

John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk

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John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk raised their family in Meyszmy 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 Meyszmy 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 Meyszmy except Matthew and Paul. Matthew appears to have been born in Mitniskzi, 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
Paul Winikaytys	1791	Kybartai
Marianna Winikaytys	1801	Meyszmy (Urdomin Parish)
Joesph Winikaytys	1808	Meyszmy (Urdomin)
Matthew Winikaytys	1809	Mitniskzi (Urdomin)
Lawrence Winikaytys	1812	Meyszmy (Urdomin)
Rosalie Winikaytys	1813	Meyszmy (Urdomin)

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

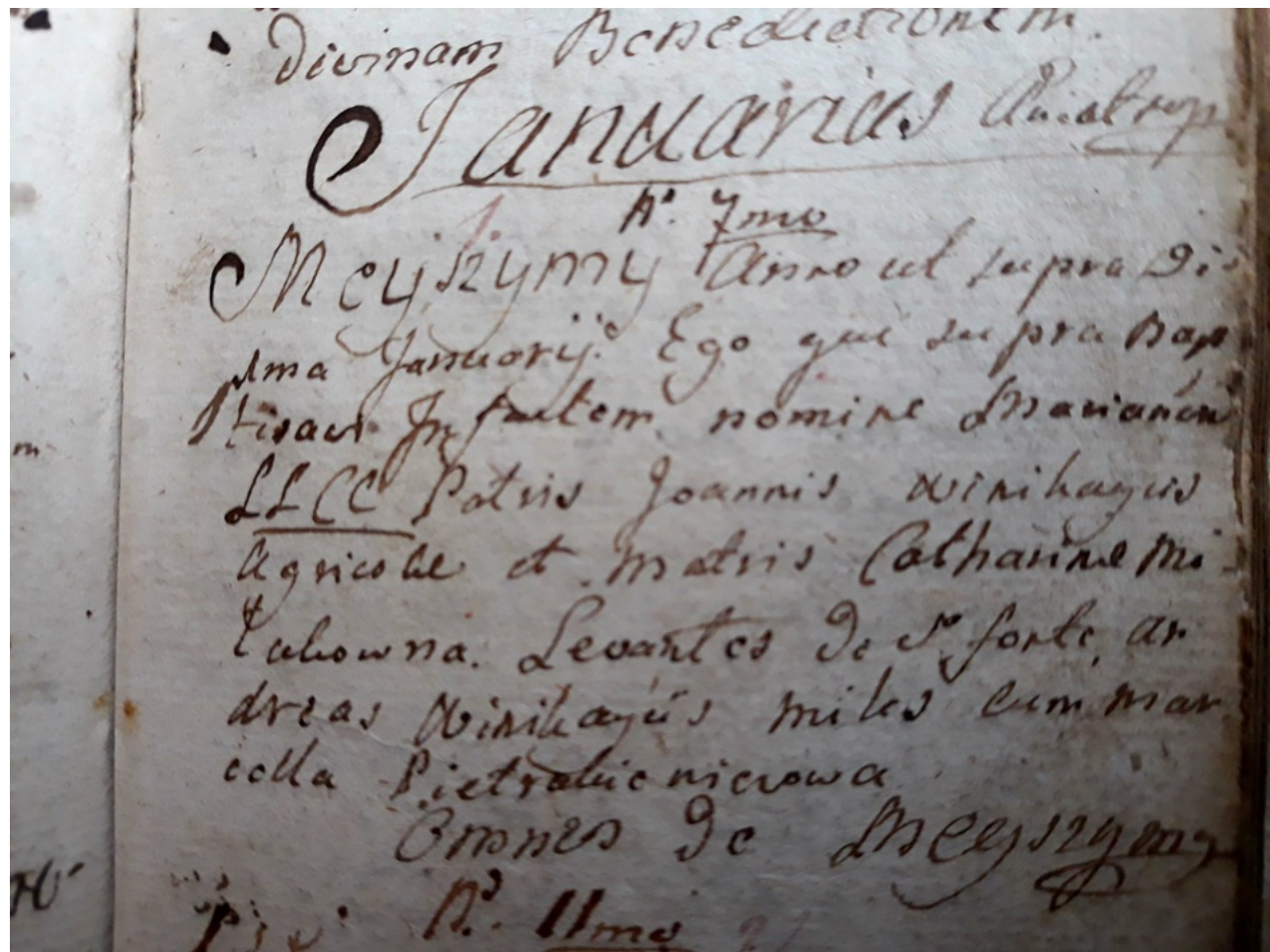
Documents are split as to where John and Catherine Winikaytys lived at the time that their children were all married in Sejny. These documents do not show a clear consensus as to whether they lived in Meyszmy or Klejwy. It seems more plausible that they resided in Klejwy since that is where all of their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

Details for the birth, marriage, and death of both John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk has 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. 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 Mitniskzi 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 Meyszmy within the Urdomin Catholic Parish is verified.



