

**Andrzej Morytko** married 7 Oct 1805 in house 85, Wampierzow. His age looks like 24, badly scribbled, it might be 29. Bachelor. No parent names.

The bride is Franciszka Lewicki. Scribbled age looks like 18. That maiden name is badly scribbled. I suppose it looks like Lesniak, the name per Carol King. I conclude it is Lewicki (Lewiconka) for 4 reasons: (1) a wedding witness is Michal Lewicki, nicely written. (2) A daughter Zofia was born to Andrzej Morytko and Franciszka Lewiconka in house 85 on 16 Oct 1809, and Lewiconka is clearly written on that birth record, being a proper mother's maiden inflection for the name Lewicki. (3) there are 3 other Lewicki records in house 85 before 1800 in my data base: 2 births in 1787 and 1796, and a wedding in 1796. (4) death record, below.

The births of Jan and Michal to this family, previously reported, 1821 and 1824, were also house 85. I did not check 1810 - 1820, nor 1825+.

Andrzej died 7 Dec 1841, Wampierzow, house number scribbled could be 85. Age 66 implies birth year 1775, but death ages are notoriously exaggerated. Age 66 in 1841 implies age 30 at marriage in 1805, close to perhaps 29. His late wife is clearly indicated at Franciszka Lewicka. I did not look for her death. Carol, I'm sure you cannot read it; those words before Franciszka I know from experience are "marit, derelict, uxoris", Latin for "married, leaves behind, spouse". I interpret that to mean that Franciszka lived past Andrzej.

There is another Andrzej Morytko, who married Katarzyna Kusmierz 25 Nov 1792. He was 27 at his marriage, so he is too old to be your Andrzej, who was a 24 or 29 year old bachelor at his wedding in 1805. It would be a huge very unusual error to record a 40 year old widower as a bachelor in his 20's. Also, this older Andrzej is too young to be the father of yours. This older Andrzej had a son Andrzej who was born 19 Nov 1793 and died 10 Nov 1798 (it says age 2 at death, an annoying error for a boy almost 5 years old, both birth & death in house 184). That's all I have - 3 Andrzej Morytko records before 1800, and I am reasonably sure my data has all the Morytko records before 1800, because I did a careful study trying to build up my ancestor Morytko branch. This older Andrzej Morytko died 9 Jan 1841; his late wife Katarzyna Kusmierz is named in his death record. If I am wrong about that boy who died in 1798, if he was really only 2 and another Andrzej Morytko born 1793 survived, it does not matter to you, because a 1793 birth is far too young to be married in 1805.

Your Andrzej seems to be missing from the birth records. There are many possible reasons:

1. Most likely he was born in Wampierzow in 1781. That birth record book is lost. The parish kept the Wampierzow records separate. Perhaps there was a chapel where the priest went every Sunday, perhaps there was no chapel but the parish just kept Wamp records separate, I'm not sure. I know there was a book, because one Wampierzow loose page is at the end of the 1777 book. I saw the stack of old books for the parish when I visited the archive in Tarnow in 1998; I have notes; my notes do not mention this book, so I conclude that this book is missing. My notes indicate that LDS filmed everything at the Tarnow diocese archive. Maybe a miracle will happen and the book or at least some pages will show up in the wrong place and get filmed some day. Or maybe the pages are sitting in the wrong microfilm somewhere right now??
2. Perhaps he was 29 at his wedding, placing his birth 1776, one year before the first birth records for the entire parish.

3. Maybe he was born in an another parish and moved to Wadowice. I found my Kmiec ancestors this way in another parish. This is a huge amount of work. Actually, I did this primarily for my Gwozdz line, failed after lots of effort, but checked other lines and got lucky on Kmiec.

We need evidence for the name of the father of Andrzej to continue your line. Unfortunately, the new pastor in the early 1800's got lazy and did not write down father of brides & grooms.

Grandparents are recorded at births Apr 1833 +. I scanned looking for a child of Andrzej but spotted none. I actually scanned all of Film 467 Item 5, births 1828 - 1844; I only spotted the 1832 Maryanna birth. Too bad; the youngest in the family was born just one year before the pastor started to add grandparents to the records. That 1832 page does have a few maternal grandfather names, and Maryanna's record has mother "Francisca Andreas Portka"; see the Lewicki notes, where I present evidence that Portka was an alias used by the Lewicki family.

