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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>

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As I prepared the masthead for this issue, I noticed that this is Volume XII, Number 12. This will be the 138th issue of Gen Dobry! (It’s not the 144th because we only had six issues the first year, beginning July 2000.)

I don’t mind saying, I’m not sure what to think about this. Who knew, back in July 2000, that it would be possible to find enough material to put together 138 issues of a free monthly e-zine on Polish genealogy, focusing primarily on Internet resources? Granted, I don’t spend hours and hours on each issue. As each month passes, I note down anything I run across that might be of interest to our readers; and at the end of the month, I spent a few hours putting it all together and writing anything necessary. So no enormous investment of time is required. Still, 138 issues? No wonder I feel tired!

Since this is a busy time of year, with attention paid primarily to family and friends, I hope you won’t mind if I don’t go to the trouble of producing a coherent article on a single subject, and instead indulge myself in a few reflections on 12 years of doing Gen Dobry!

The first thing comes to mind is the enormous growth in resources available on the Internet. Back when I first started doing this, I was constantly warning people that most of what they needed was not available online—that they would have to get off their butts and go to the places where records, or microfilm copies of records, were stored.

There is still a lot of truth in that, but there actually are a great many records available online now, with more to come. You can go to the Family History Library website, the Ellis Island website, and other places, to view scanned records. I thought that might be possible one day, but I really didn’t expect it would happen in my lifetime! The LDS, digital libraries in Europe, and individual organizations in North America, Poland, Lithuania, Germany, and other countries have proved (not for the first time) that I am one lousy prophet.

I also remember when all the “experts” online would routinely tell people, “Don’t expect us to find your family for you. You have to search for yourself.” Again, there’s still a lot of truth to that—but more and more often these days, I’m astonished to see some newbie post a question on a mailing list, and an hour later someone posts details on their ancestors and how to find them! More impressive, the people answering the questions are not necessarily pros or experts; they’re regular folks with lives, families, and jobs, who have learned from experience how to use Ancestry.com, Steve Morse’s website, and so on. I consider this a wonderful development. It speaks well of these folks that they have not only learned from experience how to find what they need, they also have the goodness to share their knowledge so freely with others.

But before I get all mushy on you, I will admit I still get peeved when I see someone post a note asking, for example, “What’s the history of Poland?” or “how do I find the Ellis Island records?” I have to fight a strong urge to respond “You’re obviously on the Internet, you bleep! Why don’t

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you try searching for yourself?“ I never do that, because my good sense prevails, and I remember
that we were all once clueless newbs who didn’t know enough to ask the right questions. Besides,
this is a self-correcting problem. Anyone so lacking in good sense and initiative that he won’t even
try to find something for himself will not last long in family history research. Before long, he’ll
become frustrated when his dead ancestors don’t come walking up to his door and saying “Here
we are”—and he’ll move on to find a pastime less demanding.

As long as I’m venting (my doctor says it’s good for my blood pressure to let off a little steam),
there is another kind of pest who occasionally bothers me. Three or four times over the last dozen
years, I’ve received notes from people telling me I’m an idiot because I don’t know how to spell
“Dzień dobry!” correctly, or I’m teaching Americans the wrong spelling. Once or twice I heard from
someone from Poland with this complaint, and there’s been at least one from a Polish-American. I
always explain, “Duh! It’s a play on words.” Usually I don’t hear back from them.

Just in case there is anyone out there who isn’t clear on the concept, let me explain once more. The
common Polish greeting that means “Hello” or “Good day!” is spelled “Dzień dobry!” The first
word is pronounced much like the first syllable of our word “gender.” The second word sounds
somewhat like “doo-bree,” except the vowels are shorter; and the Polish y is especially hard for
non-Poles—it’s like a very short, tense i. If you’re not familiar with how this greeting sounds, go
to <http://www.ivona.com>, paste in the words “Dzień dobry,” and click “Play”; or you can go to
<http://www.forvo.com/word/dzie%C5%84_dobry/#pl> and select any of three pronunciation clips
from Polish native-speakers.

Anyway, it occurred to me that you could spell this phrase phonetically in English as “gen dobry,”
as long as the first word was pronounced the soft g, as in “gender.” I hoped people would associate
the title with the greeting but also with “gen” as an abbreviation of “genealogy.” It’s a kind of
multilingual pun, saying both “Good day to you” and “Good genealogy to you!” Like all puns, it
fails if you have to explain it. But most people I’ve talked to over the last dozen years got the joke,
and told me they thought it was rather clever. If nothing else, it’s distinctive—and any publication
needs a distinctive title if it is going to stand out among all the jillions of items posted online.

