

[Family History Successes Can Be As Contagious as the Common Cold To All of Us!](#)

Please don't hesitate to share your successes with us in any of the appropriate comment sections of this Facebook group. We all need encouragement especially whenever it comes from others who are successful! *For success when shared, it can be as contagious as the common cold to all of us!*

Recently, my family extraction team finalized their extraction work for every birth, marriage and death records in a Polish village between 1785 to 2009 where some of my maternal ancestors originated from with over 3 MB of indexed data with every word in every recorded transcribed into English from Latin written in the Polish alphabet. These extractions are regularly being submitted to an algorithm beta testing project that FamilySearch is conducting world-wide for historical villages as previously described in "My Story, part 5" cited below. Eventually, this entire village as indexed will be posted on Family Tree on FamilySearch.org as a searchable on-line database for general public's use for everybody with their family roots from this village.

- [Family History Success Requires Spiritual Motivation: Establishing a Sophisticated Family Extracting/Indexing Project: Here's My Story, Part 5](#)

Here are comments from one of the FamilySearch beta testing team members responded to me yesterday

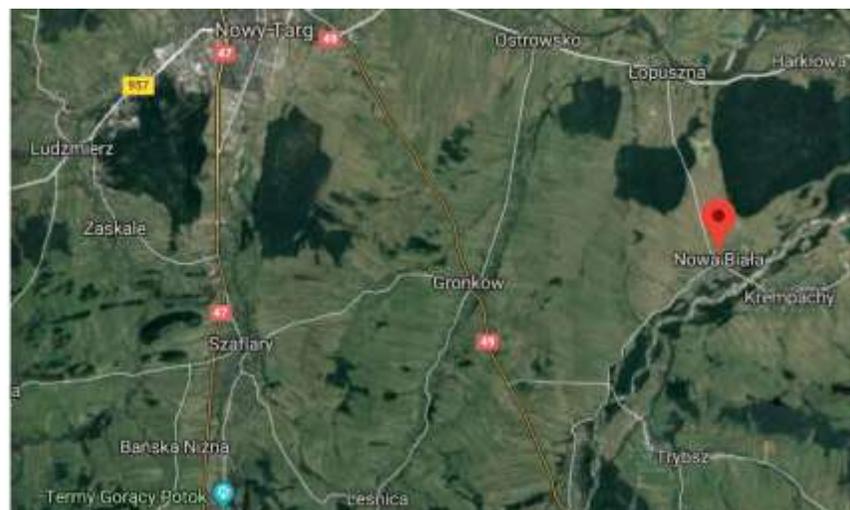
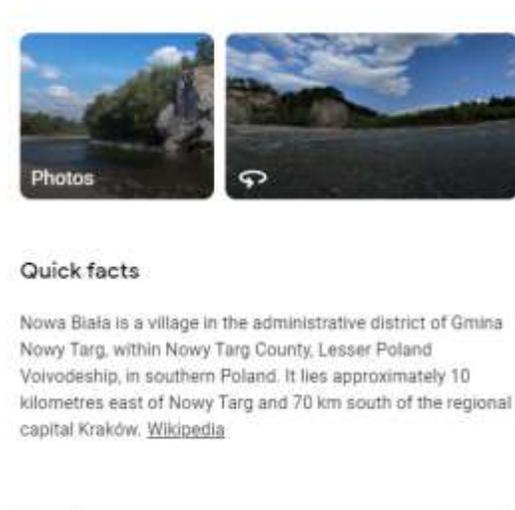
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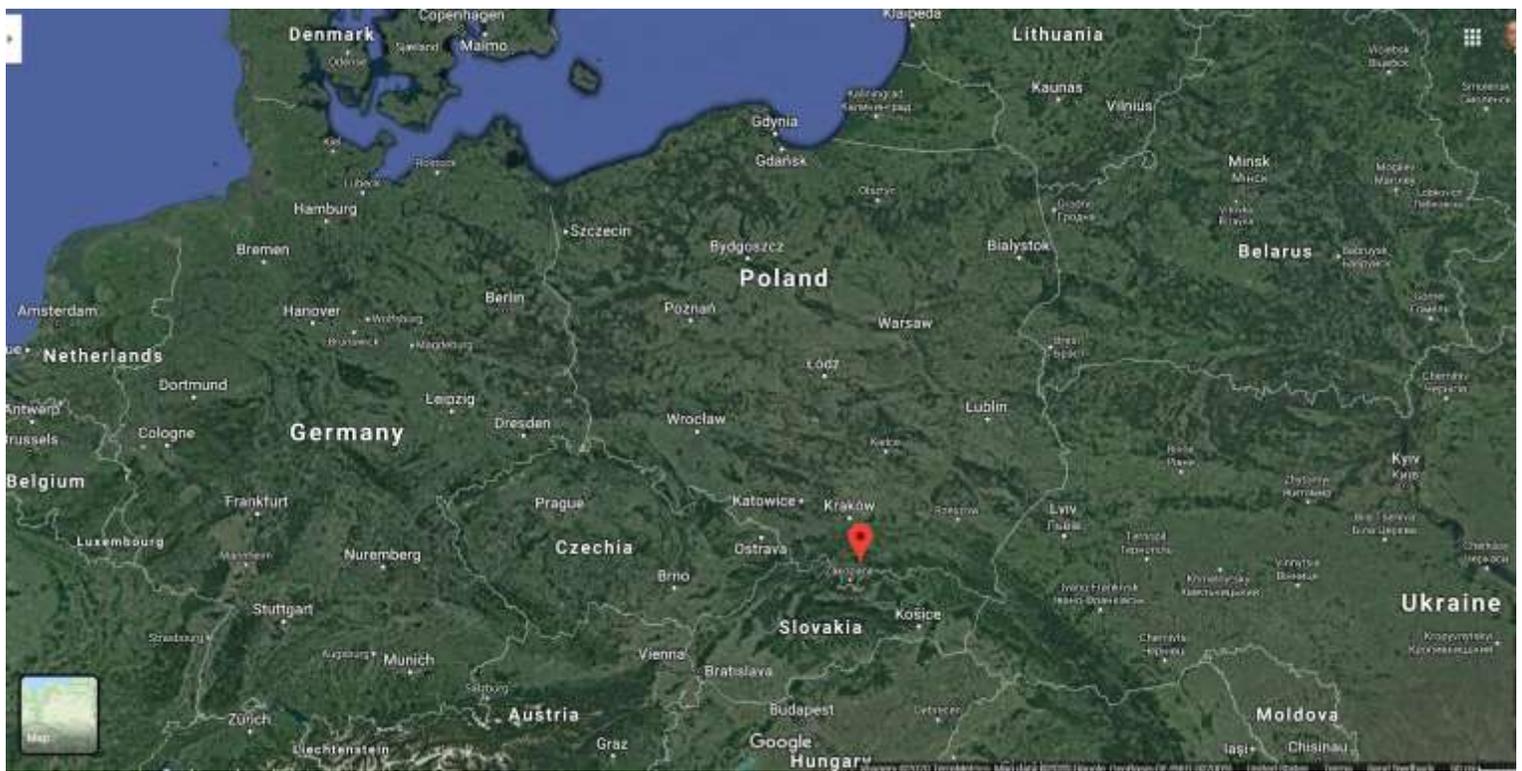
Thank you for sending the zip file for Nowa Biala! These are such monumental works you and your family have put together. We appreciate being a part of it.

