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*** WELCOME! ***

to the latest issue of *Gen Dobry!*, the e-zine of PolishRoots®. If you missed previous issues, you can find them here:

<<http://polishroots.org/GenDobry/tabid/60/Default.aspx>>

***** POLAND’S FUTURE IN THE HANDS OF ... TEXAS? *****

by William F. “Fred” Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

Back on July 11, I noticed a fascinating article in the current issue of the *Houston Chronicle*. I posted a note to a couple of Polish-interest groups on Facebook, reading as follows:

There’s a very interesting piece written by Anna Maria Anders, the daughter of Gen. Władysław Anders, in today’s *Houston Chronicle*. The title is “Future of Poland is now in Texas’ hands,” and the first sentence is “Poland and the Houston region are going to have a beautiful friendship.”

That prospect may baffle you, but it’s about a 20-year agreement between Polish Oil & Gas Company and Port Arthur LNG to ship LNG (liquefied natural gas) from Houston to Świnoujście. The timing is great, as Ukraine and much of Europe has become more and more dependent on Russian natural gas. This agreement can make Poland an important source of energy and lessen Russia’s ability to blackmail other countries with the threat of withholding this essential fuel.

At the moment, I can’t find a direct link to the article; but if you go to <<https://www.chron.com/>> and can access the issue for today (11 July 2018), the article is on page A17.

Barbara Ann, a member of the Polish Culture, Food, and Traditions Group, found the article online and posted this link, so that anyone interested can read it.

<<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/As-NATO-meets-natural-gas-remains-crucial-13066572.php>>

You never know how things are going to turn out, but this really is, potentially, a big deal. I encourage you to read it and see how liquefied natural gas from America (well, Texas, anyway) could help save Poles and others in Europe from the choice of freezing during winter or letting Russia walk all over them. If the words “Nord Stream 2” mean anything to you, you’ll get what I’m talking about. You could read the Wikipedia entry <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nord_Stream>, especially the part under the heading “Controversy.” But I think Anna Maria Anders explained things very well in her article.

***** POLISH HISTORY READING LIST *****

by Krzysztof Jeżewski

Editor – In Facebook’s Polish Culture Food and Traditions group, in response to a request for a good list of books to read on Poland’s history, Krzysztof Jeżewski posted

this list. The books listed are mostly ones I've heard praised often. There are a few I didn't know about, but I have heard good things about the authors. The list was posted publicly, and I felt it would be proper to repeat it here, for your benefit.

- Davies, Norman - *God's Playground* (1 & 2)
Davies, Norman - *Heart of Europe: The Past in Poland's Present*
Davies, Norman - *Vanished Kingdoms: The History of Half-Forgotten Europe*. (Chapter 5: Litva - A Grand Duchy with Kings (1253-1795). Chapter 9: Galicia - Kingdom of the Naked and Starving 1773-1918)
Faber, Don - *The Toledo War: The First Michigan-Ohio Rivalry*
Kochanski, Halik - *The Eagle Unbowed: Poland and the Poles in the Second World War*
Olson, Stanley and Cloud, Lynne - *For Your Freedom and Ours*
Orr, Aileen - *Wojtek The Bear - Polish War Hero*
Snyder, Timothy - *The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus 1569-1999*
Storozynski, Alex - *The Peasant Prince: and the Age of Revolution*
Varvounis, Miltiades - *Jan Sobieski: The King Who Saved Europe*
Varvounis, Miltiades - *Made in Poland: The Women and Men Who Changed the World*
Wyman, Mark - *Round Trip to America: The Immigrants Return to Europe 1880-1930*
Zamoyski, Adam - *The Polish Way*
Zamoyski, Adam - *Poland: A History*

Also:

Kamiński, Łukasz, and Korcuć, Maciej - *A Guide to the History of Poland* (120-page pdf)
<<https://tinyurl.com/ybh5u5mp>>.

Editor – I'm sure I've mentioned this last one before in *Gen Dobry!* It's available in nine different languages, and it impressed me as a very nice piece of work.

*** † **DR. THADDEUS RADZIŁOWSKI** † ***

Editor – On 22 July, “busi_helene” posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list that passed along a notice sent out originally by Valerie Koselka of PGS-Michigan.

The Piast Institute and Detroit Polonia mourn the loss of Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski. He died on 20 July 2018 at the age of 80 years. Dr. Radzilowski was a kind and very knowledgeable man who shared his love of Polish heritage with all. Here is a link for funeral arrangements.

<<http://www.heeney-sundquist.com/obituary/dr-thaddeus-radzilowski>>

Dr. Radzilowski was a prominent member of America's Polonia, a distinguished historian who received the Cavaliers Cross of the Polish Order of Merit from the President of Poland in 1999. I will not attempt to list all his accomplishments; the bio available at the URL given above does that better than I could. The Wikipedia page on him is also worth consulting: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thaddeus_Radzilowski>. I wanted to help spread the word in honor of his outstanding life and achievements.

