

## Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski

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Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski raised a family in Rudawka in northeast Poland during the late 1790s and early 1800s. At the time, villages were not within fixed parish boundaries. Rudawka was associated with four different Catholic parishes: Puńsk, Krasnopol, Sejny, and Kaletnik.

The Polish name for Matthias was Maciej, which translates to both Matthew and Matthias. Priscilla's name, as written in the church records, was Prakseda. Priscilla is considered the English equivalent of Prakseda.

There is uncertainty regarding both surnames. Unfortunately, very few documents have been found for the family at present. Different documents have various spellings for each name. Early documents show Liszewski whereas later documents have Leszczewski. Only two documents have been found that list Priscilla's maiden name, which use completely different surnames: Barbowiczowny and Koneniekich. Analysis of records from the area shows that Barbuwicz and Koneniewska do appear in documents for other families. Michael E. Byczek has determined, at present, for genealogical purposes that the surnames Leszczewski and Koneniewski are reasonable spellings for the surnames of Matthias and Priscilla until more records have been verified.

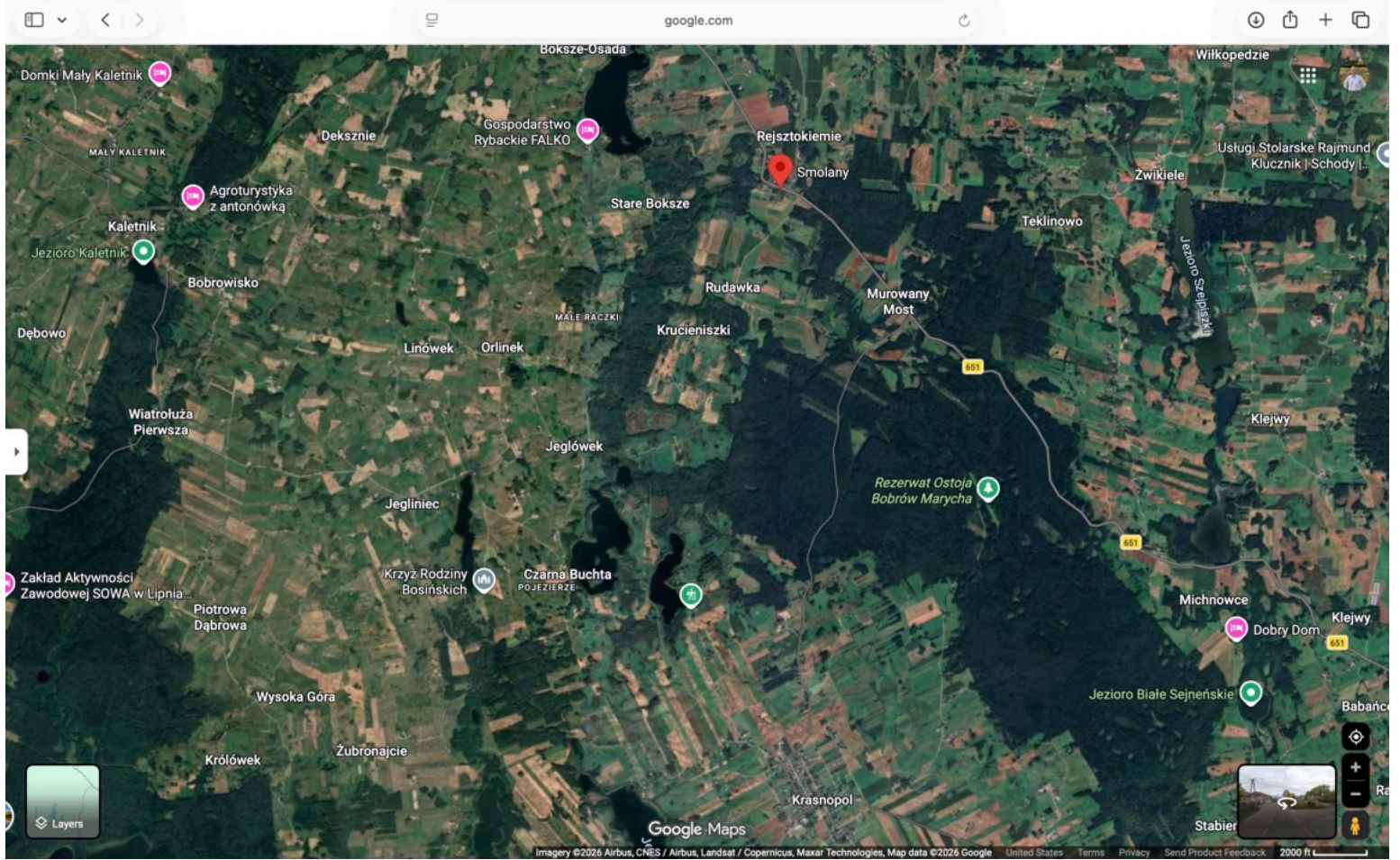
There are two known children of Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski/Koneniewska:

