

Poznan Project

Poland/Germany “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Answer Key

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Use the Poznan Project website to answer the following questions:

1. Search for information for Jacob Schulz and Anna Schief.

What are the first name variations for ‘Jacob’?	Jacob(us)/ Jakub
How many returns do you get for this couple?	One
How old were Jacob and Anna at the time of their wedding?	26 and 20, respectively
Were they Catholic or Protestant?	Protestant
What is the community in which they got married?	Bnin
What were the entry and year for their wedding?	Entry 7 in 1807

2. Search for information for Jacob Schulz and Anna, last name unknown.

When you type Jacob Schulz and Anna, how many hits do you get?	17 exact and many partial matches, 36 in total.
How could you limit the information in order to get fewer, more exact results?	More information could be input to limit the number of matches. Click on ‘Additional search criteria [Pull down]’ to see more search criteria boxes. Returns can be restricted by bride’s surname, place, year and record type.
If you know approximately when Jacob and Anna were married, say 1829 or 1830, how many exact matches to you get?	You get two exact returns.
What happens if you further limit by record type—you know they were Protestant?	You get only one exact match.
How old was Jacob at the time of the wedding?	40 years
What was Anna’s last name?	Martin
What happens if you do not know the year (remove the years from the search boxes), but you know the place, i.e. Witkowo?	You get several matches, but only one from Witkowo. The other “exact” match is from a parish that is within the 10 km radius.

3. Now you want information about available records and their repositories, so you click on "Witkowo." Although Jacob Schulz and Anna were Protestant, you are still interested in knowing about Catholic records, as some of their ancestors may have been Catholic.

How many people lived in the Catholic parish of Witkowo in 1888?	2872
How many towns were in the Catholic parish of Witkowo? (Hint: Some towns have multiple words.)	12 (Witkówko and Witkowko are two separate villages!)
How many archives in Poland hold records for the Catholic parish of Witkowo?	4
What is the earliest year that any of the records cover?	1604
Are there any FamilySearch microfilms that cover any of these records?	yes
How many people lived in the Lutheran parish around 1900?	1100
Where are the Lutheran records for Witkowo housed?	In the State Archive in Poznan
When do those records begin?	1817
Are there any FamilySearch microfilms that cover any of these records?	yes
When do civil records begin for Witkowo?	1874
Are there any FamilySearch microfilms that cover any of these records?	yes