

Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal

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Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents were Adalbert Malek and Agnes Pawelkiewicz who were married at the Catholic Church located in Brdów within the Greater Poland Voivodeship of north-central Poland. The marriage record listed Adalbert Malek as a resident of Skaszyn within the Izbica Kujawski Catholic Parish (Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship). He was 36 years old, which suggests an estimated year of birth as 1777.

The only verified reference to the Malek family was that Joseph Malek was a witness to the 1813 marriage. Adalbert's parents were not listed in the marriage or his death record.

With regard to Adalbert's residence, the village name was written as "Kaszyn" in the "Szbicensi" Parish. It is presumed to be the nearby village with present-day spelling "Skaszyn" within the modern-day Izbica Kujawski Catholic Parish.

The Malek surname was spelled with multiple variations such as Malczak and Malkowski. Early records interchange Malek and Malczak until consistently written as Malek. It appears that Malczak is the Polish equivalent of "son of Malek", which means the two names are essentially the same. Malek is the most accurate version.

Analysis of baptism records for Izbica Kujawski reveal that Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal had a son Adalbert who was born in Skaszyn in 1778. This particular Adalbert Malek had a brother Joseph. On balance of probabilities, it is more likely than not, and highly plausible to be true that Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents.

The maiden name of Kowal is not verified. There is a marriage record for Kaszyn in 1767 between Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowalowna. Baptism records during this time period do not provide maiden names, but one of the godparents for the Adalbert Malek baptism in 1778 had a surname that looks like Kowal. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that the Apolonia Malek from Skaszyn had the maiden name of Kowal.

Stanley Matczak and Apolonia Kowal appears to have had at least five children:

Child	Year	Notes
Joseph N/A	1771	surname not written
Benedict Malek	1774	
Blaise Malczak	1777	
Adalbert Cajetan Malczak	1778	twins
George Malczak	1778	

Online access to digital records has large gaps in availability. There is an index for a death in 1778 for Apolonia Malek without any information. The baptism for twins Adalbert and George in 1778 was the last known baptism for children of Stanley and Apolonia.

A marriage took place at the Izbica Kujawski church in 1779 between Stanley Malek and Agnes Wojciech. There is only one viable death record for Stanley Malek within the entire Izbica Kujawski parish in 1808, which is also not available online.

The death, or index, of Agnes (Wojciech) Malek has not been found.

It is reasonable to believe that (1) Apolonia Kowal passed away in 1778, (2) Stanley Malek remarried the following year to Agnes Wojciech; and (3) Stanley Malek passed away in 1808. However, there is not enough information available at present to verify this information.

Stanley Malek and Agnes Wojciech had seven known children:

Child	Year
Joseph	1780
Valentine	1782
Andrew	1783
Blaise	1785
Thecla	1787
Sophia	1790
Bartholomew	1794

A baptism for Stanley and Agatha Malczak could be a mistake for Agnes:

Child	Year
Jacob	1786

Pro ductum In Congrēe Majali 1761mo 21ma
Joannes Beseptus Brancati L. J. P. Imp.

Annus 1769. mensis Junii ult.

Anno 1769. mensis Junii 1^{us}.
Anno eodem Die 2. Junii Ego Adalbertus Szwayczewski v. f. mar. 3326
trimonium legitime contractum inter Laboriosos Stanislaum Maurerak Skaszyno
Juvenatam et Apoloniarn Kowalskarn z Bierzyna pmissis tribus bar
nis inter missas solemnibus singulis diebus festis, nullos impedito cantu de
fecto in facie Ecclesia Benedixi, confirmavi et ratificavi. adstantibus
testibus Casimiro marciniale z Mazewa et Stanislas Sobierayczak
de Sarnowo ac aliis fide dignis.

1767 Marriage of Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal
Izbica Kujawski

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

Below: AI Translation/Analysis from Google Gemini

Marriage Record Details (June 7, 1767)

The Basics

- **Date of Marriage:** June 7, 1767.
- **Location:** Parish Church of Izbica Kujawska.
- **Officiant:** Father Adalbertus (Wojciech) Szwayczewski.

