## Andrew Staskiewicz and Regina Pojawis

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Andrew Staskiewicz and Regina Pojawis lived in the Punsk Catholic Parish. They were most likely married in the late 1790s.

Andrew's parents were Martin Staskiewicz and Anne Milewski. He was born in 1768. The family was from Buywiszki (Punsk Parish), but it is unclear whether that is where he was born.

Regina's parents were Simon Pojawis and Anna Wolyniec. She was born in 1776 in Oszkinie (Punsk Parish).

Only one child has been verified, but there are several Staskiewicz relatives who were associated with the family.

Child	Birth	Location
Helena Staskiewicz	1803	Szudziszki (Punsk Parish)

Their daughter Helena Staskiewicz married Ambrose Gryszkiewicz in 1824 in Punsk. They are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents.

Andrew Staskiewicz passed away in 1813 while living in Buywiszki within the Punsk Parish.

Regina (Pojawis) Staskiewicz remarried in 1814 to Vincent Bielis in Punsk. Vincent was born in 1788. They had at least one child, Vincent, born in 1817 in Buywiszki (passed away in 1820 while the family lived in Knipowo in the Punsk parish).

The death records for Regina (Pojawis) Staskiewicz and her second husband Vincent Bielis have not been found.

Michael E. Byczek has determined that Pojawis is an accurate spelling of the surname, but more research is needed to determine the origins of the name.

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> 1776 Baptism Extract for Regina Pojawis Attached to Regina's 1814 marriage record Oszkinie (Punsk Parish)

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1813 Death of Andrew Staskiewicz Buywiszki (Punsk Parish)

Andrew's brothers Thomas and Vincent Staskiewicz were witnesses

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It happened on the 22nd day of July 1813 at 12 o'clock at noon. In front of Us, Puńsk parish parson, serving as Civil Registrar for Puńsk commune located in Łomża department, Sejny county and municipality, appeared Tomasz Staśkiewicz, 40 years old and Wincenty Staśkiewicz, 35 years old, both brothers of the deceased, living in the village Bujwiszki in Puńsk commune and they informed Us that on the 21st day of july of the current year, at 10 a.m. died Andrzej Staśkiewicz, 45 years old, farmers, husband of Regina nee Pojawis, 34 years old, farmer living in the house number 1 located in Bujwiszki, son of Marcin Staśkiewicz and Anna nee Milewska, both already late, former farmers in the village Bujwiszki.

This act was read to the declarants and signed by Us. Witnesses are illiterate.

priest Mateusz Zalewski, Puńsk parish parson, serving as Civil Registrar.

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> 1803 Baptism Extract for Helena Staskiewicz Attached to 1824 Marriage Record Szudziszki (Punsk Parish) Godmother was Anastasia Pojawis

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from the Puńsk parish church baptism books, word for word:

village Szudziszki

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I certify that this extract matches word for word with the original baptism document. Puńsk, 19th day of May 1824 priest B. Beniaszewicz

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1814 Marriage of Regina (Pojawis) Staskiewicz and Vincent Bielis Punsk Parish (listed under village of Buywiszki) John Pojawis (Regina's brother) was a witness

Marriage act

It happened on the 8th day of May 1814. In front of Us, Puńsk parish parson, serving as Civil Registrar in Łomża Department appeared:

Wincenty Bielis, a young man, according to the baptism record extracted from the Puńsk parish church books 26 years old, living together with his brother on the farm in the village Nowiniki Mackowskie, of age, son of late Michał Bielis and living Marianna nee Bartnik, she lives with her son. He presented death act record of his wife extracted from the Puńsk commune records

and

Regina Pojawiewna, first marriage surname Staśkiewicz, widow, according to the baptism certificate extracted from the Puńsk parish church records 38 years old, living on the farm in the village Bujwiszki located in Puńsk commune, daughter of Szymon Pojawies, farmer living in the village Poszkinie located in Puńsk commune and Anna nee Wołyncewna. She presented death record of her husband Andrzej Staśkiewicz from Puńsk commune.