Cześć jego pamięci!

*** GENETeka INDEX UPDATES ***

by Waldemar Chorążewicz

Editor – Once more, let me pass along some of the new Geneteka indexes shared by Waldemar on Facebook's Polish Genealogy group this month. You can find assistance with the two-letter province abbreviations online, for instance, at <http://hitchwiki.org/pl/Szablon:Wojew%C3%B3dztwa_Polski>.

Geneteka, new indexes: Births-urodzenia, Married-Mażeństwa, Deaths-Zgony

07-07-2018

Ciechanowiec (PL) -- M 1839-48, indexed by Jan Mamaj
Grodzisk Maz. (MZ) -- UMZ 1834, indexed by Marzanka
Krasnosielc-Sielc (MZ) -- U 1875-80 (1876-expanded), indexed by Robert Pawłowski
Krynki (PL) -- U 1802-11, indexed by Margaret Stasikowski
Miastkowo (PL) -- U 1804, indexed by Livia Ditto
Paprotnia (MZ) -- U 1824-28, M 1811-19, Z 1824-29, indexed by Magda Tarkowska
Przasnysz (MZ) -- U 1873-85, indexed by Robert Pawłowski
Przesmyki (MZ) -- U 1901-12, Z 1897-1912, indexed by Magda Tarkowska
Suchowola (PL) -- M 1850, indexed by Ewa Witkowska

06-07-2018

Glinianka (MZ) -- U 1874 (aktualizacja), indexed by Maria Marciszewska
Godynice (LD) -- Z 1815, 1817-25, indexed by Filip Skurzewski
Kamieniec par. Św. Jakuba Większego (WP) -- U 1755-59, 1762-86, indexed by Jason
Kraków Płaszów NSPJ (MP) -- U 1784-1801, indexed by Dagmara Kulig
Kulesze Kościelne (PL) -- M 1808-10, indexed by Bożena Misiak
Mińsk Mazowiecki (MZ) -- M 1878-79 (expanded), indexed by Andżelika Gomulska-Kołtuniak
Poryte (PL) -- Z 1910b-1921, indexed by Anna S.
Rajgród (PL) -- 1906b-1929a (luki+aktualizacja), indexed by Magdalena Wróbel, verified by Mirosław Bronakowski
Sambor (UK) -- U 1883, indexed by agnieszka5995

Stradów (SK) -- U 1782-89, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk

05-07-2018

Chociszewo (MZ) -- Z 1826-65, 66-67 (expanded), indexed by Radosław Frączak

Fałków (SK) -- UMZ 1846-47, indexed by Joanna Bugajska

Futoma (PK) -- U 1784-1824, indexed by Rafał Łukasz Ziolo

Góra (pow. plocki) (MZ) -- M (rozs.) 1809/10, 1817-21, 1839-41, indexed by Piotr Romanowski

Jedwabne (PL) -- M 1929-32, indexed by Grzegorz Nowik

Krzyżanowice (MZ) -- M 1885-87, indexed by Wiktorija Pilnik

Mały Płock (PL) -- M 1926-29 (aktualizacja), indexed by Magdalena Wróbel

Pałuki (MZ) -- U 1810-25, indexed by Przemysław Kisielewski

Staszów (SK) -- UMZ 1815-18, indexed by Jerzy Koprowski

Zwoleń (MZ) -- UMZ 1876-85, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński

04-07-2018

Bałtów (SK) -- UM 1821-43(expanded) UMZ 1854-55, indexed by Roman Burczyk

Luboml (UK) -- U 1885-91, 1893-95, indexed by Bożena Krajewska i Danuta Wojtowicz

Piaski (KP) -- Z 1770-99, indexed by Janson

Wieniec (KP) -- Z 1848-59, indexed by Janson

03-07-2018

Goczałkowice Zdrój św.Jerzego (SL) -- M 1850-60, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum

Hyżne - Dylągówka (PK) -- U 1786-1875; M 1780, 1787, 1789-92, 1794-1866; Z 1786-1889,
indexed by Marek Podolski

Mikołajów (gr-kat) (UK) -- M 1870-79, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka

Stradów (SK) -- U 1762-81, M 1701-84, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk

Strzybnica (SL) -- M 1923-37, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum

Zabrze św. Andrzeja Apostoła (SL) -- M 1799-1872, indexed by Marzena Jaroniewska

02-07-2018

Błaszki (LD) -- M 1619-1702, 20-29 (with gaps), indexed by Michał Zieliński

Czerwonka (pow. węgrowski) (MZ) -- U 1838-43, indexed by Anna Poprawa

Gliwice św. Bartłomieja (SL) -- Z 1704-97, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła

Godynice (LD) -- UZ 1826-29, indexed by Filip Skurzewski

Hyżne - Hyżne i Nieborów Wielki (PK) -- M 1786-1893, indexed by Marek Podolski

Wodynie (MZ) -- UZ 1817-25, indexed by Hanna Kołodziejaska

01-07-2018

Broniewo (KP) -- SkZ 1876-90, indexed by Krystyna Domańska-Bzdak

Krasne (MZ) -- U 1808-10, indexed by Honorata Nalborczyk

Krzyżanowice (MZ) -- M 1882, indexed by Wiktorija Pilnik

Nowy Wiśnicz (MP) -- SkM 1811-22, indexed by Łukasz Kabziński
Wiskitki (MZ) -- M 1867-76, indexed by Jadwiga Sibirska

[*Editor*— Also, don't forget to visit this rapidly expanding source of information to aid researchers:

<<https://sites.google.com/view/polishgenealogygroup/polish-archives-in-a-nutshell>>

*** WHAT'S NEW ON GENTEAM.AT ***

Editor—From time to time, we pass along updates from GenTeam.at, a site that can be enormously helpful to researchers, especially with interest in Galicia.

Vienna, July 15, 2018

1. Military: Austro-Hungarian casualty lists 1914-1919 – already about 800,000 records online
2. Diocese of Passau: approximately 75,000 new records
3. NEW: The Passau consistorial documents for Lower Austria
4. Vienna: Roman Catholic baptisms
5. Vienna: Roman Catholic marriages
6. Vienna: Roman Catholic burials
7. Burgenland: Jewish records of Deutschkreutz
8. Indices of Roman Catholic church registers for Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria, Carinthia, Salzburg and Tyrol as well as for Germany

Dear researchers,

With this update, GenTeam's 42,300 registered users now have access to more than 18.7 million records.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has provided GenTeam with data or has contributed to long-term projects over the past eight years, and all those who have been working behind the scenes to ensure that GenTeam functions properly and continues to expand.

GenTeam is a European platform connecting historians and genealogists who work on their own or in teams to provide researchers all over the world with information from their databases. On GenTeam, all record details are available entirely and free of charge. Using this site requires no membership fee.

Facebook

On GenTeam's Facebook page <<http://www.facebook.com/GenTeam.Die.genealogische.Datenbank>> you can find information on all previous updates.

Details on this update

1. Military – Austro-Hungarian casualty lists of World War I – already about 800.000 records online!

The casualty lists enumerate the wounded and killed soldiers as well as the prisoners of war of all Crown Lands of the Habsburg monarchy. In their entirety, these lists will hold approximately 3 to 3.5 million names. They include officers and one-year volunteers, but of course also subordinated military personnel of all denominations, including Jewish, Muslim and Protestant soldiers.

The following lists are already online:

1-15, 84, 88, 93, 99, 101-102, 104, 108-109, 111, 113-115, 121-122, 126, 129, 131, 132, 135-140, 146-148, 151, 155, 160, 162, 164, 173, 175, 178-179, 181-182, 186, 186, 190, 191, 193-196, 206, 208, 211, 214, 215, 221-222, 224-227, 229, 232, 241, 243, 245, 248, 252, 253, 255, 257, 261, 263, 264, 265, 267, 268, 269, 270, 272-273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 282-283, 285, 287-288, 291-295, 297-303-306, 309-316, 318-328, 330-332, 334-340, 342-353, 356-363, 365-367, 369-371, 375, 377, 381-383, 386, 388-391, 393, 399, 406, 408, 417, 419-421, 424, 427-428, 435, 438-440, 444-446, 448, 450-453, 458, 464, 468, 478-479, 485, 494, 674, 686.

Approximately 260 additional lists are currently in progress.

I would like to thank Norbert Aujesky, Birgit Bock, Jan Cadilek, Marcel Dohmen, Rosina Doppler, Gabriele el Belazi, Maria Fichtner-Rosenau, Heinrich Frank, Evelyn Gebhardt, Bernhard Gugimaier, Julia Szent-Gyorgyi, Ing. Walter Herdin, Liselotte Holte, Ray Joos, Robert Kaiser, Martin Loidolt, Josef Mühlberger, Anton Müllner, Hannah Oberherber, Irmgard Pecksen, Florian Pfiel, Sabine Pichler, Maria Prasnikař, Andreas Schönauer, Josef Schrei, Angela Skopek, Erich Steinerberger, Alexandre Studeny, Günther Warisch and Mag. Günter Wenth for the great number of new records. Thank you also to all those who are already working on further lists as well as to Frank Raschka for managing this project.

