## Philip Król and Sophia Łącki

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Philip Król and Sophia Lacki were married on 1/26/1789 at the Catholic church located in Przeczyca. The marriage is amongst the earliest documents available through digitized access to these records. Details about their life prior to the mid-1780s is unclear.

It appears that Philip was born in 1761 and Sophia in 1745. Therefore, Sophia was 16 years older than Philip and also a widow.

They had one child, Mathias, baptized on 2/20/1790. Records did not list date of birth. Mathias Król married Thecla Lepa in 1821. They are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents.

Sophia Król passed away in 1791 at the age of 46 at House #25. The date is illegible, but appears to have taken place after May 25th.

There is uncertainty about Sophia's maiden name, since she was a widow. The marriage record listed her name as Sophia Lacki without any family information. It is presumed that her married name was Lacki.

However, the baptism for Mathias also listed his mother's name as Sophia Lacki. The baptism should have listed the mother's maiden name without reference to any prior marriage. Therefore, it's possible that Sophia's maiden name was also Lacki.

Michael E. Byczek recognizes her identity as Sophia Łącki, even though it may not have been her name at birth.

There is further uncertainty about Sophia's identity from the marriage record for her son Mathias Król in 1821 to Thecla Lepa. The mother of Mathias was written as Marianna Lacki, daughter of Joseph.

An important clue about the Król-Lacki family is their farm. The marriage record for Philip Król and Sophia Lacki listed House #25 Zagorze in 1789, without reference to which party was from that property. Mathias Król was born at House #25 in 1790. It is also where Sophia Król died in 1791. Philip Król remarried and remained at House #25 through his death. Mathias Król also remained on the same farm, which stayed in his family through several generations. Michael E. Byczek's greatgrandmother Maryanna Dudek was also born at House #25 Zagorze in 1888.

There was a verified Lacki family at House #25 Zagorze prior to Sophia Lacki's marriage to Philip Król in 1789:

1785: Adam Lacki was born, son of Joseph and Sophia Lacki (maiden name was not listed).

1788: Anna Lacki, 20 years old, daughter of Joseph, died.

1788: Joseph Lacki, 50 years old, died.

These three records show that there was a Joseph and Sophia Lacki family living at House #25 Zagorze and that Joseph Lacki died prior to the marriage between Philip Król and Sophia Lacki. There is a very strong probability that the death for Joseph Lacki in 1788 was the husband of Sophia Lacki who married Philip Król the following year.

There is a large age gap between Anna and Adam Lacki from House #25 if these are Sophia's children from an earlier marriage.

Philip Król remarried shortly after Sophia's death. It is possible that the Lacki family raised Mathias. Since his mother was identified as Marianna, the daughter of Joseph Lacki, it's possible that Marianna was actually Mathias's older half-sister. It is reasonable to believe that an older sister might have raised the young Mathias and was identified as his de facto mother later in life.

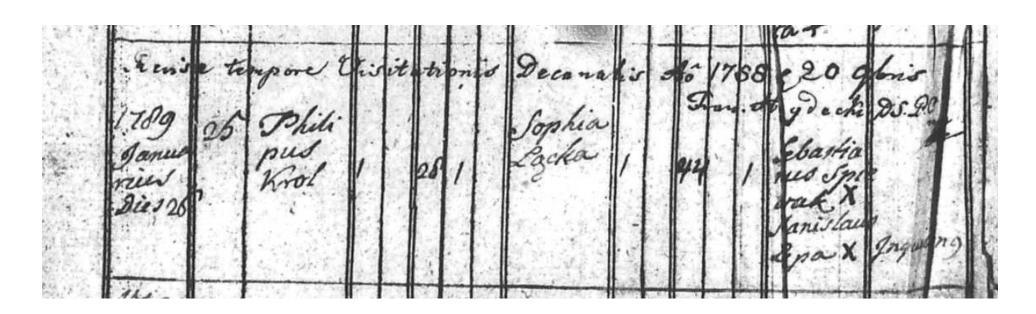
It seems highly unlikely that there were two individuals named Mathias Król, both from House #25, with a father named Philip Król, and mother with the Lacki surname.

