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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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*** TRYING TO KEEP UP! ***

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

When the end of the month comes around and I start looking through the folder of items I’ve saved to mention in *Gen Dobry!*, I’m usually struck by just how much is going on in the field of genealogy. I guess you could say we’re living in the Golden Age of family history research. There are television programs about genealogy; every day brings new databases, and more and more scans of original documents we can view online. There are even “webinars” you can check at such sites as <http://www.geneabloggers.com/geneawebinars-directory-upcoming-genealogy-webinars/>. In all honesty, trying to keep up with it all really can bring on a sense of overload.

And yet you don’t want to ignore what’s going on! You may have a particular task that’s essential to your research, one you must do in order to advance. How can you afford to ignore the very real possibility that someone else has already done some of the work for you? Or, if you’re not quite that lucky, there’s still a good chance somebody, somewhere has produced a resource that will make your task much easier. You can’t spend all your time searching online; but it’s only good sense to spend at least some time checking out what’s available.

I’ve run into a few sources of information I find pretty useful in this regard. I thought I’d share them with you. If you have a specific source you have found valuable, please write me about it, <wfh@langline.com>. I’ll be glad to mention it the next issue.

Perhaps the most useful overview of what’s going on in genealogy is Eastman’s Online *Genealogy Newsletter* (EOGN). Eastman puts out the newsletter daily, or you can have a digest sent out weekly. You don’t have to subscribe to anything; you can always check the latest on his blog site, <http://blog.eogn.com/>. That site also allows you the option of subscribing to the paid edition of his newsletter, which includes articles Eastman writes that are not to be distributed free of charge. I’d suggest trying the free material first, so that you can get a good sense of what kind of information he offers. Then it will be easier to decide whether it makes sense to spend a few dollars on the paid edition.

I’ll say this: I’m astonished at the sheer amount of verbiage Eastman manages to churn out. What impresses me most is that his prose is usually very clear, easy to read and understand. Not many people can write so clearly without spending a great deal of time on editing. I don’t see how Eastman can possibly have time to edit his prose again and again; so I find it impressive that he writes so well without lengthy revision! Oh, there are times I wish he would be a bit more concise. But in all fairness, concise text is usually extensively edited text (I know whenever I write something, the first draft is usually twice as long as the final)—and that kind of editing takes a lot of time. All things considered, he does an amazing job.

Another source of information I’m finding useful is *The Genealogy News*. You can sign up for the free newsletter here:


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This particular publication does not focus on coming up with original material. It gives a listing of material that has recently appeared in newsletters, blogs, and the like. In most cases, you simply have the title of the article, the source, and a link; sometimes there’s a brief description. Some of the articles are available only after paying a fee; these are all clearly marked with a green dollar sign so there will be no misunderstandings. Everything else is free and just a click away.

One thing I’ve noticed is that a great many of the articles referenced come from Eastman’s newsletter. Since I already subscribe to that, there is a certain amount of duplication here. But I don’t find that irritating. Sometimes, seeing *EOGN*’s articles listed separately this way helps me notice an item I overlooked earlier. And besides, there’s plenty of stuff not found in *EOGN*.

Both of these sources provide a broad overview of anything and everything going on in the field of genealogy that the editors think you might find useful or interesting. I’m afraid they don’t pay a lot of attention to Polish genealogy, and really, that’s our fault. Those of us producing useful material for Polish family history research need to reach out and let these guys know we’re here! If we make more noise, they’ll hear us, and then we’ll start getting more coverage.

In the meantime, one way to find good material on Polish research is to Google “Polish genealogy blogs.” I did so, and the first site that came up was this:

<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/polish.asp>

Every good blog I could think of is listed there, with a link to connect to it. (If you publish a blog and it’s not listed there, please write me and let me know about it. I’ll be happy to mention your blog in *Gen Dobry!*)

For those with Jewish ancestry, the source that immediately comes to mind is *Nu? What’s New?*, the e-zine of *Avotaynu*. It used to be free, but now you have to shell out the overwhelming sum of $12 a year. (For those who can’t tell, I mean that statement ironically.) You can subscribe here:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nuwhatsnew.htm>

