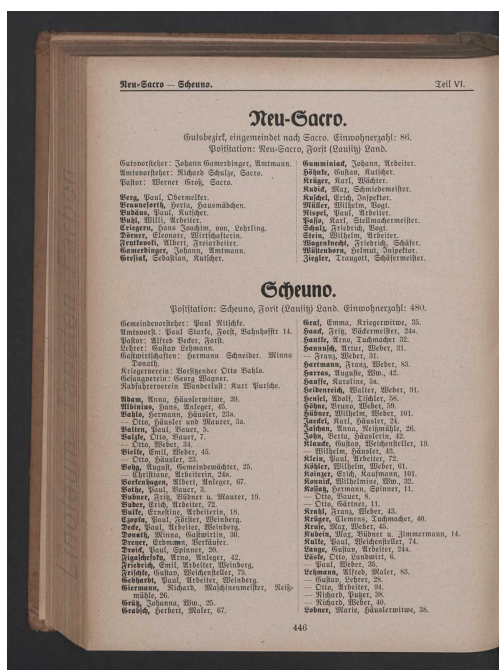


Scheuno - the former village on the Neisse · today Brožek

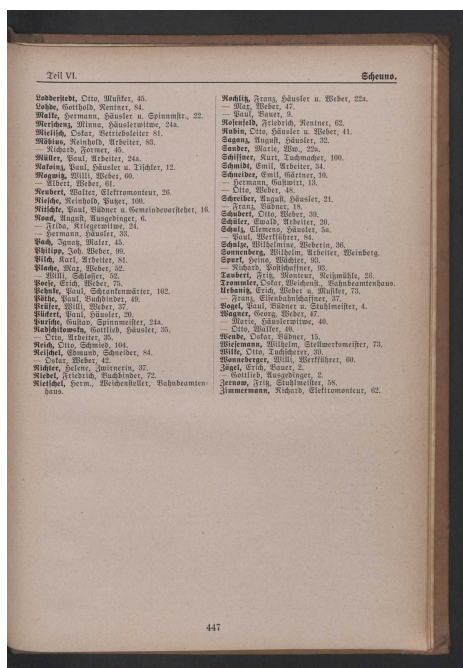
The pre-1945 history of the settlement reconstructed from dispersed archives: from the 1588 form “von Scheune”, through the vineyard, mill and Neißhammer, to the major landscape change of the late 1930s.



Sheet 370 “Sorau”, 1893 - The 1:100,000 map records roads, woodland, mills and settlements around Forst and Scheuno. - Reichsamt für Landesaufnahme; David Rumsey Map Collection / Wikimedia Commons; public domain.



Forster Stadtbuch 1932 - Scheuno, p. 446 - The first of two directory pages is direct evidence for residents and the layout of the village. - Verein für Computergenealogie e.V., DigiBib, record 858196611_1932.



Forster Stadtbuch 1932 - Scheuno, p. 447 - The second page continues the Scheuno entry; the two pages should be read together. - Verein für Computergenealogie e.V., DigiBib, record 858196611_1932.



Bridge leading to Forst - The postcard documents the riverside microregion shared by Scheuno, Koyné and Forst. - Erwin Spindler; Heidi and Frank Gaitzsch collection / IFL; public domain.



The Neisse at Forst, around 1920 - The river landscape connects the histories of Scheuno Bridge, the mill, Neißhammer and the vineyard. - Graphische Verlagsanstalt GmbH, Breslau; Zeno.org / Wikimedia Commons; public domain.



Remains of the complex at Brożek, 2011 - This modern photograph shows remnants of the later industrial complex, not the former village of Scheuno. - Stefan Fussan, 22 April 2011; Wikimedia Commons; CC BY-SA 3.0.

Voices from the sources

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Chronology

Earliest currently verified name reference: “von Scheune”.

The Neißhammer inventory is recorded in the Dresden administrative files.

The file “Weinberg zu Scheuno” documents the vineyard as a specific place.

The inhabitants list names “Schueno mit Neumühle, Neisshammer und Weinberg”.

Wilhelm Sommer records the vineyard, Waldschlösschen, Neisse mill and Scheuno bridge.

Scheuno is incorporated into Forst (Lausitz).

The new Neisse border breaks the former local network; Scheuno becomes Brożek.

Source first, interpretation second

This version follows the research method used for the Foundation's “Lower Lusatia” page: parallel searches across name variants, archives, maps, literature, newspapers, images and local catalogues. Historical Scheuno is treated as a village with its own history, not as a synonym for the later Deutsche Sprengchemie complex.

1. The name: Scheune, Schueno, Scheuno

Walter Wenzel records “Scheuno, 1588 von Scheune” while discussing neighbouring Keune. The Forst marriage index independently uses “von Scheune [Scheuno]”. Schueno appears in official estate-file titles in 1841, 1843 and 1846. The form Scheine is a credible 1748 lead but still needs comparison with the original printed source.

2. Forst-Pförten: estate, people and settlement structure

The Forst-Pförten estate records in the State Archive in Zielona Góra are the central source base. They document duties, leases, surveys, school matters, roads and economic activity along the Neisse.

3. Vineyard, Neißhammer and the river economy

The vineyard is directly documented: an 1827 file names “Weinberg zu Scheuno”. A major new archival lead is Saxon State Archive file 10047 Amt Dresden, Nr. 3541 (1765), whose catalogue description explicitly includes an “Inventar des Neißhammers”. Zielona Góra also preserves a Neißhammer repair file from 1828-1832.

4. What did Scheuno look like before the armaments plant?

FoSG 283 in the Spree-Neisse District Archive lists Wilhelm Sommer drawings from 1913-1915: Scheunoer Weg, the Neisse valley from Berglehne Scheuno, a barn in the village, Weinberg, the Waldschlösschen inn, Neißemühle, Scheunoer Brücke and a view of Forst from the bridge. We do not generate substitute images for reproductions that have not yet been obtained.

5. Maps, school and everyday life

Cadastral series 89/2089/0/3.105 contains units 1043-1047, covering valuation and survey material from 1871-1945. Estate files also preserve the new school building file (4774), teacher appointment file (4776), burial-ground records for Scheuno and Berge (4775), and improvement of the Scheuno-Forst road (2599).

6. Population and the 1940 boundary change

The official 1933 municipal register records 495 inhabitants. A secondary compilation of 1939 census data gives 808. The rise coincides with nearby armaments investment, but timing alone does not prove causation. On 1 April 1940 Scheuno was incorporated into Forst only "teilweise" - partly.

7. Archaeology: the ram's-head object

Klaus Raddatz published "Ein skythischer Fund aus Scheuno, Kr. Sorau" in 1951. A Brandenburg museum publication independently records a carved "Widderköpfchen" found in Scheuno. We do not assign a more precise findspot without field documentation.

8. Scheuno and Deutsche Sprengchemie Forst-Scheuno

9. 1945: Scheuno becomes Brożek

With the new state border along the Lusatian Neisse, Scheuno became part of Poland and is now Brożek. Historic links to Forst and Keune were cut, while the surviving records became divided between Polish and German repositories.

Sources and further research

The principal findings are based on archival records, contemporary publications and institutional catalogues. OCR variants are not presented as historical place names.

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