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A conscript's file, from birth to 1939

Mieczysław Teodor Królikiewicz (1909–1939), Piotrków Trybunalski

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, Mieczysław Królikiewicz, and the town of Piotrków.
- Born “around 1910”. The family believed he had been a soldier who died young “in the war”.
- No photographs or documents, and no date or place of death.

Missing: his date of birth, his parents, whether he ever served, and when and how he died.

RESEARCH QUESTION

What do the Polish records say about Mieczysław Królikiewicz from Piotrków, and did he really serve and die in the war?

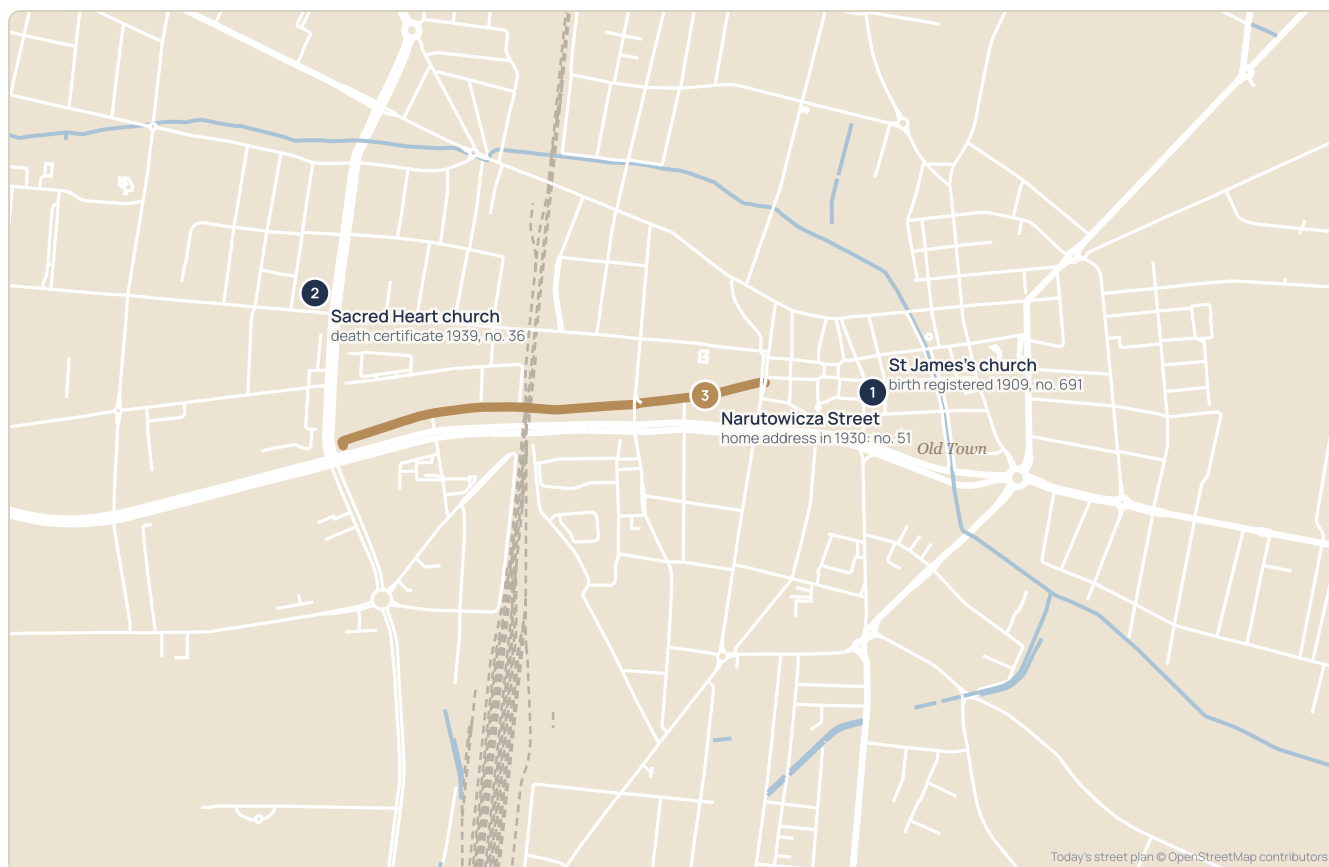
WHAT WE FOUND

Full name	Mieczysław Teodor Królikiewicz
Born	28 May 1909, Piotrków (baptism register of St James's parish, 1909, no. 691)
Parents	Andrzej Królikiewicz, a civil servant, and Franciszka née Czerwińska
Conscription	1930: category C, fit only for non-combatant service in the national reserve
Died	15 April 1939, Piotrków Trybunalski, aged 29

Summary of findings

- Found his entry, no. 1911, in the conscription list for men born in 1909 in Piotrków.
- In 1930 the commission placed him in category C because of a thyroid condition affecting his heart, so he served only in the unarmed reserve.
- The entry records his address, trade (locksmith's apprentice), education and both parents.
- His birth record, written in Russian, confirms his parents and gives the exact date of birth.
- A death certificate and a letter from the recruitment command show that he died on 15 April 1939 and was struck off the military register.