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

On January 1, 1801, a baptized infant named Marijon in the Church of Rudamina. Parents: Jonas Vinikaitis (farmer) and Katerina Milukaitė. God-fathers: Andriejus Vinikaitis (soldier) and Marcelė Petrukevičiūtė. All of the mixing village. Baptism of the Livonian Canaanist Matthew Joseph Lukashevich

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marriage record for: Mateusz Wismikaytys from Klejwy with Marianna Matulewicz from Klejwy

It happened in Sejny on the 17th day of February 1829 at 3 p.m. We make it known that in the presence of the witnesses Stanisław Grygoń?, farmer, 27 years old and Franciszek Sidor, farmer, 27 years old, both living in Klejwy, neighbours, there was concluded on this day religious marriage between:

Mateusz Wismikaytys, a single man, living in Klejwy, born in Mitniszki in Urdomin parish, son of spouses: Jan and Katarzyna nee Miłok, both living in Mitniszki, 20 years old

and

Agata, a miss, daughter of Franciszek and Helena, spouses Matulewicz, both living in Klejwy, 21 years old, born in Porzeczany in Metele parish, living with her parents.

This marriage was preceded by 3 banns of marriage on: 1st, 8th and 15th days of the current month and year in Sejny cathedran parish church.

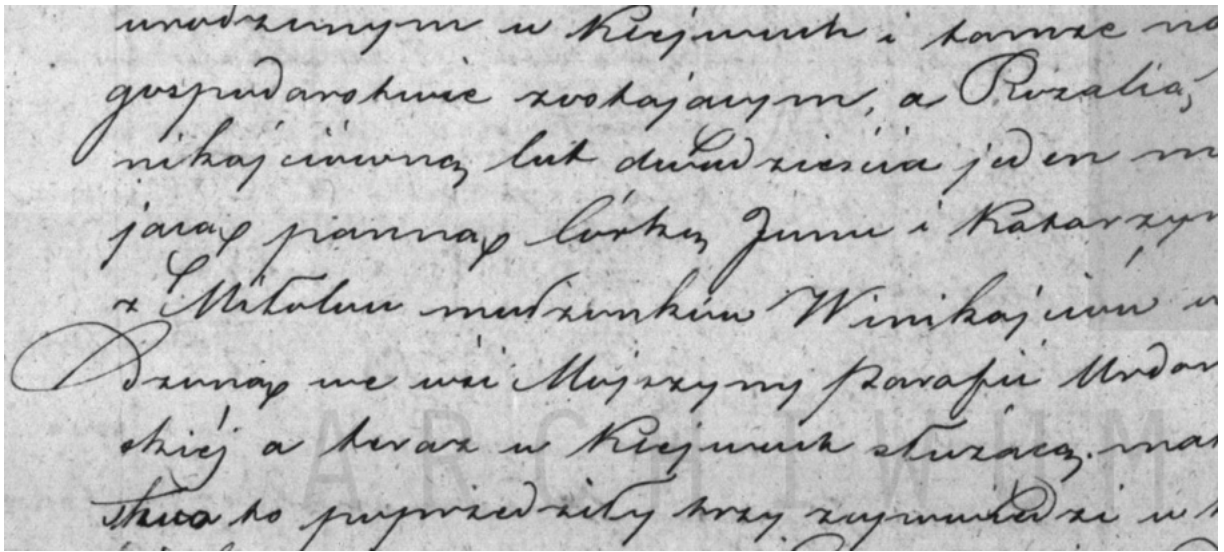
Newlyweds parents gave oral permission for this marriage.

There were no obstacles to this marriage.

Newlyweds informed they didnt make any premarital agreement.

This act was read aloud to the newlyweds and witnesses, all illiterate and signed only by Us.

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Excerpt of 1834 Marriage for Rosalie Winikaytys (daughter of John Winikaytys and Catherine Mituk) and Augustyn Miszkieleń
 Adam Sidor was a witness
 Sejny Parish

It appears that Rosalie and her brother Joseph were married at the same time to brother and sister
 (Augustyn and Elizabeth Miszkieleń)
 Their surnames are spelled slightly different, but they appear to have the same parents.