<b>Child</b>	<b>Birth</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Christina (Krystyna)	1796 - Rudawka	
Anna	1810 - Rudawka	Died in 1812 - Rudawka (Puńsk)

Their daughter Christina Leszczewski/Leszczewska married Paul (Paweł) Zawadzki in 1820 at the church located in Kaletnik. They are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents.

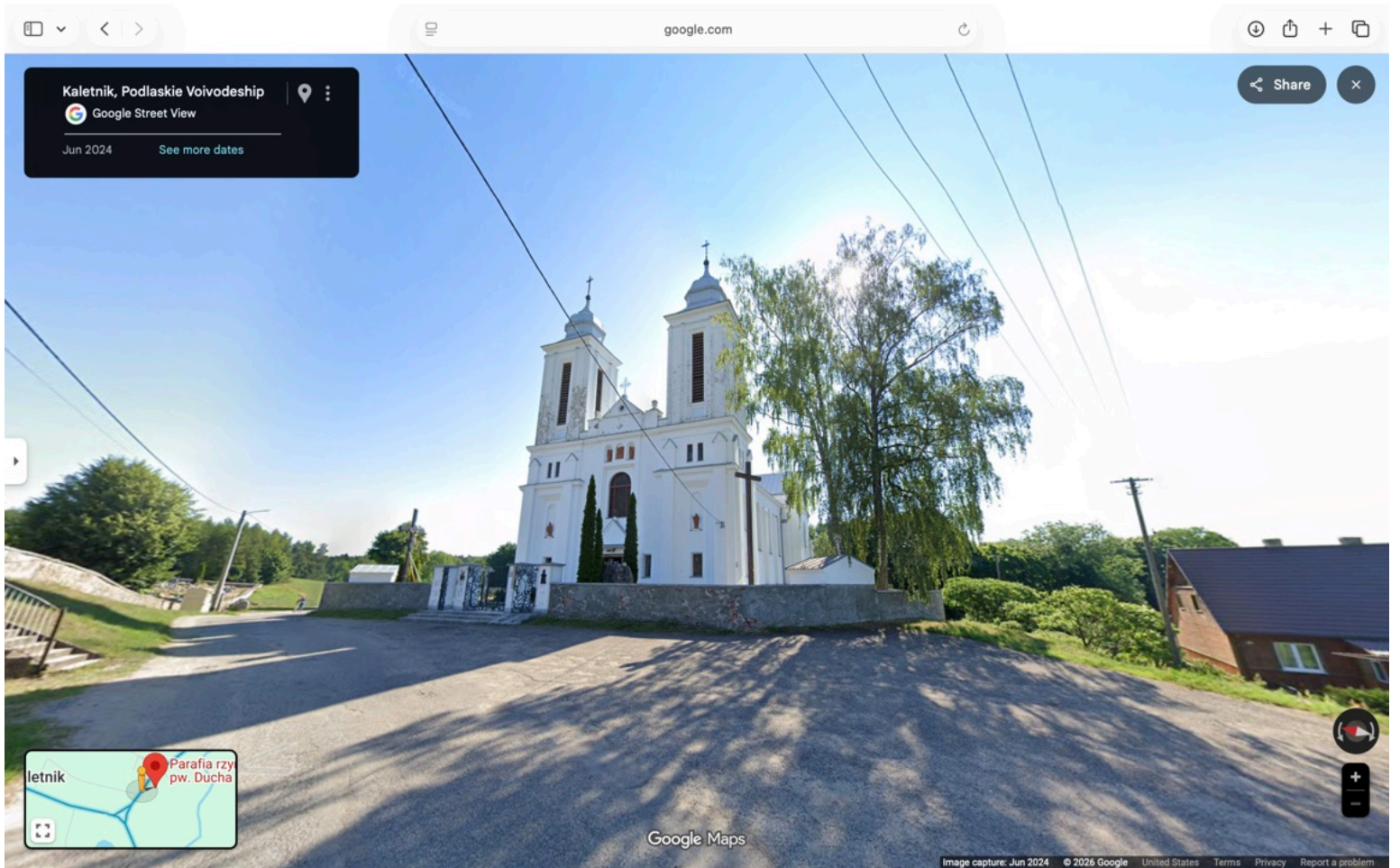
According to the translation for Anna's death in 1812, she was two years old and Priscilla was already deceased. This suggests a very short time period in which both events occurred (Anna's birth and Priscilla's death). Unfortunately, there are gaps in online availability of digitized records during this period. To complicate matters further, it is unknown how often the parish serving Rudawka changed, which is where Priscilla most likely passed away. Since she died between 1810 and 1812, the year 1811 is a reasonable estimate.