I cordially invite you to participate in this fascinating project. If you are interested please contact the project manager Frank Raschka at <verlustliste@gmail.com> or <kontakt@GenTeam.at>. We will then send you a sample entry table and assign you a list number.

2. Diocese of Passau – approximately 75,000 new records

The overall number of approximately 4.1 million records from the Diocese of Passau comprises about 440,000 marriages (complete) and about 1.95 million baptisms. The remaining records are burials.

This database contains information on the parish, volume, page, last name, first name(s) and date/year, sometimes the occupation and the address/town are also indicated. You can access the church records of the Diocese of Passau at <<http://www.matricula-online.eu>>. For a list of the available parishes and their respective periods as well as further important information on this database, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website.

The Archive of the Diocese of Passau and GenTeam would like to sincerely thank those who have provided these new records!

3. New! The Passau consistorial documents for Lower Austria, 1665-1775

In a separate update in June, about 100,000 records on marriage matters registered in the Passau consistorial documents for Lower Austria have been added to GenTeam. These records deal with matrimonial dispensations, disputes among subjects of parishes, requests for remarriages (following the events of wars), domestic violence, broken promises of marriage and refusals of marriage by priests and landlords.

In a 90-page essay, I have written about a variety of fascinating cases. You can download the essay for free from my website <<http://www.felixgundacker.at/felix/de/>> (Go to Download – Wissenschaftliche Arbeiten – Die Passauer Konsistorialprotokolle> NOe – the essay is written in German.)

4. Vienna – Roman Catholic baptisms

Records have been added for the parishes 03 Landstraße, 05 Sankt Josef Margareten, 07 Sankt Ulrich, 08 Alservorstadt Pfarre, 08 Alservorstadt Krankenhaus (Gebäranstalt), 15 Fünfhaus and 16 Neulerchenfeld.

With this update, all parishes of the districts 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9 have been completely indexed for the period 1783 – 1900. Many other parishes have been finished completely or for several years.

This database now has more than 1.7 million records. For a list of the available parishes and their respective periods, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website.

I would like to sincerely thank Gabi Koller, Elisabeth Kultscher, Cindy Lindau, Marco Puhr, Gerda Smodej, Franz Spevacek and Judith Starke as well as all those who are already working on further indices!

5. Vienna and surroundings – Roman Catholic marriages

Records from 09 Votivkirche have been added to the more than 910,000 records.

I would like to sincerely thank Jesko Stampa!

For a list of the available parishes and their respective periods, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website.

6. Vienna – Roman Catholic burials

Records from 01 St. Stephan have been added.

I would like to sincerely thank Monika Fischer! For a list of the available parishes and their respective periods, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website.

7. Burgenland – Jewish registers

Records from the Jewish community of Deutschkreutz have been added.

I would like to sincerely thank Mag. Johannes Reiss and Traude Triebel! For a list of the available communities and their respective periods, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website.

8. Indices of Roman Catholic church registers for Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria, Carinthia, Salzburg and Tyrol as well as Germany

Records have been added for the following Roman Catholic parishes:

Lower Austria:

Gutau, Hirschbach, Mistelbach, Rastbach, Rastenfeld, Ringelsdorf

Upper Austria:

Alkoven, Großraming, Gutau, Hörsching, Leonding, Moosdorf, Oberhofen

Styria:

Übelbach, Veitsch, Wartberg im Mürztal

Carinthia:

Pontafel

Salzburg:

Lamprechtshausen, Salzburg-Dom, Salzburg-Gnigl, Salzburg-Itzling, Seekirchen

Tyrol:

Matrei am Brenner

Germany:

Gemen

For a list of the available parishes and their respective periods, click the green Help/Info button in the top right corner of the GenTeam website. I would like to sincerely thank Dieter Alexander, Ursula Baldemaier, Ulrike Brauchart, Mag. Fritz Eichler, Johann Frank, Patrick Harrach, Franziska Heidrich, Heinz Himmelbauer, Hedwig Kail, Manuela Katzer, Ladislaus Korschinek, Michael Kraibacher, Elisabeth Kultscher, Christian Mayrhofer, Werner Pointner, Gertrude Priester, Christine Sinhuber, Franz Spevacek, Katharina Staudacher and Theodora Winkler as well as all those who are already working on further indices!

We would be more than happy if you too would like to contribute to GenTeam by creating a database or providing one you have already finished.

If you are interested in joining our team of contributors, or if you have any other question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Now I wish you much joy and success in your research with GenTeam and the new records.

With best regards,
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***** AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT PERIODICALS *****

Editor—This is an ongoing feature, meant to inform you of articles published recently in newsletters and journals that may interest you.