The story on a map



Central Piotrków Trybunalski on today's street plan. House numbers on Narutowicza Street may have changed since 1930, so the whole street is highlighted rather than a single building.

Timeline

- **28 May 1909** Born in Piotrków; registered at St James's church as no. 691.
- **7 Jan 1930** Examined by the conscription commission: category C, fit only for non-combatant service.
- **15 Apr 1939** Dies in Piotrków Trybunalski, aged 29.
- **22 Jun 1939** The recruitment command sends his death certificate to the district office.
- **19 Aug 1939** Struck off the conscription register, two weeks before the outbreak of war.

In 1909 Piotrków was part of the Russian partition, so civil-religious records there were written in Russian. After 1918 the same families appear in Polish-language records, such as the conscription lists of the 1930s.

Sources consulted

Source	Reference	Result
Conscription list, men born in 1909	State Archive in Piotrków Trybunalski, Piotrków District Office (Starostwo Powiatowe Piotrkowskie)	Found · entry no. 1911
Death certificate and recruitment command letter	Filed with the conscription list, same reference	Found · 1939
Birth register, St James's parish, Piotrków	State Archive in Piotrków Trybunalski, civil-religious records of St James's parish (duplicate)	No online scans · the archive has not digitised it yet
Skannoteka (Polish Genealogical Society) and Geneteka	St James's parish, births 1909	Found · entry 691

The conscription list

Conscription lists were kept for each year of birth. His entry records the commission's decision and later notes, including what happened to him after the draft.

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1. Nr. 1911		2. Piotrków (Gmina)		ORZECZENIA KOMISJI POBOROWEJ:						Ewent. orzeczenia komisji rozpoznawczej względnie władz nadzorczych:		Udzielone odroczenia lub ulgi z art. 60. ustęp 2.			
3. Mieczysław Piotr Imię Nazwisko Krulikiewicz				w roku: (dzień, miesiąc, rok)	wzrost w cm. objętość piersi w cm.	ciężar ciała w kg. bystrość wzroku, stan refrakcji oczu:	Orzeczenie lekarskie: (wnioski lekarzy)	Orzeczenie komisji poborowej:							
4. data: 28 maja 1909 urodzony: Piotrków				15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.			21.			
5. a) nazwisko i imiona rodziców: ojca: Krulikiewicz Andrzej matki: Krulikiewicz Maria b) czy żyją: c) ich zawód:				7.1 30.4.	171 81	57 2-1.0	18.0 \$ 70.37 nieznaczne powiększenie ciężkości obniżające spraw- ność kręgosłupa, w skutek zaburzeń czynności serca.	19.0 zdolny do służ- by w korpulentum mierzony i bro- nia.					Wykazany do wymiaru podatku wojskowego.		
6. Miejsce zamieszkania rodziców względnie ich praw- nych opiekunów: Piotrków, ul. Narutowicza 51															
7. Miejsce zamieszkania lub pobytu poborowego (ochot- nika): Piotrków, ul. Narutowicza 51															
8. Narodowość: polska															
9. Wyznanie: rkatolickie															
10. Zawód, wywily względnie zatrudnienie: Kucharz - kucharz															
11. Wykształcenie: 4 klasy gimnazjum humanist. w Piotrkowie															
12. Stan cywilny (rodzinny): (wolny, żonaty, ilość dzieci, wdowiec i t. p.) Kawaler															
13. Ukarania sądowe: /															
14. UWAGI: (Adnotacje o niestawianiu i t. p.) Izrael. Na podstawie metryki urodzenia: episkopi Urz. Stan. Cyw. parafii św. Józef. w Piotrkowie z dn. 19.11.1909 Nr. 36. poprawione odnotowano skreślono - zmarł dn. 15.11.1939 w Piotrkowie 1948 L. Wojsk. 614911 09.09. Piotrków 19 VIII 1909 Za Starostę Powiatowego															

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Conscription list for men born in 1909, entry 1911. State Archive in Piotrków Trybunalski, Piotrków District Office (Starostwo Powiatowe Piotrkowskie).

