



Advancing Your Polish Research Using Polish Websites

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The websites listed here are only a small sample of the useful sites that can be found to help you with your Polish research. It was not possible to give all the sites for each category, but rather to give you general ideas of what to look for as you use the Internet to further your research and knowledge of your ancestors' homeland. Only a portion are discussed in the class.

ARCHIVES (SEE WIKI FOR MANY MORE ARCHIVE LISTINGS)

- <http://www.archiwa.gov.pl/> Polish State Archives in Warsaw.
- <http://www.katowice.ap.gov.pl/> State archives of Katowice
- http://www.ap.wroc.pl/index_de.html State archives in Wrocław
- http://www.gca.ch/Genealogie/Oels/staatsarchiv_breslau.htm Information about the State Archives in Breslau and information about Kreis Oels.

CIVIL REGISTRATION AND PARISH ADDRESSES

- <http://www.usc.pl/zasieg> A site from Technika Corporation that gives Polish civil registration offices mailing addresses and phone numbers, web addresses and email addresses, when available. Parish information is also on this site.

DIGITIZED RECORDS AND DATA BASES

- <http://www.ksiegi-parafialne.pl/> Your first stop for the latest in online records or indexing
- <http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/> Online indexing with images.
- <http://metryki.genbaza.p> Online records, including Evangelical records in various areas of Poland. You must sign up for a free account.
- <http://www.mikeburger.com/rzeszow.html> An extracted records database from the Rzeszow area.
- <http://feefhs.org/> Website of the Federation of Eastern European History Society.
- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/polandgen.html> Poland Genweb site, with links and lots of transcribed parish records.
- <http://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/BreslauMarrgs.html> Extracted Jewish records of Breslau/Wrocław.
- <http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/> Online vital records and civil registers. Instructions here: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/a/af/Polish_State_Archives.pdf

- Also see first page of FamilySearch Wiki for Poland
<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Poland>
- http://www.szczecin.ap.gov.pl/iCmsModuleArchPublic/showDocuments?show_on_page=50 Digitized civil and church records for the Szczecin region.
- <http://archeon.net/atom/index.php/ksiega-urodzen-wroclaw-iii-1891-t-06;isad> Civil registration records Wrocław III
- <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Breslau#Standesamtkunden> Civil registration records Wrocław I
- <http://archeon.net/atom/index.php/urząd-stanu;isaar> Civil registration records Wrocław II
- <http://www.olsztyn.ap.gov.pl/apnet/wyberz.php> Digitized records of Olsztyn area
- <http://metryki.genealodzy.pl/metryki.php> Roman Catholic records indexing
- <http://poczekalnia.genealodzy.pl/> From the same site as above, this is the “waiting room” for records in preparation for site uploading. They are not well described and only listed by town and not by time periods. However, they are usable.
- http://www.matricula.findbuch.net/php/main.php?ar_id=3670#2 A new Polish addition to the Matricula website which currently has only a few images of villages in the Wrocław area, but will probably add to this as time goes on.
- Basia website <http://basia.family.pl/> A site with indexing of online vital records.
- <http://Genealogiapolska.pl> List of indexed records of some parishes for which you pay a fee to receive the needed records. Also pictures of some cemetery stones
- <http://www.genealogiapolska.pl/showmedia.php?mediaID=236173> Birth index
- <http://www.genealogiapolska.pl/showmedia.php?mediaID=236258> Marriage index
- <http://www.genealogiapolska.pl/showmedia.php?mediaID=235997&medialinkID=47362> Death index
- http://www.genealogiapolska.pl/showrepo.php?repoID=REPO14&tree=_gp Various indexed parishes.
- Agad Website: <http://www.agad.gov.pl/inwentarze/testy.html> Digital records from the Eastern areas of Poland now in Ukraine. Protestant records. Use instruction on FS Wiki <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/images/7/7e/AGAD.pdf>

JEWISH

- <http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/jriplweb.htm> Jewish synagogue records indexing.
- <http://www.zchor.org/rozan/rozan.htm> Example of a Jewish town history. (Yitzkor book translations)
- <http://www.yadvashem.org.il/> Database for Jewish Holocaust-Shoah victim’s names with pages of testimony.

HERALDRY

- <http://www.szlachta.org/heraldry.htm> This site contains information about Polish heraldry.

HISTORICAL

- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/history.html> Polish History timeline.
- <http://www.kasprzyk.demon.co.uk/www/HistoryPolska.html> This is an English language site with Polish history and Biographical history.

- <http://www.polskiezabytki.pl/> Manors, estates, castles and palaces with interactive mapping of monuments.

REGIONAL SOURCES

- <http://www.territorial.de/ndschles/ndsl.htm> German language site for Niederschlesien with Kreis (county) information for each county and town history (timelines, etc)
- <http://www.archidiecezja.lodz.pl/dekanaty.html> This site lists addresses of Catholic parishes in Łódź Archdiocese.
- <http://www.schlawe.de/> Research group for the Schlawe district includes reconstruction of some lost parish records.
- <http://www.rummelsburg.de/literatur/index.htm> This site deals with the genealogy and history of the Rummelsburg, (now Miastko, Poland) county.
- http://www.toszek.pl/8/strona_glowna.html Polish town website provides historical and contact information. Do a google search to see if your town has a web page.
- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/kujtowns.html> This site contains useful information of parishes and counties in the Kujawsko-Pomorski Province.
- <http://pommernkontakte.de/index.html?sessid=60e8be6f55b3ebe9e24d607b71dc38c1> Pommern researcher contacts, data sharing, and guidelines for researchers.
- <http://www.christoph-www.de/kbsilesia2.html> Information regarding parishes and where their records are now found. For Schlesien/Silesia.
- <http://www.agad.archiwa.gov.pl/pomoce/gr298.xml> Lists of parishes now online for Galicia
- <http://slupcagenealogy.com/> This is an indexing project of many LDS films from the Slupsk region.

