

RYCZYWÓŁ IN THE PAST

The first mention about Ryczywół comes from the 13th century. The name of our village is connected with a roaring ox.

In the Middle Ages Ryczywół was situated 1 kilometer away from the place where it is located today. In 1409 the village became a town because it was granted a charter by king Władysław Jagiełło. In those days in Ryczywół there was a port and a factory making boats. The town became also an important Jewish center in Poland.

In 1813 Ryczywół was relocated into the other place because of frequent floods of the Vistula river. The new place was not lucky. During the November Uprising Russian soldiers burnt a bridge on the Radomka river twice. Then during the January Uprising the surrounding forests were a shelter for many Polish partisans. In 1916 people were expelled from their houses and all the buildings were burnt. The inhabitants came back to Ryczywół after many months. During the second world war, at the end of September 1942 most of the Jews were deported to an extermination camp to Treblinka.

From 1946 to 1963 students learnt in a small wooden house. Then the present building was constructed.

Today Ryczywół is an interesting tourist place.