

A letter from Shlomo Katz about his ancestors from Nadworna

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Original text:

For approximately 100 years before the Holocaust, my KATZ ancestors lived in Oybervisho (Viseul de Sus; Felsoviso) in Maramarosh, today located in Romania. However, my late grandfather had always said that the family originated in Galicia. About eight years ago, I was able to obtain a copy of the death registration of my great-great-great-grandfather [Isak Hersh \(Yitzchak Zvi\) son of Chaim Katz](#), and I learned that Isak Hersh had been born in Nadworna in approximately 1828. From cemetery records for Oybervisho, I learned of a tombstone (from 1882), which is still preserved in Oybervisho, which says, "Moshe ben Chaim Katz Mi'Nadworna." He is buried a few places away from Isak Hersh, and it appears that Isak Hersh and [Moshe](#) were brothers. Since Moshe was 40 when he died, this places the move to Oybervisho after 1842 (when Moshe was born). I also know it was before 1854, when Isak Hersh's oldest son was born, already in Oybervisho.

Why did the family leave Nadworna? A family story recalls that one of our ancestors (maybe [Chaim Katz](#)) was well off and had a non-Jewish maid. One day, she warned the family that a blood libel was planned against the family. According to another version, there was a plot to kill one of the Katz children. Therefore the family fled. I believe they chose Oybervisho because Chaim had one or more brothers there. I do not know when or why the brothers went there.

English translation:

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