Matthias and Priscilla Leszczewski most likely had more children, given the 14 year age gap between Christina and Anna. These records have not yet been found. No information is available about any subsequent marriage of Matthias. His death record has not yet been found. The only document with the age for Matthias was Anna's death in 1812, which listed him as 45 years old (1767).

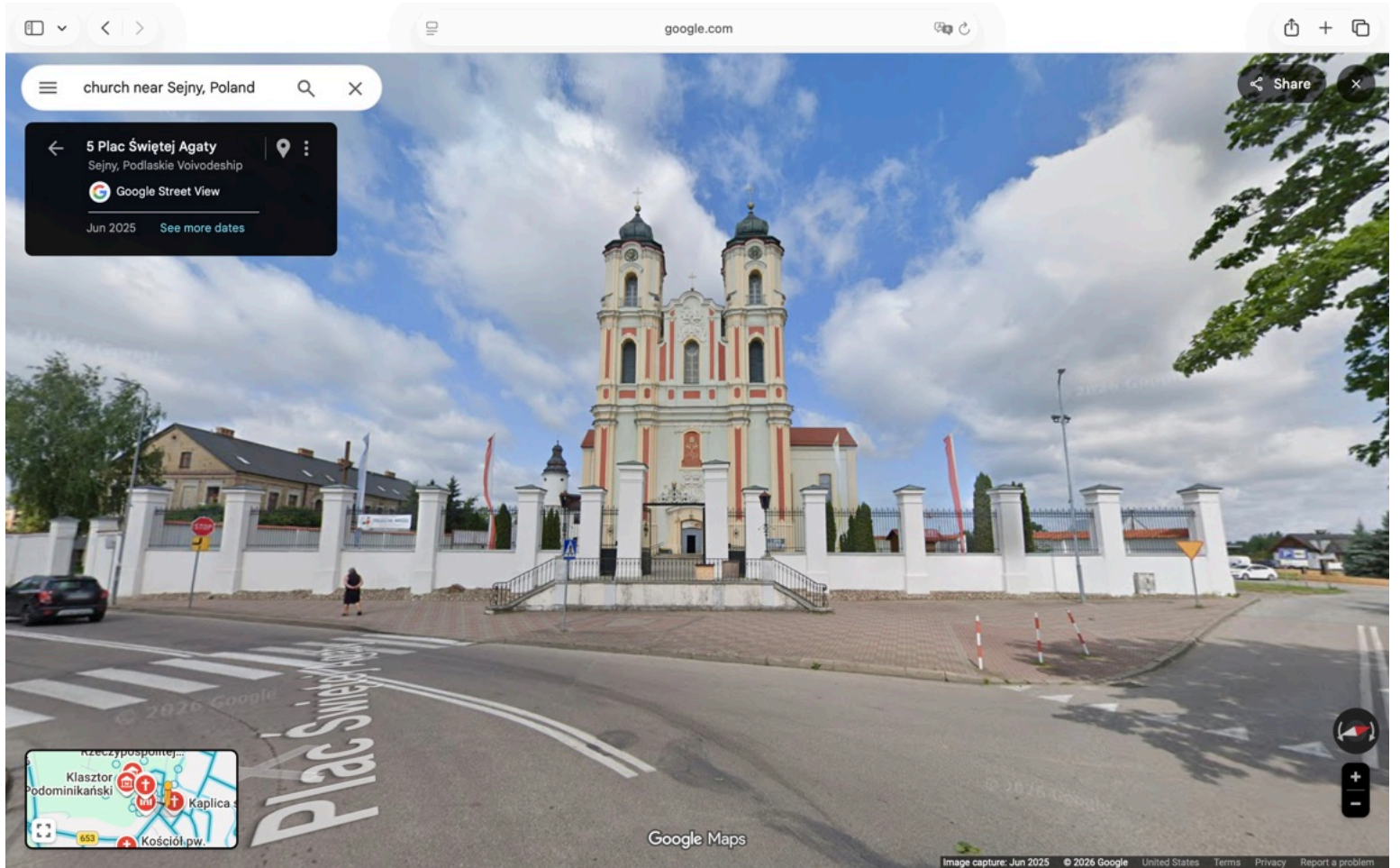


## Google Maps

The red marker is Smolany  
Rudawka is adjacent (beneath)  
Żubronajcie (location of Paul's death) is in the lower left corner

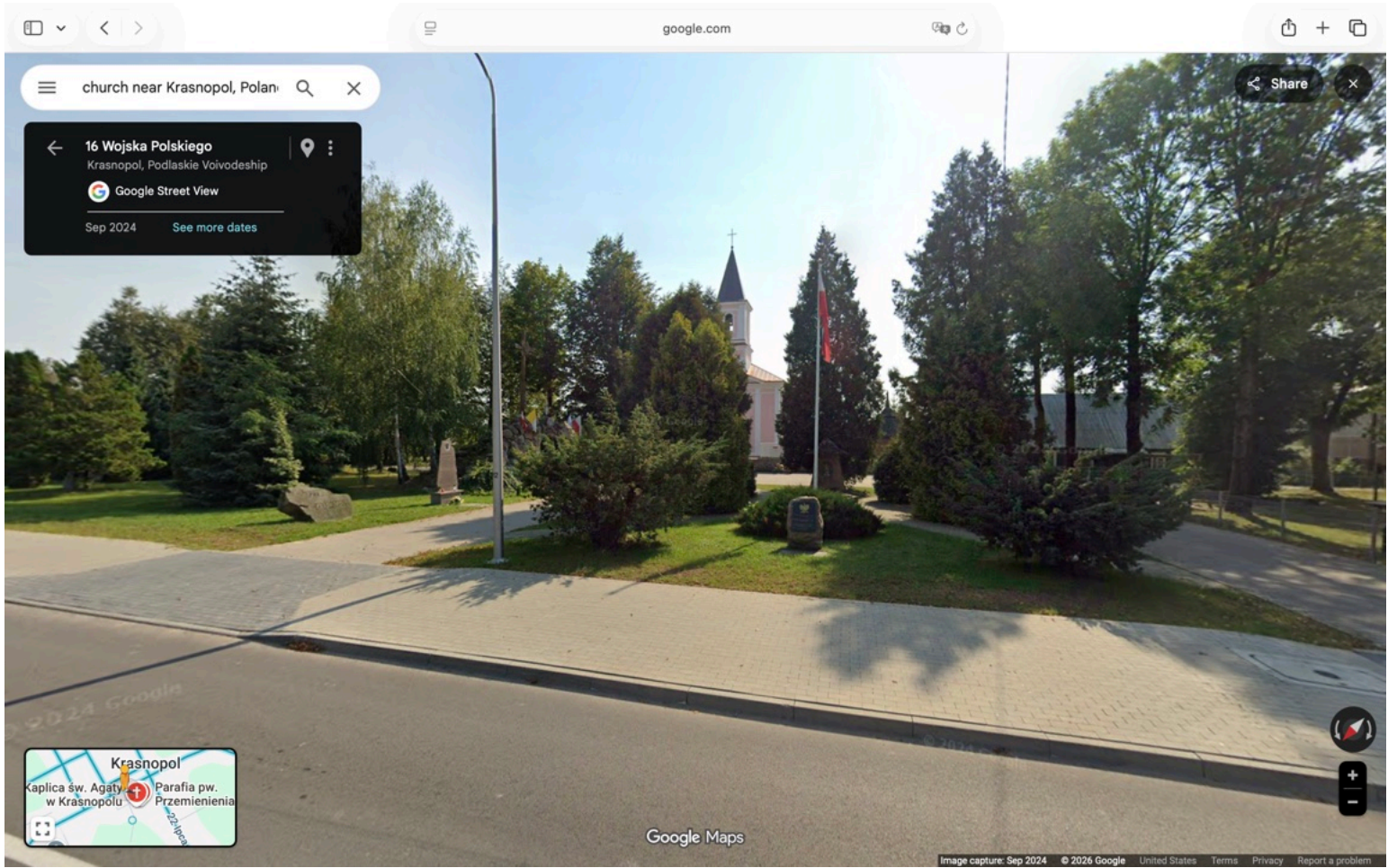


Kaletnik Catholic Church  
Source: Google Maps (Street View)



