SUMMARY

The surroundings of Ojców and the valley of the Prądnik River, in the vicinity of Cracow, were explored in the 19th century by such eminent lovers of antiquities as Aleksander Narcyz Karol Przeździecki, Jan Kazimierz Zawisza and Gotfryd Ossowski. The first archaeological excavations of caves in the Jura Ojcowska region were made by J.K. Zawisza in 1871. In 1878, the Academy of Learning in Cracow decided that systematic scientific exploration of caves should be conducted throughout the former lands of Poland. Among those entrusted with the task was Gotfryd Ossowski, who, in the years 1879-1886, explored caves in the immediate vicinity of Cracow and later also in the region of Ojców.

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