The parties who presented themselves demand that we begin the wedding ceremony arranged between them which banns were made in front of the doors of our community house, it is:

first on the 24th day of April second on the 1st day of May

of the current year both at noon on Sundays of the current year.

We were not informed of any marriage obstacles.

Accepting the demand of the parties, after reading all the before mentioned papers and the sixth part of the Napoleonic Civil Code titled: About marriage, we asked the future husband and the future wife if they want to join themselves with each other in the union of marriage. When each of them separately asswered to it that such is their will we proclaim in the name of the law that:

Wincenty Bielis and Regina Staśkiewicz are connected with each other by the bond of marriage of which we wrote a document in the presence of: Andrzej Bielis, 22 years old, groom's brother, Andrzej Sokołowski, 27 years old, farmer's son, both living in the village Nowiniki Mackowskie and Jan Pojawis, 24 years old, ride's brother, living in the village Oszkinie and Jakub Jankowski, 60 years old, farmer from the village Buraki, all from the Puńsk commune.

This act was read aloud to the present and signed by us, civil registar, the other persons mentioned in this act are illiterate.

priest Mateusz Zaleski, Puńsk parish parson, serving as Civil Registrar.

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> 1788 Baptism Extract for Vincent Bielis Attached to 1814 Marriage record Punsk Parish

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1817 Baptism of Vincent Bielis Buywiszki (Punsk Parish)

Jerzy Staskiewicz was a godfather

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1820 Death of Vincent Bielis Kniopowo (Punsk Parish) Joseph Staskiewicz was a witness

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It happened on the 26th day of May 1820 at 6 p.m. In front of Us, Puńsk vicar, serving as Civil Registrar in Puńsk commune located in Augustów voivodeship, Sejny county and municipality, appeared Wincenty Bielis, 40 years old, deceased's father, farmer and Józef Staśkiewicz, 58 years old, farmer, close neighbor, both living on the farm in Knipowo located in Puńsk commune and declared that on the 25th day of May of the current year at 7 a.m. died Wincenty, 4 years old, son of spouses: mentioned above Wincenty Bielis and Regina nee Pojawia, 40 years old, in their house number 7. He was born there too.

Then we read this death act to the declarants and we signed it. Witnesses mentioned in this act are illiterate.

Priest Onufry Wojtkiewicz, Puńsk parish vicar, Civil Registrar deputy.

## **Additional Information**

Andrew Staskiewicz and Regina Pojawis are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Helena Staskiewicz (3x-great-grandmother) married Ambrose Gryszkiewicz in 1824 in Punsk. Their daughter Agnes Gryszkiewicz (2x-great-grandmother) married Frank Sidor in 1857 in Sejny. Their daughter Rose Sidor (great-grandmother) married Frank Murzyn in 1897 in Sejny. Their daughter Antoinette Murzynowicz (grandmother) was born in Chicago, IL in 1912. The Frank and Rose Murzyn family settled in Chicago, IL on a permanent basis in 1908. The family interchanged Murzynowicz and Marynowski through the 1940s until formally adopting the latter. Antoinette Murzynowicz/Marynowski married Roman Bykowski 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 (Podlaskie Voivodeship in north-eastern Poland):

- Puńsk is a village and seat of the Gmina Puńsk in the Sejny County. It is located only 5 km from the border with Lithuania
- Oszkinie is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Puńsk, within Sejny County
- Szudziszki does not appear on a present-day map, but is shown on historical maps near Punsk and Sejny
- Buywiszki does not appear on a present-day map, but is shown on historical maps near Punsk and Sejny
- Knipowo does not appear on a present-day map, but is shown on historical maps near Punsk and Sejny

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Punsk Catholic church 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 Andrew Staskiewicz and Regina Pojawis.

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

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