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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>>

***** USCIS FEE INCREASE *****

by **Fred Hoffman** <wfh@langline.com>

The event that caused the most commotion in genealogical circles this month was surely the announcement that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will increase the fees they charge on many services, including some used by genealogists. *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* [EOGN] has covered it twice in the last three weeks:

<<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/11/15/uscis-proposes-fee-increases-for-genealogy-records/>>

<<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/11/21/more-on-uscis-proposes-fee-increases-for-genealogy-records/>>

Eastman credits his awareness of the story to posts by Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee. She has discussed the story as it unfolded in posts to the mailing list <records-access-alerts-request@iajgs.org> and to the newsgroup JewishGen. Her notes are intended to help genealogists be aware of developments affecting the ability to access records – required reading if you're serious about your research.

Below I quote three notes Jan posted to these forums. Two of them are rather long, and I've placed in bold some of the most significant points for those who don't want to read through them. But if you have the patience to read them, you'll have a better idea exactly what's going on. When I contacted Jan to make sure she didn't mind if I quoted her, she recommended that researchers get more answers at <<https://www.recordsnotrevenue.com/>>.

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<records-access-alerts-request@iajgs.org>

Nov 15 at 5:58 PM

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced through the Federal Register that they intend to increase the request fees they charge, including for genealogy services. Currently, the G-1041 Index Search Request is \$65 and form G-1041A Genealogy Records Request is \$65. The USCIS proposes to **raise the fees to \$240 and \$385** respectively. These are 269 percent and 492 percent changes respectively (if I did my math correctly). They are based on the projected costs and volumes of the genealogy program. The search fee is non-refundable if nothing is found in their search. The projected costs include a portion of Lockbox costs and an estimated staffing requirement for genealogy workload.

Under the provision of Regulatory Flexibility Act (page 62338) it states the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) “does not have sufficient data on the requestors that file genealogy forms, Forms G–1041 and G– 1041A, to determine whether such filings were made by entities or individuals and thus is unable to determine if the fee increase for genealogy searches is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.” It is for the public

to comment on the impact of increase on fees on small entities. DHS was not able to determine the numbers of regional centers or genealogy requestors that would be considered small entities. DHS has previously determined that requests for historical records are usually made by individuals. If professional genealogists and researchers submitted such requests in the past, they did not identify themselves as commercial requestors and thus could not be segregated in the data. Genealogists typically advise clients on how to submit their own requests. For those that submit requests on behalf of clients, DHS does not know the extent to which they can pass along the fee increases to their individual clients. Therefore, DHS does not currently have sufficient data to definitively assess the estimate of small entities for these requests.

This comes after ten years of operating the genealogy program with the ultimate goal of providing the search results and records more quickly when pre-existing digital records exist. They propose to encourage requestors to submit the electronic versions of Form G-1041 and Form G-1041 through the online portal at <<https://www.uscis.gov/genealogy>>, thereby reducing the administrative burden to USCIS. Requestors that cannot submit the forms electronically may still submit paper copies of both forms with the required filing fees.

Under the current system, a requestor fills out the search form, G-1041, pays the fee, and waits to learn if records are found. If they are found, then the requestor must complete form G1041-A and pay the fee. What is being proposed is for USCIS to provide the requestor with those pre-existing digital records, if they exist, in response to the initial search request. Records Index Search and provide the pre-existing digital records to either an electronic reading room that can be accessed with a unique pin number, by mail with a CD, or paper copy and not require Form G-1041A. If no records exist, or if only paper copies of the records exist, then the requestor must follow the current process. With this new proposed change, USCIS plans to use form G-1041-A Genealogy Records Request to only paper file requests. Consistent with current practices, requestors must still pay the genealogy records request fee for a paper record requested. USCIS believes the change will increase efficiency and decrease future wait times for requestors.

The notice compares work volume from FY 2016/2017 the projected workload receipts for G-1041 the search request was 3,605 and projected for FY 2019/2020 4,650 an increase of 1, 045 requests. For form G-1041A the records request, FY 2016-2017 was 2,410 and for FY 2019/2020 the projection is 2,550 or an increase of 140 records requests.

Fees must be remitted from a bank or other institution located in the United States and payable in U.S. Currency.

To read the proposed rule see:

<<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-14/pdf/2019-24366.pdf>>

The Genealogy section is Section N, which starts on page 62315-62316. See Section 103.40 for Genealogical Research Requests on page 62359. There are fees with DACA renewals with and without ICE transfers and I do not know why there are genealogy requests tied to DACA renewal fees (page 62329, 62331).

See page 62343 (e) for Genealogy requests for their rationale for recovering costs of the program even though they do not know if there are professional genealogists or individuals requesting the records. They acknowledge that with their proposed electronic request form there may be reduced administrative costs. DHS requests comments from the public on the impacts to small entities of the proposed fee increases to the genealogy forms.

This is a 92-page proposed rule; the remainder does not affect genealogy.