RELIGION SPECIFIC SITES

- <http://www.kuria.gliwice.pl/> site for the Catholic diocese in Gliwice with diocese boundary maps with parish addresses and information.
- <http://www.luteranie.pl/> Polish Evangelical website with all diocese addresses and individual parishes and email addresses.
- <http://www.luteranie.pl/diec.wroclawska/> Evangelical diocese Wrocław with parish addresses and email addresses.
- <http://www.diecezja.legnica.pl/> This site lists contact information for parishes in the Diocese Legnica.
- http://www.vogel-soya.de/Kirchspiele_OS.html Catholic and Lutheran parish designations for Oberschlesien. This list includes a list of all villages in the parish boundaries. The site also gives starting dates of church books available for parishes in Oberschlesien.
- http://www.opoka.org.pl/struktury_kosciola/diecezje/index.html All the Catholic Diocese in Poland, with addresses, emails and websites. Addresses for some Catholic libraries are included.

- <http://www.upstreamvistula.org/Parishes/Parishes.htm> A site for the Lutheran parishes of the Vistula region.

RESEARCH HELPS

- <http://www.poltran.com/> Polish translation site (Also use Google Translate)
- <http://mapa.szukacz.pl/> Polish online map which gives modern jurisdictions (woj.) Will also search for larger places by German names.
- <http://www.kartenmeister.com> A Site, which gives Polish-German place name changes and German-Polish place name changes and personal contact information of other researchers by town of interest.
- <http://www.pilot.pl/> A Polish on-line map search.
- <http://hamburg.de/index.html> Port of Hamburg website with Index for names. Charges apply. Ancestry.com has completely indexed these and has images online.
- <http://www.genpol.com/Mapa+main.html> A map, which works with the surname distribution site and shows where names are, indicating where the heaviest distributions of names can be found.
- <http://www.atsnotes.com/other/gerpol.html> This site contains interesting links, gazetteers and useful reference aids.
- Hamburg passenger lists, 1850-1934 are now all indexed and online at Ancestry.com. You can use this database at no cost at the FHL at the following link: <http://search.ancestryinstitution.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1068> Many Eastern Europeans left through this port.
- <http://www.moikrewni.pl/mapa/> Polish name mapping.
- <http://genealogyindexer.org/> Search 463,000 pages of historical directories (business, address, telephone, etc., primarily from Central and Eastern Europe), 64 yizkor books (memorials to Jewish communities destroyed during the Holocaust), 32,000 pages of Polish and Russian military documents (lists of officers, casualties, etc.), 40,000 pages of community and personal histories, and 23,000 pages of Polish secondary school annual reports and other school sources. More genealogical resources added daily.
- www.pgs.us/mapinfo/atlas1907/main.html Old 19th century Polish maps of the Russian dominated Kingdom of Poland with descriptions of each Gubernia, powiat and major cities. Very detailed.
- WWI Polish military maps on microfiche, FHL fiche: 6001046

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- <http://feefhs.org/> Website of Federation of Eastern European History Society website.
- <http://pommerscher-greif.de/index.php> Pommeranian Society website, with tips, links and some books to purchase.
- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/polandgen.html> Poland Genweb site, with links and lots of transcribed parish records.
- www.pgsa.org Polish Genealogical Society of America's website.
- www.pgst.org Polish Genealogical Society of Texas website.

- <http://www.its-arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html> Post WWII tracing services for Jewish people, displaced people and prisoners of war.
For further online links to helpful Polish websites, please refer to the FamilySearch Wiki.

General For Prussian Poland

http://wtg-gniazdo.org/upload/opracowania/asc_narodziny.pdf Civil Birth transcriptions

http://wtg-gniazdo.org/upload/opracowania/asc_slub_od_1876.pdf Civil marriage transcriptions

http://wtg-gniazdo.org/upload/opracowania/asc_zgon.pdf Civil death transcriptions

https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Microfilm_number_068,814 German Empire Map Key on FamilySearch Wiki

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/history.html> Polish history

<http://www.kasprzyk.demon.co.uk/www/HistoryPolska.html> History Poland

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgv/polandgen.html> Polish Genweb site

www.archiwa.gov.pl Polish Archives

Ostpreussen

<http://www.agoff.de/index.htm> Ostdeutscher Familienforscher e.V

https://db.genealogy.net/vereine/daten_search.php Vereine (Societies website)

Posen

<http://www.wbc.poznan.pl/dlibra/docmetadata?id=3678&from=publication> Pre-war name changes in Posen.

<http://poznan-project.psnc.pl/> Marriage indexing project for Poznan

Prussia misc.

Online records for some Oberschlesien districts in Poland can be found at FamilySearch.org under the Polish records, either Katowice or Opole provinces. Some Polish localities in Brandenburg and Pommern will be listed in the FamilySearch German online records only.

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