

John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk

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John (Jan) Winikaytys and Catherine (Katarzyna) Mituk raised their family in Meyszymy (Maišymai) within the Urdomin Catholic Parish of present-day Lithuania. Their children settled in the nearby village of Klejwy within the Sejny Catholic Parish of present-day Poland.

The present-day name for Urdomin is Rudamina within Alytus County of Lithuania. There is a present-day village very near Rudamina called Maišymai, which is presumed to be the equivalent of what was spelled as Meyszymy at the time.

Michael E. Byczek has recognized the spelling of Winikaytys as an accurate version of the family surname, which has been spelled several different ways. These include Winikajtis, Winikajtys, Winikajec, Winikajn, and Winikajci. More information is needed to determine the original spelling of their surname as the family would have used in Lithuania.

The surname Mituk might also be spelled as Miłuk or Miłok. Michael E. Byczek has recognized the spelling of Mituk until more documents are verified as to the most accurate spelling for the surname.

John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk had six known children. All were born in Meyszymy except Matthew and Paul. Matthew appears to have been born in Mitniszki, according to his marriage record, but this has not been verified. The location of Paul's birth was listed on his death record as Kybartai.

Child	Birth	Location	Notes
Paul (Paweł)	1798	Kybartai (unconfirmed)	Identity verified through record analysis
Marianna	1801	Meyszymy (Urdomin)	Baptism verified
Joesph (Józef)	1808	Meyszymy (Urdomin)	Marriage verified
Matthew (Mateusz)	1809	Mitniszki (Urdomin)	Marriage verified
Lawrence (Wawrzyniec)	1812	Meyszymy (Urdomin)	Marriage verified
Rosalie (Rozalia)	1813	Meyszymy (Urdomin)	Marriage verified

Their daughter Marianna married Lawrence (Wawrzyniec) Sidor in Sejny in 1820. They are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents.

Documents are split as to where John and Catherine Winikaytys lived at the time that their children were all married in Sejny. These documents do not show a clear consensus as to whether they lived in Meyszymy or Klejwy. It seems more plausible that they resided in Klejwy since that is where all of their children lived.

Details for the birth, marriage, and death of both John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk have not been verified.

The following representative documents provide proof that each of the children named above were the son or daughter of John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk from present-day Lithuania (i.e. baptism, marriage, and/or death). These documents provide cross-reference to reconstruct the identity of each member of the family.

There is an inconsistency regarding Lawrence and Rosalie. Lawrence appears to have been older than Rosalie, but his marriage record lists his mother's name as Catherine Niew... versus Mituk. The names are very similar and Rosalie's mother was properly identified as Catherine Mituk in her own record. It is presumed that if Lawrence was older than Rosalie, the way that his mother's maiden name was spelled is an error on the document.

There is a village in present-day Lithuania called Kybartai that is nearer to the border with Poland than Maišymai. There does not appear to be a village named Mitniszki that can easily be located on a present-day map. There is a village called Miškiniai in present-day Lithuania that is very near to Sejny along the border between the two countries. The family's possible connection to these villages has not been determined. Only Meyszymy (Maišymai) within the Urdomin Catholic Parish is verified.

Children of John Winikayts and Catherine Mituk

Representative documents are described below.

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Divinam Benedictionem.
JANUARIAS Quatuordecim
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Meyszymy Anno ut supra Di-
ocesis Januorij. Ego qui supra Naps
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LLCC Patris Joannis Winikayis
Agricolae et Matris Catharinae Mi-
tuhowna. Levantes de S. forte, ar-
deas Winikajis miles cum mar-
cella Pietralicnicowa
Omnes de Meyszymy
N. 11mo

1801 Baptism of Marianna Winikaytys
Meyszymy (Urdomin Parish) - Lithuania
The godfather was Andrew Winikaytys

Source: Direct request by Michael E. Byczek to the Lithuanian diocese archives

Baptismal Act: Marianna Winikaytys (1801)

- **Date of Baptism:** January 1, 1801.
- **Location:** **Mejszymany** (modern-day Maišymai, Lithuania), within the **Urdomin** parish.