Written comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2019. Comments must be identified by DHS Docket No. USCIS– 2019–0010 and submitted by one of the following methods:

- By Federal eRulemaking Portal: <[http:// www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)>
- By Mail: Samantha Deshommes, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Mailstop #2140, Washington, DC 20529–2140.

No hand-delivered or couriered comments will be accepted. Nor will they accept anything on digital medial storage devices such as CDs/DVDs or USB drives.

Effective date is influenced by the FY 2020, which began on October 1, 2019, therefore it may affect the second year of the biennial period.

Jan Meisels Allen
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

[From JewishGen newsgroup, **24 Nov 2019**, responding to a question whether petitions will do any good.]

No petitions to my knowledge. **Thousands of letters will do the best to show the amount of interest.** They are required to respond in the Federal Register to each letter they receive, not to a petition . No form letters. USCIS needs to hear from the thousands who oppose this.

A coalition of genealogists, historians and records access advocates have created a portal about this with suggestions. Please see: <<https://www.recordsnotrevenue.com/>>.

Jan Meisels Allen
Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee

[From JewishGen newsgroup, **27 Nov 2019**]

I was asked if I could enumerate types of records that one may find from USCIS. These are a list of some of the types of records you may find:

Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files), September 27, 1906 to March 31, 1956

- Alien Registration Forms (Form AR-2), August 1940 to March 1944
- Visa Files, July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944
- Registry Files, March 1929 to March 31, 1944
- A-Files, April 1, 1944 to May 1, 1951

If you had relatives who immigrated to the United States in the 20th century, this is the place to order the above records.

Per USCIS: **What Are A-Files?**

Alien Files, or “A-Files,” are individual files identified by a subject’s Alien Registration Number (“A-number”). An A-number is a unique personal identifier assigned to a non-citizen. A-Files became the official file for all immigration and naturalization records created or consolidated since April 1, 1944.

See: <<https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/files-numbered-below-8-million#WhatAreAFiles>>

Per USCIS: **What Are C-Files?**

Certificate Files, or “C-Files,” document naturalizations – the acquisition of United States citizenship after birth. C-Files contain copies of records evidencing the:

- Granting of naturalized U.S. citizenship by courts between from 1906 to 1956; and
- Issuance of Certificates of Citizenship to those who derived or resumed U.S. citizenship.

C-Files are a product of the Basic Naturalization Act of 1906. That law created the Federal Naturalization Service and required the new agency to collect and maintain copies of all naturalization records nationwide. The C-File series later expanded to include records of U.S. citizenship acquired by derivation (naturalization by virtue of qualifying relation to another who is a birthright or naturalized citizen) and resumption or repatriation by former citizens that expatriated themselves (lost their U.S. citizenship).

Between September 27, 1906 until March 31, 1956, the Federal Naturalization Service stored its citizenship records in C-Files. Certain C-File documents are duplicated in the records of naturalization courts across the nation. Other C-File documents are unique.

See: <<https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/certificate-files-september-27-1906-march-31-1956#C-Files>>

Per USCIS: **What are Registry Files?**

Registry Files document the creation of official immigrant arrival records under the Registry Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat 1512). The Registry Act applied to persons who entered the United States prior to July 1, 1924, and for whom no arrival record could later be found. Because the Registry Program required applicants to document their arrival and subsequent residence in the country, Registry Files often contain significant biographical information about the subject immigrant.

See: <<https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/registry-files-march-2-1929-march-31-1944#WhatAreRegistryFiles>>

The most important thing is to oppose the obscene fee increases. Go to: <<https://www.recordsnotrevenue.com/>> for more information. In particular, read <<https://www.recordsnotrevenue.com/issues/>>, as there has been some confusion over what records USCIS may have transferred to the National Archives (NARA).

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In a response posted to the JewishGen newsgroup, Renée K. Carl, who described herself as “part of the all-volunteer group coordinating the advocacy effort,” emphasized that “in the case of impacting the Federal rulemaking process, the ONLY method that will be considered by USCIS is by using the link to comment in the Federal Register, or by submitting a letter in writing. You can increase the impact by sending a copy of your comments to your U.S. Representative and Senators.” Good point – that’s always a good idea.

Some have spoken up to say they feel the increases are warranted. Others disagree vehemently. But anyone who finds it necessary to request documents from USCIS should probably read a little about this and decide whether or not to register his or her opinion. No question, this is a hefty increase in fees!

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

Subject: What about the Polish West Indies and Polish Africa?

Editor –Here’s a very interesting reaction to one of the items mentioned in our last issue, the Haitian-Polish community of Cazale, Haiti. Henry Szot quotes a large section of two Wikipedia articles, then adds a personal comment. I believe it’s all interesting enough to quote here, as long as we acknowledge the sources.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Couronian_colonization_of_the_Americas>

The Couronian colonisation of the Americas was performed by the Duchy of Courland, which was the second smallest state to colonise the Americas (after the Knights of Malta), with a colony on the island of Tobago from 1654 to 1659, and intermittently from 1660 to 1689.

Courland was located in present-day Latvia, and had a population of only 200,000, mostly of Latvian and Baltic German ancestry, and was itself a vassal of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth at that time....

