

RYCERKA

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RYCERKA DOLNA (Lower) and RYCERKA GÓRNA (Upper) also known as Ryczeska, are 2 villages in the county (powiat) of Żywiec, in the district of Miłówka, located south of Żywiec and Miłówka. R. Dolna lies on a stream called Rycerka, and R. Gorna lies on the stream called Rycerska. R. Gorna area borders Sól on the north, on the east it borders R. Dolna and Ujsół, and on the west Szczotka. The stream called Rycerska, flows thru R. Gorna, where it picks up many small tributaries. On the northwest it is bordered by mountains, Magera (1067 meters) and Kikuła (1076 meters) high. To the southwest rise Wielki Przysłop (1037 meters), Oblaz (1033 meters), Rajcza Wielka (1236 meters), and Rajcza Mała (1063 meters). On the southern border lies the Bugaj Forest (1139 meters), Jaworzyana 1173 meters, and Przegibek, (1124 meters). On the east it is bordered by the Rycerka stream. On the west, are more mountains, Jaworzyana (1020 meters) and between the streams Kołyska and Ciapkowa, mount Kołyska rises to 1007 meters, and Mała (Little) Bedoszka (1015 meters). Between the stream Rycerska and its eastern boundary also rise, Wielka (Big) Bedoszka (1142 meters), Mała (small) Praszywka and Przysłop, (867 meters) and Praszywka (1043 meters). Adjacent villages are Sulawów Gron and Słowakow Kupiec. The main section of the village lies on the Rycerska stream's plain.

Many clusters of huts were built in the valley, among the glades and forests, each little settlement bearing its own name. Among these are Rostoki, Koprónowa, Solarzowa, Bułkowa, (Bułków) Harensów, Kubisów, Sulawa, Dzierzgasów, Harmatów, Canieki, Słowaków, (Słowiaków) Płoskonków. On the western side from the Rycerska stream are Na Piekiełku, Płoszczyzna, Sternalówka, Do Tatakow, Dziergasów, Na Przegbku, Pawliczny, Ficek, Praszywka, Neiserów, as well as Contówka, Figorowa, Gronik, Magóra, Osniata, Skiciaki, and Tatarowa. In 1869 there were 240 houses, 1551 inhabitants, in these little settlements combined. In 1880 there were 267 houses, 1707 inhabitants, of whom 1687 were Catholics, and 20 were Jewish, 1677 were Poles, 30 were Germans,

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