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listing the postgraduate courses in which you are currently enrolled; and d) a brief statement as to what significance a \$5,000 scholarship will have for you.

B. Submit a copy of your most recent official (not downloaded) university transcript, including GPA.

C. Submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member with whom you are studying or have studied at your current postgraduate level. If the letter is sealed by the faculty member, send the sealed letter to the Committee Chairman, who will distribute copies to the other Committee Members.

D. Research**1. Master's Candidate**

Submit a description of your research efforts to date if your Master's program requires the completion of a thesis. If a thesis is not required, submit a copy of an academic project, report or paper on a topic in your major field of study that was submitted recently as part of a course requirement.

2. Doctoral Candidate

Submit an outline or summary of the most current version of your dissertation proposal. Describe the potential value of your research/study. If dissertation is not required, submit a copy of an academic project, report or paper on a topic in your major field of study that was submitted recently as part of a course requirement.

3. All candidates for advanced degrees

Submit a copy of a faculty evaluation of the project, proposal, report or paper referred to in D1 or D2 above. The evaluation may be in the form of a grade given for the work and/or written comments by the evaluator.

E. Submit a description of your extracurricular personal involvement in the mainstream community (on/off campus) or any pertinent work experience. Describe, in particular, any participation in Polish-American activities at school or in the community. Submit a letter of recommendation from a person who is familiar with your participation in the activities/experience described above.

F. Registration Fee: Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 for "Pulaski Scholarships fee" payable to American Council for Polish Culture. This payment includes membership in the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) for one year and a subscription to the quarterly *Polish Heritage*. If applicant is already an individual member of the ACPC or a member of an ACPC affiliate organization (see website for listing: www.polishcultureacpc.org), the required registration fee is \$20.00.

Please note that all applicants for the ACPC Pulaski Scholarship for Advanced Studies are invited and encouraged to become involved in the programs of the American Council for Polish Culture and to share their talents and expertise with the Council. The Council and its Affiliate and Supporting Organizations across the United States have been engaged in cultural and educational programs for more than six decades. Association with the American Council for Polish Culture and/or any of these 38 established societies and institutions may prove to be of value in the career development of applicants while the direct participation of Pulaski Scholarship applicants in the cultural and educational programs of the Council and its Affiliate/Supporting groups may further strengthen our mutual missions. For further information about the Council, you are invited to view its website: www.polishcultureacpc.org □

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Mówimy po Polsku

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reached Jedwabne, 6.7 km from Wizna, most of them were burned in a barn. The rest fled to Łomża, 12.5 km from Wizna. After the war, parishioners volunteered their free time to rebuild the Catholic church.

Frozen in time

Had my grandfather, Andrzej Pieńkowski, not left Kokoszki in 1899 after his first wife died, the cluster of humanity in the middle of cow pastures, pig pens, and potato fields would have remained the same as during his lifetime. He had to find work to support eight offspring.

He went to work in a hard coal mine near Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania, and used the money to start a chain migration. He brought his brother, Stanislaus, to Mount Carmel in 1900; then four children, one after the other in two or three year intervals. It meant that Kokoszki would have five less families in the future.

For about ten years Andrzej Pieńkowski, written Pinkowski in the ship's manifest, inhaled coal dust in the mines and suffered with miner's asthma. His second wife, whom he married at Mount Carmel in 1906, pleaded with him to return to Kokoszki, where they were both from, and he died there in 1913.

Nobody, then, could have predicted that his grandson and great-grandson would visit Kokoszki more than a century later and find their Polish roots.

Years ago, another father and son team, Janusz and Tomisław Paciorek, scoured the church records in Wizna and found the presence of Pieńkowski families in Kokoszki from the beginning.

Over the years, Edward Pinkowski has established himself as a diligent researcher studying General Pułaski, and particularly his death and burial in Georgia. Jack and his wife made up a family of five that had a special viewing of Pułaski's bones in Savannah. The other Pinkowskis were Edward, Connie and Marcel.

Not surprising, the people in Poland and the United States don't have all the facts on Pułaski. Due to a Pułaski Conference at Warka, Poland, in October, Edward and Jack Pinkowski, who have expert knowledge of Pułaski, were two of the lecturers on the program and were decorated for their work.

In addition to showing slides of Pułaski's bones, the younger Pinkowski, now chairman of the National Polish Center in Washington, D.C., laid a wreath at the Pułaski statue at Warka and made a report on the activities of the cultural organization.

The expedition to Poland ended with a four-hour drive to Wizna from Warka. The next day was spent in Kokoszki itself. Still, it was not as daunting as going to church in Wizna in a horse and buggy in all kinds of weather as the Pinkowski ancestors had to do. □

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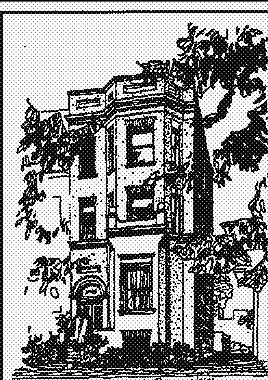
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