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as translated by Lenora Brandt, Aug. 1981 (Hereafter referred to as Lenora) and Lisa Slater Owens, Feb. 1985, hereafter referred to as Lisa. I am including the spelling and wording just as it was given to me, so that if anyone wants to work on this in tracing the family in Germany or Poland, nothing will be lost to you.

Page 7: Lenora. Nationale. Gesreiben means It is written. Johann Hermanski born 19 Aug. 1849 in St Okomin, County Komitz. Height 1 meter, 67 centemeter. Religion--Catholic; Work--Laboror; Home--Glowka; County -- Konitz. Was drafted on July 21, 1871 and excepted an Infantry man in the 4th regiment, his no. is 21, 3rd Compaine, Ersatz Rekrut Replace-ment or substitute recruits.

<p>6</p> <p>17. Die zur Disposition ihres Truppentheils beurlaubten Mannschaften der reitenden Artillerie haben sich in der Zeit vom 1. Februar bis 1. August, diejenigen der übrigen Truppengattungen in der Zeit vom 1. April bis 1. August in dem Jahre ihrer Beurlaubung jederzeit bereit zu halten, einer Einberufungs-Ordre zu ihrem Truppentheile behufs Erfüllung ihrer gesetzlichen Dienstpflicht Folge zu leisten.</p> <p>18. Das Umherreisen resp. Wandern im Inlande, sowie das Verziehen in's Ausland ist den zur Disposition Beurlaubten nicht gestattet. Die mit einem Wohnortwechsel unvermeidlich verbundenen Reisen dürfen dieselben zwar — selbstverständlich nach erfolgter Abmeldung bei dem Bezirks-Feldwebel — unternehmen, haben sich jedoch im neuen Aufenthaltsort sofort wieder anzumelden.</p> <p>Zwischenhandelnde werden unverzüglich zu ihrem Truppentheile eingezogen.</p> <p>19. Wird ein zur Disposition Beurlaubter vor Erfüllung seiner aktiven Dienstpflicht im stehenden Heere nicht wieder zum Dienst bei seinem Truppentheile eingezogen, so tritt er an dem in diesem Paf angegebenen Termine stillschweigend zur Reserve über, ohne daß er hierüber eine besondere Nachricht erhält oder sich zu diesem Zweck zu melden braucht.</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nationale</p> <p>des <i>Johann Hermanski</i></p> <p>Geboren am <i>19^{ten} August</i> 1849, zu <i>St. Okomin</i> Kreis <i>Schwetz</i></p> <p>Größe: <i>1 1/2</i> Elft <i>Stück</i> Centimeter</p> <p>Religion <i>katholisch</i></p> <p>Stand oder Gewerbe <i>Arbeiter</i></p> <p>Heimathsberechtigt in <i>Glufka</i></p> <p>Kreis <i>Konitz</i></p> <p>In das stehende Heer eingetreten am <i>21^{ten} Juli</i> 1871 als <i>Ersatz Rekrut</i></p> <p>Ausgehoben im Kreis <i>Konitz</i></p> <p>Liste E. pro 1871 Nr. <i>170</i></p> <p>In Dienst getreten bei der <i>3 Compagnie</i> <i>Pommersche Infanterie</i></p> <p><i>1. Compagnie</i> <i>4. Regiment</i></p> <p><i>21</i></p>
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Schwetz
Pskrzydło
Schworn
getz
OKoniny

Page 7: Lisa. "Information PVC Johann Hermanski. Birth date August 19, 1849. Birth place Skomin, County Schwetz. Height 1 meter 67c. (equals 5' 5 3/4") Religion: Catholic. Occupation: Laborer. Permanent Home: Glufka, Konitz". (She thinks this is in Poland. Doesn't know if birth place is German or Poland.) He enlisted July 21, 1871 in a reserve regiment. This has been placed into records at the County C(K)onitz, Book E 1871; # 170. As reserve PVC with company 4 Pommersche Infantry.

Page 8: Lenora. Transfer. He was recommended for transfer. A man in good standing on Aug. 13, 1873. He was released on leave and placed on reserve.

Page 8: Lisa. He received a pass until August 13, 1873, unless he would be needed sooner.

<p>8</p> <p>Verfügungen - <i>Transfer</i></p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>N^o <u>31</u> der Matrikel der Linien-Kompagnie 10, bei welcher er zuletzt gestanden.</p> <p>*) Zur Disposition beurlaubt am <u>13</u> ten <u>August</u> 18<u>73</u>. Tritt, wenn er nicht vorher zum Dienst eingezogen wird, zur Reserve über am <u> </u> ten <u>18</u> <u> </u></p> <p>*) Zur Reserve <u> </u> entlassen am <u> </u> ten <u>18</u> nach <u>Glocken</u> Kreis <u>Verditz</u> in Folge <u>Arbeits</u></p> <p>*) Bei der Ausfertigung wird die eine dieser beiden Rubriken aus- gestrichen, je nachdem der Mann ein Dispositions-Urlauber oder ein Reservist ist. In den Fällen für die zur Disposition der Ersatz- Behörden entlassenen Mannschaften ist statt: „zur Disposition be- urlaubt“ zu schreiben: „zur Disposition der Ersatz-Be- hörden ent- lassen“.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Ist befördert am <u>2</u> ten <u>August</u> 18<u>72</u> zum <u>Gefreiten</u> ✓</p> <p>Hat das Qualifikations-Attest zum <u> </u></p> <p>Hatte Ausstand zum Dienstantritt bis zum <u> </u> ten <u>18</u> <u> </u></p> <p>Gehört zur <u>II</u> ten Schießklasse.</p> <p>Hat Schützenabzeichen pro <u> </u></p> <p>Hat Orden und Ehrenzeichen: <u>keine</u></p> <p>2</p>
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Page 9: Lenora. He passed his qualifications and was promoted to the rifle team no. II shooting class. He did not win any medals.

Page 9: Lisa. He was promoted in his rank to #2 August 2, 1872, and entered the II shooting range. (Hat orden or Ehrenzeichen), this means if he had any medals, he had none (keine).

Page 10: Lenora. He was evaluated and he was rated pretty good. Then he was given orders to report to Bromberg, Aug 13, 1873.

Page 10: Lisa. He received training Bromberg, Germany (like boot camp) and completed it Aug. 13, 1873.

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Bemerkungen über Ausbildung in besonderen Dienstzweigen, mitgemachte Campaignen, Theilnahme an Schlachten und Gefechten etc.

Ich war dem zündendsten, ganzem der besten.

