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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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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT: GEN DOBRY! AND EMAIL \*\*\***

by Fred Hoffman <[wfh@langline.com](mailto:wfh@langline.com)>

For more than eighteen years now, we've been sending out issues of *Gen Dobry!* each month by bulk email. As one might expect, there have been problems along the way; but we've always managed to deal with them.

Until now. For reasons we still don't understand, a large number of people signed up to receive *Gen Dobry!* have been complaining that they don't want to receive our monthly issues. They complained to their email services. The result was that a huge percentage of copies we send out are bounced right back to us, before the recipient ever sees them. Polish Roots President Don Szumowski informed me that Gmail, Yahoo, and AOL are just three of the providers who have, essentially, blacklisted us.

This is baffling. We most definitely do NOT want to spam anybody! The two-step verification process whereby you sign up to receive this publication is supposed to make sure it goes only to people who really want to receive it. How is it happening, then, that people who signed up to receive *Gen Dobry!* complain when it shows up in their inboxes? It's beyond me.

Until just a couple of days ago, we weren't sure what to do next. We hated the idea of giving up on email, even though downloading the monthly PDF from the PolishRoots site has always been a reliable way to get each issue (and one a lot of our readers rely on).

However, several people we talked to had good things to say about the MailChimp delivery service. Don Szumowski has also had favorable experiences with it from another group he belongs to. He decided our best move was to switch from the service we had been using and start using MailChimp. All this has been happening right at the end of March, and we're still scrambling to catch up.

A key point is, we may be unable to transfer the list of subscribers we've been using. That's not entirely a bad thing, if that list really did include people who have no wish to receive *Gen Dobry!* But we need to build a new list; and that means we have to ask you to sign up again.

If you would like to receive monthly issues of *Gen Dobry!* by mail, please go to this page on the PolishRoots site:

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

There will probably be some kinks in the system as we get up and running. Please be patient with us. We're hoping this change will end up serving everyone much better. And thank you to everyone who has signed up to read *Gen Dobry!* over the years. Believe me, we appreciate it!

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**\*\*\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \*\*\***

*Subject:* Nazwiska-Polskie.pl

*Editor* – This isn't really a letter to the editor, but a note posted to Facebook's Polish Genealogy group on a subject I mentioned in the last issue, the website <<http://nazwiska-polskie.pl>>. The man who posted the note, Lucjan Gabriel Cichocki, is a gifted researcher, and I felt his comments were well worth repeating.

A friend of mine told me about the website recently and I admit I was impressed with it. It shows the distribution of a last name around Poland and appears to be far more accurate than the Moikrewni site as the numbers are broken down into villages rather than "powiats." The database is like ten years old but still :-). What you do is type in a name and zoom in a map that comes up afterwards, numbers should appear indicating how many occurrences of the name were in the area in early 21st century.

Lucjan Gabriel Cichocki

*Editor* – I posted a note asking how Lucjan knew the data was about ten years old, and Valerie Warunek kindly directed me to a page on the website that I completely overlooked: <<http://nazwiska-polskie.pl/o-danych>>. It explains the data is not totally accurate, because only the government has access to the most accurate data. But the administrators did their best to make the data as good as possible, and say it is about 10 years old. That makes it more recent than data on other sites such as <<http://www.moikrewni.pl/mapa/>> and <<http://www.herby.com.pl/indexslo.html>>. Also, I think most non-Poles will find this site easier to use than those others. So thanks to Lucjan and to Valerie!

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**\*\*\* 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. There are two groups of updates, from 23 March and 10 March. For all researchers, many thanks to Waldemar for helping us keep up with all these updates! Remember, U stands for births, M for marriages, and Z for deaths – and you can find assistance with the two-letter online, for instance at <[http://hitchwiki.org/pl/Szablon:Wojew%C3%B3dztwa\\_Polski](http://hitchwiki.org/pl/Szablon:Wojew%C3%B3dztwa_Polski)>.