There is another Andrzej Morytko, daughter Anna born 29 Mar 1833, mother Zofia Dusza. This is surely a different Andrzej, because the 1832 Maryanna birth (above) was Christmas 1832, 3 months earlier.

My ancestor, Adam Morytko, I figure must have been born about 1730, because he had 4 children married 1778 - 1783. Two of his sons have children birth records in the 1780's (no Andrzej). It is possible Adam had a son who married before the records start in 1777, then had a grandson Andrzej in Wampierzow. This is not particularly likely, because I count 8 other Morytko marriages in that time frame, so there were a few contemporary Morytko families.

There are 3 Morytko names cited as father of grooms or brides, 1777 - Feb 1784, years when the pastor took the trouble to record the parents at weddings: my Adam, and his contemporaries Mateusz and Sebastjan. So it's possible that Andrzej's grandfather is one of those 3. In addition however, there were no doubt contemporaries of my Adam who are not named in the records. For Gwozdz, I read all the godparent names and wedding witness names and did find more Gwozdz people, but I did not do this for Morytko.

The 1777 Wampierzow marriage record book has been filmed. However, the wedding location is confusing. I have not figured out the custom. For example, my Adam Morytko had one daughter married in Wampierzow and one in Wadowice. So the village of marriage is evidence, but not conclusive, that the groom or bride or both were born there. Sometimes the record says where people are from, but not for the 1805 wedding of interest to us.

I saved the best for last: Michal Morytko, a widower, married 23 Nov 1778. In Wampierzow. This is my poetic favorite for the father of your Andrzej, because it extends the pattern of alternating names Michal & Andrzej. But of course that is very scanty evidence indeed.

Guess the name of his widow bride? Helena Lesniak! The Lesniak name is back! I am certain from other records that I studied, however, that Lesniak is still not an ancestor name for you. Lesniak in this case would be her prior husband's name.

Unfortunately, the ages were not recorded in the 1770's so we do not know if Helena is young enough to have mothered Andrzej in 1781. We do not know if this Michal is old enough to be the grandfather of Andrzej.

I hate it when people publish informed speculations, which other people then post on the web without comment, leading to junk on the web. With that warning, you are welcome to have fun with the above “informed speculation that the father of Andrzej is Michal”, but please avoid publishing it.

To summarize: I failed to connect your Morytko line with mine. We do not even know if the name Morytko arose independently more than once in the area. Perhaps there is a connection way back in the 1500’s. It is possible but not particularly likely that your Andrzej is a son or grandson of my Adam. It is more likely but uncertain that Andrzej’s father or grandfather was a brother or cousin of my Adam.

Next, I’ll do the same sort of study for Gula, Strycharz, and Sypek. Wish me luck.

**2018 Added Note.** This document was posted on the web in 2003. Over the years, there have only been a few minor corrections and edits. It remains here because other web document have links to here. For an update of the Morytko genealogy, see [MorytkoCousins.pdf](#).

	<b>Morytko</b>	
Andrzej		m 17 Oct 1805 (85) Franciszka Lewicki
Katarzyna?	Sep 1808; badly scribbled, not sure, probably not this family	
Zofia	16 Oct 1809	mother clearly written, Franciszka Lewiconka
No doubt more kids in here		
Jan	5 Dec 1821 (85)	birth date confusion with Michal
Michal	13 Aug 1824 (85)	m 5 Jul 1851 Apolonia Maziarz
Andrzej	1861	2m Getruda Rosa Strycharz
		(Andrzej worked in Chicopee 1891 and returned to Poland children born Poland)
		Michal, Stanislaw, Katarzyna, Antonia all USA Willimantic CT others remained in Poland)
	Antonina	4 Sep 1886
	Stanislaw	1891
	Katarzyna	11 Aug 1894
	Andrzej	
	Bruno	came to US in 1960’s
	daughter	m Jozef Piskor Poland
	Jozef	
	at least 3 more daughters	
	Michal	b ??? m 19 Jan 1907 (CT) Maryanna Gula
	Emilia Ann	m King
	Carol	source
	7 other children	
	Probably more kids of Andrzej & Franciszka between Michal & Maryanna	
	Maryanna 1	25 Dec 1832 (85)

See “MorytkoCousins.pdf” for a Morytko *Descendancy* with a lot more detail.