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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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This year is an important anniversary for Polish Americans. 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the official formation of the Polish Army in France, aka Haller’s Army, aka the Blue Army. Also, it is the 100th anniversary of the United States entering the Great War in April.

Polish American and Canadian volunteers were being shipped starting in October of 1917 to the military Camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario which served as a British camp during the War of 1812 and later as a Canadian army camp in the early part of the 20th Century. Called by many names, Camp Niagara, Camp Kosciuszko, and today Butler’s Barracks, this large open space served to house and train the Polish American / Canadian volunteers who planned to return to Europe and fight in the ongoing struggle against Germany and the Austro-Hungarian armies and by being successful, recreate the country of Poland and place it back on the map of Europe.

The Polish troops occupied the camp starting in October 1917 with final closing of the facilities in March 1919. At this time, over 23,000 men entered the camp, and the greater majority passed basic training and left for France via New York City. Unfortunately, the camp was being used during the great Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918, and 41 men succumbed to the disease. A number of these men were shipped back home for burial, but 27 others, whether due to finances or a dedication to their military efforts, were buried at the local St. Vincent DePaul cemetery where their shrine is still visited today as well as with a Polish flag waving at all times. I have heard that this plot of land was officially deeded to Poland and thus, it is Polish territory.

The name of Ks. Jan Jozef Dekowski, army chaplain, is also listed as he was buried in the cemetery after the war to be near the men he served.

There is a plan to honor these men in a special way this year during the 100th Anniversary celebration held at the annual pilgrimage in June. A number of Polish American organizations are planning a larger tribute than normal, and is seeking descendants of these men.

Even though I have the names of 99.9% of these recruits in North America, I have never been in contact with any family members of these soldiers. I am asking if anyone reading this may recognize the name of the soldier and possibly know the story of their limited yet sacrificing stay at Niagara on the Lake. Any connection to them especially with a possible photo, would add to the commemoration nicely.

Please contact me if you have any information about these men, and for that matter, any other soldiers of Haller’s army, no matter where they came from, nor where they eventually passed on. More and more information is becoming available and actual contacts with living family members is one of the best sources for information on this fighting force.
One hundred years ago, over 24,000 men from across America volunteered to leave their new homeland and serve in the Polish Army in France to regain Poland’s independence during WWI. The recruits trained under Canadian officers at “Camp Kosciuszko” in Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario, Canada. During their training, 41 recruits died from the Spanish Flue Epidemic, which had claimed over 6 million persons across the world. Of those men, 26 are interred in the Cemetery of General Haller’s Recruits at Saint Vincent de Paul’s Parish Cemetery. Scant records remain of these fallen soldiers from America.

To honor the memory of these unsung men sacrificed from amongst our communities, this project calls upon all of Polonia to unite. Participation is sought from every interested Polish American individual and organization.

1.) The first step has been to identify the names and origins, and in some cases, where the recruit noted such on his enlistment papers, the organizational recruitment affiliation.

The following map and list has been supplied through the generosity of committee member Paul S. Valasek, author of the invaluable research volume Haller’s Polish Army in France. The book is available by Email to: <hallsarmy@aol.com>.

Hallerzycy
Buried at St. Vincent De Paul Cemetery, Niagara on the Lake, Ontario

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*Josef Zabczyk only lists name of lodge? Assuming PRCUA.

**2 army recruits named Jan Siatkowski. Unsure which is buried at Niagara on the Lake.
2.) From Steven’s Point Wisconsin to Providence Rhode Island, from the Polish Falcons, Polish National Alliance and Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, this list shows the breadth of our Great Nation from where our honored responded!

This project now appeals to each division of the Polish American Congress, and national organization, to re-adopt your recruit.

The project requests that each division and organization establish a mechanism, a centennial committee, to recruit volunteers to locate and find the descendants of these men given from amongst your own. It is the first step to give honor to these men from the communities from which they came!

3.) The project calls upon all Polish American organizations and media to promote and publicize this endeavor.

4.) Once locating any descendants, it would be proper and fitting, to invite and present these family members at the cemetery to give the honor to these men on your organization’s and community’s behalf.

This honor will be held at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Opening of the Polish Army Training Camp (Camp Kosciuszko) on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

5.) One Hundredth Anniversary of Camp Kosciuszko Commemorative Program Book. In honor of each recruit buried in the cemetery, the project requests that each adoptive entity place a tribute to your son in the program book. A tribute page to each recruit would include:

   A.) The name of the recruit, along with whatever historical information can be found, hopefully even a photo, enlistment, fraternal, county honor roll, or parish records.