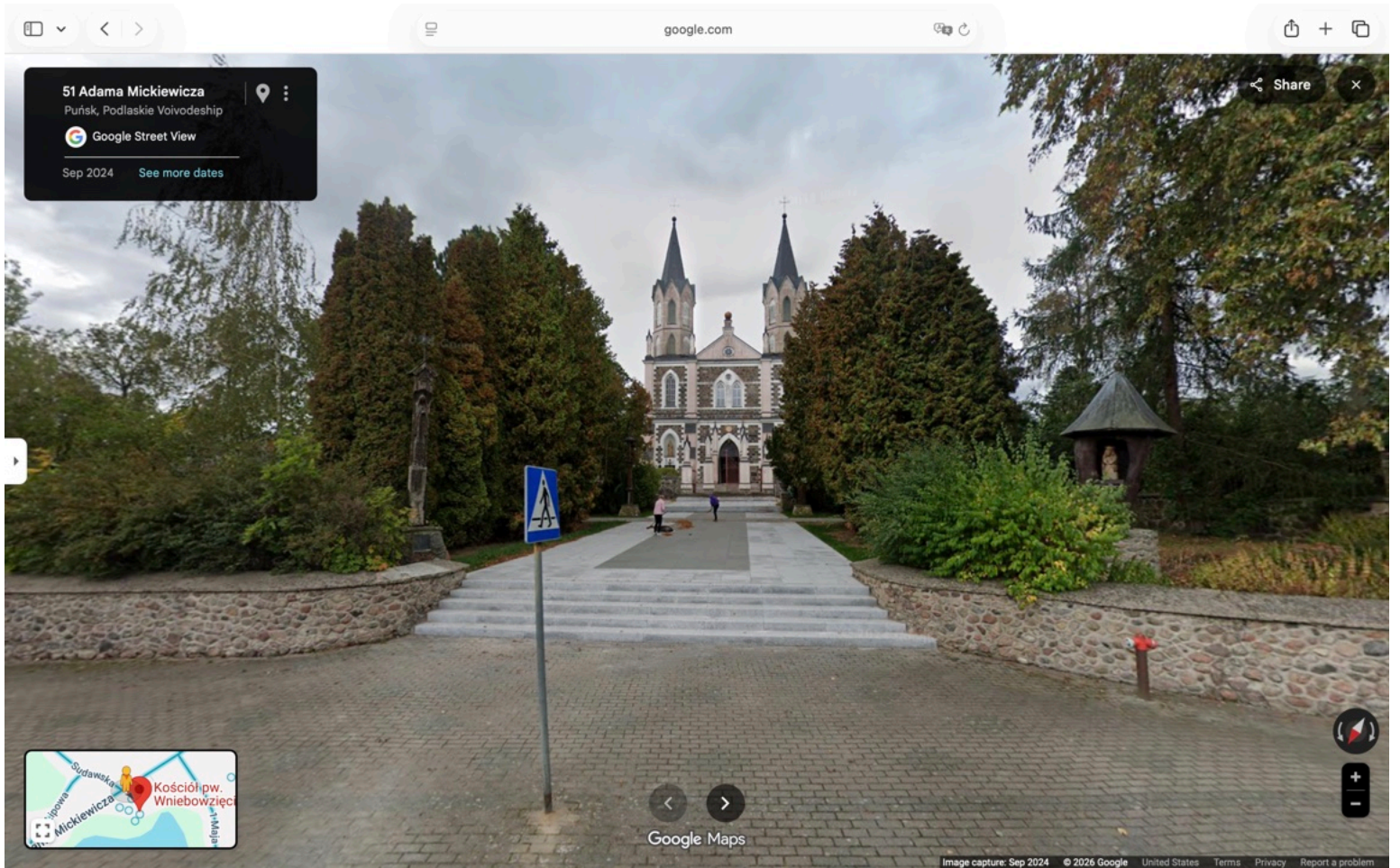
## Sejny Catholic Church

Source: Google Maps (Street View)



