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Research Report

Client's name

Purpose of research:

Activity and the place of life of Jan Różański, his family and ancestors. The former territory of Russian partition of Poland. The villages which used to belong to the property of the house of Potocki and Radziwiłł (so-called Staszów Estate in the 19th and the beginning of 20th c.) in the area of nowadays Staszów county and the town of Dębica and its vicinity.

Available sources:

- 1) GenBaza: collection of scanned vital books of parishes of the Diocese of Sandomierz. Church records of the following parishes: Połaniec, Staszów, Koniemłoty, Kotuszów.
- 2) The parish archive of Połaniec: the vital books.
- 3) State Archive in Rzeszów:
Collection no. 111: "Internal Revenue Service in Dębica"
 - a) item no. 15: "Register of Companies" in the period of 1942.
- 4) National Archive in Krakow:
Collection no. 635: "The Archive of the House of Potocki of Krzeszowice"

- a) item no. 3131: "Zuckerfabrik u. Raffinerie Rytwiiany" the period of 1864-1864 (plans of the Sugar Factory in Rytwiiany)
- b) item no. 231: "Documenta ad exarendationem bonorum Rytwiiany, Staszow, Łubnice cum attinentiis spectantia per [...] Isabellam [...] Lubomirska [...] Ignatio Wielogłowski dimissorum" the period of 1796 – 1803 (census of 33 villages of the Estate of Staszów, the property of the house of Potocki)
- c) item no. 420: "Sprawa spadkowa po Arturze Potockim: 4. Inwentarz masy pozostałości po śp. Arturze Potockim w powiecie Staszowskim (m. Staszów, wsie: Rytwiiany, Kłoda, Ruda, Szczeka, Niedziałka)" the period of 1832 (census of the village of Rytwiiany from 1832)
- 5) The parish of Brzeźnica: "Chronicle of the Parish of Brzeźnica" (the interwar and occupation periodes)
- 6) WIG The Archive of Maps of Polish Military Institute 1919 - 1939
- 7) Mapster Archival Maps of Poland

Research results:

During research, the structure of the family of Jan Różański was reconstructed. Status of his paternal and maternal ancestors, their place of living, place of work and profession, even amount of serfdome in one cause. We found the house (the place where it used to stand) where Jan Różański was born in Okragła, the house were he resided along with his wife and their children in Dębica and address of his own company (a winery) in Dębica.

Jan Różański

Birth

Date of birth: 2 Jul 1892	Baptism date: 10 Jul 1892
Record No. 155	Parish: Okragła, parish Połaniec
Father: Franciszek, age 37	Mother: Katarzyna Świgoń, age 30
Occupation: forest ranger	
Godfather: Wincenty Bobek	Godmother: Marianna Kolczyńska ?
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AyhX57YzphEdQF4ATLcvnof20TQqUe5/view?usp=sharing	

Bronisława Różańska

Birth

Date of birth: 1 May 1890	Baptism date: 4 Apr 1890
Record No. 99	Parish: Okragła, parish Połaniec
Father: Franciszek, age 34	Mother: Katarzyna Świgoń, age 28
Occupation: forest ranger	
Godfather: Józef Skorupski	Godmother: Józefa Kotlarz from Świecica
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cAxV1wmnRYgzvT2RvjRo27II5yldvW48/view?usp=sharing	

Feliks Różański

Birth

Date of birth: 17 Apr 1883	Baptism date: 22 Apr 1883
Record No. 116	Parish: Okragła, parish Połaniec
Father: Franciszek, age 26	Mother: Katarzyna Świgoń, age 20
Occupation: forest ranger	
Godfather: Józef Skorupski from Świącica	Godmother: Marianna Sztucińska from Rytwiany
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TNQwBRgQFWE7qKrwFoTz9GFbxrddpnYB/view?usp=sharing	

Franciszek Różański

Marriage:

Date: 14 May 1879	
Record No. 12	Parish: Koniemłoty parish
Groom: Franciszek Różański living in Rytwiany	Bride: Katarzyna Świgoń living with her parents in Grobla
Age: 23	Age: 16
Parents: late Wojciech Różański and late Salomea Wista, farmers in Kotuszów	Parents: Feliks Świgoń and Wiktoria Skorupa, farmers in Grobla
Place of origin: Kotuszów	Place of origin: Rytwiany
Witnesses: Wojciech Sojka, age 25, farmer from Świącica and Walenty Kaczmarczyk, age 36, farmer from Kotuszów	
Comments: Groom's occupation: a servant	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wBxIAKSdlt3OBv-uXSYb38-LX3cPCQEx/view?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M3BIH6hEuJczzMK4KW4MjXmSdJH3RHAI/view?usp=sharing (part 2)	

