

POLAND GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

This topic is about 2 essential things , apart from the fact that I need to do some research on my own family tree.

1. Links to databases and interesting relevant sites

2. Rootschat has provided many posts and replies to folk enquiring about Poland, however, to read all those posts takes a long time so I have read all the Polish topics and extracted the most interesting excerpts for others to use in finding information about their kin.

To assist attempt doing your Polish ancestry and family trees here are a few of the most popular genealogical sites contained within most are other links and ideas>

Geneteka <http://www.geneteka.genealodzy.pl/index.php?op=se>

<http://poznan-project.psn.pl/search.php#search>

<http://polishorigins.com/databases/>

http://polishgeno.com/cgi-sys/suspendedpage.cgi?page_id=19

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/>

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/town/pyzdry.htm>

<http://www.polishroots.org/>

<http://www.genopro.com/genealogy-links/?country=PL&t=Poland> which is a brilliant link

<http://poland.worldvitalrecords.com/>

<http://feefhs.org/links/poland.html>

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Poland_Genealogy (go down to Major Collections and Databases area and click on)

<http://genealogyindexer.org/directories>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~polwgv/Research.html>

<http://www.pgsa.org/>

<http://polishgeno.com/>

Cindis list has a few links <http://www.cyndislist.com/poland/>

Link regarding UK naturalisation > <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/naturalisation.htm>

PART TWO - - - ROOTSCHAT TOPICS (POLAND)

Some of these links or resources may appear twice as I did not edit but as I went , I checked the links and so they could help you if looking for information on that subject.

1.Extracted Links from a post >

Unfortunately Poland does not have a centralised register of births, deaths or marriages; you do need to know where he was born to trace him and his ancestors further back.

http://www.geneszukacz.genealodzy.pl/index.php?search_lastname=filipiak&rpp1=&bdm=&url1=&w=&lang=eng&op=se

Geneteka, a Polish resource, shows 2965 results for the surname, the majority being in Mazowieckie (map: <http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/>), but that may be because more records have been transcribed and uploaded for that region; the website is a work in progress.

2.<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,629614.0.html>

3. extracted article link on a place in Poland>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czermna,_Lesser_Poland_Voivodeship

4. a displaced persons link.

This link is quite good for (D)isplaced (P)erson Camp information and there is a page for Reckenfeld which was near Munster and under British control.

<http://www.dpcamps.org/>

5. <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,372330.10.html> (A topic worthy of reading)

According to Miriam Weiner's "Jewish Roots in Poland," there are no surviving Jewish vital records from Lipno.

This is confirmed by the latest information available from the Polish State Archives.
Stanley Diamond
Project Coordinator, Jewish Records Indexing - Poland
The Jewish community (and all its records) in Lipno was obliterated by the Nazis

6. Extracted from post >
<http://gov.genealogy.net/gov/ShowObjectSimple.do?id=KALZIGJO72SC>
Kalzig is now Kalsk in Poland
Griesel = Gryzna
Züllichau = Sulechow

Both in a triangle formed by the towns of Swiebodzin (Schwiebus), Krosno-Ordzanskie (Krossen) and Sulechow (Zuellichau) – former German names in brackets

Have a look at this old map of Brandenburg, in the far eastern edge of the province
<http://feefhs.org/maps/gere/ge-brand.html>

Polish archives: <http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/?CIDA=177>
Copies of some old Prussian records maybe in German archives.

http://www.genealogienetz.de/reg/BRG/neumark/index_e.htm

bilingual mailing list for region Neumark
<http://list.genealogy.net/mailman/listinfo/brandenburg-l>

Lochow (Lochowo) lies SW of Kalsk, further SW is village of Kije (Kay in German).

7. extracted>
Poznan Project area - <http://poznan-project.psn.pl/>

The list of LDS films for Opatowiec: <http://www.rootschat.com/links/Ordu/>

8. extracted>
Steinau in Polish Scinawa look <http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steinau>
Steinau can refer to:
| Steinau an der Straße, a town in Hesse, Germany
| Steinau, Lower Saxony, a town in Lower Saxony, Germany
| Steinau an der Oder, the German name for Scinawa, a town in southwestern Poland
| Steinau, the German name for Stonava, a village in the Czech Republic
| Two tributaries of the Sieber in Osterode am Harz district in Germany: | Große Steinau
| Kleine Steinau
| The Silesian Duchy of Steinau
also Scinawa Nyska - village in Opoloe Voivodeship
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%9Acinawa_Nyska