The Family

- **Child:** Marianna.
- **Father:** **Joannis Winikaytys** (Jan Winikaytys), described as an *agricola* (farmer/husbandman).
- **Mother:** **Catharina Mitulowna** (Katarzyna Mitul).
 - *Note: The suffix "-owna" indicates she was an unmarried woman/daughter of Mitul at the time of her own birth/maidenhood.*

Witnesses and Godparents

- **Godfather:** **Andreas Winikaytys**, noted as a *miles* (soldier).
- **Godmother:** **Marcella Pietrulewiczowa**.
- **Residence:** All parties are noted as being from **Mejszymany** (*Omnes de Mejszymany*).

AI translation using Google Gemini

Representative documents are described below.

6
 Ślub
 Matulewicz
 Winikajtysa
 z Kłajm
 Agata Matulewicz
 z Kłajm

Przewat się Maria Synuach dnia przedmowa tego
 Lubeo Tyria omich dwudziestego dziesiątego
 Roku ogadanie brzości pro poludnie. Miodowa
 ogniemy sie, uproszennosci Suiwotkow Stani
 stawa Synuach gospodarza tak dwudziestym
 , Franiszka Sidoru katorz gospodarza tak dwa
 Oniewa dzień moiazych obydwoch z Kłajm
 miastach wagiadow nadmi dnieczym zawa
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 i piastym Miodużki; Rok w bieżących z Para
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 ulewicz nie zostate Matulewicz nami oniew
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 Akl ten stronom; Suiwotkam przerytury
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D. Tr. Dmochowski pędziszary

1829 Marriage for Matthew Winikajtys and Agatha (Agata) Matulewicz
 Frank Sidor is a witness
 Sejny Parish

Marriage Act: Mateusz Winikaytys & Agata Malukiewicz (1829)

- **Date of Marriage:** February 17, 1829, at 3:00 PM.
- **Location:** Recorded in the **Sejny** parish.

The Groom: Mateusz Winikaytys

- **Status:** A bachelor (*kawaler*) and farmer residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 20 years old (born approx. **1809**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Mikniszki** (Mikniškės), in the **Urdomin** (Rudamina) parish.
- **Parents:** Son of **Jan Winikaytys** and **Katarzyna née Mitul**, farmers residing in Mikniszki.
 - *Note: This confirms he is a younger brother to the Marianna born in 1801.*

The Bride: Agata Malukiewicz

- **Status:** A maiden (*panna*) residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 21 years old (born approx. **1808**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Ponczańce** (Pononce), in the **Metelska** (Meteliai) parish.
- **Parents:** Daughter of **Franciszek** and **Helena née Malukiewicz** (maiden name matches paternal name), farmers in Klejwy.

Witnesses

- **Stanisław Gryguć**, age 27, a farmer from Klejwy.
- **Franciszek Sidor**, age 27, a farmer from Klejwy.

AI translation using Google Gemini

Representative documents are described below.

154
 24 Dnia tego w imieniu Synodu
 obywatelskiego Lichuprada i Synodu
 Slub tego dnia obywatelskiego w obywatelskim rodu o gwał-
 mie prapiej pro pultudum - Wiadomms
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 um synem Synodu i Krowarym i
 Krajdarow matriculatus Miszkielanis
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 gospudarstwie rochajarym, a Pucalia, Mi-
 nikaj umowa, lat dwudziestu i jeden ma-
 jarag pranna, lorka, Junu i Krowarym
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 osmnastym, dwudziestym szostym Pa-
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 Ustne reuolucie radzium akumie matric-
 shu a nastajito. Atk ten stawajarym
 i umiadum proceypany i proceypane
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 prai nie umiejay.

Adam Sidor, wicel. K. Y.

155
 25 Dnia tego w imieniu Synodu
 Slub tego dnia obywatelskiego w obywatelskim rodu o gwał-
 mie prapiej pro pultudum - Wiadomms
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Adam Sidor, wicel. K. Y.