The Duchy’s ships started undertaking trade voyages to the West Indies at least as early as 1637, when a Couronian ship attempted to found a colony on Tobago with 212 settlers. An earlier European settlement on the island, a Dutch colony named New Walcheren, formed in 1628, had been wiped out a few months earlier by Spain. The first Couronian colony met a similar end, whilst a second attempt was essentially blockaded by Spain and strangled in infancy by 1639. In 1642 two ships under Captain Caroon with about 300 settlers attempted to settle on the north coast near Courland Bay.

This colony was again blockaded, but proved more successful. Jesuit missionaries among the Carib quickly agitated and armed the tribes to attack the settlement, which was subsequently evacuated to Tortuga and later Jamaica. Under agreement with other Protestant powers who saw their various individual efforts insufficient to trade and/or colonise the Americas, Africa, and the Indies simultaneously, Courland’s attention shifted to Africa. In 1651 the Duchy gained its first successful colony in Africa, on St. Andrews Island in the Gambia River and it established Fort Jacob there.

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunta_Kinteh_Island>

The first European settlers on the island [formerly James Island and St. Andrew’s Island] came from the Duchy of Courland and Semigallia, a vassal state of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth, who also had other colonial possessions in the area, though the English Crown had granted the island to two separate companies in 1588 and 1618. In 1651, the settlers built a fort that they named Jacob Fort after Jacob Kettler, the Duke of Courland,

and used it as a trade base. The Dutch briefly held the fort from 1659 until the English captured it in 1661. The Dutch ceded the fort to the English in 1664.

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Couronian_colonization_of_the_Americas>

On 20 May 1654, the ship *Das Wappen der Herzogin von Kurland* (“The Arms of the Duchess of Courland”) arrived carrying 45 cannon, 25 officers, 124 Couronian soldiers and 80 families of colonists to occupy Tobago. Captain Willem Mollens declared the island “New Courland” (Neu-Kurland). A fort was erected on the southwest of the island, also called Fort Jacobus (Fort James) with the surrounding town called Jacobsstadt (Jamestown). Other features were given Couronian names such as Great Courland Bay, Jacobs (James) Bay, Courland Estate, Neu-Mitau, Libau Bay and Little Courland Bay...

The Duchy of Courland became a focus of strategic interest for both Sweden and Poland-Lithuania. In 1655 the Swedish army entered the territory of the Duchy and the Northern Wars (1655–1660) began. The Swedish army held Duke Jacob captive from 1658 to 1660. During this period both colonies continued to thrive until they were taken by the more numerous Dutch settlers, who surrounded Fort James and forced Hubert de Beveren, Governor of the Couronians, to surrender. The merchant fleet and factories were destroyed. Courland officially yielded New Courland on 11 December 1659. However, this war ended with the Treaty of Oliwa (signed near Gdańsk) of 1660, on the basis of which Tobago was returned to Courland.

...The Couronians left Tobago in 1666. In 1668 a Couronian ship attempted to reoccupy Fort Jacobus and was driven off by the Dutch. Tobago was regained again just for a short period at the end of Duke Jacob’s rule with an attempt in July 1680 at a new colony which also later failed. He began to restore the fleet and factories, and the Duchy never again reached its previous level of prosperity. The island was abandoned except for visiting buccaneers from March 1683 to June 1686, before again being occupied by a collection of scattered Couronians from throughout the Dutch, French, and English West Indies, as well as by fresh settlers from the home country.

In May 1690, shortly after the island was sold by Courland the previous year, the Couronian government permanently left Tobago, and those who remained essentially joined the buccaneers or other Anglo-Dutch colonies.

In 2004, I visited the restored Palace and (partially) Castle of the Duke of Courland, in Bauska, about 65 km southwest of Riga. The Museum included an exhibit on the West Indies Adventure.