Google Scinawa.
There is an info Wirtualny Stetl - choose your language and you have to register yourself
<http://www.sztetl.org.pl/pl/city/scinawa/>

9. extracted>
<http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/index.php?op=se>
its Polish site, with some english pages,
looked for Gross in Lodz and around - no luck with given name,
otherwise comes quite a few
looked for Patzer - comes few
http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/index.php?rid=A&from_date=&to_date=&search_lastname=patzer&rpp2=20&rpp1=0&bdm=&url1=&w=05ld&op=gt
were they ewang.-augsburs faith?, maybe good idea write/e-mail
<http://www.mateusz.org.pl/kontakt.html>

<http://genealogyindexer.org/directories>
look for Lodz

10. extracted>
<http://www.geneszukacz.genealodzy.pl/lang-eng>
lists are "work in progress",
try one of www libraries from Poland (only in Polish, type surname and see what comes up)
<http://szukajprzodka.pl/biblicyfr.php>
wealth of info
<http://www.mtg-malopolska.org.pl/bibliotekacyfrowa.html> (English)
<http://www.eegsociety.org/surnameindex/surnameIndex.html>
<http://feefhs.org/members.html>

Polish National Archiva <http://www.szukajwarchiwach.pl/>

11. topic >

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,609934.0.html>

12. topic finding a place>

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,584350.0.html>

13.extracted>

Stettin was in Germany it is now Szczecin, Poland, was also once a part of Sweden (1630-1720) and Prussia (1720-1871) before becoming a part of the German Empire in 1871.

14.topic> <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,542950.0.html> (Holocaust Survivors)

extracted>

Czestochowa-Radomsko Area Research Group

<http://www.crag.org/search-holocaust-records.php>

15.topic > <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,544964.0.html> (Plock ,placename)

16.extracted>

In London the organisation POSK - <http://www.posk.org/> kept a lot of information as many of the organisers of this had been involved in the Polish Government in Exile.

17. extracted link> <http://www.wolyn.ovh.org/>

18.extracted>

Kolomyja was in Galicia, province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until the end of WWI.

<http://data.jewishgen.org/wconnect/wc.dll?jg~jgsys~shtetm~-1042414>

Austrians were meticulous records keepers, and certainly great number of 19th century records survived the wars of the 20th century.

19. topic > Palatinatus -Province

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,527864.0.html>

20. map link. <http://www.moikrewni.pl/mapa/>

21.

Archdiocesan Archive Poznan, Poland. can write for the certificate to the address provided below. Further genealogical research is also offered there.

Archiwum Archidiecezjalne w Poznaniu

ul. Ks. Ignacego Posadzego 2

61-108 Poznan

POLAND

WWW: <http://www.aap.poznan.pl>

E-mail: sekretariat {-at--} aap.poznan.pl

22.extracted> (<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,507188.0.html>)

Lemberg, now L'viv in Western Ukraine - it had a large Polish population up to WW2.

In the right contexts, you can get an approximation of an "am" sound in Polish using the vowels a or e, so if you don't think L'viv is worth considering you might look for places beginning Lab- or Leb- (or Lab- or Leb-) - personally, though, I would want to look at L'viv first.

(Note topic paste extracted may not typeset correctly so please check original post)

23. extracted quote >

border of Poland & Ukraine has shifted many times ,about 37 miles of Ukraine became Poland & then Poland became Ukraine

24. topic >

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,509346.0.html>

25.topic > Emigrants

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,420834.10.html>

26.topic> Ustrzyki, Poland

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,501831.0.html>

27. extracted quote>

Posen is a region (like a County/Province) in Poland near Silesia, which is also home to a town with the same name.

Silesia is also in Poland. My Great Grandmother Hildergard Manthei was from Posen and her husband's family

(my Nan's family, Foelke) were from Oels in Silesia. It can be quite confusing to find any info or decent maps of Posen,

as it was part of Germany before the Treaty of Versailles was dictated after WW1. Posen, Silesia and several other regions

were seeded to what we now call Poland.

Posen is the German name for the region, and Poznan is the Polish name. Centuries ago the region was called Wielkopolska which means 'Greater Poland'. Posen was, and still is one of the richer, more greater-developed regions of Poland.