Jadwiga Różańska	
Birth	
Date of birth: 23 Sep 1853	Baptism date: 24 Sep 1853
Record No. 53	Parish: Kotuszów 8, parish Kotuszów
Father: Wojciech Różański, age 32	Mother: Salomea Wista, age 34
Occupation:	
Godfather: Wojciech Szczypawka	Godmother: Marianna Skuzina from Kotuszów
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZqjNLee2AoVGJU3Sn9v2Fit3BeApLF4K/view?usp=sharing	

Katarzyna Świgoń	
Birth	
Date of birth: 3 Oct 1862	Baptism date: 4 Oct 1862
Record No. 135	Parish: Rytwiany, parish Staszów
Father: Feliks, age 40	Mother: Wiktoria Skorupa, age 36
Occupation: carter	
Godfather: Wilhelm Liebich	Godmother: Katarzyna Krupska
Comments: Wilhelm Liebich a godfather was a head of one of departments in the Sugar Factory	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YAPeyXKnyYBkC-cv8SOBsY9psxNFaezh/view?usp=sharing	
Marriage:	
Date: 14 May 1879	
Record No. 12	Parish: Koniemłoty parish
Groom: Franciszek Różański living in Rytwiany	Bride: Katarzyna Świgoń living with her parents in Grobla
Age: 23	Age: 16
Parents: late Wojciech Różański and late	Parents: Feliks Świgoń and Wiktoria

Salomea Wista, farmers in Kotuszów	Skorupa, farmers in Grobla
Place of origin: Kotuszów	Place of origin: Rytwiany
Witnesses: Wojciech Sojka, age 25, farmer from Świącica and Walenty Kaczmarczyk, age 36, farmer from Kotuszów	
Comments: Groom's occupation: a servant	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wBxIAKSdlt3OBv-uXSYb38-LX3cPCQEx/view?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M3BIH6hEuJczMK4KW4MjXmSdJH3RHAI/view?usp=sharing (part 2)	

Wawrzyniec Świgoń	
Birth	
Date of birth: 6 Aug 1864	Baptism date: 7 Aug 1864
Record No. 107	Parish: Rytwiany, parish Staszów
Father: Feliks Świgoń, age 43	Mother: Wiktoria Skorupa, age 33
Occupation: carter	
Godfather: Józef Augustowski	Godmother: Marianna Skunisz
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pm4vAJPn5ZMOV_w50c6x5Phcv6z6zYS4/view?usp=sharing	

Death	
Date: 8 Dec 1866	
Record No. 173	Parish: Rytwiany, parish Staszów
Age: 2	Cause of death:
Comments: His parents: carters in Sugar Factory, living in Rytwiany next to the factory in houses intended for workers of this factory	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13eNdjRY-ykNYROek3RW_c48E3KEG-k_E/view?usp=sharing	

Grzegorz Świgoń	
Birth	
Date of birth: 1856	Baptism date:
Record No.	Parish:
Father: Feliks Świgoń	Mother: Wiktoria Korypska
Occupation: carter	
Godfather:	Godmother:
Comments:	
Link:	

Death	
Date: 10 January 1858	
Record No. 9	Parish: Rytwiany, parish Staszów
Age: 2	Cause of death:
Comments: His mother Wiktoria Korypska was the first wife of his father Feliks Świgoń	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZYyfoNIfr46RKBjIqikuJZG2kH5Ti_sI/view?usp=sharing	

Feliks Świgoń	
Death	
Date: 29 Apr 1889	
Record No. 46	Parish: Grobla, parish Koniemłoty
Age: 67	Cause of death:
Comments: Feliks Ś. was born somewhere in Galicia, parents unknown. Perhaps he emigrated for economic reasons. He left a wife Wiktoria Skorupa and children: Józefa married Kotlarz and Katarzyna married Różański.	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hkLmokruzBGAY7tqj7Dul9K-GyMrQ-D3/view?usp=sharing	