Ausgefertigt *Bromberg*
den *13^{ten}* August *1873*

Königliches Commando des *Erzherzogs*

4. Pommerschen Infanterie

in Auftrag des Regiments



Thier

Majors G. Lottmann

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An Bekleidungsstücken hat derselbe bei seinem Abgange erhalten:

<i>Military Uniform</i>	Waffenrock,
Socks	Hosen,
CAPS	Mütze,
NECKTIES	Halbbinde,
SHIRTS	Hemden,
BOOTS	Paar Stiefeln.

Derselbe hat auf dem Marsche nach seinem künftigen Aufenthaltsort
die Eisenbahn

von *Bromberg*
bis *Conitz*
von _____
bis _____
von _____
bis _____

Page 11: Lenora. He was outfitted with a Military Uniform. Socks, caps, neckties, shirts and Boots. He was granted a stay and sent back to Kreis (county) Konitz on a train.

Page 11: Lisa. Items he received when enlisted. 1 Military Uniform, socks, caps, neckties, shirts, boots. He took a train from Bromberg to Conitz.

Page 12: Lenora. His trips were paid for and he was promoted to first class.


Page 12: Lisa. Shows how he paid for his trip. 18 Ggr resembles our dime and 9 Pf means penny.

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von			
bis			
zu benutzen und sowohl die Eisenbahn-rc. Kosten, als auch seine übrigen Bedürfnisse aus seinen ihm			
dießseits mit	Thlr.	18 Ggr.	9 Pf.
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dießseits mit	Thlr.	Ggr.	Pf.
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behändigten Marsch-Kompetenzen sogleich baar zu bezahlen.			
<p>Uebergetreten zur Landwehr am 1^{ten} October 1878.</p> <p>Landwehr-Bezirks-Commando zu <i>Kunitz</i>.</p> <p><i>Graeff</i></p> <p><i>Major.</i></p> <p>Aus dem Landwehr-Verhältniß entlassen am 18^{ten} wegen</p> <p>Landwehr-Bezirks-Commando zu</p>			

Page 13: Lenora. He reported to Konitz October 1, 1878. Major Graeff's seal.

Page 13: Lisa. October 1, 1878 he was transferred to a different regiment. Stamp is military belonging to a Major. (See page 14 for regiment transfer.)

Page 14 and 15: Lenora. He reported that he had 2 sons and 1 daughter. Received Congraduations from the Regiment Commander. (Probably should be "Congratulations.")

Commando-Behörde, welche Zusage einträgt.	Datum.	Zusätze (Dienstleistungen)	zu den Personal-Notizen. während der Reserve- und Landwehr-Dienstzeit u.)
Brandenburgisches Infanterie-Regiment No 48	13/5 74	<p>Marine folge Allerhöchster Cabinets Order vom 11. Dec. 1873 1873 wurde ich zum 13. Mai d. J. zur Werbung eingezogen. Ausgebildet mit dem Ganzen H/74 freikommen wurde ich am 13. Mai 1874, König Koenigsberg u. u.</p> 	<p><i>W. L. Schenck</i> Oberst d. Regimentes Commandant</p>
<p>Unteroffizier Rauzy</p>	13/5 74	<p>Aug. 2. Pöfer: 1. Loufan: 1</p>	

Page 14 and 15: Lisa. Transferred to the Brandenburgische Infantry Regiment No. 48, May 13, 1874. He had his training in Cabinet: von December 11, 1873 until May 13 and was from there dismissed. I am not able to make out the place where he was dismissed, but I think it has been in Koenigsberg, which was in Germany, on the border of Poland, but now does not belong to Germany anymore since WW II. Attention was advised to participate from Dec. 11, 1873 until May 13, 1874 for drill and practice with a shotgun in Koenigsberg.

MILITARY PASS BOOK

ages 16 and 17: Lenora. He was in transit and his regiment was given a 12 day training session at Doeringsdorf and reported back at their home County Konitz. He has no criminal record dated Jun 20 until July 1 1881.

16	17
Commando-Behörde, welche Zusage einträgt.	Zusätze (Dienstleistungen zu den Personal-Notizen. während der Reserve- und Landwehr-Dienstzeit etc.)
Datum.	
Landwehr- Verbindung. Detachement. Coestlin	<div data-bbox="309 547 357 671">1/2 81.</div> <div data-bbox="389 526 1230 692"> <p>Ordnung vom 20. Juni bis 1. Juli 1881 bei unabwiesendem Freizugdienst zu einer 12 tägigen Übung eingesetzt.</p> <p>Übungen auf Doeringsdorf bei Konitz.</p> <p>Handwritten signature: <i>Handwritten signature</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="284 679 523 919"> </div>

ages 16 and 17. Lisa. From June 20 until Juli 1881, he participated in drill exercises in Koenitz.

Pages 18 and 19. Lenora. He reported his whereabouts 6 times. The dates follow. (Kreis) County Konitz. 8/22/1873; 9/16/1873; 6/27/1874; 7/3/1874; 11/27/1874; 12/5/1874.

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Meldungen und Beurteilungen.

Angemeldet für Glowka
Kreis Konitz. -

Freiwillig, am 22/8 73.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Freiwillig, am 16/9 73.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Freiwillig, am 26/9 73.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Freiwillig, am 27/10 74.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

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Meldungen und Beurteilungen.

Angemeldet für Glowka
Kreis Konitz. -

Freiwillig, am 3/2 1874.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Freiwillig, am 27/10 1874.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Freiwillig, am 27/10 1874.

M. A. A. A. A.

Angemeldet für Kuestrin

Pages 18 and 19. Lisa. Shows that he had taken off to various places: Aug. 22, 1873 to County Konitz. September 16, 1873 to Kuestrin. June 27, 1874 also to Kuestrin. Konitz seems to be in Poland, Kuestrin was in Germany. I am not sure if it is still a Provinz in Germany or if it is under Polish Occupation. July 3, 1874 again Konitz and Nov. 27, 1874 to Doeringdorf, (which also was Germany.) (Glowka is a small town, which is mentioned.)

Pages 20 and 21. Lenora. He arrived back at his County Konitz. He has ask for a discharge. He wants to go to America. He further reported he had 14 days furlough coming to a Warrant Officer. This is dated February 2, 1882. So far as we know he had to report to his (Kreis-County) Konitz and his discharge came soon after this. Remarks: He and all men of certain age had to serve in the military. Johann Hermanski served 10 years in a what is kind of like the National Guard here. As you see in the pass book he had to report his whereabouts to his Commander often.

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Meldungen und Beurlaubungen.

