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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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*** OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF ONLINE CONTENT ***

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

I’ve been thinking about the subject of ownership of online content quite a bit recently. One reason is because one of my brothers, Chris Hoffman, is a gifted artist – he actually makes a living at it! He’s particularly fond of working on pop culture themes. You can see some of his work at <http://www.artwanted.com/artist.cfm?ArtID=21205>, if you’re interested.

As he has gained attention online, he has discovered one of the major downsides associated with artistic renown. He is plagued by shady companies that copy his work, slap it on tee shirts or other such merchandise, and sell it as their own without giving him a bit of credit, let alone money. It drives him crazy, but he’s had trouble finding an effective way to fight it. These companies are like mushrooms, springing up overnight, hauling in as much quick cash as possible, and disappearing – only to pop up again somewhere else under another name. Trying to pin them down long enough to make them answer for their deeds is very, very hard to do.

Chris isn’t alone; many of his peers have similar problems. For that matter, one of my sisters, Teresa, now retired, also earned a living as a commercial artist. She displays some of her work at <https://thoffmanart.wordpress.com/>. She hasn’t been afflicted by these parasites yet, but she only recently got online. I suppose, unless she’s very lucky, her turn will come. I hope not, however. She’s doing her best to protect her work.

Now, I’m one member of the Hoffman family who doesn’t have these problems, because I have no artistic ability and there is little popular interest in what I do. Who’s going to rip off a 665-page book on German translating, or a book of 1,000+ pages on Polish surnames? You see, there are benefits to obscurity!

Still, this subject is relevant to our readers. I often read bitter complaints from genealogists who have let their work appear on some website or other forum, only to find others have copied it and published it as their own work. Even worse, someone will publish their work but filled with errors. You may not have thought about it, but this same question of ownership and control affects genealogists, too – especially those who would like their work to outlive them and benefit future generations.

All this highlights a problem with online content we have yet to solve: how do the owners maintain control? It presents a real dilemma. It seems unfulfilling to compile massive, detailed collections of genealogical info, but not share it with anyone. The instant you share it, however, it’s almost impossible to keep some jerk from stealing or defacing it.

In last month’s issue of *Gen Dobry!* I included a link to an article mentioned in *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter* that tries to give some insights on this question:

The article is “Who Actually Owns Your Content When You Post It to the Web,” by David Nield. If you want the short version, his answer is, “You do.” But as always, there is more to it than that. Nield mentions that one problem is with the concept of “fair use,” and it gets very complicated. How do you nail down exactly what fair use allows without being too restrictive, on the one hand, or too repressive, on the other?

But even putting aside that discussion, anything you post online must be posted to some sort of Internet content provider. It may be your own personal website, or it may be via social media. You really need to take a close look at the fine print when you do this. After all, it’s kind of silly to post something on Facebook and then get mad if people share it!

And by the terms you agree to when you use a particular social medium or content provider, it is entirely possible you have little or no control over your content. If you want to make sure others don’t use content in ways you don’t like, don’t post it. If you do post it, take a moment before you click that box saying “Yes.”

As we enter 2018, I have a feeling the problems connected with this issue will only grow and become harder to settle. If you have ideas to share on this subject, or have discovered something that works to your satisfaction, I’d love to hear from you. (But please, also let me know if it’s OK to share your comments with our readers!)

Let me close by wishing you all a Happy New Year! And along those lines, here is an image Paul S. Valasek shared with us. As Paul said, “Yes, it’s Czech. BUT since it’s an Austrian soldier in uniform, that also covers all of the Galicians. And if anyone states we’re too late for Christmas, remind them of the millions of Russian Poles who had Orthodox Christmas forced upon them, as well as keeping the Roman Catholic one up and running. Like in my house, we have two of them every year. And many times, two Easters.” So there!

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*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: Follow-up on the tureen mentioned in the last issue

       Editor – In the last issue of Gen Dobry!, we printed an appeal from George Hawryluk for help locating a family and restoring to them an heirloom, a tureen. I received some welcome news from Roger Laske, editor of the excellent publication Polish Eaglet (the journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan). He gave me permission to pass the word along to our readers.