Henry Szot

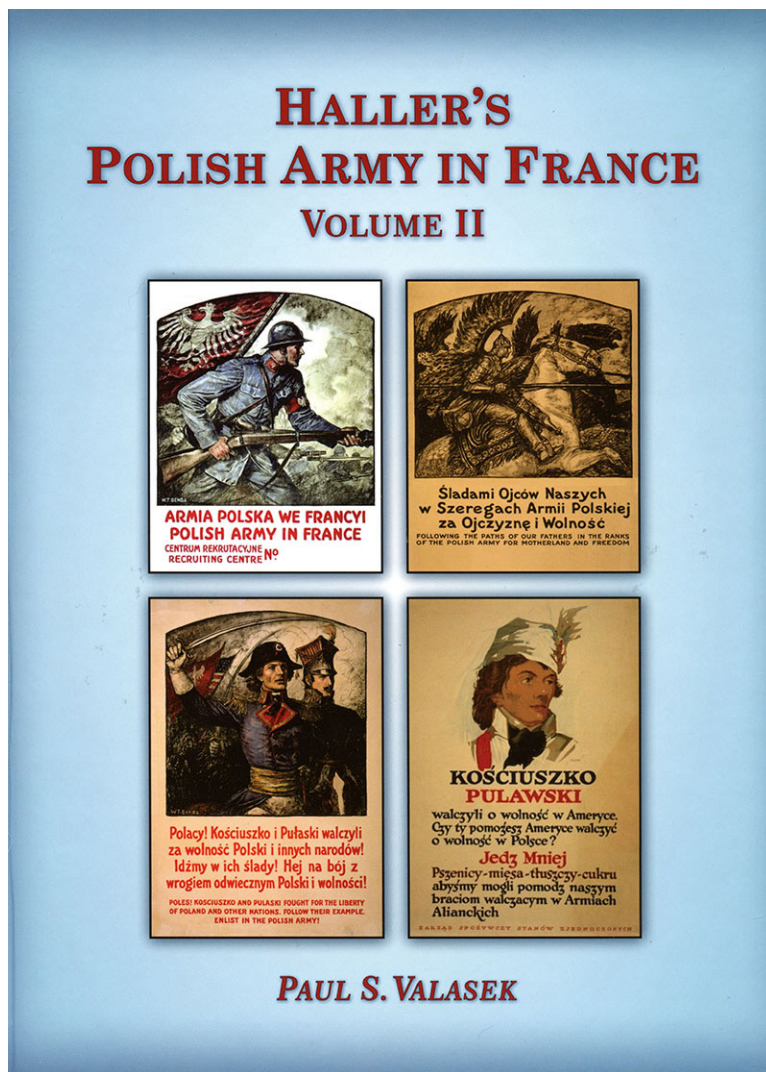
Editor – I knew about none of this. Thanks for the info!

***** NEW BOOK ON HALLER'S ARMY *****

Editor –I wanted to share information on this new book, which I think a lot of people will find valuable.

In 2006, Paul S. Valasek DDS published the first volume of *Haller's Polish Army in France*. Since then, he's been collecting more material on the subject, and he just released Volume II. It continues to tell the story of Haller's Army in France, followed by its battles in the 1920 Polish-Soviet War. The book focuses largely on articles from English and Polish newspapers in the United States, as well as magazines and newsletters of the time.

This is a beautiful, substantial book: hard cover, with 474 pages, size 8 x 11", and over 250 color and black-and-white images. It weighs 4.4 pounds, and will be mailed within the United States via Media Mail. The price is \$60.00 + \$6.00 (US dollars) for shipping and handling. You can contact Paul at <hallersarmy@aol.com> for more information.



The book was printed in Poland by Wydawnictwo i Drukarnia Świętego Krzyża in Opole, and was made possible by a generous grant from the Polish Army Veterans Association of America District 2, Inc.

I helped Paul with translations, typesetting, and layout; so I can hardly pretend to be unbiased. But I make no money from the sales, and have no vested interest in promoting it. I just think it's a magnificent book, not only full of valuable info but beautifully printed. I'm proud to have played a small role in its creation.

*** † STAN SCHMIDT † ***

by Fred Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

I was sorry to hear of the death of an old friend, a man who devoted a lot of time and effort to Polish genealogy in the United States. Let me first quote a couple of prominent members of the Polish Genealogical Society of America.

From Margie LaCerra:

Stanley R. Schmidt, 87, of Roselle, was born December 3, 1931 to Stanley F. and Martha (nee Ochocki), and died November 22, 2019. Stan was the beloved husband of Joan (nee Smyrski) for 60 years; loving father of Annette (Thomas) Yassen, Richard (Karen) Schmidt, Michael (Diane) Schmidt; proud grandfather of Madelyn (Jason) Batey, Suzanne Yassen, Marjorie (Austin) Peck, Henry, Heidi, Keira and Kailyn Schmidt. Stan was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Former PGSA Board member Cynthia Piech summarized many of his achievements.

He served for many years on the board of the PGSA and in several executive positions. He was responsible for initiating the PGSA's electronic presence, first with a bulletin board and then the website. He was responsible initiating and guiding to completion many of the PGSA's publications and most important projects. He made countless trips to Poland and introduced the PGSA to researchers and genealogists throughout Poland, and introducing them to Polonia genealogists. He was awarded the PGSA's Wigilia Award in 2000 acknowledging his myriad contributions.

From my first encounter with the Society in 1984, Stan was there. I don't know exactly when he first joined, but it was during the time Edward A. Peckwas was serving as founder and first president of the Polish Genealogical Society, as it was called then. Ed was also the editor of the Newsletter, which came out in spring and fall, and Stan edited a Bulletin that also came out in winter and summer. The Bulletin wasn't quite as ambitious and grandiose a publication as the Newsletter. Like Stan, it was all business, an attempt to give members practical information that might prove useful.

When illness finally forced Ed to give up his position as President, in 1992, Stan took over. Ed's vision of the Society depended a lot on his energy and charisma, and that of his wife, Jane. I sometimes felt he regarded the Society as his personal enterprise, and he put a lot of energy into it; he was also somewhat impulsive, quick to make friends and enemies. The downside was, he was so involved with the Society, there was danger it would fade and disappear when it no longer had him and Jane as the driving force behind it.

