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Barbara Chłapowska



She was born on November 30, 1782 in Śmigiel. Biblianna was her middle name, but she was called Babette or Lala. Her childhood and early adolescence probably followed the patterns of noble houses at the time, such as nannies, bonnets, governesses, and even perhaps the false French marquis Charles de Malartic, who resided in the manor house in Świnoujście. He probably appeared there when a wave of emigrants supporting the Bourbons

arrived in Poland from France during the revolution of 1789, and he left it when Napoleon's army was approaching the borders of the Prussian state. Barbara had a good command of French and German, less Latin. She knew modern history, geography and literature, especially - understandably - French. She also had knowledge of science, including agriculture and economy. She rode horses, drove carts, and even - shot.

Over the years, she transformed into a beautiful maiden. She was tall, slender, with black hair and pale eyes. This type was not common in old Poland, but it aroused the interest of the opposite sex. Since she had





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four attributes of a virgin at the time: beauty, piety, diligence and a dowry - after giving birth to her youngest son Stanisław, the mother donated to Barbara Łopuchowo, soon the candidates appeared.

Barbara Chłapowska married a man whose life motto was: *Through him to her* and was engraved on the pedestal of the bust of Napoleon, which stood in Winnogóra. He firmly believed that with his ũ– Napoleon's side, one could reach her - Poland fought by the hands of Poles in an alliance with French troops. And Barbara was aware of it. She accompanied her husband on his numerous military expeditions, during which she toughened up and became independent "she acquired a male feeling of honor, an iron will and readiness to sacrifice herself for the country."

Once, Polish army was displaced at the Chłapowski manor, and a feast was organized for the elders in the palace. Barbara also took part in it, and, for fun, she was entered on the list of surplus officers of that regiment.

At the time, 25 years old, Barbara was extremely curious about life and willingly participated in all the events that deserved to be remembered.

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