*** GROWING PAINS ***

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

The popularity of genealogy as a hobby (that can easily become an obsession) grows with each passing day. The resources available to genealogists are expanding to a point no one would have believed possible 20 years ago. Along with such growth, however, growing pains are inevitable; and the field of genealogy is suffering its share. There have been two controversies lately you may not have heard about, but they show the path forward will not be all lilacs and butterflies.

Probably the bigger controversy deals with the postponement of the program Finding Your Roots, starring Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Ph.D., a Harvard professor, on PBS. It has attracted a lot of attention in the genealogical community, and raises some interesting questions.

If you haven’t heard about it, this brief item in Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter will tell you the basics:

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/06/25/finding-your-roots-on-pbs-postponed/>

The New York Times has even weighed in:


It was probably inevitable. Any show that digs into the past of celebrities’ families is going to find, occasionally, facts that embarrass the celebrity. In this case, actor Ben Affleck allowed Dr. Gates and his staff to investigate the actor’s family, and the research turned up an ancestor who owned slaves. This isn’t the first time that’s happened, as the Times article points out; ancestors of Derek Jeter, Ken Burns, and Anderson Cooper also turned out to be slave-owners. I watched a couple of those episodes, and the men involved took the news in stride.

I have heard mathematically savvy people claim before that statistics guarantee most American families will have either slaves, slave-owners, or both in the family tree, if you search back far enough. How far you have to search, of course, depends on when your ancestors came over. You probably won’t find a lot of slaves or slave-owners in the immediate ancestry of, say, Polish immigrants of the late 19th century. But as their descendants married, the family trees’ branches spread out. You can’t realistically expect them all to be saints.

The problem here was that the revelation embarrassed Ben Affleck, and he asked Dr. Gates not to include it in the program. Gates felt it was an editorial decision he was authorized to make. He felt other relatives of Mr. Affleck were more interesting, and more information was available on them. He decided to omit mention of the slave-owner from the program. After all, the program is not a news program; he has to make decisions all the time about which branches of a family tree make it to air, decisions based on his feel for how interesting they were. It seems he felt he was doing his job, and of course, any such decision can be second-guessed.
The massive hack of Sony e-mails posted on WikiLeaks earlier this year, however, brought the matter to the attention of the press. The powers that be at PBS found fault with his decision, and has postponed further episodes of the show. The latest issue of *Nu? What’s New?* cited this link with the complete statement from PBS:

<http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2015/fyr-internal-review>

Among the steps PBS requires the show’s producers to take is employing an independent genealogist who will review all episodes for factual accuracy. I’m baffled that they hadn’t already done this!

Personally, I suspect Dr. Gates thought he had made a reasonable decision. Cynically put, he can’t lure celebrities to his show if they start thinking he’s “out to get them.” Less cynically, it’s possible he saw no need to embarrass Ben Affleck; Gates may have felt he had a stronger episode without including the slave-owning ancestor.

Gary Mokotoff made a good point, however, in the latest issue of *Nu? What’s New?* He said he has watched the program numerous times and had concluded, “Dr. Gates preferred as celebrity guests African Americans whose ancestors rose above their former status as slaves to become successful Americans, and Caucasian celebrities whose ancestors were slave holders. I assume that is why he chose Affleck, and it seems strange he gave in to Affleck’s request.”

In any case, the show is off the air for now, and some feel it may never come back on. The impression I get from most observers is that they believe it will return. I hope so—and I hope all concerned will learn from this controversy and present a stronger, more independent program.

The second controversy has received less mainstream attention, but made a fairly big splash in the genealogical community, because it affected one of the most valuable sources online. Stephen P. Morse’s One-Step Webpages, at <http://www.stevemorse.org/>, were shut down for a few days in early June. A woman filed a complaint based on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, stating that a picture of her shown in a yearbook displayed on Morse’s site was her property and should not have been used without her permission. The host of Morse’s site, GoDaddy.com, suspended the site while the complaint was being investigated.

I was baffled that anyone could claim a photo from a yearbook was personal property. I was also surprised to see that Morse’s site is hosted by GoDaddy.com! I had never been terribly impressed by GoDaddy; its main contribution to our culture (if you can call it that) seemed to be a series of commercials with Danica Patrick and others that appeared during past Super Bowls. They were, shall we say, interesting, and often funny; but they didn’t make me inclined to take GoDaddy seriously as a website host. Dr. Morse is one bright fellow, however, and I’m not going to claim I know more about technology than he does!

