

Jaunborne crucifix

In Jaunborne may be seen a brick chapel (2m x 1.5m x 2m) with galvanized plate-tin roof, that is built on a boulder. Proportion of the visible part of the boulder is 3.6m x 2.5m x 0.9m. Actually the chapel is a stone post with a niche, where there is the permanent helper's of the Virgin Mary picture in a wooden frame. On the frame there is an inscription in Polish: on 15th October 1907. Further there is an appeal to the Virgin Mary in order she could give good health to others. Under the niche there is a tin plaque with writing in Polish language: "Matko Boska Nieustajacej Pomocy Mòdl się za Nami" (Under Your Sanctuary).

There is a story about the building of the chapel: "A farmer in 1907 in broad daylight was attacked by villains. They wanted to kill him. But the farmer was lucky enough to escape. The villains in anger darted to catch him. The farmer got tired and fell near a big stone. He knew that the villains were just about to catch him and started to pray: "Under Your Sanctuary". The villains didn't notice him and continued to run, because they still saw the running farmer. The farmer in reward for the escape built this chapel in honour of the Virgin."

Another story tells that the chapel was built by the landowner Savicka from Jaunborne in memory of her husband who disappeared during the Polish uprising in the end of the 19th century. In 1975 a big tree fell down near the chapel. The tree did no damage to the chapel. Specialists in bioenergetics and dowsing(I.Vīks) inspected the crucifix and established that the foundation stone is located in a point of intersection of vigorous underground water. Considering this fact and also the fact that around the boulder there are places rich with springs, and several hundred meters from the crucifix spurts vigorous spring (near the Jaunborne Church), may be put forward a hypothesis that here had been ancient sacred place. Similarly to other places in Latvia, in order to eradicate paganism in such sacred places often were located symbols of Christianity – crosses, crucifixes, chapels, sometimes even churches were built.

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Cultural-historical objects

Description: In Jaunborne on the big stone is built 2 m x 1.5 m x 2 m big bricks chapel with galvanized iron roof. The boulder above-ground is 3.6m x 2.5 m x 0.9 m. The chapel is stone pillar with niche, where is placed the picture of regular helper of the Virgin Mary in the wooden frame. On the frame is written in Polish : 1907. October 15. Further is the request to Our Lady, to give the health. Under the niche is brass tin plate with the inscription in Polish: "Matko Boska Nieustajacej Pomocy Mòdl się za Nami" (In Your sanctuary).

