Summary

In the [Słownik gwar polskich] ['Dictionary of Polish Dialects'] the language material from the Masurian region (in the time of creation of the dictionary – East Prussia) seems to be underrepresented. The index compiled by J. Karłowicz includes among others: [O Mazurach] [On Masuria] by W. Kętrzyński, [O gwarze Mazurów pruskich] [On the Dialect of the Inhabitants of Prussian Masuria] and [Przyczynki do charakterystyki Mazurów pruskich] [Contribution to a profile of Prussian Masuria] by J. Sembrzycki, [Wierzenia Mazurów] [The Masurian Beliefs] by M. Töppen. The resources used by the dictionary author are not strictly linguistically-profiled, though they encompass rich language material. Masurian locations usually accompany the attested words from other regions. The exception are some Masuria-bound names that have not been, nevertheless, specified as far as their territorial range of use is concerned (which is clearly caused by the resource selection, all sources having rather a synthesizing character). Thus, the [Dictionary of Polish Dialects] by Jan Karłowicz offers no possibility of delineating the intra-dialectal borders, nor the range of use of particular names across the Masuria region.