

# Incredible Story of Dlugi Ancestors from the Czech Republic

Here's a true story that was obtained from an unpublished history of **Nowa Biala, Poland** pertaining to our Dlugi ancestors who originally came from the Czech Republic. It came from Tadeusz Pilat, our very important Polish genealogist.

However I do have information about Joannes (Jan) Dlugi (Slovak: Dluhy, Hungarian: Dlughi). In fact he is one of the few inhabitants that we have a little bit of history for. And I only know about it because when I was in Nowa Biala, I took some notes on a unpublished history of the town. And it goes something like this:

In approximately 1765, the church in town burned down and after a little delay, the town leaders decided to rebuild it (what is now the church in town). Much of it was to be brick and so they hired three bricklayers from Silesia; they were three brothers named Dlugi. They obviously came from a town named Stara Ves ("Little Village") in what is today Moravian/Silesian section of the Czech Republic. The distance away from Nowa Biala was 150 to 200 miles. I have no idea why they had to go so far for bricklayers. They came and did their work on the church. Two of the went home; one stayed. That one has to be your direct ancestor, Jan Dlugi. I believe that he is ancestor of all the people named Dlugi/Dluhy in the town. His story is well known there and in fact that house his family lived in is called something like "the house of the bricklayer." (House 55). Dlugi's have lived there since (perhaps to the present day).

Now I can't absolutely prove all this but it is the only way of explaining the facts and stories I have. That's all I have but it is a lot more about a single person living in the town than practically anyone else.

Let me know what you think!