The Programme for the Registration of Records from Parish and Public (civil) Registers

The present version of the PRADZIAD database (the Programme for the Registration of Records from Parish and Civil Registration Offices) was completed in 2011. It contains data on parish and civil registers preserved in all state archives and from the holdings of the Stanisław Staszic Pomeranian Library in Szczecin, of the Archdiocesan Archives in Łódź, Poznań, Szczecin, Warsaw and Wrocław, from the holdings of the Diocesan Archives in Drohiczyn, Płock and Włocławek, and on Jewish and Roman Catholic parish registers preserved at the Civil Registration Office in Warsaw – the so called “Zabużańskie” Archive (of the region beyond the Bug river). The PRADZIAD database neither contains lists of names nor information on specific persons.

Materials in the database have been arranged in the following way:
name of a town (present name in Polish, and former name both Polish and foreign), in which or for which parish and public (civil) registry records were generated (parishes, filial churches, filial chapels, particular towns from parishes located in Galicia, seats of public registry offices),
administrative location (in respect of towns, which are now located on the territory of Poland - communes and provinces according to the administrative divisions from the years 1975-1998; in respect of towns which no longer exist or which are now located on the territory of another state - administrative location from the period when records were generated; in the case of areas which before 1939 belonged to Poland, and which are now within the borders of Ukraine or Lithuania - counties and provinces; in the case of areas which were part of the German Reich, and which are now in Germany or Russia - counties and districts),
creed RELIGION - Adventists (adwentyści), Anglicans (anglikanie), Baptists (baptyści), Catholics of Christ (chrystusowi katolicy), Christian Catholics (chrześcijańsko-katolickie), Dissidents (dysydenci), Protestants (ewangelickie), Lutheran (ewangelicko-augsburskie), Reformed (ewangelicko-reformowane), The Oratory of Saint Philip Neri (filipońskie), Greek Catholic
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(grekokatolickie), Unbelievers (jednowiercy), Catholic Apostolic (katolicko-apostolskie), Mariavite (mariawickie), Mennonite (mennonickie), mixed (mieszane), Muslims (mahometanie), not specified (nie określone), Jewish (mojżeszowe), Polish National (polsko-narodowe), Orthodox (prawosławne), Roman Catholic (rzymskokatolickie), Old Lutheran (staroluterańskie), Civil Registers (urząd stanu cywilnego),

church name (in fact only when several parishes of the same creed were located in one town),

type of event - acknowledgments (akta znania), annexes (alegata), confirmations (bierzmowania), baptisms (chrzty), other (inne), communicators (komunikujący), confirmations (konfirmacje), converts (konwertyci), Familienbuch (księga rodzin), marriages (małżeństwa), mixed (mieszane), divorces (rozwody), confessions (spowiadający się), births (urodzenia), change of creed (wstąpienia do obrządku), change of creed (wystąpienia z obrządku), banns (zapowiedzi), deaths (zagony),

dates border year/dates of documentation,

microfilms border year/dates of books with usable microfilms kept in those archives which also preserve the documentation,

information on the accessibility of records,

place of preservation of materials - name and number of the State Archives or the local division of the State Archives,

name and number of the fond,

comments

Searching guidelines

The PRADZIAD database allows for several data search possibilities. In search fields one may enter full names or any string of characters from the information search for. In order to find parish or civil registration office:
- enter the name of the town where the parish, the civil registration office or the religious community were located into the field "Name of a town".
- enter the name of the commune on the territory of which the town searched for is located, or the county on the territory of which it was located before the war into the field "Commune"
- select the name of the province within the 1975-1998 or 1918-1939 borders in the field "Province"
- select the creed or religion in respect of which the register was kept in the field "Creed/Religion"
- select the type of event in the field "Types of records"

Note: Those having no possibility to use Polish fonts (diacritical marks) may use Latin alphabet, i.e. "Łódź" instead of "Łódź". However, please do not combine these two forms of writing; for example, write "Raciąż" or "Raciaż" but not "Raciąż",
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