The Groom

- **Name:** Stanislaus (Stanley) Malczak.
- **Status:** Described as *Laboriosus* (Laborious/Hardworking), a standard Latin term for a peasant or farmer.
- **Origin:** He is noted as being from **Skaszyn** (written as *Skaszyno*).
- **Marital Status:** *Juvenem* (Youth/Bachelor), meaning this was his first marriage.

The Bride

- **Name:** Apolonia Kowalanka (The "-anka" suffix indicates she is the daughter of a man named Kowal).
- **Status:** Also described as *Laboriosa*.
- **Origin:** She is noted as being from **Zbieryn** (written as *Zbieryna*).
- **Marital Status:** *Birginem* (Maiden/Spinster), meaning this was her first marriage.

The Witnesses

The record lists two primary witnesses and "others worthy of trust":

1. **Casimirus (Kazimierz) Marciniak** from Stuzewo.
2. **Stanislaus (Stanisław) Sobierayczak** from Sarnowo.

Children of Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal

Skaszyn d 24 Martij 1771 j 84
supra baptizavi infantem nre Josephum
natum ex Salom ex Stanislao et Apolonia
S. I. Patini fuerit. Franciscus et Kofa licentia
de Skaszyn 169
KOWAL d 24 Martij 1771 j 84

This baptism for 1771 did not show surnames
The parents were Stanley and Apolonia from Skaszyn
It is presumed to be the Malek family, but is unconfirmed

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

De Mynck Sobolowski
445 Skaszyn i 25 Martij 1774 Jk
q. Cyra B. J. Anē Benedictum natum ex
Labor Stanislao et Apolonia Mathow d. T.
Patris puer Labor Petras Dynarski Ad
Lepens de Biełtyń et Tamata Gasprowna
Virgo de Zagrodnicza
446.
Jan 1760 i 24. Martij 1760 Ego

1774 Baptism of Benedict Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

rezundw Spierawka de Suriewczy
 1750. Kaszyni 21. Aprilis p[er] g[e]n[er]a
 B: Infantes Geminos. natos ex Labori Stani
 Kaa, et Apolonia Matczakow L. T. Quorum
 majori Adalu imponi bina Nomina Adalber
 tum et Cajetanum Patini fuere D[omi]n[u]s
 colus Krystianowski cum Conforte sua
 Antonina de Skaszy. Minori autem Geor
 gium Patini fuere Augustinus Pietryn
 et Antonina Kowalka de Pietryn.