In any case, the issue was soon settled—the Morse site was back up again by 9 June. I hope GoDaddy quickly realized the complaint was without any reasonable foundation. I also hope other web hosts take notice. It’s hard to think of anything more frustrating than having reputable, valuable sites taken offline at a moment’s notice because of unfounded nuisance complaints!
I am sure we will see more problems along these lines. Sadly, in this world, it seems if you’re not doing anything to hack people off, you’re not doing anything! Most of us don’t want to cause trouble; but trouble will find us nonetheless. I guess all we can do is resolve to make the best decisions we can, accept constructive criticism, and persevere through destructive criticism.

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*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: Tip in *Gen Dobry!* Pays Off!

*Editor*—Ruth Susmarski wrote to say how useful a tip in the last *Gen Dobry!* proved for her. I love it when something we publish helps a reader!

Hello Fred,

I just had to write and let you know how excited I have been since receiving the May 31, 2015 issue of *Gen Dobry*!

Under the “More Useful Web Addresses” section was link to online scans from the State Archives in Przemyśl ([http://www.przemysl.ap.gov.pl.skany](http://www.przemysl.ap.gov.pl.skany)). While I do not speak or read Polish, I played around with the drop-downs and discovered a phenomenal find: records from Łubno parish, where my grandmother, Julia Burdasz, was born January 26, 1891.

From the link I opened, there were 59 pages of Łubno baptismal records from 1890 to 1899, which I have saved onto a flash drive. But here’s the kink...I’m still not exactly sure what I am looking at, as I have not found my grandmother’s record among the 1891 entries. I have worked with a wonderful researcher in that area, Adam Jędryka, in the past, and he obtained numerous birth/baptismal, marriage and death records for me, including my grandmother’s record, so I do already have that.

The records I found through *Gen Dobry!* look exactly like church records and I certainly recognize many names in that ten-year span of records as a result of my past research. But they are different, too. To solve the mystery, I have e-mailed Adam to help me understand exactly what I am looking at.

Regardless of his reply, I am thrilled to find these records, as Łubno parish records were not filmed by the LDS and access to records from that area of Poland (far SE) has been difficult and restricted in the past.

Many, many thanks to Logan Kleinwaks for sharing this link!!! There are many other databases (both Roman and Greek Catholic) in this wonderful link that Logan provided.

It will take a great deal more trial and error in opening potential databases and much patience in viewing them, but it is worth every moment of effort!
Sincerely,

Ruth Susmarski, Des Plaines, IL

“The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.” - Cicero

Editor—I’m very pleased to hear this, and I passed along this note to Logan Kleinwaks. His site is crammed full of valuable materials, and serious researchers need to know about it. I don’t know how much these records will help, but I hope they fill in all kinds of gaps!

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*** PROGRAMS FROM IAJGS TO SCREEN ON-DEMAND ***

Editor—The June 21, 2015 issue of Nu? What’s New? included information on how to view some of the best programs from the upcoming IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy. This is an abridged version of the article—Nu? is available only on a subscription basis, so I only quote brief extracts from its articles, unless I get Gary Mokotoff’s permission to reprint the whole article. This is enough to help those who can’t make it to the Conference but want to see some of the presentations.

Fifty of the best programs from the 35th IAJGS International Conference, on Jewish Genealogy to be held in Jerusalem, July 6–10, will be streamed on-demand for viewing over the Internet on your computer, tablet, or smartphone within a few hours after the actual presentation. This service is being presented in cooperation with FamilySearch, who has provided funding and will also help with on-site expertise to enable it to be done through the Israeli supplier. For additional information, including how to register, go to the conference website at <http://iajgs2015.org> and follow the “On Demand” tab.

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*** WEBSITE WITH HUNDREDS OF PHOTOS FROM POLAND ***

by Debbie Greenlee <daveg@airmail.net>

Editor—Debbie Greenlee posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list, passing along information provided by Polish Dragon. I don’t think we mentioned this before, and it’s worth knowing about.

