

Ludwick (Ludwig) “Louis” Kardaszewski

Ludwick was born 25 August, 1889 in Kielce, Poland. His father was Walenty Kardaszewski. In 1910, Ludwick immigrated to Minnesota through Detroit, Michigan, and settled in South Saint Paul, Dakota County, MN.

Ludwick registered for the WWI Draft on June 5, 1917. He was living in South Park (South Saint Paul), MN at this time. He was unemployed as a mechanic when he filled out his registration form. The contact person on his form was his father, Walenty, who resided in Kielce. Ludwick was required to register as an Alien resident in Minnesota in 1918, as he had not applied for U.S. citizenship

Ludwick enlisted in the Army on July 31, 1918 at Hastings, MN. At that time his occupation was listed as a locksmith. He went for training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was naturalized as a U.S. Citizen on August 15, 1918. He was mustered out of service at Camp Dodge as a private on Dec 3, 1918. His character was listed as “excellent.”

Ludwick returned to Minnesota after the war, where he was listed as residing in South Park (South Saint Paul) in 1920. He was single, boarding at the home of Steve Jaworski on Central Avenue, and worked as a painter at one of the meat packing houses. He moved to Chicago, Cook County, IL and was married there to Olga Alexandra Myszkowska on December 31, 1924. They lived in Chicago and had 4 children: Loretta, Lalita, . Ludwick worked as a painter in 1930 and 1940. Ludwick died on May 4, 1968 in Cook County, Illinois. He and Olga are buried in Saint Adalbert Catholic Cemetery in Niles, Cook County, Illinois.