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

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*** THE JOY AND DREAD OF A NEW YEAR ***

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

As I sit here watching the approach of a New Year, I find myself asking, “How can it possibly be 2019 already?” That would mean our twin girls must be getting ready to turn nineteen – impossible! If I could sing, I would break into a rendition of “Sunrise, Sunset.”

If I’m honest, I have to admit facing 2019 with equal parts of joy and dread. With each day, I find there are new things to be thrilled about, and new things that make me say “This can’t go on!” In other words, I’m going through life feeling pretty much the same as every other human who ever lived on this earth.

It’s kind of bizarre to think there was a time we wouldn’t make a long-distance phone call until after a certain hour, because it was too expensive; we had to wait till the rates went down. Now, I can’t remember the last time I even thought about that. Yet the same advances that let me call anyone any time also allow robocallers to call me any time, to try to con me out of money or find some other way to crap all over me. Talk about a mixed blessing.

That same good/bad dichotomy shows up in all aspects of life, including genealogy. To someone who first got interested in the field back in the 1980s, it is beyond amazing that we can actually get online and see scans of millions of documents from other nations. I’m especially stunned when I see people post notes on Facebook and mention the names of ancestors they want to learn about – and a few minutes later some volunteer posts a note with links to indexes or databases providing info on those exact people! Of course, this works in some cases and not in others; but it baffles me that it works at all.

The more I think about it, the more Facebook strikes me as a pretty good example of the joy and dread of life these days. In among all the cat videos, photos of food other people ate, and hideous political lies and hatred, there are constant posts from helpful people who know what they’re talking about and are glad to share. I go in a matter of second from despairing for all mankind to feeling a warm glow. Anyone who pays any attention to the news at all knows how much harm Facebook has done. Yet there is no denying that many people who use Facebook do so in a way that inspires admiration.

I guess what it all comes down to is, we’ll experience a lot of moments of wonder and joy this next year – if we don’t destroy ourselves. Still, if we listened to all the people croaking doom non-stop, we’d never dare crawl out from under our beds – and that’s just the guys on the Weather Channel!

So I’ll just wish you all “Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku.” And as a famous Polish pope once said, “Nie lękajcie się!” (Have no fear!)
*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: Publication of *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography*, Volume 3

*Editor* – John Dobson of the East European Genealogical Society sent a note out announcing the publication of this book. I thought I should pass it along for those with Ukrainian ancestry, as chances are very good at least some of their relatives lived in Canada. Congratulations to John, EEGS, and all the volunteers for the successful completion of this work!

The East European Genealogical Society has just published the long-awaited third and final volume of Vladimir J. Kaye’s *Dictionary of Ukrainian Canadian Biography*. The work, which was completed in 1965 but remained unpublished for over half a century, is now issued with added indexes of surnames and ancestral place names.

This volume, covering 295 settlers who arrived in what is now Saskatchewan between 1892 and 1904, complements the volumes previously issued for Manitoba (1975) and Alberta (1984). Kaye’s trilogy is the result of the painstaking and expert collation of many sources, some of which remain unpublished and largely unknown to this day. As the historian W. L. Morton wrote of the first volume, “The reader will be impressed ... with the monumental character of Dr. Kaye’s work, and its utility as a tool for future research.”

The EEGS is proud to publish this book, which represents a major addition to the genealogical literature of Saskatchewan. It has been made possible by the efforts of many volunteers, to whom the Society is indebted.

The book may be ordered online at <https://www.mcnallyrobinson.com/9781772802214/vladimir-j-kaye/dict-of-ukrainian-canadian-biog?blnBKM=1>. It will also be available in McNally-Robinson stores at the Winnipeg, Manitoba (Grant Park) and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan locations, but as only limited amounts of stock will be kept on hand at a time, the store recommends that customers call or email ahead to have it set aside. Please see the store’s website for contact details.

*Editor* – In case that URL doesn’t work, try this TinyURL: <https://tinyurl.com/y8lqkfmh>.

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*** PGSA: 2019 TRIPS TO POLAND ***

*by Robert M. Pine, PGSA Board of Directors*

*Editor* – Eileen Carter of PGSA asked if we could include a short note on PGSA’s upcoming tours of Poland, in partnership with PolishOrigins. I am always happy to help...
spread word of such events! Here’s the info Robert Pine, a member of PGSA’s Board of Directors, sent.

Hello everyone!

The first of the PGSA 2019 genealogy tours to Poland is FILLED & CLOSED!