Der Herr Hauptmann Herrmann hat am 15. Februar 1882 ein Tausendacht Hundert vierzig bis fünfzig unter Offizieren von den gemäßigten Dienstleistungen, ferner mit der Festlegung nach Amerika beurlaubt, in Abwesenheit sofort nach Deutschland zurückzuführen und sich dem nächsten Bezirkskommando anzumelden. Mit Anfang des Monats März Urlaub innerhalb 14 Tagen nicht aus, so hat er sich sofort

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Meldungen und Beurlaubungen.

bei dem zuständigen Bezirkskommando nicht wieder anzumelden, mit dem Aufsatze seiner Beförderung wegen Contaklauführung zu folgen. Konitz, den 2. Februar 1882
Der Herr Hauptmann Herrmann
Hauptmann und Bezirkskommandant.

Pages 20 and 21. Lisa. As I understand it, allows Mr. Hermanski to have leave of absence from February 15, 1882 to 1884 because of some condition in Amerika. He is suppose to return and immediately report to any military unit in Germany within 14 days. He was given this special length of time because of the distance between Germany and Amerika. The only thing what I cannot understand is..he was given almost two years for this trip, but on the other hand was to report back within 14 days. So there is something hanging in the air? He received this permission in Feb. 1882 in Koenigsberg and it is signed by a Major who must have been the Commander at his unit.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



STATE OF
ILLINOIS.

COUNTY OF
LA SALLE, ss

Be it Remembered, That on the Eighteenth day of April
Eight

in the year of our Lord, One Thousand ~~and~~ Eight Hundred and Eighty-Seven personally appeared
Frank P. Snyder
~~*****~~ Presiding Judge of the County Court of the County of La Salle, and State
aforesaid (the same being a Court of record, having and exercising common law jurisdiction, a seal and a Clerk),
sitting judicially for the dispatch of business at the Court House, in Ottawa, in the County aforesaid.....

John Hermansky..... an alien, above the age of Twenty-One Years,
and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, pur-
suant to the several acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject; and the said applicant having thereupon
produced to the Court record testimony showing that he has heretofore reported himself and filed his Declaration
of his Intention to become a citizen of the United States, according to the provisions of the several Acts of Con-
gress, and the Court being satisfied as well from the oath of the said applicant as from the testimony of.....

Frank B. Zwick
and Michael Mandell..... who are known to be compe-
tent witnesses that the said applicant has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United
States, for at least five years last past, and at least one year last past within the State of Illinois; and that during
the whole of that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and appeared to be attached to
the principles contained in the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order, well being
and happiness of the same; and two years and upward having elapsed since the said applicant reported himself
and filed his Declaration of his Intention as aforesaid, IT WAS ORDERED that the said applicant be permitted to
take the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and to renounce and abjure all allegiance and
fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and more particularly all allegiance
which he may in anywise owe to the sovereign of Germany.....

whereof he was heretofore a citizen or subject, which oath having been administered to the said applicant by the
Clerk of said Court, it was ordered by the Court that the said applicant be admitted to all and singular the rights,
privileges and immunities of a naturalized citizen of the United States, and that the same be certified by the Clerk
of this Court, under the seal of said Court, accordingly.

HUSBAND

HERMANSKI

No. #16

Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Married _____ Place _____
 Buried _____
 Residence _____
 Occupation _____ Church Affil. _____
 Military Service _____
 Father _____ Mother (Maiden Name) _____
 Other spouse _____

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

② Mary Briggs
 Family History
 1977
 ③ Military Pass
 Book
 ④ Death Certificate
 ⑤ 1900 Ckq. Census

WIFE (Maiden Name)

Birth _____ Place _____
 Death _____ Place _____
 Buried _____
 Father _____ Mother (Maiden Name) _____
 Other spouse _____

CHILDREN

Children's Names in Full
(Arrange in order of birth)

Day Month Year
 City, Town or Place
 County or Province, etc.
 State or Country

Day Month Year
 City, Town or Place
 County or Province, etc.
 State or Country

Marriage Spouse

Day Month Year
 City, Town or Place
 County or Province, etc.
 State or Country

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Johann^③ Jacob^②

19 Aug. 1849^③
 Poland^④ Germany^⑤
 St. Klemis, Co. Schuer

29 Apr. 1932^④
 LaSalle County^⑤
 LaSalle, Ill.^⑥

Eva

GATZ^②
 1875
 Germany
 BAPST^③

2

Lizzie^②

3

Mary^②

4

Sister^②

5

Sister^②

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Some of the "unknowns" of the family include the names of John Jacob HERMANSKI's parents. According to Mary Hermanski Briggs records, it is thought there were four sisters, two of whom came to La Salle, Ill. and two remained in Germany. Coming to LaSalle were: Lizzie BAPST, husband's name unknown; had six children (seven are named.) 1. Annie; 2. Margaret; 3. Anton; 4. Lawrence; 5. Helen; 6. Joe; and 7. Leo. Mary HANSON, who married and had children but name and number not known to Mary.

Report from the
 Anna Cassidy
 family

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna M. Cassidy, 82, of 1212 LaFayette St., La Salle, will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Hurst Funeral Home, La Salle, and 10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. until services at the Hurst Funeral Home, La Salle.

Mrs. Cassidy died Tuesday morning in IVC Hospital shortly after being admitted. She had been in ill health for five weeks.

She was born in La Salle. She married James J. Cassidy July 7, 1926, and he died in 1977.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Dorothy) Timm of Janesville, Wis., and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Corrigan of Homewood, Ill.; a son, Raymond of La Salle; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Died Oct 11-1983

This is an obituary for one of Lizzie BAPST's daughters, according to Mary Briggs, who gave me this copy. I don't know who gave it to her. She says, "Grandpa Hermanski's sister's daughter (Bapst). Last of the Bapst family." Died Oct. 11, 1983.

Journey to America

out 1881, John Hermanski came to the United States, temporarily leaving behind a
ant wife and three very small children with his Mother-in-law, Rosa Gatz. John came
e sponsorship of a cousin, Steve Scheffelbine, of Geneseo, Illinois, which would in-
e he did not leave illegally. He worked for a very small wage on a farm in New York
. He saved all his wages, then borrowed three months ahead to send for his family;
his wife, and living children born in Germany; Annie, Ambrose and Bernard (Ben). *

on as possible, the family moved to LaSalle, Ill. to be with the German Catholic
e who had also come from the same section of Germany from which they had come. He
d for a time for Mr. Scheffelbine, then worked in the coal mines, and as soon as
h money was saved, he sent for his Mother-in-law, Rosa Gatz.*

, at different times, he sent money for two sisters to come to the U.S., but the
est sister who was his favorite and he wanted most to come, would not. As soon as
ble, John obtained his U.S. Citizenship papers, thereby making all his children
can citizens under his papers.*

e *. Mary Hermanski Collier Briggs, 1977 Family History.

