

Opening Comment

The idea of creating the Biographical Online Dictionary of the Konecki County emerged after the Public Library in Końskie published the book titled "100 Figures for the 100th Anniversary of Independence. A Gallery of Distinguished Individuals for Konecki County." It was released as part of the celebrations for the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining independence. The editorial team for the book formed spontaneously in connection with the 2018 jubilee celebrations. Participants included enthusiasts of regional history, people who disseminate historical knowledge about the Konecki County through press articles, books, websites, and individuals involved in institutions and organizations that preserve knowledge of the region's history. The biographical entries included in the book became the foundation for this online Dictionary. The editorial team proposed a selection of biographies of individuals connected with the military, the resistance movement, distinguished clergy, lawyers, social activists, athletes, explorers, doctors, writers, artists, and representatives of many professions or communities.

We assured readers that work on updating and supplementing this work would continue over the coming years in the form of further volumes, tentatively titled the "Konecki Biographical Dictionary". However, we propose an online version of the Dictionary, which allows for the continuous updating of biographies, expanded entries with additional photographs, without limitations in terms of volume or time. We also aim to broaden our search for individuals distinguished for the Konecki County to include the area of the former Konecki County from the late 19th century. At that time, the county was a vast area: from Pilica with Przedbórz to Szydłowiec. The then county covered 1,883 km² and included 18 municipalities: Bliżyn, Borkowice, Chlewiska, Czerрно, Dobromierz, Gowarczów, Grodzisko (with its seat in Radoska), Góry Mokra, Kamienna (from 1905), Końskie, Duraczów (with its seat in Pomyków), Miedziera (with its seat in Królewiec, later in Smyków), Niekłań (with its seat in Odrowąż), Pijanów (with its seat in Słupia), Przedbórz, Ruda Maleniecka, Skotniki and Szydłowiec. We hope that our initiative will engage history enthusiasts from this vast area. We invite you to collaborate in creating the Biographical Online Dictionary of the Konecki County.

We are also pleased that our efforts to promote historical knowledge have been recognized by the Museum of Polish History, which awarded a grant to design this website as part of the "Patriotism of Tomorrow 2021" program. More details about our project are described in the "About the project" section.

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