



## **Fustos and Horosz Report No. 2**

### **24 December 2014**

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## **Research Highlights**

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### **GOAL**

- Extend the ancestry of [Private] through the Fustos and Horosz lines.

### **PROGRESS**

- The unknown mother of Helen Margaret Horosz was identified.
- Three of the four sets of great-grandparents of [Private] were identified.
- Towns of origin in Hungary/Slovakia were found for the Fustos and Horosz families.
- Other Fustos and Horosz individuals were found in the United States, but no connections could be made to the client's family lines.
- Marriage records were requested from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania for Andrew Fustos and Esther Banyacsky, and Stephen Horosz and Mary Busky/Rusky. When they are received, we will forward them to the client.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Look for any connections to the Fustos and Horosz families with the names found on passenger lists as travelling companions and/or destinations for Andras Fustos and Istvan (Stephen) Horosz.
2. Time was not spent during this period on the Banyacsky or Busky/Rusky lines. These families should be researched during the next session.
3. Once the requested marriage records are received, it is hoped that the parents of Andrew Fustos will be identified and the Fustos line can be extended in Vel'ké Raškovce, Michalovce, Slovakia. The Horosz line is ready to be researched in Novosad, Trebišov, Slovakia. Microfilmed church records are available at the Family History Library for both locations.

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## Research Report

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The objective for this research session was to extend the ancestry of [Private] through the Fustos and Horosz lines.

### **Andrew Fustos, Jr. and Helen Horosz**

The client provided the information that [Private] was the daughter of Andrew Fustos, Jr. and Helen Margaret Horosz. Andrew Fustos, Jr. was born 8 March 1919 in McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania and died October 2006 in West Mifflin, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He married Helen Horosz on 24 August 1946 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. His parents were Andrew Fustos, Sr., who was born about 1889 in Hungary and died June 1976 in McKeesport, and Esther Banasky, born about 1894 in Hungary and died January 1961 in McKeesport. With all of this information, research began.


The death date for Andrew Fustos, Jr. was verified in the *Social Security Death Index* as 17 October 2006 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and his birth date was given as 8 March 1919, also agreeing with the family records.<sup>1</sup> Andrew's enlistment record for the United States Army in World War II was found, showing that he enlisted on 1 October 1942 at Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> Following World War II, Andrew applied for veteran's compensation and was paid \$500 for his domestic and foreign service during the war:<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Social Security Death Index* (transcription), Andrew Fustos, died 17 October 2006, last residence Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://familysearch.org>, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 1.

<sup>2</sup> *United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946* (transcription), Andrew Fustos, 1 October 1942, <http://familysearch.org>, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Applications for World War II Compensation* (image), Andrew Fustos, 3 April 1950, <http://familysearch.org>, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 3.

Form No. 1  10  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WORLD WAR II VETERANS' COMPENSATION BUREAU  
APPLICATION FOR WORLD WAR II COMPENSATION—TO BE USED BY HONORABLY  
DISCHARGED VETERAN OR PERSON STILL IN SERVICE

IMPORTANT—Before Filling Out This Form Study it Carefully.  
Read and Follow Instructions—Print Plainly in Ink or Use Typewriter. DO NOT  
Use Pencil—All Signatures Must Be in Ink.

1—Name of Applicant.  
FUSTOS ANDREW, JR.  
Last First Middle or Initial

2—Address to Which CHECK and MAIL is to be Sent.  
93 HOMESTEAD DUQUESNE RD. DUQUESNE ALLEGHENY PA  
House No. St. R. O. P. O. Box City or Town County State

3—Date and Place of Birth.  
MARCH 8 1919 MCKEESPORT ALLEGHENY PA  
Month Day Year City or Town County State

4—Name Under Which Applicant Served in World War II.  
SAME NAME  
Last First Middle or Initial

5—Date of Beginning and Date of Ending of Each Period of Service Between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946 (Both Dates Inclusive) During Which Applicant Was in DOMESTIC SERVICE.  
OCTOBER 1, 1942 10'-36" SEPTEMBER 5, 1943  
OCTOBER 9, 1945 1'-30" JANUARY 6, 1946  
Date of Beginning Date of Ending

6—Date of Beginning and Date of Ending of Each Period of Service Between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946 (Both Dates Inclusive) During Which Applicant Was in FOREIGN SERVICE.  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1943 L NOV 45 OCTOBER 9, 1945  
Date of Beginning Date of Ending

7—Date and Place Applicant Entered Active Service.  
OCTOBER 1, 1942 FT. GEORGE G. MEADE, MD.  
Month Day Year Place

8—Service or Serial Numbers Assigned To Applicant.  
Service No's.  
Serial No's. 13 128 874

9—Date and Place Where Applicant Was Separated From Active Service.  
JANUARY 6 1946 INDIANTOWN GAP, PENNA.  
Month Day Year Place

10—Is Applicant Now Serving in Armed Forces on Active Duty? Yes No ☒ X  
If Answer is YES—Be Sure To Have Certificate Executed And Filed With Application—See Instruction Sheet.

11—Mark "X" Above Name To Indicate Sex And Branch of Service.  
X Male X Army Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Other—Describe

12—Applicant's Residence At Time of Entry Into Active Service.  
2331 5TH AVENUE MCKEESPORT ALLEGHENY PA.  
House No. Street R. O. P. O. Box City or Town County State

13—Applicant Was Registered Under Selective Service As Follows.  
LOCAL BOARD No. 2 MCKEESPORT ALLEGHENY PA.  
Draft Board No. City or Town County State

Applicant Must Not Write In Space Below  
APR 3-1950  
Date Application Was Received  
Batch Control Number 11532  
Active Domestic Service  
Months 13 \$ 130  
Days \$  
Amount Due \$ 130  
Active Foreign Service  
Months 26 \$ 390 370  
Days \$  
Amount Due \$ 390 370  
Total Amt. Due \$ 500  
Audited By R. Clemens  
Service Computed By R. Clemens  
Amounts Extended By R. Clemens  
Date APR 12 1950  
For A. G. R. Clemens  
For Ad. G. R. Clemens  
For S. T. R. Clemens  
Application Disapproved By

WWII Veteran's Compensation Application for Andrew Fustos, Jr. DOCUMENT 3.

