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Research Report Thomas Marsh (Kuraczyk)

Purpose of research:

To research the ancestral line of Elżbieta Kuraczyk, find more information about her siblings, parents and grandparents, and their families.

Available sources:

Records from the Roman-Catholic parish in Służewo available for the years of 1828-1832, 1834-1839, 1841-1846, 1848-1856, 1858, 1861-1867, 1869-1911.

Research results:

We were quite successful when it comes to Elżbieta Kuraczyk's maternal line. Her paternal line proved to be more difficult. First, Elżbieta and her siblings:

Elżbieta Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 24 Dec 1881	Baptism date: 25 Dec 1881
Record No. 264	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo*
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 45 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 32 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Stanisław Ferner	Godmother: Elżbieta Migdalska
Comments: *the information about Elżbieta being from Białe Błota most likely was caused by the fact that the Kuraczyk family moved there somewhere between 26 August 1884 and 30 March 1886	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ssh31esZaobinWNL6nJunRIWq2qcyooj/view?usp=sharing	
Marriage:	
Date: 27 Oct 1907	
Record No. 82	Parish: Białe Błota, parish Służewo
Groom: Antoni Magdziarz	Bride: Elżbieta Kuraczyk
Occupation: laborer	
Age: 21	Age: 20
Parents: Tomasz and Marianna Magdziarz**	Parents: Jan Kuraczyk and Marianna Witkowska
Place of origin: born in Słomczyn*, living in Aleksandrów	Place of origin: Białe Błota
Comments: *this would be incorrect, since he was only baptized in Słomczyn, but born in Kawęczyn	
**Marianna's maiden name was omitted	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MtkEyMQeNPYyOIW8TCWbALbVtKz9GLjV/view?usp=sharing	

Andrzej Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 16 Aug 1867	Baptism date: 18 Aug 1867

Record No. 122	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 30 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 21 years old
Occupation: fornal*	
Godfather: Balcer Dziedzic	Godmother: Apolonia Winicka
Comments: *laborer working fields with horses or horse carts	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h8WC_0v-g7j4l-hy00iS2q0v49693I_h/view?usp=sharing	

Marcjanna Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 2 Jul 1870	Baptism date: 3 Jul 1870
Record No. 105	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 32 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 26 years old
Occupation: carter/wagoner	
Godfather: Marcin Cygański	Godmother: Marcianna Świątkowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IEi8qhgQ04noOtbSZf_TNBCwkcd378XY/view?usp=sharing	

Katarzyna Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 17 Jul 1873	Baptism date: 20 Jul 1873
Record No. 107	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 35 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 26 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Teodor Winnicki	Godmother: Marcjanna Cygańska
Comments: There is an annotation on the margin that she died on 29th of May 1956 in Rypin	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jGH2ZhIDbtSkIiOKKHDByy1H-b0g9Xfc/view?usp=sharing	

Antoni Kuraczyk

Birth	
Date of birth: 13 Jun 1876	Baptism date: 15 Jun 1876
Record No. 89	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 39 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 29 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Antoni Marchlewski	Godmother: Petronela Krusińska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fLYds_kDbYCVVI5GZ973T81u2DkuFER2/view?usp=sharing	

Józef Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 25 Jan 1879	Baptism date: 26 Jan 1879
Record No. 18	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 40 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 30 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Franciszek Malecki	Godmother: Ludwika Kuraczyk
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11TybMFHWqfpJ2hKL6UGK2xyBsnjtXeM0/view?usp=sharing	

Feliiks Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 23 Aug 1884	Baptism date: 26 Aug 1884
Record No. 178	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Jan Kuraczyk, 40 years old	Mother: Marianna Witkowska, 36 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Walenty Polewski	Godmother: Józefa Wiśniewska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D9k8bKGbyf1PwS2EtPgSuPlgOq-XyidU/view?usp=sharing	

NN Kuraczyk	
Death	
Date: 30 Mar 1886	
Record No. 45	Parish: Białe Błota, parish Służewo
Age: - (stillborn?)	Cause of death: -
Comments: son of Jan Kuraczyk and Marianna nee Witkowska, laborers living in Białe Błota	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qUr8hzLG9sISV-GLqeTf5_Xz3K1pGQBN/view?usp=sharing	

NN Kuraczyk	
Death	
Date: 14 Oct 1887	
Record No. 131	Parish: Białe Błota, parish Służewo
Age: - (stillborn?)	Cause of death: -
Comments: daughter of Jan Kuraczyk and Marianna nee Witkowska, laborers living in Białe Błota	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VICo1hjuQzsjpIJrE8AlPzcnyYeh45Xc/view?usp=sharing	

Marianna Witkowska and her siblings

Marianna Witkowska	
Birth	
Date of birth: 31 Jul 1846	Baptism date: 2 Aug 1846
Record No. 105	Parish: Broniszewo, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 23 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 22 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Mateusz Trzciowski	Godmother: Tekla Wróblewska
Comments:	

Link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1soAtajq6W0D_EtwyP25fbB6l-Nbd585R/view?usp=sharing

Marriage:	
Date: 19 Nov 1864	
Record No. 43	Parish: Służewo
Groom: Jan Kuraczyk	Bride: Maryanna Witkowska, a laborer
Occupation: fornal	
Age: 27	Age: 22
Parents: Mateusz and late Zuzanna	Parents: Tomasz Witkowski and Agnieszka Dziedzic
Place of origin: Przybranowo	Place of origin: Broniszewo
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pISQwtzyYyoLGE6VUtIeYgzYATP6fmPx/view?usp=sharing	