Enough griping about that. There is one last comment I wanted to make, on a semi-serious note,
and it deals with recent developments. Even as we rejoice over all the great material available
online, we need to pay attention to the growing trend toward restricting information in the interests
of security and privacy. As Sandy Miarecki explains in the article in this issue, “Clarifying the SSA
Problem,” information on parents’ names and places of birth from Social Security application forms
is being restricted. Information from the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) previously available
on Ancestry and other genealogical websites has been removed. Laws have been proposed and
enacted in various states that restrict access to information vital to genealogical research. Just
when we were starting to think we would benefit from the free flow of information, many are
attempting to stem that flow.

They do it, of course, with the best intentions. And I imagine anyone in his right mind will admit
that considerations of privacy and security should have some effect on information access. What
troubles me and many others is that the people trying to block this information don’t seem to

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have thought things all the way through. Are these restrictions on information really protecting anybody? Read Sandy’s article for an example of what I mean.

I found one webpage that can alert us to these efforts so we can to exert a reasonable influence on the bureaucrats. It’s the first site listed near the end of this issue, under “More Useful Web Addresses.” Jewish researchers aware of this problem provide updates at this site:

<http://www.iajgs.org/pramc/legislation.html>

This just might be the single most important piece of information in this issue. Of course, there may be other such resources I’m not aware of. Please feel free to point them out and I’ll share them in future issues. If you care about the future of genealogical research—and maybe a few other little things like democracy and freedom—this is something on which you should be informed. Free countries don’t stay free if the citizens allow the government too much control over knowledge and information!

But enough gloom and doom. The last 12 years have seen tremendous progress, and we have the power to ensure it continues. If we remain alert and act sensibly, we’ll do just fine.

I wish you all a glorious New Year!

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*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: An Early 19th-Century Travelogue of the Austrian Empire

I stumbled on a wonderful travelogue of the area (chiefly Austrian Empire) written in the early 1800s by Johann Georg Kohl. It’s free to view on Google Books and could be reprinted/ordered through on-demand vendors for under $20. Perhaps you might enjoy it (unless, of course you’ve seen it):

<http://books.google.com/books?id=XOgBAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=johann+georg+kohl&hl=en&eia=QGnnTvjWLY348QOBsoz3CQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=7&ved=0CF8Q6AEwBg#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Joe Vetrano

Editor—Thanks for the info! I was not aware of this book. If readers find that long URL doesn’t work, maybe one of these will get the job done:

<http://tinyurl.com/77pssaf>
<http://goo.gl/Fu8oY>

In another note, Joe asked: “By the way, I have been searching for 1787 Austrian Cadastral Records on the Internet. I see many references to it the source is never linked.

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Do you know where this data is stored on the Internet (if at all)?” I’m afraid I can’t answer Joe; if you have any suggestions, let me know and I’ll pass them along.

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Subject: Polish Dirty Words

Editor—In the last issue, I gave a link for a short online dictionary of Polish obscenities. I got this response from Donna Pointkouski:

Hmmm ... I didn’t learn any of those Polish words in my intro class taught by Sr. Cecilia ... I do, however, recognize quite a few of the expressions my grandmother used to use. I always wondered what they meant. Good thing I never asked Sr. Cecilia. ;-)

Donna Pointkouski, <http://pastprologue.wordpress.com>

Editor—Ain’t that the truth? It’s the darnedest thing—parents and authority figures demand you not use naughty expressions, but won’t tell you what the forbidden expressions are till you use them! At which point you’re already in deep doo-doo. It’s as if grownups somehow convince themselves their kids won’t discover obscenity (or sexuality) as long as you don’t bring it to their attention. Any teenager can tell you what a crock that is!

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Subject: Help with Research in the Brzyska Wola area

Hi, my name is Larry Mandeville and I got your e-mail address from the Gen Dobry! monthly bulletin. Please point me in the proper direction. I need some research help in the Brzyska Wola area. Can you recommend somebody from that area?

Larry Mandeville, <larrymandeville@me.com>

Editor—I wasn’t able to come up with names for anyone in that area. I gave Larry contact info for two fine researchers I know, Iwona Dakiniewicz and Alex Kacprzak; but I think they’re both pretty busy, and neither is from that area. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for Larry, please write him directly.

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Subject: The Polish Genealogy Podcast

Wesołych Świąt!

As I write to you this Christmas season from Kraczewice, Poland, I wanted to inform you that I’m now producing an online pre-recorded podcast entitled “The Polish Genealogy Podcast.”
Polish Genealogy Podcast will be recorded monthly about an hour each episode and cover:

1) Polish Genealogy News/Events
2) Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Polish Research Topics
3) Answer questions relating to Polish Genealogy
4) Interviews with others in the Polish Genealogical Community.