Geneteka, new indexes: 23-03-2018

Grudziądz (KP) -- U 1814-21, indexed by Mirosława Grabis

Suchowola (pow. radzyński) (LB) -- Z 1939-46, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart

Szydłów (SK) -- UMZ 1903,05-06, indexed by Edward Jabłoński  
Warszawa-Marymont MB Królowej Polski (WA) -- UMZ 1907, indexed by Ewa Wojciechowska

22-03-2018

Bałdrzychów (LD) -- UMZ 1821-30, Incognito  
Grabno (LD) -- Z 1910-16, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski  
Kościelec (MP) -- U 1905-07,13-14, Z 1898, indexed by Dombas, A. Ch.  
Łódź św. Krzyż (LD) -- U 1899, indexed by Janusz Kucharczyk  
Raclawice (MP) -- U 1781-1804,06-10, indexed by Michał Sienkiewicz  
Rząśnia (LD) -- Z 1737-83, indexed by Krystyna Stańczyk  
Warszawa św. Andrzej (WA) -- Z 1876, indexed by Urszula Drabińska

21-03-2018

Będzin-Grodziec (SL) -- U 1853-71, indexed by Jerzy Bartnicki  
Czarnocin (SK) -- UMZ 1811-15, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk  
Piekary Śląskie - Kamień św.Ap.Piotra i Pawła (SL) -- U 1807-11, indexed by Leszek Chrobok

20-03-2018

Giedrojcie (LT) -- Z 1775-1818, indexed by Wanda Thomalla  
Kazimierka (UK) -- U 1839-46 (rozszerzenie), indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz  
Koniusza (MP) -- UMZ 1872-77, indexed by Renata Majewska  
Rutki-Kossaki (PL) -- M 1713-19, 24-40, 42-53, 83-98, indexed by Bożena Misiak, verified  
Projekt Podlasie  
Wolbrom (MP) -- SkUMZ 1810-25 (rozszerzenie), indexed by Artur Kozmiński  
Wzdół Rządowy (SK) -- U 1722-23, indexed by Piotr Stando

19-03-2018

Bałtów (SK) -- UMZ 1844-47, indexed by Roman Burczyk  
Bełchów (LD) -- U 1832-45, indexed by Małgorzata Berendzik  
Bronisław (KP) -- U 1856-65, indexed by Krystyna Domańska-Bzdak  
Kamionka (BR) -- UMZ 1797-1801, indexed by Alicja Rybałko  
Krzemienica (LD) -- Z 1870-87, indexed by Bogusław Nagórski  
Krzynowłoga Mała (MZ) -- Zapowiedzi 1809-11, indexed by Ewa Marszałek Miecznikowska  
Krzywosądz (KP) -- SkM 1880-1916, indexed by Jan Berens  
Łódź św. St. Kostka (LD) -- Z 1916, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz  
Mokobody (MZ) -- Z 1881-90, indexed by Anna Poprawa  
Niesułków (LD) -- UMZ 1814-15, indexed by Edyta Bednarek  
Przemyślany (gr-kat) (UK) -- U 1799-1848, indexed by Jerzy Nowosielski  
Płazów (PK) -- UMZ 1856-58, indexed by Grzegorz Żychowski  
Strzyżawka (UK) -- UMZ 1835, indexed by Marcin Kowal  
Sulmierzyce (pow. krotoszyński) (WP) -- U 1849-53, indexed by Henryk Machnik

Uszkowice-Czupernosów (gr-kat) (UK) -- U 1813-1837, indexed by Jerzy Nowosielski  
Warta (LD) -- UMZ 1829, indexed by Martyna Pankiewicz