   B.) The name and logo of the honoring entity, the Polish American Congress Division or national organization’s district geographically encompassing the recruit’s hometown.

   C.) The name of the descendant presenting the honor at the cemetery on the entities behalf.

6.) In addition to the time and energy expended by organizations and volunteers, the project invites financial help to offset costs of publications, and for potential descendants and attendees who may not be able to totally self-finance travel and attendance burdens.

7.) Call for quick action. The centennial opening ceremony at the cemetery is quickly approaching. Time is of the essence, and hopefully the fruit of this initial project will manifest itself in many opportunities throughout the WWI Centennial.

All interested please contact: <stephenflor.polonia@gmail.com>
*** LETTER FROM THE EDITOR ***

It will come as a surprise to no one, I’m sure, that I often make mistakes when typesetting and laying out *Gen Dobry!* These usually are minor mistakes, and I don’t lose much sleep over them. But you are always welcome to bring them to my attention.

There was one rather bad error on the front page of the last issue. We printed a book review by Edward David Luft, of Peter Simonstein Cullman’s *History of the Jewish Community of Schönlanke, 1736–1940: A Memorial to the Vanished*. Unfortunately, that last word appeared as *Varnished* in the Table of Contents.

Nobody has mentioned it, and I hope no one noticed it. But I thought I should speak up, just in case someone did. The subject of the book in question is a serious one, and I hope it was clear this was simply a typo, and not a bizarre attempt at humor. My humor may be bizarre, and occasionally inappropriate; but I hope you can tell when I am trying to be funny, even if I fail!

*** UPDATE FROM GENTEAM.EU ***

*by Felix Gundacker*

*Editor* – I signed up for the updates Felix Gundacker sends out from time to time, and I like to share them with you. I know not all the material he writes about is relevant to our members’ research. Some of it, however, definitely has potential relevance.

<http://www.GenTeam.eu> – 580,000 additional entries online

Vienna, March 26, 2017

New at GenTeam:

– on my own account: in total 16.2 million entries online at GenTeam!

1. Military: Casualty lists 1914-1919 Austria-Hungary
2. Vienna: Catholic baptisms – additional records
3. Vienna: Catholic deaths – additional records
4. Index of Dominion Records of Lower Austria – additional records
5. Indices of Catholic registers from Lower and Upper Austria, Burgenland, Styria, Tyrol, and Salzburg
Dear Researcher and Genealogist,

**On my own account:**

With today’s online data, **approximately 16.2 million entries** are now available for the currently 35,500 registered users.

At this point, I would like to thank all individuals, who have furnished GenTeam over the last seven years with vital information, all those who work on long-term projects, but also all those who work behind the scenes to ensure that GenTeam functions properly and continues to expand.

GenTeam is a European platform through which historians and genealogists, who work independently or as a team on databases, can furnish this data to all researchers. **All data at GenTeam is available free of charge.** The use of GenTeam also requires **no membership fee.**

An additional development created parallel to GenTeam is <http://www.GenList.at>, a bilingual mailing list which more than 1,700 members.

**And now to the actual update:**

### 1. New: Military Casualty Lists – Austrian-Hungary World War I

In the Casualty Lists you will find the wounded, prisoners of war, and the fallen from all member countries of the Habsburg Monarchy. In total, there will be approximately 3 to 3.5 million entries. You will find officers, one-year volunteers, and, naturally, the whole gang with all confessions, this, also Jewish, Muslim and Protestant soldiers.

The following excerpts of a total of over 720 lists are already online on GenTeam now:


Approximately additional 250 lists are in progress.

At this point, I would like to thank Heinz Adamec, Kurt Ahne, Jürgen Bauer, Georg Beck, Franz Bimminger, Jan Cadilek, Maria Fichtner-Rosenau, Jiri Graja, Peter Grossinger, Rudolf Gugerbauer, Leopold Gugerel, Bernhard Gugimaier, Angela Homolka, Ray Joos, Robert Kaiser, Edit Kirilly, Robert Kobenter, Harald Lohauß, Martin Loidolt, Manfred Majer, Michael Mautner, Leo Mittringer, Mag. Siegfried Mollatz, Anton Müllner, Petö Noémi, Sabine Pichler, Ingrid Pokorny, Gerald Pribras, Gert Renner, Gabi Rudinger, DI Andreas Schönauer, Felicitas Schneider, Gisela Schwarz, Wolfgang Schwarz, Henriette Steiner, Katherine Steiner, Alexandre Studeny, Anita Vilnow, Alois Zeilinger, Sabine Zitzmann, as well as Frank Raschka, as well as all who already work on additional lists which will soon go online.