The show can be listened to or downloaded from the website at <http://polgenpodcast.com> or you can subscribe to it using iTunes:


Episode #1 and #2 are now available. Episode #1 has an interesting interview with Fr. Czeslaw Krysa from St Casimir’s Oratory in Buffalo, New York about his book A Polish Christmas Eve.

I hope you don’t mind mentioning the podcast in Gen Dobry! I’ll be talking about Gen Dobry! next month in Episode #3.

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!

Sincerely,

David Newman

Editor—Thank you for the information; I’m delighted to pass it along to our readers. I wish you enormous success with the podcast, and I would do so even if you weren’t so kindly offering us some publicity ;-)
Now, however, someone in the SSA thinks that they can’t release the parents’ info if the person on the form was born before 100 years ago. The SSA has been blocking out the parents’ info on the forms for people born after 1911, so it makes the SSA application useless as a genealogy tool. The oddest thing is that the parents would be like 118 years old now, and there is no way they would still be alive. So who are they protecting?

There is a way to get the full application, though, but you have to know the parents’ names and get copies of their death certificates to send with the request for the application. Then the SSA won’t block the information. But, in a lot of cases, you are using the SSA application to GET the parents’ names. It’s silly.

The US census protects people’s information for 72 years. Perhaps that is an outdated number, since people are living much longer on average than when that number was established. But, because of this, we genealogists can see parents’ info in the census at 72 years, while we have to wait another 28 years to see the SSA parents info. This makes no sense. Thus we are all confused. It makes a lot more sense to withhold SSA info on people born 72 years ago (not 100 years), just like the census. The person on the application is already dead (otherwise we can’t get a copy), but the parents probably are. Now the parents would be 90 or greater, and the chances of them being alive are very slim.

Anyway, I thought you’d like a clear explanation of the problem.

Editor—Yes, indeed, and thank you. If anyone wishes to send Sandy a comment or ask a question, send it to me <wfh@langline.com> and I’ll gladly pass it along.

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*** 2011 AND 2012 IN POLISHORIGINS ***

by Zenon Znamirski

Editor—Zenon sent this note out to people registered with his PolishOrigins site. I’m sure he’d like for me to share it with you, so that those of you who haven’t signed up yet will see the error of your ways ;-) 

First and foremost we want to assure you that we are still here! Because of an extremely busy Forefathers Traces Tours season, there were no new newsletters; but that doesn’t mean that things have been quiet here.

This year we helped to explore ancestral places, uncover family records in old church books, and meet newly-found relatives for a record number of you, my honorable guests. Although I have been doing Forefathers Traces Tours for a few years now, each new ancestor discovery in historical documents or finding and meeting with Polish relatives is invariably a profound experience and great joy for me. Thank you all my guests!

Soon we will post a few blogs and family histories in our Forefathers Traces Tours Blog.

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Activity in our PolishOrigins Forum is growing steadily. There are more people turning to our Forum for advice, but more importantly, our PolishOrigins members are giving very helpful advice and hints from their own family research experiences.

Sometimes this advice helps new members who are “lost” or don’t know where to begin searching for their ancestors, and for others it might help break through walls after many years of research endeavors. Sometimes conversations between members lead to very exciting and unexpected results. See for example the thread ‘Lenart-Babicz in Zaluczne’ where several most helpful members engaged in a lively exchange of advice and specific information with a new member. One of the revelations discovered “along the way” happened when two members who never met before had an identical photograph kept as family treasure. This amazing coincidence was detected by... a third member, Shellie, not related to the family (yet)! Click here to read about this exciting discovery:


Any of you can share good advice even if you have little experience and your knowledge is limited to your family or to the area where they came from. Sometimes even your tiniest hint may lead to a great breakthrough for someone else.

If you want to be up to date with the new topics in the Forum you can subscribe to the daily digest and receive, by email, the latest posts sent in the Forum directly to your email. Just click on the link here:


There have been many new additions to the Polish Genealogy Databases tool. Now more than 25 millions pages in Polish and English are indexed in the tool which you can search by one click!

And you, our members, have added already to our PolishOrigins Surnames and Places database more than 4,400 surnames and almost 3,000 places. It means that chances of finding people sharing the same surname or place are growing for all of us.

Our team is growing. We have experts helping us with many research activities, including work in Forum. Starting with the new year, we plan to hire new full-time employees to work with. All this is for us to be able to serve more and more of you and give you better tools for uncovering your Polish roots. We are also going to start some new projects in the new year and you will hear about them soon from our website and this newsletter.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and many great genealogy discoveries which make you will want to dance or at least jump for joy in 2012!