Katarzyna Witkowska	
Birth	
Date of birth: 4 Nov 1848	Baptism date: 5 Nov 1848
Record No. 75	Parish: Broniszewo, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 26 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 24 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Szczepan Urbański	Godmother: Zofia Rydlewska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11W7i2awrfKPMrwQaHQgVw9IEbMjagUOK/view?usp=sharing	

Józef Witkowski	
Birth	
Date of birth: 19 Feb 1850	Baptism date: 24 Feb 1850
Record No. 15	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 28 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 26 years old

Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Jan Kałużniak	Godmother: Ewa Dziedzic
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N1vL8sNLI-TKZoffHDbDE5Vbi-F0-Y56/view?usp=sharing	

Rozalia Witkowska	
Birth	
Date of birth: 24 Jun 1852	Baptism date: 24 Jun 1852
Record No. 53	Parish: Służewo, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 32 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 30 years old
Occupation: fornal	
Godfather: Michał Brzustowicz	Godmother: Franciszka Witkowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BTleoi9JInrcD_VdLsJ571gz-cPJ4YJt/view?usp=sharing	

Jan Witkowski	
Birth	
Date of birth: 23 Sep 1853	Baptism date: 25 Sep 1853
Record No. 92	Parish: Służewo, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 31 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 29 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Walenty Walczak	Godmother: Marianna Zeszotarska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iiQh7GmXio8xN2dO3FDUVQS1EJ7XeoI2/view?usp=sharing	

Michał Witkowski	
Birth	
Date of birth: 30 Aug 1855	Baptism date: 30 Aug 1855

Record No. 62	Parish: Służewo, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 30 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 29 years old
Occupation: fornal	
Godfather: Mateusz Migdalski	Godmother: Józefa Koprowicz
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zcDb41hR8XrYCYhAF20mOCOFMzoejFNP/view?usp=sharing	

Marianna Witkowska	
Death	
Date: 27 Aug 1858	
Record No. 72	Parish: Stara Wieś, parish Służewo
Age: 17 weeks	Cause of death: -
Comments: daughter of Tomasz Witkowski and Agnieszka nee Dziedzic, it is interesting that they decided to name her Marianna. There was no birth record.	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZmobqfNIFI6ntZ4GOP4dTlie6n-LB9AD/view?usp=sharing	

Łukasz Witkowski	
Birth	
Date of birth: 1 Oct 1862	Baptism date: 5 Oct 1862
Record No. 103	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Tomasz Witkowski, 40 years old	Mother: Agnieszka Dziedzic, 38 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Stefan Nowak	Godmother: Marianna Cygańska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13IKn_7AaRna8qc9kOQUNamTJcsIFjEvg/view?usp=sharing	

Marianna Witkowska's parents

Tomasz Witkowski	
Birth	
Date of birth: before 1821 or in 1822, 1827 as these years are not available online	Baptism date:
Marriage:	
Date: 6 Nov 1844	
Record No. 17	Parish: Służewo
Groom: Tomasz Witkowski	Bride: Barbara Agnieszka Dziedzic
Occupation: fernal	
Age: 20	Age: 21
Parents: late Wojciech Witkowski and living Barbara	Parents: Szymon Dziedzic and Barbara, farmhands living in Służewo
Place of origin: Broniszewo	Place of origin: Koneck
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iZWMy6_KelsPUPsiFCqzMXNdpjTPVvKi/view?usp=sharing	
Death	
Date: 23 Jun 1903	
Record No. 111	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Age: 85	Cause of death: -
Comments: born in Służewo, son of unknown parents, left a widowed wife Agnieszka nee Dziedzic	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19PTBPh2y-J3S1PfMwLAovARUkedDdNjL/view?usp=sharing	

Marianna Witkowska (Tomasz's sister)	
Birth	
Date of birth: 29 Jun 1825	Baptism date:
Record No. 91	Parish: Broniszewo, parish Służewo

Father: Wojciech Witkowski, 50 years old	Mother: Barbara Witczak, 40 years old
Occupation: farmer	
Godfather: -	Godmother: -
Comments: this is a civil record, therefore no baptism date nor names of godparents	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SG6EBRhXDP5yP3ZWEMEKTlvBLBXUKrOw/view?usp=sharing	
Death	
Date: 26 Dec 1826	
Record No. -	Parish: Broniszewo, parish Służewo
Age: 1.5 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments: daughter of Wojciech and Barbara Witkowski	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PidDMnna_3JJPOtyokJ1SNbGtH8pIFhx/view?usp=sharing	

Józefa Witkowska (Tomasz's sister)	
Death	
Date: 1 Jul 1826	
Record No. -	Parish: Broniszewo, parish Służewo
Age: 12 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments: daughter of Wojciech and Barbara Witkowski	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19tR23h5CA9U8_3-s0Tln6ipM69WRwppW/view?usp=sharing	

Agnieszka Dziedzic	
Birth	
Date of birth: born around 1823	Baptism date:
Record No.	Parish: Koneck, parish Koneck - years of our interest are not available online
Marriage:	
Date: 6 Nov 1844	
Record No. 17	Parish: Służewo

Groom: Tomasz Witkowski	Bride: Barbara Agnieszka Dziedzic
Occupation: fornal	
Age: 20	Age: 21
Parents: late Wojciech Witkowski and living Barbara	Parents: Szymon Dziedzic and Barbara, farmhands living in Służewo
Place of origin: Broniszewo	Place of origin: Koneck
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iZWMy6_KelsPUPsiFCqzMXNdpjTPVkJFi/view?usp=sharing	
Death	
Date: 31 May 1905	
Record No. 92	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Age: 80	Cause of death: -
Comments: Agnieszka Witkowska born in Służewo (information most likely wrong since her marriage record mentions Koneck), daughter of parents of unknown names, maiden name Dziedzic, a widow	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yxwad_PAjD70FdZFT8dcZ0pDHGwnQIXW/view?usp=sharing	

Jan Kuraczyk and his parents

When researching Elżbieta Kuraczyk's maternal line, I have also searched for Jan Kuraczyk's birth record, to no avail. We did not have his 1864 marriage record at that point, so I assumed he was born elsewhere.

