

Cemeteries in Poland

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Cemeteries are the links between history of the religion and culture. What is constant is the respect for the dead. Working on Polish genealogy we have to remember that there were several different religions and denominations. They all kept their own records, they had their own churches and their own cemeteries.

Jewish cemeteries

Actually there are 1164 Jewish cemeteries, some are in use, some are just empty places and on some we still can find gravestones. More information you can find on Virtual Shtetl website: <https://sztetl.org.pl/en/>

Indexes of the gravestones: <https://cemetery.jewish.org.pl>

Muslim cemeteries

There are 7 Muslim cemeteries in Poland. 3 are still in use – Bohoniki, Kruszyniany, Warszawa.

There are no indexes of the graves available on line.

Websites where pictures and information can be found:

http://cmentarium.sowa.website.pl/Cmentarze/CmWZ_12.html

<http://trobal.pulawy.pl/2017/10/15/lebiedziew-zastawek-cmentarz-musulmanski/>

<http://mzr.pl/mizary/>

<https://zabytek.pl/pl/obiekty/kruszyniany-cmentarz-musulmanski>

<https://zaleznawpodrozy.pl/2014/11/03/tatarskie-mogily-w-kruszynianach/>

<https://antekwpodrozy.pl/191-meczety-w-kruszynianach-i-bohonikach>

Evangelical cemeteries

There is no general website where indexes of all evangelical cemetery can be found.

Different organizations, foundations and private people administrate websites with pictures of all graves can be found. These website concern different regions or single towns.

Examples:

<https://genoroots.com/cemeteries/>

https://www.osadnicy.info/miejsca/cmentarze#sort=attr.ct10.frontend_value&sortdir=asc&attr.tag.value=65&page=1

http://miniwycieczki.blogspot.com/2018/02/mazowieckie-cmentarze-ewangelickie-i_16.html

<http://www.schondorf.pl/wyprawy/cmentarze-ewangelickie/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LapidariaZapomnianecmentarzewielkopolski/>

<https://wielkopolskahistorycznie.pl/2020/11/01/wywiad-z-alina-helak-spoleczniczka-z-huty-szklanej/>

http://www.grzybno.info.pl/cmentarz_baranowko.php

<https://grudziadz.luteranie.pl/parafia/cmentarz/>

Mennonite cemeteries

Not every Mennonite community had its own burial ground and sometimes community members were buried in Catholic or Evangelical cemeteries. So, if you are researching Mennonite ancestors It's good to visit or check on line all cemeteries in the vicinity.

There is no general index of Mennonite gravestones.

Indexes and pictures of Mennonite cemetery in Sosnówka and some others:

<https://genoroots.com/cemeteries/>

There are many websites where information and pictures of gravestones can be found:

Examples:

http://www.oledry.nekla.pl/news/foto_wielkopolska.php

<https://solidarnosc.gda.pl/po-godzinach-z-solidarnoscia/cudze-chwalicie-swego-nie-znacie/mennonocka-nekropolia/>

http://kwidzynopedia.pl/index.php/Mennonickie_cmentarze

http://holland.org.pl/index_en.htm

<https://pomorskie.travel/en/-/cmentarze-mennonickie-w-barcicach>

Greek Catholic cemeteries:

If you are looking for your Greek Catholic family on the cemetery in Galicia, you have to look for abandoned, hidden by bushes old cemeteries. Your family may also be buried on Orthodox or Roman Catholic cemetery because before WWII these cemeteries belonged to Greek Catholic church.

There is no one website where indexes of Greek Catholic cemeteries can be found.

On many websites, information and pictures of gravestones in certain villages can be found.

Most of these websites present all kinds of abandoned cemeteries in Galicia including Orthodox, Jewish, Evangelical and war cemeteries.

Examples:

<http://zabytki-podkarpacie.pl/?fileClick=7#>

<https://www.apokryfruski.org>

<http://www.twojebieszczady.net/album/Cmentarze%20i%20cerkwiska/D%C5%BAwiniacz%20G%C3%B3rny%20cmentarze%20greckokatolickie/index.html>

Orthodox cemeteries.

Because the Orthodox community is pretty big they have their own cemeteries.

Some of them have indexes available on the individual parish website.

For example in Białystok

<http://cerkiew.wygoda.system.pl/szukaj.html>

<http://soborbialystok.pl/parafia/cmentarz/>

Examples of other websites that provide information and pictures of old cemeteries including war cemeteries:

<https://genoroots.com/cemeteries/>

Wielkopolska: <http://trobal.pulawy.pl/nawigacja/spis-miejscowosci-i-miejsc/>

Pomorze and Kujawy: <http://lapidaria.wikidot.com/linki> - with index

Galicia: <http://starecmentarze.pl/>

War cemeteries

<http://wicy.webd.pl/polegli/index.php?lng=en>

<http://grobywojenne.malopolska.uw.gov.pl/en-US>

<http://www.bohaterowie1939.pl/cmentarze.html>

<http://www.polskiegroby.pl/>

Search for graves

GROBONET:

<https://grobonet.com>

cmentarz - cemetery

imię – first name

nazwisko – last name

napisz życiorys: write a story

zapał świeczkę – light a candle

rocznice – anniversaries

nekrologi – obituaries

list of cemeteries included to Grobonet:

<https://polskie-cmentarze.com/mapa-wdrozen/>

Web Cmentarz:

<https://webcmentarz.pl/>

Cmentarze 24

<http://www.cmentarze24.pl/>

E-cmentarz

<https://www.ecmentarze.pl/>

Warszawa

<http://www.cmentarzekomunalne.com.pl/mapa/szukaj.php>

Grudziądz

<http://www.cmentarz-grudziadz.pl/index.php?id=wyszukiwarka>

Pomorskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne

<http://www.ptg.gda.pl/index.php/cemetery/action/searchCem/>

Śląskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne

Indexes of parish cemeteries in Wrocław

<http://stg-wroclaw.pl/wroclawskie-cmentarze-parafialne>

private websites:

www.genealogiczne.pl/wyszukiwarka-grobow/

www.genoroots.com

More about cemeteries in Poland: <https://genoroots.com/2006/06/22/take-a-walk-through-a-polish-cemetery/>