Philip Król married Agnes Woytowicz in 1791 shortly after Sophia Lacki's death. Agnes was born about 1771. Her parents and place of birth are unknown. Philip and Agnes Król had a total of eleven known children, most born at House #25 Zagorze:

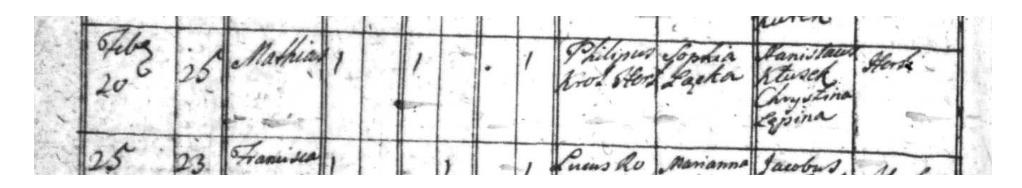
Child	Baptism	Godparents	Notes
Thecla Król	1792	Peter Barbarzak (?) and Marianna Palasina (?)	
Michael Król	1794	Michael Klaslo (?) and Catherine Kurek (wife of John)	Died when two years old
Marianna Król	1796	John Kurek and Thecla Kurek (wife of John)	•
Lawrence Król	1798	Peter Woytowicz and Heva Barbarzezka (?)	
Valentine Król	1801	Lucas Roszkowski (?) and Anna Lignaska (?)	Died when one year old
Mathous Król	1803	Bartholomew (name illegible) and Catherine Kurek (?)	•
Martin Król	1805	Anthony Woytowicz and Thecla (name illegible)	
John Król	1808	Jacob Dudek and Thecla Woytowicz	Died as a baby
Anthony Król	1809	Bartholomew Dziedzic and Thecla Zima (wife of John)	·
John Król	1812	John Zima and Catherine Dudek (?)	Died as a baby
Margaret Król	1813	Valentine Lepa and Agnes (name illegible)	Died when two years old

Philip Król passed away in 1824 at House #25 Zagorze. The death record for Agnes (Woytowicz) Król has not been verified.

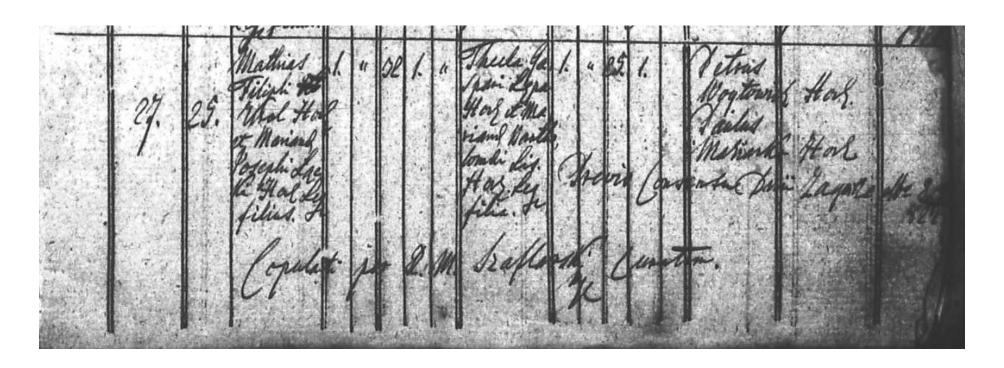
The surname Król was written throughout the generations with a variety of spellings, such as Krul. Michael E. Byczek has determined that Król is the most accurate way to identity Philip.



1789 Marriage for Philip Król and Sophia Lacki - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) Witnesses: Sebastian Sperak? and Stanislaw Lepa



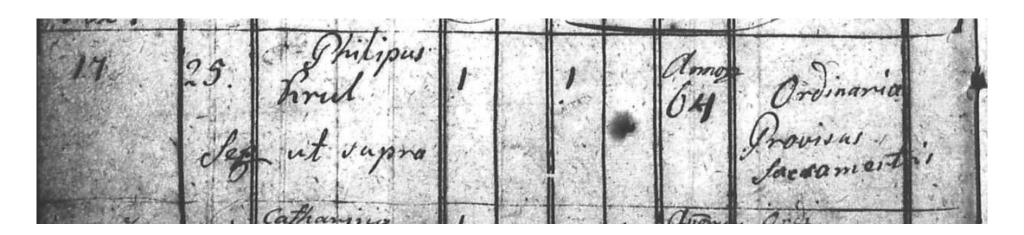
1790 Baptism for Mathias Król - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish)
Baptized on 2/2/1790
Godparents: Stanislaw Klusek? and Christina Lepena?



