

Joseph Grodzki

Married to Nellie Bednarski, lived in Northeast Minneapolis

Goal: to find Joseph’s birth record in Poland

1. Find Joseph and Nellie’s church marriage record and see if it indicates where Joseph is from in Poland.
2. Go to www.PGSMN.org and go to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Marriage Database.

In the search box on the right, search for Grodzki.

Result: Joseph and Anielam (Nellie) married 30 September 1913 at Holy Cross Catholic Church

GROOM SURNAME	GROOM NAME	BRIDE SURNAME	BRIDE NAME	MARRIAGE DATE
Szczubialka	Josephum	Bednarek	Agnetem	September 10, 1912
Grodzki	Josephum	Bednarska	Anielam	September 30, 1913
Groom Father	Grodzki, Adalbertus			
Groom Mother	Styba, Maryanna			
Groom Parish	Holy Cross			
Groom Parish Birth	Pstragowa, Lwow, Galicia			
Bride Father	Bednarski, Theofila			
Bride Mother	Kwasz, Carolina			
Bride Parish	Holy Cross			
Bride Parish Birth	Naobrzczin, Prsmysl, Galicia			
Witness 1	Biernat, Franciscus			
Witness 2	Grodzka, Anna			
Church	Holy Cross Catholic Church, Minneapolis, MN			
Church Book Volume	Vol 1908-1914			
Page	241			
Entry Number	2			

3. On the indexed marriage record, Joseph’s birth parish is listed as Pstragowa, Lwow, Galicia. Additionally, his parents are listed as Adalbertus (Wojciech) Grodzki and Marianna Styba.
4. Go to a Gazetteer and try to locate a village named Pstragowa (or something similar sounding) that was located in the previous area in Galicia.

For Galician Gazetteers:

- Galician Gazetteer by Brian J. Lenus, available at the Hoffman Research Library in Mendota Heights
- Gesher’s Galicia’s Galician Town Locator, available online at: <https://www.geshergalicia.org/galician-town-locator/>
(Gesher Galicia is a non-profit devoted to researching the Jewish ancestors of Galicia but many of their resources are invaluable to individuals researching other religions within Galicia.)

5. Using Gesher Galicia’s Town Locator, find Pstragowa village to find out what the Roman Catholic Parish is (as Joseph was married at a Roman Catholic church in Minneapolis).

Galician Town Locator

Scroll down to view ALL the towns in Galicia, Austria in the year 1900, including their judicial and administrative districts, and the location of the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic congregations or parishes for that year.

Galician Town	Administrative District	Judicial District	Roman Catholic Center	Jewish Center	Greek Catholic Center
Psary	Rohatyn	Rohatyn	Podkamien	Rohatyn	Psary
Pstragowa	Stryzów	Stryzów	Pstragowa, Wielopole (BH.Ropczyce)	Czudec	--

6. Pstrągowa is a village within the Administrative District of Stryzów and the Roman Catholic Parish (listed as Roman Catholic Center) is also listed as Pstrągowa.
7. Once you’ve found the Roman Catholic Parish, it’s time to search for records online. It’s generally easiest to start with the online records that have been indexed by a volunteer.
8. The indexing website for Polish Genealogy is called Geneteka: www.genealodzy.geneteka.pl. Volunteers will index Polish church and vital records and the results are posted in the search for anyone to find.
9. To search on Geneteka, you’ll need to know the current voivodeship in Poland or Ukraine in order to search for the village. Upon searching Google Maps, Pstrągowa is located in Podkarpackie voivodeship.



Location of Pstrągowa, just southwest of Podkarpackie’s regional capital, Rzeszów.

10. By searching Podkarpackie voivodeship (“Teren”), and by choosing parish Pstrągowa (“Parafia”), we find there are some records that are indexed!
 - a. U or Births, 1873-1912; M or Marriages, 1827-1935; Z or Deaths, 1864-1925
 - b. Joseph’s marriage record doesn’t list his birth year; you can either search for a census record from Minneapolis that would provide this information or you can make an educated guess and hope he was born after 1873 (when the indexed records begin).

11. By entering the surname Grodzki in the field named “Osoba”, it pulls up the list of everyone born in this village with this surname. (click “Wyszukaj” to search)

In year 1884 (column “Rok”), it lists Joseph’s (Józef) birth!

To confirm that this is the correct Joseph, the parents’ names match – Wojciech Grodzki and Marianna Styb(a).

Additionally, if you confirm with US Census records, Joseph’s birth year is listed as 1884.

Teren: Zakres lat: od do

Parafia: Opcje: Wyszukiwanie dokładne
 Wyszukaj jako para
 Nie wyszukuj w rodzicach
 Wyszukaj również w pobliskich parafiach (15km)
 Wyszukaj tylko indeksy z ostatnich 7 dni

Osoba:

oraz:

Katalog Zasobów Metrykalnych, Jak indeksować, Zgłoś poprawkę

1873-1912

Urodzenia

Pokaż pozycji Szukaj:

Poprzednia **1** Następna

Rok	Akt	Imię	Nazwisko	Imię ojca	Imię matki	Nazwisko matki	Parafia	Miejscowość	Uwagi
1875	50	Wawrzyniec	Grodzki	Jan	Franciszka	Stec	Pstrągowa		
1881	35	Józef	Grodzki	Wojciech	Marianna	Styba	Pstrągowa		
1882	27	Franciszek	Grodzki	Wojciech	Marianna	Styba	Pstrągowa		
1884	21	Wojciech	Grodzki	Jan	Franciszka	Stec	Pstrągowa		
1884	41	Józef	Grodzki	Wojciech	Marianna	Styba	Pstrągowa		
1887	19	Antoni	Grodzki	Wojciech	Marianna	Styba	Pstrągowa		
1891	94	Michał	Grodzki	Wojciech	Marianna	Styba	Pstrągowa		
1900	81	Józef	Grodzki	Wojciech	Brygida	Roman	Pstrągowa		

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12. As a bonus, the index also contains a link to the record. If you go all the way to the far right, click the icon named “SKAN” to be taken to Szukaj w Archiwach (Search the Archives), provided by the State Archives of Poland.