However, his marriage record states that he was born in Przybranowo, which also belonged to the Roman-Catholic parish in Służewo.

Jan Kuraczyk	
Marriage:	
Date: 19 Nov 1864	
Record No. 43	Parish: Służewo
Groom: Jan Kuraczyk	Bride: Maryanna Witkowska, a laborer
Occupation: fornal	

Age: 27	Age: 22
Parents: Mateusz and late Zuzanna	Parents: Tomasz Witkowski and Agnieszka Dziedzic
Place of origin: Przybranowo	Place of origin: Broniszewo
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pISQwtzyYyoLGE6VUtIeYgzYATP6fmPx/view?usp=sharing	

I returned to records from Służewo to double-check them. Birth and marriage records for the 1830-1861 period were checked (with the exception of the years not available online of 1833, 1836, 1840, 1847, 1857, 1859, 1860). No birth record of Jan Kuraczyk nor marriage record of his parents were found. The only traces of the family were:

- the birth record of Jan's brother Jakub Kuraczyk from 1849
- the birth record of Jan's sister Franciszka Kuraczyk from 1856
- the death record of Jan's mother Zuzanna
- possibly the birth record of Wojciech Kuraczyk from 1846 who could be Jan's brother but the parents' first names are inconsistent.

Jakub Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 6 Jul 1849	Baptism date: 8 Jul 1849
Record No. 66	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Mateusz Kuraczyk, 43 years old	Mother: Zuzanna Woźniak, 30 years old
Occupation: farmhand	
Godfather: Jan Brzeszotowski	Godmother: Józefa Sikorska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17v7xhPhnon01gH3GfwJUyCsDhU0qxUmE/view?usp=sharing	

Franciszka Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 10 Nov 1856	Baptism date: 16 Nov 1856

Record No. 90	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Mateusz Kuraczyk, 50 years old	Mother: Zuzanna Woźniak, 35 years old
Occupation: laborer	
Godfather: Wincenty Trawiński	Godmother: Ewa Zawadzka
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jBAoecQPj1L16z2b3q7bAYQofZzZ3vSV/view?usp=sharing	

Zuzanna Kuraczyk nee Woźniak	
Death	
Date: 4 Apr 1861	
Record No. 15	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Age: 40 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments: wife of Mateusz Kuraczyk, a laborer living in Ośno	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zwkJjIpG2sxJ1SwzV9qI4XX-KIC1l2ax/view?usp=sharing	

Wojciech Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 7 Apr 1846	Baptism date: 13 Apr 1846
Record No. 62	Parish: Ośno, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 30 years old	Mother: Apolonia Woźniak, 25 years old
Occupation: farmhand	
Godfather: Mateusz Kuraczyk	Godmother: Maryanna Zaganiacz
Comments: there were no birth records of other children from this couple in the period of 1830-1861, this, plus parents' last names and the place of birth suggest that this could be Jan's brother but the age of parents does not match their age mentioned in other birth records of their children (although we know that age listed in vital records is often very inconsistent)	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13k0BcwC4lftJTLv4PE4h6qs_hag5kRqz/view?usp=sharing	

Prior to 1846, there was only one family in the territory of the parish in Służewo with the name Kuraczyk - Maciej Kuraczyk and his wife Małgorzata (maiden name

Sadowska), who had at least the following children: Maciej (b. 1830), Antoni (b. 1832), Michał (b. 1835), Franciszek (b. 1837), Wojciech (b. 1841), Karolina (b. 1843), Marcyanna (b. 1845). They all lived in Przybranowo where Jan Kuraczyk was supposed to be born.

Maciej Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 5 Feb 1830	Baptism date: 7 Feb 1830
Record No. 15	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczak, 36 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 26 years old
Occupation: farmhand	
Godfather: Maciej Matyszewski	Godmother: Maryanna Kwiatkowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gxr0ZXYJuCpjA6oGdY9LWZErNKmqdCCK/view?usp=sharing	

Antoni Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 14 Jan 1832	Baptism date: 16 Jan 1832
Record No. 4	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 40 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 30 years old
Occupation: day laborer	
Godfather: Maciej Chełmiński	Godmother: Cecylia Chełmińska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/131f3rdki_zVcPEwOqIZGghYQpgVfe0ET/view?usp=sharing	

Michał Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 3 Sep 1835	Baptism date: 6 Sep 1835
Record No. 82	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 40 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 30 years old

Occupation: day laborer	
Godfather: Jan Lipiński	Godmother: Katarzyna Petrykowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17MabOcjRH9b68erUzDLZ-okLmVlkEw31/view?usp=sharing	

Franciszek Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 26 Mar 1837	Baptism date: 2 Apr 1837
Record No. 40	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 44 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 30 years old
Occupation: farmer	
Godfather: Antoni Waszkowski	Godmother: Agnieszka Smykowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nqIQzxXYFUK94EycHrL5Wv2emkcMVS2/view?usp=sharing	

Wojciech Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 20 Mar 1841	Baptism date: 22 Mar 1841
Record No. 37	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 45 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 36 years old
Occupation: farmer	
Godfather: Bogusław Lax (?)	Godmother: Maryanna Petrykowska
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tgcGDiuFKW2ob64iRo2A7CQwjA7IQnwA/view?usp=sharing	