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I invite you cordially to participate in this fascinating project. We gladly send you a compilation and organize the number of your list. Please, contact the project manager, Frank Raschka (many thanks, Frank!) at <verlustliste@gmail.com> or <kontact@GenTeam.at>.

2. Vienna – Baptism Index between 1585 and 1915

Entries from the parishes 02 Sankt Johann Nepomuk, 03 Landstraße, 04 Wieden (Paulaner), 05 Sankt Josef Margareten, 07 Sankt Ulrich, 08 Gebäranstalt (Hospital), 09 Lichtental, 10 Sankt Johann Evangelist were added (i.e., 02 = district 2).

You will find a table listing all parishes with updated time frames under Hilfestufe/Help.

At this point, I would like to thank Gabi Koller, Elisabeth Kultscher, Lisi Maxa, Gerda Smodej, Franz Spevacek and Judith Starke as well as all who already work on various indices with will soon go online.

I would like to invite to participate on this Index. Simply contact me at <kontact@GenTeam.at>.

3. Vienna: Index of Catholic deaths

Since the list of deaths in the Vienna Newspaper contains vast gaps (even with consideration of Viennese historic borders, as well as the interesting fact that on average approximately 40% entries of deceased children 1-year and under are missing); therefore, we at GenTeam have begun an index of Catholic burials.

Entries were added today of the parish of 01 Maria Rotunda (Dominikaner).

You will find a table listing all parishes with updated time frames under Hilfestufe/Help.

I would like to thank Monika Fischer.

4. Index of Dominion records of Lower Austria

We added indices of the dominion Drosendorf. I would like to thank Dr. Günter Oppitz.

5. Register Indices from Lower and Upper Austria, Burgenland, Styria, Tyrol, Bohemia and Salzburg

Registers of the following Roman Catholic parishes were added:

**Lower Austria:**
Upper Austria:
Großraming

Burgenland:
Pilgersdorf

Tyrol:
Sankt Jodok am Brenner, Schirm

Salzburg:
Aigen

You will find a complete listing of parishes with updated time frames under Hilfestufe/Help.

At this point, I would like to thank Otto Amon, Ursula Baldemaier, Wolfgang Berner, Dominik Bichlmayer, Johann Frank, Franziska Heidrich, Elisabeth Kultscher, Adolf Leutgeb, Christian Mayerhofer, Martha Melchart, Dr. Günter Oppitz, Maria Schmittner, Christine Sinhuber, Wolfgang Strnad, Silvia Swoboda and Theodora Winkler.

If you too would like to participate, please, contact me directly at <kontakt@GenTeam.at>.

6. Diocese of Passau – approximately 158,000 new entries
Of the now approximately 3,32 million church records from the Dioceses Passau about 440,000 are marriages (now complete), about 1,5 million are baptisms, and the remainder are deaths.

In this database you will find parish, volumes, page numbers, Last Names, First Names, date/year or records, not always profession, as well as address/town. You will find the church registers of the Dioceses Passau at <http://www.matricula-online.eu>. You will also find a table listing all parishes with updated time frames and important tips under Hilfe/Info (Help/Information).

The archives of the Diocese of Passau and GenTeam would like to thank cordially for the transmitted corrections as well as for all new records.

We would be more than happy if you too would like to play a part with GenTeam by creating a database or furnishing an already completed database. However, if you only have questions, please, contact me anytime.

Now I wish you much joy and success with your research with GenTeam and the new entries.

Felix Gundacker
e-mail: <kontakt@FelixGundacker.at>
<http://www.FelixGundacker.at>
*** NEW PUBLICATION FROM HISTORYK PRESS ***

by Thomas L. Hollowak

Editor – This is from a note posted by Tom Hollowak to Facebook on 21 March 2017.

Historyk Press is pleased to announce its newest publication, *Baptismal Record of Baltimore’s Holy Rosary Church: 1887-1899*. It contains the record of 3,116 baptisms providing the full names of the parents and godparents, as well as the parent’s location in Poland. See our website for more information: <http://historykpress.com/whatsnew.htm>.

*** DON’T WAIT TO ORDER THAT MICROFILM! ***

by Jan Meisels Allen

Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

Editor—Jan posted this note to the JewishGen newsgroup, and I thought it gave sound advice. Advances and changes come so quickly these days, we can forget how easily old technology can become unusable, and lose out on a chance to use it.