All tours have reservations. So, we are sending you a quick reminder to consider reserving your place as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to write us with your questions at <tours@pgsa.org>.

Visit the itineraries for all tours at: <https://pgsa.org/pgsa-2019-genealogy-tours-to-poland/>

For a colorful video of sights seen on a Prussian Partition tour, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnlRp4MSy1o&feature=youtu.be>

Have a wonderful experience in Poland!

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*** MICHAEL TOBIAS IS LEAVING JEWISHGEN.ORG ***

The 19 December 2018 digest of the newsgroup JewishGen included a post by Avraham Grol, Director of JewishGen.org, that praised researcher Michael Tobias for more than two decades of work as a volunteer and staff member of JewishGen. It appears Michael is retiring from the staff at the end of this month. I don’t believe I’ve had the pleasure of meeting him – if I did, it was many years ago – but I have constantly noticed and heard of his contributions to genealogical research since the 1990s. I think it’s only proper to praise him for what he’s done in the past and will undoubtedly do in the future, and that’s true even if you have no Jewish ancestry. As I often say (and will keep saying), the efforts of Jewish researchers to develop resources in territory historically associated with Poland benefit everyone, not just Jews.

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*** PGSCTNE BULLETIN ***

I was pleased to receive an email copy of the December 2018 Bulletin from the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast. It was short and sweet, with some announcements and a question-and-answer feature. This is a welcome addition to the field – the Society has some extraordinarily knowledgeable members, including Jonathan Shea and Matthew Bielawa – and I hope PGSCTNE can continue to send it out. I did not see any info on signing up for the Bulletin, but I’m pretty sure you get it by joining the Society. You can learn more about that here:
*** 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>.

Also worth remembering is the tip Henry Szot shared with us in the April 2018 issue of Gen Dobry!

Here is an easy way to find out if an index has been updated.
On the top right of results pages, there is a list of options (opcje). The last item is Wyszukaj tylko indeksy z ostatnich (search only indexes in the last), with a choice of 1, 3, 7, 14, 31, and 60 days. This permits receiving results only in the chosen time period.

Example of use:
1) select the search page icon,
2) select świętokrzyskie,
3) select parish Sokolina and the wyszukaj option with 31 days,
4) if any, only results entered for the last 31 days will be shown.
A surname might be added to further limit results.


22-12-2018
Bytoń (KP) – M 1880-85 (expansion), indexed by Krystyna Domańska - Bzdak
Błażowa (m. Lecka) (PK) – U 1805-26, indexed by Anna Kocój-Twardowska
Drobin (MZ) – U 1868, 71-72, indexed by Gilberto Magroski
Gliwice Wszystkich Świętych (SL) – U 1865-67, indexed by Jertom
Janów (PL) – UMZ 1849-64, indexed by Radosław Karabowicz
Kramsk (WP) – M 1894, indexed by 62_610
Kłobuck (SL) – M 1740-57, indexed by Stanisław Jegier
Łukomie (MZ) – UZ 1914, indexed by Piotr Baciański, checked by Piotr Romanowski
Momina (SK) – U 1890-96, indexed by Krzysztof Kołwzan
Odechów (MZ) – M 1881-82, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak
Pińczów (SK) – U 1911-14, indexed by Ola Rosowiecka
Policzna (MZ) – UMZ 1826-35, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Przyszwice (SL) – Z 1800- 53, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła
Pułtusk (MZ) – U 1841-42, indexed by Radosław Frączak
Rogotów (MZ) – M 1915-17, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Warszawa-Jazdów (WA) – UMZ 1815-16, indexed by Artur Godlewski
Wawiórka (BR) – U 1797-1818, M 1819-1820, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart
Wilno, śś. Franciszka i Bernarda (LT) – Z 1915, indexed by Bożena Tylingo
Wiskitki (ewang.) (MZ) – Z 1885, indexed by Katarzyna Pasik
Wąsosz (PL) – M 1920-30, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel

21-12-2018
Biała Rawska (LD) – UMZ 1916, MZ 1918-19,21, indexed by Marek Delert
Brześć Kujawski (KP) – M 1820-29,46-67, indexed by Michał Golubiński
Kleszczele (Uniate parish) (PL) – U 1839, indexed by Walenty Adamiec
Kłomnice (SL) – U 1886-87, indexed by Elżbieta Stachwiuk
Mąkoszyn (WP) – UZ 1800-1813 M 1800-1814, indexed by Michał Golubiński
Nietrzanowo (WP) – M 1796-1840, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Obryte (MZ) – U 1784-94, indexed by Rafal Albiński
Ostrówite (KP) – UZ 1826-29, M 1826-28, indexed by Monika Blumberg
Ostrówki (UK) – U 1827, 1829-49, 1851, 1853-54, 1856-65, indexed by Bożena Krajewska i
Danuta Wojtowicz