The Journey to Oklahoma

n and Eva Hermanski possibly came to Oklahoma in 1897. Mary Briggs says her father,
, was 17 years old when the family came here. He would have been 17 that year. Edd
born in Okla. in 1898 "in a dugout on the farm home near Breckenridge".*

is reported, according to Mary Briggs, that John acquired his farm in Garfield Co.,
a. from an Illinois man who had homesteaded the place, but whose wife and family
ld not come to Okla. So the man was ready to return to Illinois, and traded the
m to John, who wanted to come to Okla., for John's half-block of lots and house and
tle cash in LaSalle.*

and John and the smaller children came to Enid in the railroad seat car, while the
ily belongings and household furniture was packed in one end of a boxcar; with the
, her feed and water were in the other end. Ambrose, the oldest boy (18) was allow-
to ride in the boxcar to care for the cow, but Bernard (17) and Frank (13), hid
er the hay since tickets for them would have cost too much. *

Hermanski family owned the Northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 23 N., Range
, the section wherein the town of Breckenridge is located, from the time of coming
Oklahoma until 16 Mar 1920 when John, a widower, sold the farm to Frank J. Stettinisch
\$16,750.**

nce *. Mary Hermanski Collier Briggs 1977 Family History.

nce **. Garfield County Court Records; Deeds Book 97, page 293.



Farmstead of John and Eva Hermanski at
Breckenridge, Okla. Ca. 1904.
Left to right: Ben, on horse; Eva; John;
Pearl; Stephen; Jacob. Front: Edd;
and Margaret.

Life and living was very hard for this family- John did not know the ways of Oklahoma farming, which was very different than coal mining, and even tho he had done farm work far from Oklahoma, the climate and ways of farming were very different.*

At the time of the death of wife and mother, Eva; Jake, Edd, and Margaret were still living at home. Eva died 25 Apr 1918. Margaret married in Aug 1918. Steve, Jake and Edd farmed the place for awhile and John lived on the farm with them for a short time. He then made his home with different ones of his children in Oklahoma between 2 and 3 years. *

He first went to the farm home of son, Ben, and moved with the family to Enid in 1921. After a couple of years in Enid with this family, he went to live with sons, Jake and Edd who lived together in Enid, neither were married at that time, from where, after a short time, he went to stay with Margaret. He was still unhappy, so after a short time there he went back to Illinois to live with daughter Pearl, and husband, Albert Bartels. Here he remained about ten years or more, until his death, on 29 Apr 1932, at near 83 years of age. He was buried in St. Vincents Cemetery (Catholic) in LaSalle, Illinois, the town where he had started his long life in America.*

Source*. Mary Hermanski Collier Briggs, 1977 Family History.

No. 97 WARRANTY DEED—Statutory Form.

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FROM

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, GARFIELD COUNTY, ss.

This instrument was filed for record on the 8 day of MAY A. D. 1920, at 8:25 a.m. clock M.-M., and duly recorded in Book 97, page 293

Fee, \$1.00

G. F. YORK,

County Clerk.

(SEAL)

By Nobel Kent, Deputy

Know All Men by These Presents, That John Hermanski a widower,

of Garfield County, in the State of Oklahoma, party X of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Sixteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$16,750.00) DOLLARS

the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Frank J. Stettinisch,

party Y of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following described Real Property and Premises situated in Garfield County, in the State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

The Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28) Township Twenty-three (23) N. Range Five (5) E. 1. N.

together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and warrant the title to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said described premises unto the said party X of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever free, clear and discharged of and from all former grants, charges, taxes, judgments, mortgages and other liens and incumbrances of whatever nature.

The party of the first part reserves the landlord's share of the growing crops on said premises and the spring crops raised for this year, 1920.

Signed and delivered this 16th day of March, 1920

Doc. stamp \$17.00 3-16-20

John Hermanski,

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY C. Garfield ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this 16th day of March, 1920 personally appeared John Hermanski, widower,

who executed the within foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes herein set forth.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal at Enid, in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year last above written.

My commission expires 4-24-

1922 (SEAL)

Notary Public

Deed shows John Hermanski, widower, sold farm for \$16,750.00 to Frank J. Stettinisch on 16 Mar 1920.
Recorded: Garfield Co., Okla., W.D. Vol. 97 page 293.

John Jacob Hermanski, with valise packed and ready to leave Oklahoma for Illinois. Photo taken at "old Camp" place where Henry and Margaret Schultz lived. Neg. 29 A, File 1, Lou., Orig. Mary B.



Will of John Hermanski - 18 Apr 1932
(This my probate Record - Compliments
of Mary Briggs.)

I, JOHN HERMANSKI, of the County of Bureau and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain and establish this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore executed.

FIRST: It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon as possible after my decease.

SECOND: I have made certain advancements to all of my children in varying amounts, from some of whom I have taken notes and all of whom I desire to have charged with said advancements, as follows:

Bernard B. Hermanski,.....	\$2000.00
Maggie Schultz,.....	\$2200.00
Pearl Bartels (note signed by her husband, Albert Bartels),.....	\$2000.00
Jacob J. Hermanski,.....	\$2000.00
Stephen Hermanski,.....	\$2500.00
Tillie McFarland,.....	\$1750.00
Edward Hermanski,.....	\$1000.00
Anna Moriarity,.....	\$1000.00
Frank Hermanski,.....	\$2000.00

This money was advanced with the understanding had with each of my said children that interest would be paid thereon to me so long as I should live. Some of my said children have paid to me the full amount of such interest and others have paid some portion of said interest. It is my desire that all unpaid interest shall be charged against each said child and in the settlement and distribution of my estate hereinafter provided for each such child will be charged with any unpaid interest according to my original agreement with him or her.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Tillie McFarland, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars and to my daughter,

Anna Moriarity, the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars, in order that they shall each have received the sum of Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars. It is my desire that my son, Edward, shall not receive an additional sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars because he has made no attempt to keep up the payment of interest on the One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars which I advanced to him. It is further my desire that my daughter, Maggie Schultz, shall be charged with the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, that being the excess over Two Thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars which was advanced to her, and that my son, Stephen, shall be charged with Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, he having been advanced the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred (\$2500.00) Dollars.

FOURTH: After the above adjustments have been made and the said various sums of interest charged against those of my said children who have not paid to me the full amount of interest due on their advancements, I give, devise and bequeath all of my estate, after said adjustments, to my nine children, share and share alike, my said nine children being those whose names are already set forth in clause "SECOND" of this Will.