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It happened in the city Sejny on the 4th day of November 1834 at 5 p.m. We make it known that in the presence of the witnesses Adam Sidor, 25 years old and Jan Miszkieleń, 30 years old, both farmers from the village Klejwy there was concluded on this day religious marriage between

Augustyn Miszkieleń, 25 years old, a single man, son of Szymon and Katarzyna nee Kajdacz, spouses Miszkieleń, born in Klejwy and living on a farm in Klejwy

and

Rozalia Winikajtis, 21 years old, a miss, daughter of Jan and Katarzyna nee Miłok???, spouses Winikajtis, born in the village Mojszyny in Urdomin parish, servant living in Klejwy.

This marriage was preceded by 3 marriage banns in Sejny cathedral church on: 18, 24 october and 2 November of the current year. there were no obstacles for this marriage.

Newlyweds informed they didnt make any premarital agreement.

Newlyweds parents gave oral permission for this marriage.

This act was read aloud to the newlyweds and witnesses, all illiterate and signed only by us.

It happened in the city Sejny on the 4th day of November 1834 at 5 p.m. We make it known that in the presence of the witnesses Szymon Sidor, 25 years old and Wawrzyniec Winikajtis, 29 years old, both farmers from the village Klejwy there was concluded on this day religious marriage between:

Józef Winikajtis, a young man, 26 years old, son of Jan and katarzyna Małol (Małok???), spouses Winikajtis, born in the village Mojszyny in urdomin parish and now living in Klejwy on a farm

and

Elżbieta Wiśnikanis, a miss, 20 years old, daughter of Szymon and Katarzyna nee Kajdas, spouses Wiśnikanis, born in the village Klejwy, living in Klejwy.

This marriage was preceded by 3 marriage banns in Sejny cathedral church on: 18, 24 october and 2 November of the current year.

there were no obstacles for this marriage.

Newlyweds informed they didnt make any premarital agreement.

Newlyweds parents, present during writing this marriage act, gave oral permission for this marriage.

This act was read aloud to the newlyweds and witnesses, all illiterate and signed only by us.

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51. Klub Dziś w wieczór Czyniąc dnia piętnastego Listopada
 Wawrzyniec Winikajtys syn Jerzego Czyniąc Fryderyka siostrę roku zrodziny pięć
 niżej tysiąc dwieście i pół roku. Wiadomo czynimy że w obecności Świątyni
 Macieja Sidor, lat trzydziestu Czyniąc młodego i Macieja
 Misiukanisa lat dwadzieścia sześć młodego obydwóch do
 spodarzy ze Wsi Klejwy, na dniu dzisiejszym zawzięta została
 Religijna Matrimonialna pomiędzy Wawrzyniec Winikajtys
 syn Młodzianem lat dwadzieścia Czyniąc młodego Czyniąc
 Jana i Katarzynę z Nieuków Matrimonialnie Winikajtysów uro.

Except of 1836 Marriage for Lawrence Winikajtys (Son of John Winikajtys and Catherine Nieukow) and Agata Chmielewski
 Maciej Sidor is a witness

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

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 marriage record for:
 Wawrzyniec Winikajtys with Agata Chmielewska, a miss from Klejwy

It happened in the city Sejny on the 15th day of November 1836 at 5 p.m.
 We make it known that in the presence of the witnesses: Maciej Sidor, 38 years old and Maciej Misiukanis, 26 years old, both farmers
 living in the village Klejwy there was concluded on this day religious marriage between:

Wawrzyniec Winikajtys, a young man, 24 years old, son of Jan and Katarzyna nee Nieuk, spouses Winikajtys, born in the village
 Mayszejwy???? (Mejszymy?) and now living in Klejwy

and

Agata Chmielewska, a miss, 20 years old, daughter of spouses: Jan Chmielewski and Agata Chmielewska nee Alex, born in Sasanka
 and now living with her parents in Klejwy.

This marriage was preceded by 3 banns of marriage announcec in Sejny cathedral church on: 30th day of October, 6th and 13th days
 of November of the current year.

There were no obstacles for this marriage.
 Newlyweds informed they didnt make any premarital agreement.

Marriage ceremony performed by the priest Jerzy Katyl, cathedral vicar.
 this act was read aloud to the newlyweds and witnesses, all illiterate and signed only by Us.

