

## polskiWYROB Passwords: Why We Need Them, How They Work, And How To Get Them

When you have a complex problem, first, thank the lawyer! Wait a minute! Isn't that, "First, shoot the lawyers"? I guess it depends on who the lawyer is, and how good he is at solving problems! At this point, I owe a big thank you to cousin Robert, the lawyer! When I posted the 2006 edition of this site, cousin Robert let me know that some readers were offended by terms, judgments, and other things that weren't politically correct— or even very nice! We had a "multi-email discussion" about the website, and about the relative value of "political correctness" vs. the value of an accurate presentation of the history and context of the earlier times described on this site. It's a tough problem, and it became more important as PC speech became a permanent part of "manners and civility" in the years since 2006.

I firmly hold that it's good for people today to understand the actual conditions that existed when we grew up in the 1950's & '60's! There were things, words, and attitudes that existed then, but don't exist today. Our children, and their children, need to understand that things change! They need to know that they are, and can be, more and better than their ancestors. To show my point, the pic above is Robert and me at his sister's wedding in 1981 (Click to enlarge). WE DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT ANY MORE! But, we DO understand the aging process much better if we peek at old pics once in a while! I'm sarcastic, true to the truth, and blunt- and I like it that way! I wanted to tell the real stories, the way they happened. But, WE DON'T TALK LIKE THAT OR LIVE LIKE THAT ANY MORE!

That's precisely the point. We've changed. To appreciate how much we've changed, to let everyone know that change didn't come overnight and required a lot of work, you need to know where we started! An analogy might help. When I was 16, I read a book by Upton Sinclair entitled *The Jungle*. The book is about a Lithuanian immigrant named Jurgis Rudkus, and the horrible conditions that existed in the Chicago meat-packing industry where he worked in 1906. Sinclair described more than the gory, filthy and dangerous conditions of the factories. He showed how the work left Rudkus and his family poor, and hopeless. This was not a "comfortable and relaxing" read! But, I thought of the book 4 weeks ago when meat packing plants were being shut down in the Covid pandemic. Today, the meat packers don't operate in the horrible way that they did in 1906—but, they still have to solve the same kinds of problems as they did back then. Reading about the past, about the way it really was, is useful for what is happening today.

So, what did I do to make this site more "user-friendly"?

- Entry to most of the site is restricted to people with "Family/Private Contents" passwords. Only this page and
  the two pages ahead of the Login are accessible to the general public. Passwords are only available from Billy &
  Jerry. Only family members will get them! Ask for one by emailing wyrobboys@gmail.com. If you're a family
  member, you'll get a password. If you're NOT, YOU WON'T-- SO DON'T ASK!
- Passwords, and any personal info, are kept in a secured database. Only Billy & Jerry have the passwords to access
  that data. This database info WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE UNLESS YOU GIVE US PERMISSION TO
  SHARE THINGS LIKE EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES. If you do give permission, these
  items will only be accessible by family members who have passwords issued by us. Note that this access will be
  available to "extended family" as well-- So, if you're "feuding" with your 2nd cousin, DON'T GIVE US YOUR INFO!
  However, NONE of your info will ever be given to Google, Facebook, or anybody else outside of our family!
- I decided to trust the readers and give them more control over what they and their children wish to explore, and what they wish to avoid. I have placed the "NOT-PC" logo on any links that I judged to be potentially "offensive", or inappropriate for people under the age of 16. THE "NOT-PC" LOGO IS ONLY A WARNING-THE PAGE IS NOT "BLOCKED". THESE ARE ONLY "POTENTIALLY OFFENSIVE". THE "16+" LOGO PAGES REQUIRE THE ADULT PASSWORD.

  YOU DECIDE WHAT TO READ-- YOU DECIDE WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE READY TO READ!
- Some pages REQUIRE an additional "Adult" or "16+" password to see the page. This was an arbitrary cutoff since
  most 16-year olds have the maturity and (possibly) the personal strength to handle tough subjects. BUT, AS THEY
  SAY, "YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY"! There may be people well past age 16 who cannot handle some of the realities
  of life that are discussed here. None of it is porn. Some of it deals with harsh realities. ONLY ADULTS OR
  PARENTS WILL BE ISSUED THIS SPECIAL PASSWORD. YOU SHOULD PREVIEW ANY MATERIAL MARKED AS
  16+ BEFORE YOUR KIDS READ IT. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THEM THE PASSWORD-- OR NOT!
- I DID NOT simply "cave-in" and revise the past to make it more "safe and comfortable" for today. Instead, I have re-worked stories and descriptions to eliminate unnecessary potentially offensive references. More explanation is added to areas where currently unfashionable things ARE necessary for the discussion. The key is that I am neither trying to disrespect anyone, nor am I trying to unfairly criticize anyone or cast blame. I'm simply giving my descriptions of how I got to be the relatively happy old man that I am!

