

SAMPLE RESEARCH REPORT · POLISH MILITARY SERVICE RESEARCH

A cavalry conscript from Grodzisko Dolne

Szymon Czerwonka (born 1915), pre-war conscription records

Sample report. This example is based on genuine archival records. The client, the research question and the layout are illustrative, and some sections are shortened. Scans are reproduced from public archive portals for demonstration only.

WHERE WE STARTED

- A name, Szymon Czerwonka, and the village of Grodzisko near Leżajsk.
- Born “during the First World War”, with no date and only a guess at his father's name.
- A remembered remark that he was “meant to serve with the horses”.

Missing: any proof that he was called up, his parents, and where the rest of the family fits.

RESEARCH QUESTION

Did our grandfather's uncle serve in the Polish Army before the Second World War, and what do the records say about him?

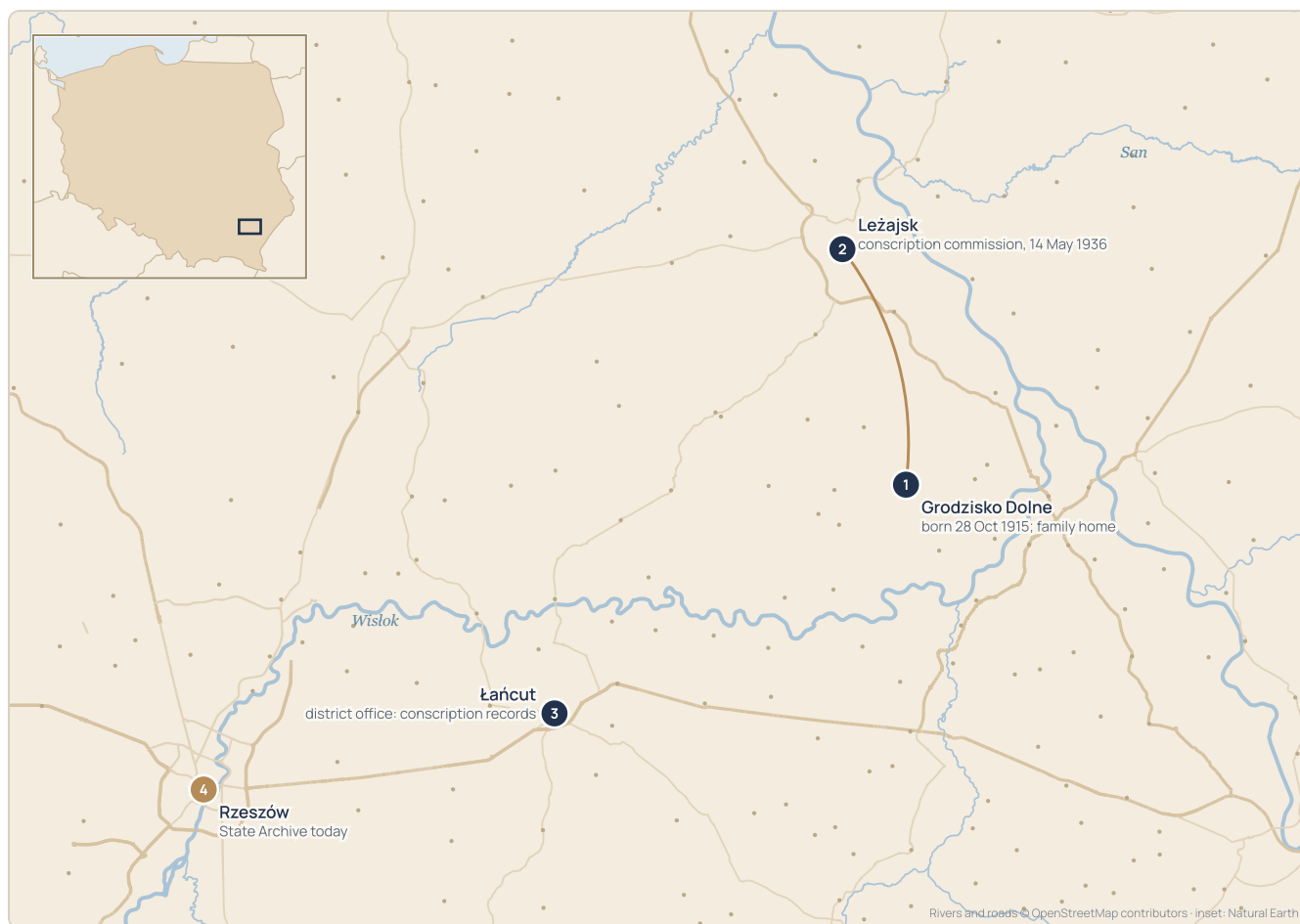
WHAT WE FOUND

Full name	Szymon (Simon Thaddeus) Czerwonka
Born	28 October 1915, Grodzisko Dolne, Łańcut district
Parents	Wojciech Czerwonka and Zofia née Markocka
Conscription	Commission at Leżajsk, 14 May 1936: category A, fit for active service, assigned to the cavalry
Key sources	State Archive in Rzeszów: Łańcut District Office (Starostwo Powiatowe w Łańcucie) and Grodzisko Dolne parish registers

Summary of findings

- Found his individual conscription card from the 1936 draft of the Łańcut district.
- The medical commission at Leżajsk found him fit for active military service (category A) and assigned him to the cavalry.
- The card gives his parents, place of birth, mother tongue, religion, education and physical description.
- His baptism entry in the 1915 register of Grodzisko Dolne confirms the date of birth and names his grandparents.
- Indexes show at least six children of Wojciech and Zofia, which opens the way to the wider family.

The story on a map



Grodzisko Dolne and the towns where the family's records were created and are kept today. Rivers and roads are shown as they are today.

Timeline

- **1904–1913** Five older siblings born in Grodzisko Dolne to Wojciech Czerwonka and Zofia Markocka.
- **28 Oct 1915** Szymon born at house no. 342, Grodzisko Dolne; baptised on 31 October.
- **14 May 1936** Appears before the conscription commission in Leżajsk: category A, fit for active service.
