



**Your Roots
in Poland**

POLISH GENEALOGY ONLINE - PORTALS AND DATABASES



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Short overview on Polish history.



In order to get as much as possible from your Polish ancestors past you have to know a little bit of Polish historical background. Dated back from around 966 ad, we were always a quite combative society. The kingdom of Poland – so called “land without stakes”, was always a multicultural center of Europe, having a space for different cultures and religions. All seemed to collapse together with the partitions of Poland: 1772 - 1795. From that time until 1918 Poland was not existing – officially. Polish nation was divided into 3 different administrative systems which also affected the documents that we work on as for Polish genealogy today.



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LOCATION

It is very difficult to look for the ancestors without knowing the precise location name from where they came from. Hopefully, there are a few databases which may help to establish your Polish ancestors' motherland.

- Geographical Dictionary of the Kingdom of Poland: http://dir.icm.edu.pl/Slownik_geograficzny/
- Karten – Meister: <http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>
- Gesher – Galicia: <https://www.geshergalicia.org/galician-town-locator/>

POLISH ARCHIVAL SYSTEM.

Once you know exactly where in Poland your ancestors came from, it is time to try understanding how the historical documentation is organized in the archives. There are a different rules as for the storage of records in the state archives and in the church archives. We will explain the differences.

CIVIL REGISTRY (USC) - PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION LAW.

Registry offices in Poland are required to keep records of civil status: births for 100 years, marriage and deaths – 80 years, and then (after this period) transfer them to the state archives. The parishes still have their own records - they do not have to transfer them to the state archives, instead, they send their copies to the diocesan archives. This situation gives hope that if the document was lost in one archive, it may have been preserved in another.

POLISH STATE ARCHIVES PORTAL – WWW.SZUKAJWARCHIWACH.PL// SZUKAJWARCHIWACH.GOV.PL

Hopefully, there is one Internet portal which gives you information on what is stored in Polish State Archives and where to view the documents. Thankfully – more and more records are being digitized and indexed so it is highly possible you won't have to physically visit the archive to get more information on your ancestors.

- Case study – step by step on how to use the portal.



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ALL POLAND DATABASES:

- Nazwiska – polskie.pl: <https://nazwiska-polskie.pl/>
- Geneteka: <https://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/?lang=eng>
- Mapster: <http://igrek.amzp.pl/index.php>
- Jewish Records Indexing Poland: <https://jri-poland.org/>
- Genealogyindexer.org: <https://genealogyindexer.org/>
- Szukajwarchiwach.pl // szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS/DATABASES:

- Pommern Genealogical Society: <http://www.ptg.gda.pl/index.php/default/lang/en-utf-8/>
- Lubgens – <https://www.lubgens.eu/>
- BASIA – Greater Poland indexes: <http://www.basia.famula.pl/en/>
- Poznan Marriages Project: <http://poznan-project.psnc.pl/index.php?lang=en>
- Podlasie Project: <https://indeksy.projektpodlasie.pl/>
- Malopolskie Genealogical Society: http://www.mtg-malopolska.org.pl/index_an.html
- Przemysl State Archives scans: <http://www.przemysl.ap.gov.pl/skany/>
- Krakow National Archives scans: <https://ank.gov.pl/co-robimy/zasob-i-udostepnianie/informacje-o-archiwaliach/zbiory-online/>
- AGAD - Central Archives of Historical Records: <http://agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/testy.html>



II WORLD WAR:

- Indexed entries of Third Reich Polish victims: <https://www.straty.pl/pl/>
- Indeks represjonowanych – Index of the repressed by Soviets:
<https://indeksrepresjonowanych.pl/int/wyszukiwanie/94,Wyszukiwanie.html>
- Wojskowe Biuro Historyczne – Central Military Archive:
https://wbh.wp.mil.pl/pl/skanywyszukiwarka_zaawansowana/
- Auschwitz prisoners database: <http://auschwitz.org/en/museum/auschwitz-prisoners/>
- Bad Arolsen: <https://arolsen-archives.org/en>

CEMETERIES:

- Find A Grave: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- Mogily.pl - all Poland database: <http://mogily.pl/start>
- Grobonet – all Poland database: <https://grobonet.com/>
- Krakow Cemeteries Commune Office: <https://www.zck-krakow.pl/18/locator>

ANY QUESTIONS?



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