Polish Dragon told me about a link he found in Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter that has hundreds of photos taken in Poland from 1900 to 1990:

<http://www.fortepan.hu/?lang=en&img=53824>

This is a Hungarian website, but if you type “Poland” in the search box at the top of the page,
you’ll see photos taken in Poland.

If you scroll down you will see a time line. As you progress through the photos the time line moves. Most of the photos list the location or the subject.

I found several interesting photos:

1. Most of the photos are from the big cities like Warsaw, Kraków, Gdańsk, Wrocław, Zakopane.

2. Photo of the beach at Gdańsk/Gdynia with big guns aimed at the Baltic Sea.

3. Polish men and women wore shorts in the 1960s. That’s not the case today.

4. I have photos of some of the exact buildings. One (1938-ish) shows Centennial Hall (hala ludowa) in Wrocław with Nazi flags in front. That shot and another of the same building can be compared to my photos here: [http://www.polishfamily.com/p4e/cities233/100_i.html](http://www.polishfamily.com/p4e/cities233/100_i.html). Scroll down.

5. Many of the photos have street names listed.

6. Streets have very few people on them. Today, the streets in the big cities are as busy as any other metropolitan city in the world.

7. Too many photos of the Palace of Culture in Warsaw, also known as “the wedding cake” and “the ugliest building” in Warsaw. This was a gift from the Soviets.

8. Pepsi Cola was in Poland as early as the 1970s.

9. Bell-bottom pants were as big in Poland as in the U.S.


If you’ve been to Poland you might enjoy trying to identify the city and then looking at the caption just below the time line.

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

Note: see also [http://www.eogn.com/calendar](http://www.eogn.com/calendar) for a large selection of upcoming events in the world of genealogy.

Saturday, August 1, 2015
2015 INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THE EAST EUROPEAN GENEALOGY SOCIETY
Ancestral Evidence – Names, Places, and Documents
The East European Genealogical Society is holding its 2015 International Seminar, celebrating 25 years, under the title “Ancestral Evidence – Names, Places, and Documents.” The speakers will be Matthew Bielawa, William F. Hoffman, and John Pihach. Bielawa will speak on analyzing vital records of the Austrian, Prussian, and Russian Empires. Hoffman will speak on given names and place names of east Europe; and Pihach will speak on going beyond vital records to discover Galician documents of genealogical value. For more information, visit the Society’s website, <http://eegsociety.org/Seminar2015.aspx>.

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Saturday, August 1, 2015
“DOWNTON ABBEY — POLISH STYLE”
The Polish Mission • 3535 Commerce Rd • Orchard Lake, Michigan
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Rogalin Palace - and the life, records, and times of Count Raczyński’s family, and their estate workers, will be featured in our genealogist Ceil Wendt Jensen’s latest lecture, “Downton Abbey – Polish Style.” Ola Heska will join Ceil for the Aug. 1 seminar, and read excerpts (in Polish and English) from Count Raczyński’s memoir. There will also be comparisons with the Vanderbilt’s Biltmore Estate.

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August 6–9, 2015
RESEARCHING OUR GERMAN ROOTS IN POLAND AND THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE

A convention for people of German origin interested in the genealogy, culture and history of their ancestors who migrated through Russian Poland, Volhynia, and surrounding areas.

**Date:** August 6 to 9, 2015  
**Place:** Gatineau, Quebec Canada – Ramada Plaza / Manoir du Casino (check SGGEE Convention link below for cost)  
**Cost:** Postmarked before 7 July - $90. CA or US (member); $100. CA or US (non-member); Postmarked after 7 July - $100. CA or US (member); $110. CA or US (non-member); one day rates available  
**Presented by:** Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe

**Topics:**
- “An Anaconda in Volhynia? Germans in South America.” Edie Adam  
- “Remembering the Deportation of 1915.” Dick Benert  
- “EWZ: What is it, will it help my genealogical research, and how do I access and understand these records?” Karl Krueger  
- “FamilySearch.org: A Place to Research, Share, and Preserve Your Family History Legacy.”
Shirley-Ann Pyefinch
- “Behind-the-scenes: The Oral History Project.” Dr. Mathias Schulze
- “A Place by any other name won’t Merge.” Gary Warner and Sigrid Pohl Perry
- “SGGEE On-Line Databases – How to Get the Most Out of them.” Gary Warner
- “Genealogy 101 and Library Archives Canada Resources.” Nicole Watier
- “Genetic Genealogy: Using DNA to Identify Distant Cousins.” Willi Weisner

