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**“O SKALNYM OLEJU” (“THE ROCK OIL”) – PRIEST  
FRANCISZEK SIARCZYŃSKI’S PUBLICATION FROM 1828**

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Galicia, 19<sup>th</sup> century*

Priest Franciszek Siarczyński (1758–1829) was a geographer, historian, journalist, librarian, and editor of magazines. He lived in time abounding in various historical events and went down in the annals as a researcher of Polish history. He started his career in Warszawa where he was a lecturer in Piarists’ Collegium Nobilium and then in Collegium Regium. He was also a parish priest in Jarosław, Kozienice and Łańcut as well as a canonry of the cathedral in Warszawa and Przemyśl. Since 1827 was the manager and first director of The Ossolińscy Library in Lwów. Siarczyński’s geographical interests went primarily towards the development of geographical dictionaries. He also worked on mineral resources occurring in Galicja, including rock salt (1788) and crude oil (1828).