Recently, a newsletter from the UK mentioned the demise of FamilySearch microfilms and the cessation of borrowing them from Salt Lake City. Microfilms is an older technology and the equipment to use them are difficult to maintain. As the parts are increasingly out of production. We are all aware that over the past years we have been fortunate enough to increasingly access more of the FamilySearch records from the comfort of our home via their website: <https://familysearch.org/>. I contacted one of my friends at FamilySearch corporate headquarters inquiring what was happening.

FamilySearch has been digitizing their microfilms as it is a dying technology, and FamilySearch is making those digitized microfilms available through their website in the Records section of the site and also through the FamilySearch Catalog entries for the microfilms. As such, FamilySearch will be ceasing microfilm loans from Salt Lake City to centers-worldwide at some point in the future.

In London, UK, Family Search is in negotiations with The National Archives and Society of Genealogists as to where to house the ones that had been temporarily placed at the National Archives. When more information is known, it will be posted to this Forum.

As this is a work in progress, my recommendation to you, if you have been delaying ordering a microfilm you “desperately” want to use, is to order it now. I don’t know when in the future this service will cease, but we are on notice, that it is coming. In the meantime, before you order, check out the website to see if what you want is there, as it may already have been digitized.
**** 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.


• Identity, Integration, and Assimilation Recorded in Manitoba’s Polish and Ukrainian Cemeteries, Lukasz Albanski and John C. Lehr
• A 450-Year Pacifist Legacy: Anabaptists and Mennonites in Prussia, Lawrence Klippenstein


• Editorial, Andrew Zalewski
• Research Corner, Tony Kahane
• Progressive Synagogue in Lwow, Julian J. Bussgang
• Brody: Images Telling the Story, Boerries Kuzmany
• Map Corner, Jay Osborn
• Researching Your Galitzianer Family, Mark Halpern
• Searching for Memories in Jezierna, Talila Friedman
• How I Located a Jezierna Survivor, Ann Gleich Harris
• Introducing the Advisory Board Members (Laura Zaki and Mark Halpern)


• Salno, Poland: Ancestral Home of the Edward A. Lemanski Family of Michigan, James Luxon
• Byszewo Parish Surnames, 1820–1845 (Bydgoszcz District, Bydgoszcz Province), Jan S. Zaleski
• My Experiences in Poland, Tony Monczewski
• Harry Czarnecki and the Oaza Bakery: Metro-Detroit, Michigan, Hillary “Larry” Kautella
• Funeral Directors Serving the Polish of Metro-Detroit, Michigan, compiled by Kenneth A. Merique, Roger S. Laske, and Tim Cenowa
• Leonard S. Jarzembowski Family of Detroit, Michigan, Roger S. Laske
• Jerome F. Wasik Funeral Home, Detroit: Child Burials, 1924–1926, I, extracted by Roger S. Laske

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

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ORGANIZE YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH – LISA A. ALZO
An Online Course of the FamilyTree University
Cost: $99.99

Don’t let your genealogy research overwhelm you; get the key to managing your genealogy with the organization tips and techniques in this 4-week course. Once you’ve restored order, you’ll discover the benefits that managing your genealogy research can bring, from re-discovering lost documents and search results to new clues to follow. This course will rescue you from unhelpful habits and get your work space-virtual or physical-ready for research success.

You’ll learn:
• How to keep track of what you have
• Strategies for organizing papers and photocopies
• Methods for managing your digital genealogy materials
• How to manage growth and keep your organizational strategy going

For more information, visit this page:

<https://tinyurl.com/kndmuy2>

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Saturday, May 6, 2017

NASHI PREDKY – OUR ANCESTORS UKRAINIAN GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
“REDISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY SECRETS”
Ukrainian American Citizens’ Club • 302 Mansfield Boulevard • Carnegie, PA 15106
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Featured topics
• The Basics of Ukrainian Genealogy
• Finding and Using Ukrainian Church Records
• The Aliens Are Coming: USCIS Record Sets
• History of Lemkos, Boykos, and Hutsuls
• Using Gazetteers, Directories & Schematisms for Eastern European Research

Featured speakers: Justin Houser, Rich Venezia, Michael Buryk, and Michelle Chubenko

Informative talks, answers to your questions from recognized experts, time to network with fellow genealogists (who may have family from the same region or village as you), as well as breakfast and lunch.

