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CHAOS IN THE DISCUSSION GROUPS!

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

For those interested in online mailing lists and discussion groups, this has been a chaotic month. It seems Yahoo has decided to put severe limits on uploading content to its groups, and the consensus is that the groups may be phased out entirely. Here is a Yahoo page with information on the changes:

<https://help.yahoo.com/kb/groups/SLN31010.html>

In any event, the groups will be far less useful than they have been. Administrators of individual groups, therefore, have been trying to figure out how to react. Can they exist within the limitations Yahoo is imposing? Or should they just take the whole group and move elsewhere?

Administrators of several Yahoo groups I belong to, including Polish Genius and Lithuanian Genealogy, have decided to move the whole thing to Groups.io, which I had not heard of before, but it seems to be a popular choice. Its website is here:

<https://groups.io/>

Things will probably be squared away soon, but it’s been a mess the last few weeks. Administrators have asked if members would be willing to move the groups, and the response has generally been yes. From what I understand, Polish Genius and Lithuanian Genealogy are going to be moved intact; there is a fee, but individuals have kindly covered that with their contributions.

But then the notion got around that members wouldn’t be moved to the new site unless they spoke up and said they wanted to. Consequently, we’ve had a flood of totally unnecessary emails filling our inboxes as members said, basically, “Take me along.” Poor Debbie Greenlee of Polish Genius tried in vain to tell the members they would be included if they had ever posted a note to the group. Only people who had never posted should speak up. But the flood continued.

This, too, will pass; and I suppose it was predictable. But there are times I feel like posting a note asking, “Do any of you know how to read?” I should do it, if only to see how many people answer “No.”

But the Yahoo Groups decision has not been the only source of chaos in discussion groups lately. JewishGen recently made a major change to its Discussion Group Format. There were good reasons to do so, involving greatly enhanced features; if you’re interested, you can read them here:

<https://tinyurl.com/JGMemberGuide>

The confusion that always accompanies change arose here, too. One of the most humorous
problems was connected with receiving posts in digest mode. I often choose this option, because instead of getting individual posts here and there all day, I get a digest that includes them all at once, so I can look through them and pick and choose the most interesting ones. It’s usually very convenient.

Under the new format, however, JewishGen issues a digest every time twelve posts have piled up since the last digest went out. Next thing you know, all these folks are posting things like “What’s going on?” and “Why did we change?” and “How do I handle the new procedure?” As dozens of these notes piled up, digests were put together and sent out many times a day. This infuriated the recipients, who posted notes saying “Why are we getting so many digests every day?” Which, of course, generated more digests.

The administrators had explained what to do from the start, and made the explanation available to anyone who bothered to read and look it up. A few souls tried to stem the tide, pointing out that JewishGen usually has only ten to twelve posts a day, so the new digest procedure would work fine if people would just shut up and resume their usual behavior! Did anyone listen? Do you really have to ask?

Eventually the influx of notes calmed down. These days, members get maybe two digests a day, if that many. The confusion is passing, the new system is beginning to show its merits, and while there are many who lament the change, there are also many who are adjusting nicely.

I know it’s human nature to be puzzled by change. All you have to do, most of the time, is be patient and wait the chaos out. It helps that most of the folks who populate these lists are intelligent people, and after a little while, they get the picture.

But the recent experiences have had a bad effect on my hopes for the future. Seeing how people react to small crises, I have to pray “The Big One” doesn’t hit any time soon – or we will all be totally screwed! (And we’ll be doing it to ourselves.)

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*** POLISHORIGINS’ CHRISTMAS TOUR 2019 ***

Editor – I like to pass along notes I get from PolishOrigins, especially if they inform us of something new. Here’s the latest one I received. I know many of you have already seen it, but I’d like to make sure all our readers have a chance to learn about it.

Want to do something different for “Christmas” this year? How about going to Poland? Would you like to spend the beginning of December in the land of your ancestors? As usual, with the attention to every detail, we invite you for a nine-day journey through the Polish Christmas tradition. We will show you the old celebrations, but also the contemporary markets and exhibitions. You will meet local people and hear their stories, taste the local products and even learn how to prepare the Polish Wigilia!
This time we have prepared a shorter itinerary, that is focusing on the three important Polish cities. We will begin in Warsaw, the capital, where the main winter attraction is the Royal Garden of Lights in Wilanów Park. Feel the festive mood strolling among the thousands of colorful lights.