- **1936** Assigned to the cavalry, the next step being call-up with his year group.

In 1915 Grodzisko Dolne lay in Austrian Galicia, so the parish kept its registers in Latin. By 1936 it was in the Łańcut district of the Lwów province of independent Poland, where every man of draft age was examined by a district commission.

Sources consulted

Source	Reference	Result
Conscription records of the Łańcut district	State Archive in Rzeszów, Łańcut District Office (Starostwo Powiatowe w Łańcutcie), 1930–1938	Found · individual card no. 120
Baptism register of Grodzisko Dolne	State Archive in Rzeszów, parish registers of Grodzisko Dolne, 1891–1917	Found · 1915, entry 63
Geneteka index (Polish Genealogical Society)	Births of children of Wojciech Czerwonka and Zofia Markocka	Found · six births, 1904–1915
Geneteka marriage index	Czerwonka × Markocka, Grodzisko Dolne	Lead · 1875 marriage to be tested

The conscription card

Every man of draft age appeared before a conscription commission. The individual card (form no. 16) records the commission's decision together with family and personal details, and it survives in the district records even when later military files were lost.

Wzór Nr 16. 94 170

1915, dn. 18. X.
(Rok urodzenia, dzień, miesiąc)

Pr listy poborowej: 120.

Imię ojca: *Wojciech*

Imię i nazwisko panięskie matki: *Zofia Markocka*

Miejsce urodzenia: *Grodzisko Dolne*

Miejsce zamieszkania: *Pow. Łańcut, Mj. Łańcut*

KARTA INDYWIDUALNA
Powiat: **ŁAŃCUT**

Stawianictwo (I, II lub III): **LEŻAJSK**
(miejscowość)
dn. 14. V. 1936. r.

(Nazwisko i imię poborowego): *Czerwonka Szymon*

Wzrost cm	Waga kg	Obwód klat. piers. cm	Wysokość rozkroczna cm	Bystrość wzroku	Typ budowy fizycznej
165	51	86	82	1,0	K3

Orzeczenie i wniosek lekarzy kom. pob. w/g wojsk. przepisów sanit. 5/30

Opis stanów chorobowych: *zdolny*

Kategoria: *A*

Wysłać na ekspertyzę do szpitala wojskowego: *SS*

(podpis lekarzy): *[Signature]*

(podpis przewodniczącego): *[Signature]*

Język macierzysty: *pol.*

Narodowość: *pol.*

Wyznanie: *kat.*

Zawód cywilny: *z wykształcenia 7-0 kl. z ob. publ. w podst. [illegible]*

Wysłać na ekspertyzę do szpitala wojskowego: *[illegible]*

Kary adm. i sądowe: *[illegible]*

Orzeczenie komisji poborowej: *Dołączyć do wydziału [illegible]*

Przeznaczenie: *Harcerz*

dn. 14. V. 1936. r.

