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

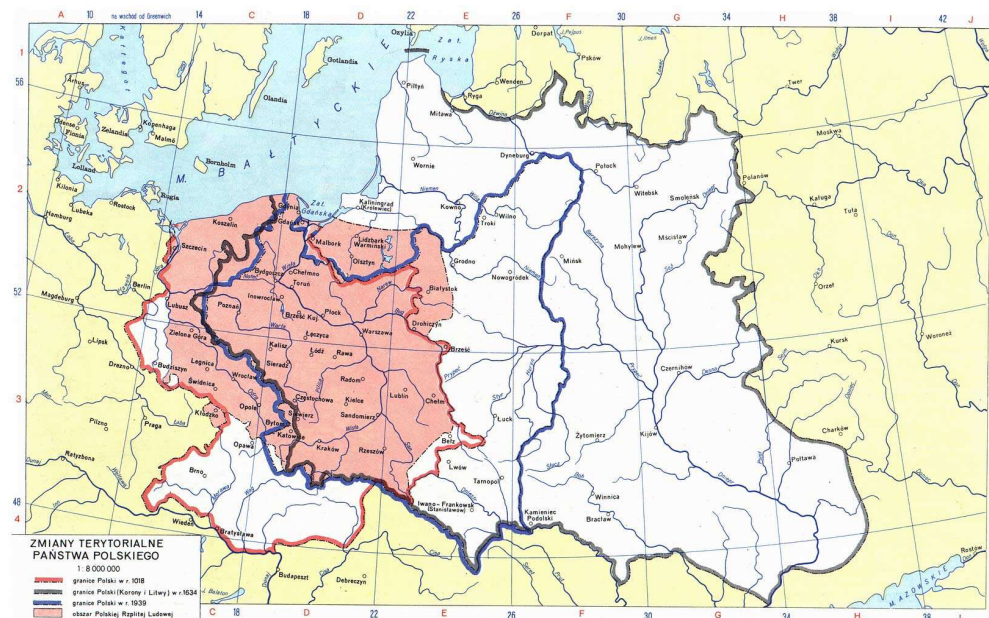
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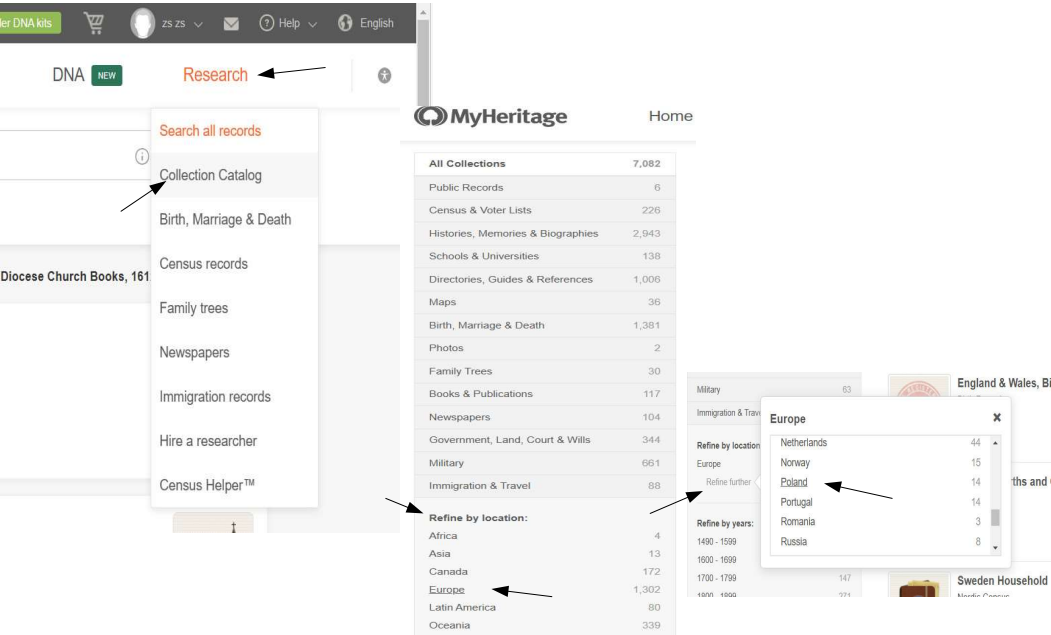
## The shortest introduction to research in Poland