Research area at the convention will include the following:
- Wireless Internet access with your laptop to our various databases.
- Access to hundreds of thousands of names from Poland and Volhynia, many of which were extracted from Polish church books, which are not available in any other database. They contain more detail than available on the SGGEE website.
- Eastern Volhynian records - 1941 to 1944 for marriages, confirmations and birth records with some birth records back to 1920.
- Help will be available to assist in the translation of documents and getting past dead ends, as well as providing general information on further research.

SGGEE Convention details: <https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html>

[From an e-mail sent out by Mavis Menzies of the East Europe Genealogical Society]

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Sunday, August 9, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF AMERICA
QUARTERLY MEETING
Alqonquin Area Public Library • 2600 Harnish Dr. • Algonquin, IL
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drilling Down for DNA – Jeffrey A. Bockman

Mr. Bockman explores a variety of methods to discover the distant cousins whose DNA test results might help to get past a brick wall. He will discuss how DNA tests and DNA projects can help to overcome tough research problems. Based upon his article in *Everton’s Genealogical Helper* September/October 2007.

Jeffrey A. Bockman is an experienced genealogy lecturer, author, and writer. He has applied his engineering, management, computer, and organizational development skills to help with the analyzing, problem solving, and organization of records necessary for genealogical research. He has been doing genealogical research since 1987 and has been active in societies, society management, classes, and presenting lectures since 1994.

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Sunday, September 20, 2015
PLANTING AND GROWING YOUR POLISH FAMILY TREE

Sunday, September 20, 2015
1:00 to 4:00 PM
Dom Polski / Polish National Home
10 Coburn St.
Lowell, MA 01850

Are you interested in learning more about Polish Genealogy and getting started or restarted on a family tree? The Lowell Polish Cultural Committee and the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts are pleased to present an afternoon of Eastern European research assistance and education especially for those in Eastern Massachusetts. Free, bring a friend and perhaps find a relative!

Two Great Speakers and Topics
"Beginning Your Genealogy"
by Alan Doyle Horbal

"Overlooked Municipal Records"
by Sara Campbell

Other Great Offerings
- Free translation of short Polish documents
- PGSMA volunteers able to assist with your basic research questions
- "Finding Your Ancestral Village" map
- A chance to meet and greet others with roots in eastern Massachusetts interested in genealogy

Please register today for this free event so we can plan attendance. You may register online through www.pgsma.org or by contacting Ann Marie Winn at 978-858-0371 or amjwinn@hotmail.com.

www.pgsma.org
Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
CHICAGO’S SOUTH SIDE POLONIA BUS TOUR & CONFERENCE

“Historic Scenes Through Mobile Means” – Friday, Sept. 25, 2015

The Homan Square Foundation has opened the historic original Sears Water Tower (now called the Nichols Tower) where we will get a bird’s eye view of the City of Chicago from the 14th floor. In addition to Homan Square, bus stops will include:

- inside tours of 3 Roman Catholic Churches established for and by Polish immigrants
- an in-depth look at the grounds of the US Steel South works property
- a drive though of the newly designated Pullman National Monument

Conference: “Research Before and Beyond the Internet” – Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

Renowned lecturer, professor, and author, Dominic Pacyga will be our Keynote Speaker. In addition:

- Ola Heska will demonstrate, with step-by-step instructions, how to obtain vital records from the Polish State Archives and other Internet databases.
- Ellie Carlson, costume curator of the Winnetka Historical Society, will help you identify photographs that now occupy boxes in your closet.

Registration will begin in spring for the bus tour itself or combined with the conference. Reserve your $99 room as of March 5, 2015 at the:

Chicago Marriott Midway
6520 S. Cicero Avenue
Chicago, IL 60638
(708)594-5500

Friday & Saturday, October 2-3, 2015

2015 POLISH GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

sponsored by the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast
and
Central Connecticut State University’s Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair
Polish and Polish American Studies

When: October 2 and October 3
Where: Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

The conference provides an opportunity to learn strategies for tracing your Polish-American and Eastern European roots. The speakers are well known in Polish genealogy circles and their discussions will enable attendees to fill in the missing pieces of their family history. All speakers have extensive experience in their respective fields and have been featured at numerous regional, national and international conferences.