***Avotaynu*, Spring 2018, Vol. 35, No. 1, <<http://www.avotaynu.com/>>**

- How to Use Genealogical Search Engines, Gary Mokotoff
- Join a Haplogroup Project to Get the Most from Your Y-DNA Results, Sidney Sachs
- New Databases Added to the GenTeam.at Website and Eisenstadt Gravestones, Edward David Luft
- Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy, Marlis Humphrey
- Crowdsourcing Family Trees for Academic Disciplines, Sallyann Amdur Sack-Pikus
- Preview of the IAJGS Warsaw Conference Program, Robin Magid
- Moving Forward with the Converso Genealogy Project, Genie Milgrom
- Many Days I Would Rather Be Lucky Than Smart, But Smart Research Makes You Lucky, Ken Bravo
- Wandering Jews: Peddlers, Immigrants, and the Discovery of “New Worlds,” Hasia Diner
- “Protected Jews,” A Misleading Translation of *Schutzjuden*, Gerhard Buck
- Involuntary Name Changes: The Real Story, Yale M. Zussman
- An Amazing Holocaust Saga: 1,500 Polish Refugees to Mexico in 1943, Peter Landé
- Kitchener Camp: An Extraordinary Rescue of Jews to Britain in 1939, Ann Rolett with Clare Weissenberg and Lynne Parsons
- How One Drop of Milk Can Make All the Difference, Dani Haski
- Life in the Prague Judenstadt, 1790-1910, Thomas Fürth
- Book Review: *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, Bill Gladstone
- From Our Mail Box: Why I Am Attending the Warsaw Conference; New Sperm Donor Child Found

***East European Genealogist*, Spring 2018, Vol. 26, No. 3, East European Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2536, Winnipeg MB R3C 4A7, Canada, <<https://eegsociety.org/>>**

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- Fonds from the Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych (AGAD) in Warsaw, Part One

***The Galitzianer, Geshet Galicia*, June 2018, Vol. 25, No. 2, <<https://www.geshetgalicia.org>>, <info@geshetgalicia.org>**

- Research Corner: World War I Records, Tony Kahane
- Family Evidence Books: Another Treasure Trove, Joshua Grayson
- Jacob Sicherman's War, Carol Sicherman
- Young Men from Kołomyja, Christina Craig
- One Family, Many Armies, Ruth Kurschner
- Map Corner: One Town's Story in WWI, Jay Osborn
- Interview with Sam Neger: Reminiscing about Dynów
- A Child Remembers: Holocaust in Galicia, Dasia Black
- Cherished Memories, Nurit Caspi-Sheps

***PolAm*, Spring 2018, Vol. 40, Issue 4, Polish American Cultural Institute of Minnesota, 43 Main St SE #100, Minneapolis MN 55414, <<http://pacim.org/>>.**

- Off the Beaten Path – Wiślica
- Wódka, a Polish Tradition
- 2018 PACIM Award Recipients
- PACIM Literary Fund
- The Three Oddest Words, Wisława Szymborska
- Kapusniak (Polish Cabbage Soup), Martha, <<https://www.afamilyfeast.com/>>
- Gala Celebration for Poland's Independence

***Polish Eaglet*, Summer 2018, Vol. 38, No. 1, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, c/o Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202-4007, <<https://www.pgsm.org/>>.**

- St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan, Nancy Kapron-Cairns
- Emigration from Northern Poland to Michigan, Dariusz Rząska
Warczak/Warchock/Warchuck Families of Paris Township, Huron County, Michigan, James Trombly
- Polish in Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, Roger Laske

***Project to Discover Schenectady County's Eastern European Roots Newsletter*, July 2018, Vol. 5, No. 3. <<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/ee/>>.**

- Seeking Family Connections, Phyllis Zych Budka
- Ogonowski Tells of Early Polish Settlers Outlines Contributions to Life of City in Talk before County Historical Society, *Schenectady Gazette*, May 19, 1943, submitted by John Urbanski
- The Search for Early Generations of the Urbanski Family from Poland to Schenectady in the 1800s, John Urbanski, Grandson
- Ancestry DNA Test vs 23andMe DNA Test, Phyllis Zuch Budka
- Spit, Spit, Spit, Bernice Izzo

- Poles Recount Tale of Great Jan Sobieski, *Schenectady Gazette*, Sep 9, 1933, submitted by Brianna Jolie
- Pani Katarzyna Kornacka, Part 13 – The Forties (Continued), Martin Byster

Tatrzański Orzeł / Tatra Eagle, Vol. 71-2, in Polish and English, Tatra Eagle Press, 31 Madison Ave, Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604, <jkedron@gmail.com> or <thadgromada@gmail.com>

