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## Poznan Marriage **Indexing Project**

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(Marriage indexing for the 1835-1884 period within the former Prussian province of Posen, now Poznań, Poland) \* Other parts of Poland are covered by similar projects: Przodkowie and Geneteka \*

## Our database presently contains **217,358** marriages to search!

Recently added parishes: Targowagórka (Feb. 6), Sulmierzyce (Feb. 8), Sławsk Wielki (Feb. 10)

It is the largest online database of this type available for Polish genealogy.

If you want to receive the news about the Project's progress (either it's the first time you read about it or you have changed your email address), please email Lukasz Bielecki.

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This site is a temporary location where the results of the Project are stored. The actual homepage of the Poznań Marriage Records Indexing Project is located on the PolishRoots server. There you will find more details on the Project's mission & scope, along with the guidelines on how to transcribe records for it.

For those who have entered this site from elsewhere, here is a brief summary: The Poznań Project was primarily conceived as a way to resolve a problem common to many genealogists researching this area: the 19th century records rarely provide the precise location of origin for people who left the Poznań/Posen province to settle in America, Australia or elsewhere. Instead, the short label "Posen" is usually all that is provided. As this name actually indicates the city of Poznań (being the capital of the Province of the same name, both in the 19th century, when it belonged to Prussia, and now - within the Republic of Poland), scores of researchers have spent needless time and resources searching for their ancestors within the parishes of the Poznań/Posen City. Predictably, few succeeded. The reality is that their ancestors could have originated anywhere within that region which included around 2 million residents as of 1900.

To overcome this problem we hope to eventually make sufficient marriage records available on-line for all the parishes of the region, thus providing the information needed for researchers to pinpoint and order the appropriate microfilm(s). The period between 1835-1884 was chosen for practical reasons, corresponding to the period of greatest emigration. The sheer volume of microfilmed records makes it impractical for one individual to search the records of the entire area. Our approach is for many people to split the effort, volunteering to transcribe one or two parishes per person. This undertaking was initiated some time ago and we estimate that we have currently accumulated ca. 25 per cent of the region's marriage records (it is estimated that 700,000 marriages were probably contracted in the Poznan Province between 1835 and 1884, and roughly 100,000 of them might be no more available due to the records' loss in wars etc. Ca. 550,000 marriages could probably be found on the LDS microfilms and the remaining 50,000 would have to be extracted from the original records, mostly held locally in Poland, which have not (yet) been microfilmed. A growing number of researchers have already benefited from this project. Their success stories can be read

http://bindweed.man.poznan.pl/posen/project.php

here!

## <u>Using the database</u> is free of charge. Still, if you find the project useful and its development worth your voluntary donation, please <u>support us</u>.

We also need further data to add to the project. If you research a parish from this area, please contact us and just make a little more effort to index its marriages for the benefit of your fellow genealogists (download the Example Excel file). Maybe one day someone will find your ancestors in a place you would never think of? Here you find more on how to join the volunteers' team.



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