FIFTH: I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said daughter, Anna Moriarity, to be the Executrix of this, my Last Will and Testament, and I direct that in the performance by her of her duties as such Executrix she be not required to give bond other than a personal one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 18th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Two.

John Hermanski (SEAL)

John Hermann
date of Will
May 1932

R. L. Russell

Petition for Probate of Will

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To the Hon. ~~XXXXXX~~, Judge of the County Court of Bureau County, Illinois.

THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONER **Anna Moriarity**

respectfully represents that **John Hermannski**

who was at the time of

his death a resident of the County of Bureau and State of Illinois, departed this life at **St. Mary's Hospital, LaSalle, Illinois**, while temporarily absent from his home April **2**, A. D. 19**32**, leaving a last Will and Testament as believed by your Petitioner, duly signed and published by said Decedent and subscribed by

F. J. Maciejewski, D., Josephine Pyszka, John F. Pyszka, Helen L. Hoffman and John O'Connell, all

~~XXXX~~, now residing at

LaSalle, Illinois

, as attesting witnesses to

the execution thereof:

which said purported Will is herewith presented to your Honor for probate:

You, Petitioner further represents that said Decedent left **him** surviving, the following named persons as **his** only heirs at law, and legatees and devisees and distributees of **his** Estate related to **him** and residing respectively, so far as shown below, viz.:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	RESIDENCE
Bernard B. Hermannski	son	Breckinridge, Garfield County, Okla.
Maggie Schultz	daughter	RFD., Enid, Garfield County, Okla.
Pearl Bartels	daughter	R#1, Princeton, Illinois.
Jacob J. Hermannski	son	Gen'l. Delivery, Enid, Garfield County, Okla.
Stephen Hermannski	son	Kremlin, Garfield County, Okla.
Tillie McFarland	daughter	Texhoma, Texas County, Okla.
Edward Hermannski	son	507 West Park St., Enid, Garfield County, Okla.
Frank Hermannski	son	Garber, Garfield County, Okla.
Anna Moriarity	daughter	1669 Tonti St., LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois.

And your Petitioner prays that your Honor will set a day for a hearing on this petition, in this Court, and make such further orders as to the Court may seem proper; and that upon proper proof and establishment thereof the said Will may be admitted to probate and ordered of record in said Court.

Anna Moriarity

Dated **May 2nd,** 19**32**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.

Bureau County, }

Anna Moriarity

being duly

sworn, depose and say that the facts averred in the above petition are true, according to the best of her knowledge,

Anna Moriarity

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this **2nd**

day of **May**, A. D. 19**32**

Keta F. Wolcott

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Clerk of the County Court—Notary Public.

IN THE COUNTY COURT

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.

Bureau County, }

TERM, A. D. 19**32**

I hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of a petition filed in the County Court of said County on the **2nd** day of **May**, A. D. 19**32**, praying that a certain instrument in writing which was presented therewith, might be admitted to probate and record in said Court as and for the last Will and Testament of **John Hermannski** deceased and that the County Court of said County has fixed upon the **6th** day of **June**, A. D. 19**32** at the hour **10** o'clock **A. M.** of said day, at the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, as the day for hearing on said petition, in said Court, at which time and place you can be present in person or by attorney, if you so desire.

Given under my hand and seal of said County Court, this

4th day of **May**, A. D. 19**32**
James Fletcher
Clerk of the County Court.

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of La Salle Registration No. 511
City La Salle Dist. No. 3358

STATE OF ILLINOIS
Department of Public Health—Division of Vital Statistics
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

• Cancel the three terms not applicable—Do not enter "R. K.", "R. P. D.", or other P. O. address)
Street and Number, No. _____ St. _____ Ward, St. Mary's Registered No. 50
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred _____ yrs. _____ mos. 18 ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? 62 yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

2. FULL NAME John Hermanski
(a) Residence: No. R. 1, Princeton, Ill. St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Widowed</u>
5a. If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAN <u>D</u> <u>Eva</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) <u>Aug. 20, 1849</u>		
7. AGE <u>82</u> Years	<u>8</u> Months	<u>9</u> Days
If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. or _____ min.		
OCCUPATION	8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Retired</u>	
	9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>Farmer</u>	
	10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>1918</u>	
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>22</u>		
FATHER	12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Poland</u>	
	13. NAME <u>Unknown</u>	
	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Poland</u>	
MOTHER	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Unknown</u>	
	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Poland</u>	
	17. INFORMANT <u>Mrs. Anna Moriarity</u> (personal signature with pen and ink) P. O. Address <u>La Salle, Ill.</u>	
18. PLACE OF BURIAL, Cremation or Removal Cemetery <u>St. Vincents</u> Date <u>May 1, 1932</u> Location <u>La Salle</u> (Township, Range, Section) County <u>La Salle</u> State <u>Ill.</u>		
20. UNDERTAKER <u>Louis M. Ptak</u> (personal signature with pen and ink) (firm name, if any) ADDRESS <u>Peru, Ill.</u>		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Apr. 29 1932

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from March 28 1932 to April 28 1932
I last saw him alive on April 28 1932; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 1 A. m.
*The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: Date of onset
Chronic Bronchial Asthma 1929
Acute myocarditis Feb. 1932
Other contributory causes of importance:
23. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death?
Was an operation performed? No. Date of _____
For what disease or injury?
Was there an autopsy? No.
What test confirmed diagnosis? Phys. exam.
24. Was disease in any way related to occupation of deceased?
If so, specify _____
(Signature) F. J. Maciejewski M. D.
Address La Salle, Ill.
Date Apr. 30 1932 Telephone 605
*N. B.—State the disease causing death. All cases of death from "violence, casualty, or any undue means" must be referred to the coroner. See Section 10, Coroner's Act.
25. Filed Apr. 30 1932 Arlington Ailes
P. O. Address La Salle, Ill. Rose Ferry
Dep.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of this death record, and that this record was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Statutes relating to the registration of births, stillbirths and deaths.

Date 9/19/83 Signed Arlington J. Ailes
Arlington J. Ailes
Registrar Dist. 50.1
La Salle, Illinois 61301

Compliments of Mary Hermanski Collier-Briggs.
1984

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
 OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA.

Township _____ or _____
 Village _____ or _____
 City Enid No. General Hospital Ward _____
 2 FULL NAME Anna Hermanski

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give the name instead of street and number)

Personal and Statistical Particulars

1 Sex Female 4 Color or Race White 5 Single Married, Widowed, or Divorced Married
 6 DATE OF BIRTH June 6 1897
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 7 AGE 61 yrs. 10 mos. 19 day
 If less than one day, _____ hrs. or _____ mins.
 8 OCCUPATION
 (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Wife
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) 40
 9 BIRTH PLACE (County or State) Germany
 10 NAME OF FATHER Andrew Gatz
 11 BIRTH PLACE OF FATHER (County or State) Germany
 12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Gertrude Rose
 13 BIRTH PLACE OF MOTHER (County or State) Germany
 14 The above is true to the best of my knowledge.
 Informant L. B. Hermanski
 Address Brookridge
Elara J. Lee
 County Sefton Public Health

Medical Certificate of Death.