The application for a marriage license for Andrew Fustos, Jr. and Helen Horosz signed on 14 August 1947 gave the following information:<sup>4</sup>

Andrew Fustos, Jr., Bricklayer, born McKeesport, PA, residence 2331 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. McKeesport, PA, date of birth March 8<sup>th</sup> 1919, age of 28 years, no previous marriage; father Andrew Fustos, Sr., mother Esther Banyacski, same residence, father's occupation Steel Worker, parents born Hungary, physically able to support a family.

<sup>4</sup> Pennsylvania County Marriages, 1885-1950 (images), Andrew Fustos, Jr. and Helen Horosz, application signed 14 August 1947, married 24 August 1947 Munhall, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://familysearch.org>, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 4 A-B.

Helen Horosz, Candy Packer, born Homestead, PA, residence 1212 Margaret St. Munhall, PA, born March 15<sup>th</sup> 1923, age of 24 years, no previous marriage; father Steven Horosz, mother Mary Rusky, both parents deceased, both parents born Hungary.

Application signed 9 August 1947, license issued 14 August 1947.

The marriage return was included with the application, showing that Andrew and Helen were married on 24 August 1947 at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Munhall, Allegheny, Pennsylvania by Rev. Julius Paal. This record confirmed the names of Andrew's parents and the father of Helen Horosz, and gave us the name of her mother as Mary Rusky.



*Hungarian Reformed Church located at 416 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Munhall, Pennsylvania (photo from GoogleMaps).*



## Andrew Fustos, Sr. and Esther Banasky/Bayacski

Ancestry.com has recently released a database containing death certificates for the state of Pennsylvania for the years 1906-1963. Pennsylvania law restricts public access to the records of births for 105 years and the records of deaths for 50 years. Esther B. Fustos' 11 January 1961 death certificate was found in this collection. As expected, she died in McKeesport:<sup>5</sup>

HVS-20143-250M-1-56		COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		File No. 000942-61	
Primary Dist. No. 70112-029		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		Registered No. 35	
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. County <u>Alleg.</u> b. City, Borough or Township <u>McKeesport</u> c. Length of stay in 1b. <u>21 Years</u> d. FULL NAME (if NOT in hospital, give street address) of HOSPITAL or INSTITUTION <u>2331 5th Avenue Residence</u> e. Is Place of Death Inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (where deceased lived, if institution: residence before admission) a. State <u>Penna.</u> b. County <u>Alleg</u> c. City, Borough or Township <u>McKeesport</u> d. Street Address or Location <u>2331 5th Avenue</u> e. Is Residence Inside Municipality Limits? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> f. Is Residence on a Farm? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) a. (First) <u>Esther</u> b. (Middle) <u>B</u> c. (Last) <u>Fustos</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH <u>1/11/61</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)			
5. SEX <u>P.</u> 6. COLOR OR RACE <u>W.</u> 7. MARRIAGE STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Apr. 27/1895</u> 9. AGE (in years) <u>65</u> last birthday If under 1 year: Months <u>0</u> Days <u>0</u> Hours <u>0</u> Min. <u>0</u>			
10. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <u>Andrew Fustos</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (Also give state or foreign country) <u>Hungary</u>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY <u>USA</u>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <u>Andrew Banavacsky</u>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Susan Tarr</u>			
15. USUAL OCCUPATION (even if retired) <u>Homemaker</u>		16. Social Security No. <u>None</u>			
17. INFORMANT <u>Andrew Fustos 2331 5th Avenue McKeesport</u>		ADDRESS			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b) & (c)] PART I. Death was caused by: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <u>Cirrhosis of liver</u> DUE TO (b) <u>5 years</u> DUE TO (c) <u>Interval between onset and death</u> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS [contributing to death but not related to the terminal disease given in Part I (a)] 19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
20a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED.		20c. Time of Injury Hour, m. E.S.T. Day, Year	
20d. INJURY OCCURRED While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/>		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., home, farm, factory, street, etc.)		20f. CITY, BOROUGH, TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Nov. 1960</u> to <u>Jan. 11, 1961</u> that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>Jan. 10, 1961</u> and that death occurred at <u>8:25 PM</u> on <u>1/11/61</u> from the causes and on the date stated above.					
22a. SIGNATURE <u>James J. Hume, M.D.</u>		22b. ADDRESS <u>McKeesport, Pa.</u>		22c. DATE SIGNED <u>1-12-61</u>	
23a. BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> 23b. DATE <u>1/14/61</u>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Versailles</u>		23d. LOCATION (City, Boro., Twp. & County) (State) <u>McKeesport Alleg. Penna.</u>	
24. DATE REC'D BY REG. <u>1-12-61</u>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Helen M. Sullivan</u>		26. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <u>Edgar J. Striffler</u> ADDRESS <u>McKeesport Pa.</u>	

Death Certificate of Esther B. Fustos. DOCUMENT 5.

<sup>5</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1963 (image), death of Esther B. Fustos, died 11 January 1961, McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 5.

This record lists her birth date as 27 April 1895 in Hungary, and her parents as Andrew Banyacsky [sic] and Susan Tarr, both born in Hungary. Family information stated that Andrew Fustos died in June 1976, meaning that his death certificate is not available to us at this time.

The databases of marriages in Pennsylvania at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org were searched for the marriage of Andrew Fustos and Esther Banyacski/Banyacksy, but no record was found. A copy of the marriage record has been requested from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and it will be forwarded to the client as soon as it is received.

Andrew Fustos, Sr. registered for the draft in World War II on 27 April 1942.<sup>6</sup> His birth date was given as 16 August 1889 in Hungary. He and Esther were living at 2331 Fifth Avenue in McKeesport, and Andrew worked for National Tube.

The 1940 Census found Andrew, Esther, and Andrew, Jr. living at 2012 Sylvan Avenue in McKeesport (see photo below).<sup>7</sup> They rented their home for \$18.00 per month. Also in the household were their daughter Elizabeth, her husband Frank, and their son Frank, Jr.

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<sup>6</sup> *U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards* (image), serial number 142, card for Andrew Fustos, born 16 August 1889, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 6.

<sup>7</sup> 1940 U.S. Census (Population Schedule), McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, ED 2-304, sheet 22B, Andrew Fustos household, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 7.