Ann Zaniewski, from the Detroit Free Press, asked my help in finding descendants to present this memento to. She was originally contacted by someone in Canada about the tureen. She did not give me the name. I did find two descendants in Michigan and passed them onto Ann. One descendant lives near Ann Arbor, MI, and the other lives south of Traverse City, MI.

So the problem posted by George Hawryluk has been solved. It will be up to him to decide which person receives the tureen.

       Roger Laske
       Editor, Polish Eaglet

       Editor – Thanks for letting us know, Roger!

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Subject: Praga (Warsaw) Census 1792

Reading with some delay a couple of issues of Gen Dobry!, I thought I should share this link with you from <http://www.geneapologne.com>, RECENSEMENT 1792 PRAGA

Direct link: <http://www.geneachristol.fr/Pologne/Praga1792.html>

This is my webpage on Polish genealogy from France. Recently, I checked into the exceptional census of the Praga district (Warsaw eastern district) in 1792, and found it had been indexed by Polish archives in their reference book, so I thought I could as well publish the list of names.

Note that Jews are included in the census – but as this is prior to 1826, mostly mentioned as « first name of father-owicz», as family names had not yet been made compulsory for that community.

Best regards and Merry Christmas

       Philippe Christol

       Editor – Thank you, Philippe! I’m glad to pass this along to our readers.
Subject: Review of Kronika Bukowsko

Editor – In the last issue, we published Debbie Greenlee’s article about the project she headed to share a school journal from Bukowsko, Podkarpackie, Poland. Debbie sent along a couple of reviews written by people who bought the CD in question, and I thought you might like to read them.

I received Debbie Greenlee’s CD, Kronika Bukowsko, and thought it might be a slow, dry read – WRONG.

Kazimiera Kochańska was a teacher, school principal, and civic advocate who wrote from her heart under extraordinary circumstances.

Kazimiera wrote a detailed description of what was happening during the terrible siege of her village and the surrounding villages after WWII. Her vivid description of the horror of having homes invaded, the sounds of cattle and domestic animals screaming as they were being slaughtered ... and then the villagers ordered to start cooking to feed the horrible invaders. All this, while knowing that their homes would likely be robbed and burned to the ground. The heartache comes through, and yet, so does the strength of the villagers. I felt like I was reading an adult version of The Diary of Ann Frank. Except in this case, Kazimiera Kochańska wrote from personal experiences and not what others reported to her. Like Ann Frank, she knew each day might be her last; but unlike Ann, Kazimiera was right in the midst of the terror, seeing the brutality daily. A great read for all of us that have, or even those that don’t have, ties to the villages. Our ancestors, or their connected families, lived through unimaginable times.

My grandfather’s brother, and his entire family disappeared when the villages were invaded. He and his children & grandchildren were there one day, the invaders came through removing some villagers to camps, and then they were gone. Just like that, an entire family gone. I felt an amazing connection as if I was there; sense of sadness as if it was just happening.

Besides the great read, (original Polish, as well as English versions) also included are dozens of photos, as well as a glossary of names to go with the pictures. You just might find a picture of a relative you never knew you’d ever find. Yet a new connection to your many twisted roots.

Thank you, Debbie and Roman Kaluźniacki, for such an amazing endeavor. And thank you, Kazimiera Kochańska, for seeing the worth of putting your thoughts to paper. Your extended village countrymen & ancestors, will now know, and live, your legacy forever and always.

The CD is professionally done and would make a great Christmas gift for someone else, or even better, yourself. ORDER IT!

Sharon Turnas <sharon.turnas@gmail.com>
Subject: Review of Kronika Bukowsko, #2

This CD was very fascinating to me; my cousin from Bukowsko who passed away in 2010 had written to me several times with firsthand knowledge of the horrors of those days during WWII. She described her families’ ordeals from the perspective of a young girl. She remembered the fright and horror of spending time in the forest to escape the fires which burned their home to the ground ... three times. Three times her father rebuilt their home. She told me of home invasions and villagers living in constant fear. She told me she suffered from heart problems going back to those times. She believed that all her adult life, doctoring with heart ailments until the day she passed.