- The Editorial Board has been awarded with the Oskar Kolbeg Award for Merit to Folk Culture
- Rev. Józef Tischner on whether it's possible to continue the highlander culture in changed living conditions?
- Józef Zych, a story for lovers of the górale dialect, “Jak się Sabała dostał nazod na swoje hole”
- Humor góralski

Wilno Heritage Society, News from the Wilno Heritage Society & Polish Kashub Heritage Museum, Spring/Summer 2018, Vol. 17, No. 1, 1112 Wilno Road North, Wilno ON K0J 2N0, CANADA, <<http://www.wilno.org>>

- 20th Anniversary – Some History, Highlights & Milestones of Wilno Heritage Society 2008–2018, Part I, Shirley Mask Connolly
- Wilno Heritage Society Hosts Successful Guest Speaker Event, March 2018, Peter Głofcheskie
- Oriental Origin of the Word *Kas(z)ub* – Orientalny rodowód nazwy Kas(z)ub, from *The Secrets of the Wends, Cispomeranians and Kashubs / Tajemnice Wendów, Circipanów i Kaszubów*, by Leon Stoltman, translated by Blanche Krbeček and Stanisław Frymark
- Newsletter of WHS & Museum Included in Polish Publication on 150 Years of Kashubian Journalism, Shirley Mask Connolly
- 160th Anniversary of Arrival of First Kashubs to Canada, Shirley Mask Connolly
- Storm Destroys Kashubian Forests, Stanisław Frymark

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

Note: see also <<http://eogn.wikidot.com/>> for a large selection of upcoming events in the world of genealogy.

August 6 – 10, 2018

2018 EASTERN EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

FEEFHS, the Foundation for East European Family History Studies, will hold its 25 Anniversary Conference on August 6–10 at the Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. It will include tracks and

classes on German research, Baltic States research, Polish Research, Jewish research, and more. For more information, visit the website <<http://feefhs.org/conference-overview>> or download the flyer at <http://feefhs.org/sites/default/files/images/2018_flyer_BYU.jpg>.

Saturday, 11 August 2018

JOINT MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

An Afternoon of Genealogy in Gardner

1:00 pm

Hope Masonic Lodge • 42 Central Street • Gardner, MA 01440

Enjoy two great talks followed by informational tables, experts, and refreshments! Brief Polish translations available. Free - bring a friend!

Silent Presence - The French in New England
by Jeanne Douillard

Jeanne Douillard of Greenfield will present “Silent Presence – the French in New England.” Jeanne explores French immigrants who inhabited two different areas of La Nouvelle France: Canada and Acadie. Although they grew up under the same political conditions in the land of their birth and left France 100 years before the revolution, their lives developed in two vastly different directions once they came to the Americas. We will find out how and why, as well as the hardships the French faced when they became British citizens in Canada, and then ventured south to settle in New England.

About the speaker:

For over 25 years, Jeanne Douillard has probed the history of the French in New England. She began by researching her own family genealogy and discovered she had Québécois, Acadiens, Algonquin and English roots. Jeanne is one of the major contributors to the book *Building a Better Life - The French-Canadians in Western Massachusetts* published by the Republican newspaper in Springfield, MA.

Exploring the Polish Roots of Your Central Mass Ancestors
by Kathy Krysiak

Several communities in Central Mass served as destinations for Polish immigrants. Over time, these immigrants helped friends and relatives join them, had families, built churches, opened clubs and societies, and became a vital part of the larger community. This talk examines the growth of several of the Polish communities in this region. The places of origin and paths of immigration will be explored through records and case studies. The interconnected nature of these communities will be discussed and demonstrated through looking at records, newspaper clippings, DNA matching, and social media connections.

About the speaker:

A native of Leominster with both Polish and Irish roots, Kathy Krysiak, JD received both a BA in American Studies and a JD from Georgetown University. Kathy serves as the Vice President of the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts and is the editor of its newsletter. She is also the founder and administrator of the Clinton, MA Polish History & Genealogy Project on Facebook, a group with over 350 members from both Central Massachusetts and Poland. Since the 1990's she has developed family trees for hundreds of Polish surnames with connections to Central Massachusetts and has traveled to Poland with her significant other, a native of Poland.

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19 August 2018

**QUARTERLY MEETING – POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
“LIFTING THE FOG: USING DNA TO DISCOVER YOUR POLISH AND
EUROPEAN ANCESTORS”**

***Speaker:* Jane G. Haldeman**

***Location:* Schaumburg Township District Library (NW) Rasmussen South • 130 S. Roselle Rd. • Schaumburg, IL 60193**

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Rasmussen South room of the library. Library attendees (PGSA members and the public) will need to register by phone, 847-985-4000, or online at the library website, <<https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/>> prior to the meeting.

