



Obrowo ^[1]

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During Chopin's stay with the Romocki family of Obrowo, the composer had an opportunity to listen to different music than the music he knew from Szafarnia. Józefa, Hieronim's daughter and, later, the wife to Dominik Dziewanowski, was born in the Romocki family.



In the first half of the 19th century the village of Obrowo was the property of Hieronim Romocki and his wife Apolonia Romocka nee Dziewanowska, a daughter of Ignacy Dziewianowski of Kawęczyn. During his stay in Obrowo, Frycek had an opportunity to see so-called okężne, i.e. a folk play with chants and dances organised at the end of harvest. He also listened to folk music in manor houses and taverns, which was different from the music, which he knew from Szafarnia. He listened to folk groups, unknown girls' songs and saw different dances. In Obrowo there is a well preserved brick Classicist manor house, which still remembers Chopin. Presently the manor house is the seat of the Commune Office and its subordinate institutions. The manor house was erected at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries in the park with the present area of 0.7 ha and it was slightly rebuilt in 1898. In 2004 a stone plate was fixed to the building in order to commemorate Chopin's stay in Obrowo.

In the autumn of 1842, Ludwika, Chopin's sister, visited the Romocki family of Obrowo on her way back from two months' treatment in Ciechocinek.

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