Kazimiera Kochańska’s writings were so well described and they transported me to the village and the horrors experienced in Bukowsko.

This account is so extraordinarily written from the perspective of an educator; notches above that of a young child. But, similar in so many ways and just as emotionally powerful. Kazimiera Kochańska was so much more than a teacher and principal. In the end she turned into the first major historian of her beloved Bukowsko during these years of turmoil. She gave herself, first and foremost, to her students’ welfare in ways which were profound. Never putting herself first and working in terrible conditions was so remarkable that I can’t even put it into words and can’t imagine it happening in present day; perhaps in Poland, but not in America. Anyone with ancestral ties to Bukowsko and surrounding areas should put this CD in their library. We should all watch it to remind ourselves how exceptional people like Kazimiera Kochańska were and how much they contributed to their homeland in spite of the hell of war.

Thanks to Debbie and Roman Kałużniacki and anyone else responsible for the CD. It is a genuine piece of history for Bukowsko, as well as for us all.

Ann Poslosky <aposlosky@yahoo.com>

Editor – I know it’s too late to order the CD for Christmas. But it’s never too late to share part of history, and do a kind deed! Consider getting a copy, thereby enriching your own knowledge and aiding the children of Bukowsko.

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*** ANCESTRY SECURITY PROBLEM CORRECTED ***

by Dick Eastman <Richard@eastman.net>

Editor—This is an item from Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter. I wanted to reprint it in the unlikely event some of our readers were involved, but mainly because Eastman’s comments are a good example how to deal with problems of this sort.

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Ancestry was notified this week by a security researcher that the researcher had found a hole in Ancestry’s online security that affected a small number of Ancestry subscribers. A file containing e-mail addresses/usernames and password combinations from a RootsWeb.com server was exposed to anyone who knew where to look for it. There is no evidence that any hacker or anyone else other than this one security researcher ever accessed the file.

The folks at Ancestry quickly fixed the problem.

According to a notice posted in the Ancestry Blog:

   Our Information Security Team reviewed the details of this file, and confirmed that it contains information related to users of Rootsweb’s surname list information, a service we retired earlier this year.

The same notice also states:

   We also reviewed the RootsWeb file to see if any of the account information overlapped with existing accounts on Ancestry sites. We did confirm that a very small number of accounts – less than one percent of our total customer group – used the same account credentials on both Rootsweb and an Ancestry commercial site. We are currently contacting these customers.

   In all cases, any user whose account had its associated e-mail/username and password included on the file has had their accounts locked and will need to create a new password the next time they visit.

You can read the full security notice at: <https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2017/12/23/rootsweb-security-update>.

**Here is my interpretation of the problem:**

Leaving any file containing user IDs and passwords exposed to the public is always a bad thing. The security departments at most online sites, including Ancestry.com, spend a lot of time and effort making sure such breaches of security don’t happen. In this case, one problem slipped through. That’s regrettable.

Having said that, I also suspect this was a minor problem. Again, this only affects less than one percent of Ancestry’s total customer group.
So far as anyone knows, the only person to access that file probably was the one security researcher. These people are sometimes called “white hat hackers,” with the term “white hat” meaning they are the “good guys.” (Remember the old-time westerns? The good guys always wore white hats.)

If a “black hat” hacker did manage to access the one file, there is no evidence that he or she has ever used it for nefarious purposes.

Next, the Ancestry folks did the right thing (in my opinion):
1. They fixed the problem immediately.
2. They publicized the problem immediately to let everyone know, unlike some companies that have tried to hide their security problems. (I’m looking at you, Equifax!)
3. All users affected will need to create a new password they next time they log in.

Here is what you should do:
The only major issue I see is for anyone who uses the same password on other sites, such as a bank’s online access or a stock brokerage account. Security experts always tell everyone to never share passwords amongst multiple web sites yet we know that many people ignore such warnings and use one password in multiple places.

It is theoretically possible that a hacker perhaps did find the file (it was not in an obvious place) and may have extracted user names and passwords. If so, that hacker might now be trying to access bank accounts, stock brokerage accounts, and other sites that are attractive to hackers. If you ignored the security warnings and did use the same password on multiple sites, you need to change your passwords on all those sites immediately.