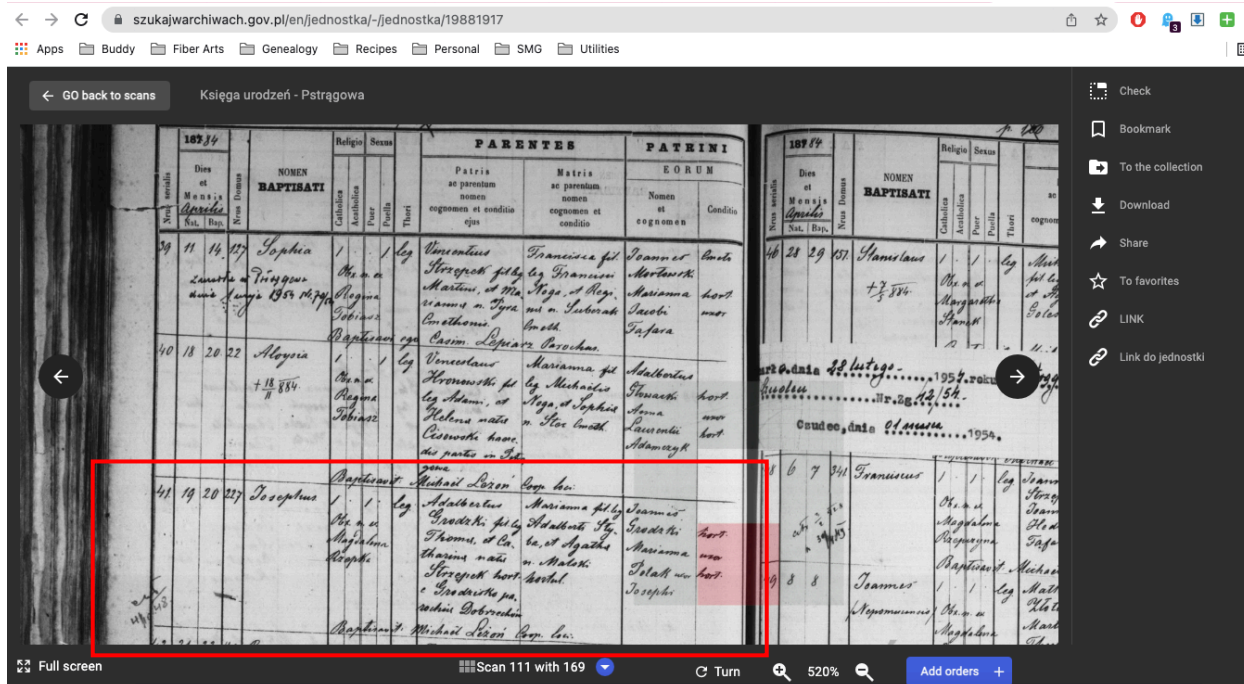
13. The record is held at the State Archives (AP) in Rzeszów and these records have been scanned online.

Additionally, all records for this village of Pstrągowa that is available online can be found here:

https://www.szukajwarchiwach.gov.pl/en/zespol?p_p_id=Zespol&p_p_lifecycle=1&p_p_state=normal&p_p_mode=view&Zespol_javax.portlet.action=zmienWidok&Zespol_nameofsp=jednostki&Zespol_id_zespolu=136582

14. Click the SKAN button and then go to scan 111. This will link you to the births in 1884.

15. Entry 41 in 1884 is Joseph Grodzki’s birth record!



Józef, born 19 Apr 1884 and baptized 20 Apr 1884 in house number 227.
 Father: Wojciech Grodzki, son of Tomasz Grodzki and Katarzyna Strzępek.

There's a special note that says he's from Grodzisko, parish Dobrzechów
 Mother: Marianna Styba, daughter of Wojciech Styba and Agata Molska

Special Bonus!

We can find Joseph's parents' marriage record. If you click the second tab named "Mażeństwa" (marriages) and leaving the surname Grodzki in the search, Joseph's parents were married in 1875 in Pstrągowa.

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1827-1914 1916-1935

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Rok	Akt	Imię	Nazwisko	Rodzice	Imię	Nazwisko	Rodzice	Parafia	Uwagi
1868	18	Jan	Grodzki	Tomasz, Katarzyna Strzępek	Franciszka	Stec	Paweł, Marianna Głowacka	Pstrągowa	SKAN
1875	13	Wojciech	Grodzki	Tomasz, Katarzyna Strzępek	Marianna	Styba	Wojciech, Agata Molska	Pstrągowa	SKAN
1919	14	Michał	Grodzki	Wojciech, Marianna Styba	Karolina	Tobiasz	Marcin, Marianna Łącka	Pstrągowa	SKAN

Pozycje od 1 do 3 z 3 pasujących

Poprzednia **1** Następna

By clicking the “SKAN” link, we search for marriages in 1875. On 9 November 1875, Wojciech Grodzki and Marianna Styba were married.

