

On February 6, 1897, 20 families (a total of 88 people) from the small village of Trebuchowce in Galicia (the Austrian Empire, now part of Ukraine) boarded the ship *Oldham* in Hamburg Germany. Included among the passengers was the Bruchal family: Jan (32), Kataryna (28), Marya (2), and Magaretha (4 months). These people were all bound for Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada according to the ship's documents. The *Oldham* flew the English flag and was bound for Grimsby England. The overland journey from Trebuchowce to Hamburg must have been difficult in mid-winter; the distance as the crow flies is 730 miles. The sea voyage from Hamburg to Grimsby was around 400 miles more.

After arrival in Grimsby the emigrants crossed England to Liverpool, a straight-line distance of about 120 miles. It seems likely that this portion of the journey was by train and was arranged by the shipping line, but that is speculation. In Liverpool the group boarded the ship *Labrador* which departed for Halifax on February 11 and made a stop in Londonderry Ireland before crossing the Atlantic. I have been able to find 19 of the 20 families (83 of the 88 people), including the Bruchal family, on the passenger list of the *Labrador*. It is likely that the remaining family from Trebuchowce is also aboard, but the records are hard to read. In addition to the families from Trebuchowce there were at least 13 other families (50 people) aboard the *Labrador* from Galicia. On February 17 the infant Magaretha Bruchal died at sea. There were no other deaths and the *Labrador* arrived at Halifax on February 21.