2012 Sylvan Avenue is the blue house on the right (photo from GoogleMaps).

Locality		1940, McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania						
ED, Sheet No.		ED 2-304, sheet 22B						
Date		13 May 1940						
Location		Sylvan Ave.		Description				
House	Family	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Birth Place	Residence on 1 April 1935	Occupation
2012	421	Fustos, Andrew	Head	M	51	Hungary	Same house	Laborer Tube Works
		Fustos, Esther	Wife	F	46	Hungary	Same house	
		Fustos, Andrew	Son	M	20	Penn	Same house	Truck Driver Furniture Store
		Bakos, Frank	Head	M	31	Penn	Same place	Salesman Baking Co.
		Bakos, Elizabeth	Wife	F	23	Penn	Same place	Seamstress Clothing Factory
		Bakos, Frank	Son	M	2	Penn	--	

The Fustos family indicated that they were living in the same house in 1935, while the Bakos family was living in the same *place* but not the same house – meaning that they lived in McKeesport in 1935, but not at this address. Andrew was listed as a naturalized citizen who was working at the Tube Works; Andrew, Jr. worked as a truck driver for a furniture store; Frank worked as a salesman for a baking company; and Elizabeth worked as a seamstress in a clothing factory.

In 1930 the family was living at 529½ Evans Avenue in McKeesport, renting for \$16.00 per month.<sup>8</sup> This home appears to have been located where the current McKeesport hospital is, and was likely torn down when the hospital was built. Andrew was working as what looks like a “tonnage” in the steel mill, but no definition could be found for that particular occupation. He stated that he immigrated to the United States in 1907 and was naturalized by 1930. Esther stated that she immigrated in 1913. Andrew gave his place of birth as Czechoslovakia, and Esther gave hers as Hungary:

Locality		1930, McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania							
ED, Sheet No.		ED 2-679, sheet 1A							
Date		2 April 1930							
Location		Evans Ave.	Description				Birth Place		
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth
529½	5	Fustos, Andrew	M	41	Head	Tonnage? Steel Mill	Czech	Hungary	Hungary
		Fustos, Esther F.	F	34	Wife		Hungary	Hungary	Hungary
		Fustos, Elizabeth	F	13	Daughter		Penn	Hungary	Hungary
		Fustos, Andrew	M	11	Son		Penn	Hungary	Hungary

Finding the family in the 1920 Census was extremely difficult, but a good match was finally found on Cherry Alley in McKeesport.<sup>9</sup> The enumerator’s pen seemed to have run out of ink in the middle of the family’s entry. It is impossible to read the original surname as written, but the name has been written over as “Smoken.” However, the members of the family and their ages appear to be Andrew (listed as Andy) and Esther Fustos and their children, Andy and Elizabeth. The years of immigration have also been written over and are not correct, and the names of the three boarders are not legible:

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<sup>8</sup> 1930 U.S. Census (Population Schedule), McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, ED 2-679, sheet 1A, Andrew Fustos household, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 8.

<sup>9</sup> 1920 U.S. Census (Population Schedule), McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, ED 226, sheet 4B, Andrew “Smoken” [sic] household, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 9.



Locality		1920, McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania							
ED, Sheet No.		ED 226, sheet 4B							
Date		6 January 1920							
Location		Cherry Alley	Description				Birth Place		
House	Family	Name	Sex	Age	Relationship	Occupation	Self	Fath	Moth
2101	71	Smoken, Andy	M	31	Head	Laborer Steel Mill	[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		Smoken, Ester	F	25	Wife		[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		Smoken, Andy	M	10m	Son		[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		Smoken, Elizabeth	F	3	Daughter		[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		??, ??	M	41	Boarder	Laborer Steel Mill	[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		??, Frank	M	46	Boarder	Laborer Steel Mill	[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary
		??, Frank	M	22	Boarder	Laborer Steel Mill	[Illeg.]	Hungary	Hungary

Andy [sic] Fustos registered for the World War I draft on 5 June 1917.<sup>10</sup> His birth was again given as 16 August 1889, but this time he gave the full place of his birth as Nagy Raska, Hungary. His address was 1254 Jerome Street in McKeesport and he was employed at the “Gas House” of the Tube Works Company. At the time he registered for the draft, he was still a citizen of Hungary, which means he was not a naturalized U.S. citizen yet. On this record he is described as being 6’ 1” tall, slim, with brown hair and brown eyes. He was married and had one child under age 12, (which would be Elizabeth, according to census records). He signed his name as “Andy Fustos”:

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<sup>10</sup> U.S., *World War I Draft Registration Cards* (image), serial number 227, card for Andy Fustos, born 16 August 1889, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 10.

Form 5 3549 REGISTRATION CARD No. 227

1 Name in full: *Andy Fustos* 663 28

2 Home address: *1254 Penn St McKeesport Pa*

3 Date of birth: *Aug 16 1889*

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *more alien*

5 Where were you born: *Nagy Raska Hungary Hungary*

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? *Hungary*

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *laborer*

8 By whom employed? *Tube Works Co.*

9 Where employed? *Gas House McKeesport Pa*

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, totally dependent on you for support (specify which)? *Wife and 1 Child under 12*

11 Married or single (which)? *Married* Race (specify which)? *White*

12 What military service have you had? Rank \_\_\_\_\_ branch \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ Nation or State \_\_\_\_\_

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds): *Support my Wife and Child*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

*Andy Fustos*

37-1-19. A

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1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? *6 ft 1 in* Slender, medium, or stout (which)? *Slender*

2 Color of eyes? *Brown* Color of hair? *Brown* Bald? *No*

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? *None*

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:

*Joe L. Shumersky* (Signature of registrar)

Precinct *2*  
City or County *McKeesport Pa*  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Date of registration *Jan 5 - 1917*

WWI Draft Registration for Andy [sic] Fustos. DOCUMENT 10.

Only one possible match was found for Andrew Fustos in the 1910 Census – a boarder living in McKeesport who worked as a laborer in the Tube Mill.<sup>11</sup> He was 21 years of age, born in Hungary, and stated that he arrived in the United States in 1907.

We were able to locate naturalization papers for Andy Fustos, and they gave the following information:<sup>12</sup>

Certificate of Arrival: Andras Fustos, arrived at Ellis Island in New York, 10 March 1907, ship *Brandenburg*.