### Krasnopol Catholic Church

Source: Google Maps (Street View)



### Catholic Church in Puńsk

Source: Google Maps (Street View)

## **Children of Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski**

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Wojciech

Ksiądz Józef Wojtkiewicz

Roku Sycylijskiego ośmiętnego Dwadziestego dnia miesiąca Sycylijskiego  
 Dnia Namni Dobrocem Kaletnickim powiatowym obwodzie Wojska  
 ka Karne Cywilnego Gminy Kaletnickiej Obwodu Sycylijskiego Woiw  
 Józefa Augustowskiego stawit się Dawid Zawadzki zamieszkały na wpa  
 dantwie w Rudawie Litwy lat dwadziestu pięć podług atestowey matki  
 ki która wyjęty astatu ręką konicia Ruskiego syn Bartłomieja  
 Zawadzkiego i Cwoy Gwidołowy i ożaral im wimie zamieszkania stawit  
 się także Władysław i Lidawskich córka Klucza Lidawskiego i Pa  
 xel Barbowiński wycytorcy wzdriem swoich Litwy podług  
 atestowey matki wyjęty i kfiąg konicia Kaletnickiego lat Dwad  
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 chodu atestowego między nimi matronitwa, którego rozpowiedzi wyjęty  
 przed głośnionem Dnia wimie nowego domu gminnego to jest pierwsz  
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 wycytorcy wyjętych i wyjętych, jak to ten Dnia r  
 koda Napoleona wycytorcy matronitwa, rozpytaliemy się Gł  
 go matronka i przystę matronki, wyjęty sław, probrat się w  
 Kato gdy kade z nich odcieralnie odpowiadate, iż taka ich i  
 ta, świadczamy w Gł  
 a Lidawskich polowani są, wotem matronitwa tego wycy  
 kiego spialimny akt w przytomności Stanisława Łąchowickiego  
 Litwy lat trzydziestu hromiaka, Dnia i Mithi Litwy lat Dwad  
 zia przy stawiają Jakoba Majuskiego Litwy lat dwadziestu  
 pięć

Józef  
 1820  
 Zawadzki

się gospodowa i Rudawie i Kurioniara Stanhiwiera Litwy  
 ugo lat trzydziestu hromiaka i Lininka, który stawiają pr  
 uytany i podpisany zostaty przez Kato i ożby waki wy  
 rone piaz niemię. — Ksiądz Józef Wojtkiewicz  
 Roku Sycylijskiego ośmiętnego Dwadziestego dnia miesiąca Sycylijskiego

1820 Marriage of Paul Zawadzki  
Kaletnik Parish

## The Zawacki-Liszewski Branch (Established 1820)

### The Marriage

- **Date:** January 19, 1820
- **Parish:** Kaletnik (covering the village of Rudawka)
- **The Union:** Paweł Zawacki (25) & Krystyna Liszewska (26)

### The Groom: Paweł Zawacki

- **Origin:** Born in the **Puńsk Parish** (approx. 1795).
- **Status:** Farmer residing in **Rudawka** at the time of marriage.
- **Parents:** Bartłomiej Zawacki and Ewa née Gierwiłło.

### The Bride: Krystyna Liszewska

- **Origin:** Born and raised in **Rudawka** (approx. 1794).
- **Status:** Living "at the farm with her parents" at the time of marriage.
- **Parents:** Maciej Liszewski and **Prakseda née Barbier**.

### The Witnesses

The record identifies three men who were present and attested to the marriage. In this era, witnesses were typically either close relatives or respected neighbors of similar social standing.

1. **Franciszek Laszkowski** (30): A farmer from Rudawka.
2. **Paweł Miłki** (25): A farmer from Rudawka.
3. **Jakub Majewski** (25): A farmer from Rudawka.

AI translation (Google Gemini)

Note:

This translation concluded Prakseda's maiden name was Barbier.

This spelling is most likely not accurate, as the origin is French.

This surname is most associated with French settlements in Warsaw during this time period.

These findings do not correspond to anything known about the family in Rudawka.

Representative documents are described below.