107. Romanowce. Działo się w Mieście Sejnie dnia
 dwadziestego pierwszego Maja / drugiego Czerwca / tj. 1854
 umiark. przedwiecznego czwartego roku i. g. w. n. i. e. c. w. a. r. t. e. j.
 a. p. o. t. u. d. n. i. a. - Stawili się Paweł Winikajtys gospodarz
 z Klejwy swagier zmarłego lub sąsiada i. z. i. g. h. t. r. a. y. i. Kazi-
 mierz Wojciechowski. gospodarz z Romanowce lub
 sąsiada i. z. i. g. h. t. p. i. e. c. i. e. r. a. g. e. y. i. o. s. w. i. a. d. e. r. y. l. i. n. i. e. w. d. n. i. u. w. e. s. t.
 r. a. j. s. a. y. m. o. g. o. r. z. i. n. i. e. p. r. z. e. j. a. p. o. t. u. d. n. i. a. u. m. o. r. t. J. e. r. z. y.
 M. a. s. i. a. n. i. s. w. y. r. o. b. n. i. k. t. e. l. i. t. p. r. z. e. d. i. e. n. i. e. j. h. t. p. i. e. r. a. g. e. y.
 w. p. r. e. t. e. l. a. c. h. u. r. o. d. n. o. n. y. o. d. a. m. i. e. n. i. k. a. t. y. w. R. o. m. a. n. o. w. c. e. -
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 M. a. s. i. a. n. i. s. a. A. k. t. h. e. n. z. k. a. w. a. i. a. c. y. m. s. w. i. a. d. k. o. m. n. i. e.
 p. r. i. s. m. i. e. n. n. y. m. p. o. n. o. c. z. y. t. a. n. y. p. r. z. e. z. N. a. s. t. y. k. i. p. o. d. p. i. s. a. n. y. u. s. t. o.
 H. B. Billewicz W. K. Kaleda

1854 Death of George Masianis
 Romanowce (Sejny Parish)

Paul Winikajtys was a witness and was identified as George Masianis's brother-in-law

Marianna had previously been married to Lawrence Sidor

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 Romanowce

It happened in the city Sejny on the 21st day of May/2nd day of June 1854 at 4 p.m. Appeared Paweł Winikajtys, farmer from Klejwy, deceased's brother-in-law, 63 years old and Kazimierz Wojciechowski, farmer from Romanowce, 65 years old and they informed that yesterday at 5 p.m. died Jerzy Masianis, laborer, 50 years old, born in Pelele, living in Romanowce, he left his widowed wife Marianna nee Winikajci and two sons: Jerzy and Antoni.

After eye belief about Jerzy Masianis death this act was read aloud to the illiterate witnesses and signed only by Us.

priest B. Billewicz signature, cathedral vicar.

260 Klejwy. Działo się w Mieście Sejmach dnia tona-
 uiego / pięćnaście / Października, pięćdziesiąt lat
 pięćdziesiątego czwartego roku i godzinie czwar-
 tej i północy. Stawili się Mawryncie Sidor gospodar-
 sata lat trzydziści i pięć. Michał Sidoraka wy-
 mownik lat czterdziści i pięć, obydwoje wsi
 Klejwach kamionkami i uswiadzyli, że wczora
 i godzinie siódmej rano umarł Paweł
 Winikajtys gospodarz lat pięćdziesiąt
 i pięć, mąż, urodzony w Kijowie a kamion-
 kach wsi Klejwach kochanym i w roku
 urodzenia (nie krytyczny i Sidorowi). Po prze-
 komanie się z użyciem świadków i najściu
 Pawła Winikajtysa. Akt ten stawiającym
 świadkom niepisaniomym przytoczony
 przez Nas tylko podpisany został —
 H. B. Billunier W. K. K. K.

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 Rosalie Sidor (the Sidor connection is unknown).

Paul and Rosalie Winikajtys died at the same time, as did a young child John Sidor.

Lawrence Sidor was the witness for all three.

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

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Record #260

Place of death: Klejwy

Place of registration of death: Sejny

Time and Date of registration: 4pm 3/15 October 1854

Declarants: Wawrzyniec Sidor, landlord, age 31

Michał Szczuka, labourer, age 40

Both residing in Klejwy

Time and date of death: 7am yesterday

Deceased's details: Paweł Winikajtys, age 56, born in Kybartai, residing in Klejwy

Record #261

Place of death: Klejwy

Place of registration of death: Sejny

Time and Date of registration: 5pm 3/15 October 1854

Declarants: Wawrzyniec Sidor, landlord, age 31

Michał Szczuka, labourer, age 40

Both residing in Klejwy

Time and date of death: 6am yesterday

Deceased's details: Krystyna Winikajtys nee Sidor, age 50

Mother of the landlord, born in Romanowce, residing in Klejwy

Record #262

Place of death: Klejwy

Place of registration of death: Sejny

Time and Date of registration: 5pm 3/15 October 1854

Declarants: Wawrzyniec Sidor, landlord, age 31

Michał Szczuka, labourer, age 40

Both residing in Klejwy

Time and date of death: 9am yesterday

Deceased's details: Jan Sidor, age 3, born in Klejwy

Father: Wawrzyniec Sidor

Mother: Rozalia Adamkowska

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 Gryszkiewicz 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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