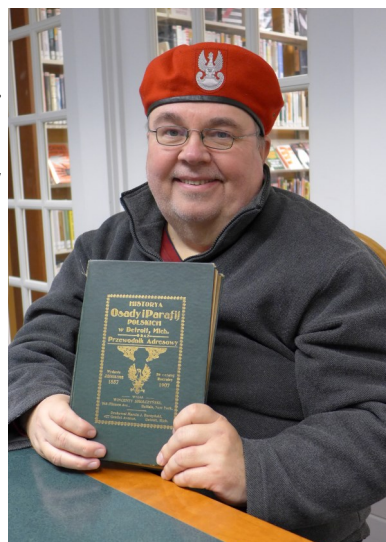


Inspired by a photocopy donated by J. William Gorski to the Polonica Americana Research Institute, former PARI Co-Director, Dr. Hal Learman was determined to create a high resolution .pdf version of the 1907 publication *Historia Osady i Parafij Polskich w Detroit, Mich. — Przewodnik Adresowy*. This book title basically translates to be *The History of Polish Settlements and Parishes in Detroit, Michigan — The Address Guide*.

Hal borrowed the only hard copy of the book he could discover, through using Google as a search engine, from the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library located on the campus of St. Mary's of Orchard Lake, Michigan. He quickly discovered that there appeared to be pages missing from the library's well worn copy from, namely, pages 177-178; and pages 206-221. So, discovering that the Burton Historical Collection in Detroit was said to have both a bound copy and a microfilm version of this rare edition in their possession — 'dog with a bone' that he admits to be — Dr. Learman went to midtown Detroit to gather high resolution copies of the missing pages. He soon discovered that the same pages were missing not only from the reprinted volume of the book; but, also from the microfilm. Thus, Hal assumed that the Burton versions may have originated from the publication at the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library.

Frustrated by the absence of these pages, he talked with his colleague, Ceil, who knew of another original copy of the book that was part of John Zaporski's private collection. In November, 2015, John agreed to meet Hal at the Plymouth District Library in Plymouth, Michigan in order to gain images of the missing pages. However, upon opening the book to where the missing pages should have appeared, Dr. Learman quickly realized that there must have been a pagination problem with the original publication; and that indeed, the volume he had first scanned at the OLS library collection was complete.

We at PARI offer our heartfelt thanks to J. William Gorski — for the inspiration; Beata Owczarski, Rare Books Specialist at the Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library — for allowing us to gently handle the library's copy of this special book; and John Zaporski — for taking the time to share his nearly pristine copy of the book in which on page 135 can be found a picture of his grandfather. John not only helped solve the mystery behind the supposed missing pages; but, his generosity made possible for a searchable copy of this rare book to be made available online and allowed Dr. Learman to 'bury his bone' — for now, anyway!



John Zaporski holding his personal copy of the 1907 publication *Historia Osady i Parafij Polskich w Detroit, Mich. — Przewodnik Adresowy*.