And please, please do not use the same new password on all the sites!

Do you have comments, questions, or corrections to this article? If so, please post your words at the end of this article <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/12/23/ancestry-had-a-security-problem-now-corrected/> in the Standard Edition newsletter’s web site where everyone can benefit from your words. You might also want to read comments posted by others there.

*** PRUSSIAN POLAND TOUR ***

by Aga <newsletter@polishorigins.com>

Editor—This is an excerpt from a recent newsletter sent out by PolishOrigins.com, about the tour of Prussian Poland planned for September 2018. I wanted to make sure anyone who might be interested knows what’s planned for this tour.

So here is a bunch of information concerning the Prussian Poland Tour:
The tour is planned for **September 15 – 25, 2018.**

As with all of the PolishOrigins tours, this group will be small, to keep the private, individual character. The minimal number of participants for a group to be confirmed is 4, the maximum is 15.

This is a 10-day journey through the lands that used to be a part of Prussia: today’s Greater Poland, Masuria, and Pomerania.

The cost is 9,700 Polish złotys per person in Double or TWIN room accommodation. For the first 4 guests who make reservations, there is a discounted price special of 9,200 Polish złotys.

Our guests will be accompanied by our excellent guide, Mateusz, a native from this area, who is passionate about the history of Poland, but also having many years of experience in genealogy. So if you have your roots in this part of Poland, Mateusz will serve you with advice, consultation and knowledge concerning the research in this former Prussian partition.

Some highlights (but not all) from the itinerary:

- **Poznań**, the capital of Greater Poland and of the whole region, that is also known as the cradle of the Polish state, along with other cities like Gniezno and Biskupin.
- **Toruń**, the Nicolaus Copernicus city (also home of world’s best gingerbread!).
- The **Grunwald battlefield**: it was one of the largest battles of medieval Europe and is regarded as the most important victory in Polish history.
- **Masuria**, “region of the thousand lakes” with its beautiful landscapes, forests and wildlife.
- **Malbork**: A Teutonic castle, the largest in Poland and one of the largest castles in the world.
- **Gdańsk**, with its fabulous modern exhibitions in the European Centre of Solidarity
- **The Emigration Museum** in Gdynia.

**Can I visit my ancestral villages during Prussian Poland Tour?**

You can plan several days of genealogy tour before or after the Prussian Poland Tour. If your ancestral village is exactly on the route of our itinerary, we can possibly schedule some short stop there, but we do not want to disrupt the regular course planned for everyone. To make your visit the most effective and satisfying, we recommend you schedule beforehand the additional time necessary for genealogy research. During the tour you can count on some free consultation – we can study and translate your documents and give you some advice on further steps.

Please contact us directly with any genealogy matters and we will tell you how we can help you. Our e-mail address is <tours@polishorigins.com>.

**What is included in the price?**

Tour cost includes: accommodations in comfort class hotels in TWN/DBL rooms with private
bath or shower, two meals daily: breakfast and lunch or dinner, transportation between cities by air-conditioned, comfortable mini bus, sightseeing tours as specified in the tour itinerary, baggage allowance of one suitcase per person, services of an English-speaking guide throughout the whole Tour, hotel taxes, transfers on arrival and departure from and to the airports or hotels.

**How to get to Poland?**
The flights to and from Poland are not included, so you have to plan your travel on your own. On our Forum there is a discussion about the best flights to Europe, you can ask your questions there.

Our tour starts in Poznań and ends in Gdańsk. The transportation from Gdańsk to Poznań after the tour’s end is also included. Both cities have international airports.

If you need to travel to or from Warsaw, there are very good train connections. Tickets can be purchased online (there is a simple website in English) or you can ask our assistance in this matter.

**Will the hotels have the Internet connection?**
Yes, there is a free wifi connection in all the hotels. During our regular tours we are always cooperating with good comfort class or upper standard hotels. We prefer to cooperate with small, local businesses and boutique hotels, which offers our guests the ambiance of the history, traditions and culture of the region. We try to avoid the large, international hotel chains.