- 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

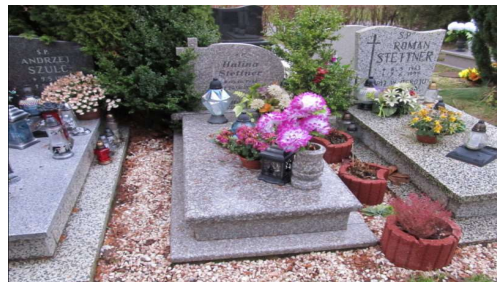
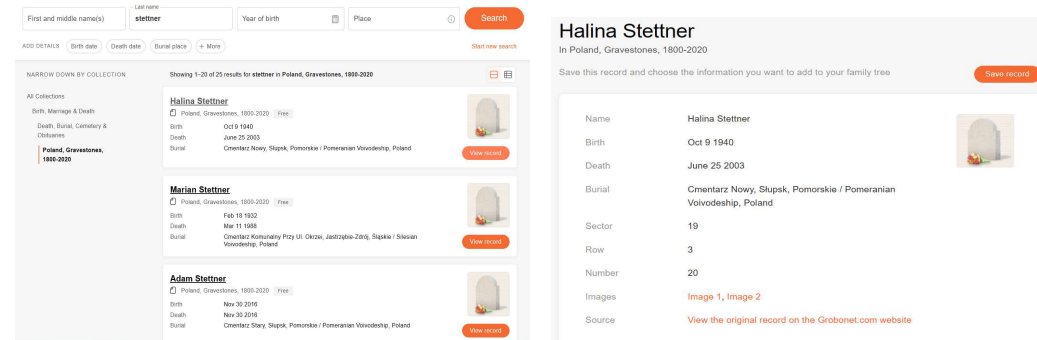
## Poland's borders



## Polish collections in MyHeritage catalogue



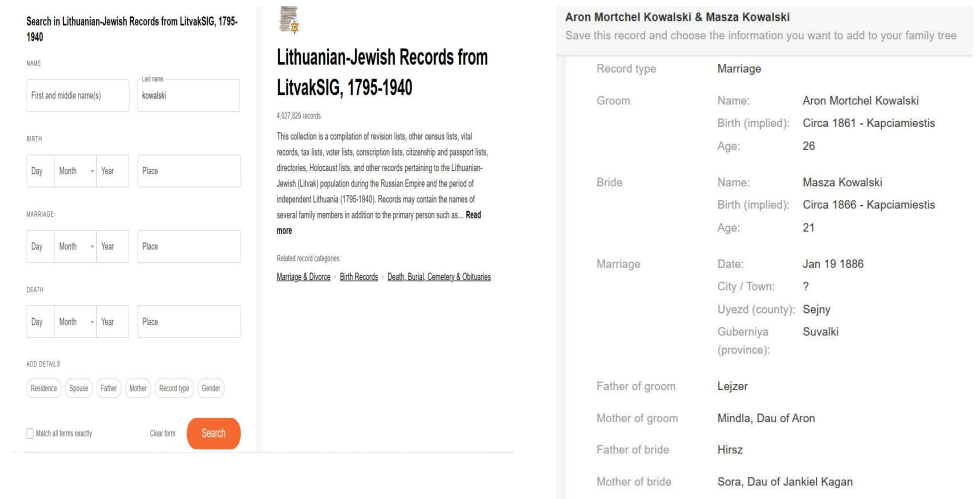
# Poland, Gravestones, 1800-2020



## Polish collections in MyHeritage catalogue

- Poland, Gravestones, 1800-2020
- Lithuanian-Jewish Records from LitvakSIG, 1795-1940
- Poland, Tarnow Roman Catholic Diocese Church Books, 1612-1900
- Poland, Lublin Roman Catholic Church Books, 1784-1964
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- Poczet Szlachty Galicyjskiej I Bukowinskiej (1857)