16 DATE OF DEATH April 25 1918
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 17 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased From 4/12 1918 to 4-25 1918
 that I saw her alive on 4/24 1918
 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 8:30 A. M.
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH, *Was as follows:
Cancer of Stomach
 (Duration) 12 yrs. 10 mos. 19 days
 Contributory (Secondary)
 (Duration) 12 yrs. 10 mos. 19 days.
 (Signed) M. E. Lamerton M. D.
4/26 1918 (Address) Enid
 * State the disease causing death, or, in deaths from violent causes; state (1) means of injury, and (2) whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal.
 18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (for Hospitals, institutions, Transients or Recent Residents.)
 At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. 12 days.
 Where was disease contracted.
 If not at place of death _____
 Former or usual _____
 19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Enid Cemetery Date of Burial 4-26-18
 20 UNDERTAKER W. H. Henninger Address Enid



State Department of Health

State of Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73152

ROGER C. PIRRONG

STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFIED COPY MUST HAVE EMBOSSED SEAL

I hereby certify the foregoing to be true to the best of my knowledge and the official seal to this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the State of Oklahoma, this _____ day of _____, 1918.

Compliments of Harry Schultz
 1985

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MARKETS

Kansas City Livestock.
Kansas City, Mo., April 25. —
Cattle—Receipts 4,000. Market
steady. Steers \$7.25 to \$12.25. Hogs
and butchers \$7.25 to \$14.00. Hogs
and feeders \$5.50 to \$17.75. Cal
ves \$8.00 to \$13.00.
Hogs—Receipts 6,000. Market
steady. To 5 higher. Bulk of sale
\$12.50 to \$17.25. Heavy \$17.25 to
\$22.00. Medium \$17.15 to \$17.50.
Light \$17.20 to \$17.50.
Sheep—Receipts 5,000. Market
steady. Lambs \$20.25 to \$21.75. Cows
\$15.00 to \$16.75. Stockers and feed
ers \$8.50 to \$20.00.
East St. Louis Livestock.
East St. Louis, April 25. — Cattle
Receipts 30,000. Market steady.
Native beef steers \$11.50 to \$16.75.
Yearlings \$9.50 to \$15.00. Cows \$7.50
to \$12.50. Stockers and feeders
\$7.25 to \$15.75. Beef cows and heifers
\$4.00 to \$13.50.
Hogs—Receipts 5,000. Market 10
to 15c higher. Mixed and butchers
\$17.50 to \$17.80. Good and heavy
\$18.95 to \$24.20. Rough \$15.50 to
\$15.75. Light \$17.00 to \$17.40. Pigs
\$15.50 to \$17.00. Bulls \$17.50 to \$21.50.

Receipts 25,000; market slow. Five
cents higher. Mixed \$16.85 to \$17.45.
Good \$18.80 to \$17.20. Rough \$15.75
to \$16.25. Light \$16.95 to \$17.50. Pigs
\$13.00 to \$17.25.
Cattle—Receipts 14,000. Market
steady. 15c lower. Bevers \$10.20 to
\$17.35. Cows and heifers \$5.45 to \$17.
55. Stockers and feeders \$5.30 to
\$12.25. Calves \$8.00 to \$13.50. Can
ners \$7.50 to \$8.10.
Sheep—Receipts 14,000. Market
weak and lower. Natives \$13.15 to
\$17.00. Western lambs, natives,
\$13.80 to \$17.40. Western lambs \$16.
25 to \$21.10.
Kansas City Cash Grain.
Kansas City, Mo., April 25. — Corn
Market steady. Higher. No. 2
mixed \$1.67 to \$1.70. No. 3 mixed,
\$1.64 to \$1.67. No. 2 white, \$1.82.
Oats—Market steady. Higher. No.
2 white \$6 1-2 to \$7c. No. 2 mixed
5c. No. 2 rye \$2.55.
Kansas City Hay Market.
Hay—Market higher. Timothy,
\$21 to \$22; prairie \$21 to \$22; alfalfa,
\$25 to \$26.50.
Kansas City Produce Market.
Butter—Creamery extras, 35 1-2c.
Firsts, 35 1-2c. Seconds, 35 1-2c.
Packing, 30c.
Eggs—Firsts, 35c.
Kansas City Poultry Market.
Poultry—Hens, 22c. Broilers, 20
to 24c.

No. 4 white, 35c. No. 1-2c. standard,
37 1-2c. to 38 1-2c.
Chicago Produce Market.
Chicago, Ill., April 25. —Butter,
creamery extras 47c. Creamery firsts
41 1-2 to 41 1-2c. Hubs 38 to 40.
Seconds 35 to 36.
Eggs—Ordinaries \$2 to 35; firsts
37 to 41.
Cheese, twins 21 1-2 to 22; young
Americas 22 to 22 1-2.
Chicago Poultry Market.

SCHOOL BOARDS ARE
URGED TO ORDER
DISTRICT COAL NOW

Word has been received by County
Superintendent J. W. Tyler from W.
B. Little, executive secretary of the
federal fuel administrator to urge
all school boards in Garfield county

Notice of death of Eva Hermanski, found in
Enid Daily News publication of 25 April 1918
on page 4, col. 7. Enlargement of item is on
next page.

Hens	18 1/2
Turkeys	18
Geese	27
Butter	27
Eggs	28
Ducks	12
Roosters (old)	13
Roosters (young)	13
Feed	
Corrected Daily by Knower Coal Co.	
Prairie hay, choice	\$20.00
Corn	2.00
Oats	1.10
Chops	2.75
Chicken feed, mixed	\$3.00 to 3.75
Brans, cwt.	2.00

DIED.
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is in Breckenridge, Okla., died at the
General Hospital at 3:30 o'clock
Thursday morning following an op
eration for cancer of the stomach
with which she had suffered for one
year.
Deceased was 64 years years of
age and leaves a husband, five sons
and four daughters.
Funeral services will be held at
the Catholic church Friday morn
ing at 9 o'clock and interment will
be made in the Enid cemetery.