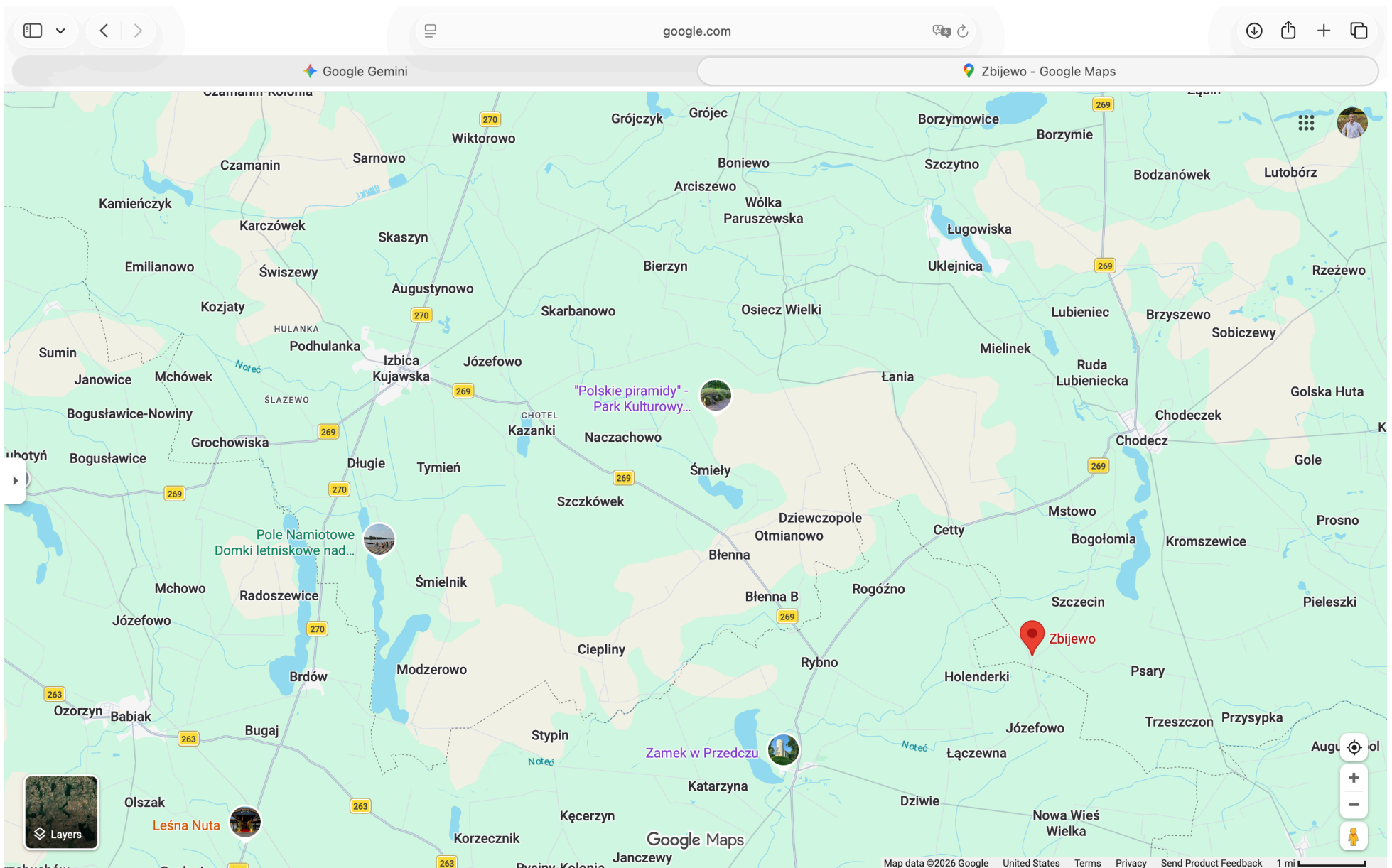
1778 Baptism of twins Adalbert Cajetan and George Malek
 Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

756. [Village of] Kaszyn. On the **21st of April**, I, the same as above [the priest named in the preceding entry], **baptized twin infants** born of the **Laborious Stanisław and Apolonia Malczak**, legitimate spouses.

- To the **older by birth**, I gave the two names **Adalbert and Cajetan**. The godparents were the **Noble Lord Jakub Krzyżanowski** with his wife (**consort**) **Antonina**, from Kaszyn.
- To the **younger [twin]**, however, [I gave the name] **George (Jerzy)**. The godparents were **Augustyn Pieczyn** and **Marianna Kowalka** from Pieczyn.

AI Translation/Analysis from Google Gemini



Google Maps

Skaszyn is near the top left corner. Zbijewo is highlighted, which Google Gemini analyzed as the present-day location of Zbieryn (not verified)
Izbica Kujawska is just beneath Skaszyn

Children of Stanley Malek and Agnes Wojciech

Marcianna Jaceuska de Oia maron.
 926 Skaszyn in 16. Martii 1780 y supra B.
 p. Ant. Josephum natum ex Laborz et Maniflao, et
 Agnete Malhoro Liti Patris fuere Laborz Joann
 nes, Matupian de Skaszyn, et Margaretha Bychowska
 de Izbica. 927
 Izbica in 19. Martii ego Fr. Flor.
 annus 1780 H. Mariae Beatae Carinae S. B. P. P.