We continue to Kraków, but on the way we will invite you to the Ethnographic Park to learn about the Christmas tradition in the countryside, in 18th and 19th centuries. See how your ancestors used to celebrate.

In Kraków we will show you the famous nativity scenes (szopka). Then you will see Wrocław, the picturesque city located at the Odra riverbanks. Of course, we will visit the Christmas Markets, taste some local specialties, there will be time to shop for gifts for your closest ones. We will have a pierogi workshop and dinner in the traditional Wigilia style.

This group will have a very private character: from 4 to 6 guests only, so do not hesitate to join us! **We are closing sales on November 7th.**

[https://polishorigins.com/tours/polish-christmas-tour/]

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*** GENETEKA INDEX UPDATES ***

_by Waldemar Chorążewicz_

Editor – Once more, let me pass along some of the new Geneteka indexes shared by Waldemar on Facebook’s Polish Genealogy group this month. You can find assistance with the two-letter province abbreviations online, for instance, at [http://hitchwiki.org/pl/Szablon:Wojew%C3%B3dztwa_Polski]. Note that UK is Ukraine and BR is Belarus.

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

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

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

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Soles nad Wisłą (MZ) -- UMZ 1913, indexed by Wiesława Krawczyk
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Środa Wlkp. (WP) -- Z 1901-1907, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Staszów (SK) -- UMZ 1882-84, indexed by Jerzy Koprowski
Stobierna (pow. rzeszowski) (m. Wólka Pod Lasem) (PK) -- U 1784-1849, M 1784-1834, indexed by Dorota Godfrey-Smith
Sulerzyń (MZ) -- U 1824-25, indexed by arnel
Sułmierzyce (WP) -- U 1820, indexed by Henryk Machnik
Sułoszowa (MP) -- UM 1916-17, M 1913-15, Z1916, indexed by Jerzy Żurada
Sułoszowa (MP) -- SkUMZ 1918, indexed by Jerzy Żurada
Sułoszowa (MP) -- indexed by Jerzy Żurada
Suwałki (PL) -- M 1929-31,36-37, indexed by Marek Rozmysłowski
Świdnica Schweidnitz (DS) -- M 1900-1908, indexed by Michael Schätlein
Szczepankowo-Steffenswalde (WM) -- U 1874-1892, indexed by Donata Stremplewska wer. Grupa FB Warmia & Mazury
Szyrwinty (LT) -- U 1797-1803, M 1797-1801, indexed by Artur Wilkicki
Tczów (MZ) -- M 1826-37, indexed by Marcin Różycki
Trębki (MZ) -- Z 1878, indexed by Krzysztof Frydrysiaik, weryfikował Tomasz Bogiel
Turośl Turoscheln (WM) -- Z 1865-1868, indexed by Łucja Samorajczyk i Waldemar Chorążewicz
Uhrusk (LB) -- U 1897-1900, Z 1890-96, indexed by Janusz Iwanowski
Uśnarz-Makarowce (BR) -- UMZ 1865-1874, indexed by Albin Kożuchowski
Warszawa ASC Cyrkul IV (WA) -- U 1820-21, indexed by Kamila Szymankiewicz
Warszawa ASC Cyrkul VII (WA) -- Z 1818, indexed by Katarzyna Marchlińska
Warszawa św. Aleksander (WA) -- M 1906 (expanded), indexed by Krzysztof Zochniak
Warszawa św. Aleksander (WA) -- Z 1827, indexed by Artur Godlewski
Warszawa św. Jan (WA) -- U 1798-99, indexed by Rafał Albiński
Warszawa św. Trójca (WA) -- U 1900, indexed by Adam Rozenau
Warszawa-Bródno MB Różańcowa (MZ) -- M 1913-33, 36-40, indexed by Incognito
Warszawa-Wola św. Stanisław (WA) -- Z 1917, indexed by Ewa Czerkawska
Waśniów (SK) -- M 1904-35, indexed by Andrzej Gawlik
Wielkie Eysymonty (BR) -- M 1827-1837, Z 1835-1841, indexed by Sławomir Olczyk
Włodowice (SL) -- U 1808-11, indexed by Artsanon
Wodzisław (SK) -- UMZ 1918, indexed by Renata Majewska
Wołoska Wieś (UK) -- MZ 1784-1880, U 1826-80 (liczne luki), indexed by Włodzimierz Macewicz
Zabrze św. Andrzeja Apostoła (SL) -- U 1907-10, indexed by Barbara Wiechuła
Zagnańisk (SK) -- M 1822 (roszzerzenie), indexed by Krystyna Moćko
Zakrzew (Zakrzów) (MZ) -- M 1861-72, indexed by Marcin Markiewicz
Zawiercie -Kromółw św.Mikołaja (SL) -- UMZ 1791, indexed by Renata Majewska
Žbików (MZ) -- Z 1925-27, indexed by Małgorzata Szadkowska
Zelów (ewang.) (LD) -- Z 1826-29,31-36, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski
Złoty Potok (SL) -- UMZ 1897, indexed by Mariadobrosława
Žory (SL) -- M 1838-52, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Zręcin (m. Szczepańcowa) (PK) -- U 1872-1908, M 1865-1902, indexed by Grzegorz Zuzak
Zręcin (m. Zręcin) (PK) -- M 1858-94 (expanded), indexed by Grzegorz Zuzak.
Žurominek (Žuromín Kapitulny) (MZ) -- U 1826-32, M 1826-30, 32-33, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz
Zuzela (MZ) -- Z 1729-1808, indexed by Bożena Turek