1834 Marriage for Rosalie Winikayts and Augustyn Miszkielanis
 Adam Sidor was a witness
 Sejny Parish

Rosalie (left image) and her brother Joseph (right image) were married at the same time to
 another brother and sister, Augustyn and Elizabeth Miszkielanis

Marriage Act: Augustyn Miszkinis & Rozalia Winikajtys (1834)

- **Date of Marriage:** November 4, 1834, at 5:00 PM.
- **Location:** Recorded in the **Sejny** parish.

The Bride: Rozalia Winikajtys

- **Status:** A maiden (*panna*) currently serving (*służąca*) in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 21 years old (born approx. **1813**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Mejszymany** (Maišymai), in the **Urdomin** (Rudamina) parish.
- **Parents:** Daughter of **Jan Winikajtys** and **Katarzyna née Mitul**.
 - **Note:** This birth location matches the 1801 baptismal record for her sister Marianna exactly.

The Groom: Augustyn Miszkinis

- **Status:** A bachelor (*kawaler*) and farmer residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 25 years old (born approx. **1809**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Klejwy**.
- **Parents:** Son of **Szymon Miszkinis** and **Katarzyna née Kajdar**.

Witnesses

- **Franciszek Sidor**, age 25, a farmer from Klejwy.
- **Jan Miszkielaniec**, age 31, a farmer from Klejwy.

AI translation using Google Gemini

Representative documents are described below.

Marriage Act: Józef Winikajtys & Elżbieta Wiszniewska (1834)

- **Date of Marriage:** November 4, 1834, at 5:00 PM.
- **Location:** Recorded in the **Sejny** parish.

The Groom: Józef Winikajtys

- **Status:** A young man (*młodzieniec*) and farmer residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 26 years old (born approx. **1808**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in the village of **Mejszymany** (Maišymai), in the **Urdomin** (Rudamina) parish.
- **Parents:** Son of **Jan Winikajtys** and **Katarzyna née Mitul**.
 - *Note: His birth year of 1808 perfectly fills the gap between his sister Marianna (1801) and Mateusz (1809).*

The Bride: Elżbieta Wiszniewska

- **Status:** A maiden (*panna*) residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 20 years old (born approx. **1814**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Klejwy**.
- **Parents:** Daughter of **Szymon Wiszniewski** and **Katarzyna née Kajdar**.
 - *Note: Elżbieta appears to be the sister of **Augustyn Miszkinis** (who married Rozalia), though the groom's surname is written as "Miszkinis" and the bride's as "Wiszniewska". This is likely a variation of the same family name within the local community.*

Witnesses

- **Szymon Sidor**, age 26, a farmer from Klejwy.
- **Wawrzyniec Winikajtys**, age 29, a farmer from Klejwy.

1834 Marriage for Joseph Winikajtys and Elizabeth Wisnikanis (Elżbieta Wiszniewska)
Lawrence Winikajtys and Simon Sidor are witnesses
Sejny Parish

AI translation using Google Gemini
The actual image is included above for Rosalie Winikajtys

Representative documents are described below.

51. Klub Dzieło się wzięło w tym dniu przytrafiło się Łobopada
 Wawrencekowi i Agacie Chmielewskiej i podwójnie wiadomo czynimy że w obecności świadków
 Macieja Sidor, lat trzydziestu i Macieja
 Mitukhanisa lat dwadzieścia sześć małego przywódcy So-
 wjedy z Wici i Kryw, na dniu dzisiejszym za wstęgi zostali
 Religijnie Matrimoniu poprzedzili Wawrencek Winikajty
 um Młodzianem lat dwadzieścia i Agacie Chmielewskiej
 Jana: Katarzyny i Nieukowa Matronki Winikajty urodz-
 onym w Wici Małyszach, a Józef w Krywach zostającymi - a
 Agacie Chmielewskiej i Janie lat dwadzieścia małego - córki
 Jana: Agaty i Aleksandra Matronki Chmielewskiej, urodzonej
 w Ławance a Józef w Krywach, przy Rodzicach zostającymi -
 Matrimoniu to poprzedzili przy odpowiednim wstęgiach Kato-
 liczkim Wawrencek w dniu Fryderyk Jan Dzierżbicki
 szóstym: Fryderyk Łobopada roku bieżącego - Janowian
 Matrimoniu niekasto - Matronkowie nowi osiadać i
 żadnej Monocy przedlubnej niekasto - Klub Jan
 był przy Wstęgi Józefa i Agaty Winikajty i Katarz-
 ny - Alit Ken i świadkom i Honorom Wawrencek
 przytany i przytomnie syblos podpisany został ile że
 Oni pisac nieumieją.