20-12-2018
Baldrzychów (LD) – UMZ 1808-10, Incognito
Bejsce (SK) – M 1823, indexed by wld Jan
Cielądz (LD) – UMZ 1813, indexed by Bogusław Nagórski
Kutno (Protestant) (LD) – UMZ 1916-17, indexed by Józef Dębowski
Kutno (Orthodox) (LD) – UMZ 1888, UM 1908, indexed by Józef Dębowski
Kutno-Łąkoszyn (LD) – UMZ 1916-17, indexed by Józef Dębowski
Płazów (PK) – M 1785-1817, 1819-20, 1833-34, 1839, 1841, 1843, 1847-48, 1850; Z 1785-
1850, 1857, 1863, 1866-70, 1872-75, indexed by Grzegorz Żychowski
Rosochowaciec (UK) – U 1816-25; M 1817-19, 1821-23, 1825; Z 1816-17, 1819-25, indexed by
Marek Niedostojny
Strzyżawka (UK) – UMZ 1902, indexed by Janusz Kamiński
Warta (LD) – UMZ 1826, indexed by Martyna Pankiewicz
Wolbórz (LD) – UM 1872-73, indexed by Bożena Kaźmierczak

19-12-2018
Bielsk Podlaski (PL) – Z 1813-14, indexed by Paweł Hryniewicki
Falków (SK) – UZM 1872-73, indexed by Joanna Bugajska
Łączki Kucharskie (PK) – UMZ 1816, indexed by Szymon Król
Szpetal Górny (KP) – U 1875-79, indexed by Jan Berens

15-12-2018
Boleszczyn (WP) – U 1878, indexed by Katarzyna Kwos Leska
Odechów (MZ) – M 1873-74, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak
Pniewnik (MZ) – U 1910-12, indexed by Barbara Sikorska
Proboszczewice (MZ) – SkU 1639-1808, indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Warszawa św. Trójca (WA) – Z 1891, indexed by Adam Rozenau
Wiskitki (MZ) – Z 1856, indexed by Tomasz Frynia

14-12-2018
Kije (SK) – M 1922-28, indexed by Jacek Sławiński
Łódź św. Krzyż (LD) – U 1901, indexed by Janusz Kucharczyk
Osjaków (LD) – Z 1776,90-91, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Pawłów (SK) – Z 1901-14, indexed by Andrzej Gawlik
Żarnów (LD) – Z 1921-23, indexed by Krystyna Stanisławska

13-12-2018
Bełdów (LD) – UZ 1881-92, indexed by Urszula Świerczyńska
Czułczycy (LB) – Z 1939-45, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart
Kurzelów (SK) – UMZ 1881-82, indexed by Krystyna Stanisławska
Pińczów (SK) – Z 1757-66, indexed by Grażyna Radzik
Przyszewice (SL) – U 1800-21, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła
Skalbmierz (SK) – UMZ 1912-17, indexed by Jacek Obałek

12-12-2018
Dąbie Kujawskie (KP) – M 1915-17, indexed by Jan Berens
Grochów (LD) – UM 1916-17, Z 1916, indexed by Tomek Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Irządze (SL) – U 1822-25, M 1808-25, Z 1821-25, indexed by Krycha
Jadów (MZ) – Z 1878-91, indexed by Rafał Krasieńko
Mogielnica (MZ) – M 1874-90, indexed by Krzysztof Jach
Momina (SK) – Z 1890-1906, indexed by Krzysztof Kołwzan
Pniewnik (MZ) – Z 1911-13, indexed by Barbara Sikorska
Pułtuszk (MZ) – U 1832-36, indexed by Radosław Frączak
Rogowo (KP) – U 1828,41,52, indexed by Mary Ann Graham
Ręczno (LD) – U 1735-53, indexed by A.Ch.
Środa Wielkopolska (WP) – Z 1837-48, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Świerczyn (KP) – UMZ 1729-1808, indexed by Michał Golubiński
Unierżyż (MZ) – SkM 1670-1808, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart

11-12-2018
Barysz (UK) – Z 1895, indexed by Ewa Marciniak
Barysz (UK) – Z 1815, 1837, 1841, 1872-78, 1880-88, 1900-05, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Baldrychów (LD) – UMZ 1841-50, Incognito
Bałtów (SK) – UMZ 1881-85, indexed by Roman Burczyk
Ciełąd (LD) – UMZ 1812, indexed by Bogusław Nagórski
Futoma (m. Futoma) (PK) – Z 1852-97, indexed by Rafał Łukasz Zioło
Hulewicze (UK) – Z 1828-34, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Koropiec (UK) – Z 1737-40, 1749-56, 1859-75, 1827, 1837, 1841, 1873-74, 1911, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Korościatyn (UK) – Z 1911, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Kowalówka (UK) – Z 1872-78, 1880-92, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Lewiczyn (MZ) – UMZ 1808-29, 41-50, UZ 61-75, indexed by Teresa Mikołajewska
Łódź NMP (LD) – U 1883, indexed by magnowa
Łódź św. Kostka (LD) – Z 1919, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz
Łódź-Retkinia NSJ (LD) – U 1916, indexed by Agnieszka Kamieniak
Mikołajów (UK) – U 1870-77, 1879, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Monasterzyska (UK) – Z 1777-99, 1820, 1827, 1837, 1866, 1872-78, 1880-97, 1899-1901, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Nowostawce (UK) – Z 1911, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Piotrowice (gm. Włodzisław) (SK) – UMZ 1881-86, indexed by Bożena Błaut, Renata Majewska
Potok Złoty (UK) – Z 1874, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Sorocko (UK) – Z 1909, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Szczejków (UK) – Z 1911, indexed by Bożena Balawender
Twardogóra-Festenberg (DS) – M 1900-01, indexed by Michael Schaetzlein
Uście Zielone (UK) – Z 1872-78, 1880-97, 1899-1903, indexed by Bożena Balawender

10-12-2018
Bogdanów (LD) – M 1919, indexed by Marcin Dobrzyński
Borszewice (LD) – UMZ 1825, indexed by Felberg_slawomir
Brzeziny (LD) – Z 1800-02, indexed by Henryk Kołuszkowski
Dobre (MZ) – U 1896, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Dąbie Kujawskie (KP) – U 1863-70, indexed by Jan Berens
Grodzisk Mazowiecki (MZ) – M 1810-19, indexed by Tomasz Frynia
Łagów (MZ) – U 1906-15, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Mohylew (BR) – M 1873-1882, indexed by Rafał Albiński
Piekary Śląskie - Dąbrówka Wielka (SL) – M 1908-12, indexed by Leszek Chrobok
Płońsk (MZ) – Z 1879-84, indexed by Karol Szulc
Sadłowo (KP) – U 1730-63, M 1730,32-41,43-46,48-54, Z 1730-54, indexed by Mary Ann Graham
Trębki (MZ) – U 1886-88, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Wieluń (LD) – UMZ 1909, indexed by Danuta Mieżyńska
Wodynie (MZ) – UZ 1851-55, indexed by Hanna Kołodziejska

09-12-2018
Czernikowo (KP) – UMZ 1808-12, indexed by Hanna Uszyńska
Goszczyn (MZ) – Z 1916 (expanded), indexed by Bronisław Popkowicz, checked by Teresa Mikołajewska
Kraków - Podgórze św. Józefa (MP) – Z 1815-19, indexed by Dagnara Kulig
Mieronice (SK) – Z 1777-92, indexed by Renata Majewska
Piotrków Kujawski (KP) – M 1826 (expanded), 27, 38, indexed by Krystyna Domańska - Bzdak

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Racławice (MP) – UMZ 1819-22, indexed by Barbara Piaskowska

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Bieżeń (MZ) – M 1775-1807, Z 1765-1807, indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Radom NSJ (MZ) – Z 1938-39,41-43 (expanded), indexed by Mikołaj Wilk
Tczów (MZ) – M 1938, indexed by Marcin Różycyki
Trębki (MZ) – U 1868-69, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Trębki (MZ) – U 1877, indexed by Krzysztof Frydrysiak, checked by Tomasz Bogiel

