When I saw “Shawano, Wisconsin” in Karl’s message, I knew I had to jump into this discussion.

Shawano (city) is in Shawano County. They have a genealogy page, but like I always do, I headed for the Oconto County Genealogy pages first as I have a lot of familiarity with Oconto County. Remember, we have a pod of Lublinites in Oconto County.

This was just a 15 minute search. I suggest that whoever is looking for Ratz information, you do a Google search on “Oconto County, Wisconsin, Genealogy”. You can also do the same for Shawano County Genealogy. The information below is what I found during my 15 minutes on the Oconto County page…there is more….just spend some time on the page and you’ll be surprised what you find.

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| **Name:** | Josef Ratz |
| **Arrival Date:** | 30 Jul 1899 |
| **Birth Date:** | abt 1839 |
| **Age:** | 60 |
| **Gender:** | Male |
| **Ethnicity/ Nationality:** | Russian |
| **Port of Departure:** | Bremen |
| **Port of Arrival:** | New York, New York |
| **Ship Name:** | Konigin Luise |

Anna, Natalia, Hermann, Emil,

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wioconto/GillettImmanualDeaths.htm>

Immanuel Lutheran Church Records – Oconto County, Wisconsin

Anna  B Died: 06 May 1929 Age: 73
Hermann  Died 05 July 1926 Age: 35
Joseph  Died 14 Aug 1911 Age: 76
Olga  Died 13 Apr 1972 Age: 82

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wioconto/marriagesImLuthGillettHusband.htm>

Immanuel Lutheran Church Records – Oconto County, Wisconsin

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wioconto/1960PlatBookOwnersIndex9.htm>

Land Records

**Surname: Section on Map Page**

 **Ratz,   Adolph** 4 23
**Ratz,  Gust** 27, 34 9
**Ratz,  Gust** 23 8
**Ratz,  Henry** 7 9
**Ratz,   James A.  31 9**

**Take the information from above and go to the map here:**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wioconto/1960PlatBookMain.htm>