18-03-2018

Brańszczyk (MZ) -- M 1847-74, indexed by Joanna Maślanek  
Gliwice św.Bartłomieja (SL) -- U 1832-64, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła  
Goniądz (PL) -- U 1827-42, M 1828-42, Z 1827-42, indexed by Wiesław Chodak  
Goryń (MZ) -- Z 1946-48, indexed by Marcin Markiewicz  
Kościelec (MP) -- U 1898,1900,04,08,18-19, indexed by A. Ch., Marzanna, Anna Parysek  
Krynki (PL) -- UM 1797-1801, Z 1797-1810, indexed by Alicja Rybałko  
Krynki (PL) -- M 1889-1903, indexed by Arek Bereza  
Łomża (PL) -- M 1888, indexed by Krzysztof Piaszczyński  
Łęgonice (pow. grójecki) (MZ) -- U 1896-1903, indexed by Jakub Wiśnik  
Mikołów św. Jana (ewang.) (SL) -- Z 1889-90, indexed by Barbara Sznober  
Odechów (MZ) -- U 1786-98, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak  
Piekary Śląskie - Kamień św.Ap.Piotra i Pawła (SL) -- M 1854 -74, indexed by Leszek Chrobok  
Potworów (MZ) -- UMZ 1886-92, indexed by Krzysztof Jach  
Sochaczew (MZ) -- M 1920-27, indexed by Darek Lichtblau  
Suwałki (PL) -- Z 1798-1805, indexed by Michał Sienkiewicz  
Szczepankowo (PL) -- Z 1847-50, indexed by Marta Wojciechowska, verified Projekt Podlasie  
Szydłowiec (MZ) -- M 1922, 1927-29, indexed by Mikołaj Wilk

17-03-2018

Bądkowo (pow. płocki) (MZ) -- Z 1881-1909, indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik  
Będzin-Grodziec (SL) -- 1823-52, indexed by Jerzy Bartnicki  
Dobre (MZ) -- M 1889-99, indexed by Artur Lewandowski  
Gąsewo (MZ) -- U 1870, indexed by Robert Pawłowski  
Korwie (LT) -- M 1861-70 Z 1839-41, 43-44, 61-70, indexed by Artur Wilkicki  
Latowicz (MZ) -- Z 1864-66, indexed by Anna Chmielowska  
Pniewnik (MZ) -- M 1900-04, indexed by Barbara Sikorska  
Sarbiewo (MZ) -- UMZ 1856-65, indexed by Krystyna Malik  
Swojatyzcze (BR) -- UMZ 1797-1801, indexed by Michalina Musiał

Geneteka, new indexes. 10-03-2018

Bałtów (SK) -- UMZ 1815-20, indexed by Roman Burczyk  
Dąbrowa Górnicza (SL) -- UMZ 1891-94, indexed by Elżbieta Ginalska

09-03-2018

Kościelec (MP) -- U 1875-1883, indexed by A . Ch  
Kraków - Pleszów (MP) -- U 1797-1838, indexed by Dagmara Kulig  
Piekary Śląskie - Kamień św. Ap. Piotra i Pawła (SL) -- M 1801-03, indexed by Leszek Chrobok

Proszowice (MP) -- U 1905-10, indexed by Renata Majewska  
Sancygniów (SK) -- U 1893-1906, indexed by Andrzej Wójcik  
Świętochłowice - Lipiny USC (SL) -- SkM 1905-08, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Warszawa św. Trójca (WA) -- U 1890, indexed by Adam Rozenau

08-03-2018

Kulesze Kościelne (PL) -- U 1806-08a, indexed by Ewa Prejs  
Leźnica Wielka (LD) -- U 1890-93, indexed by Włodzimierz Dąbrowski  
Lwów św. Maria Magdalena (UK) -- U 1786-1852 Z 1784-1854, indexed by Jerzy Nowosielski  
Łask (LD) -- UMZ 1831, indexed by Magdalena Berdzik  
Łódź św. St. Kostka (LD) -- M 1917, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz  
Mniszek (MZ) -- Z 1840-49, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka  
Pałuki (MZ) -- U 1880-85, M 1882-85, Z 1881-85, indexed by Barbara Staniak  
Siennica (MZ) -- U 1858-62, indexed by Marta Walczak  
Starokrzepice (SL) -- U 1704-31. M 1710-12, indexed by Hanna Ortega  
Wiskitki (ewang.) (MZ) -- M 1896-1900, indexed by Katarzyna Pasik