# Lithuanian-Jewish Records from LitvakSIG, 1795-1940



# Auschwitz Death Certificates, 1941-1943

## Waclaw Kowalski

In Auschwitz Death Certificates, 1941-1943

Save this record and choose the information you want to add to your family tree

Save record

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Name      | Waclaw Kowalski  |
| Birth     | Apr 14 1914<br>Deblin, Poland                                |
| Death     | Oct 22 1942<br>Auschwitz II-Birkenau, Gmina Oświęcim, Poland |
| Residence | Deblin, Poland   |
| Religion  | Catholic   |



# Poland, Tarnow Roman Catholic Diocese Church Books, 1612-1900

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Name                  | Mathous Majer  |
| Gender                | Male   |
| Baptism               | Aug 28 1803<br>Gorzejowa, Gorzejowa, Rzeszów, Poland |
| Father                | Adalbertus Majer                                     |
| Mother                | Solomea Oprzdokowna                                  |
| House Number          | 45   |
| Volume Beginning Year | 1784   |
| Volume Ending Year    | 1826   |
| Page Number           | 46   |
| GS Film number        | 1897382  |
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| Image Number          | 00314  |



# Poland, Lublin Roman Catholic Church Books, 1784-1964

## Józef Kowalski

Save this record and choose the information you want to add to your family tree

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|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Gender                | Male                                     |
| Birth                 | Circa 1883                               |
| Marriage              | Jan 30 1912<br>Biskupice, Lublin, Poland |
| Age                   | 29                                       |
| Mother                | Katarzyna Kowalska                       |
| Wife                  | Tekla Chylińska                          |
| Birth                 | Circa 1871                               |
| Age                   | 41                                       |
| Wife's father         | Stanisław Kowalczyk                      |
| Wife's mother         | Klara Łaszcz                             |
| Source Reference      | Marriages (Akta małżeństw) 1909-1916     |
| Digital Folder Number | 004422197                                |
| Image Number          | 00092                                    |



## 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

# US census

First and middle name(s)  
casper

Last name  
herma

Year of birth

Place

Search

ADD DETAILS

Birth

Residence

+ More

Start new search

**Kasper Herma**

1920 United States Federal Census

Birth Circa 1883 - Poland

Residence 1920 - St Joseph, Indiana, USA

Wife Antonina Herma

Children Albina Herma, Helena Herma, Joseph Herma, Tadeusz Herma, Anky Herma

View record

**Edmund C Herma**

1920 United States Federal Census

Birth Circa 1883 - Minnesota, United States

Residence 1920 - Pondera, Montana, USA

View record

**Henry C Herma**

1920 United States Federal Census

Birth Circa 1874 - Minnesota, United States

Residence 1920 - Carver, Minnesota, USA

Wife Agata Herma

View record

|                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Name                 | Kasper Herma                    |
| Gender               | Male                            |
| Birth                | Circa 1883<br>Poland            |
| Residence            | 1920<br>St Joseph, Indiana, USA |
| Age                  | 37                              |
| Marital status       | Married                         |
| Immigration          | 1908                            |
| Race                 | White                           |
| Ethnicity            | American                        |
| Father's birth place | Poland                          |
| Mother's birth place | Poland                          |
| Wife                 | Antonina Herma                  |
| Children             | Albina Herma<br>Helena Herma    |

**We found more records for Kasper Herma**  
2 HISTORICAL RECORDS  

Kasper Herma  
FamilySearch Family Tree

Kasper Herma  
1930 United States Federal Census

# United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918

First and middle name(s)  
Kowalski

Last name  
Kowalski

Year of birth

Place

Search

ADD DETAILS

Birth

Residence

Interment place

Keywords

+ More

Start new search

**John Kowalski**

United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918

Birth July 8 1886 - Poland-Russia

Draft registration Between 1917 and 1918 - Philadelphia City, Pennsylvania, United States

View record

**John Kowalski**

United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918

Birth June 1888 - Polecznica, Russia

Draft registration Between 1917 and 1918 - Detroit City, Michigan, United States

View record

**John Kowalski**

In United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918

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|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Name               | John Kowalski  |
| Gender             | Male   |
| Birth              | June 1888<br>Polecznica, Russia                                |
| Age                | 28   |
| Draft registration | Between 1917 and 1918<br>Detroit City, Michigan, United States |
| Nationality        | Russia   |
| Language           | English  |