If you’d like a better idea of what you’d be getting for your money, there are years of back issues available here:

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>

There are also, of course, a variety of valuable newsgroups and mailing lists you can subscribe to for free. You will notice that I quote constantly from them in the section of *Gen Dobry!* called “More Useful Web Addresses.” The only problem with them is you never quite know what you’re going to get. Some have dozens of notes posted in a day; some have none for a week. Some will be quiet for a month, and then 100 notes will show up in one day. Trying to sort through them all for the items that may help you brings us back to the overload problem I discussed at the start of this article.
It’s a good problem to have, really. It’s a lot better than the days when a beginner interested in Polish genealogy couldn’t help feeling there was no one nearer than Warsaw who gave a damn about the subject. Now there’s a lot of help available with almost any aspect of genealogy you care to investigate. And if some of the mainstream sources still don’t pay as much attention as we’d like to Polish genealogy—well, it’s up to us to change that!

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*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: St. Mary of the Angels, Chicago

My comments are in response to Loretta Poninski Read’s mention that there was indeed a St. Mary of the Angels church (and school) in Chicago. The church and school still exist though the population is mostly Hispanic now. I know this because I started donating money to the Polish language classes here a few years ago. I thought it amusing that the little Hispanic children (granted, not all are Hispanic) were learning Polish though they would _never_ use it.

Both the church and school are in need of money. It would be a shame to see another originally Polish church and/or school closed.

Debbie Greenlee

Editor—I’d love to hear Hispanic children trying to say “W Szczebrzeszynie chrząszcz brzmi w trzcinie” ... Incidentally, if you’d like to hear more about this famous tongue-twister, watch this Youtube video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHizInxsBz8&NR=1&feature=fvwp>.

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Subject: Links in Gen Dobry!

... It looks like someone has been tinkering. When I opened the latest newsletter in Outlook Express, I discovered that the links are working, except for the e-mail addresses. Were you aware of this? There are still spaces between paragraphs, but I don’t mind that. As a matter of fact, I find it makes it easier to read. For me, at least.

Editor—I’m glad to hear this worked out better for you. While I was working on the e-mail version of the February issue, I tried importing the text from a Word document. I noticed that in cases where I had live links in the Word doc, they remained live when I pasted them in. So I went back and made all the links live in the Word doc version, then pasted that version in intact. I was hoping that would make things work better, at least in some cases. I’m pleased to hear it did go well for you, and I’ll try to make a point of doing it that way every time. Anything I can do to make Gen Dobry! work better for our readers, I’m glad to do!
Dear PGS-CA Member,

With profound sadness and heavy hearts, we regret to inform you of the death of our dear, sweet Helen Bienick. She attended our January meeting just two weeks before she passed away on Saturday, February 5th. Helen was Charter member #82, joining the PGS of California within the first year in 1990. She was acknowledged by the Society for her many years of work and awarded Honorary Life Membership. She continued to send in yearly dues.

Always willing to assist anyone who asked for help, Helen was recognized by many individuals and genealogical groups for her accurate and informative translations. Most were submitted for publication in the PGS-CA Bulletin (Słownik Geograficzny/village translations), but a majority of Helen’s regular translations included letters to and from Poland.

Helen was buried in the family plot in Old Forge, Pennsylvania. A local memorial service in Los Angeles is pending. You can view an obituary at the following Web site:

<http://obit.kearneyfuneralhome.com/obitdisplay.html?id=892105>

The April issue of our Bulletin will feature articles about Helen and her research.

Janice and Paul Lipinski
5319 Via del Valle
Torrance, CA 90505

Editor—While I only had a few brief contacts with Helen by correspondence, she struck me a very kind and gracious lady who was glad to help anyone she could. Someone once said I was the first person to do SGKP translations for Polish genealogical publications, but that was an error—Helen was doing it before I ever started. She helped a lot of folks, and she will be missed.

