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.ap.wroc.pl/index_de.html](http://www.ap.wroc.pl/index_de.html) State archives in Wrocław
- [http://www.gca.ch/Genealogie/Oels/staatsarchiv_breslau.htm](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](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/](http://www.ksiegi-parafialne.pl/) Your first stop for the latest in online records or indexing
- [Http://metryki.genbaza.p](http://metryki.genbaza.p) Online records, including Evangelical records in various areas of Poland. You must sign up for a free account.
- [http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgw/polandgen.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgw/polandgen.html) Poland Genweb site, with links and lots of transcribed parish records.
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://archeion.net/atom/index.php/ksiega-urodzen-wroclaw-iii-1891-t-06;isad Civil registration records Wroclaw III
http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Breslau#Standesamtkurden Civil registration records Wrocław I
http://archeion.net/atom/index.php/urzad-stanu;isaar Civil registration records Wrocław II
http://metryki.genealogzy.pl/metryki.php Roman Catholic records indexing
http://poczekalnia.genealogzy.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 Wroclaw 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

JEWISH

http://www.zchor.org/rozan/rozan.htm Example of a Jewish town history. (Yitzkor book translations)

HERALDRY

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

HISTORICAL

http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgw/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.

**REGIONAL SOURCES**

- [http://www.territorial.de/ndschles/ndsl.htm](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.schlawe.de/](http://www.schlawe.de/) Research group for the Schlawe district includes reconstruction of some lost parish records.
- [http://www.rummelsburg.de/literatur/index.htm](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](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/~polwgw/kujtowns.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgw/kujtowns.html) This site contains useful information of parishes and counties in the Kujawsko-Pomorski Province.
- [http://pommernkontakte.de/index.html?sessid=60e8be6f55b3ebe9e24d607b71dc38c1](http://pommernkontakte.de/index.html?sessid=60e8be6f55b3ebe9e24d607b71dc38c1) Pommern researcher contacts, data sharing, and guidelines for researchers.
- [http://www.christoph-www.de/kbsilesia2.html](http://www.christoph-www.de/kbsilesia2.html) Information regarding parishes and where their records are now found. For Schlesien/Silesia.
- [http://slupcagenealogy.com/](http://slupcagenealogy.com/) The is an indexing project of many LDS films from the Slupsk region.

**RELIGION SPECIFIC SITES**

- [http://www.luteranie.pl/](http://www.luteranie.pl/) Polish Evangelical website with all diocese addresses and individual parishes and email addresses.
- [http://www.diecezja.legnica.pl/](http://www.diecezja.legnica.pl/) This site lists contact information for parishes in the Diocese Legnica.
- [http://www.vogel-soya.de/Kirchspiele_OS.html](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.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://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.
WWI Polish military maps on microfiche, FHL fiche: 6001046

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

http://pommerscher-greif.de/index.php Pommeranian Society website, with tips, links and some books to purchase.
http://www.rootsweb.com/~polwgw/polandgen.html Poland Genweb site, with links and lots of transcribed parish records.
www.pgsa.org Polish Genealogical Society of America’s website.
For further online links to helpful Polish websites, please refer to the FamilySearch Wiki.

**General For Prussian Poland**

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

**Ostpreussen**

- [http://www.agoff.de/index.htm](http://www.agoff.de/index.htm) Ostdeutscher Familienforscher e.V
- [https://db.genealogy.net/vereine/daten_search.php](https://db.genealogy.net/vereine/daten_search.php) Vereine (Societies website)

**Posen**

- [http://poznan-project.psnc.pl/](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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