Featured speakers will be Lisa Alzo, Matthew Bielawa, Tomasz Pilat, John Righetti, Kris Rzepczynski and Jonathan Shea.

Tadeusz Pilat, from Tarnobrzeg, Poland will present lectures on “Notary Records with an Emphasis on Records in the 19th Century” and “Galician Maps in Poland.” Both topics are wonderful additions to Polish genealogy research.

Pilat was born in Silesia, Poland and currently resides in eastern Poland and Germany. He pursued Library Studies at the University of Maria Curie-Skłodowska in Lublin, Poland and focused on the history of books and old documents. In 1999, he was granted the degree of Master of Library and Information Science. In 2003, Tadeusz became an Accredited Genealogist specializing in Polish research in all partitions of the former Commonwealth of Poland. He has traveled extensively to many countries and is fluent in Polish, German and English.

A two-part seminar, “Introduction to Polish Research” is designed for both beginners and intermediate Polish genealogy researchers. Some of the other lectures are “Digital News: Utilizing Online Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research, Pennsylvania’s Coal Mines, Pennsylvania Resources for Polish Genealogists and Changed by Thalerhof - An Anniversary Documentary” which explains Europe’s first concentration camp located in the Galician section of Poland from 1914-1917.

More information and registration materials are available on our website at <http://www.pgsctne.org>. You can also contact Diane Szepanski at <Szepanski3@cox.net>.

October 24, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL SEMINAR
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 East Maple Road, Troy, MI 48083

Please note this date is one week later than usual.

PGS-Michigan has announced that Jonathan D. Shea and Steve Szabados will speak at their annual seminar this year. Details will be given as they become available.
Jonathan D. Shea is the author of *Going Home: A Guide to Doing Polish American Family Research* and President of the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and Northeast. He has co-authored three research guides with William F. Hoffman, *In Their Words: A Genealogist’s Translation Guide to Polish German, Latin and Russian Documents, Volumes 1-3*.

Stephen Szabados authored several books including *Polish Genealogy: 4 Steps to Success*, is the genealogy columnist for the Pol-Am Journal and blogs.

Details of their presentations and registration will follow.

American Polish Center, 248-689-3636
<http://www.americanpolishcenter.com/>

[From the PGSM website, <http://www.pgsm.org>. I haven’t had the pleasure of hearing Steve Szabados speak; but I can tell you from personal experience, Jonathan Shea is a great speaker and teacher. If you get a chance, try to attend!]

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November 15, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING


Topic – *Poland in WWII*. Poland was the first nation to fight German aggression in World War II. It supplied the fourth largest Allied armed forces behind those of the United States, United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. In addition, it organized the largest resistance movement of the war and made other substantial contributions to the Allied victory. This illustrated PowerPoint presentation will highlight the many contributions Poland and its people made to the ultimate destruction of Nazism.

**Bio** – James S. Pula is Professor of History at Purdue University. He has authored more than a dozen books and is the editor of *The Polish American Encyclopedia* and the academic journal *Polish American Studies*.

This presentation will be offered as a Webinar. Additional information will be posted on the PGSA Home Page, *PGSA Notebook*, and *Rodziny* prior to the meeting.

For details as they become available, check PGSA’s website, <http://www.pgsa.org>.

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***
The 8 June 2015 issue of *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter*, or EOGN, told of free week-long seminars conducted by specialists of the FHL and others. Attendance in-person at the seminars is sold out, but you can still sign up to attend them online as webinars. See the above URL.

We mentioned the whole “Right to be Forgotten” movement in the last issue. Here’s an update from EOGN.

In the same issue of EOGN, this link was provided to Mark Rabideau’s article on why many Prussian, Polish, and German records are missing, at least, from certain areas. Also, Allen Krueger forwarded to the Poland mailing list Mr. Rabideau’s follow-up to that piece, which can be read here: <http://www.many-roads.com/libraries/prussia-histories/records-possibilities/>.