Thanks,

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This accomplishment requires a team of dedicated paid extractors, spiritual advisers and my entire family. To better understand the roles of these individuals, click [here](#). It is because of this team's individuals through their support, inspiration dedication, we are accomplishing miracles that will not only benefit my direct family lines but everybody who has family roots in this same Polish village as these indexed church records will be freely available to the general public on-line in the Family Tree section of FamilySearch.org. Below is a map illustrating its local area near the Slovakia border in south central Poland along with a brief description of the village as well as their geographic relationship to central Europe and beyond in a second map.





Closing Comments

Family history success is always appreciated but when it is earned, it is even greater than just the sum of its parts. My maternal ancestors come from a rather rural part of the most southern part of Poland about 50 kilometers or 35 miles from the border of Slovakia next to the Tara Mountains. These maternal ancestors were Slovaks, and not Polish. As Slovaks, they were subjects of Hungarians for over a thousand years. It can be readily acknowledged that many Slovaks adopted Hungarian nationality. Krempachy and Nowa Biala were part of the old Austrian-Hungarian Empire. Krempachy has two churches, one (St. Martin) was 700 years old and it is still there. The newer church is presently operating. Krempachy was settled at least 700 years ago and did celebrate its 750th year anniversary.

When the Austrian-Hungarian Empire were cut up and the lands divided after World War II with the creation of Poland in 1919, thirteen villages in the Spis region and thirteen villages in the Orava region were turned over respectively to Poland and Czechoslovakia. The situation in Spis and Orava is like that of Northern Ireland. The Slovaks have certain privileges given them but some of the younger element does not seem to care to take advantage of their plebescite. When the lands were divided, our Slovak people from the areas given to Poland were "invited" to settle in Slovakia, hundreds of them took advantage of this offer and were given unoccupied homes and properties which, I believe, were in former German colony (but not Sudetenland). My grandmother, Elizabeth GALINAK has two nieces living in Holic- Slovakia, who re-settled "over the Tara Mountains" in Slovakia. And my grandmother was born in Krempachy which is cited on the first map above. Believe it or not, she immigrated to America at the age of 13 years of age without her parents. In the photo below when she was 40 years of age, she returned to her native village because her mother was dying. My grandmother is in the row in the very center among her brother and sisters and parents.

The people who remained back in Krempachy, Nowa Biala, etc., were in most cases, the oldest sons who had or would inherit their parent's property. Many of the old parents also went along with their younger children to Slovakia to leave more room for the family remaining. As in many of the old countries, because of a shortage of land several generations usually lived together. Lucky was the boy or girl who

got married into a family where he/she could move. Hence, many marriages were of convenience. For example, a boy married a girl whose bother married his sister so that each would have a place to live. Our mothers came to America to make room for older brothers who wanted to get married. That's what occurred to my grandmother in immigrating to America at such a young age as an unaccompanied minor!

Please don't hesitate to share your successes with us as we all need motivation to overcome our challenges and frustrations when success is slow in developing. Looking forward to reading your posts!

