

The Too Short Life of Ignac Jankowski

Using various online search tools, the WCGS explored the life and death of Ignac Jankowski, one of the young men from our county who were casualties of WWI. We used the following sites:

Ancestry.com (paid)

Newspapers.com (paid)

Newsbank.com (paid)

Fold3.com (paid) – we didn't use this but could have

Portals to Texas History (texashistory.unt.edu)

Findagrave.com (no registration required to search)

Familysearch.org (free registration required)

Edoctecinc.com (select Washington County from drop down)

Three techniques we used to limit searches:

Quotes around a name such as "Ignac Jankowski"

A wildcard * to ignore a particular letter such as J*ankowski

On edoctecinc.com a partial name to call up everything with those letters such as Jank

World War I Veteran Remembrance

Ignac Jankowski

sn: 3508468

Inducted: 26 Jun 1918, Brenham, Tx.

B.: 26 Jul 1896

Place: Brenham, Washington Co., Tx.

Home of Record: Chappell Hill, Washington Co., Tx.

Died Of Disease [Pneumonia]

D.: 20 Oct 1918

Place: Camp Johnston, Duval Co., FL.

**Buried: Saint Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery
Chappell Hill, Washington Co., Tx.**



Private

Field Remount Squad No.334

Quartermaster Corps

U.S. ARMY



Ignac Jankowski was born on 9 August 1896 according to his draft registration (although elsewhere he is recorded as being born May 1897 and 26 July 1896) in Washington County, Texas to Rosalie Wozniak, age 41, and John Jankowski, age 42. His parents arrived from Poland about 1893 bringing six children with them. Once in Texas they had six more children including Ignac.

Ignac was recorded in two census record: 1900 and 1910

1900 census

Name: Ignats Yankoski
Age: 3
Birth Date: May 1897
Birthplace: Texas
Home in 1900: Justice Precinct 2, Washington, Texas
House Number: 243
Sheet Number: 24
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation: 382
Family Number: 390
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relation to Head of House: Son
Marital Status: Single
Father's name: John Yankoski
Father's Birthplace: Germany
Mother's name: Rosie Yankoski
Mother's Birthplace: Poland, Germany
Can Read: No
Can Write: No
Can Speak English: Yes

1910 Census

Name Ike Yonkowski
Age in 1910: 14
Birth Year: abt 1896
Birthplace: Texas
Home in 1910: Justice Precinct 2, Washington, Texas
Street: Lock Hart Road
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relation to Head of House: Son
Marital Status: Single
Father's name: John Yonkesko
Father's Birthplace: Germany
Mother's name: Rosa Yonkesko
Mother's Birthplace: Germany
Native Tongue: Polish
Occupation: Farm Laborer
Industry: Home Farm
Employer, Employee or Other: Wage Earner
Attended School: Yes
Able to Read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Out of Work: N

He registered for the draft on 5 June 1917 and signed his form with an X indicating his mark.

Form 1 1917 REGISTRATION CARD No. 44		REGISTRAR'S REPORT	
1	Name in full <u>Ignace Jankowski</u> Age in yrs <u>21</u>	1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>tall</u> Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>medium</u>
2	Home address <u>Chapel Hill, Tex</u>	2	Color of eyes? <u>brown</u> Color of hair? <u>brown</u> Bald? <u>no</u>
3	Date of birth <u>Aug 9 1896</u>	3	Has present arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? <u>no</u>
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? <u>Natural born</u>	I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:	
5	Where were you born? <u>Brenham, Tex U.S.A.</u>	<u>M. H. Wadew</u> (Signature of registrar)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? <u>Citizen</u>	Precinct <u>Chapel Hill</u> City or County <u>Chapel Hill</u> State <u>Texas</u>	
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office? <u>Farmer</u>	<u>Jun 5 - 17</u> (Date of registration)	
8	By whom employed? <u>father</u>	<u>B. Parker</u> (Signature)	
9	Where employed? <u>Chapel Hill, Tex</u>		
10	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)? <u>none</u>		
11	Married or single (which)? <u>single</u> Race (specify which)? <u>Caucasian</u>		
12	What military service have you had? Rank <u>none</u> ; branch <u>none</u> ; years <u>none</u> ; Nation or State <u>none</u>		
13	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? <u>no</u>		
I, <u>C. Michael</u> , Registrar, do hereby certify that I have verified above answers and that they are true. <u>Ignace Jankowski</u> (Signature of registrant)			

He was called up to serve and was scheduled to depart to Camp Travis near San Antonio, Texas on 25 June 1918.