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Błażowa (m. Lecka) (PK) – Z 1861-1904, indexed by Anna Kocój-Twardowska
Chojnata (LD) – UMZ 1882-85, indexed by Andrzej Kalski
Komorniki (LD) – U 1851-60, Z 1849-60, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Koźle (LD) – Z 1808-09,11-19, indexed by Mariusz Dąbrowski
Łagów (MZ) – M 1933-44, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Nur (MZ) – U 1849, indexed by Beth Whitson checked by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Odechów (MZ) – M 1868-72, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak
Policzna (MZ) – UMZ 1810-25, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Racławice (pow. miechowski) (MP) – U 1906-17, indexed by artekm
Słońce (MZ) – M 1866-70, indexed by Anna Poprawa
Szamarzewo (WP) – U 1866-77, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Uniejów (LD) – M 1842, indexed by Mariusz Dąbrowski
Zadzim (LD) – U 1886-88, indexed by karolinaw
Zwoleń (MZ) – M 1881, 1916, Z 1916-35, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński

29-11-2018
Dobre (MZ) – U 1895, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Mikołajów (UK) – M 1722-53, 1755-83, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Szośki (MZ) – U 1698-1725, indexed by Jacek Paż
Trębki (MZ) – U 1870-71, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Warszawa-Jazdów (WA) – UMZ 1820-21, indexed by Artur Godlewski

28-11-2018
Bądkowo (KP) – M 1871-80, indexed by Jan Berens
Bienków (LD) – U 1826-30, indexed by Jacek Kłosiński
Czarnocin (SK) – UZ 1915-16, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk
Goszczyce (MZ) – M 1880-1916 (expanded), indexed by Bronisław Popkowicz, checked by
Teresa Mikołajewska
Goszczyce (MZ) – M 1875-79 (expanded), indexed by Krzysztof Jach, checked by Bronisław Popkowicz
Jedlnia (MZ) – U 1829-42, indexed by Justyna Sito
Łódź św. St. Kostka (LD) – M 1919, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz
Sokołów Podlaski (MZ) – U 1902-06, indexed by Paweł Kwiatkowski
27-11-2018
Dmosin (LD) – UMZ 1840-44, indexed by Wojciech Borkowski
Goszczyn (MZ) – U 1857-58 (aktualizacja), indexed by Bronisław Popkowicz, Rafał Traczyk
Goszczyn (MZ) – U 1916 (expanded), indexed by Bronisław Popkowicz, checked by Teresa Mikołajewska
Grabno (LD) – UZ 1810, indexed by Magdalena Berdzik
Goszczyn (MZ) – U 1857-58 (aktualizacja), indexed by Bronisław Popkowicz, checked by Teresa Mikołajewska
Grabno (LD) – UMZ 1831-40, Incognito
Kociszew (LD) – Z 1814-20,25, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski
Przyszowice (SL) – U 1854-74, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła
Wędziagoła (LT) – U 1706-08, indexed by Jacek Perkowski

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Bałdrzychów (LD) – UMZ 1831-40, Incognito
Czarnocin (SK) – U 1890-96, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk
Jastrząb (MZ) – Z 1915-22, indexed by Mikołaj Wilk
Korytnica (UK) – U 1843-45, 1854, 1858 (indexed and supplemented), indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz
Leźnica Wielka (LD) – Z 1776-94, indexed by Marcin Socha
Meżyrów (UK) – U 1860-65; MZ 1860-64, indexed by Beata Tchorzewska
Ostrowite (KP) – UZ 1835-39, indexed by Monika Blumberg
Siennica (MZ) – U 1878-85, indexed by Marta Walczak
Suchedniów (SK) – MZ 1918, indexed by Halina Kroner
Suserz (MZ) – UMZ 1894, indexed by Barbara Raniewicz
Świsłocz (BR) – UMZ 1797-1805, indexed by Alicja Rybalko
Trębki (MZ) – U 1872-73, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska

25-11-2018
Bogdanów (LD) – U 1889-95, 1902-04, indexed by Mateusz Gieras
Chełmo (LD) – M 1874-78, indexed by bogdan030
Deszno - Posada Górna (gr-kat) (PK) – U 1784-1847, 1849-1900, indexed by Grzegorz Zuzak
Krynki (PL) – U 1802-18 (aktualizacja), 1819-25, indexed by Margaret Stasikowski, checked by Alicja Rybalko
Książ Mały (MP) – UMZ 1875-80, indexed by Renata Majewska
Łączki Kucharskie (m. Glinik) (PK) – M 1890-92, indexed by Szymon Król
Mikołajów (UK) – M 1784-1818, 1823-27, 1830-32, 1834-39, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Pniewnik (MZ) – M 1912-17, indexed by Barbara Sikorska
Puchały (PL) – UMZ 1833, indexed by Witold Trzeciak
Puchały (PL) – Z 1904-05, indexed by Ewa Marczeewska
Rajgród (PL) – M 1813-32a, indexed by Miroslaw Bronakowski, checked by Magdalena Wróbel
Sadłowo (KP) – U 1832-37, M 1832-48,68, Z 1832-36,43,64, indexed by Mary Ann Graham
Szudziałowo (PL) – M 1826, Z 1821-26, indexed by Tomasz Urlich
Warszawa św. Aleksander (WA) – Z 1929, indexed by Aleksandra Pawłowska
Żerczyce (par. unicka) (PL) – U 1815-23, indexed by Michał Wysocki

