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Fryderyk Chopin visited Turzno in 1825 and 1827. Before going to Turzno for the first time, he wrote in a letter to his parents: "Tomorrow morning we are going to Turzno and will be back as late as on Wednesday



Since 1730 Turzno had been in the possession of the Zboiński family, relatives of the Zbioński family from Kikół and since 1879 the property was owned by the Jeżewski family, who, in 1801, gave the village as a dowry to the Działowski family. There the Działowski family erected a Classical style palace designed by Henryk Marconi. In their old manor house visited by Fryderyk Chopin and in its new seat, the family used to keep its collection of works of art, well equipped library and probably a keyboard instrument. In 1899 Turzno was passed over as a dowry to the Gajewski family, which, in 1926, erected a new storied wing in the site of the former manor house of the Zboiński family.

A wide alley of chestnut trees ending with a circular driveway in front of the palace leads to the palace complex and starts with an entrance gateway with two stone bisons resting on pillars. The palace is surrounded by several-hectare park with old trees, including two plane trees, common beech and pedunculate oak referred to as Działowski's Oak. In 1825 Fryderyk Chopin and the company from Szafarnia visited the palace at the invitation of, who died two years later. Therefore, the composer travelling to Gdańsk and accompanied by Ksawery Zboiński was hosted by widowed Katarzyna Dzikowska nee Jeżewska with Józefa and Julianna, her daughters. In the centre of the village there is still a well preserved shrine dating back to 1800 and founded by the Jeżewski family and on the opposite side of the road there is so-called Cross of Caravaca. It is a cast iron double cross mounted to a stone plinth. The cross is dedicated to the end of cholera epidemic in that place. In the southern part of the village there is a former inn, which is now used for housing purposes.

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