## Paul Zawadzki and Christina Leszczewski

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Paul Zawadzki and Christina Leszczewski lived in the Catholic parishes of Punsk and Krasnopol. They were most likely married around 1815, as Paul was born about 1794 and Christina about 1795. However, these records have not been found.

Their only known child was Elizabeth Zawadzki, who was born in 1820 in Rudawka. She married Anthony Murzyn in 1839 at the church located in Krasnopol. They are Michael E. Byczek's 3x-great-grandparents.

The most accurate spelling of Christina's maiden name has not verified due to the small number of known documents.

Villages were not permanently within a fixed parish boundary, and were associated with different churches over time (such as Rudawka).

Paul Zawadzki passed away in 1860 while living in Zubronajcie (Krasnopol Parish), where the Murzyn family was also living at the time.

The death record for Christina (Leszczewski) Zawadzki has not been found, but Paul was listed as a widower in 1860.

1860 Death for Paul Zawadzki Zubronajcie (Krasnopol Parish)

Anthony Murzynowicz was a witness (Murzyn and Murzynowicz were used interchangeably when later generations settled in Chicago, IL)

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56 Żubronajcie

It happened in Krasnopol on the 18th day of December 1860 at 2 p.m. Appeared Antoni Muczynowicz, 40 years old and Jerzy Sajewicz, 39 years old, gardeners and they informed taht yesterday at 8 a.m. died Paweł Zawadzki, farmer, 80 years old, widower. After eye belief after Paweł Zawadzki death this act was read aloud to the illiterate declarants and signed only by Us.

Krasnopol parish parson signature

1820 Baptism of Elizabeth Zawadzki Rudawka (Punsk Parish)

One of the witnesses/godparents has the surname Leszczewski (illegible)

It happened on the 27th day of December 1820 at 5 p.m. in front of Us, Puńsk vicar, Civil Registrar for Puńsk community, Sejny county, Augustów voivodeship appeared Paweł Zawadzki, 26 years old, farmer living in the village Rudawka located in Puńsk community and presented Us a female child born in his house at number 3 on the 20th day of December at 8 a.m. with his wife Krystyna nee Leszczewska, 25 years old and his wish is to name this child Elżbieta. After the above statement and presentation of the child in the presence of Mateusz Leszczewski, 23 years old, farmer and Jan Jankowski, 60 years old, farmer, both living in the village Rudawka located in Puńsk community this act was read aloud to the present and signed by Us because childs father and the witnesses are illiterate.

priest Onufry Wojtkowicz, Puńsk parish vicar, Civil Registrar.

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## **Additional Information**

Paul Zawadzki and Christina Leszczewski are Michael E. Byczek's 4x-great-grandparents. Their daughter Elizabeth Zawadzki (3x-great-grandmother) married Anthony Murzyn in 1839 in Krasnopol. Their son Peter Murzyn (2x-great-grandfather) married Josephine Muracki in 1870 in Wigry. Their son Frank Murzyn (great-grandfather) married Rose Sidor 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. Josephine (Muracki) Murzyn arrived in Chicago in 1910. The family interchanged the surname between 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.
- Krasnopol is a village in Sejny County. It is the seat of the gmina called Gmina Krasnopol.
- Zubronajcie, is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Krasnopol, within Sejny County
- Rudawka, is a village in the administrative district of Gmina Krasnopol, within Sejny County

Michael E. Byczek has been compiling actual records for the Punsk and Krasnopol Catholic churches 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 Paul Zawadzki and Christina Leszczewski.

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

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