Wiktorja Skorupa

Birth

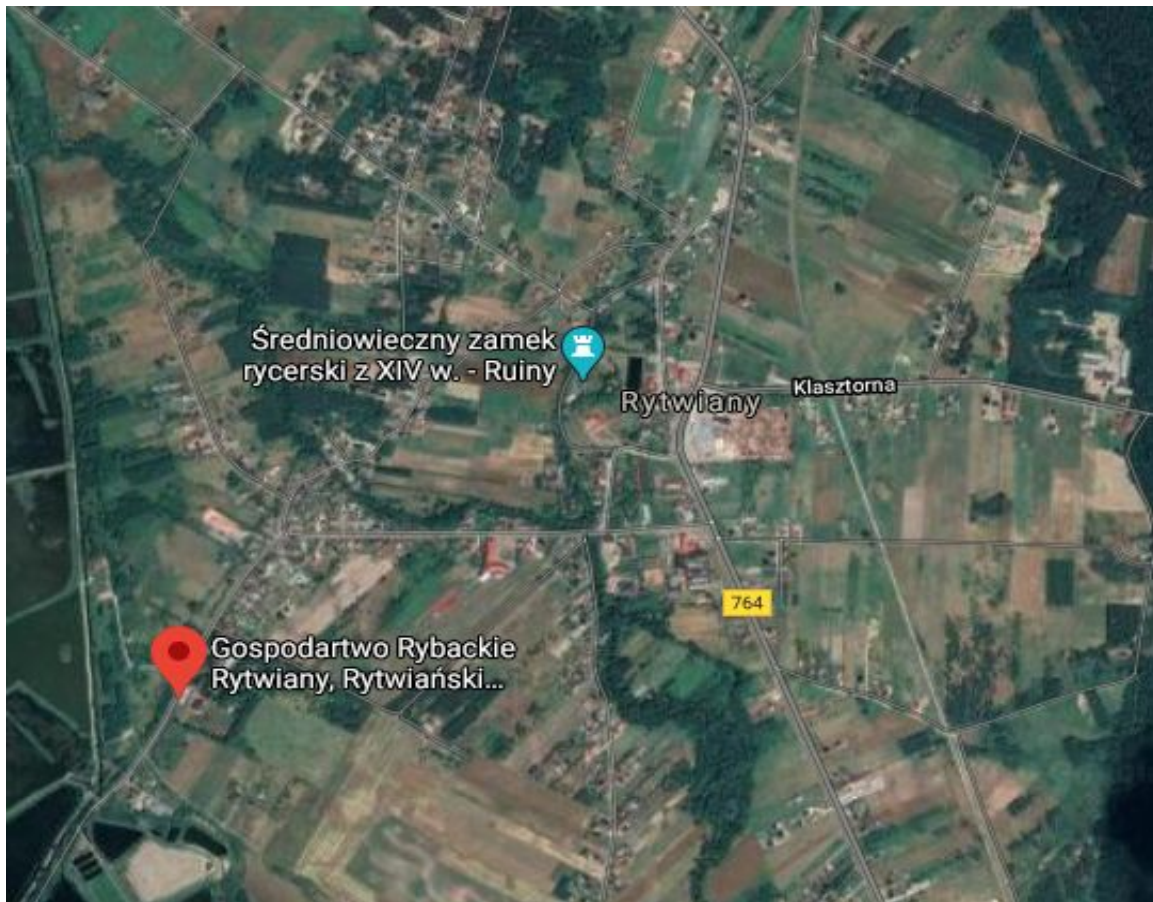
Date of birth: Nov 1824	Baptism date: Nov 1824
Record No. page 47	Parish: Kotuszów 21, parish Kotuszów
Father: Jacenty Skorupa	Mother: Małgorzata Koiełkowiczówna
Occupation:	
Godfather: Józef Chmiel a farmer in Kotuszów	Godmother: Agnieszka Karwicka a farmer in Kotuszów
Comments: Her father Jacenty Skorupa probably died in 1847. I have not seen the original document but just an index.	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oYNLYUwASwJ3fLTZIE_BJhIhU3_c_IQh/view?usp=sharing	