Stan made sure that wouldn't happen. He organized the Society, bringing in people he trusted to serve on the Board and putting things on a steady, regular basis. He suggested changing the name to Polish Genealogical Society of America, to recognize its national scope (although I learned

some of the region PGS's weren't overly thrilled about the implication they were somehow minor league by comparison!). He asked me to serve as editor of the Newsletter and Bulletin. Eventually, we dropped the Bulletin and made the Newsletter a quarterly, renaming it *Rodziny*, from the Polish word for "families." Stan served as President for until 1996, and served on the Board for years after.

From my perspective, his biggest contribution was that he took an organization that was not all that well organized and set it up so that numerous people were involved, thus making it more stable and better suited to survive and prosper. He did all the things Cynthia mentioned, and more. I think one of his biggest achievements was asking Iwona Dakiniewicz to write for *Rodziny* and give the Society's members practical insights from a native Pole who worked as a professional genealogist. This, along with the publications he advocated, served his vision of making the Society relevant not just in North America but also in Poland.

Edward Peckwas gave PGSA a good start; Stan and the people he brought in made it a going concern. In a time when fewer and fewer Polish Americans and genealogists are interested in joining organizations – thinking everything they need can be obtained online – PGSA still offers members a reason to join. Stan played a major role in making that happen.

Cześć jego pamięci!

*** 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.

Births – U[rodzenia] • Marriages – M[ążęństwa] • Deaths – Zgony.

- Andrzejewo** (MZ) -- UZ 1841-45, indexed by Justyna Jaźwińska
- Bałtów** (SK) -- UMZ 1906-15, indexed by Roman Burczyk
- Bartąg** (WM) -- U 1866-70, indexed by Justyna Szulc, checked by Waldemar Chorążewicz
- Bartąg** (WM) -- U 1871-73, indexed by Justyna Szulc
- Bejsce** (SK) -- U 1834-37 (expansion), 1838-47 indexed by Wld_lan
- Białaszewo** (PL) -- M 1930b-38, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel
- Biały Kościół** (MP) -- UMZ 1791, indexed by Renata Majewska
- Błażowa (m. Błażowa)** (PK) -- U 1896-1904, indexed by Anna Krawiec
- Bobrek** (MP) -- UMZ 1790-1791, indexed by Renata Majewska
- Bobrowo** (KP) -- M 1771-98, 1800-08, indexed by Jarosław Cendrowski
- Bobrowo** (KP) -- U 1808-10, M 1826-31, Z 1808-10, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
- Borszewice** (LD) -- UMZ 1840, indexed by Felberg_sławomir
- Brodnica** (KP) -- M 1739 -44, 1749-74, indexed by Jarosław Cendrowski
- Brodnica** (KP) -- M 1834-40, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
- Brzeg - Brieg** (OP) -- M 1895-1907, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
- Brzezie (pow. wielicki)** (MP) -- U 1890-1900, indexed by Ela Synowiec
- Budyłów** (UK) -- M 1818-26, indexed by Tyler Versluis
- Chamsk** (MZ) -- U 1707-1808; 1708-15, 1717-18, 1721-22, 1724, 1727-1808; Z 1707-12, 1717-18, 1720, 1723-26, 1728-32, 1734-40, 1742-47, 1749-1808 (summary), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
- Cechło** (MP) -- UMZ 1790-1791, indexed by Renata Majewska
- Chelmno** (KP) -- M 1831-38, indexed by Kamil Krasieński
- Chelmo** (LD) -- M 1846-56, Z 1938, indexed by Gadecki.Bogusław
- Chelmo** (LD) -- U 1814, indexed by Danuta Danecka
- Chłopków (gr.-kat.)** (MZ) -- UMZ 1865-75, indexed by Jolanta Klass
- Chmiel** (LB) -- Z 1939-45, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart
- Chmielnik** (UK) -- UZ 1839, 43-44, 46 M 1839-61 UMZ 1880-1901, indexed by Joanna Maślanek
- Chorostków** (UK) -- UMZ 1902-1908, indexed by Bożena Czarnuszewicz
- Chorzeliów (mm. Berdechów, Chorzeliów, Chrzastów, Chrzastówek, Grochowe, Jaślany, Malinie, Trześć, Tuszów Narodowy, Wola Chorzelowska)** (PK) -- M 1785-1814, indexed by Marek Podolski
- Chorzeliów** (PK) -- U 1732-59, M 1749-60, indexed by Marek Podolski
- Ciechanów** (MZ) -- U 1823-26, M 1810-13, 16-25, Z 1810-26, indexed by Izabela Czaplicka
- Cienniewko** (MZ) -- U 1583-85, 1589-91, 1595-1606, 1608-53, 1655, 1657-59, 1661-62, 1665-81, 1683-95, 1744-74; M 1589-91, 1600-02, 1604-06, 1610-20, 1622-36, 1638-54, 1656-66, 1676-77, 1686-89, 1691, 1696-1701, 1703, 1712-19, 1723-26, 1729, 1732-34, 1737, 1739-40, 1740 (sumariusz), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
- Czaple Wielkie** (MP) -- UMZ 1790, indexed by Renata Majewska
- Czarnocin** (LD) -- U 1874-75, indexed by Ewa Nowańska
- Czarnożyły** (LD) -- UMZ 1893, 1894, 1895, indexed by Danuta Mieżyńska