The presentation will also be offered as a free Webinar to members and to non-members for a \$10 fee to defray costs. Webinar registration for members and non-members can be made at the PGSA website <<https://pgsa.org/>> by clicking on the PGSA Store tab, then clicking on the “Webinars” tab and following instructions. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

Topic Summary – Due to wars, invasions, partitioning of lands, boundaries and name changes through the generations, DNA may be the only common connection with your ancestors.

The cause of war and nation boundary movements may have obscured the paper trail of your ancestors. DNA can give us clues of where to look and what questions to ask. Learn techniques to use DNA to answer your questions.

Bio – Jane Gwynn Haldeman is a professional speaker and owner of It's Relative with more than 25 years of research experience. The Chicago area-based genealogist lectures on a wide range of topics both locally, at national conferences, and webinar presentations. She enjoys speaking about topics including family history technology and genealogy research methodology. She is the author of *A Genealogist's Guide to Springfield, Illinois*. Jane has been very active with the genealogical community in Illinois. She was President, Illinois State Genealogical Society;

President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; Registrar, Fort Payne Chapter NSDAR; and Registration Chair, Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference in Springfield, IL.

August 22 – 25, 2018

**FGS 2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
On the Three Rivers—Past, Present & Future
Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The annual National Conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) will be held August 22–25, 2018 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information, visit the website <<https://www.fgsconference.org/>>.

August 25 – 26, 2018

**POLISH FOOD FESTIVAL
St. Joseph Polish Roman Catholic Church • 517 E 46th Ave • Denver, Colorado
Saturday, August 25, 12 – 9 p.m.; Sunday, August 26, 12 – 7 p.m.**

The Polish Food Festival of Denver, Colorado will be held on these days. Admission is free, and there's a full schedule of activities. For more information, visit the website <<http://polishfoodfestival.org/>>, or write <PolishFoodFestival@gmail.com>. It looks great!

Thursdays, September 11 & 18 & 25, October 2 & 9, 2018

**HANDS-ON GENEALOGY WITH ALAN DOYLE HORBAL
Polish Center • 33 South Street • Chicopee MA 01020
2 p.m. and 5 p.m.**

Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal, professional genealogist, with Cathi Iuliano and Susan Bedard at the Polish Center 33 South Street, Chicopee Massachusetts 01020. Basic outline and instruction on researching the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census. Learn how to find your ancestors' emigration to the U.S. using the Steve Morse website <<https://stevemorse.org/>>, the Ellis Island website <<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>>, and several other databases. Discover how to search for family members outside of the U.S. using <<https://www.familysearch.org/>>. We will explore England, Canada, Poland and other countries.

All students must have an email account and be computer-literate. Space is limited. Please sign up for sessions. We ask that you attend all four classes. **You must bring your own laptop for classes 3 and 4.**

To register call 413-592-0001 There is no cost for the course - it is FREE.

Friday, 14 September, and Saturday, 15 September 2018

2018 PGSA BUS TOUR AND FALL CONFERENCE

“Polonia Near & Far – The Polish Diaspora”

DoubleTree Hilton - Arlington Heights • 75 W. Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, Illinois

PGSA will hold its annual Fall Conference on Saturday, 15 September 2018. Scheduled speakers include Ceil Wendt Jensen, Tadeusz Piłat, William F. Hoffman, Ola Heska, and Marsha Petterson-Maass. Also, on Friday, 14 September, PGSA will conduct its all new Chicago’s North Side Polonia Bus Tour. For more information, visit the website at <<https://pgsa.org/40th-anniversary-conference-and-bus-tour/>>.

Editor – I’ve pretty much retired from public speaking, but PGSA’s Conference Chair, Margie LaCerra, sweet-talked me into coming back and speaking one last time. If any of you attend, stop by and say hi! – *William F. “Fred” Hoffman*

23 September 2018

ANNUAL METING OF THE WILNO HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Farmhouse at the Polish Kashub Heritage Museum, Wilno, Ontario, Canada

1 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the Wilno Heritage Society will be held on Sunday September 23, 2018 at 1 p.m. in the Farmhouse at the Museum in Wilno. For more information, visit the website at <<http://www.wilno.org/museum.html>>.

8 October 2018

PULASKI DAY PARADE 2018

The Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, Massachusetts hopes you will mark your calendar for the parade, to be held Columbus Day, Monday, October 8.

Saturday, 13 October 2018

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

40TH ANNUAL GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR

American Polish Cultural Center • 2975 E. Maple Rd. (15 Mile Rd) at Dequindre Rd • Troy MI 48083

9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

PGS-Michigan's seminar will feature Robert Sliwinski, M.S., speaking on "The Basics of DNA Testing for Your Ancestry" and "Navigating Autosomal DNA Results and Contacting Your Matches." Stephen S. Barthel will speak on "Poland: Researching Former Prussian Areas" and "Maps and Gazetteers of the Former German Empire."