07-03-2018

Bełchatów (ewang.) (LD) -- Z 1916-27, indexed by bogdan030  
Białaszewo (PL) -- Z 1868, indexed by A.Michałowski  
Brzegi (SK) -- U 1687-1733,35-1810 M 1707-12,14,16-28,30-61,66-1825 Z 1703,06-09,20-21,31-1827,29-30, indexed by Sylwester Malicki  
Chojne (LD) -- UMZ 1914-16, indexed by E.F.  
Dąbrowa Wielka (LD) -- UMZ 1914-16, indexed by E.F.  
Gąsewo (MZ) -- M 1868, indexed by Marek Białobrzewski  
Jedwabne (PL) -- M 1924, indexed by Grzegorz Nowik  
Jeżów (LD) -- UMZ 1909, indexed by Bogusław Dzbikowicz  
Kielce Katedra (SK) -- Z 1919-20, indexed by Edward Jabłoński  
Kościelec (MP) -- M 1915-16, indexed by Anna Parysek  
Łódź św. St. Kostka (LD) -- M 1916, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz  
Łódź św. Wojciech (LD) -- M 1904, indexed by Barbara Walczak-Sroczyńska  
Miastkowo (PL) -- Z 1822, indexed by Livia Ditto  
Mokobody (MZ) -- Z 1868-80, indexed by Anna Poprawa  
Olszowa (WP) -- UMZ 1831-55, indexed by Grzegorz Joachimiak  
Poręba-Kocęby (MZ) -- Z 1784-1808, indexed by Joanna Maślanek  
Rutki-Kossaki (PL) -- M 1853-55,57,65, indexed by Bożena Misiak  
Suchowola (PL) -- M 1849, indexed by Ewa Witkowska  
Warszawa św. Andrzej (WA) -- U 1846, indexed by Kamila Szymankiewicz  
Wielgie (MZ) -- U 1727-66, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak  
Wodynie (MZ) -- M 1856-65, indexed by Hanna Kołodziejska  
Żmijewo Kościelne (MZ) -- M 1923-36, Z 1917-36 (z lukami), indexed by Olga Gąsiorowska

06-03-2018

Gorzyce USC (SL) -- M 1874-1900, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Grabówka (SL) -- SkM 1890-1900, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Jedwabne (PL) -- M 1922-23, indexed by Grzegorz Nowik  
Krasnosielc (MZ) -- U 1854-60, indexed by Robert Pawłowski  
Łaziska -Lazisk (SL) -- SkM 1874-1936, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Mszana - Mschanna USC (SL) -- M 1874-1936, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Odechów (MZ) -- U 1805-12, indexed by Łukasz Bernaciak  
Połomia - Pohlom USC (SL) -- SkM 1874-1922, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Pszów (SL) -- M 1895-1900, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Puchały (PL) -- U 1897-98,1900-02, indexed by Ewa Marczewska  
Puszcza Mariańska (MZ) -- UMZ 1906-14, indexed by Jadwiga Sibirska  
Szydłowo (MZ) -- UMZ 1808-26, indexed by Izabela Czaplicka

05-03-2018

Broniszewo (WP) -- SkM 1856-71, 73-75, indexed by Jan Berens  
Chlewiska (MZ) -- Z 1940-47, indexed by Mikołaj Wilk  
Gliwice św.Bartłomieja (SL) -- U 1865-79, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła  
Kije (SK) -- M 1845-70, indexed by Jacek Stradowski  
Kościelec (MP) -- U 1832-35, indexed by Małgorzata Kisiel -Dorohinicka  
Krzcięcice (SK) -- Z 1798-1859, indexed by Maria Brylska  
Milejów (LB) -- Z 1897-1909 (rozszerzenie), indexed by Piotr Mazurkiewicz  
Słonim (BR) -- UMZ 1829-37, indexed by Bożena Czarnuszewicz  
Warszawa Nawiedzenie NMP (WA) -- U 1836, indexed by Ewa Czerkawska  
Warszawa św. Jan (WA) -- M 1893 (expanded), indexed by Krzysztof Zochniak  
Warszawa-Służew św. Katarzyna (WA) -- Z 1846-50, indexed by Włodzimierz Macewicz  
Wojcieszków (LB) -- Z 1821-24, indexed by kasia\_wilcz  
Zwoleń (MZ) -- UMZ 1836-45, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński  
Żurominek (MZ) -- U 1850-54, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz

04-03-2018

Bluszczów USC (SL) -- M 1874-1900, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Bodzentyn (SK) -- M 1860-67, indexed by Sławomir Klimek -Wojsa  
Błonie (MZ) -- Z 1784-98, indexed by Hubert Płowik  
Gostynin (MZ) -- Z 1867, indexed by Bożena Prymus  
Grabno (LD) -- Z 1896-1902, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski  
Kielce Katedra (SK) -- SkM 1925-27, indexed by Edward Jabłoński  
Kościelec (MP) -- U 1890-99, Z 1915-16, indexed by Anna Parysek i Dombas  
Kraków - Pleszów (MP) -- Z 1860-70, indexed by Dagmara Kulig  
Małyń (LD) -- M 1767-73, indexed by Tomasz Frynia  
Poręba-Kocęby (MZ) -- U 1801-1815, indexed by Joanna Maślanek  
Postoliska (MZ) -- M 1906-30, indexed by Kamil Bednarczyk  
Rudyszwałd USC (SL) -- M 1874-1907, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Siennica (MZ) -- M 1893-1908, indexed by Marta Walczak

Tuszyn (LD) -- UMZ 1905, indexed by Anna Goss  
Wodzisław Śląski - Zamek USC (SL) -- M 1874 -1913, indexed by GTG\_Silius\_Radicum  
Żarnów (LD) -- M 1901-07, indexed by Krystyna Stanisławska

03-03-2018

Kazimierka (UK) -- M 1844-46, indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz  
Korwie (LT) -- MZ 1842, 45-60, indexed by Artur Wilkicki  
Miastkowo (PL) -- M 1819b-1820a (aktualizacja), indexed by Michał Kazimierz  
Miastkowo (PL) -- Z 1820b-1821, indexed by Livia Ditto  
Rutki-Kossaki (PL) -- UMZ 1867-69, indexed by Bożena Misiak, verified Projekt Podlasie  
Sulmierzyce (pow. krotoszyński) (WP) -- U 1838-40, indexed by Henryk Machnik  
Szeszole (LT) -- U 1797-1809, 13, 15-16 M 1797-1800 Z 1797-1801, indexed by Artur Wilkicki

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### \*\*\* AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT PERIODICALS \*\*\*

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

***The Galitzianer*, March 2018**, Vol. 25, No. 1, Gesher Galicia, <<http://www.geshergalicia.org>>

- From the Editor's Desk: An Introduction to Rohatyn's History, Andrew Zalewski
- Research Corner: Rohatyn Area Vital Records, Tony Kahane
- Family of Musicians: The Sounds of Rohatyn, Alex Feller
- Interview with Eleonora Grad: From Rohatyn to Kazakhstan
- Map Corner – My First Galician Map: Rohatyn, Jay Osborn
- Retracing Lost Traces, Norberto Volij
- Rohatyn Jewish Heritage, Marla Raucher Osborn

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

- This edition is a celebration of the Society's 40th Anniversary! It features a variety of articles looking back on PGSM's past and president, written by such esteemed Society contributors as Valerie Koselka, James J. Tye, Stanley Brescoll, Jr., Jan S. Zaleski, Kathleen LaBudie Szakall, William J. Krul, Donald Binkowski, Roger S. Laski, J. William Gorski, Kenneth A. Merique. It also has a brief item from Pat Sajak; an article on Roger S. Laske's visit to Poland and family with his daughter; an article by Robert Strybel on current Polish funeral practices; an article by Roger S. Laske on popular funeral practices in the U.S.A.; and more.

***East European Genealogist*, Winter 2017**, Vol. 26, No. 2, East European Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2536, Winnipeg MB R3C 4A7, Canada, <<https://eegsociety.org/Home.aspx>>



- Satulmare, Bukovina: “The Big Village,” Irmgard Hein Ellingson
- My 2016 Poland/Ukraine Trip: A Dream Come True, Maxine Maxwell

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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.*

**April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018, Tuesdays**

**HANDS-ON GENEALOGY** with *Alan Doyle Horbal*, professional genealogist, & the Western Mass Roots Events Team.

**\*\*\* SPECIAL POLISH RESEARCH SESSION, TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018 at 5 p.m. \*\*\***

**Polish Center for Discovery and Learning • 33 South St, Chicopee MA**

Classes at 2:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. The 2:00 p.m. class is for those who are able to attend classes during the day. The 5:15 p.m. class is set up for those people who work and can only attend evening classes.