Declaration of Intention: Andy Fustos, aged 34 years, Mill Worker, born in Nagyaska, Czechoslovakia, 16 August 1889, residence 528½ Evans Avenue, McKeesport; emigrated to the U.S. from Bremen, Germany on the vessel

<sup>11</sup> 1910 U.S. Census (Population Schedule), McKeesport, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, ED 17, sheet 4B, Andy Fusti, boarder in the Andy Poup, Sr. household, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 11.

<sup>12</sup> *Selected U.S. Naturalization Records – Original Documents, 1790-1974* (images), papers for Andy Fustos, citizenship granted 16 September 1927, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 12A-C.

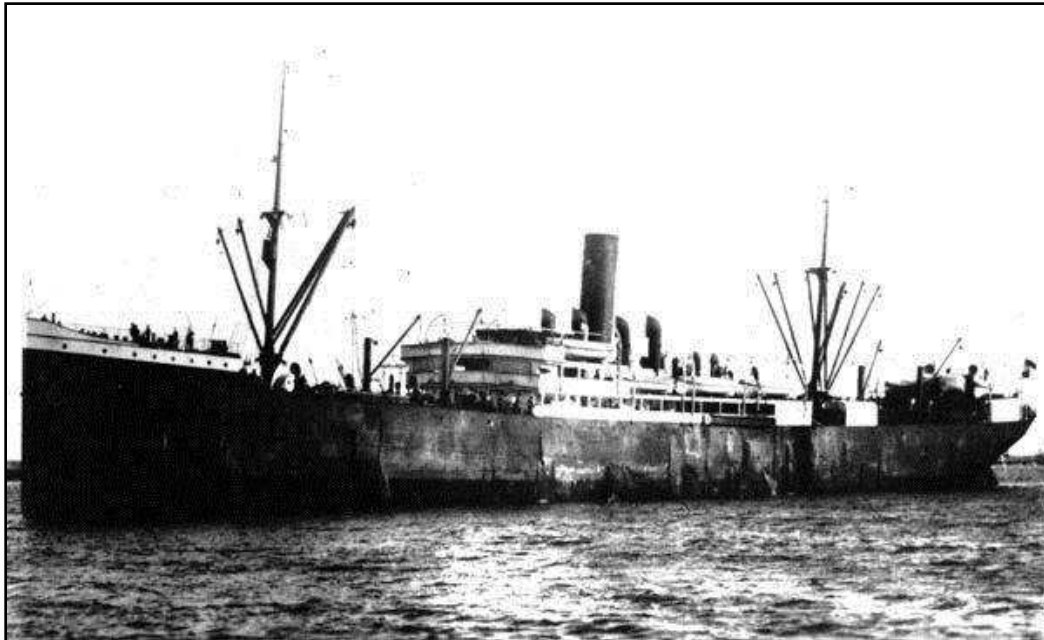
*Brandenburg*; wife Esther, born in Czechoslovakia; arrived at New York about 10 March 1907; signed 16 November 1924.

Petition for Naturalization: Andy Fustos [same information as Declaration of Intent]. Wife Ester [sic] born 28 April 1894 in Czechoslovakia; daughter Elizabeth born 2 July 1916 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania; son Andrew born 8 March 1919 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania; signed 26 April 1927.

Oath of Allegiance and citizenship granted 16 September 1927.

Rootsweb.ancestry.com provided the following description and photo of the S.S.

*Brandenburg*:<sup>13</sup>



*The S.S. Brandenburg was built in 1902. It had a capacity for 60 second-class passengers and 1,660 third-class passengers. First and Second class passengers were called "ladies and gentlemen". Steerage passengers were jammed together much like cargo down below.*

The naturalization papers state that Andy arrived in New York on 10 March 1907 and had lived in Pennsylvania since 11 March 1907, indicating that he did not remain in New York but went straight to Pennsylvania - probably to McKeesport. This means that he probably

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<sup>13</sup> History of Jirina (Georgia) Matilda Snasel, includes photo and description of S.S. *Brandenburg*, the ship Andy Fustos traveled on, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~alcsilve/kucera1.html>.

had a friend or relative at his final destination. Indexes to ship passenger lists at Ancestry.com and EllisIsland.org failed to show Andras/Andy Fustos, but a line by line search of the passenger list for the *S.S. Brandenburg* arriving on 10 March 1907 finally revealed four men travelling from Nagyraska, Hungary, with their final destination listed as McKeesport, Pennsylvania.<sup>14</sup> This list included Andras Fustos. All four men were farm laborers; could read and write; were subjects of Hungary; had their race listed as Magyar (Hungarian rather than Slovak); last permanent residence was Nagyraska; final destination was McKeesport, Pennsylvania; they were in good health; and they were born in Nagyraska:

Andras Menyhart, age 46, married, purchased his own ticket, \$6 in his possession, was in the U.S. previously in 1901 in McKeesport, going to his acquaintance Johann Kacso(?) at 328 4<sup>th</sup> Street in McKeesport, 5'4", fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes.

Andras Fustos, age 17, single, ticket purchased by father, \$10 in his possession, never in the U.S. previously, going to his cousin Mike Svorgo(?) at 422 Locus Street in McKeesport, 5'6", fair complexion, black hair, brown eyes.

Istvan Fustos, (father –written faintly), age 40, married, Non-immigrant Alien, purchased his own ticket, \$10 in his possession, was in the U.S. previously in 1893 in McKeesport, going to his cousin Mike Svorgo(?) at 422 Locus Street in McKeesport, 5'9", fair complexion, brown hair, brown eyes.

Janos Gyurka, age 27, married, purchased his own ticket, \$10 in his possession, never in the U.S. previously, going to his brother Andras Gyurka at 328 4<sup>th</sup> Street in McKeesport, 5'5", fair complexion, brown hair, brown eyes.