EOGN also mentioned the formation of the German–American Genealogical Partnership. The founding societies of this new partnership include the Germanic Genealogy Society (GGS), the Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota (PRG), and the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände (DAGV). You can read more at the link above.

The 15 June issue of EOGN included reference to this article, discussing the claim that every living European is related to Charlemagne and a number of other historical figures from centuries ago. I’ve heard that this is true for years; I believe the first time I heard it was when Rafał T. Prinke and Andrzej Sikorski published *Królewska krew. Polscy potomkowie Piastów i innych dynastii panujących* [Royal Blood: Polish Descendants of the Piasts and other Ruling Dynasties] in 1997. The link above takes you to Adam Rutherford’s fascinating article (in English) on the subject.

The same issue of EOGN reminded readers that the Genealogical Publishing Company sells hundreds of genealogy-related CD-ROMs. If you’re interested, click on the link for the catalog.

The June 7th issue of *Nu? What’s New?* announced that the Gesher Galicia “All Galicia
“Database” has added a feature that lets you search by house number within any town with more than 25 records. This is particularly useful news for Jewish researchers, since so many Jews lived in the towns, whereas the majority of Poles living in villages and on farms. Still, even non-Jews who do good research will probably find some relatives living in towns. The All Galicia Database has over 320,000 records from 138 different sources, and its search engine lets you search the data in a number of ways. If you have roots in Galicia, give this database a try.

A mailing list I monitor, for teachers of Slavic languages, had a recent post from Lea Berriault, managing English editor, Culture.pl. It was about a “Foreigner’s Guide to Polish Comics.” As soon as I saw it, I thought I had to share this with the readers of Gen Dobry!

Linda Radecki posted a note to Facebook’s Polish Genealogy group on 3 June 2015, saying that maybe everyone already knows about this tutorial, but she thought it was worth mentioning for anyone who is not aware of it. It was written by Sonja Nishimoto, A.G. and is a good intro to a field that’s growing dynamically, day by day.

The Genealogy News for 7 June 2015 had a link to this page, “Names Have Meaning: A Research Guide for Baby Names and Family Names.” It’s a good introduction to onomastics, the study of names, for those who want to know something about the subject but don’t want to be overwhelmed with too much information to digest.

That issue also had a link to this article by Megan Smolenyak-Smolenyak, “World’s Largest Family Reunion: Genealogy or Preen-ealogy?” The title got me hooked, and it’s an interesting piece.

The June 21st issue of The Genealogy News had another article with a title I couldn’t ignore: “The Grumpy Genealogist: 4 Things That Really Bug Me About Family History Research.” Susan Wallin Mosey wrote an article that’s likely to have you nodding your head and then saying, “Susan, here are a dozen more things to add to your list!”

On June 6, Ola Heska mentioned on Facebook’s Polish Genealogy page that she recently gave a presentation at PGSA’s quarterly meeting that discussed the partitions, and especially vital
records in the Russian partition. “This presentation was offered as a webinar but if you haven’t had a chance to participate at the time, you can view the presentation” at the above link. You have to register, but that seems harmless.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-pv03E8i4o&feature=youtu.be>

Thomas Mackowiak posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list, saying a relative in Poland sent him this link of the Rynek in Kórnik, Poland. The video was taken by a drone flying over the marketplace. I love how drone footage really helps you feel like you’re there.

<https://www.genealogiawarchiwach.pl>

Valerie Warunek posted to Facebook’s Polish Genealogy page a note about this link, of value to anyone with ancestors from Kujawsko-Pomorskie or Pomorskie voivodeships, about a project to digitize records from those areas.


This is a link to Polish-American organizations in Milwaukee, posted by Valerie Warunek to the Facebook page of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. If you have any family in Milwaukee, why not take a look?

<https://www.facebook.com/pilsudski.org>

Valerie also posted this link to the Facebook page of Instytut Józefa Piłsudskiego, the Jozef Pilsudski Institute, on Greenpoint Avenue in New York city. The Institute’s website is at <http://www.pilsudski.org/portal/pl/>.


Jürgen Otto posted a note to the Posen mailing list giving this link to a summary of online records from the Poznań branch of the State Archives on the Szukajwarchiwach site.

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