Karolina Kuraczyk	
Birth	

Date of birth: 5 Jun 1843	Baptism date: 7 Jun 1843
Record No. 59	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Mateusz Kuraczyk, 43 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 40 years old
Occupation: farmer	
Godfather: Filip Araszewski	Godmother: Salomea Racicka
Comments: Father's name is incorrectly mentioned at Mateusz.	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zm6XiOsnogNQiNNLAojp3ZsWCfPIOGR7/view?usp=sharing	

Maryanna Kuraczyk	
Birth	
Date of birth: 14 Apr 1845	Baptism date: 20 Apr 1845
Record No. 48	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Father: Maciej Kuraczyk, 50 years old	Mother: Małgorzata Sadowska, 40 years old
Occupation: farmer	
Godfather: Maciej Kuraczyk*	Godmother: Agnieszka Urbańska
Comments: *there were two men named Maciej Kuraczyk present at the baptism, the father and a witness, farmhand from Przybranowo, 38 years old	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XYMLfFLjPPY3fH182tQP1Ym7qMwwVbUn/view?usp=sharing	

As you might have noticed, there were some inconsistencies where Mateusz is mentioned as Maciej or Maciej as Mateusz. This might be due to the fact that in Latin Mateusz is written as Mathaeus and Maciej as Mathias. I have seen cases with the exact mistakes, although these records are all written in Polish. Perhaps the birth records of both Maciej and Mateusz have been kept in Latin and this caused the inconsistencies? If so, there is also a death record which got my attention:

Maciej/Mateusz Kuraczyk
Death
Date: 16 Jul 1854

Record No. 22	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Age: 60 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments: The deceased is noted as Mateusz Kuraczyk. It is mentioned that he left a widowed wife Małgorzata and children Maryanna, Maciej, Wawrzyniec, Michał, Franciszka and Józef. All of this, plus his age and place of death suggest that this might be Maciej Kuraczyk, father of the children listed in tables above.	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R9Rwkq3o1yedoqYnAF3jLTucIhP6iSx/view?usp=sharing	

No other death records of Maciej Kuraczyk or Mateusz Kuraczyk in the parish of Służewo were found in the years of 1830-1861.

At some point, I started wondering if perhaps Mateusz Kuraczyk - Jan Kuraczyk's father, would be the same person as Maciej Kuraczyk from Przybranowo and Małgorzata Sadowska was his first wife and Zuzanna Woźniak the second. The above death record would contradict this, since as we know, Jan Kuraczyk's sister Franciszka was born in 1856, therefore her father could not have died in 1854.

The fact that Jan Kuraczyk's family seemed to live solely in Ośno, while Maciej Kuraczyk with his relatives lived in Przybranowo seems to contradict this theory as well. Also, there were only two death records of Małgorzata Kuraczyk - one in 1861 and the other in 1874.

Małgorzata Kuraczyk	
Death	
Date: 24 Apr 1861	
Record No. 21	Parish: Rudanki Starowiejskie, parish Służewo
Age: 47 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments: Left behind a widowed husband Maciej Kuraczyk, a farmer	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uckSocO8B5RQ_7mBn3oOZk9HoTVe0wxo/view?usp=sharing	

Małgorzata Kuraczyk

Death	
Date: 12 Feb 1874	
Record No. 17	Parish: Przybranowo, parish Służewo
Age: 76 years old	Cause of death: -
Comments:	
Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SLcCR9lvYsd_wsoL8cAKvCDrpI5n8rNa/view?usp=sharing https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FeuC7gj9mRvhW9AnzbWMfQH-mOVBDQvN/view?usp=sharing (part 2)	

If one of the above death records is for Małgorzata nee Sadowska, this would further prove that these were two different families (as Zuzanna Woźniak died in 1861).

All of this does not explain why there is no Jan Kuraczyk's birth record or Mateusz Kuraczyk's and Zuzanna Woźniak's marriage record. Perhaps he was born/they were married somewhere in the years that were not available online (1833, 1836, 1840, 1847)? However, births of Jan's other siblings should be mentioned in the adjacent years and there were none until 1849 (1846 if we count Wojciech Kuraczyk).

Another option is that he and his parents arrived in Ośno from the territory of a different parish. Also, perhaps the priest was used to Kuraczyks living in Przybranowo and this is why he mistakenly wrote it as Jan's birthplace?

There is also a different village of Przybranowo (in gmina Przedecz), which belonged to the Roman-Catholic parish in Błenna. I have checked indexes from this parish as well and there were no Kuraczyks living there at all.

Analysis and possible further steps:

Possible solution would be to check records from the Służewo parish prior to 1830 to see how many people named Maciej Kuraczyk or Mateusz

Kuraczyk were born there - it could be possible that Maciej and Mateusz were brothers.

Records for the years of 1833, 1836, 1840, 1847 should also be obtainable through Family History Centers (this is how we obtained the 1864 marriage record between Jan Kuraczyk and Marianna Witkowska).

When it comes to other branches of the family, we could also:

- look for birth records of Tomasz Witkowski and his siblings in records prior to 1821 (or 1822 and 1827)
- look for birth records of Agnieszka Dziedzic and her siblings (in records from the Roman-Catholic parish in Koneck)
- To research further the siblings of Elżbieta Kuraczyk - their marriages, deaths and births of their children

Extended Report

Virtual tour to the parish church in Służewo!