24-11-2018
Biechowo (WP) – Z 1817-40, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Bukówno (MZ) – Z 1868-1913, indexed by Aleksandra Piętak
Dobre (MZ) – U 1894, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Gorzów Śląski USC (OP) – M 1874-85, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Trębki (MZ) – U 1880-81, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Wieluń (LD) – UMZ 1908, indexed by Danuta Mieżyńska
Wodzisław Śląski (ewang) (SL) – M 1791-1815, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Zielona Ciechanowska (MZ) – U 1879-89, indexed by Barbara Staniak

23-11-2018
Izbica Kujawska (KP) – U 1911-14, indexed by Jan Berens
Komorniki (LD) – U 1843-50,1916-17, M 1879-89,1916, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Krasnosielec-Sielec (MZ) – M 1871-80 (expanded), indexed by Maryla Celmer
Kruszyn (KP) – M 1912-14, indexed by Jan Berens
Łopatyn (UK) – UMZ 1817-20, 1822-26, 1835-40, indexed by Grzegorz Wojciechowski
Łączki Kucharskie (m. Glinik) (PK) – Z 1881, 1885, 1888, indexed by Szymon Król
Mazowesz (KP) – U 1906-10, indexed by Jarosław Czarkowski
Mnin (SK) – SkZ 1938-45, indexed by Danisha
Nowa Brzeźnica (LD) – U 1826, indexed by Iwona Tomaszewska
Nowy Dwór (BR) – U 1848-60, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart
Pniewnik (MZ) – U 1906-09, indexed by Barbara Sikorska
Potworów (MZ) – Z 1914-18, indexed by Krzysztof Jach
Rzgów (LD) – U 1841-67, indexed by Elżbieta Misiewicz
Szpetal Górny (KP) – UZ 1896-98,1904, M 1904, indexed by Krzysztof Kamiński
Warszawa-Wola św. Stanisław (WA) – U 1849-55, Z 1848-55, indexed by Ewa Czerkawska
Wieniec (KP) – U 1757-63, indexed by Janson
Zemborzyn (SK) – SkZ 1942-44,46, indexed by Danisha
Żurominek (Żuromin Kapitulny) (MZ) – Z 1861-72, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz

************ 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.


- Lwów University Records: Jewish Medical Students, Andrew Zalewski
- History through Genealogy, Valerie Schatzker

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• The Stanisławów Holocaust, Michał Majewski
• In My Grandfather’s Words: Postcard from Kolomyja, Christina Craig
• Courage and Fortitude: From Nadwórna to America, Lily Winiger Bink
• A Journey to Nadwórna, Steven S. Turner
• Researcher Corner: A Galician Murder Mystery, Tony Kahané
• Map Corner: Nadwórna 1847 Field Sketch, Jay Osborn

• DNA Testing: Hot Trend – How Do You Choose?, Carol Genung
• Plan Your Way to Research Success, Angel Packer McGhie, CG
• FGS 2019: Come Home to Our Washington, DC, Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, FUGA
• Crafting History: A Creative Idea for Societies, Mary Kircher Roddy
• Develop a Hands-on Learning Experience for Your Society, J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA
• Get Acquainted with the New FGS Website
• Ethics & Standards: Drawing the Line, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
• Next Generation: Just Get to It: Write about You!, Shannon Combs-Bennett
• Records, Preservation & Access: Arkansas Adoptees, Civil War Photo Project & More, Linda McCleary, MLS
• Forensic Genealogy: Types of Forensic Genealogy Cases, Helen Haldeman Daglas

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

Saturday, 19 January 2019

THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA ANNUAL MEETING
Gasthof Zur Gemutlichket • 2300 University Ave NE • Minneapolis MN 55418
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon cost $25. Agenda includes:
- Election of Officers
- Outstanding Achievement Award
- General Announcements
- Organizational information
- Thankful recognition

Come and be a vital part of this important meeting. Also enjoy the renewing of older friendships and making new friends. Door prizes will be given. If you plan to attend, please contact Rick Thiessen at his e-mail <rtheissen@comcast.net> or by phone, 651-739-1490, to confirm.