28. extracted > (a similiar problem discussion Posen)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/polandv.html>

Pozan is likely to be Poznan; it was known as Posen (pronounced Pozen) before the re-establishment of Poland after WWI.

You need to contact the civil registry office (Urząd Stanu Cywilnego or USC). The address for the USC Poznan is here:

<http://lajt.zumi.pl/235713,wizytowka.html>

Poznan Project <http://bindweed.man.poznan.pl/posen/search.php> have been indexing Catholic and Protestant marriage records in the Poznan region in the time period roughly 1820-1889.

29. extracted quote> Sosnowiec.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sosnowiec> (scroll down to the bottom of the page, and there might be more links to other information)

<http://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sosnowiec> (Polish Wikipedia, just in case)

30.topic > About a Police Commissioner circa 1840

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,469860.0.html>

31.topic> discusses various Polish geographic placenames

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,461924.0.html>

32.topic > "Warsaw Ghetto" (very interesting reading)

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,371543.0.html>

33.extracted links >

Kotulin is part of the district of Toszek and you could try an eMail to them.

http://www.toszek.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=68

addresses: http://www.toszek.pl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=58&Itemid=30

There is some advice on http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Schlesien#Civil_Registration_Records

There should be records after 1874 and they should have been taken over.

Polish National Archives and it seems to have a searchable database.

<http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/lang-en/data-bases/388-vital-records-and-civil-registers-pradziad.html>

You will also find info on Lublinitz, Silesia on Wikipedia.

Also <http://wiki-en.genealogy.net/Schlesien>

It might be worth a letter to the town council in Poland.

<http://www.lubliniec.pl/?p=263> - address at bottom

There is a distinction between old and modern era records in Poland, as in many other places in Central and Eastern Europe.

Toszek has modern civil registration records for Kotulin, but earlier (pre-WWI) registers - the ones you need - are held at a state regional archive in Gliwice.

34.topic> (A Polish family in England showing a method of resources)

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,274946.0.html>

35.topic> (a Polish family research)

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,438063.0.html>

36.extracted links>

<http://cgi.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/towns.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_cities_and_towns_in_Poland

37. extracted link>

http://genealogy.about.com/cs/surname/a/polish_surnames.htm

38.extracted quote>

The tracing service of The Polish Red Cross

39.topic> (about a Polish Officer and how folks piece the genealogy together)

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,341800.0.html>

40.topic > (A Polish Austrian immigrates, link suggestions within)

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,339163.0.html>

41.topic> (suggests Polish links on family history)
<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,209064.0.html>

42.extracted quote> { links extracted regarding directories (membership required)}
someone has been scanning in East European directories and making them available on-line. You do have to be a member ot access them.

<http://www.dbhd.org/>

Its search engine searches text versions of scanned pre-World War II East European directories

It covers
Austria-Hungary,
Danzig
Germany
Poland + Kingdom of Poland
Galicia
Romania &c

43.extracted links> (Polish Residents camp in Lubenham, Market Harborough)
http://www.polishcatholicmission.org.uk/download/20071203_history.pdf

The Polish Church in Leicester, which is a gathering place for Poles and their descendants was founded over 50 years ago.
www.leicesterpolonia.co.uk/officialOpening.htm

44. extracted link>
The London Gazette publishes lists of Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been granted.
<http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/index.asp?webType=0>

45.extracted link>

Ministry of Defence,
APC Polish Enquiries,
Building 28B,
RAF Northolt,
West End Road,
Ruislip,
Middlesex, England
HA4 6NG
phone: (44)(0)208-833-8603
fax: 0208-833-8866
e-mail: polishasstdisoff@northolt.raf.mod.uk

46.extracted link>
Topic: RootsChat Topics - Naturalisation and Internment
<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,157691.0.html>

47.extracted link> Chojnice churches.
<http://www.chojnice.pl/>

48.extracted links>
<http://genealogy.about.com/od/poland/> general advice about Polish research
<http://genealogypro.com/directories/Poland.html> directory of Polish researchers
<http://archiwa.gov.pl/?CIDA=43> Polish State Archives (english version)
<http://www3.vistatech.net/~jack/pollink.htm> a list of Polish Genealogical links

49.topic (Polish Jews contains a few links)
<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php/topic,14978.0.html>

If you find any other links or databases that relate to Poland please continue the thread.... as this post is probably far from complete.....(A lot of rootchat members contributed their time and information towards the collating of this post.)

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