<http://ftp.gmina-aleksandrowkujawski.pl/panoramy/parafia-sw-jana-chrzci-ciola-w-sluzewie.html>

Surname origins and their occurrence today:

Dziedzic: dziedzic, "heir, squire"

<https://nazwiska-polskie.pl/Dziedzic>

Kuraczyk: Kur - kura, "hen," some forms possibly <kurzyć, "to raise dust">, also also the Kur coat of arms and archaic <kur, "rooster">

<https://nazwiska-polskie.pl/Kuraczyk>

Witczak: Wit- < given name Wit, also <given name Witold <witać, "to greet someone," archaic "to arrive," or dithematic names such as Witosław with the archaic root wit, "lord, master">

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Witkowski

Witkowski < toponym Witkowice, Witków, several villages >

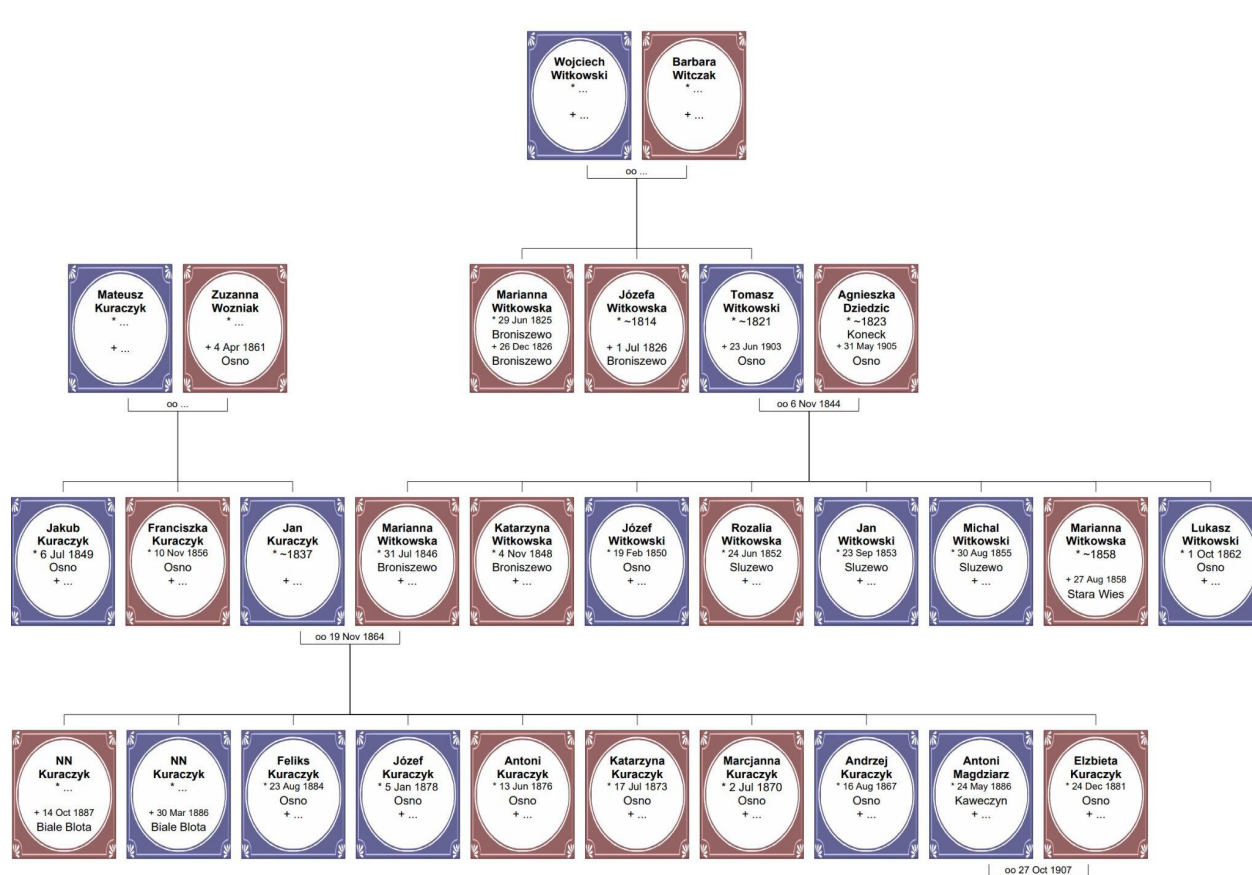
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Woźniak

Woźn <woźny, "in old Poland, the lowest court official; janitor, caretaker", also woźniak, "draft horse", "saddle horse">

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Our findings in the form of a genealogy tree:



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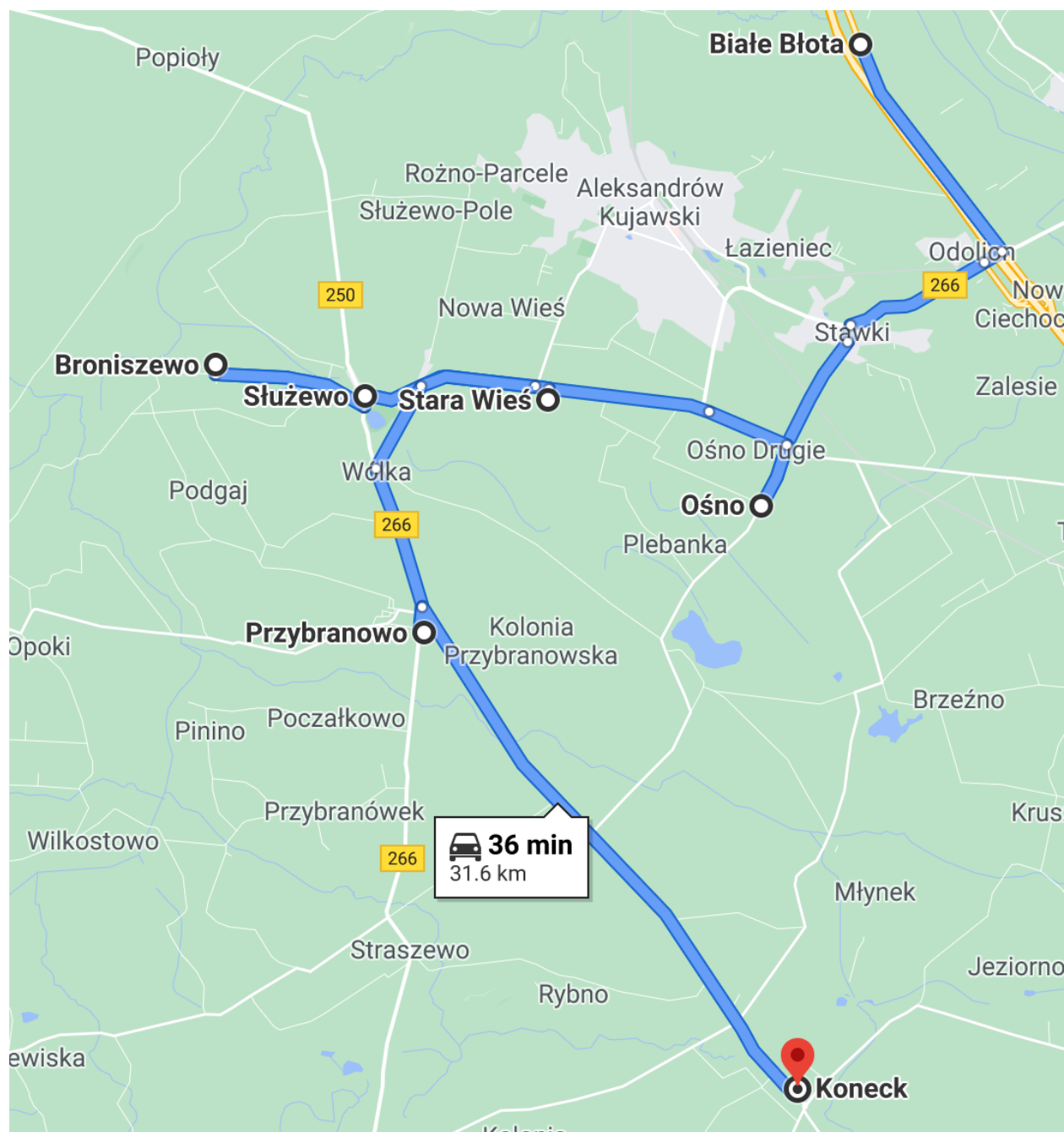
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Map of ancestral towns and villages:

<https://goo.gl/maps/cURgmeTpraBLA2Yz8>



Historical overview:

Służewo is an old village, formerly a town owned by nobles, with a medieval origin. Its position on routes linking Toruń with Brześć Kujawski, Kraków, Wrocław and Lwów contributed to its development and wealth. It is one of the places of origins of the Pomian family, influential nobles from the 12th-14th centuries. Służewo received its town rights somewhere before 1339. In the beginning of the 1400s, the Służewski family, coat of arms Sulima, became the owners of Służewo. Jan Służewski, the voivode of Brześć Kujawski voivodeship, was an important person in the history of Służewo as he funded a new church and hospital in 1560. After the 1655-1660 Deluge wars, only 8 houses were left in Służewo.

After the Partitions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the town and the surrounding area were initially located in the Prussian partition. This changed after the Napoleonic Wars and the 1815 Congress of Vienna when Służewo and its area were incorporated into the Russian puppet-state Kingdom of Poland.

In 1852 Służewo was ravaged by cholera epidemic. In 1863, the Wodzyński family, who were owners of Służewo at that point, supported the January Uprising. For this, in 1869, tsar Aleksander II took away Służewo's town rights. The final nail to the coffin was the arrival of the railroad from Warsaw to Bydgoszcz in the non-existent by then Aleksandrów Kujawski, which did not go through Służewo.

Służewo is also the place of origins of Maria Anna Józefa Nepomucena Wodzińska, coat of arms Jastrzębiec, known as the muse and fiancée of Fryderyk Chopin.

The origins of Ośno reach at least 1583. In 1820, Michał Hieronim Leszczyc-Sumiński, a known botanist, painter and art collector was born in Ośno.

Entries from Geographical Dictionary of the Kingdom of Poland:

"Służewo - 1241 "Sluszewo", 1245 "Sluzewo", a town in county Nieszawa, gmina and parish Służewo (...), lies a few miles from the Kingdom of Poland's border with Western Prussia and Grand Duchy of Posen. (...). It has a brick parish church, shelter for 4 elders, elementary school, customs office, municipality office, 120 houses, 1453 inhabitants, 487 morga* of land belonging to the townsmen. The village and folwark** have 122 inhabitants.

In 1827 the town had 109 houses, 1335 inhabitants, the village and folwark had 13 houses and 134 inhabitants. (...) The parish of Służewo holds 5060 parishioners, it also has a filial church in nearby Aleksandrów. The gmina of Służewo belongs to the court in Nieszawa, has 10,210 morga of land and 5321 inhabitants. Post office, telephone exchange and rail station in Aleksandrów." **entry from 1889**

"Ośno - village, folwark and landed property, gmina and parish in Służewo, it is located 10 wiorst*** from Nieszawa, lies near the Warszawa-Bydgoszcz railway, has 174 inhabitants. In 1827 there were 26 houses and 225 inhabitants." **entry from 1886**

"Przybranowo - in the 16th century known as "Przibranowo major and minor". A village, folwark, landed property and colony, county Nieszawa, gmina and parish Służewo, located 16 wiorst from Nieszawa, the village has 82 inhabitants, 254 morga. In 1827 there were 22 houses and 168 inhabitants" **entry from 1888.**

"Broniszewo - village, county Nieszawa, gmina and parish Służewo. In 1827 there were 10 houses and 115 inhabitants" **entry from 1880**

"Białe błota - village, county Nieszawa, gmina Służewo, parish Orło. In 1827 there were 7 houses, 48 inhabitants, and the parish seat was in Służewo." **entry from 1900**

The mentioned railway station was constructed in 1859 in the territory of the Białe Błota property and the town of Aleksandrów Kujawski was actually built around the village. This is why Białe Błota is located partially inside the town of Aleksandrów Kujawski today. Białe Błota literally means "White Mud", there was an important source of clay here which fueled the ceramic industry at least since the 16th century.

