



# LostShoebox.com

## Poland “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Instruction

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### GOAL

This guide will teach you how to use LostShoebox.com to find websites containing information for specific regions of Poland.

### INTRODUCTION

The website LostShoebox.com does not host digitized images. Instead the website serves as an index listing other important websites which either host digital images or describe non-digitized archival holdings.

The modern name of the town and province is needed to continue. If you do not know the modern name of the town and province in Poland, use the following “How to” Guide to determine the modern town and province:

- [Kartenmeister Gazetteer Online](#) (for areas of Poland that were part of the German Empire)
- [Skorowidz Gazetteer Online](#) (for areas of Poland that were not part of the German Empire)

You can also search for your town on <https://www.wikipedia.org/>. Once you select your town from the list of articles, you will see a box off to the right. This box will provide information about the town including the country, voivodeship (province), county, and gmina (community).

Consult the following “How to” Guides for instructions on how to use websites referenced on LostShoebox.com:

- [The Polish State Archives](#) (number 3)
- [Accessing FamilySearch Digital Images](#) (number 4)
- [Poznan Project](#) (number 8)

### HOW TO

1. Go to the website: <http://www.lostshoebox.com/poland/online-records/>.
2. On the map, locate the modern voivodeship in which the town in question is found.

3. Each voivodeship has at least one red number (1-17) within it. Each of these numbers corresponds to a website listed below the map. Please note that while some of the websites are specific to a single area or voivodeship, such as websites 14 and 17, other websites in the list contain information for multiple voivodeships and will appear in multiple sections on the map.
4. Scroll down to see the corresponding websites and click on the links to explore further.

## PRACTICE

Now, determine which websites (on LostShoebox.com) could be useful in searching for records for Hrud, Poland.

1. Go to the website <https://www.wikipedia.org/> and search for Hrud, Poland.
2. Click the link for Hrud.
3. Off to the right you will see a box with a map and additional clarifying information about the town (i.e. country, voivodeship, county, and gmina). In this case, Hrud is located within the voivodeship of Lublin.
4. Go to the website <http://www.lostshoebox.com/poland/online-records/>.
5. Locate the voivodeship of Lublin on the map. Which numbers are listed for Lublin voivodeship?
  - a. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7
6. Which websites (on LostShoebox) could you use to begin your search for records for a town in Lublin voivodeship?
  - a. 1 – Geneteka
  - b. 3 – Szukaj w Archiwach
  - c. 4 – Family Search
  - d. 6 – Lubgens
  - e. 7 – AGAD (Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych w Warszawie)

## ACTIVITY

Now, test your skills you have learned in this “How to” Guide. The Activity is a way to check your knowledge and let you know you’ve mastered the Guide! Click here to try out the Activity.