A short excerpt to shed some light on place name and surname changes over time___

Osława Dąbrowa

Excerpt from Księga Pamiątkowa rodziny Anieli i Stefana Kiedrowskich z Lipusza
(A Book of Remembrances of the Family Kiedrowski of Lipusz)
by Father Władysław Szulist

Osława Dąbrowa is situated in the parish of Ugoszcz, near Bytów in the district of Studzienice.

The following are variants of the place name: Wamyzlai Dambrow 1313, Woyszlaff Damerow 1437, Woysslaffdamerow 1438, Oslowdamrow 1658, Woitsłowa Dąbrowa 1637 and Oslawdamerow 1932. The Nazi name was Rkudolfswalde.

In 1438 the village encompassed approximately 220 hectares. In the second half of the XVIth century it belonged to the parish of Ugoszcz and was the property of nine members of the minor Kashubian aristocracy. In an inventory from the year 1637 we read in a mixture of Polish, Latin and German, "In this village live some minor lords who speak German fluently." A source from the year 1658 distinguishes the following surnames of inhabitants of the village: Palbitzken, Klopottken, Brocke, Czaren and Gunz. Another list, from the year 1747/8 shows the first names and surnames of the householders: free village head Joachim Dorowach (bauern); Christoph Corpinscky, Pe(ter) Kunjack, Martin Strick, Michel Senger, Albr(echt) Piekoffsky and Tomas Gurre. This was from a mill table, but another presentation from the same period distinguishes noblemen in general (Die Adelischen), the village head Johann Durawa, 3 freemen (die 3 Freien), an innkeeper Karpinski (Instmann) and the smith Kujott. From the above names one may assume that Dorowach and Durowa are the Kaszubian Dorawa, Corpinscky is Karpinski and Kujott is Kujot.

From the national point of view, the cadet school in Słupsk caused great devastation among the Kashubian gentry of the Bytów-Lębork lands in the years 1769-1811. Young people were forced to change their religion and nationality.
In the book a discussion follows of the name Kiedrowski in Osława Dąbrowa.

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