

TIMELINE (#12)
EARLY DOCUMENTS

Editor's Note:

The pertinent information from several early (1936 - 1945) documents is shown below.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

State Office Number: 38216621 Registered No. 206

Place of birth -- County of: WAYNE City of: HAMTRAMCK

Full name of child: THOMAS JOHN BOJNAROWICZ

Sex of child: MALE

Legitimate: YES

Date of birth: FEBRUARY 9, 1936

Father:

Full name: ISIDORE JOHN BOJNAROWICZ Residence: 3951 TROWBRIDGE

Color (or race): POLISH Age at last birthday: 26 YEARS

Birthplace: POLAND Occupation (and industry): AUTO INDUSTRY

Mother:

Full maiden name: JOSEPHINE HECHLIK Residence: 3951 TROWBRIDGE

Color (or race): POLISH Age at last birthday: 23 YEARS

Birthplace: WILKES BARRE, PA Occupation (and industry): HOUSEWIFE

Certificate of attending physician or midwife:

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was BORN ALIVE at 2:45PM

(Signature) J.W. PODEZWA, Physician

Address: 9701 JOS. CAMPAU Date: APR 24, 1936

Editor's Notes about Dr. J.W. Podezwa:

1. Dr. John Podezwa was the Hechlik Family doctor. He was highly regarded by all family members.
2. As indicated above, his office was located at 9701 Jos. Campau (pronounced Joseph Campau), the major business street in Hamtramck. This street runs perpendicular to Trowbridge St. and his office was located 4 blocks from this intersection. The distance from his office to 3951 Trowbridge St. (my birthplace) is 0.8 miles and requires 3 minutes to drive (15 minutes to walk).

3. Interestingly, the distances from his office to the intersection of Jos. Campau and several well-known streets are:

- 1 block to Evaline St. - Location of the Tee Vee Bar
- 2 blocks to Yemans St. - Where Mary (Hechlik) Gordynec lived sometime earlier
- 3 blocks to Belmont St. - Where the John Kowalski Family lived before moving to the second floor of the Tee Vee Bar

4. As indicated above, on 4/24/36, about 2.5 months after I was born, Dr Podezwa recorded my time of birth as 2:45pm. My father recorded in his 5-year Diary that on 2/9/36: "Tommy was born at 1:55." This was doubtlessly written within a day or 2 of the occurrence. So 1:55pm as my birth time is probably more correct.

5. During about the time of World War II, Dr. Podezwa changed his name to Dr. Parnell (either legally or informally). The reason given was that the new name didn't sound Polish and was easier to spell.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

This is to certify that the birth of: THOMAS JOHN BOJNAROWICZ
Has been duly registered with the Michigan Department of Health;
Registration number: 382-16621

Born in: HAMTRAMCK
Parents' name: ISIDORE AND JOSEPHINE
Date of birth: FEBRUARY 9, 1936

CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

St. John the Evangelist Church, 2236 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit 11, Michigan

This is to certify that: THOMAS JOHN BOJNAROWICZ
Child of: ISADORE BOJNAROWICZ and JOSEPHINE BOJNAROWICZ
Born on the: 9 day of: Feb, 1936

Was Baptized on the: 8th day of: MARCH, 1936
According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church
By the Rev.: Arthur A. Decker
The sponsors being: VICTOR GORDYNEC and: TILLIE KOWALSKI

As appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church
Dated: Nov 15, 1959 (Signature), Pastor

DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

To Principal of: LYNCH SCHOOL Date: 3/10/41

Name: THOMAS BOJNAROWICZ Address: 7058 MILTON
Who has been excluded on account of: SCARLET FEVER may return to school.

Notice to parents - Your child has been released from quarantine. It is believed that he is not a source of infection to others and as far as the Department is concerned, he may return to school. A child who has recovered from a communicable disease and has been released from quarantine may not be physically fit to return to school. Let your physician advise you when it is safe for him to return to school without injury to himself.

-Harry F. Vaughn Dr. P.H., Commissioner

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, ss. 283,100

At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the City of Detroit on the: TWENTY-SIXTH day of: SEPTEMBER in the year: 1945

Present: Patrick H. O'Brien, Judge of Probate

It is ordered that the name of said: ISADORE JOHN BOJNAROWICZ be and the name is hereby changed to: JOHN ANTHONY BOYER

It further appearing to the court that JOSEPHINE BOJNAROWICZ is the wife of of said petitioner and that THOMAS BOJNAROWICZ, being nine years of age, is the minor child of said petitioner.

It is further ordered that the names of said JOSEPHINE BOJNAROWICZ and THOMAS BOJNAROWICZ be and the same are hereby changed to JOSEPHINE BOYER and THOMAS BOYER.

-Patrick H. O'Brien, Judge of Probate
