

## Tributes

His grave was moved to Poland during 1997 where in recognition of his many achievements he was buried in the Crypt of Eminent Poles at the Church of St. Adalbert. (*Wojcrch*). [\[xviii\]](#)

A relative, the writer Naneyza Zmichowska remembered Pawel as *'a quick & clever boy of vivid imagination & sparkling sense of humour.'* There is a statue of Pawel Edmund Strzelecki in Jindabyne, New South Wales. [\[xix\]](#)

He is commemorated by a large bronze statue on the shore of Lake Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains, donated by the Polish Government in 1988. South Australia's Strzelecki Track and Victoria's Strzelecki Ranges also honour him. This site has a large portrait of Pawel Strzelecki. [\[xx\]](#)

Strzelecki National Park on Flinders Island in Tasmania was named in his honour. [\[xxi\]](#)

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Christy Burke unveiled a commemorative plaque during 2015 in his honour at Sackville Place, Dublin. (*Mac Sweeney*) [\[xxii\]](#)

*'Strzelecki belonged to that great band of men which made the Nineteenth Century so remarkable..... He must be regarded as one of the great leading scientific explorers of his time.'* The Strzelecki Awards recognize companies that are looking sustainable development beyond what is required through Legislation & showing a genuine commitment to the communities & environment where they operate.' (*Energy & Resource Minister Peter Batchelor 2009*) [\[xxiii\]](#)

He was known as *'a complex character, energetic, ambitious. Capable with a gift for friendship.'* His work brought him success & pride. The identification of himself with his adopted country brought him lasting satisfaction. Geographical features that honour him include the Strzelecki Desert also the four hundred & seventy - five kilometre Strzelecki Track that links Lyndhurst with Innamincka in Australia's far north; pioneered during 1871.

Geoffrey Rawson in his publication 1953 *The Count* stated that Strzelecki had *'a retentive memory & a capacity for absorbing facts, & he had an orderly & rational mind..... Strzelecki, it is clear, was no dry -as - dust student of the rocks, but a profound far sighted observer of the contemporary scene.'* [\[xxv\]](#)

A report of Strzelecki's will was covered at a court case in *The Sydney Morning Herald* 6<sup>th</sup> August 1877 page 2.

Several publications recall Strzelecki's life & work including the following:

Letters to Adyna Turno 1839 - 51, Strzelecki P. E., State Library of New South Wales.

Manuscripts Catalogue under Paul Edmund Strzelecki, State Library of New South Wales.

*Strzelecki Journal* 1840 State Library of New South Wales. [\[xxvi\]](#)

## Further Information

One may view list of publications pertaining to Pawel Strzelecki on his site. [\[xxvii\]](#)

This site includes disputes of H. M. E. Heney 1961 for her portrayal of this man in her publication *In a Dark Glass: The Story of Paul Edmund Strzelecki.* [\[xxviii\]](#)

An exhibition was held in the National Museum of Ireland - County Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar during 2020. He was referred to as '*Paul Strzelecki: A Forgotten Hero.*' He was referenced in *The Connaught Telegraph* also *The Mayo News* along with images on 1st September 2020. An interview with Clodagh Doyle refers to this amazing person.

Rev. Fr. Kevin Hegarty penned an article titled *The Polish man who came to Ireland's aid* in *The Mayo News* 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (page 27) Included in an article is a tribute by Professor Christine Kinealy that '*Strzelecki, a Polish nobleman with no connection to Ireland, perhaps more than any other individual personified a spirit of selflessness & sacrifice that has helped to save an untold number of Irish lives.*' (NBC)

## Footnotes

[xviii] Biography – Sir Paul Edmund de Strzelecki (<https://culture.pl/en/article/pawel-edmund-strzelecki-intrepid-explorer>) [Assessed 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020]

[xix] Ibid.

[xx] Paul Edmund de Strzelecki – The Australian Museum (<https://australianmuseum.net.au/about/history/exhibitions/trailblazers/paul-edmund-de-strzelecki/>) [Assessed 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020]

[xxi] Strzelecki National Park (<https://visitflindersisland.com.au/>) [Assessed 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020]

[xxii] *Ireland's Own*

[xxiii] People about Pawel Edmund Strzelecki (<http://mtkoscieszko.org.au/english/people-about-strzelecki.htm>) [Assessed 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020]

[xxiv] Biography – Sir Paul Edmund de Strzelecki (<https://culture.pl/en/article/pawel-edmund-strzelecki-intrepid-explorer>) [Assessed 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020]

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