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Dear Mr Balarsky

ZIDIKAI

Thank you for your letter received 24 March.

I have checked out this name on the Historisch-Geographischer Atlas des Preussenlandes. Part 6, which is a facsimile of a map of East Prussia made by Freyer von Schroetter in 1796-1802. Unfortunately Zidikai is not included on this map as it was well beyond the boundary of East Prussia at that time, and Schroetter's map only extends just north of MEMEL to the border town of GOTTINGEN/KRETINGEN/KRETINGA/KROTTINGEN.

Even if Zidikai were on it, I would unfortunately not have been able to copy the map without the permission of the publishers, Franz Steiner Verlag of Wiesbaden, since the item is still in copyright, being published in 1978.

I have searched our own collection of early maps of Poland, Russia and Prussia and enclose a map of Poland in 1813 showing Zidikai, spelled SCZIDIKI, and also marking MEMEL, and in red, the boundary line of E. Prussia which is where Schroetter's map ceases. I hope that this will help you.

Although we have later maps showing Zidikai in Lithuania, unfortunately they are also still within the 50 year copyright and we cannot therefore copy them.

I hope that the 1813 map will be of use to you.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Wilkes

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