# Using MyHeritage to research Polish family history and to find living relatives in Poland

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# The shortest introduction to research in Poland

- The borders changed many times
- Poland was divided between Russia, Prussia and Austria
- No civil registration until 1945, only religious
- · Poland for ages was multiethnic and multireligious country
- Different systems of civil registration depending on the part of Poland and the time-frame
- A number of different languages (Latin, Polish, Russian, German...)
- Records could be found in Poland (state and church archives) as well as in Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Germany, Russia and other countries

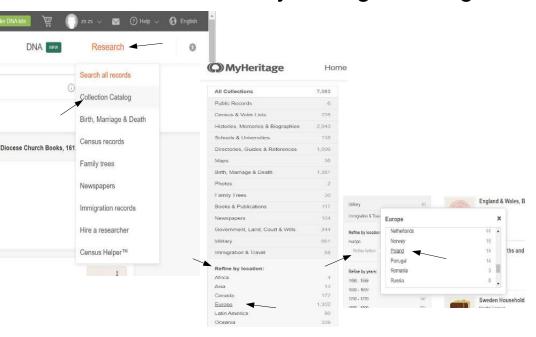
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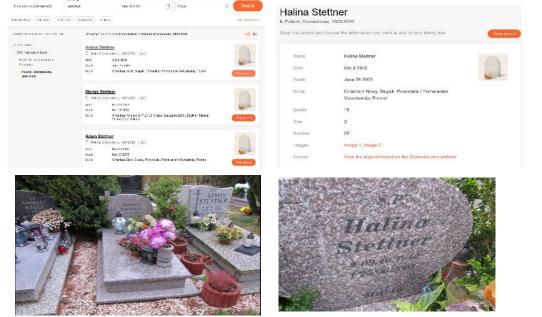
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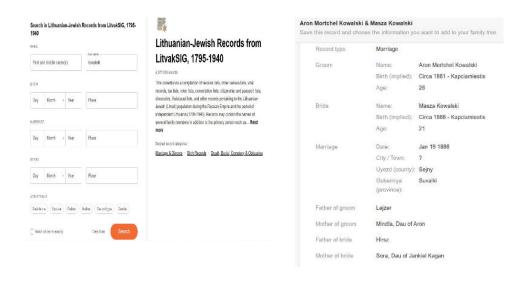
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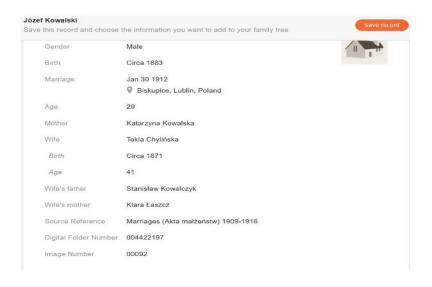
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### Collections for neighboring countries

#### Ukraine

- Ukraine, Jewish Birth Records
- Ukraine, Revision Lists

#### Belarus

- · Belarus Revision Lists
- · Blarus Jewish Births, marriages and deaths (3 databases)
- · Belarus Duma Voter Lists
- Grodno Gubernia (province) Voters Lists for 1912

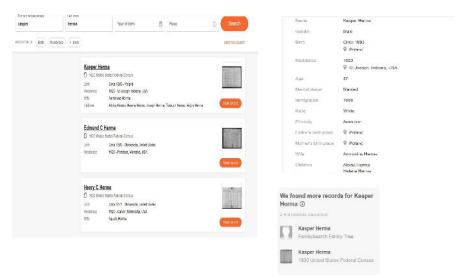
#### Germany

- Germany, Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898
- Germany, Marriages, 1558-1929
- · Germany Deaths and Burials, 1582-1958
- · Germany, Prussia, Brandenburg and Posen, Church Book Duplicates, 1794-1874
- West Prussia Church Books

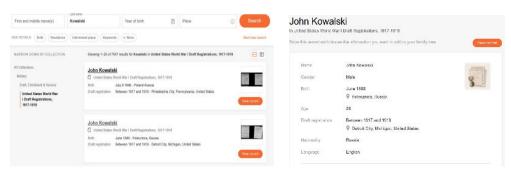
### Other interesting collections

- US census
- United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918
- Austria-Hungary, World War I Casualty Lists, 1914-1918
- · U.S. World War II Army Enlistment

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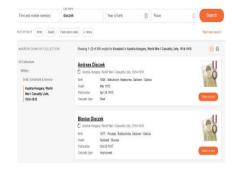


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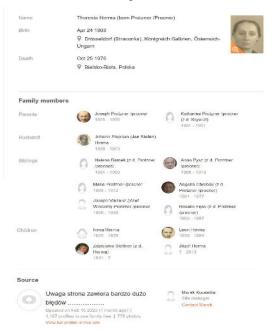




## Family trees

- Information entered by users (with different levels of proficiency)
- · Possibility of copying big parts of trees helpful but with serious risks
- · Propagating errors
- · Low answer rate of tree owners
- · Access to information covered by Polish privacy law, pictures, etc.
- · Strategies for using MyHeritage family trees

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