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PGSA GENERAL MEETING  
17 February 2019, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location – Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

Topic – “Basics of DNA Testing/Autosomal Testing” – DNA testing for ancestry has taken off in the mainstream direct to consumer testing market. Although advertisements in today’s media are now commonplace, deciding on which test to take, which company to use, navigating DNA testing company websites, interpreting results, and contacting matches can be challenging. Let Robert from DNA Explorers demystify the process with easy to understand language, stories and humor to entertain and empower attendees with the information they need to better explore, what is on the market and their own DNA results to break down genealogical brick walls.

Part 1: (30 minutes) The Basics of DNA Testing for Ancestry: This presentation covers DNA types, tests available, guide to the big three testing companies and what to expect for your money.

Part 2: (60 minutes) Navigating Autosomal DNA Results and Contacting Matches: This presentation covers the Family Finder and Relative Finder Test Results, Navigating Searches and Contacting Matches.

Speaker – Robert Sliwinski, M.S. Biologist and Genetic Genealogist - DNA Explorers. Robert is the founder of DNA Explorers, a DNA for ancestry consulting service that provides easy to understand research reports for clients. Robert lectures in an easy to understand way (with a little bit of humor) on DNA testing basics to genealogy associations and clubs in the Midwest. He also creates slide presentations for family reunions so that clients can share their DNA results. Robert is a volunteer administrator for several projects at Family Tree DNA and has published articles in the Polish Genealogical Society of America’s journal Rodziny. Robert can be found on Facebook under DNA Explorers.

This meeting, including the presentation at the Algonquin Area Public Library, is open to the public. It will also be offered online as a free Webinar to members. To defray costs, non-members will be charged a $10 fee. 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.

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Saturday, 9 February 2019

FREE LECTURE AT CPAA ON POLISH DOCUMENTS  
Central Connecticut State University • Elihu Burritt Library, Rare Book Room (2nd Floor)  
2 p.m.

The PGSCTNE will be sponsoring a lecture on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Snow date will be Sunday, February 10, 2019. It will be held at Central Connecticut State University, Elihu Burritt Library.
Library, Rare Book Room (2nd Floor) at 2 p.m.

The Lecture is free and light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and admission will be based on the order in which we receive your registration e-mail. If you decide not to attend, please inform us so we can give your space to the next person on the waiting list.

The Polish Heritage Book collection and Connecticut Polish American Archives (CPAA) are located in the Elihu Burritt Library at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain. The CPAA is a repository of documents related to the history of the Polish American community in the United States, with a special emphasis on the history of Polish Americans in Connecticut and New England. The core of the collection consists of records of Polish American organizations, societies, and institutions. The majority of the records pertain to local chapters of national institutions.

In addition to these records and papers, the CPAA houses the Polish American periodical collection, Polish American publications (non-serial) collection, and a Polish American anniversary and ephemeral imprints collection. The anniversary booklet collection consists of occasional booklets, programs and other smaller ephemeral publications issued by Polish American parishes and local organizations, most of them based in New England, and from other parts of the United States and Canada. Materials in the archives are from the 1870s to the present.

To Register, please e-mail your Name, Address and Phone # to Diane Szepanski at <szepanski3@cox.net> or call Diane at 860-919-6333.

27 February – 2 March 2019

ROOTS TECH 2019
Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City

For the list of programs to be live-streamed from the 2019 Roots Tech conference, see: <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake/live-stream-schedule>

Or for more information on the conference itself, go to:

<https://www.rootstech.org/>

[From the 16 December 2018 issue of Nu? What’s New?]

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***


The 3 December 2018 issue of Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN] gave this link where you can see a list of presentations from the MyHeritage LIVE 2018 Conference in
Oslo, Norway. The list includes links to the video. Eastman added that “all presentations were made in English.”

<https://tinyurl.com/FHDZeroDollar>

The 9 December 2018 issue of Nu? What’s New? mentioned an essay from Family History Daily on the top four costs family historians face and how to avoid them. The above link will take you to the article.

<http://www.bagnowka.pl/>

The same issue of Nu? announced that Tomasz Wiśniewski of Białystok had been awarded the 2018 POLIN Poland Award by the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. Wiśniewski has received a lot of recognition for his websites and contributions. The above link leads to one site with old maps, info on cemeteries in Poland, and photos from the Holocaust period. He also runs the site <https://www.jewishbialystok.pl/EN>. As is so often true of sites devoted to Jewish research in Poland, there is a lot of information there that can benefit researchers with no Jewish ancestry (and don’t be too sure your family includes none!).