The notation for Istvan Fustos, "Non-immigrant Alien," means that he was not planning to stay in the United States and that this immigration record could not be used to apply for naturalization at a later date. The record implies that Istvan was the father of Andras Fustos, and the name of a possible cousin in McKeesport is given. These are important clues

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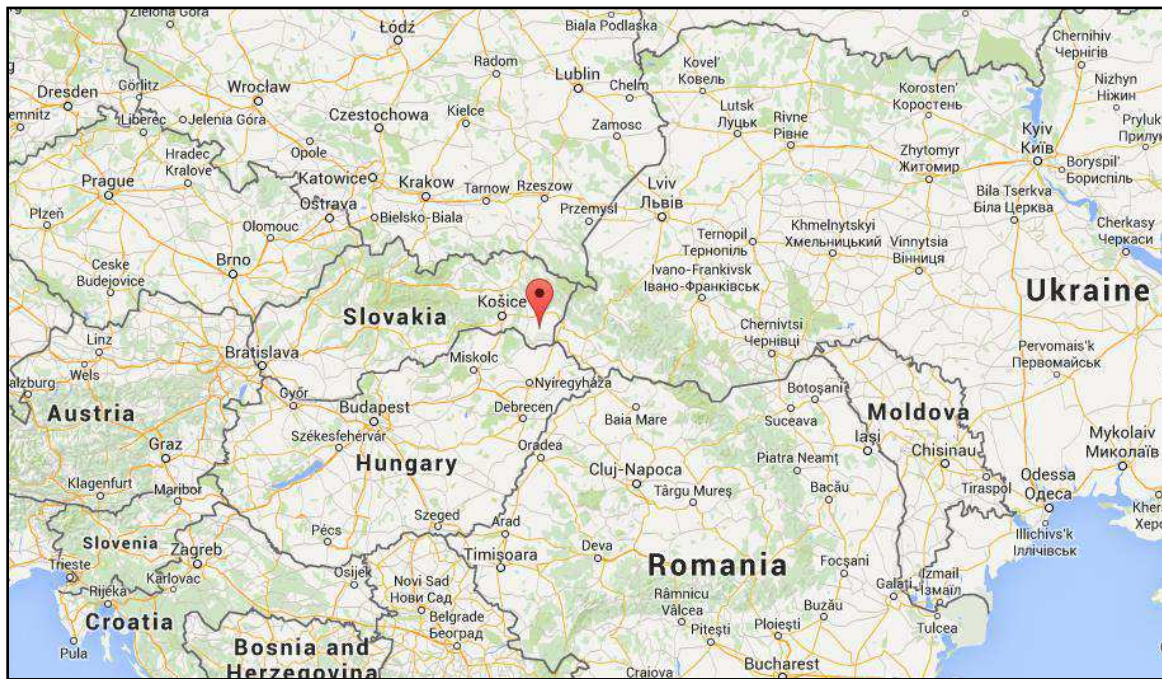
<sup>14</sup> *New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957* (image), Andras Fustos, *S.S. Brandenburg*, 10 March 1907, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 13A-B.



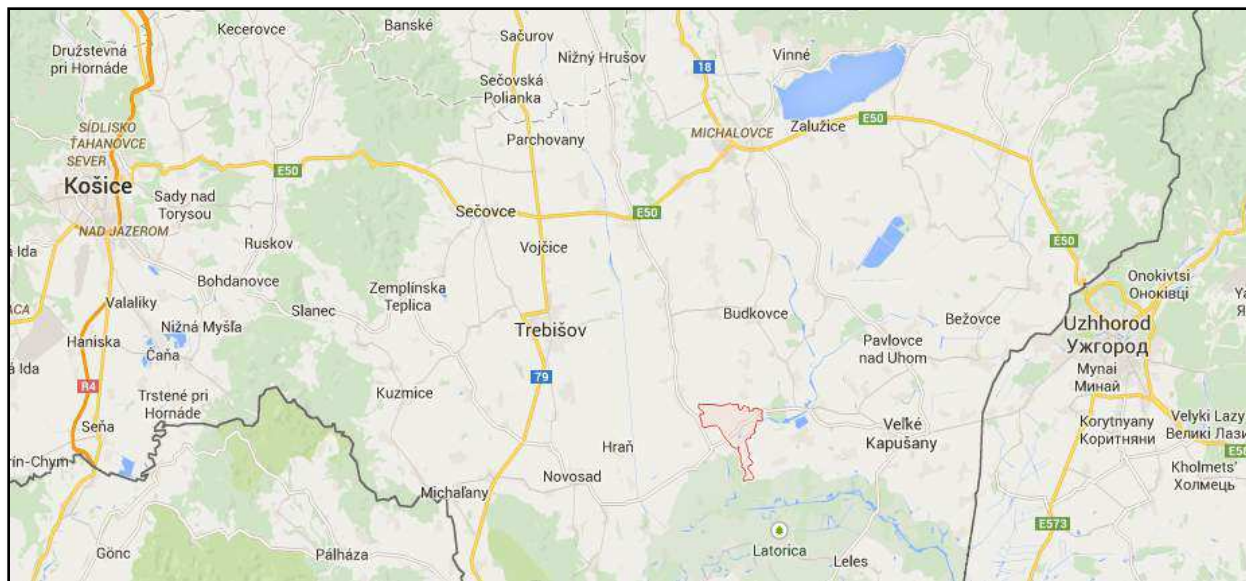
for continuing the research on the Fustos line. There may also be family connections to Andras Menyhart and Janos Gyurka.

It is also interesting to note that Andras/Andy Fustos was listed as being only 5' 6" tall on this record, at age 17, but then when he registered for the WWI Draft ten years later he was 6' 1". Either he experienced a huge growth spurt in his late-teens/early-20s (which is fairly unusual), or one of these records is mistaken about his height.

Nagyráska was a village in Zemplén County in Hungary. It is now called Vel'ké Raškovce, and is located in the Slovak Republic. (After World War I, parts of Hungary were ceded to Czechoslovakia, which was later divided into two nations, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Slovakia.)



Vel'ké Raškovce, Michalovce, Slovakia <http://google.com/maps>.



Vel'ké Raškovce is the area outlined in red. <http://google.com/maps>.

The Family History Library has microfilmed church records for Vel'ké Raškovce for the years 1752-1863. If the marriage record that has been requested from Pennsylvania for Andrew Fustos and Esther Banyacsky identifies Andrew's parents, it may be possible to locate them in these microfilmed records. Even if it doesn't, it may be possible to locate them based on the potential name of Andrew's father from the passenger list – Istvan Fustos.

Time was not sufficient during this session to search for the Banyacsky/Banyacski family. This should be done in the next research period.

### **Stephen Horosz and Mary Rusky or Busky**

Family information stated that Helen Horosz's mother died when Helen was an infant, and that she was then sent back to Czechoslovakia to be raised by her grandmother. Her mother's name was not known. The marriage record for Andrew Fustos, Jr. and Helen Horosz (discussed earlier in this report) gave her mother's name as Mary Rusky.