Editor—Paul S. Valasek received information on this forthcoming book from the author, Teofil Lachowicz. Paul sent it along to me, and I’m glad to share it with you, so you can look for it when it comes out.
**Polish Freedom Fighters on American Soil: Polish Veterans in America from the Revolutionary War to 1939**
by Teofil Lachowicz
LCCN: 2010939169
Price: $26.95
Trim: 6 x 9
Format (pb/hc): HardCover
Pages: 495

**Releasing Soon**

*Polish Freedom Fighters on American Soil* is the story of immigrant Polish soldiers and Polish Americans—both men and women—who fought for Poland’s and America’s freedom. Along the way, they made multifaceted contributions to the development of the United States from the very beginning of the republic—including contributions of the highest order in economic life, military affairs, science, and culture.

In this groundbreaking study, author Teofil Lachowicz, the internationally recognized scholar on Polish American military history, tells the story of Polish and Polish American soldiers in America from the Revolutionary War to the outbreak of World War II. This superbly-documented work sets forth the details of their struggles for Polish and American freedom—their travails, and their contributions to America over a span of almost two hundred years—drawing on reference materials that have never been used before.

*Polish Freedom Fighters on American Soil* describes the process which created the Polish veterans movement in the United States and Canada after the conclusion of World War I—from which, in 1921, emerged the Polish Army Veterans Association of America: a universal, apolitical organization open for membership to former Polish soldiers from various military formations. The Polish Army Veterans Association of America, the oldest organization of this type in the world — which survives to this day — eventually proved to be the most patriotic element of the Polish emigration in America.

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*** JRI–POLAND and WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? ***

by Stanley Diamond

*Editor*—I thought this note, posted on the newsgroup JewishGen, was very interesting. It’s about the upcoming Gwyneth Paltrow episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?* and it has a Polish connection. I hope you find it as interesting as I did.

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Dear friends:

When you watch Actress Gwyneth Paltrow’s ancestral search, which will be told April 1st in a new episode of NBC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?*, keep in mind that it all might not have happened if it hadn’t been for Jewish Records Indexing–Poland <http://www.jri-poland.org>.

The coming episode of the documentary series features Academy Award-winner Paltrow, the U.S. born daughter of producer Bruce Paltrow (*St. Elsewhere, The White Shadow*). Her roots go back to a long line of rabbis named Paltrowicz from northeastern Poland and the towns of Suwałki, Łomża, and nearby shtetls.

The show’s researchers were able to tap into JRI–Poland’s online database as the starting point in documenting Paltrow’s ancestry. The Web site has 90 record entries for Paltrow’s ancestors and the *Who Do You Think You Are?* research team said: “JRI–Poland is a wonderful resource for anyone researching Jewish Polish ancestry and was invaluable during the research for the Gwyneth Paltrow episode.”

Founded in 1995, JRI–Poland has a global board, hundreds of volunteers serving thousands of researchers, funded by groups and genealogists around the world.

JRI–Poland is creating searchable online indices of Jewish records from current and former territories of Poland. The searchable database has indices to 4.2 million records from more than 550 towns, with thousands added every few months, vital records and censuses from the Polish State Archives and other sources both inside and outside of Poland. The database also includes army draft lists, cemetery burial indices, ghetto death records, birth, marriage and death announcements in newspapers in Poland, and more.

JRI–Poland has been recognized by the medical and scientific communities for the potential benefit for Ashkenazic families trying to trace medical histories, particularly those at increased risk for hereditary conditions and diseases. As a result of statistical analyses indicating a high incidence of medical and genetic abnormalities in individuals of Polish-Jewish descent, JRI–Poland is creating a finding aid for those who may need answers to medical-related questions or require bone marrow or other transplants. Because of this, JRI–Poland has received commendations from the Gift of Life Foundation and the National Marrow Donor Program.

JRI–Poland is an independent non-profit tax-exempt Organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Under special arrangement, the JRI–Poland Web site, mailing list, and database are hosted by JewishGen. JRI–Poland data is displayed on JewishGen as a service to researchers.

Stanley Diamond
Executive Director, Jewish Records Indexing–Poland

*Editor*—JRI–Poland does good work, and I’m glad to see them get this recognition.
*** NEW FORUMS AT POLISHORIGINS.COM ***

by Zenon Znamirowski

Editor—I received this announcement in an e-mail sent out to all registered with PolishOrigins.com, and I thought many of you would like to know what it says.