Both EOGN and Nu mentioned that the Polish government will place border markers in some 1,400 Jewish cemeteries in Poland. The agreement stated that “all the cemeteries will be mapped and placed in a database that will be available to the public.” The above link explains more.

<https://www.photopea.com/>

The 10 December issue of EOGN discussed a program called Photopea, a free alternative to Photoshop. You can visit the site at the link given above, or you can read Eastman’s assessment at <https://blog.eogn.com/2018/12/05/photopea-a-free-alternative-to-photoshop/>.

<https://www.randymajors.com/>

The 17 December 2018 issue of EOGN included a discussion of mapping tools available at this site, including enhancements that let you see county lines on Google Maps, historical U. S. County boundary maps, and historical world boundary maps. I’m not sure we’ve ever mentioned this site, and its tools can probably be really helpful in research.

<http://robertmitchell.net>

A post by Robert Mitchell to the JewishGen newsgroup announced publication of the textbook Human Geographies Within the Pale of Settlement: Order and Disorder During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. Info on the book’s themes and summaries of the nine chapters can be consulted online at the author’s site.
A brief article in the 23 December issue of *Nu?* explained that the website IndexingRoots apparently has online an index to the Ukrainian portion of the 1897 Russian census. Gaining access to actual info from that census has been pretty hard to do until now; but I’m seeing posts online where researchers clearly were able to find and download specific census returns. You have to pay a fee to get additional info, it seems. But if you have ancestry in what is now Ukraine – as many of us do – this may be worth investigating.

I’ve mentioned this before, but Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz has a really good blog, *From Shepherds and Shoemakers*, that I highly recommend. The title of this particular entry is “A Beginner’s Guide to Polish Genealogy, Revised Edition.” It dates from March 2018, and I’ve mentioned it before; but is well worth mentioning again because it offers such good practical assistance to those who are just trying to get started with Polish research. Julie talks from her own experience, as she has advanced from a beginner to lecturer in the field. The URL for the blog is <https://fromshepherdsandshoemakers.com/>, but the TinyURL given above takes you to the beginner’s guide.

Valerie Warunek posted a note to Facebook’s group Polish Culture, Food and Traditions, saying she likes this site because it is easy to use for learning basic Polish words. I visited the site and liked it. Researchers don’t need to be fluent in Polish, or pronounce the words well. But it is helpful if you can sound the words out and approximate their pronunciation, because sounding them out helps your brain internalize them and remember them. As long as they’re just a string of letters to you, it’s hard to get anywhere with them. But if you can associate sight and sound, you begin to “get” the language a little better. And that’s a huge help!

There was a fascinating thread on the Polish Genius mailing list, under the title “If You Don’t Want to Deal with Family Skeletons, Don’t Look in the DNA Closet.” The original note was by William J. Sheleski; Alan Kania and Debbie Greenlee posted good follow-up notes. I recommend reading it for some good insights on the problems that can come from good research!

Researcher Russ Maurer posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup “New data available from the Vilnius household registers product.” The material in question was over 13,000 Vilnius household registers during the period 1919–1940. Russ estimated there are several million entries, of which about one third deal with Jews. At the time, the population of Vilnius included huge numbers of Christian and Jewish Poles; so this is potentially a great resource. It’s a long-term project, with only a couple of batches released so far. You can learn more by writing Russ at vhrproject@litvaksig.org.
The Stankiewicze Genealogia site has been a source of all kinds of valuable information for years, but apparently it is no longer being maintained. Waldemar Chorążewicz posted a note to Facebook’s Polish Genealogy Group to point out that the site can still be accessed via the Wayback Machine Internet Archive at the above URL. The pages are all in Polish, but many can be rendered in comprehensible English by Google Translate or other online translators. Especially useful, in my biased opinion, is the summary of info on Polish surname etymology available here: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180501121712/http://stankiewicze.com:80/index.php?kat=44>. Polish scholar Ewa Szczodruch compiled this material, based largely on Kazimierz Rymut’s book Nazwiska Polaków, the first source I always check when I’m trying to get some ideas on a name’s origin. I’m glad this info is still available online!

Waldemar Chorążewicz posted to the Facebook Polish Genealogy Group scans of pages with Polish given names written out next to their Cyrillic equivalents. Comparing these to a mystery name in a record written in Russian can solve many a mystery.

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