In the *Pennsylvania Death Certificates* collection on Ancestry.com, we were able to find a death certificate for Mary Horosz, who died on 9 November 1923 in Allegheny County Hospital in Woodville, Pennsylvania of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Cardiac Asthenia.<sup>15</sup> Her daughter Helen would have been just 7 ½ months old at that time. Mary's birth date was given as 2 October 1894 in Hungary (she was just 29 years old when she died), and her parents were John Busky [sic] and Mary Kovach, both born in Hungary:

Form V. S. No. 5-50M-1-11-23

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. **PLACE OF DEATH**  
County of Allegheny Registration District No. 140  
Township of \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_  
or Borough of \_\_\_\_\_ Registered No. 310  
City of \_\_\_\_\_ (No. Allegheny County Hospital Woodville Pa)  
(If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME, instead of street and number.)

File No. 113130

2. **FULL NAME** Mary Horosz

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3. **SEX** Female 4. **COLOR OR RACE** White 5. **SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED** married

5a. If married, widowed, or divorced **HUSBAND** of Steve Horosz  
or **WIFE** of \_\_\_\_\_

6. **DATE OF BIRTH** (month, day, and year) Oct. 2, 1894

7. **AGE** Years 29 Months 1 Days 7 IF LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.

8. **OCCUPATION OF DECEASED**  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Housewife  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
(c) Name of employer

9. **BIRTHPLACE** (city or town) Hungary  
(State or country)

10. **NAME OF FATHER** John Busky

11. **BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER** (city or town) Hungary  
(State or country)

12. **NAME OF MOTHER** Mary Kovach

13. **BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER** (city or town) Hungary  
(State or country)

14. **Informant** Steven Horosz  
(Address) 887 High St. Mansfield Pa

15. **Filed** Nov 13 1923 Charles C. Kopp REGISTRAR

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16. **DATE OF DEATH** Nov. 9th 1923  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from, OCTOBER 29, 1923, to Nov. 9th, 1923,  
that I last saw her alive on Nov. 8th, 1923,  
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:40 P. m.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:  
PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS  
Cardiac Asthenia  
31 (duration) 1 yrs. 6 mos. ✓ ds.

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ ds.

18. Where was disease contracted? 887 High St. Mansfield Pa  
If not at place of death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Did an operation precede death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Was there an autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_

What test confirmed diagnosis? Positive Sputum

(Signed) Larry J. Jarr M. D.  
19 (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19. **PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL** Hungarian Reformed Cem. **DATE OF BURIAL** Nov. 13th 1923

20. **UNDERTAKER** John Braszo **ADDRESS** Homestead

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. SIGNATURES ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE.

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Death Certificate of Mary Horosz. DOCUMENT 14.

The databases of marriages in Pennsylvania at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org were searched for the marriage of Stephen Horosz and Mary Busky or Rusky, but no record was

<sup>15</sup> *Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1963* (image), death of Mary Horosz, died 9 November 1923, Woodville, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 14.

found. A copy of the marriage record has been requested from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and will be forwarded to the client as soon as it is received.

Death certificates were also found for Stephen Horosz and his second wife, Anna Salance. Stephen Horosz died 30 April 1942 in Munhall, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.<sup>16</sup> His age was given as "about 54 years" and his birthplace was Czechoslovakia. His parents were given as Michael Horosz and Susie Kovac, both born in Czechoslovakia. The informant was his son, William Horosz:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

File No. **36377**  
Registered No. **23**

Primary Dist. No. **02-34-01**

1. PLACE OF DEATH:  
(a) County **Allegheny**  
(b) City, town or township **Munhall**  
(c) Name of hospital or institution **Emergency Hospital Munhall Wbs**  
(If not in hospital or institution write street number or location)  
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution (Specify whether years, months or days)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:  
(a) State **Penn** (b) County **Allegheny**  
(c) City or town **Munhall**  
(If outside city or town limits, write RURAL)  
(d) Street No. **819 - 11th Ave**  
(If rural give location)  
(e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.?

3. (a) FULL NAME **STEPHEN HOROSZ**  
(b) If U. S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate.  
(c) Social Security No. **174-03-3426**

4. Sex **Male** 5. Color or race **White** 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced **Widow**  
6. (b) Name of husband or wife 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive

7. Birth date of deceased (Day) (Month) (Year)  
**abt 54** hr. min.

8. AGE: Years Months Days If less than one day

9. Birthplace **Czechoslovakia**  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation **Engineer**

11. Industry or business **Engineer**

12. Name **Michael Horosz**  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

13. Birthplace **Czechoslovakia**  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name **Susie Kovac**  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

15. Birthplace **Czechoslovakia**  
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature **William Horosz**  
(b) Address **819 11th Ave Munhall Pa**  
(c) Date thereof **May 3 - 42**  
(Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)

17. (a) Place: burial or cremation **Burial**  
(b) Address **Haganah Cemetery**  
(c) Date thereof **May 3 - 42**  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

18. (a) Signature of funeral director **James J. Gorman**  
(b) Address **Munhall**

19. (a) Signature of local registrar **James J. Gorman**  
(b) Signature of registrar **James J. Gorman**  
(Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION  
20. Date of death: Month **April** day **30th** year **1942** hour **9:50** minute **P.M.**  
21. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That an inquest was held upon the body of the above named deceased on the **1st** day of **May**, 1942, that the jury rendered a verdict giving the cause of death as follows:  
Immediate cause of death **Coronary Occlusion**  
Due to **9/10**  
Due to

Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)  
Major findings:  
Of operations  
Of autopsy **None**

PHYSICIAN  
Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:  
(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)  
(b) Date of occurrence  
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)  
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? (Specify type of place)  
While at work? (e) Means of injury

23. Signature **James J. Gorman** Date signed **5/1/42**  
Address **James J. Gorman**

Death Certificate of Stephen Horosz. DOCUMENT 15.

<sup>16</sup> Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1963 (image), death of Stephen Horosz, died 30 April 1942, Munhall, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 15.



Anna Horosz died 24 May 1940 in Homestead, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.<sup>17</sup> Her date of birth was 28 November 1891 in Slovakia, and her parents were Joseph Salance and Anna Baran, both born in Slovakia. The informant was her husband, Steve Horosz [sic].