Today we have for you an invitation to explore three new forums initiated by our PolishOrigins community members Bill, Shellie, and Ute.

The new forums are:

* Polish Górals – Highlanders
* Poland and its people in old photographs and postcards
* Emigration

Below are personal introductions from the initiators and hosts of these forums.

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Polish Górals – Highlanders by Bill

Welcome, this forum is only for anyone who has connections with the extreme southern area of Poland (formally Galicia) at the foothills of the Tatra Mountains. This is the magical land of the Highlanders, the Górale.

The Górale are a group of indigenous people found along southern Poland, northern Slovakia, and in the region of Cieszyn Silesia in the Czech Republic as well as in Chicago, the seat of the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America.

I am Bill Rushin and I am the moderator for the Góral-Highlander Forum. I realize that this only includes a small portion of members of the PolishOrigins Forum. I will try to include items of interest pertaining to the colorful Górale who live at the foothills of the Tatra Mountains.

I am very familiar with the area from Nowy Targ to Zakopane as I still have immediate relatives living there as well as descendants in Chicago, IL. I also have four close friends who, like me, are working on family research in this area. I have an American friend who lives in Nowy Targ that teaches English to the students in Gronków, which is a great asset at times. He also owns a Bed and Breakfast if you are considering visiting the area.

I cannot do research for you but I may be able to answer a question for you. If I can’t help you, I will try to find an answer via one of my connections.
“The flatlands grow onions, the mountains grow men.”

Bill

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Poland and its people in old photographs and postcards by Shellie

Old photographs are a window to the past, providing us a glimpse of our ancestors in their homeland. They help us see our ancestors, their clothes, their homes, their family, and lives.

We now have a forum section devoted to showcasing old photos and postcards from Poland. If you have old photos from Poland, please share them with us. Tell us what you know about photo and its subject—especially where in Poland it was taken. For members who have no photos to share, we hope that someone will post old photos of people or places in your ancestral village and give you a chance to better imagine the life of your family in old Poland.

Whether you are new at exploring your family history or a seasoned veteran of genealogy, we can all agree that our old photographs are treasured pieces of our history. So dust off your family albums, scan those old photos from Poland, and share them with us. Or just come by and look around—whether you are just looking or contributing your photos, there’s always something new to see!

Shellie

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Emigration by Ute

Many of us at PolishOrigins are descendants of Polish emigrants who had left their home village or town in the hopes to find a better life for themselves and their children in another country. Some of us have researched their family history for many years and have already learned a lot about their ancestors and the country they came from, while others are still at the beginning of their research, struggling with family and place names, hard to read or incorrect records, and incomplete family stories that are conflicting with genealogy records and resources. We all have one thing in common—an interest in learning more about our ancestors, where they came from, what their life was like in their home village or town, and what caused them to leave their home country. Be it for economic, political, or social reasons, it was a big step leaving everything and everybody behind and making a new start in a foreign country.

This section of the forum is dedicated to the topic of emigration. I would like to invite you to share your knowledge and thoughts, links to relevant literature, movies, Web sites, and databases, and perhaps even family stories that have been passed along orally by your parents or grandparents. Each family has different stories, and we are all here to learn from each other.
Each contribution, big or small, is valuable and appreciated and can help us to better understand our ancestors’ life conditions and the factors that influenced their decision to leave their home country, temporarily or for good. Thank you.

Ute

PolishOrigins Forum is open to everyone who has some knowledge and is passionate about a specific subject related to the broad area of Polish genealogy and wants to share it with others. Just contact us by e-mail at <info@polishorigins.com> and we will discuss opening a new forum with YOU as a host and Resource Person on PolishOrigins Forum <http://forum.polishorigins.com/>.

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

8-9 April
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE
Springfield, Massachusetts

Among the presentations will be “The Road Less Traveled: Polish and Ukrainian Genealogical Sources,” Jonathan Shea and Matthew Bielawa; and “Lesser Known Resources in Poland: Church Archives and Other Sources,” Aleksandra Kacprzak.