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

**There will be a combined class on May 1st at 5:30 p.m. for Polish Research ideas**

Participants must attend all four classes, have basic computer skills, and an active email account. Attendance at the May 1st session is optional but encouraged. You must bring your own laptop.

To register call (413) 592-0001. The cost for the course is \$15.00 for all five sessions. payable to the Polish Center.

For info online visit <<https://wmarootsevents.com/classes/>> or write <[marootsevents@gmail.com](mailto:marootsevents@gmail.com)>.

[From an e-mail sent out by Western Massachusetts Roots Events]

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**19 April 2018**

**SERIES OF TALKS ON CAMP KOSCIUSZKO**

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada**

*Editor* – Paul S. Valasek shared with us this info on a series of talks to be held by the Niagara Historical Society & Museum at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. Notice who's speaking on April 19!

The lectures will be held on the third Thursday of each month from March to September. Lectures start at 7:30 p.m. This year's series focuses on the unique story of Camp Kosciuszko, the Polish training camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the First World War.

March 15 | Piotr Wrobel – A long way to freedom: Poland before 1918

**April 19 | Paul Valasek – Haller's Army at 100: End of WWI, Beginning of Polish-Soviet War**

May 17 | Richard Merritt – Camp Kosciuszko: Why Colonel Butler Would Be Spinning in His Grave

June 21 | Stan Skrzyszewski – Everyday Life at Camp Kosciuszko with Elizabeth Ascher

July 19 | Sarah Kaufman – The Spanish Flu and Niagara Camp

August 16 | Roman Baraneicki – Title TBA

September 20 | Anthony Adamsky – Falcons of Freedom

Tickets are \$10 for the general public or free for Niagara Historical Society Members.

Reservations required as seating is limited.

For more information, visit <<http://niagarahistorical.museum/about/index.html>>

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**May 7 – 20, 2018**

## **THE ROAD HOME**

### A genealogy oriented trip to Poland and Ukraine.

*With certified American and Polish genealogists Professor Jonathan Shea and Aleksandra Kacprzak.*

*The trip includes opportunities to visit your ancestral village.*

The Road Home trip will leave from New York on 5/7/18 and return on 5/20/18.

The trip cost is \$2,995\* per person, double occupancy if you sign up by November 1, 2017.

After November 1, 2017 the trip cost is \$3,195\* per person, double occupancy. There will be an additional \$450 fee for single occupancy. The cost includes airfare between New York JFK and Kraków, hotels, three meals daily, professional tour guide, private tour bus, and admission to scheduled attractions.

You must sign up for the trip by December 20, 2017 and submit a \$300 non-refundable deposit and fill out the pre-trip questionnaire.

You must pay for your trip in full (non-refundable) by February 1, 2018. You must have a valid passport for this trip.

If you are traveling alone, would you want a roommate and save the single supplement charge? Please let us know if you would like a roommate and we will try to accommodate you.

*\*Price Subject to change due to change in exchange rates or airline fees.*

#### **DAILY ITINERARY**

May 7: Depart from New York

May 8: Kraków

May 9: Auschwitz/ Częstochowa May 10: Wadowice/Żywiec Brewery

May 11: Zakopane

May 12: Sanok/Solin/Polańczyk

May 13: Bieszczady/Przemyśl

May 14: Przemyśl/Depart for Ukraine

May 15: Lwów in Ukraine

May 16: Various towns in Ukraine

May 17: Zamość/Sandomierz

May 18: Krzyztopor Palace/Wieliczka Salt Mine May 19: Kraków/Wawel Castle

May 20: Depart to New York

#### **INDIVIDUAL VILLAGE DAY TRIPS**

There are a limited number of day trips available so you can travel to your ancestral village. There will be an additional cost for this service. The village must be within 75 miles of a city we are visiting. Requests must be submitted by January 2, 2018. We will notify you by January 31, 2018 if your trip is possible and the estimated cost for the trip. Payment for the village trip will happen the day of the trip in Poland.