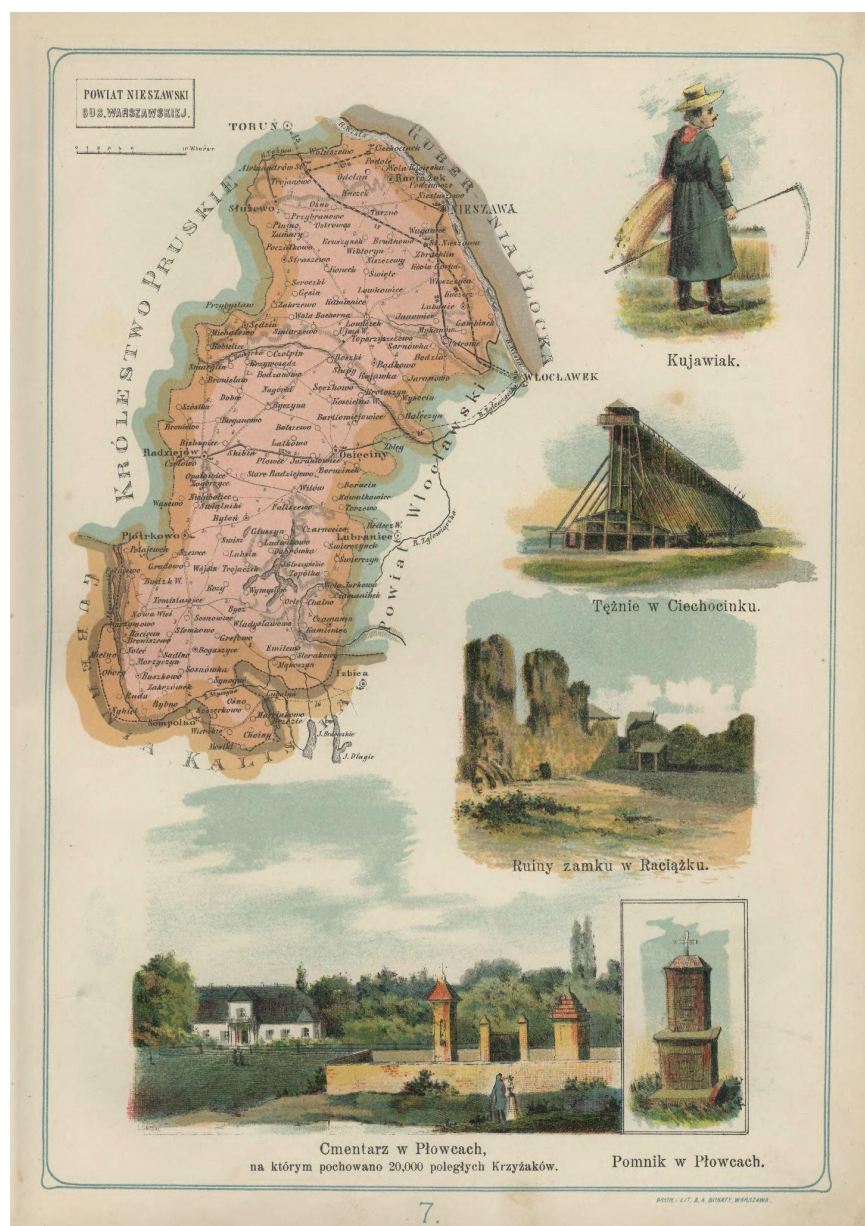
Roman-Catholic parish was established in Służewo in 1325. First wooden church of St. John the Baptist was funded by the owners of Służewo, the Służewski family, coat of arms Pomian. It most likely existed long before the establishment of the parish. Construction of the current gothic-renaissance church began in 1560 and ended in 1581. The parish's biggest development was during the parish priest's Eustachy Górski cadency, around 1625. This changed when Służewo changed ownership to the Niemojewski protestant family who neglected the church. Further development of the parish occurred in the second half of the 19th century due to the quick development of town and railway station in Trojanowo, later named Aleksandrów Kujawski (in honor of Russian tsar Aleksander II). In 1886 a chapel was built in Aleksandrów, which acted as a filial church of the parish in Służewo. The Służewo parish church was renovated in the late 1800s.

*The size of a morgen varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ acres.