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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.

    • Comparing Jewish Resources on Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage, Ellen Shindelman Kovitt and Sunny Jane Morton
    • Arolsen Archives Significantly Expands Online, Zvi Bernhardt and Giora Zwilling
    • Online Resources of Genealogical Value at the New York City Municipal Archives, Edward David Luft
    • Barricades to Jewish Genealogy in Germany, Gerhard Buck
    • Central Archives for Special Criminal Jurisdiction Files in The Hague, Gershon Lehrer
    • Women’s Surnames: Problems and Challenges in Genealogical Research, Lea Haber Gedalia

- Poland: When Freedom Was New in 2003, Jeff Brozyna
- My Life as a Displaced Person, Lidia Laba Pasamanick
- Researching the Tys Family Farm, Carole McCarthy
- A Genealogy Tour of Galicia, Southern Poland, Phyllis Zych Budka
- Pani Katarzyna Kornacka, Part 17—The Fifties, Martin Byster

Rodziny, Fall 2019, Volume XLII, No. 4. Polish Genealogical Society of America <https://pgsa.org>

- From Our Correspondent in Ukraine: Resettlement of Polish Peasants to Siberia as a Consequence of Stolypin’s Reforms in the Russian Empire, Julia Symontovska
- The 2019 Gwiazda Award for Volunteer of the Year
- An Unexpected Adventure with Memorable Experiences Visiting 244 Relatives, Tony Monczewski
- Riot at Sacred Heart, Dean G. Calamaras
- A Look Back at PGSA’s 2019 Conference, Eileen Carter
- Galicia 2019: Touring the Land of Our Grandparents, Larry Lezon
- In Search of Henryk Zuk, Paul S. Valasek
- From the Słownik Geograficzny: Dolistowo, Jazgarzew, Pilawa, Rzeszotary, Wrocław

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

Saturday, 2 November 2019

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS
30TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH & LEARN
Munich Haus Restaurant Banquet Hall • 13 Center St • Chicopee, MA 01013
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join the PGSMA for its 30th Anniversary Lunch and Learn. This Saturday event will feature two wonderful speakers (Coleen Fitzpatrick and Daniel Bućko), a Polish luncheon catered by Munich Haus, a raffle, plenty of opportunities for questions and answers and meeting fellow attendees.

