznia. As a child, I attended Florian grade school brough the seventh grade, Mount St. Benedict in Crookston for one pear (eighth grade) and graduated from Stephen High School.

After graduation, I moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to seek employment. There I met and married my husband, Marlin Highes, from Blaine, Minnesota.

Our family consists of three children: daughter Shary, who is presently working as a travel agent; a son, Brian, who attends the University of Minnesota; and a daughter, Joy Jean, attending Centennial High School.



Laverne and Katherine Stansbury Family - 1978 [Back L-R] Anita, Jerome, Theresa, and Veronica [Front] Joseph, Katherine, and Laverne

Katherine Kuznia was the last child born to Joseph and Katherine (Adamski) Kuznia. She married Laverne E. Stansbury, and they have five children: Veronica, Theresa, Joseph, Anita, and Jerome.