Enlargement on
Next Page

EVA GATZ-HERMANSKI FAMILY

want to relate a little that I have found concerning the family of Eva GATZ-HERMANSKI.
va's Death Certificate states she was born 6 Jun 1856 in Germany. Her father was Andrew
ATZ, born in Germany and her mother was Gertrude RUSE or ROSE, also born in Germany.
he informant for the certificate was B.B. Hermanski, her son; the year 1918. The Death
ertificate is included for your study.

According to the Mary Briggs Family History 1977, Eva's mother came to America and lived
with the family in Illinois, but did not like Okla., so went back to Ill. to live and died
here. Mary Briggs History 1977, also says Eva GATZ had 3 brothers; Jacob, Martin and
Albert.

visited Lawrence GATZ and his wife, Lenora, in their home in Enid, Okla. 22 Oct. 1985.
Lawrence's father was Jacob GATZ a brother of Eva GATZ-HERMANSKI. (I will share with you
the story of how Jacob came to America on the following page.) Lawrence gave me much in
formation concerning the 9 children of his parents, Jacob GATZ and Johanna "Hannah"
WASKOWIAK-GATZ. However, he couldn't answer my questions about their death, but did know
they are buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Enid, Okla. When I told him it might be poss
ible to find some of those answers by checking with the Catholic Church Rectory, he was
very pleased and asked me to see if I could find out anything for him.

On the 6th of Nov 1985, I was pleased to report back to him what I had found about his
parents and he seemed pleased to have exact dates. Jacob and wife, Johanna are buried
in the Catholic Cemetery, Enid, Okla. Sec. 1, Lot 2, Plot S.E. 5 and 6. Mrs. Johanna GATZ
purchased the plot. Mr. Jacob GATZ was 74 years old at the time of his death, 18 Apr 1933.
This makes his birth year 1859.) His wife, Johanna, died 12 Jun 1937 and was 75 years of
age. Her maiden name was spelled either WASKOWIAK or WASKORVIAK according to the sec
retary, who said it was difficult to say with certainty.

Included in this book is a picture of "Hannah" or Johanna with members of John Hermanski
family.

According to the Mary Briggs History 1977, Eva's brother, Martin GATZ came to America and
led a family. Some names are known. Both she and Lawrence GATZ say that Albert GATZ, a
brother to Eva, remained in Germany and no contact has been made with that family.

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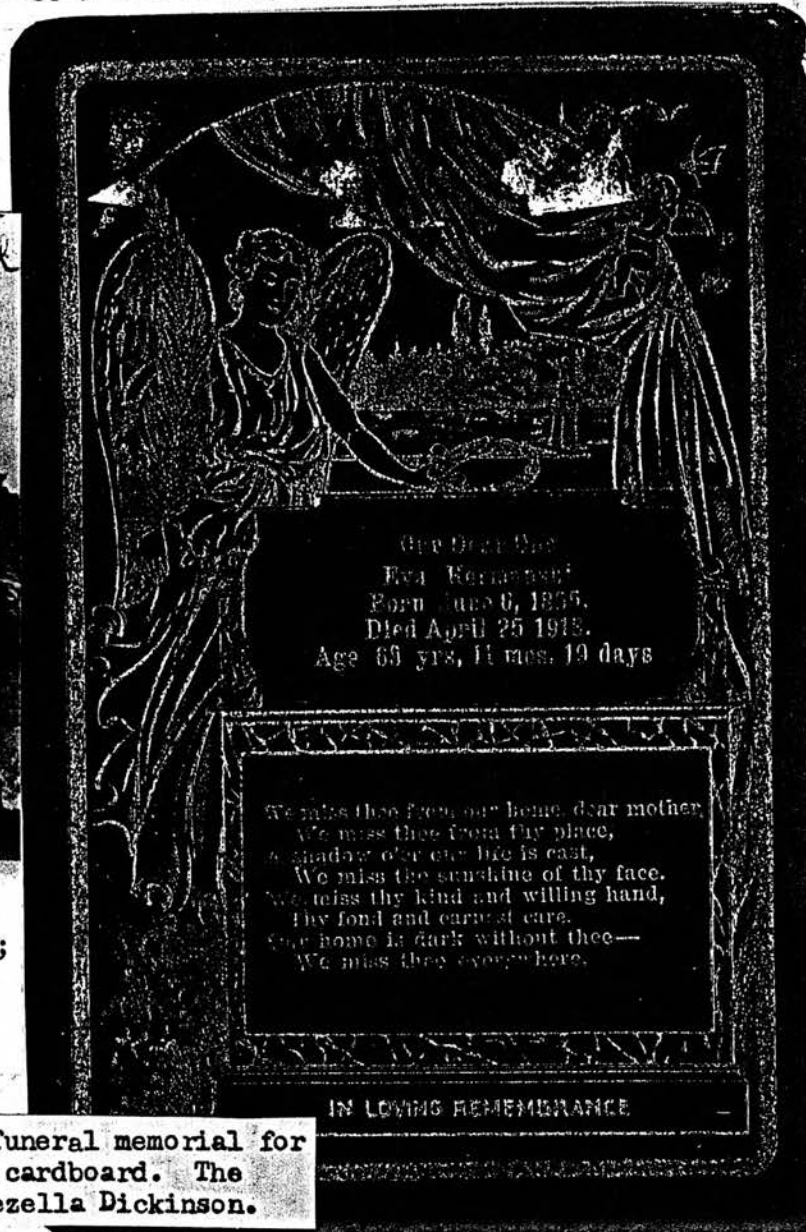
THIS story was related to Bernard Hermanski by his father, Ben:

"It seems Grandad (John) had a pair of boots he liked very much while living in Europe. His Mother-in-law knew John was considering going to America and she disapproved very much of his abandoning her daughter. John and Eva both noticed when the boots were home the mother-in-law was relaxed and at ease. But if the boots were gone, she was checking to see if John had started to America; and if so, trying to stop him. When John left the country, he left the boots where she could see them, and by the time she became suspicious, Grandad John was already out to sea and couldn't be stopped".*

Source*: Mary Hermanski Collier Briggs, 1977 Family History.



Photo: Orpha Hermanski and her daughter, Lucille, Margaret Schultz and son, Harry; Blanche Hermanski and son, Lloyd; Hannah (Mrs. Jacob) Gatz and John Jacob Hermanski. Neg 22 A, file 1, Lou; Eva Makosey.



This is a copy of the funeral memorial for Eva Hermanski; a thick cardboard. The original belongs to Raezella Dickinson.



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Enid Daily News 25 Apr. 1918
↓ Eva Hermanski obituary

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Word has been received by County Superintendent J. W. Tyler from W. P. Little, executive secretary of the federal fuel administrator to urge all school boards in Garfield county to avoid a repetition of the shortage of the coal supply and put in their orders for their supply of coal not later than July first, as many mines are idle for lack of orders and it is only by keeping them at work all the time that a fuel famine can be averted next winter.