Check us out on Facebook: The Road Home-Polish American Foundation.

To sign up or more questions e-mail: <[dorena726@yahoo.com](mailto:dorena726@yahoo.com)>

## **POLISH AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF CONNECTICUT**

27 Grove Hill Street New Britain, CT

<<https://www.paf-ct.org/>>

## Bring your family tree to life

[Note: *the deadline for registering for this trip has passed*. But it seemed worthwhile to present this information again, just in case anyone has questions or wants to check on their status.]

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**May 20, 2018**

**QUARTERLY MEETING – POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
“NAVIGATING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ARCHIVES  
– CHICAGO, ILLINOIS”**

***Speaker:* Ray Johnson**

***Location:* Arlington Heights Memorial Library • 500 N. Dunton Avenue • Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

This program at the library is open to the public. It will also be offered 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.

*Topic Summary* – The Circuit Court Archives are a great, often overlooked resource. This class concentrates on a very practical approach to on-site court research including, civil, law and chancery cases, divorces, wills and probates, county naturalizations, declarations of intentions, criminal cases, and burnt records.

*Speaker’s Bio* – Ray was born in Chicago and has been a life-long resident of the Chicagoland area. He is also a life-long enthusiast of Chicago history, legends, and folklore. He has been actively involved in genealogical research for over thirty years, with the last nine as a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is a former Chicago Area Chapter Representative and current member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

He is a former gang/narcotics investigator and police instructor with the West Chicago Police Department in Du Page County. Upon leaving police work, he started his own historical and genealogical research company at <<http://www.historycop.com/>> where he provides research services for other authors, television shows, researchers, attorneys, and family historians.

Ray is a Chicago history blogger on ChicagoNow (owned by the *Chicago Tribune*) under the name “Chicago History Cop”. He has published two books through Schiffer Publishing, *Chicago’s Haunt Detective* (2011) and *Chicago History: The Stranger Side* (2014). Both books look at the stranger side of Chicago history from an investigator and historian’s perspective.

He has taught classes in genealogical research for the LaGrange Park District, Lyons Township Adult Education and for Lyons Township High School Life Skills Classes. He was also a police instructor with the Northeast Multi Regional Training Corporation and taught classes at College of DuPage under the criminal justice curriculum.

Ray is currently a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, The Jackson Park Advisory Council and runs a §501(c)(3) called Friends of The White City which educates the public on the historical significance of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

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**13-16 June, 2018**

**PALATINES TO AMERICA GERMAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY  
WILLKOMMEN TO BUFFALO – GATEWAY TO A NEW HEIMAT (home)  
Adams Mark Hotel • 120 Church Street • Buffalo, NY 14202**

The 2018 National Conference will be held at Adams Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY on June 13–16, 2018. Speakers include John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. For more information, see the brochure:

<<https://www.palam.org/Revised2018-02-18PALNatConf.pdf>>

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**24 June, 2018**

**POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN  
40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
American Polish Cultural Center • 2975 East Maple Road • Troy, Michigan 48083**

This dinner will cost only \$40 per person and will include a complete Polish dinner with entertainment. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., Polish dinner at 1:30 p.m., entertainment by the Zajączek Dance Ensemble. For more info, check in at PGSM's website, <<https://pgsm.org/>>.

[From the Spring 2018 *Polish Eaglet*]

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**9 August 2018**

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

**Speaker: Jane G. Haldeman**

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

**2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

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

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

*Topic Summary* – Due to wars, invasions, partitioning of lands, boundaries and name changes through the generations, DNA may be the only common connection with your ancestors. The cause of war and nation boundary movements may have obscured the paper trail of your ancestors. DNA can give us clues of where to look and what questions to ask. Learn techniques to use DNA to answer your questions.

