

John Paulencu

Arrival and Settlement in Canada

In 1899, John by then 28 years old immigrated to Canada. His father Dumitru Paulencu had died 14 July 1886 in Voloka at the age of 48. The records say "de stomachul" and stories in the family are that it was due to a very bad rupture following his efforts to lift a wagon. Domnica, contrary to the story commonly told in the family, did not remain a widow. Instead, on 29 January 1889, at the age of 39 she married Grigori, the 24 year old son of Andrei Strutz. Grigori came from house 459.

In April 1899 the family traveled to Hamburg where on 27 April they boarded the ship, S.S. Brasilia of the Hansa Ship Line and sailed for Halifax. The summary of the ship passenger list is shown here. It was a "twin screw steamer" carrying 1398 passengers including 125 under the age of one year. The Captain was P. Froehlich and the ship arrived in Halifax 9 May 1899 at 11:30.

SUMMARY.

	Number of Souls	Number of Adults to which they are equal under the Immigration Act, 1869
Adults	756	
Children between 1 and 14	517	
Infants not over 1	125	
Total	1398	

I hereby certify that the above is a correct description of the *twin screw Steamer*
Brasilia and a correct list of all the Passengers on board the same at the time of her departure from
Hamburg and that all the particulars therein mentioned are true
 Date: *Halifax the 9th May 1899*
 Signature of Master: *P. Froehlich*

The Paulencu name does not appear in the records and John is recorded as part of the family of Grigori Strutz (now age 34) with his mother Domnica (age 48) and his brother George (age 18). There is likely to have been a cost advantage to travel as a "family".

<i>Grigori Strutz</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Domnica</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>wife</i>
<i>Juan</i>	<i>25</i>	
<i>George</i>	<i>18</i>	

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A number of other Voloka families were on the Brasilia as well. In particular however, was the Penteliciuc family consisting of John Paulencu's sister Marina (age 24) her husband Nicholai (age 30) and their three children, Angelina (age 4) Calina (age 3) and Eluta (or Eli) (age 1). Angelina was later to grow up and marry Dumitru Ungurean while Calina became Mrs. Fred Gorda.



The families then traveled by train to the west where they ended at Saltcoats, Saskatchewan - the end of the track for the Manitoba Grand Trunk Railroad.

We move ahead now to the 1906 Census of Manitoba.

157	Paulencu John	Head	33	Married	1899	24 23 28
	Mary	Wife	24		1899	
	Teodor	Son	5	Man		
	Pauline	Daughter	3			
158	Humbert John	Head	33	Married	1902	26 23 28
	Adeline	Wife	18		1899	
159	Hansen John	Head	38		1902	
160	Paulencu George	Head	24		1899	24 23 28
	Fruzina	Wife	18		1903	
	Mary	Daughter	27	Man		
	Domnica	Daughter	51		1913	

John Paulencu (top entry) is listed as age 33 years and is married to Mary (Bordian) age 24 and they have two children. Teodor is age 5 and Pauline is age 3 years. The family is on 24-23-28 where the house that became the museum was built. Elsewhere on the Census record we read that John had three horses, five milk cows, seven calves and three hogs on his quarter section.

Note that also homesteading on that section is John's brother George Paulencu listed as 24 years old and married to Fruzina (Gabor) age 18. Their daughter Malona (later Mrs. Alex Penteliciuc) is listed as 27 month old Mary and Domnica, George's (and John's) mother, age 51 years is living with them. The marriage with Grigori Strurz has broken up and Grigori is living at 12-23-28.

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Born 1 June 1871

Voloka

Haus- Nr.	Periode der Geburten Вре́мя Ро́ждения		Namen des Kindes ИМЕНА ДЕТЕЙ	Religion А́гос ти верия		Geschlecht По́лая		Ein- spruch наимено- вание	Ausspr. наимено- вание
	Jahr Год	Monat und Tag der Geburt Ме́сяц и день рождения		Monat und Tag der Taufe Ме́сяц и день крещения	Orthodox Православ- ный	Andere Другой	Männlich Мужской		
594	1871	1. June	3. June	Ioan	1.	1.			

Eltern Родители		Vatzen Крестители		Vor- und Zunamen der Gebärende, dann ihre Wohnort Имена и фамилия рождающей и ее адрес	Eigenhändige Unter- schrift des Pfarrers, der die Taufe besorgte Подпись пастора, который крестил
Vor- und Zunamen, dann Stand oder Gewerbe des Vaters Имена и фамилия отца, его звание или профес- сия	Mutter Мать	Vor- und Zunamen, dann Stand und Wohnort Имена, фамилия, звание и адрес	Имена и фамилия крестителей		

<i>Dimitrie Pavlenko</i>	<i>Domnika Mintenka</i>	<i>Vasile Ioan</i>	<i>Anna Strutz</i>	<i>Mihail Antonovitch</i>
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This extraction from the Voloka church records shows that Ioan Pavlenko was born at house 594 on 1 June 1871 and was baptized on June 3. He was Orthodox, male, and legitimate. His father was Dumitru, son of Gavriil, Pavlenko, resident of Voloka and his mother was Domnika Mintenka. His God-father for the baptism was Vasilie, son of Ioan, Hlopina. The mid-wife for the birth was Anna Strutz and the priest was Mihail Antonovitch.

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 Mormon Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.