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GOULDING NO BETTER.

The condition of P. J. Goulding, who was moved to his home from the General Hospital last Sunday is no better.

Acts

JACOB GATZ

How he came to America and to Oklahoma

--as told by Lawrence Gatz to Lowella Hermanski, 22 Oct 1985

"When Jacob GATZ left Germany to sail to U.S., he hid in the boiler room. He was discovered by a crewman when 2 or 3 days out to sea. The crewman went to get food for him and was questioned about it. Jacob was a stow-away and it was too late to turn back. When he landed in New York, he had 35cents. He got a job in a restaurant washing dishes. He saw a job listed in a newspaper in Chicago. (I'm not clear when or what, but Lawrence mentioned a job at "St. Patrick" for 2 years.) From Chicago, he went to LaSalle, Ill. and worked first in a zinc "factory" and then in coal mines."

Lawrence relates that Jacob, while working in coal mines, was befriended by his future father-in-law. It seems that Jacob was invited to have a beer one day after work. They visited and got acquainted. Shortly, Jacob was invited to his new friend's home for dinner and there met his friend's daughter, who later became his wife. He (Lawrence) doesn't know how to spell her name, but said it was Johanna and the last name sounded "SWANSCHOVIACK". (Burial records show WASKOWIAK). Parenthesis mine.

They bought a little acreage in Ill. As a result of correspondence with his sister, Eva Hermanski, who lived in Oklahoma, he decided to sell out and move to Oklahoma. Their first six children were born in LaSalle, Ill., with 3 more born in Okla., near Breckenridge, so they made the move between Mar. 1900 and Jun 1902. (I think Lawrence said Sophia was about 6 Mo. old when they moved. If so, that would make the move around Sept. 1900).

Jacob had a team of mules or horses, a cow and a dog. He loaded them all on a Frisco Box Car and moved to Oklahoma and "Dad bought the farm". (Lawrence doesn't know how Jacob got the farm, he said.) Jacob and his son, Frank, worked on the railroad while his wife, Johanna, planted the wheat.

Lawrence remembers visiting his mother's family when he was a small boy of 6 or 7 years. His grandfather had a very long white beard. They went on a train to make the visit.

Lawrence J. "Butch" GATZ, who resided at 2716 E. Maple, Enid, Okla. died 24 Feb 1987. I liked him very much, and am glad to have known him.

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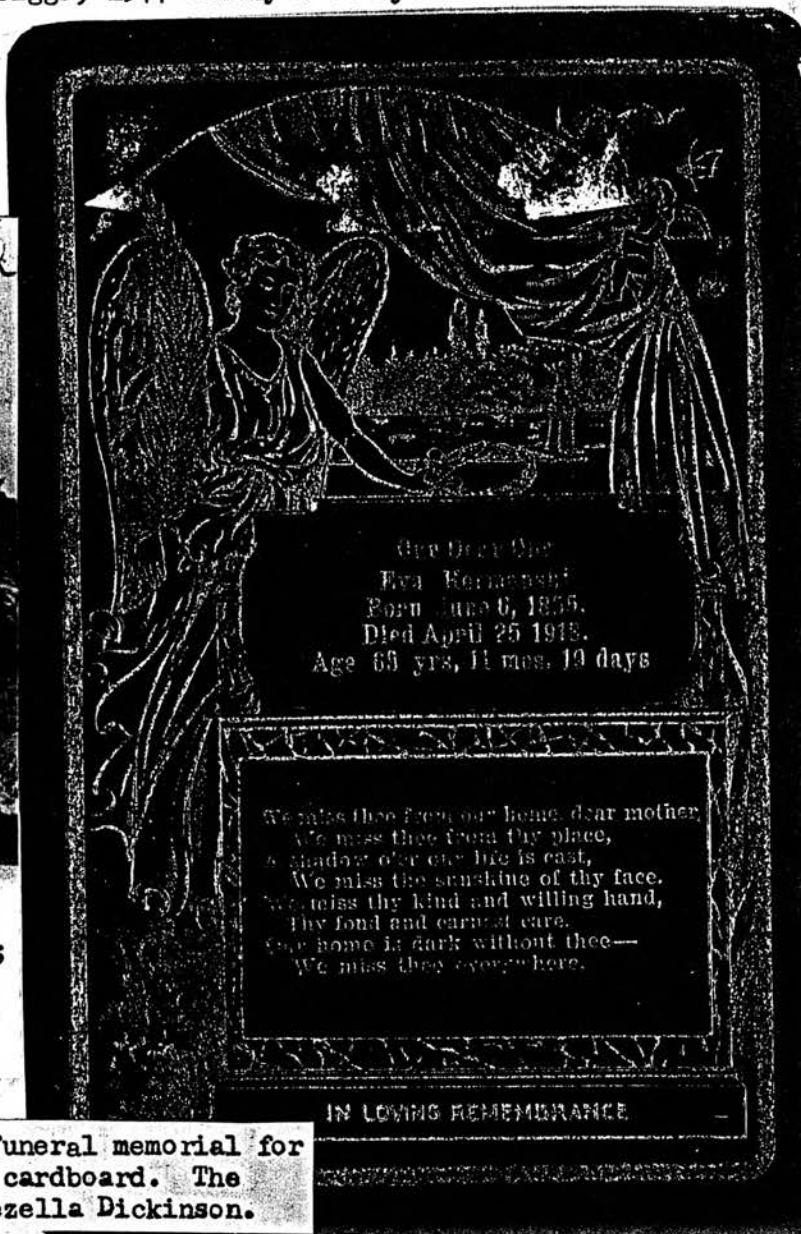
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"It seems Grandad (John) had a pair of boots he liked very much while living in Europe. His Mother-in-law knew John was considering going to America and she disapproved very much of his abandoning her daughter. John and Eva both noticed when the boots were home the mother-in-law was relaxed and at ease. But if the boots were gone, she was checking to see if John had started to America; and if so, trying to stop him. When John left the country, he left the boots where she could see them, and by the time she became suspicious, Grandad John was already out to sea and couldn't be stopped".*

Source*: Mary Hermanski Collier Briggs, 1977 Family History.



Photo: Orpha Hermanski and her daughter, Lucille, Margaret Schultz and son, Harry; Blanche Hermanski and son, Lloyd; Hannah (Mrs. Jacob) Gatz and John Jacob Hermanski. Neg 22 A, file 1, Low; Eva Makosey.



This is a copy of the funeral memorial for Eva Hermanski; a thick cardboard. The original belongs to Raezella Dickinson.