# Austria-Hungary, World War I Casualty Lists, 1914-1918

First and middle name(s)  
diazek

Last name  
diazek

Year of birth

Place

Search

ADD DETAILS

Birth

Death

Publication date

+ More

Start new search

**Andreas Diazek**

Austria-Hungary, World War I Casualty Lists, 1914-1918

Birth 1895 - Mikuliczyn, Nadworna, Galicien / Galicia

Death Mar 1915

Publication Apr 24 1915

Casualty type Died

View record

**Bleislaw Diazek**

Austria-Hungary, World War I Casualty Lists, 1914-1918

Birth 1877 - Paroszy, Radziszewo, Galicien / Galicia

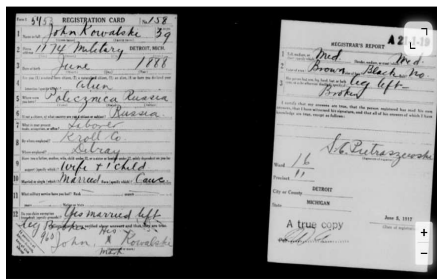
Death Railroad - Russia

Publication Oct 28 1917

Casualty type Impressed

View record

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Name          | Andreas Diazek                                   |
| Birth         | 1895<br>Mikuliczyn, Nadworna, Galicien / Galicia |
| Death         | Mar 1915   |
| Casualty type | Died   |
| Casualty list | Apr 24 1915                                      |
| Rank          | Infanterist                                      |
| Unit          | Infanterieregiment 58                            |
| Subunit       | 12 K   |
| List #        | 166  |
| Page #        | 10   |





# 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

# Family trees

First and middle name(s)

Last name

Year of birth

Place

Search

ADD DETAILS

Birth

Death

Marriage

Keywords

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GenealogieOnline Family Tree Index3,511

Other family trees6,376

Theresia Herma (born Protzner /Procner)

MyHeritage Family Trees - Uwaga strona zawiera bardzo dużo błędów ..... , managed by Marek Kocemba

BirthApr 24 1903 - Drösseldorf (Straconka), Königreich Galizien, Österreich-Ungarn

DeathOct 25 1976 - Bielsko-Biala, Polska

ParentsJoseph Protzner /procner, Katharina Protzner /procner (z d. Krywult)

SiblingsHelena Damek (z d. Protzner /procner), Anna Pysz (z d. Protzner /procner), Maria Protzner /procner, Angella Chrobak (z d. Protzner /procner), Joseph Vinzenz Józef Wincenty Protzner /procner, Rosalie Fijak (z d. Protzner /procner)

HusbandJohann Stephan (Jan Stefan) Herma

ChildrenIrena Herma, Leon Herma, Zdzisława Stettner (z d. Herma), Józef Herma

View record

Rudi Herma

MyHeritage Family Trees - Familie Reis Web Site, managed by Paul Reis

BirthOct 7 1926

DeathJuly 14 2018 - Wiesen

Partner<Private> Herma (geb. Freund)

ChildrenWalter Herma, <Private> Herma, <Private> Büdel (geb. Herma)

View record

Leon Herma

MyHeritage Family Trees - janak, managed by mariusz janak

BirthMar 28 1929

# Family trees

NameTheresia Herma (born Protzner /Procner)

BirthApr 24 1903  
Drösseldorf (Straconka), Königreich Galizien, Österreich-Ungarn

DeathOct 25 1976  
Bielsko-Biala, Polska

Family members

Parents

Joseph Protzner /procner  
1855 - 1936

Katharina Protzner /procner (z d. Krywult)  
1861 - 1911

Husband

Johann Stephan (Jan Stefan) Herma  
1898 - 1970

Siblings

Helena Damek (z d. Protzner /procner)  
1881 - 1950

Anna Pysz (z d. Protzner /procner)  
1898 - 1970

Maria Protzner /procner  
1888 - 1912

Angella Chrobak (z d. Protzner /procner)  
1891 - 1977

Joseph Vinzenz Józef Wincenty Protzner /procner  
1899 - 1940

Rosalie Fijak (z d. Protzner /procner)  
1900 - 1957

Children

Irena Herma  
1925 - 1925

Leon Herma  
1929 - 1985

Zdzisława Stettner (z d. Herma)  
1941 - ?

Józef Herma  
? - 2013

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