The census records for 1920, 1930 and 1940 were searched extensively, but no record could be found for Stephen Horosz. Family information stated that Helen Horosz had a brother named William Frank Horosz. He was found in the *Social Security Death Index* (SSDI), which gave his birth date as 20 November 1921 and his death as 20 November 2007.<sup>18</sup> William's burial was found at Findagrave.com, which included a copy of his obituary, giving the name of his wife as Ethel I. Bolcshazy and one son, William F. Horosz, Jr.<sup>19</sup>

Steve Horosz registered for the World War II draft on 27 April 1942.<sup>20</sup> His birth date was 25 September 1888 in Austria-Hungary, and his home address was 819 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Munhall.

The naturalization papers for Stephen Horosz were found, which provided the following information:<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> *Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1963* (image), death of Anna Horosz, died 24 May 1940, Homestead, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 16.

<sup>18</sup> *Social Security Death Index* (transcription), William Horosz, died 20 November 2007, last residence Homestead, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 17.

<sup>19</sup> *Hungarian Reformed Cemetery, Munhall, Allegheny, Pennsylvania* (transcription), William F. Horosz, 20 November 1921 – 20 November 2007, <http://findagrave.com>, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 18.

<sup>20</sup> *U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards* (image), serial number 1424, card for Steve Horosz, born 25 September 1888, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 19.

<sup>21</sup> *Selected U.S. Naturalization Records – Original Documents, 1790-1974* (images), papers for Stephen Horosz, citizenship granted 13 November 1927, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 20A-C.

Certificate of Arrival: Stepan Hursa [sic], arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 21 April 1912, ship *Prinz Adalbert*.

Declaration of Intention: Stephen Horosz, aged 35 years, Laborer, born in Bodzas Ujlak, Czechoslovakia, 25 September 1888, residence 824 10th Avenue, Munhall; immigrated to the U.S. from Hamburg on the vessel *Prince Albert* [sic]; wife Mary, born in Czechslovakia, now deceased; arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania about 6 April 1912; signed 20 June 1924.

Petition for Naturalization: Stephen Horosz, 824 Tenth Avenue, Munhall, occupation Rigger, born 25 September 1888 at Bodzas Ujlak, Czechoslovakia, immigrated to the U.S. from Hamburg, Germany about 10 April 1912, arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 21 April 1912 on the vessel *Prinz Adalbert*; Widower, son William born 20 November 1922 in Homestead, Pennsylvania; daughter Helen born 20 March 1924 in Homestead, Pennsylvania; signed 8 June 1927.

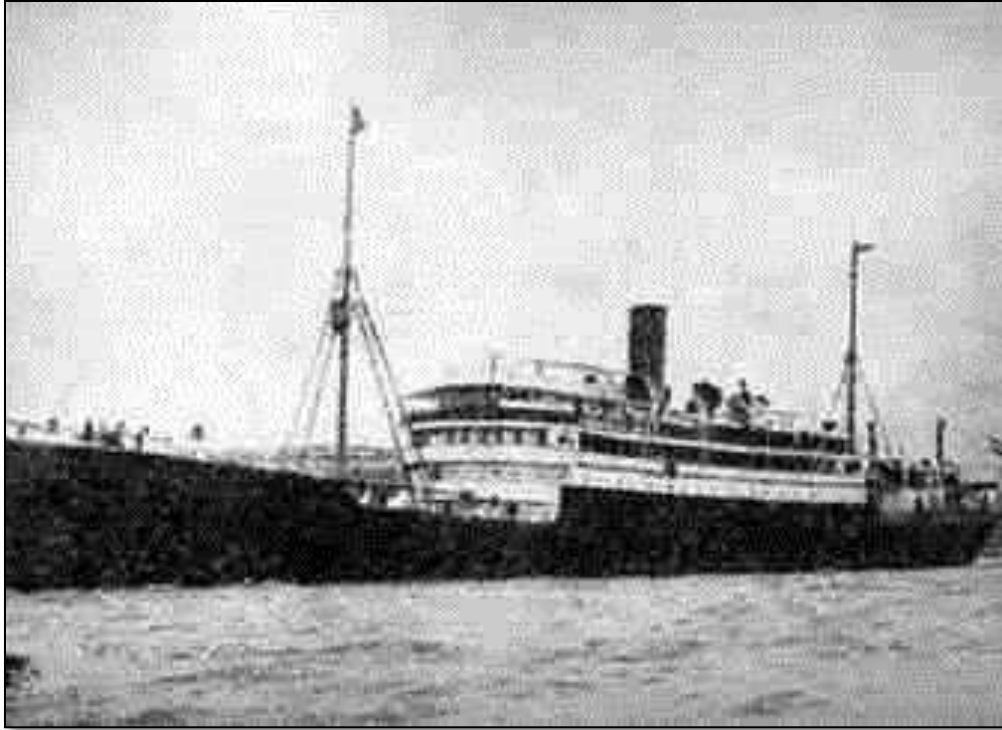
Oath of Allegiance and citizenship granted 13 November 1927.

The birth dates for Stephen's children are slightly different than the dates found in other records.

The following photo of the *S.S. Prinz Adalbert* was found on a personal blog which referenced old Pennsylvania newspapers, and the description comes from Wikipedia:<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> <http://mikeeliasz.wordpress.com/2011/09/14/genealogy-historical-newspapers-philadelphia-inquirer-9151913/>; and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS\\_Prinz\\_Adalbert](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Prinz_Adalbert).



*S.S. Prinz Adalbert was a German ocean liner of the Hamburg America Line...launched on 21 August 1902. In 1912, the Prinz Adalbert was one of several ships to sight the iceberg suspected of sinking RMS Titanic. On the declaration of war in August 1914, she was captured at Falmouth, Cornwall, by Britain...and was renamed Princetown in 1916. She was transferred to France in 1917 and renamed Alesia. On 6 September 1917 she was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.*

Stephen was found on the Hamburg Passenger Lists listed as Istwan Horosz, departing on 6 April 1912 on the *S.S. Prinz Adalbert*.<sup>23</sup> It is interesting to note that this was only one week before the *Titanic* sank. Stephen Horosz was actually on his voyage from Hamburg to Philadelphia at the time of that fateful event. The website TitanicInquiry.org provided the following information about that particular voyage of the *S.S. Prinz Adalbert*:<sup>24</sup>

Westbound, Hamburg to Philadelphia. On Tuesday, April 16, sighted ice at 3:30 a.m., 42.03N, 48.57W. At daybreak saw a huge field of ice containing many large

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<sup>23</sup> Staatsarchiv Hamburg, *Hamburg Passenger Lists, 1850-1934* (transcription and image), Istwan Horosz, departed Hamburg 6 April 1912 on *S.S. Prinz Adalbert* bound for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed Decemer 2014. DOCUMENT21A-B.