For more information, visit PGSM's website, <<https://pgsm.org/>>.

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October 23 & 30, November 13 & 30

HANDS-ON GENEALOGY WITH ALAN DOYLE HORBAL

Athenaeum / Pittsfield Public Library • 1 Wendell Avenue • Pittsfield MA 01201

2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

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The 5:15 pm class members must bring your own laptop for classes 2, 3 & 4. Library laptops will be available for those attending the 2:00 pm session, or you can bring your own if you prefer.

To register, call (413) 499-9486 Ext. 6. There is no cost for the course - it is FREE.

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November 3–4, 2018

YOUR ANCESTRY: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Ukrainian Cultural Center • 135 Davidson Avenue • Somerset NJ 08873

DNA Day presentations by Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL (legalgenealogist.com):

- DNA and the Golden Rule: The Law and Ethics of Genetic Genealogy
- Beyond X and Y: The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing
- A Matter of Standards: DNA and the Genealogical Proof Standard

Featuring presentations by Valentyna Nagy (<<http://kinshipgenealogy.blogspot.com/>>):

- Recent Developments in Ukrainian Family Research
- Carpathian Ruthenia (Transcarpathia) Genealogy Research
- Galicia and Bukovina Genealogy Research

And more...

- George and Anna Boyko: A Search for their Ukrainian Home by Leslie Karr
- Creating a Lasting Family Storyline: The Role of the Self-Publishing Genealogy Editor by Brian Wilde
- Success: Using Social Media and DNA Together by Bruce Romanchuk

Registration will open in August. Go to <<https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>>

[From a notice posted by Michelle Tucker Chubenko to the Facebook group Galicia Family History Group on 12 July 2018. There is no info on registration on the NashiPredky site yet, but I'm sure that will change soon. Check back periodically.]

*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<<http://rootsweb.blog>>

A recent article in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (EOGN)* discussed the fate of all the websites lost when RootsWeb went down. Eastman said you can go to this blog and ask for your site to be restored. A lot of good material was lost, and let's hope at least some of it can be brought back.

<<https://tinyurl.com/RTR-NJDI>>

The 29 July issue of *Nu? What's New* discussed the latest victory for Reclaim the Records, access to the New Jersey Death Index. You can get more info and future plans at the above URL.

<<http://bit.ly/2NnKr29>>

This link takes you to an article discussed in the 23 July issue of *EOGN*, "Do Siblings Have the Same DNA?" The answer is not exactly what you might expect!

<<http://www.locatemyname.com>>

Another item from the 23 July issue of *EOGN* mentioned this site, Locate My Name. The name sort of tells you what it's all about – get info on where specific surnames are found (there's a link to a page for first names, as well). It's interesting, worth a look – but as the site managers admit, the reliability of the statistics varies from country to country. If you're interested in surnames in Poland, I think <<https://nazwiska-polskie.pl>> will do a better job for you. But if you'd like to compare, for instance, how common a name is in the United States vs. Poland, this can give you food some insights.

<<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/node/5494>>

That same issue of *EOGN* printed an announcement from the University of Minnesota about the UMedia Archive of the University of Minnesota: Immigration History Research Center

Archives. An impressive variety of collections have been digitized and made available, including “Belarusan American,” “Carpatho-Rusin American,” “Polish American,” “Ukrainian American,” and so on. This is the sort of site where a person could spend many, many hours just browsing.

<<https://www.jewishgen.org/education/>>

In a post to JewishGen’s newsgroup, Nancy Holden, Curriculum Moderator for JewishGen Education, mentioned a new class, Jewish Genealogy in East Prussia and the Baltic States, offered August 3 – 26, 2018. It will focus on the area now within the countries of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and the western part of East Prussia that borders the Baltic Sea. Tuition is \$125 for three weeks of instruction. You can learn more at the above website.

<http://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2018/on-demand_about.cfm>

The 38th IAJGS International Conference takes place August 5-10 in Warsaw, and it’s sure to be an amazing event. Of course, if you haven’t already made plans to go, it’s probably a bit late now. But the 7 July issue of *Nu? What’s New?* pointed out that you can view over 40 of the presentations with the ON-DEMAND package. This site tells you what you need to know.

<<https://bloodandfrogs.com/compendium/>>

That same issue of *Nu?* mentioned the “Compendium of Jewish Genealogy,” hosted by Joseph Trauring. It now has 25,000 links involving more than 200 countries and more than 1,350 towns in Poland. The wealth of material here has to excite Jewish researchers – and if you’re not Jewish, don’t be too quick to dismiss it as irrelevant to your interests!

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