

(1880-1902)

Rycerka DOLNA lies to the north of its namesake, Rycerka Górna; it is situated on the lower bank of the stream Rycerka, at the point where it turns to the north, as it heads toward Rajcza. On the south, flows the stream Słonica, as it heads from the south west to the north east. On the west, R. DOLNA borders R. GÓRNA and Soli. On the north it borders Nielełwi, on the east Rajcza and Ujsoła. On the east, between the streams Rycerka and Cicha (aka Ujsoła) rises Mt. Hutyrów (743 meters).

Most of the houses were built on the left bank of the stream Rycerka. On the north, of the Słonica stream, were built small settlements of Głęboki and Polanka. One section of R. DOLNA was also known as Przegibek.

In 1869 there were 186 houses, with 1073 inhabitants; in 1880 there were 213 houses, and 1251 inhabitants. Among these were 1227 Catholics, and 24 Jews; 1241 were of Polish descent, and 10 were Germans.

Both Rycerkas had 2 large privately held properties. One holding covered 20 morgen of farmland, 117 morgen of meadows and gardens, 373 morgen of pastureland, and 3468 morgen of forests. The second holding covered 1935 morgen of fertile farmland, 971 morgen of meadows and gardens, 1932 morgen of pastures, and 34 morgen of forests, as of 1869.

Both Rycerkas belong to the R. Catholic Church in Rajcza. There was a chapel in R. Górna. R. Dolna also had a public school; the post office and telegraph station were in Rajcza. A large portion of R. Dolna was the property of the Archbishop Albrecht.

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