<sup>24</sup> Titanic Inquiry Project, <http://www.titanicinquiry.org/ships/prinzadalbert.php>.

bergs, extending in a horseshoe shape from north to south as far as the eye could see.

The vessel altered her course to the south around 8 a.m., seeking a way through the ice. At 8:40 a.m. a suitable spot was found and the ship proceeded slowly through the ice field from 8:45 to 9:55 a.m., and gained open water at 10 a.m., and took up her true course, S85°W, at 41.37N., 50.14W.'

During the transit of the ice field, the chief steward took a photograph of an iceberg that showed a scar of red paint along its base, as though it had been in recent collision with a ship.

The arrival passenger list shows Stephen as "Istvan Horosz" arriving 21 April 1912 at Philadelphia:<sup>25</sup>



*Excerpt of passenger list – Istvan (Stephen) Horosz. DOCUMENT 22a-22b.*

It includes the following information:

Istvan Horosz, age 24, married, laborer, able to read and write, subject of Hungary, race Slovak. Last permanent residence: Bodzasnjak; Relative left behind: Marya Horosz; Destination: Duquesne (Allegheny, Pennsylvania); passage paid by himself, \$11 in his possession, was in the U.S. in 1904 in Duquesne, going to friend Janos Ruskai (address illegible) in Duquesne, 5'6", fair complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, born in Bodzasnjak, Hungary.

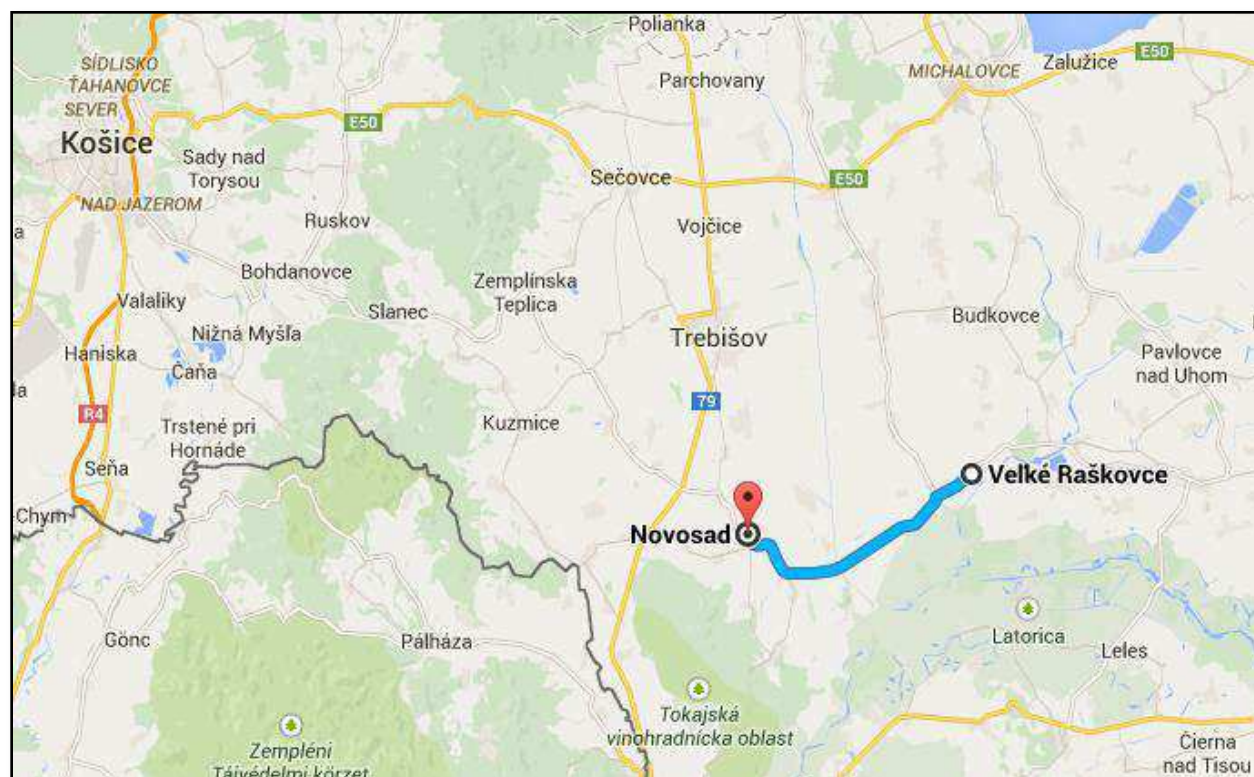
The passenger list indicates that Istvan/Stephen was married at the time he came to the United States. It is not clear whether the wife he left in Hungary was Mary Busky/Rusky or whether he remarried in this country. If a marriage record is found in Allegheny County as requested, at least this question will be answered.

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<sup>25</sup> *Philadelphia Passenger Lists, 1800-1948* (image), Istvan Horosz, S.S. Prinz Adalbert, 21 April 1912, <http://ancestry.com>, subscription database, accessed December 2014. DOCUMENT 22A-B.



Bodzás-Nagy-Ujlak (or Bodzás-Ujlak), Zemplén, Hungary is now called Novosad, Slovakia, and is just under 10 miles from Vel'ké Raškovce, which was the town of origin of the Fustos family. Microfilmed church records are available for this location at the Family History Library for the years 1768-1907 which should make continued research on this line successful.



*Novosad, Trebišov, Slovakia and Vel'ké Raškovce, Michalovce, Slovakia, from GoogleMaps.*

## Conclusion

It is quite possible that the Fustos and Horosz families knew each other before their emigration from Hungary to America. There are still a few avenues of research in United States records that should be examined, particularly the possible connections to the other names mentioned in the passenger lists. Once the requested marriage records have been received it will be possible to determine the most efficient way to continue research on

these families. With the specific locations known in Hungary, it should be feasible to extend the families back in time at least one generation and possibly more.

Thank you for this opportunity to research your family lines. We look forward to working with you again.

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