Zenon & Team
*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

January 5–8, 2012
POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Chicago, IL

PAHA will hold its annual conference in conjunction with the American Historical Association at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. Among the topics are:

– Polonia in the Northeastern United States
– Issues in the History of Polish American Organizations
– Polish and Polish American Literary Themes
– Chicago, the Capital of Polish America
– Religion in Polish America: Community, Conflict, and Cooperation

For detailed information go to <http://www.polishamericanstudies.org/Program.html>

From the December 2011 issue of PGSA Notebook.

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Saturday, January 7, 2012

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL OF GENEALOGISTS MEETING

The Arlington Heights Senior Center
1801 W Central Rd
Arlington Heights, Illinois

“Organizing and Writing Your Family History”

Steve Szabados is a retired project manager with a Bachelor of Science degree and a MBA who started researching his ancestors in 2004. He has given numerous presentations to groups in Illinois and Wisconsin and wants to share his passion for Family History. He is a member of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, Illinois State Genealogical Society, and also a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Library. His roots are Polish and Hungarian, plus he has also had success researching Slovenian and Bohemian records.

From the NWSCGM Website, <http://www.nwscg.com/meetings.html>

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Saturday, January 14, 2012
TORONTO UKRAINIAN GENEALOGY GROUP
Field trip to: North York Central Library - Canadiana Room
- containing a vast collection of genealogy resources

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Address: 5120 Yonge Street, Toronto, Canada

Contact: (905) 841-677

From a PBS posting by Jim Onuschuk

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Friday, April 20 to Monday, April 23, 2012

UNITED POLISH GENEALOGY SOCIETIES 2012
Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
122 W South Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Conference of Polish Genealogical Societies, hosted by the Polonica Americana Research Institute. We will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is next door to the Family History Library (FHL). The library is owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This world-renowned genealogy library holds international books, maps, microfilm and digital databases. The FHL is open to the public and access is free of any charge. We balance the event to allow research in the library as well as time to attend classes with noted Polish genealogists and knowledgeable leaders in the field. The conference includes the lecture series, conference syllabus, hospitality with refreshments, and an evening banquet with a keynote address. Individual consultations will be available.

Coming to the Conference is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3 !

1. Online reservations: <http://upgs.eventbrite.com/> or complete the registration form and mail to:
   UPGS c/o PARI at the Polish Mission, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, Michigan 48324

2. Reserve a room at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel [Phone: 800-366-3684 or 801-521-0130].
   Mention the United Polish Genealogical Societies Conference, Group Number 9197 for our reduced rates - $82.00 per night for a single/double. This is a guaranteed rate for reservations made by February 12, 2012. You must call in this reservation; the discount does not apply for online reservations.

Upon arrival, check the Hotel Board to call the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, or call 801-521-0130 for a free courtesy van pickup from airport or train station to hotel. Courtesy van hours are 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Earlier arrivals can leave luggage at the desk to have it stored.

Questions? <pmission@orchardlakeschools.com>  
Phone: 248-683-0323 – Fax: 248-683-0443  

Online conference registration: <http://upgs.eventbrite.com/>

[From an e-mail sent by Ceil Jensen].

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July 15-18, 2012

THE 32ND I AJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY  
PARIS, FRANCE  
A full Bilingual French & English Conference

The conference will be held at the Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel in Paris. We will print more information as we get it—but you can always visit the Website, <http://www.paris2012.eu>.

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<http://www.iajgs.org/prmc/legislation.html>  
Jan Meisels Allen posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup with some updates on legislation being considered in various areas that could affect genealogical research. If you’re interested in learning more, go to this page and do some reading. You can download a Word document by clicking on the link “Alerts Page.” These laws could potentially harm family researchers of many ethnic backgrounds and religions, and it’s a good idea for us to be informed of what’s going on.

On December 23, Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN] published an article called “FamilySearch’s Conversion from Microfilm to Digital Images.” Dick Eastman wrote, “...several people have written to me, saying that their local Family History Centers have received notices that after Dec. 31, 2011, FamilySearch will no longer sell microfilm because there are so few requests. (Note the use of the word ‘sell,’ not lend. Apparently, microfilms will still be lent for a while longer to Family History Centers but sales will be halted, due to low demand.) Several of my correspondents are worried because they or someone they know ‘depends’ upon microfilm.” Eastman gives his opinion on all this, and I think it’s good reading.