(Podpis przewodniczącego): *[Signature]*

(podpis wojsk. członka kom. pob.): *[Signature]*

UWAGA: Jeżeli poborowy staje na kom. pob. po raz drugi lub trzeci należy wypełnić przed poborem rubryki na odwrotnej stronie (w obramowaniu), przepisując dane z poprzednich kart indywidualnych.

Individual conscription card, Łańcut district, 1936. State Archive in Rzeszów, Łańcut District Office (Starostwo Powiatowe w Łańcutcie).

TRANSCRIPTION (EXTRACT, POLISH)

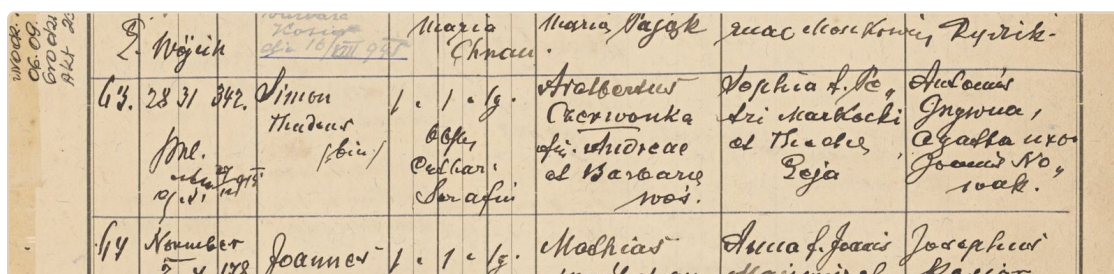
1915 dn. 28 X · Nr listy poborowej 120
Czerwonka Szymon · Imię ojca: Wojciech · Matka: Zofia Markocka
Miejsce urodzenia i zamieszkania: Grodzisko Dolne, pow. Łańcut, woj. lwowski
Wzrost 165 cm · waga 51 kg · Kategoria A
Orzeczenie komisji poborowej: zdolny do czynnej służby wojskowej, Leżajsk 14 V 1936
Przeznaczenie: kawalerja

TRANSLATION (ENGLISH)

Born 28 October 1915 · conscription list no. 120
Czerwonka, Szymon · father: Wojciech · mother: Zofia née Markocka
Place of birth and residence: Grodzisko Dolne, Łańcut district, Lwów province
Height 165 cm · weight 51 kg · category A
Decision of the commission: fit for active military service, Leżajsk, 14 May 1936
Assignment: cavalry

Confirming the birth

The Geneteka index lists his birth under a different entry number, so the original register was checked. The 1915 baptism register of Grodzisko Dolne records him as entry 63: born on 28 October and baptised on 31 October 1915, the son of Adalbertus (Wojciech) Czerwonka and Sophia (Zofia) Markocka. The Latin entry also names his paternal grandparents, Andreas and Barbara née Woś.



Liber baptisatorum, Grodzisko Dolne, 1915, entry 63. State Archive in Rzeszów, parish registers of Grodzisko Dolne.

The wider family

The birth index for the same parents lists Aniela (1904), Michał (1906), Franciszek (1908), Barbara (1911), Julianna (1913) and Szymon (1915). Each of the brothers would also have appeared before a conscription commission, so their cards may survive in the same series.

Analysis

Two independent sources, one military and one ecclesiastical, agree on his date and place of birth and on his parents' names. This makes the identification secure.

The conscription card records a decision in 1936, not proof of service. Assignment to the cavalry means he was expected to join a cavalry unit in the next intake. The unit itself, and whether he served in September 1939, have to be established from other records.

Recommended next steps

- Search the Central Military Archives for the 1936–37 cavalry intake and 1939 mobilisation records.
- Look for the conscription cards of his brothers Michał and Franciszek in the same district series.
- Test the 1875 Czerwonka marriage as a link to the previous generation, and trace Szymon's own marriage and death.