*Bio* – Jane Gwynn Haldeman is a professional speaker and owner of It’s Relative with more than 25 years of research experience. The Chicago area-based genealogist lectures on a wide range of topics both locally, at national conferences, and webinar presentations. She enjoys speaking about topics including family history technology and genealogy research methodology. She is the author of *A Genealogist’s Guide to Springfield, Illinois*. Jane has been very active with the genealogical community in Illinois. She was President, Illinois State Genealogical Society; President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; Registrar, Fort Payne Chapter NSDAR; and Registration Chair, Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference in Springfield, IL.

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**8 October 2018**

**PULASKI DAY PARADE 2018**

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

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**\*\*\* MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES \*\*\***

<<https://blog.polishorigins.com/10-great-books-about-poland-that-will-give-you-the-new-perspective/>>

In a recent blog from PolishOrigins.com, Agnieszka Pawlus included this link, which is pretty much self-explanatory. It’s an interesting list, with works dealing with the three partitions of Poland and with different time frames. There are famous works such as Reymont’s *The Promised Land* and *The Peasants*, Grunter Grass’s *The Tin Drum*, Jaroslav Hašek’s *The Fateful Adventures of the Good Soldier Švejk During the World War* – but also works less known, such as Andrzej Stasiuk’s *Tales of Galicia*, translated by Margarita Nafpaktitis.

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<<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=41089>>

This article lists titles on Eastern European genealogy research available from Family Roots Publishing. It was apparently motivated by the publication of the second edition of *Finding Your Ancestral Village in the Former Austro-Hungarian Empire* by John A. Hudick, edited and updated by Lisa A. Alzo. I found the link originally in the 25 March 2018 weekly edition of *The Genealogy News*. It's an impressive list!

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<<https://www.gofundme.com/scanners-for-the-ukrainian-archives>>

The 25 March 2018 issue of *Nu? What's New?* had an article about the GoFundMe account set up by Brooke Schreier Ganz to purchase scanners for the Ukrainian Archives. It sounds like a good idea to me; I actually shelled out some money to contribute.

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

Robert Normant posted a note to the LithGen mailing list mentioning his website on how to search for Lithuanian ancestors. Since this research can easily overlap with Polish research, I felt it was worth passing along.

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<<http://jzi.org.pl/>>

Zbyszek Mierzejewski posted a note to Facebook's Genealodzy.PL group that translated roughly as follows: "Lately there has been a whirl of new things: new parishes, new data in the GENEIO search engine, and new publications of the Jamiński Indexing Group. We invite you to get familiar with or cooperate in compiling and indexing more parishes in the Suwałki area." He then gave this link, which is to the website of the Jamiński Indexing Group. It is mostly in Polish, but you may be surprised how much you can make out. And the effort will definitely help you improve your understand of Polish.

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<<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370198376688363/>>

For that matter, if you're interested in the Suwałki area and are not scared of Facebook or dealing with other languages, researcher Siga Pliodzinskas posted a note suggesting people with roots in northeastern Poland and southern Lithuania might benefit from this Facebook site. Also potentially helpful is <<https://www.facebook.com/pajevonys.wizajny>>, for the Wizajny area.

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<<https://www.geneatlas.lt/>>

I noticed a lot of notes with good info for Lithuania this month. Siga Pliodzinskas posted another note to LithGen with this link to a tool created by Arūnas Cijūnaitis, an interactive map of Lithuanian churches.

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<<http://posen.info/>>

The Posen-L mailing list encountered some difficulties, so moderator James Birkholz set up a new website for it. Choosing the URL was a challenge, but I think he came up with a good one.

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<<http://genealogyindexer.org/>>

Logan Kleinwaks added an enormous number of directories to the site recently. The list is much too long to include here, but it includes many, many places in Germany and the former German partition, such as Stettin, now Szczecin, Breslau, now Wrocław, and so on. If you haven't visited this site, I recommend it.

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

The 18 March 2018 issue of *Nu? What's New* contained interesting information on Tomasz Wiśniewski, a pro-Semitic Pole living in Białystok. This URL is a link to his website, which is in English and is well worth a visit, especially if you have roots in northeastern Poland.

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