EOGN had a story on December 1st about this online collection of British newspapers. It does not have everything online yet, but the collection is already impressive, and is growing rapidly. If you have any British connections in your family tree, access to this archive could be priceless.

A December 1st entry in EOGN bore the title “What Is ‘Second Cousin Once Removed?’” and included all kinds of info on first, second cousins, once removed, twice removed, etc. I have never been able to make heads or tails of this stuff, so I was pleased to see the article, which includes a table to help you figure it out, and a link to an online tool that determines relationships.

The December 2011 issue of PGSA Notebook included a review by Gloria Gerrill of a book by Brigid Pasulka called A Long, Long Time Ago and Essentially True. I have not had a chance to learn more about it, but it sounds to me like a book many of our readers would enjoy. You can learn more about it on Brigid’s site at the above URL.

John Guzlowski posted a note to Facebook’s Polish American Writers & Editors group about the creation of a Yahoo group dedicated to Polish cuisine. If you’re interested, the above link should take you there. You may have to go through a process to join Yahoo Groups, but as I recall, the process is simple and painless.

This is a site I don’t remember visiting before, but I took a look after noticing mention in The Genealogy News of a series “Dating and Identifying Old Family Photos” that was posted on this site. “Everyday Genealogy” is a column written by Bob Brooke, and there quite a few good articles there. The series on family photos is currently listed under “Most Recent Articles,”
though I’m sure as time passes it will be moved to “Archived Articles.”


The December 11, 2011 issue of Genealogy News mentioned an item “Vulgo Surnames in Czech Genealogical Research.” I’ve seen names described with the Latin term vulgo in many records; the word means “in the common tongue, in everyday speech,” and I’ve always supposed it refers to a second name someone was known by, a popular nickname as opposed to his “real” name. But the author of this article, William L. Wunder, gives a more specific explanation for the term’s meaning, at least in Czech records, referring to the name of a cottage of residence or the wife’s/mother’s family. I’ve made a note of this and intend to look into it further! In the meantime, I thought I should share it with you.

<http://free.findmaps.co.uk/>

The December 11 issue of Nu? What’s New? mentioned this website that allows you to create custom maps for a website or family history book. It lets you to take a Google map, draw lines or shapes, insert symbols, and save your map as a PDF. I didn’t have time to explore it a lot, but it appears to have promise.

<http://www.genealoger.com/lutheran/luth_archives_and_libraries.htm>

On the PolandBorderSurnames list, Tina Ellis mentioned this, describing it as “an excellent site for Lutheran researchers.” There were once many Lutherans living in Poland, but most of their records were moved west, back to Germany, after World War II. The info given on this page may help you deal with the actual website of the Evangelisches Zentralarchiv (EZA) in Berling, <http://www.ezab.de/>, which offers a choice of German or English interface.

<http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/453/nemeses>

On the Polish Genius list, Debbie Greenlee included this link to an NPR broadcast of “This American Life” that had a segment about Poland. She suggested clicking on “Promo” for an idea what the story was about.

<http://www.polishfamily.com/p4e/index.html>

Debbie has also uploaded here photos from her recent trip to Poland and Ukraine. The village names marked “New” contain, not surprisingly, new entries.

<http://watch.wliw.org/video/1320132922/>

Debbie mentioned this link on the PolishGenius list. It shows an hour-long episode from a PBS program that aired in 2009. The series dealt with various ethnic heritages in America, and this episode is “The Polish Americans.”
I happened to come across this site, which gives translations of SGKP entries on various places in Lithuania. (If you're not familiar with SGKP, it is a convenient acronym for Słownik geograficzny Królestwa Polskiego i innych krajów słowiańskich, the Geographical Dictionary of the Kingdom of Poland and Other Slavic Lands, a massive 15-volume gazetteer published in the late 19th century, with valuable information on practically all areas where Poles lived historically. Information on places in Lithuania was not as readily available as it was for places in Poland itself, but there are still many long and informative entries on Lithuanian towns and villages).

I stumbled across this page with information on the Roman Catholic Church in Belarus. It may be relevant to our readers because many ethnic Poles settled in Belarus over the centuries. As a rule, they were the only Roman Catholics you’d find there; the native population generally belonged to the Orthodox Church or the Greek Catholic Church. During the rule of the Czars and during Communist rule, Roman Catholics were about as welcome as a skunk at a debutante ball, and they suffered a great deal, especially under Communist rule. But the Church has revived there, and due to historical reasons, the parishes are important sources of information for those with roots in Belarus. The parishes may not have records, but if nothing else, the local priest may know which of his parishioners are related to your ancestors. It can do no harm to learn more, especially if you hope to visit your ancestors’ homeland.

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