Register online: <https://www.ukrhec.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=32>
Save $10 if you register before March 31st!

Michelle Chubenko
“Our Ancestors – Наші Предки / Ukrainian Genealogy”
Co-Coordinator, Family History Group
Ukrainian Historical & Educational Center of NJ
<http://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

[From a post by Michelle Chubenko to various mailing lists]

Editor – For more info, you can read this item in EOGN:


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April 26–29, 2017

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONSORTIUM (NERGC)
APRIL 2017 CONFERENCE
MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA

In a post to the Facebook Polish Genealogy Group, Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz informed us of an event associated with this conference that will be of particular interest to Polish researchers in the New England area:

New England area group members may be interested in the upcoming Polish/Eastern European Special Interest Group discussion that will take place at the New England Regional Genealogy Consortium (NERGC) conference on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. <http://www.nergc.org/sigs-special-interest-groups/>.

I’ve posted about this before, but I’m mentioning it again because it’s shaping up to be a really great evening. Professor Jonathan Shea (<http://www.langline.com/Shea.htm>) and I will be your co-hosts for the evening, but I have been informed that Matthew Bielawa, creator of the popular HalGal site for Galicia research (<http://www.halgal.com/>), and Michelle Tucker Chubenko (<http://www.jerseyrootsgenealogy.com/about.html>) will also be in attendance. Prof. Shea and I will plan some introductory material to get the ball rolling, but the SIG is really about you, and your research questions. So if you’re in the New England area, and you’d like some real-life assistance with your research and answers to your questions about Polish genealogy, please join us on Thursday night!

For more information, visit <http://www.nergc.org/>.

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Saturday, May 20, 2017

PGSA WORKSHOP – “THE POLISH CONNECTION”
NIU Naperville Meeting and Conference Center – Room 260
1120 E. Diehl Road • Naperville, Illinois

The Polish Genealogical Society of America is presenting two speakers at this workshop. The first, Tadeusz Piłat, will broadcast live from Warsaw, Poland; the second Jason Kruski, will be at NIU. Before, in between, and after the presentations, we will have translators available to help interpret documents and our “Ask Us” team to answer genealogical questions.

Tadeusz Piłat will discuss:
• Notary records in Poland, often ignored as a source of genealogical information. These include last wills (testaments), inheritances, deeds, cessions, sales and purchases of all kind, as well as premarital contracts: data that cannot be found in parish books or civil registers.
• Cadastral maps – The result of land surveys which likewise contain details that cannot be found in any of the church records.

Speaker Jason Kruski will present “Technological Advances in Polish-American Genealogy: How to get one’s family tree back to Poland and find the village of origin using technology” He will include the latest updates from various archives within Poland, including Przemyśl, Włocławek, Poznań, and more, along with the national and archival efforts to digitize records. Mr. Kruski will also examine the latest collections of American records available online. An overview of how to find one’s ancestral parish utilizing the online gazetteer Słownik Geograficzny will also be included.

REGISTRATION FEES:
NIU attendees – members/non . . . . . . . . . . . . $15/$20
Online seminar attendees – members/non . . . $20/$25
Registration for either is online only. Mail-ins/walk-ins not accepted. To register, go to: <http://pgsa.org/product-category/seminars/> and follow instructions.

NIU attendance - limited to 50 people – Registration ends May 10, 2017.
Webinar – unlimited – no registration deadline. No refunds issued for cancellations.

Any additional details will be posted on our website or in the PGSA Notebook.

[From the PGSA Genealogy Notebook, 1 February 2017]

June 16 – 18, 2017
POLISH FEST
Henry W. Maier Festival Park • Summerfest Grounds • Milwaukee, Wisconsin

For more information, visit the website:

<http://www.polishfest.org/>

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July 28–29, 2017

2017 INTERNATIONAL GERMANIC GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
Minneapolis, Minnesota

This is expected to be a unique conference, organized through an international partnership of societies across the United States and Europe. Given how many people of Polish descent came from areas ruled by Germany from 1815 to 1918, this event may be worth your attention even if your ethnic identity is not primarily German.

For more developments, keep an eye on the website: <http://www.ggsmn.org/>.

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October 28, 2017

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN’S ANNUAL SEMINAR
American Polish Cultural Center

We are very excited to announce the speakers for this year’s seminar on October 28, 2017 at the American Polish Cultural Center.

Sophie Hodorowicz Knab, author of several books about Polish culture and traditions, will speak to us about the different customs as well as present a personal family story which resulted in the book, Wearing the Letter P: Polish Women as Forced Laborers in Nazi Germany, 1939-1945.