1. 2 Budawki

177. <sup>roku Czwartego.</sup> Roku Tysiąc Osmset Dwunastego, Dnia siódmego Miesiąca Lutego, o godzinie dziewiątej rano. Przed Nami Proboworem Puńskim, Urzędnikiem Stanu Czwartego, Gminy Puńskiej, w Departamencie Łomżyńskim, Powiecie y Mniejpotności Sejreńskiej, stawili się, Antoni Bocikdanowicz Lat czterdzieście liczący, Szwagier z matką y Symon Wierzbicki Lat trzydzieście dwa mający, Gospodarz sąsiad, zamieszkali we Wsi Budawka, y oświadczyli Nam, iż dnia piątego Lutego, roku bieżącego, o godzinie piątej w Wieczor, umarła Anna Lat dwa mająca, córka Macieja Lisowskiego, Lat czterdzieście pięć letniego, Kucharka Wdowca y Brzoźdy z Kononiewskich zeszyły, zamieszkałego we Wsi Budawka, Gminy Puńskiej, w Domu jego pod Numerem trzecim leżącym, tamie y urodzona. Do czynu Akt niniejszy zejścia poprzecytanin oręgo oświadczaającym, został przez Nas podpisany, ile że oświadczaiący Antoni Bocikdanowicz y Symon Wierzbicki pisac niemielią. Krądz Mateusz Łabicki Probowor Puński Urzędnik Stanu Czwartego.

178. Roku Tysiąc Osmset Dwunastego, Dnia siódmego Miesiąca Lutego, ogo

1812 Death of Anna Liszewski  
Puńsk Parish

"Year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, on the **seventh day of the month of February**, at nine o'clock in the morning. Before Us, the Pastor of Puńsk, performing the duties of the Civil State Official of the Puńsk Commune, in the Sejny District, in the Łomża Department.

Appeared **Antoni Bogdanowicz**, aged forty, **brother-in-law** (*szwagier*) of the deceased, and **Szymon Wierzbicki**, aged thirty-two, a neighboring farmer, both residing in the village of **Rudawka**.

And they declared to Us that on the **fifth day of February of the current year**, at five o'clock in the evening, **Anna** died, aged **two years**.

Daughter of **Maciej Lisowski** [Liszewski], aged forty-five, a Catholic, a widower, and the late **Prakseda née Kononowicz** [z Kononowiczów], also deceased (*zeszłej*), residing in the village of **Rudawka**, in his house under Number Three, where she was also born.

Whereupon this act of death, after being read to the appearing parties, was signed by Us alone, as the declarants Antoni Bogdanowicz and Szymon Wierzbicki do not know how to write.

**(Signed) Father Mateusz Zaleski, Pastor of Puńsk, Civil State Official"**

AI translation (Google Gemini)

## Additional Information

Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Christina Leszczewski (4x-great-grandmother) married Paul Zawadzki in 1820 in Kaletnik. Their daughter Elizabeth Zawadzki (3x-great-grandmother) married Anthony Murzyn in 1839 in Krasnopol. Their son Peter Murzyn (2x-great-grandfather) married Josephine Muracki in 1870 in Wigry. Their son Frank Murzyn (great-grandfather) married Rose Sidor in 1897 in Sejny. Their daughter Antoinette Murzynowicz (grandmother) was born in Chicago, IL in 1912. The Frank and Rose Murzyn family settled in Chicago, IL on a permanent basis in 1908. Josephine (Muracki) Murzyn arrived in Chicago in 1910. The family interchanged the surnames Murzynowicz and Marynowski through the 1940s until formally adopting the latter. Antoinette Murzynowicz/Marynowski married Roman Bykowski in 1936 at St. Stanislaus Kostka in the Pulaski Park neighborhood. Their daughter Betty A. Bykowski (mother) married Michael M. Byczek in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children, Michael E. Byczek (the eldest) and Katherine S. Byczek, both born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Google Maps (Podlaskie Voivodeship in north-eastern Poland):

- Puńsk is a village and seat of the Gmina Puńsk in the Sejny County. It is located only 5 km from the border with Lithuania.
- Krasnopol is a village in Sejny County. It is the seat of the gmina called Gmina Krasnopol.
- Kaletnik is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Szypliszki, within Suwałki County
- Sejny is a town in north-eastern Poland and the capital of Sejny County, close to the northern border with Lithuania and Belarus
- Rudawka is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Krasnopol, within Sejny County

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Puńsk, Krasnopol, Sejny, and Kaletnik Catholic churches over the past ten or more years through direct messages to diocese archives, access to digitized microfilm, and online resources (i.e. records from Polish archives). He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for Matthias Leszczewski and Priscilla Koneniewski.

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