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30 April
WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
Worcester, Massachusetts

2:30 p.m.

Professor Jonathan D. Shea will be giving a talk, “Researching Your Family Roots in Poland and Lithuania.”

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April 30 and May 1, 2011
POLISH FESTIVAL, HOUSTON, TEXAS

<http://houstonpolishfestival.org/>

[From a note Debbie Greenlee posted to the Poland-Roots mailing list.]

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May 7, 2011
2011 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Washington DC Family History Center
10000 Stoneybrook Drive
Kensington MD 20895

9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: James Sweany, Director, Local History & Genealogy Reading Room, Library of Congress. The Library of Congress: “Pursuing Your Family History in the National Library”

This conference is FREE of charge. Detailed descriptions can be found on our Web site: <www.wdcfhc.org>

LUNCH: Please bring a bag lunch that does not require refrigeration. We regret that we are not able to offer pre-paid lunches.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

-- Online registration at our Web site <www.wdcfhc.org> is preferred.
-- Phone: Call Family History Center at 301-587-0042.

SYLLABUS: A syllabus will be available on CD. Cost: $5.00. Payment by cash or check at registration desk.

CLASSES – CHOOSE ONE PER HOUR

OPENING SESSION & KEYNOTE SPEAKER: 9:00 – 9:50
“The Library of Congress: Pursuing Your Family History in the National Library”
Presented by: James Sweany, Director, Local History & Genealogy Reading Room

SESSION 1: 10:00-11:00
#1-1: Beginning Census Research – Lorraine Minor
#1-2: Planning a Family Reunion – Nathania Branch-Miles
#1-3: Research at the DAR Library – Julia Coldren-Walker
#1-4: Obituaries, A Treasure Trove – Adrian Gravelle
#1-5: Virtual Genealogy Education: Online Options – Angela McGhie
#1-6: A History of Ellis Island: Separating Myth from Reality – Tom Sadauskas

SESSION 2: 11:15 – 12:15
#2-1: Beginning African-American Research – Bill Shelton and Ed Washington
#2-2: Beyond the Death Certificate – Phyllis Legare
#2-3: A Genealogical Treasure Hunt in Federal Records – Angela McGhie
SESSION 3: 1:00 – 2:00
#3-1: How Did Your Family Get There and Why Did They Go? Migration Routes to 1850 – Sharon Hodges
#3-2: The 5 W’s of Genealogy: Preserving Family History – Roberta Benor
#3-3: Double Count: Find Ancestors Listed Twice in Census – Natonne Kemp
#3-4: FamilySearch Indexing – Mary Jean Sokolowsky
#3-5: Producing a Reliable Family History: An Appellate Judge Discusses Genealogical Evidence – Adrian Gravelle
#3-6: Native American Research – Margo Williams

SESSION 4: 2:15 – 3:15
#4-1: Using Federal Land Records – Bernice Bennett
#4-2: Saving Private Memories – Pamela Loos-Noji
#4-3: What Can I Expect to Find at the National Archives – Rebekah Fairbank
#4-4: Overcoming “Brick Walls” – Phyllis Legare
#4-5: Conducting an Effective Search on Ancestry.com – Sabrina Petersen

[Forwarded by Tom Sadauskas, who, you’ll notice, is giving one of the talks.]

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May 10, 2011
SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISTRICT LIBRARY
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, Illinois

Dr. Paul S. Valasek will present his talk on “Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian nor Hungarian.”

For additional information contact Tony Kierna, Genealogy Coordinator

<http://genealogywithtony.wordpress.com/>

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May 15, 2011

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING
“How Creative Filenames & Excel Pay Big Organizational & Research Dividends”— Robert M. Pine
2:00 p.m.
Social Hall of the PRCUA, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL
Do you have hundreds of scanned photos, FHC microfilm downloads, electronic records, and more, but have trouble quickly finding what you need? Have you found a couple hundred records with your surnames from your family town, spanning a century or more, but do not know how, or even if, they relate to each other or to you?