Due to limited seating and luncheon service, pre-registration for this event is required. Cost is $30 for PGSMA members and $40 for non-members. Register at <http://pgsma.org/30th-anniversary-event.html>

– DNA Results: What Can I Do With Them? by Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD
In her talk, Colleen will review how you can use your DNA results to advance your genealogical

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research. Some of the tools she will explore with us include:

- Gedmatch Genesis - The Basics
- The Shared cM Project
- DNA Painter

– **Polish Vital Records and How Best to Find Them by Daniel Bućko**, Genealogist based in Poland

In his presentation, delivered via Skype, Daniel will provide a comprehensive overview of how to locate records in Poland that you need to grow your family tree. Topics covered will include:

- Overview of the main Polish State Archives for each region of Poland
- Overview of the Polish Diocesan Archives for each region of Poland
- On-line resources for each region of Poland
- Limitations or what is not available to a researcher at this time in Poland
- Parish Archives and how to get the records
- Polish Civil Registers and how to get the records

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**Sunday, 3 November 2019**

**BUFFALO NEIGHBORS: WWII DESCENDANTS EXHIBIT & MASS**

*St. Casimir Church • 160 Cable St. • Buffalo NY*  
10 a.m. Eastern Time

17 placards documenting WNY neighbors and the places where their parents survived the treachery of WWII genocide: Eastern and Western concentration camps, slave labor camps, exile of civilians and the military war fronts of the Polish Air Force, Armored Tank Division, and significant Polish battles.

Available at the Mass: Guide flyer, personal “Our Stories” of descendants, and memorial eaglet ribbons.

Dignitaries representing actual survivors, descendants, and WNY Polish American Congress will be honored with official patriotic *kokardy*, ribbons, and reserved pews on both sides of the annual Memorial pews.

Buffalo Neighbors Exhibit opens after the Mass until 1 p.m. “Lest we forget.”

[from a notice sent out by Dawidek Newman]

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**Tuesday, 12 November 2019**

**THE UKRAINE HISTORY AND EDUCATION CENTER’S FAMILY HISTORY GROUP, NASHI PREDKY**
2019 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES
“Movement Between Towns in Eastern Europe (aka Ancestral Towns May Not Have Been So Ancestral).” – Lara Diamond
7:30 p.m. Eastern Time

The Ukrainian History and Education Center’s Family History Group – Nashi Predky – announces the lineup for their 2019 Virtual Genealogy Lecture Series. This four-part online-only series features unique opportunities for researchers worldwide.

The last session, Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30 p.m. ET, will feature Lara Diamond presenting “Movement Between Towns in Eastern Europe (aka Ancestral Towns May Not Have Been So Ancestral).” Many researchers, once they have discovered the town from which their ancestors left Eastern Europe, assume that their families must have lived in that town or the vicinity for many generations. While this was true for some families, there was significant movement through broad swaths of Europe by many Jews for a variety of reasons. The speaker will demonstrate the breadth of some families’ movements with examples from her own research and will discuss the types of documents used to trace those families’ travels.

Online registration: <https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

Join our Facebook Group:
Ukrainian Genealogy: Our Ancestors – Наші Предки
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NashiPredky/>

Michelle Tucker Chubenko
<http://www.jerseyrootsgenealogy.com>
Member, Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)
New Jersey Chapter of APG

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Saturday, 16 November 2019

BRISTOL CHAPTER, MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, INC.
“I Found My Village! Now What?” by Julie Szczepankiewicz
Somerset Public Library • 1464 County St • Somerset MA
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz will be giving this talk on finding Polish vital records using online resources. Julie’s a popular speaker with a gift for helping researchers, especially beginners, figure out how to get started and make progress. You can find more information on this event on the site of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc., <https://www.msoginc.org/msogwp/events-2/events/>. Julie’s upcoming talks always appear in a column on the right of her blog, <https://fromshepherdsandshoemakers.com/>.

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20–23 May 2020
NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
Salt Lake City, UTAH

If you want to start making plans, the 2020 Conference of the National Genealogical Society will be held next May in Salt Lake City. You can download the program and other information here:

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Also, registration is open at all the official NGS Conference hotels. For more info:

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations/>

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/10/18/so-why-lock-up-the-birth-records/>
Dick Eastman wrote this article for *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN]*, explaining exactly why it’s nonsense for politicians and bureaucrats to lock up birth records to prevent identity theft. It’s a refreshing change to see someone discuss an issue with facts.