Death

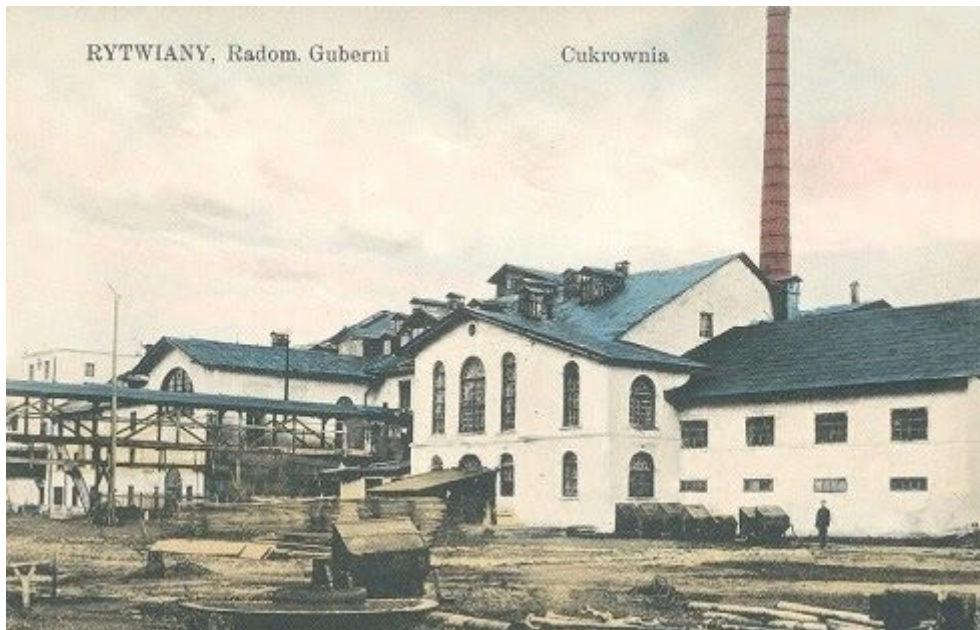
Date: 9 Jul	
Record No. 89	Parish: Grobla, parish Koniemłoty
Age: 70	Cause of death:
Comments: A widow after Feliks Świgoń	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qqb3fu9w4VtByJDQAWf7SRdfiq40C-Ci/view?usp=sharing	



Forester's lodge, the place of born of Jan Rózański in Okragła 35 A (<https://goo.gl/maps/qtkcCDwCjJz2r9iu9>)



Presumably, the building where workers of the Sugar Factory used to live. Rytwiany, street of Artur Radziwiłł 19. The Sugar Factory was situated next to the building (<https://goo.gl/maps/y8KpnweogdVEpFe1A>).



The Sugar Factory in Rytwiany (not existing)



Office building of the Sugar Factory in Rytwiany. (it was remodelled into a palace by next possessors in next years)

Analysis and possible further steps:

Lineage of the Różański

The oldest document that I managed to find referring to the Różański family dates back to 1853. It mentions the oldest known representative of this family Wojciech Różański. He was born in 1821 and lived in Kotuszów No. 8. There is no record of his birth certificate in the vital books of the parish of Kotuszów.

Kotuszów, as well as Rytwiany and Grobla and 30 other towns and villages belonged to the house of the Potocki family. This property was called the Staszów Estate. I checked the inventories of the village of Rytwiany from 1832 and the inventory of the Staszów Estate (33 towns and villages) from 1796 - 1803. The Różański and Świgoń families did not appear in the censuses.

So I suppose that the Różański family did not come from this region. Perhaps it was Wojciech Różański who was the first member of this family who settled in Kotuszów in Staszów Estate before 1853. The place of origin of the Różański family remains unknown.

Franciszek Różański was born in Kotuszów, then moved to Rytwiany where he worked as a servant in 1879. Perhaps he served in the offices of the sugar factory in Rytwiany. The office building was later remodelled into today's palace by next owners, the house of Radziwiłł family. Most likely he met his future wife Katarzyna Świgoń in this sugar factory where her father was working too. They might have lived next to each other in houses built for factory workers. Somewhen between 1879 and 1883, Franciszek got a new job as a forest ranger and moved to the village of Okrağła. He lived on the outskirts of the village in a forester's lodge. The house was built probably between 1873 (no mention about the lodge in sources) and 1892 (probably the first mention about the lodge and 3 morga of land belonging to it, that is about 1,5 hectares). This part of the village is still called "Gajówka", that is a "Forester's lodge". The old house no longer exists. There is a new, private one.