These are some of the common organizational problems Robert Pine will help you to unknot. His straightforward solutions range from using folder and file names to organize electronic data logically for easy identification and location, to building a highly flexible, multi-level Excel database for documenting, organizing, and correlating large amounts of raw event data for analysis.

With his handout he will walk you through samples from his own databases to illustrate these techniques and how you can take them home for immediate application to your needs.

Robert M. Pine – A lifetime Chicagoan, and graduate of St. Patrick HS and double graduate of De Paul University, he has been researching his Polish and Lithuanian roots for several years. Some of you may recognize him from his involvement in English immersion camps in Poland and Lithuania, and his article and poem in the Summer 2010 issue of Rodziny. His organizational techniques grew out of his background in math, physics, and computer programming, and the needs of his business consulting career. He has spoken on genealogy at the Family History Center in Naperville and other groups.

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May 28, 2011
PGS-CALIFORNIA MEETING
Los Angeles Family History Library

Research Assistance: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- 1 p.m. Class: TBA
- 2:30 p.m. General Meeting

Speaker: Annette Gathright Lecture: “Documents Online for Genealogy”

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June 5-10, 2011
GENEALOGY “SUMMER CAMP”

Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society

Genealogy “Summer Camp” is a unique program for adults offered by the Toronto Branch of
the Ontario Genealogical Society that brings out-of-town family historians to Toronto for an intensive week of tutorials and hands-on research at the city’s many archives and reference libraries. Local family historians are also welcome to participate as “day campers.” Some tutorials will emphasize Toronto sources, but most repositories have holdings from a much broader area, so researchers with ancestors anywhere in Ontario will benefit. We take full advantage of Toronto’s great public transit system and we keep the group small to allow lots of help from our local experts.

The 2011 Genealogy “Summer Camp” – scheduled for the week of June 5 to 10 – will be our 15th! More than 100 participants from England, right across Canada and many U.S. states have attended the 14 previous Summer Camps – some more than once!

The fee for 2011 is $220. This covers approximately 7 hours of lectures and tutorials, 25 hours of hands-on instruction and all worksheets and handouts.

For complete details, including lists of venues, resources and tutorials and accommodation information, and to download an application package, please visit <http://www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summercamp.html>, call 416-733-2608 (voice mail) or e-mail info@torontofamilyhistory.org.

Applications should be postmarked by 1 May 2011.

Gwyneth Pearce, Ontario Genealogical Society - Toronto Branch

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Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1, 2011

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONFERENCE
PUZZLED BY THE PAST? PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER!

Among the features offered at this year’s conference will be a day-long series of lectures on all aspects of Polish-American Genealogical Research Methodology, presented by Jonathan D. Shea and Matthew Bielawa. [Editor—You’re not going to find two better-informed and more articulate speakers on this subject!]

There will also be an optional Polish Chicago Bus Tour on Friday, September 30. For more information, visit the PGSA Web site <http://www.pgsa.org>.

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14 – 15 October
POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE
Central Connecticut State University
New Britain, CT
Presentations at this event will be given by an impressive array of speakers, including Stephen S.
Barthel, Matthew Bielawa, Daniel Bućko, Romuald K. Byczkiewicz, Donna Pointkouski, Patrick Raycraft, Thomas Sadauskas, Jonathan Shea, and our own Paul S. Valasek!


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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<http://www.mocavo.com>

A recent issue of *EOGN* included Dick Eastman’s advice: “I suggest you remember this Web site: Mocavo.com. I bet you are going to hear a lot about it in the next few weeks and months. In fact, I’d suggest you try it right now. I’ve been using the site for a while during its testing and have been very impressed. This thing actually works!” What’s special about Mocavo is that it does free searches of genealogy Web sites, and only of those sites, looking for the words that you specify. That means it’s more likely to find hits in exactly the kind of context that will interest you.

<http://nancy.polishsite.us/PilotInstrfr.htm>

On the Poland-Roots mailing list, member “Mrs. Mick” posted a note saying this Web site was a big help understanding how to use the map of Poland available at <http://www.mapa.szukacz.pl>. The Mapa.szukacz site is a great source of info, if you know how to use it and aren’t deterred by the fact that everything is in Polish. The site above will help you deal with that.