TRANSCRIPTION (EXTRACT, POLISH)

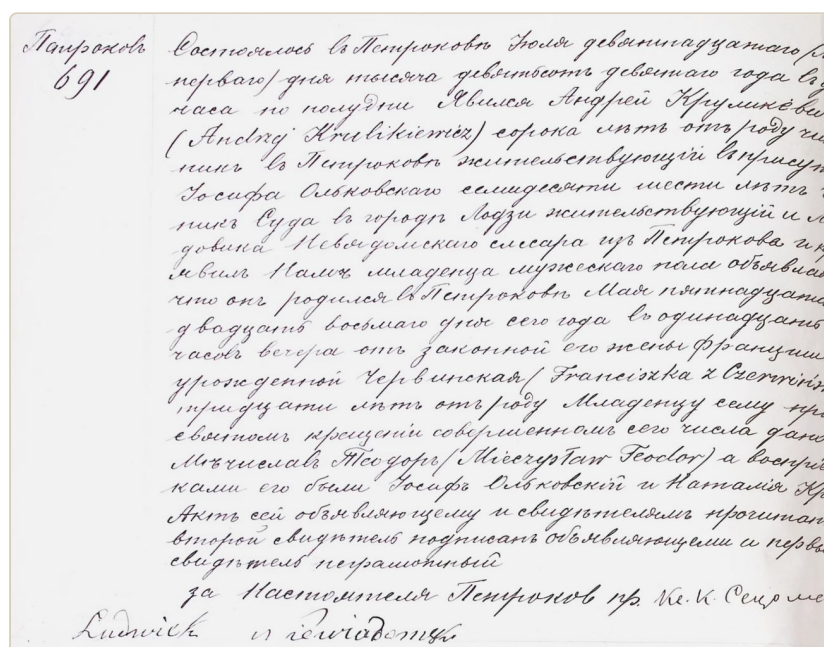
Nr 1911 · Gmina Piotrków · Mieczysław Teodor Królikiewicz
Urodzony 28 maja 1909, Piotrków · ojciec Andrzej, żyje, urzędnik · matka Franciszka z Czerwińskich, nie żyje
Zamieszkały: Piotrków, ul. Narutowicza 51 · ślusarz-terminator · 4 klasy gimnazjum humanist. · kawaler
Kat. „C” ... zdolny do służby w pospolitym ruszeniu bez broni
Uwagi: skreślono – zmarł dn. 15 IV 1939 w Piotrkowie

TRANSLATION (ENGLISH)

No. 1911 · Piotrków commune · Mieczysław Teodor Królikiewicz
Born 28 May 1909, Piotrków · father Andrzej, living, civil servant · mother Franciszka née Czerwińska, deceased
Resident at 51 Narutowicza Street, Piotrków · locksmith's apprentice · 4 years of grammar school · single
Category C ... fit only for non-combatant service in the national reserve
Remarks: struck off – died 15 April 1939 in Piotrków

His birth record

Between 1868 and 1918, civil-religious records in this part of Poland were kept in Russian. The birth was registered at St James's church in Piotrków. The archive's own copy has not yet been digitised, so the entry was traced through the Geneteka index and the Skanoteka image.



Birth record no. 691, St James's parish, Piotrków, 1909 (Russian). Image courtesy of the Polish Genealogical Society.

Translation (extract). Piotrków, 1909. Andrzej Królikiewicz, aged forty, a civil servant living in Piotrków, presented a male child, born in Piotrków on 15/28 May of this year at eleven in the evening to his lawful wife Franciszka née Czerwińska, aged thirty. At baptism the child was named Mieczysław Teodor. The godparents were Józef Olkowski and Natalia.

The end of the file

In June 1939 the recruitment command in Piotrków sent his death certificate to the district office and confirmed that he had been removed from the register. Both documents were filed with the conscription list.

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w Piotrkowie Trybunalskim

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№ księgi Inności	Z jakiej miejscowości	Imię i nazwisko zmarłego (ej)	Wiek	Czas śmierci			Imiona i nazwiska rodziców i nazwisko matki z domu
				Dzień	Miesiąc	Rok	
36	Piotrków Tryb.	Mieczysław- Teodor Kosiński	39 lat	15	Kwiecień	1939	Andrzej Franciszka Czerwinski

Wyrażnie tysiąc dziewięćset trzydziestego dziewiątego roku

Piotrków Tryb., dnia 19 kwietnia 1939 r.

Urządnik Stanu Cywilnego: [Signature]

1192 Druk T. Dobrzański, Piotrków.

Death certificate, parish of the Sacred Heart, Piotrków Trybunalski, 1939, no. 36.

Analysis

Three independent documents, the Russian birth record, the conscription list and the 1939 death certificate, give the same parents and consistent dates. This confirms that they concern one person.

The medical decision explains why he does not appear in active military units. For a family expecting a war story, the records give a different but equally important answer. He was declared unfit for armed service and died a few months before the outbreak of war.

Recommended next steps

- Search the death register of the Sacred Heart parish (1939, no. 36) for the cause and place of death.
- Trace his mother Franciszka's death before 1930 and his parents' marriage in the Piotrków registers.
- Look for population registers for 51 Narutowicza Street to identify other members of the household.

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