1780 baptism of Joseph Malek
 Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

de Izbica.
1125. Skaszyn d. 13. Februs 1782 supra B. T.
Ani Valentini nati ex Labor Staniflas, et Agne:
te Mathewo L. T. Patroni fuere Labor Joannes Tula:
et Kowiel juvenalis et Eva Adamowa omnes de Izbica:
syn. 1126. Karbanow. d. 17. Februs 1782 supra

1782 baptism of Valentine Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

1783 Skaszyn d. 30. Novembris. Ego
supra Baptisavi Infanm nre Andream Labon
sorum Stanislawi & Agnetis Mathow. LL. C. Patn
mi fuerunt. Tamatus Josephus Szub Organari
& Kblis Francisca Kiat. Zyn'ska de Skaszyno
1784 Izbica Stare miasto d. 7. Decembris. Ego
Baptisavi Infanm nre Ambrosium

1783 baptism of Andrew Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

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1441 Skaszyn. d. 30 Januarij. Ego Fr. B.
naventura Helanczewski. Ordinis Minorum Sancti
Patris Francisci Regularis Observantia. Predi-
cator Izbicensis. Baptisavi Infantem nomine
Blasium. Filium Laboriosorum Stanislawi & Agneti
Matkow Legitimorum conjugum. Patrim fuerunt
Antonius Rasieka de Pokotowo & Theresia Janiak
wa de Skaszyno.
1442. Wietrzkowice d. 8. Februarij. Ego si

1785 baptism of Blaise Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

ka. abba de f. d. i. o. u. k. i. 2069
 Cad da etao P. d. m. g. i. u. m. B. a. b. t. i. s. m.
 Infante nomine Sophiae Filiae
 laicet agnetij Markow Leg. p. o. n. i. j. u. m.
 Patris fuerunt p. a. s. i. m. i. z. s. c. i. e. k. a. d. d. e.
 senj et agnetj Petroune virgo ambo de
 Skaszyn.
 Biczyn. 2070.

1790 baptism of Sophia Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

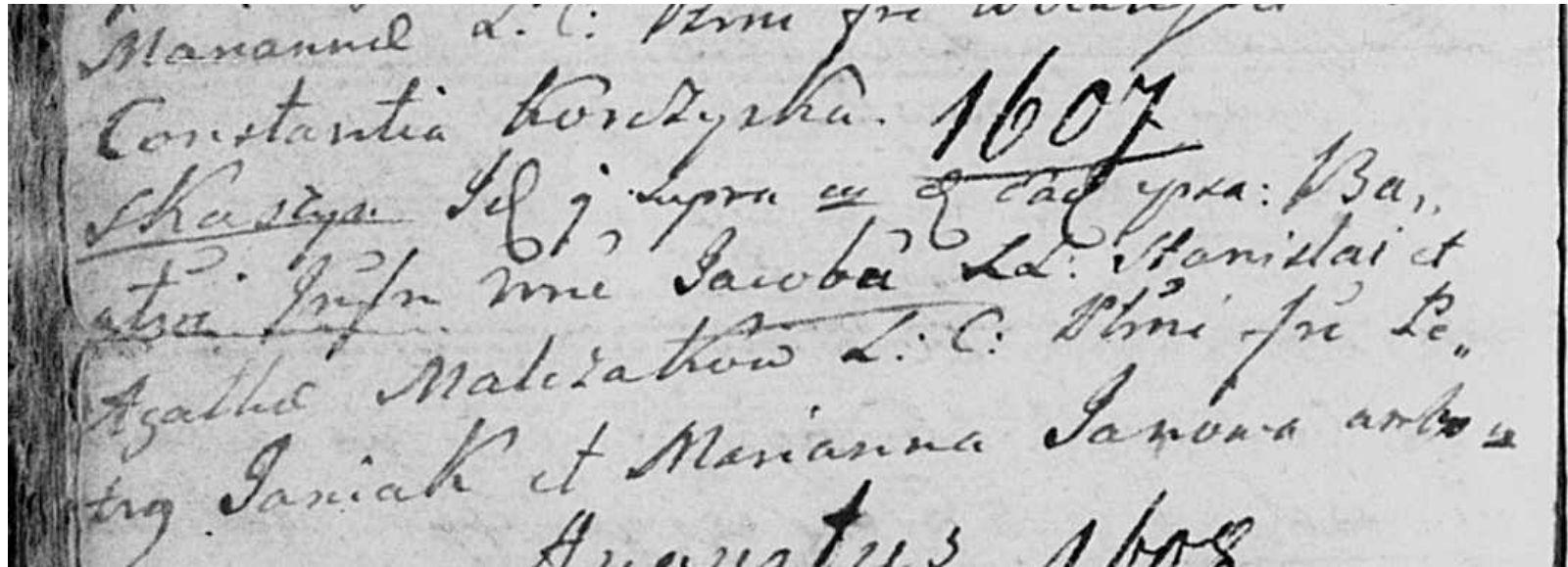
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Pruske et Susanna
de Komorowo. Skaszyn 2652.
Eod. die 28 Augusti Idgi Supra Bapti-
savit infantem Nre Bartholomeum lab-
ianisfai et Agnetis Matkow LQC Fili-
um. Patrini fuere labr Joannes Wilin-
ski de Smielczek et Eba Brodowska
de Xenodocho Irbicensi 2653.
Sobota...