Czermin (m. Czermin) (PK) -- U 1842-66, M 1904-39, indexed by Krzysztof Naróg
Czermin (m. Wola Pławska) (PK) -- U 1844-64, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (mm. Górki, Kawęczyn, Otałęż, Surowa, Wola Otałęska) (PK) -- U 1800-1919, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Częstochowa (SL) -- U 1902 , indexed by Stanisław Jegier
Daleszyce (SK) -- M 1752-66, 1772-89, indexed by Michał Trzpiot
Dąbrowa nad Czarną (LD) -- U 1841-50, indexed by Tomasz Chamerski
Dobre (MZ) -- Z 1890, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Dolina (UK) -- U 1847-98, indexed by Włodzimierz Macewicz
Działoszyn (LD) -- UMZ 1901, indexed by Daniel Leszczyk
Dzierzbice (WP) -- UMZ 1829-40, indexed by Hanna Kołodziejska
Dzierzgowo (MZ) -- MZ 1927-29 (expansin), indexed by Izabela Czaplicka
Dzietrzniki (LD) -- M 1910-17, indexed by Waldemar Strojczyk
Falków (SK) -- UMZ 1900-02, indexed by Joanna Bugajska
Gaj Oławski-Goy USC (DS) -- M 1885, indexed by Michael Schätzlein
Gębczyce-Geppersdorf (DS) -- M 1883,85, indexed by Michael Schätzlein
Gliniany (SK) -- M 1917-19, indexed by Adrian Sawicki
Głogów Małopolski (PK) -- M 1787-94, 1796-1890, indexed by Krzysztof Gruszka
Głowaczów (MZ) -- M 1811-69 (expansion), indexed by Maryla Celmer
Gniechowice-Gnichwitz USC (DS) -- M 1883-85, indexed by Michael Schätzlein
Gniewkowo (KP) -- M 1803-40, Z 1804-40, indexed by Adrian Kaszubski
Gomulin (LD) -- UMZ 1857-67, indexed by Monika Ignatowicz
Gostynin (MZ) -- U 1866, 1867, 1875, 1876, 1889, indexed by Agnieszka Kuczkowska
Gostynin (MZ) -- UZ 1832, 1833, 1834 (expansion), indexed by Bożena Prymus
Goszcz-Goschütz USD (DS) -- M 1878-84, indexed by Michael Schätzlein
Góra pow. plocki (MZ) -- M 1917-18, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Górzno (KP) -- U 1816, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Grajewo (PL) -- M 1937-38, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel
Gralewo (MZ) -- M 1913-17, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Gródek (Stary Grudek) (MZ) -- M 1914-17, Z 1797-1811, 1811 (completion), 1842-55, indexed by Andrzej Baran
Gruczno (KP) -- M 1711-19, 37-41, indexed by Michał Zieliński
Gruszczyce (LD) -- UZ 1826-67, indexed by Grażyna Stasiak
Gwoźnica Górna (m. Gwoźnica Górna) (PK) -- M 1784-1847, Z 1828-1847, indexed by Krzysztof Gruszka
Horyńgród (UK) -- UMZ 1828-48 , indexed by Małgorzata2005, checked by Danuta Wojtowicz
Iwaniska (SK) -- M 1905-20, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Jastrzębie (KP) -- Z 1805-42, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Jastrzębie Zdrój -Reptawa (SL) -- M 1874-93, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Jastrzębie Zdrój USC (SL) -- M 1890-98,1900-04, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Jedwabne (PL) -- Z 1900, indexed by Grzegorz Nowik
Jędrzejów (SK) -- U 1874-77 , M 1881-82 (expansion), indexed by A.Ch.
Joniec (MZ) -- UZ 1871-80, indexed by Krystyna Malik