<https://www.facebook.com/andi.bradley1/videos/10156886987519613/>
In the same issue, he mentioned one of the most hilarious funerals ever. If you haven’t seen the video, it is very funny – but if you’re a sensitive soul who can’t handle a little profanity, best avoid it. As Eastman wrote in a follow-up note about the prank by the late Irishman Shay Bradley, “the best reaction apparently came from Shay’s surviving sister Rose: ‘It’s a good thing he’s dead because I’d have killed him.’”

The same weekly digest of *EOGN* actually mentioned Poland! If you want to obtain Polish citizenship, you should read this article.

<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/10/10/genealogy-online-becomes-partner-of-patronomia-for-creating-and-printing-on-demand-family-history-books/>
A separate issue of *EOGN* featured this announcement of a partnership between Patronimia and Genealogy Online to offer creating and printing on-demand family history books. Over the years, I’ve often heard from people who wanted guidance on how to preserve their research in book form, so I know there is interest in this kind of service.

<https://www.reclaiamtherecords.org/records-request/18/>
A recent issue of *Nu? What’s New?* mentioned that Reclaim the Records has put online the
New York City Geographic Birth Index for 1880–1912 (through 1917 for some boroughs). It has nearly three million names, and the fascinating this is, the data is arranged by the child’s place of birth. You can read more about it at the above URL, or visit the index itself at <https://archive.org/details/nycgeobirthindex>.


This site offers info on six websites that can help with reading German cursive. The article was written by James M. Beidler, author of Trace Your German Roots Online and other helpful books.


Valerie Warunek posted a map to the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan’s Facebook page, and this link takes you to it. It shows how many years Poland ruled each of the areas formerly part of the Commonwealth of Poland and Lithuania. Of course, the instant she posted the link, people started writing to quibble with the dates; so there may be some inaccuracies. Still, I think it’s a very interesting visual aid, illustrating the core of Poland and the various areas that came under its rule for longer or shorter periods.

<http://haitikiskeyabohio.blogspot.com/2012/12/polish-descendants-in-haiti.html>

I saw a note posted by Paul Grajnert on Facebook about a presentation at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago, October 18, about the Haitian-Polish community of Cazale, Haiti. Unfortunately, I did not learn of this in time to mention the presentation in last month’s issue of Gen Dobry! If you’re interested, Paul S. Valasek forwarded this link to more info: <https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/?s=Haiti>. Anyway, the note made me search the Internet for websites that discuss this community. The URL above takes you to one of them, and I found it fascinating—especially the section “Voodoo, Erzulie Dantor and the Black Madonna”

<https://www.genealogiawarchiwach.pl>

On the Posen-L mailing list, I read notes praising this as a “fantastic site.” I feel sure we have mentioned it before; but as fast as new sites pop up, maybe not. In any case, if you haven’t tried it, you should.


Jan Meisels Allen posted a note to JewishGen on Ancestry’s updating it AncestryDNA Ethnicity estimates. She said this means over the next few months, you may receive an updated ethnicity estimate. You can read the blog post with more info at the above link.

<https://atfhl.com/>

Beth Whitson posted a note to the Facebook Polish Genealogy Group about this organization. It’s a team of profession genealogists who work in the Family History Library in Salt Lake
City. They can look up records for you; that is, if a record you need is not available online, you can request it at their website. The fee varies; sometimes it’s free, sometimes it’s up to $15. You can get more information on that, and on their charge for research, by going to the site and submitting a request. Since many records these days are no longer available on microfilm and can only be accessed at the FHL, this group may be able to offer valuable help at a reasonable price. Of course, as always, let the buyer beware.

This is a little item I found online, and I thought it was very true! The Polish Art Center carries it in the form of a tile magnet, see the above link.

![Living with someone](https://www.polartcenter.com/Living-With_Someone_Polish_BUILDS_Character_Tile_p/9821143.htm)

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