1794 baptism of Bartholomew Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

Uncertainty about multiple possible Stanley Malek families in Skaszyn



1786 baptism of Jacob Malek
Parents are Stanley and Agatha Malek
Skaszyn (Izbica Kujawski)

Source: Digitized LDS microfilm

Possible Malek Origins

530. Grochowiska Adm'dm Rndus Gaspar Kuromski Vicarius
 de Sendzino uti p tunc charpes baptisavit Infātem laborosi
 Martini et Catharinae Dictorum Malek conjugum Legitimorum
 cui imposuit est Nn Stanislaus Patrinus Jacobus Caretas
 Cmetus de eadem villa et Sophia Virgo de Grochowiska d 29
 Junij 1726 ut Supra Julius
 531. Plazewo Adm'dm Rndus Stanislaus Podczaski Puratus

1726 baptism of Stanley Malek
 Son of Martin and Catherine Malek
 Grochowiska (Izbica Kujawski)

This particular Stanley Malek would have been 41 years old in 1767.
 While possible, there is not any way at present to determine whether this is the correct Stanley Malek

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Additional Information

Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal are Michael E. Byczek's 5x-great-grandparents. Their son Adalbert Malek (4x-great-grandfather) married Agnes Pawelkiewicz in Brdow in 1813. Their daughter Anna Malek (3x-great-grandmother) married Stanley Bykowski in Brdow in 1837. Their son Lawrence Bykowski (2x-great-grandfather) married Martha Januszewski in 1871 in Swierczyn. Their son Joseph Bykowski (great-grandfather) married Margaret Piotrowski in 1907 in Witowo prior to settling in Chicago, IL. Their son Roman Bykowski (grandfather) arrived in the United States when he was three years old. The family lived in the Bucktown neighborhood. Roman married Antoinette Murzynowicz/Marynowski in 1936 at St. Stanislaus Kostka in the Pulaski Park neighborhood. Their daughter Betty A. Bykowski (mother) married Michael M. Byczek 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.

Google Maps:

- Świątosławice is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Izbica Kujawska, in Włocławek County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, in north-central Poland.
- Brdów is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Babiak, within Koło County, Greater Poland Voivodeship, in central Poland.
- Skaszyn is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Lubraniec, within Włocławek County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship.
- Izbica Kujawski is a town in central Poland in the Włocławek County in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship.
- Grochowiska is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Izbica Kujawska, within Włocławek County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, in north-central Poland
- Bierzyn is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Boniewo, within Włocławek County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, in north-central Poland
- Zbijewo is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Chodecz, within Włocławek County, Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship, in north-central Poland

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Brdow and Izbica Kujawski Catholic Churches (and nearby parishes) over the past ten or more years through direct messages to diocese archives, access to digitized microfilm, and online resources (i.e. digitalized records from Polish archives). He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for Stanley Malek and Apolonia Kowal.

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

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