<http://theonlinephotographer.typepad.com/the_online_photographer/2011/02/inkjet-print-survivability.html>
<http://theonlinephotographer.typepad.com/the_online_photographer/2011/02/survivability-part-ii.html>

Maralyn A. Wellauer-Lenius sent out a note suggesting these recent columns on the blog The Online Photographer provide a lot of good information about the permanence of inkjet-printed photographs and the long-term survival of photographs in general.

<http://vilnews.com>

On the Lithuanian Genealogy mailing list, Lee Courtney posted this link to an online Lithuanian newspaper, describing it thus: “It has a little bit of everything in it. Interesting and resourceful.”

<http://www.kinematographie.de/POLEN.HTM>

On the Poland-Roots list, Eugene Wiese posted his translation of a note he’d seen on another list, posted by a Renate Fennes. It included this link and described it as a source where “you can find alphabetically sorted the names of 1,205 persons who, in accordance with Article
Section 4 of the Versailles Treaty, opted for Polish citizenship and were required to leave Germany.” Renate gave permission to forward her note to other lists, and we appreciate Eugene’s taking the time to translate it so I can pass it along to you.

Another recent issue of EOGN announced, “Geneapro.com has launched a new free Web site designed to bring together experienced genealogy researchers with people looking for accurate historical ancestral records and information. You won’t find any genealogy records on the site. Instead, you will find contact information for people who are willing to find the information for you. Most of these researchers do charge fees for their efforts.”

Chris Bukoski sent out a note saying, “Here’s the link to the tutorial on how to index records for the LDS.” I think as many people as possible should check this out and see if they want to participate in this project. If you always sit around and leave it for the other guy to do something, you can’t gripe when the other guy does it wrong!

On the PolandRoots list, the list coordinator, Marie Dallas, wrote, “Debbie Greenlee has transcribed tombstones for the cemetery in Biecz (old woj. Krosno) and has donated these transcriptions to PolandGenWeb.” The link above is to her latest contribution.

In another note on that list, Marie also recognized the efforts of Jim Tye, who donated his transcriptions of marriage records for Nieciecza (1800-1870) and Konary (1800-1861), in Małopolskie province, to PolandGenWeb’s Transcribed Records project. The links are given above.

On the German-language Posen mailing list, Günter Mielczarek posted a note saying one can download Wojciech Kętrzyński’s 1879 book Nazwy miejscowe polskie Prus Zachodnich, Wschodnich i Pomorza wraz z przezwiskami niemieckimi [Polish Place Names of the Provinces East and West Prussia and Pomerania Along with Their German Names] for free here. It’s in DjVu format, which usually works beautifully with Web browsers to let you view compressed graphics.

Debbie Greenlee announced on the Polish Genius list that she has updated her Web site
with a bunch of photos from her most recent rip to Poland. She also has uploaded her trip diary under the section “My Trips.” Her trip diaries are great reads for those who want to know what visiting Poland is like, and to get some good tips on do’s and don’ts. Take a look!

http://www.bociany.edu.pl/

We’re approaching the time of year when the storks return to Poland, and on the Polish Genius list, Roman Kaluźniacki posted a note explaining that the streaming video and audio feed from the nest in Ustroń, Poland will once be again be available at this site. I don’t spend hours on end watching this each year, but I do enjoy looking in every so often, just to see how it’s going.

http://www.majdanek.eu/

On the JewishGen newsgroup, Jan Meisels Allen cited information from the World Jewish Congress that the Polish government has asked museums located at former Nazi death camps to replace the standard Polish Internet suffix, .pl, with more neutral endings such as .com and .eu. It’s one more step being taken to make people realize the camps may have been located in Poland, but they were set up and run by Nazi occupiers—in other words, they were NOT “Polish death camps”? The Majdanek site, the URL of which appears above, is one that has already made the change. It’s a small step, but one in the right direction!


On the German-language Posen list, Andreas Schneider mentioned this site, where you can download scans of metrical records for Protestant inhabitants of the Nekla area, 1819-1835. Nekla is in Września powiat of Wielkopolskie province.

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