**Form of an agricultural enterprise

***About 0.66 miles

Map of county Nieszawa, governorate Warsaw from 1907 together with local landmarks and a local folk costume

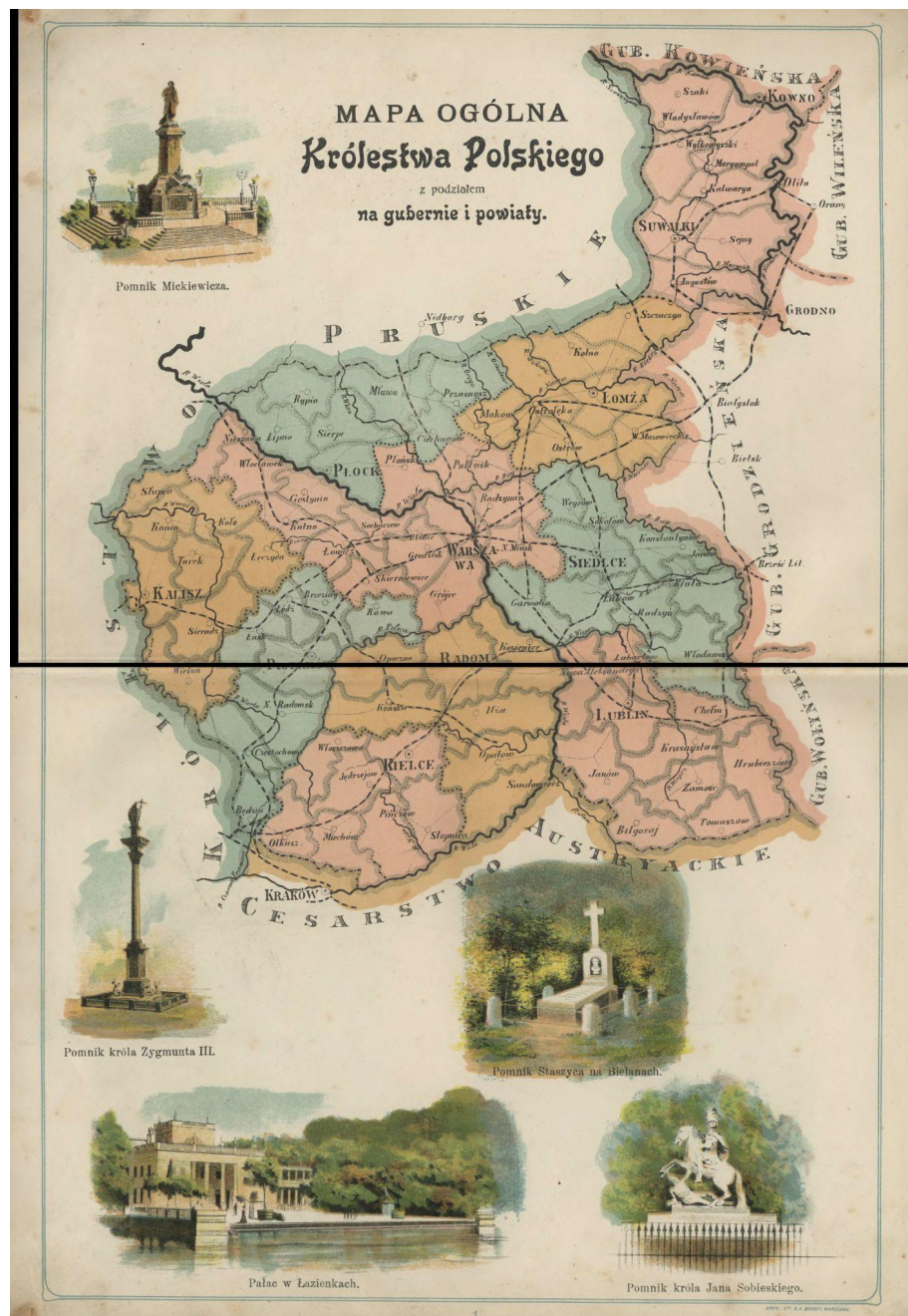


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Map of Kingdom of Poland (the Russian partition), 1907



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Roman-Catholic parish church in Służewo, photo taken between 1918 and 1935

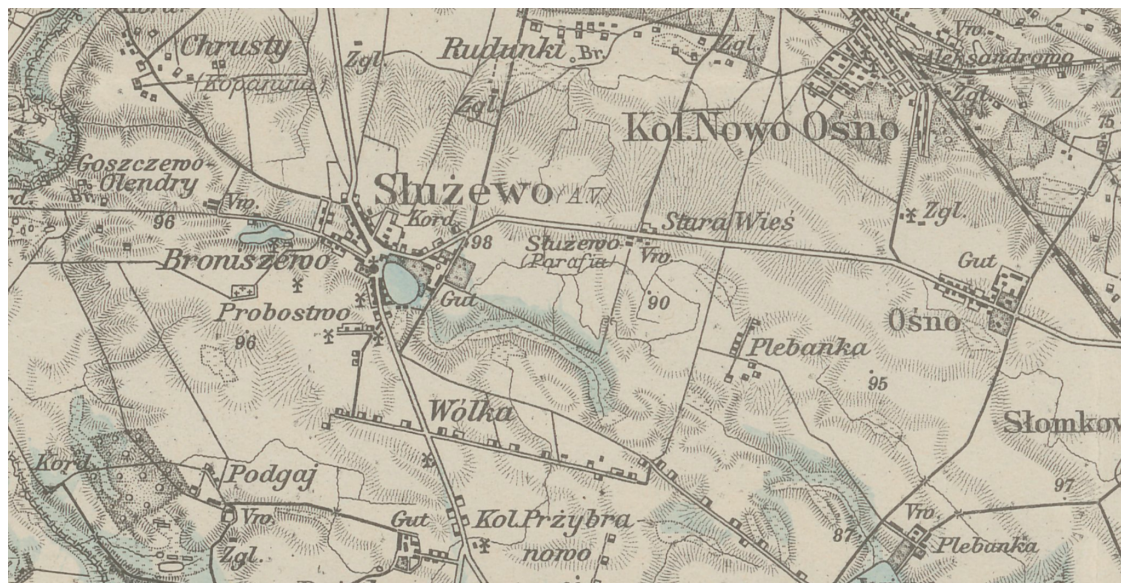


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Map of Służewo area from 1916



Source: Königlich Preussische Landesaufnahme, Auflagedruck 1916

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