BRENHAM DAILY BANNER-P

BRENHAM, WASHINGTON COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1918

REGISTRANTS ARE CALLED TO SERVICE

List of Men Who Will Entrain This Month for Various Camps.

Three negro men, Cornelius Allen, Richard Williams and Eugene Fair, left today for Prairie View to enter military training.

List of registrants who leave on June 20, 1918, for Camp Mabry for the University training school, Austin, Texas:

- Wm. Nienstedt
- Hugo Brandt
- Taylor Samuel Moss
- Joe Willie Vickers
- William Kammerer
- Fred Marcus
- Albert Hartstack

List of registrants who will be entrained for Camp Travis, on or about the 25th day of June, 1918:

- Alexander Streuk
- Joe Zbrank Jr.
- Carl N. Rothermel
- Wm. Quebe
- Robt. Louis Rosenbaum
- Albert Schwinge
- Charles Boenker
- Willie Neutzler
- Alvin M. Mayer
- Oscar Schmidt
- John Schmid
- Ben P. Grebe
- John Maszyn, Jr.
- Gust. Jul. Busse
- Valdimer Valenta
- Frank Janosewski
- Adda Willmann
- Steve Kujawa
- Alvin Boenker
- William Spitzer
- Ignace Jankowski
- Paul Weidner

COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST MUEGGE

County Treasurer Charged with Embezzlement; Out on Bail.

Constable W. G. Humphreys Friday afternoon filed a complaint against Chas. H. Muegge, former county treasurer, who was checked up short by auditors working over the county's books. Muegge was arrested and given a preliminary hearing in Justice Chappell's court immediately. Bond was fixed at \$2,000, with Tax Collector R. V. Hoffmann and the father of the former county treasurer, Henry Muegge, as sureties.

Was Short \$3,980.00.

Muegge was short \$3,980, which included interest at 6 per cent. The commissioners' court, when the matter was brought to its attention, requested his resignation, and demanded the shortage be made good. Constable Humphreys filed the complaint alleging embezzlement as soon as the county funds had been restored.

The matter will be investigated by the grand jury when district court meets in September.

New Treasurer Installed.

Miss Sophia Heise, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of the county treasurer, entered

Senators Committee on Military Affairs.



The Senate Committee on Military Affairs on the steps of the Capitol. Front row, left to right, Senators Beckham, Chamberlain (chairman), Hitecock and Fletcher. Back row, Wadsworth, New, Sutherland, Hoke Smith, McKellar, Weeks (with mustache), Shepard (below Weeks), Kirby and Johnson.

THREE MET DEATH IN OIL WELL FIRE

Ranger Oil Field Scene of Disaster Today.

Late War Bulletins

(United Press Report)

Washington, June 15.—Irish and Australians in this country

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He died of pneumonia on October 20, 1918, in Duval, Florida, at the age of 22, and was returned to Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas. He was buried in Saint Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery which was marked by a hand carved headstone with the details of his life recorded in Polish.

Jankowski, Ignac		3,508,468	8
(Surname) (Christian name)		(Army serial number)	* White * Colored
Residence:	Chapel Hill	TEXAS	
(Street and house number)	(Town or city)	(County)	(State)
* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at	Brenham Tex	on June 26, 1918	
Place of birth:	Brenham Tex	Age or date of birth:	21 11/12 yrs
Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:			
76 Co 19 Bn 165 Dep Brig to July 23/18; 31 Co 1 Lab Bn			
Rec Camp Camp Johnston to Aug 19/18; Field Remount Sq 334			
to death			
Grades, with date of appointment:			
Pvt			
Engagements:			
Wounds or other injuries received in action: * None.			
Served overseas from † to †, from † to †			
Died of Pneumonia		Oct 20, 1918	
(Cause and date of death)			
Person notified of death: John Jankowski		brother	
(Name)		(Degree of relationship)	
(No. and street or rural route)		Chapel Hill	Texas
		(City, town, or post office)	(State or country)
Remarks:			
Form No. 724-S, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.			
Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7369			

