



**SGGEE Convention- Preparing data for submission to SGGEE
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After I made the convention presentation, I realized that I forgot to include finding tools for villages in Poland. This should have been Item 4 under **How do I enter a complete location using Legacy?** Item 4 in the presentation would then become item 5, and would GENERALLY only be used for areas outside of central Poland, although it can be helpful in the areas of western Poland that were formerly under German rule, since both the German and Polish name will usually appear in the search results.

There are many tools for finding villages in Poland, but I will limit the discussion here to just two of those methods.

1. <https://mapa.szukacz.pl/mapnik.html> is an easy to use map tool that does not require you to use the Polish diacritical letters. It also allows you to enter in the letters in the name of the village one at a time, and gives you possible village names in a dropdown below the place where you enter the village name. That place to enter letters is a box entitled

Miejscowość

Simply enter the village name in that box and press enter. You will then see a map of Poland with all of the villages found with that name in magenta colored circles (note that this will usually be fewer villages than the next discussed tool). At this point, you can either hover over a circle in the area you feel is the correct area (note the entry number of that village in the box that appears when you hover), or you can review the villages one at a time in the list of found villages on the right side of the window. Be sure to zoom in the map to the area you believe is the correct area to limit the circles shown to just that area.

As an example, let's say we are looking for a village called Nowa Wies, an exceedingly common village name in Poland. If you enter in that name, you will see 50 circles appear on the map. Then let's assume that you know that the village was somewhat

near to Konin (perhaps as evidenced by other family born in this area). Two choices present themselves- numbers 34 and 44. Let's further assume that you decide that number 34 is your village. Go to the list on the right side of the window, and scroll to number 34. You will see the various entries for village name, woj. (province), pow. (county), and gmina (nearest bigger village). In this case, the proper village name would be

Nowa Wies, Konin, Wielkopolskie, Poland

Note that we have elected to use the name of the pow. village rather than the pow. name, so Konin rather than Koninski

The coordinates for this village are found by clicking on the down-arrow in the number 34 village, and selecting

Pokaż współrzędne

That selection opens a new window that shows various methods of showing the coordinates- we want the third one from the top titled

w stopniach, minutach, sekundach i ułamkach sekund

The displayed result is 52 20 30,0 18 30 55,9 (a comma in Europe as used here is the same as a period in North America), so we would enter the following coordinate entry into the Master Location list in Legacy for that village

522030 for latitude, and 183056 for longitude.

2. http://mapy.geoportal.gov.pl/imap/?gpmmap=gp0&actions=acShowServices_KATASTER&locale=en is a mapping tool that is apparently provided by the Polish government, and includes many villages not covered by the tool noted in item 1 above. As good as it is, however, it does not include historical villages that no longer exist.

Click on the link above, and then at the upper left, click on Searches

If we use the example of Nowa Wies noted in item 1 above, you will see that there are about 370 locations found. This tool shows ALL features that include the name Nowa Wies, and that includes steams and other physical features. We are only interested in the ones that include a tan icon with lines in it that is shown next to the village name. If you hover over the village name presented, you will see a blue dot appear on the map that indicates the location of that village. If you do not know where in Poland that the village is located, then you will need to review each location, but for this discussion, we previously decided on item 1 above that the village was near Konin, so use your mouse to move the map so it is centered on the Konin area, and then use your mouse wheel to zoom in to that area (for this discussion, zoom so that the scale at the lower right of the map is 0-6km). Now go back to the listing of villages shown and WITHOUT CLICKING on any village name, hover over each name to see which one or ones show a blue dot in the enlarged area. You can simply move your mouse over each listing fairly quickly, so as long as the list is, it will take only a short while to review the list (click on the scroll area to advance one page of entries, and NOT on the arrow at the bottom of the list). You need to recognize that if the village is under the list of villages, the blue dot will not show, but for the sake of this discussion we will ignore that fact. As you scroll down the list (depending on how big your map window is, you may see the following Nowa Wies villages

Nowas Wies near Brudzew in Turek powiat

Nowa Wies osada (settlement) near Slupca in Slupca powiat

Nowa Wies near Skulsk in Konin powiat

Nowa Wies near Sompolno in Konin powiat

Nowa Wies wies (village) near Slupca in Slupca powiat

Nowa Wies near Osiek Maly in Kolo powiat

So, in addition to the same village near Sompolno found in item 1 above, and the absence of one village that was beyond the upper limit of the map in this mapping window, we have 5 more possible villages named Nowa Wies in the general vicinity of Konin. If this were your ancestral village, you would have to decide which of the options is the correct one, and it would logically be the one nearest the village where siblings were born or died or married.

Let's assume that the village near Sompolno is the correct village, as in item 1 above. If you then go to the list of villages in this mapping tool and then click on that village

name, you will be taken to an enlarged map that has a box with that complete village name and an arrow pointing to that village. The box is likely not long enough to get the complete name, so hover over the name in the box, and the full name will appear. It will again be

Nowa Wies, Konin, Wielkopolskie, Poland

The coordinates for this village will be displayed at the bottom of the window (zoom fully in and then hover over the end of the arrow) and they are shown as 52 20 30 north 18 30 56 east), so we would use the following coordinate entry into the Master Location list in Legacy for that village

522030 for latitude, and 183056 for longitude.

As you can see, Nowa Wies is a very common village name in Poland. Hopefully your village name will involve fewer choices.

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