Łobopada Winikajty

1836 Marriage for Lawrence Winikayts and Agatha Chmielewski (Agata Chmielewska)
 Maciej Sidor is a witness

It is unclear why Catherine Winikayts's maiden name was spelled Nieukow (as written)
 It would appear that this is the same family. It's possible that John Winikayts may have remarried.

Marriage Act: Wawrzyniec Winikaytys & Agata Chmielewska (1836)

- **Date of Marriage:** November 15, 1836, at 5:00 PM.
- **Location:** Recorded in the **Sejny** parish.

The Groom: Wawrzyniec Winikaytys

- **Status:** A young man (*młodzian*) residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 24 years old (born approx. **1812**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Mejszymany** (Majszyszki/Maišymai), in the **Urdomin** (Rudamina) parish.
- **Parents:** Son of **Jan Winikaytys** and **Katarzyna née Nieuk**.
 - *Note: This is likely a variation of the surname **Mitul** or **Mitulowna** seen in other records, or perhaps a second wife of Jan, though the birth location remains consistent.*

The Bride: Agata Chmielewska

- **Status:** A maiden (*panna*) residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 20 years old (born approx. **1816**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Lawance** (Lauvanai).
- **Parents:** Daughter of **Jan** and **Agata née Alsz** (Alesz) **Chmielewski**, residing in Klejwy with her parents.

Witnesses

- **Maciej Sidor**, age 38, a farmer from Klejwy.
- **Maciej Miszkinis**, age 26, a farmer from Klejwy.

AI translation using Google Gemini

Representative documents are described below.

107. Romanowce. Działo się w Mieście Sejnych dnia
dwadziestego pierwszego Miesiąca / drugiego Czerwca / tysiące
osiemset przedostatniego cesarskiego roku i zgodnie z cwałowej
a protudnia - Stawili się Paweł Winikajtyś gospodarza
a Wilejś srowapier zmarłego lat sześćdziesiąt trzy i Wasi-
mierz Mijciachowski. gospodarza a Romanowcow lat
sześćdziesiąt pięć / trzy, i uświadryli że w dniu wezo-
rąjszym o godzinie piątej a protudnia umarł Jerzy
Masianis wyrobnik lat przedostatnich / trzy
w protelach urodzony a namierakaty w Romanow-
cach restauriury po sobie urodziatę żonę Maryan-
nę a Winikajciow wraz synow Jerzego i Antan'ego
Po sprawkowanii się na wezem wkojściu Jerzego
Masianisa Akt ten skawiający mo świadkom nie
pismiennym poroczony przez Nas tylko podpisany został
H. B. Billuricz W. K. Kabele.
108. Radziwiłłowski

1854 Death of George (Jerzy) Masianis
Romanowce (Sejny Parish)

Paul Winikaytys was a witness and was identified as George Masianis's brother-in-law
Marianna had previously been married to Lawrence Sidor

Death Act: Jerzy Masianis (1854)

- **Date of Recording:** June 2, 1854, at 4:00 PM.
- **Date of Death:** June 1, 1854, at 5:00 PM.
- **Location:** Recorded in **Sejny** for the village of **Romanowce**.