Most likely, the entire Różański family moved out from Okrağła very early. The last entry in the records relating to the Różański family is the

baptismal act of Jan Róžański from 1892. Nobody in the village knows and remembers the Róžański family. I found Mrs. Włodzimiera Pająk née Żak in the neighboring village of Łuszyca 8 who is the oldest person (about 80) who lived as a child in the forester's lodge in Okraęła, in the former Róžański house. Her father was a forester in the 1940/50s. She doesn't know and has never heard of the Róžański family.

Lineage of the Świgoń

The oldest representative of the Świgoń family is Feliks Świgoń, born in 1822 somewhere in Galicia in the Austrian partition of Poland. The exact place of his origin remains unknown. He emigrated from Austria (Galicia) to Russia (Kingdom of Poland) before 1856, most probably for economic reasons. Under the Austrian rule, Galicia experienced an almost continuous economic crisis. The first mention of him comes from 1856. He worked in the Sugar Factory in Rytwiiany as a carter. The family lived in Rytwiiany in a part of the village called "cukrownia" that is the "sugar factory". They probably lived in one of the houses built for factory workers. The work of this type of unskilled workers was among the worst paid, and their families were among the poorest. Although they probably had an apartment provided, the living conditions in workers' houses were very difficult.

It seems that only one family, out of all the names in the reconstructed family tree, came from this region. It was the Kozielkiewicz family from Kotuszów, farmers cultivating larger parts of land and being attached with the land and the region. In the years 1796 - 1803 they owned half a "łan" of land (approx. 10 - 12 hectares) and two horses. They did serfdom (2 days with horses and 1 day on foot, probably per week), paid rent and other taxes.

Jan Róžański

I did find a person whose grandfather knew Jan Róžański and his family personally. Jan Róžański and his family lived in his grandfather's house in Dębica. I am in touch by phone with this person, he is currently on vacation.

I found documents relating to the Jan Róžański's Winery "Zacisze" in Dębica in the State Archive in Rzeszów. I am waiting for scans of these materials.

I made contact with the priest who administers the cemetery where Jan Róžański is buried. I am still waiting for contact from the Pryjda family, whose two members were buried in the same grave with Jan Róžański.

I found a collection of school reports from the region from 1848-1913 and 1906-1914 in the State Archive in Kielce (the matter of education of J. Róžański).

I also found maps and lists of land and building owners and many other files relating to land and building ownership in the State Archive in Kielce.

I found lists of conscripts from the region from 1915 in the State Archive in Radom (the case of J. Róžański's military service during WWI).

I found a great document in the National Archive in Krakow. It is a 24-page instruction for forest workers employed in the Potocki Estate from 1884. This document will show the working day and duties of Feliks Róžański, who was a forest worker in this Estate at that time. Unfortunately, the document will not be available until next year. The Archive's Branch is currently moving to another place and is closed.

Researching perspective

Searching for the testimonies of the life of Jan Róžański and his family gave me a lot of joy and a lot of satisfaction because I have managed to achieve much more than I had expected. That's partly because I spent much more time on the cause than it was planned, not one day but actually almost three days. Having won so great materials it was hard to stop halfway. However, in order to continue further work, I need prolongation of the order.

1) I am able to find the residence of Jan Róžański and his family in Dębica. Perhaps, it will be possible to find some people who knew him personally, maybe some souvenirs, some stories or witnesses. I think that I am able to find the place where the Róžański's Winery "Zacisze" in Dębica was located. I am still waiting for the scans from the archive. To accomplish this task, I need at least one day.

2) I would need another day to check school certificates and lists of land and building owners in the State Archive in Kielce and the list of conscripts in the State Archive in Radom.

3) On request, I can write an essay on the Różański family and families related to them (activity, life, work, status, conditions). A family history based on historical sources and scientific studies, set in the context of the social, economic and historical situation in Poland and in the region where they lived at that time. This task could be performed after completing the genealogical research. It may take 2 days.

Now, when you know more about your ancestors, you may want to continue the research or have other lines of your family from Europe to be traced.

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- shot pictures and videos of the most important places,
- try to locate where in the village your family lived,
- search for your living relatives
- can carry out other work that can only be done in person on site. That might include asking for a mass in your ancestors parish church, learning about other possible regional history sources available in local institutions, or any other wishes you may have related to your family history.

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