

THE MATHEA FAMILY IN MEDZANY AND PRESOV

IN MEDZANY:

Jan Mateja b. 1798 m. ca 1830 Anna Matzko b. ca 1800
....Andrej..1830-1880 (50 years)
....Anna....5/19/1831-
....Maria...2/12/1833-1/30/1838 (5 years)
....Juraj...9/11/1835-3/10/1838 (2 1/2 years)
....Maria...3/18/1838-
....Matej...1/31/1840-(a girl)
....Barbora..1/6/1842-6/28/1845 (3 1/2 years)
....Juraj....3/8/1844-
...Barbora.6/14/1846-

The data above was researched in Presov in 1997 for HAJ, who paid \$35.00 for it. Others interested in genealogical research in Presov may write to:

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Presov is the current name of the town in Slovakia which, before the end of WWI, was known as Eperjes (*strawberries*) and was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It is in a region known as Subcarpathian Rus (southern slope of the Carpathians) which is identified with a group of people known as Rus or Ruthenians who have shared a common ethnicity and language for many centuries. Many sites do not mention the existence of this group or region, perhaps because of a particular national point of view and indeed it has never actually existed as a country (except for one day in 1938), but there is some evidence that suggests that the Mathea's and especially the Haburay's nationality and language was probably **Rusyan**.

From this data we can see a 17 year record of hardship and determination. Jan and Anna bore nine children: 3 boys and 6 girls. Three of their children died before their fifth birthday, two of them within 38 days in 1838. Eight days after the death of Juraj, the second to die, Anna

gave birth to a girl, whom she named Maria after her first Maria who had just died 46 days earlier. Their seventh child, Barbora, survived only 3 1/2 years. Fifteen months before the first Barbora died Anna bore a baby boy whom they named Juraj after the first Juraj who had died six years earlier. A year after Barbora's death Anna bore another baby girl, her last child, whom she named Barbora. Thus while three children died: Maria, Juraj and Barbora, Jan and Anna, through persistence, still had children named Maria, Juraj and Barbora who lived.

Our line descends through Andrej, the first child of Jan and Anna:

A timeline for the Mathea events in Europe can be viewed [here](#).

IN PRESOV:

Andrej Mateja 1830-80 m.10/23/1860 [Maria Malinak](#)
 4/14/1841- 2/15/90
Karol Michal 9/12/1861 -
Jan 6/14/1863 - 6/15/1863 (1 day)
[Albert Ferdinand](#) 9/17/1864 - 1/14/1950 (86 years) [See the record of his birth.](#)
Maria Zofia 5/10/1866 - 11/25/1868 (2 1/2 years)
Jan 6/12/1868 -
Frantisek 2/10/1870 - 3/10/1870 (1 month)
Koloman Jozef 2/7/1871 - 5/22/1873 (2 years, 3 months)
Jyula 5/7/1873 - 6/8/1883 (10 years, 1 month)
 ...Hermina 4/12/1875 - 4/25/1878 (3 years)

Here again we see hardship and determination with only three children surviving beyond ten years: Karol Michal, Albert Ferdinand and the second Jan. We also see the determination to have a child named Jan, which in this case we know is the name of Andrej's father.

If Julia Mathea Jensen had one or more cousins as she grew up in Brooklyn, as HFJ reported in his note, they must have been the children of Karol Michal Mathea or Jan Mathea, one or both of whom must have immigrated. Or they may have been the children of her mother's siblings.

THE MATHEAS IN AMERICA

Albert Mathea left Eperjes in 1887 and sailed from Glasgow on the [Furnessia](#), arriving on December 27 1887 in New York.

Albert Ferdinand 9/17/1864-1/14/1950 m. [Julia Bernadette Haburay](#) 12/10/1874-6/4/1958
....Emma 2/28/1896-1/6/1971 m. Daniel Szedlack 1891-3/3/1966
.....Walter Sedlack 1919-12/5/1924
....Ella 8/30/1898-9/3/1989 m. Cornelius Irving Van Loan 5/26/1902- 1970?
....Marie Margaret 6/2/02-9/5/68 m. 1926? Edward Martin Kerner 3/6/1902-4/23/1957
....Ann Lucille 12/12/1905-5/28/1971 m.11/52 Fintan P. Timothy 1896-10/11/1986
....Albert 12/13/1907-3/28/1930
....[Julia Bernadette](#) 3/26/1910-12/26/68 m. 9/30/34 Harry Francis Jensen 10/9/07-10/30/89

Here is a query Allen posted on the [Distant Cousin.Com Website](#). (Use the BACK button to return.)

[HABURAY IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA](#): Here are the results of Mario Togli's visits to the National Archives. He found a record of a Julia Huburay (among others), but not our Julia. Could be a cousin. Perhaps other Haburay searchers will find something useful here.

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