The Deceased: Jerzy Masianis

- **Status:** A laborer (*wyrobnik*) residing in **Romanowce**.
- **Age:** 50 years old (born approx. **1804**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Potele**.
- **Family:** Left behind a widowed wife, **Marianna née Winikajtys**, and sons **Jerzy** and **Antoni**.

Witnesses (The "Link" Informants)

1. **Paweł Winikajtys:** Age 63, a farmer from **Klejwy**, identified explicitly as the **brother-in-law** (*szwagier*) of the deceased.
2. **Kazimierz Wojciechowski:** Age 65, a farmer from Romanowce.

AI translation using Google Gemini

260 Klejwy. Działo się w Mieście Sejnach dnia tego-
wego / pięćnaście / Października, fizycznie tamże
przedwiecznego wiecznego roku w godzinie exu ar-
tej i południa stawili się Mawryncie Sidor gospodar-
zaw lat trzydzięci i pięć i Michał Szwarka wy-
rabnik lat czterdzięci mający, obydwu we wsi
Klejwach zamieszkałi i uwiadoryli, że wzwra
w godzinie siódmej rano umarł Paweł
Winikajtys gospodarz lat przedwiecz
i pięć mający, urodzony w Chłobach a zamiesz-
kały we wsi Klejwach rozbratany po sobie
uwiadoryli z niego Krystyna i Sidorow. Po prze-
kazanu się u ucerowania świadków o rozpięciu
Pawła Winikajtysa - Akhtonstawajczym
świadkiem niepisaniemym porzeczony
przez Nas tylko podpisany został -

L. B. Billunioz W. K. Kabeło.

1854 Death for Paul Winikajtys
Klejwy (Sejny Parish)

It is unknown whether this is the correct Paul Winikajtys, but the witness was Lawrence Sidor

Paul's wife was Christina (Krystyna) Sidor (the Sidor connection is unknown).

Paul and Christina Winikajtys died at the same time, as did a young child John (Jan) Sidor.

Lawrence Sidor was the witness for all three.

It is unclear whether the location of Paul's birth is accurate.

Death Act: Paweł Winikajtys (1854)

- **Date of Recording:** October 15, 1854, at 4:00 PM.
- **Date of Death:** October 14, 1854, at 7:00 AM.
- **Location:** Recorded in the city of **Sejny** for the village of **Klejwy**.

The Deceased: Paweł Winikajtys

- **Status:** A farmer (*gospodarz*) residing in **Klejwy**.
- **Age:** 56 years old (born approx. **1798**).
- **Birthplace:** Born in **Wikarkach** (likely **Vinkšninkai**, Lithuania).
- **Family Details:** He left behind a widowed wife, **Krystyna née Sidor**.

Witnesses (Informants)

- **Wawrzyniec Sidor**, age 31, a farmer from Klejwy.
- **Michał Szczuka**, age 40, a laborer (*wyrobnik*) from Klejwy.

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Additional Information

John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Marianna Winikaytys (3x-great-grandmother) married Lawrence Sidor in 1820 in Sejny. Their son Frank Sidor (2x-great-grandfather) married Agnes Gryzkiewicz in Sejny in 1857. Their daughter Rose Sidor (great-grandmother) married Frank Murzyn in Sejny in 1897. Their daughter Antoinette Murzynowicz (grandmother) was born in Chicago, IL. The Murzyn family permanently settled in Chicago, IL in 1908 after traveling back and forth between Poland. They interchanged the surnames Murzyn, Murzynowicz, and Marynowski until the entire family adopted Marynowski by the 1940s. Antoinette 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.

Rudamina is a small town in Alytus County in southern Lithuania.

- There is a village named Maišymai very near Rudamina

Sejny County, Podlaskie Voivodeship, in north-eastern Poland:

- Klejwy is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Sejny
- Romanowce is near Klejwy
- Sejny is a town in north-eastern Poland and the capital of Sejny County

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Sejny and Urdomin Catholic Church parishes over the past ten or more years through direct messages to diocese archives, access to digitized microfilm, and online resources. He has gathered an extensive collection of documents. This compiled documentary is an accurate source of genealogy for John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk.

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

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