

## Beautiful Olimpia

Seweryn Boner, who owned the castle of Ogradzieniec in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, had a beautiful daughter called Olimpia. One day she met a young, brave knight Stanisław Kmita and she fell in love with him. Kmita wanted to marry her but Olimpia's father was against their marriage. As a Protestant Seweryn Boner couldn't accept Kmita who was strongly attached to Catholicism.

When the Tatars invaded the eastern part of Poland, Kmita decided to go to war. Before leaving he had promised to Olimpia to send her letters as often as possible. Unfortunately Seweryn learnt about their agreement and ordered Olimpia's servants to deliver him all letters addressed to his daughter. The girl was really desperate and she couldn't understand why she didn't get any news from her beloved knight. Kmita kept his promise and sent a lot of letters. In vain he was waiting for her reply but he didn't receive any.

The war was over soon and Kmita rushed to Ogradzieniec to meet Olimpia. Then Seweryn Boner sent him a messenger with a letter with Olimpia's signature. In this letter Olimpia "informed" Kmita that she decided to change her mind and to marry another knight. Kmita read the letter and threw himself into the chasm. When Olimpia got known about his death she went up the south tower of the castle and jumped out of the window.

Nowadays people sometimes see her at midnight walking around the battlements of the Ogradzieniec castle.