**For what weather I should be prepared in September?**
The weather in September can be hot, leftover from summer or humid and rainy, with the beginning of autumn. From our experience, it is usually something in between :) The average temperature during the day is about 65-70 F, which makes it a very good time for visiting this part of Poland. On the Baltic coast, at Gdańsk, September is still the tourist season, but it is a lot less crowded than in July and August.

Remember to take with you some casual clothes and a raincoat. Some comfortable shoes are also a must!

*You can get more information from the tour booklet, downloadable here:*


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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.

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Communicating with Your DNA Matches, Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD
Affordable Project Management Software: Your Organizational Game Changer, Cheri Daniels, MSLS
DNA & the Modern Genealogist, Sara Allen, MLIS
Is Your Society Reaping the Benefits of a Writing Group?, Lynn Palermo
Beyond Boxes & Binders – Interviewing Grandma: Collecting the Stories, Part 2, Linda Coffin
Ethics & Standards – Keeping Up with the Times, Judy G. Russell, JD, CGT, CZGL
Next Generation: Cut Educational Costs with Scholarships & Grants, Shannon Combs-Bennett

Jagiellonian Records, Andrew Zalewski
A Conflicted Life: Ludwik Gumplowicz, Professor Zdzisław Mach
The Man of Boundless Energy: Józef Oettinger, Professor Ryszard W. Gryglewski
Preachers of the Progressive Synagogue, Alicja Maślak-Maciejewska, Ph.D.
Map Corner – A Jewel in the Crown: The Kraków 1856 Cadastral Map, Jay Osborn
A Genealogical Journey: One Street in Kraków, Rivka Schiller
Road with No Return: Jewish Armed Resistance in Kraków During World War II, Jakub Nowakowski
A Candlestick Brought Back Home: And How Plans for a Family Shtetl Trip Are Enhanced, Ann Gleich Harris

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

January 3, 2018

THE STORY OF POLISH IMMIGRANT MILL WORKERS
Chicopee Public Library • 449 Front Street • Chicopee MA 01013
6:00 p.m.

The Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts and the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society are co-sponsoring a closed-circuit presentation of the story of Polish Immigrant Mill Workers on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
The presenter, David Ouimette, of the genealogy website, Family Search, will address living conditions in nineteenth century Poland that drove our ancestors to uproot their lives and the factors that attracted so many of them to the Chicopee area. Attendees will be able to pose questions at the conclusion of Mr. Ouimette's remarks.

Free Admission, please bring a friend.

[From an e-mail sent by Joe Kielec.]

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January 7, 2018

POLSKIE KOŁĘDY
St. Valentine’s Polish National Catholic Church • 127 King Street • Northampton MA 01060
2:00 p.m.

The Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, Massachusetts invites you to join us in a Polish Christmas Carol Sing Along on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Valentine’s Polish National Catholic Church, 127 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

Carols will be led by singers from area church choirs and lyrics sheets will be available for all to join in.

This afternoon of music and fellowship will also include refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Free Admission, please bring a friend.

[From an e-mail sent by Joe Kielec.]

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February 18, 2018

PGSA MEETING: HALLER’S POLISH ARMY IN FRANCE
Speaker: Paul S. Valasek, D.D.S.
Fountaindale Public Library District • 300 W. Briarcliff Road • Bolingbrook, IL 60440
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Attendance at the library is free and open to members and non-members.

The presentation 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 <http://www.pgsa.org> by clicking on the PGSA Bookstore tab, then clicking on the “Seminar” subtab and following instructions. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

**Topic Summary** – An in-depth discussion of this fighting force of over 23,000 men with origins in Pittsburgh, recruited from North America, trained by the Canadians, outfitted by the French, to serve alongside the French Army in World War I, and later to establish Poland’s eastern borders in the Polish-Soviet War of 1919-1920.

**Bio** – Paul S. Valasek is a three-time graduate of Loyola University of Chicago, earning his Doctorate in Dentistry in 1984. Born and raised in Chicago, he and his wife Andrea have always been interested in their ancestries and where their families came from in Europe. Paul’s first of numerous trips to Europe was in 1974 with his immigrant grandfather Joseph Valasek, a major turning point in his life.

