

Mazury (Mazuria)



Mazury (Mazuria or Mazuren) is the area in Poland called the Land of a Thousand Lakes. The region used to be part of the administrative region of East Prussia.

Many Polish settlers from Masovia arrived in this beautiful area they were called the **Mazurs**. Later they were followed by the Germans, French, Flemish and Norwegians.

One third of the population died during the plague but this was compensated by migration from Scotland Salzburg Poland and Lithuania as well as by refugees.

The name **Mazuria** began to be used officially after administrative reforms in Prussia in 1818. On and around 1872 there was great change and the Polish language was removed from schools. By 1890 most Mazurians gave German as their first language.

The Mazurians had very musical traditions in the playing of instruments singing and especially dance.



Perhaps the Mazasitz family originated from this area and their musical talents have been passed down the generations.



Mazurian Dancer



Janice's Polish Dance 1954



Dorothy May Mazasitisz 1911