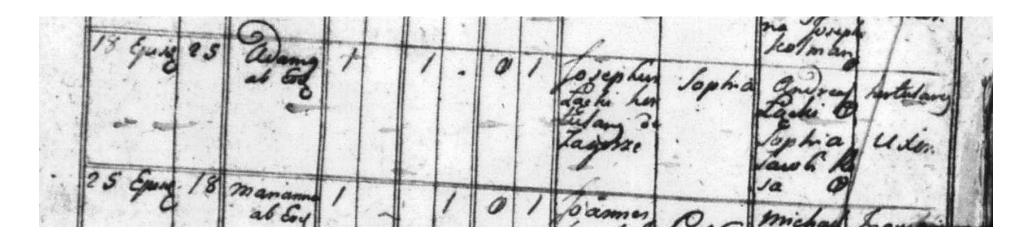
1821 Marriage for Mathias Król and Thecla Lepa - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) The parents of Mathias Król were listed as Philip Król and Marianna, daughter of Joseph Lacki

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1791 Death for Sophia Król - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) Her age was listed as 40. The marriage from two years earlier was 44 years old. She should have been 46 years old, but this could have been an approximate age.



Death record for Philip Król - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) Died on 1/17/1824



Baptism for Adam Lacki - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca)
Born in 1785 (exact date not verified)
Parents were Joseph Lacki and his wife Sophia
Witnesses were Andrew Lacki and Sophia (last name illegible)

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1791 Marriage for Philip Król, a widower, and Agnes Wuytowicz
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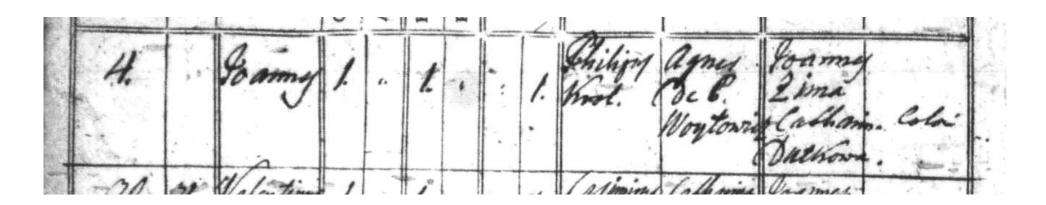
Baptism for Martin Król (son of Philip Król and Agnes Woytowicz) 1805 - House #25 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) House might be written as #28 instead of #25

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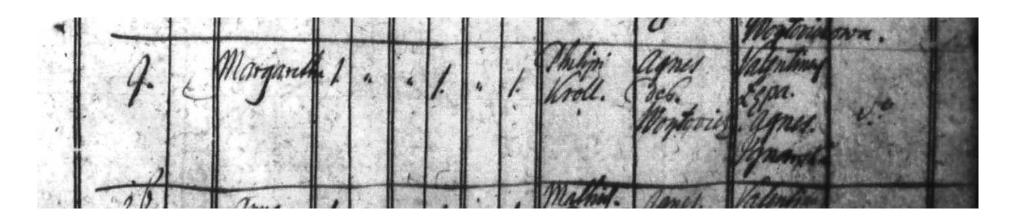
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Baptism for Anthony Król (son of Philip Król and Agnes Woytowicz) 1809 - House #26 Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) It is possible that the address was a mistake



Baptism for John Król (son of Philip Król and Agnes Woytowicz) 1812 - Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) Address was left blank



Baptism for Margaret Król (daughter of Philip Król and Agnes Woytowicz) 1813 - Zagorze (Przeczyca Parish) Address left blank

## **Additional Information**

Philip Król and Sophia Łącki are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents. Their son Mathias Król (4x-great-grandfather) married Thecla Lepa in 1821. Their daughter Marianna Król (3x-great-grandmother) married Gregory Dudek in 1844. Their son Adalbert Dudek (2x-great-grandfather) married Victoria Król in 1886. Their daughter Maryanna Dudek (great-grandmother) married Martin Byczek in Chicago, IL at St. Mary of Perpetual Help in the Bridgeport neighborhood in 1907. Their son Michael S. Byczek (grandfather) married Marie Flanagan in 1950 at St. Bridget's in Bridgeport. Their eldest child Michael M. Byczek (father) married Betty A. Bykowski in 1974 at St. Helen's on Augusta and Oakley in Chicago. They have two children, Michael E. Byczek (the eldest) and Katherine S. Byczek, both born in the Bridgeport neighborhood.

Southeast Poland - Debica County, Subcarpathian Voivodeship:

- Przeczyca is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Brzostek
- Zagórze is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Jodłowa

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Przeczyca Catholic Church Parish over the past ten or more years through direct messages to diocese archives and access to digitized microfilm. He has gathered an extensive collection of actual documents, including land ownership records. This compiled documentary is intended as an accurate source of genealogy for Philip Król and Sophia Łącki.

Feel free to send a message for more information or genealogy collaboration.

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