Dr. Valasek has written numerous articles for genealogical publications, as well as being an international lecturer. He completed his first book, *Haller’s Polish Army in France* (2006) which makes available long-lost and obscure material detailing the formation of this fighting force of over 23,000 Polish Americans in World War I and the subsequent Polish Soviet War of 1919-1921. He also has the most complete database of the army, with over three million facts accumulated to date.

Formal participation in genealogy began with his Presidency of the Polish Genealogical Society of America (PGSA). He was founder and treasurer/editor of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois (CSAGSI), a founding member of the Moravian Historical Society, and a founding member of the popular Polish American website, <http://www.PolishRoots.org>. He has also served as a Director and Second Vice-president on the Illinois State Genealogical Society’s Board as well as sitting for multiple terms on the board of the Polish Museum of America. He has served as Vice-president and editor for the Czechoslovak Heritage Museum of Illinois and as a Board Director of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI).

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**February 28 – March 3, 2018**

**Roots Tech February 28 - March 3, 2018 - “Connect/Belong”**

For those who agree that the future of family history lies in technology and innovation, this event is probably a must. The program will highlight leading technologies and products from around the world. Registration is already open. For more information go to: <https://www.rootstech.org>.

[From the October 2017 issue of *PGSA Notebook*]
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/Żywicz 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>

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***


In a post to the Lithuanian Genealogy mailing list, Dan <dnmcgrath@gmail.com> gave this link to an ethnic neighborhood map for “Back of the Yards,” a Chicago neighborhood where many immigrant Poles (especially górale) and Lithuanians lived. Bill Rushin posted the map and contributed a lot to the discussion.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1910265>

Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN] mentioned that FamilySearch had added 59,183 indexed records to the existing collection “Ukraine, Western Ukraine Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1937.” The URL in EOGN was incorrect – it takes you to “France, Haute-Garonne, Toulouse, Church Records, 1539-1793”! – but the one given above takes you to the right collection.

<https://tinyurl.com/BaptismsJTA>

The 25 December 2017 issue of Nu? What’s New? includes this link to a report that Jews continue to be given posthumous baptism by LDS members, despite the Church’s stated policy against such baptisms. The article reports that the Anti-Defamation League is satisfied the LDS is doing its best to keep this from happening. Nu? editor Gary Mokotoff begs to differ.


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The 10 December 2017 issue of *Nu?* included this link to Lara Diamond’s blog entry about a Ukrainian researcher’s efforts to make digitized Ukrainian records available. Alex Krakovsky is a distant cousin of Brooke Schreier Ganz, who heads up Reclaim the Records, an organization that has successfully brought lawsuits to make various records in America accessible to genealogists. Alex was inspired to do the same thing in Ukraine. Good luck to him!

<https://www.dilibra.com/ahnenforschung/3453/>

In a post to the Posen-L mailing list, Daniel Kuss gave this link to a downloadable e-book, *Parochia Kottensis - Das Untertanenbuch der Herrschaft Filehne v. J. 1742*, that is, Parish of Kotten – Book of Subjects of the Filehne Dominion for the year 1742. Filehne is now Wieleń, Wielkopolskie province, and I’m fairly sure the parish referred to is that of Kocień Wielki. There is an index of family names at the end of the book, with notation of entries where each name is mentioned.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc7wvu7q>

Alan Kania posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list about a webinar from the Utah Library Association, “Hidden Genealogy Treasures of the Library of Congress.” The TinyURL above should take you to the page where you can watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUV8xttIn93AwJX2_I0AIAg/feed>

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island has added another of its brief instructional videos to its YouTube channel. This one is “What Genealogists Should Know About DNA – Without the Science Lesson!” You can access this and the 33 other videos at the above address.

<http://feefhs.org/resource/poland-noble-family-genealogies>

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz shares daily tips with members of Facebook’s Polish Genealogy group. One of the recent ones gave this URL from the website of FEEFHS, “116 Noble Polish Family Genealogies Found in Microfilms.” It’s worth a look if you have noble ancestry. Julie also suggested checking this page: <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Poland_Nobility>.

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