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz offers two presentations. The first one is called, “I Found My Village! Now What?” Julie will discuss the different documents that can be found online which will help us in our research. Her other presentation is called,” The Ins and Outs of Geneteka: How it Works and How to Use It Most Effectively.”

For more information as it becomes available, visit the PGSM website:

<http://pgsm.org/>

[From a post by Valerie Warunek to the Facebook page of the PGSM]
The 5 March 2017 issue of *The Genealogy News* included this link to a brief article on the Cloudflare DNS breach. I had not heard of it, but the list of sites possibly affected included 23andMe, Fitbit, Feedly, Uber, and others. The author suggested it might be wise to change one’s password on these sites, just in case it may have been compromised. There’s no need to be an alarmist about this; it’s just that changing passwords every so often is a good idea in any case—especially when a site you used may have been hacked.

On the LithuanianGenealogy mailing list, member “Leona from Massachusetts” wrote: “I want to offer a shout out for the 24-episode series published by The Great Courses entitled, ‘A History of Eastern Europe’ presented by Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, Ph.D. of the University of Tennessee. This is a riveting (really!), well-presented lecture broken into 30 minute bites that covers the arc of Eastern European history, wars, peace, partitions, the Holocaust and so much more. Coming of age during the Cold War and vaguely aware that I still had blood relatives in the Baltics, I knew nothing of these relations and little of life ‘Behind the Iron Curtain.’ This series has filled in the gaps and led to a better understanding of formerly nebulous puzzle.” She gave the link above, and added, “Do NOT be dismayed by the retail price: there are always coupons out there. For example, I ordered the lectures through Amazon Prime video streaming and instead of paying $234 retail, I paid just $57 for 24 episodes – 12 hours of video.”

When a discussion arose on the Polish Genius mailing list about land maps, Bronwyn Klimach pointed out that present-day land maps can be found at this site. We’ve probably mentioned it before, but it can certainly do no harm to mention it again—and it is fascinating to zoom in on specific areas and see the property boundaries.

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz posted a note to the Polish Genealogy group on Facebook to spread awareness of this site, for genealogists with roots in the eastern part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. It is all in Polish, but nothing ventured, nothing gained....

In the article at this URL, *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter (EOGN)* discusses the latest developments with MacKiev, which is now in charge of developing the Family Tree Maker desktop software.
This is another EOGN article you might want to take a look at. The title explains it all. Let your work live on after you!

This link, from the 12 March 2017 issue of *The Genealogy News*, has an interesting discussion on the same subject, “17 Years of Research Being Flushed down the Toilet.”

Among recent additions to the Genealogy Indexer site are Address Calendars for Warsaw from 1892, 1893, 1896, 1896, 1900, 1901, and 1902; a 1939 Płock calendar; and Warsaw Illustrated Calendars for 1890, 1891, 1894, 1896–1902, and 1905.

If you’re having trouble coming up with ideas on questions you can ask family members about your genealogy, this item, from *The Genealogy News*, 12 March 2017, has “117 Questions to Ask Your Family”!

On Facebook, Alicja Morawiec shared this link with the Polish Genealogy group. It’s a subject that never fails to get my attention!

It’s about time to view the storks coming back to their nests in Poland. Debbie Greenlee posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list, giving this address for the nest in Ustroń. She added, “This site now has ads. They don’t take long and this helps the school pay for transmission. The video is in color during the day. Word is that a stork has already stopped by this nest. We don’t know if it’s one of the original owners or a squatter.” She also reminded us of the nest Klekusiowo in Tomaszów Bolesławiecki, at <http://bocianybolec.pl/>. You can click on four different cams for different angles.

This entry in Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz’s blog is a very helpful introduction to Geneteka: what it is and how to use it. Geneteka is not the easiest site to master for those just starting out, but Julie takes you through it, a step at a time.
The Facebook page for the East European Genealogical Society posted a note to update readers on the progress of the Matricula website. “The site provides FREE digitized images for church records in Austria, Germany, and Poland. In the two years that have past, they have more than doubled their collection to 15,203,945 pages online.” We’ve probably mentioned it before (Felix Gundacker usually mentions it in his updates), but these sites offering online access to church registers are proliferating and expanding so fast it’s hard to keep up with them!

Valerie Warunek mentioned in a post to the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan’s Facebook page that this was one of the first websites she used. It lets you search for surnames from approximately 14,000 vital records of parishes in the Rzeszów area.

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