Kalina Wielka (MP) -- U 1753-1779 (partial update), indexed by Renata Majewska
Kamienica (MP) -- M 1787, 1790, indexed by Renata Majewska
Kamieński (LD) -- Z 1825, 1834-37, indexed by Krzysztof Bartosik
Kamionna (MZ) -- UMZ 1855-59, indexed by Barbara Sikorska
Kazimierz (LD) -- U 1700-62, M 1750-52,55, indexed by Grzegorz Żychowski
Kazimierza Wielka (SK) -- U 1798-1809, 1828-55, indexed by Małgorzata Kisiel- Dorohinicka
Kędzierzyn Koźle (garn.) (OP) -- M 1835- 74, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Kielbasin (KP) -- M 1818-43, indexed by Zbigniew Linowski
Klimkówka (PK) -- U 1889-1909, indexed by Grzegorz Zuzak
Kłobuck (SL) -- M 1848-57, indexed by Iza Biś
Konopnica (LD) -- UMZ 1826-30, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Końskie (SK) -- Z 1918-20, indexed by Gośka
Kowel (UK) -- Z 1842-1914 różne lata, indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz
Kozin (UK) -- U 1827-32, indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz
Koźle (LD) -- UMZ 1862, 1863, indexed by Andrzej Jabłoński
Koźle (LD) -- UMZ 1911-16, indexed by Krystyna Zadworna
Kraszewo (MZ) -- Z 1816-20, indexed by Robert Smach
Krępa pow. radomszczański (LD) -- M 1910-32, Z 1915,18,24-25,31,38, SkZ 1944, indexed by Karol Zajdel
Krościenko nad Dunajcem (MP) -- U 1740-49, 1759, 1777, indexed by Jason
Krotoszyn (WP) -- U 1807-1811, M 1670-1710, indexed by Radek Kliber
Krotoszyn (WP) -- U 1791-1806, indexed by Radek Kliber
Krupiec (UK) -- U 1837, 60, indexed by Danuta Wojtowicz
Krzcięcice (SK) -- M 1810-71, indexed by Renata Majewska
Kucice (MZ) -- U 1702-03, 1740, 1760, 1770, 1798-1808; M 1781, 1784-92, 1795-1808; Z 1703, 1781-1808 (summary), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Kuczbork (MZ) -- M 1820-32; Z 1830-31, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz
Lembarg (KP) -- M 1835-45, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Lembarg (KP) -- U 1787-99, indexed by Jarosław Cendrowski
Leszczyn- Liszczyn (UK) -- UMZ 1798-1800, indexed by Uszula Jarek-Mikulska
Lipinki pow. nowomiejski (WM) -- M 1820-47, indexed by Kamil Krasieński
Lubawa-Löbau USC (WM) -- M 1874-92, Z 1874-92, indexed by Donata Stremplewska, Bożena Prymus , Waldemar Chorążewicz, checked by Donata Stremplewska
Lubawa-Löbau USC (WM) -- M 1901-03, U 1901-03, Z 1901-02, indexed by Donata Stremplewska
Lubawa-Löbau USC (WM) -- UMZ 1896-1900, indexed by Donata Stremplewska, checked by Grupa FB Genealogia
Lubecko (SL) -- M 1860-74, indexed by Maria Rogalska
Lubliniec (SL) -- M 1850-58, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Lubsza- Lubschau (SL) -- M 1930-40 Z 1830-45, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Lubsza- Lubschau (SL) -- MZ 1920-29, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Łask (ewang.) (LD) -- UMZ 1917, M 1918-23, indexed by Agata Kasproicz-Jandrić
Łączki Kucharskie (m. Glinik) (PK) -- U 1850-69, indexed by Szymon Król

Łosice (MZ) -- U 1840-59, 1861-67; M 1830-54, 1861-67; Z 1840-43, indexed by Magdalena Tarkowska

Łódź NMP (LD) -- Z 1869, 1870, indexed by magnowa

Łódź św. Krzyż (LD) -- M 1921-23, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz

Łódź św. Krzyż (LD) -- U 1914, 1915, indexed by Janusz Kucharczyk

Łódź św. Krzyż (LD) -- Z 1910, 1911, indexed by Jacek Kundzik

Magnuszew (MZ) -- M 1912-18, indexed by Tadeusz Oleksy

Majdan Królewski (m. Wola Rusinowska) (PK) -- Z 1890-1927, indexed by Heather L Pedersen

Marklowice USC (SL) -- M 1885-1901, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum

Miastkowo (PL) -- U 1779 M 1907, 1908, indexed by Livia Ditto

Miechocin (m. Cygany) (PK) -- Z 1786-1839, indexed by Heather L Pedersen

Miedzierz (SK) -- Z 1833-39, indexed by Gośka

Mierzyn (LD) -- M 1753-1802, indexed by Tomasz Turniak

Mierzyn (LD) -- UMZ 1831-35, indexed by Mateusz Gieras

Młodzawy (SK) -- M 1869-74, indexed by Griszka50

Młodzawy (SK) -- U 1874-76,78-82,91-98,1900-10, indexed by Edward Jabłoński

Modlnica Wielka (MP) -- UZ 1791, indexed by Renata Majewska

Mszano (KP) -- M 1695-98,1706,08-11,14-31,33-50, indexed by Jarosław Cendrowski

Mszano (KP) -- U 1730-39, indexed by Michał Zieliński

Mysłowice NSPJ (SL) -- M 1801-27, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum

Niedzbórz (MZ) -- Z 1846-56, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz

Niegowa (SL) -- M 1871-74, indexed by Mariadobrosława

Niesułków (LD) -- UMZ 1865-70,1900-13, indexed by Wojciech Borkowski

Nieżywiec (KP) -- U 1821-30, indexed by Kamil Krasieński

Nowa Słupia (SK) -- U 1846-51, 1854, 1866-77, indexed by Bożena Krajewska

Nowe Miasto Lubawskie (WM) -- U 1793-1810, M 1778-1794, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz

Nowe Miasto n/Wartą (WP) -- Z 1850-76, indexed by Danuta Danecka

Nowe Miasto nad Pilicą (MZ) -- UMZ 1891-93, indexed by Krzysztof Jach

Nowy Korczyn (SK) -- U 1801-09, indexed by Henryk Adamczyk

Olsztynek (WM) -- Z 1885-89, indexed by Donata Stremplewska

Osiek (pow.brodnicki) (KP) -- U 1913-15, MZ 1913-14, indexed by Piotr Romanowski

Osjaków (LD) -- U 1824, 1825, 1826, indexed by Łukasz Fajfrowski

Ostrowy Tuszowskie (m. Przylęk) (PK) -- Z 1851-70, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz

Pabianice NMP (LD) -- U 1917, indexed by Tom Wodziński

Pabianice św. Mateusz (LD) -- UMZ 1918, indexed by Agata Kasproicz-Jandrić

Pęczniew (LD) -- U 1805-14, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel

Piekary Śląskie -Kamień (SL) -- U 1894 , indexed by Leszek Chrobok

Płock (MZ) -- Z 1735-50, 1760, 1762, 1781-1808 (summary), indexed by Michał Chrzanowski

Połomia - Pohlom (SL) -- M 1840-44,46-48,, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum

Prandocin (MP) -- U 1857-1862, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka

Prusice-Prausnitz (ewang) (DS) -- M 1815-21, indexed by Michael Schätzlein

Przedbórz (LD) -- UMZ 1829-33, indexed by Krystyna Stanisławska
Przesmyki (MZ) -- U 1902 (poprawki), indexed by Magdalena Tarkowska
Puchały (PL) -- U 1913 M 1913,17 Z 1913-14, indexed by Bożena Śmigulska
Radom św. Jan Chrzyciel (MZ) -- M 1921-22, indexed by Mikołaj Wilk
Radzanów (pow. mławski) (MZ) -- UMZ 1857, indexed by Anna Banasiak
Radziki Duże (KP) -- M 1780-90, indexed by Jarosław Cendrowski
Radzionków-Radzionkau USC (SL) -- M 1900-03, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Rajgród (PL) -- M 1927b-36a, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel
Rościszewo (MZ) -- Z 1889-1901, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel, checked by Maria Bagińska-Wierzbowska
Rozdół (UK) -- U 1686-1750, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Ruda Kościelna (SK) -- M 1859-67, indexed by Adrian Sawicki
Rutki-Kossaki (PL) -- Z 1697-1757,62-83, indexed by Dariusz Świętkowski
Rychwałd (SL) -- U 1764, 1765, indexed by Stanisław Sroka
Rymanów (PK) -- U 1889-99, M 1895-99, indexed by Jan Mamaj
Sadłowo (KP) -- U 1876-1905, Z 1880-1905, 1907, indexed by Mary Ann Graham
Samplawa-Samplawa USC (WM) -- U 1894-1902, indexed by Bożena Prymus, checked by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Sędziejowice (SK) -- U 1885-1911, Z 1870-74, indexed by Krzysztof Klemens
Siecień (MZ) -- M 1809, 1816-45 (expansin), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Siemkowice (LD) -- U 1898, indexed by Bogusława Marczak
Siemkowice (LD) -- Z 1854, indexed by Robert1202
Siennica (MZ) -- U 1907-08, indexed by Marta Walczak
Sienno (MZ) -- U 1797-1808 (corrections + new entries), indexed by Marcin Luziński
Słupiec (MP) -- M 1808-1815 (update), 1827-28, 1830-39, 1841-42, 1844, 1846-52, 1854-1861, 1869-70, Z 1808-1815 (updated), indexed by Dawid_mek
Smardzowice (MP) -- UMZ 1790, indexed by Renata Majewska
Smogorzewo (MZ) -- U 1826-34, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Sobowo (MZ) -- U 1821-25, 1854-77 (expansin), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Solek-Śleszyn (LD) -- M 1877-1911, indexed by Antoni Burzyński
Stara Rawa (LD) -- U 1903-11, Z 1903-11, indexed by Tomasz Przygodziński
Staszów (SK) -- UMZ 1885-87, indexed by Jerzy Koprowski
Strzegowo (MZ) -- M 1908-09; Z 1908-10, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz
Strzygi (KP) -- UMZ 1914-15, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Suchedniów (SK) -- U 1810-15, 1820-23 (expansion), indexed by Halina Kroner
Sulmierzyce (WP) -- U 1820, indexed by Henryk Machnik
Sulmierzyce pow. Krotoszyn (WP) -- U 1800-1810, indexed by Henryk Machnik
Suserz (MZ) -- UMZ 1780-1807 (sumariusz), indexed by Krzysztof Kośnik
Szczepankowo (PL) -- Z 1831, indexed by Livia Ditto
Szymanów (MZ) -- SkU 1808-69, indexed by Tomasz Bogiel and Marcin Prengowski
Szyrwinty (LT) -- U 1804-1811, M 1802-1819, 1824-1837, indexed by Artur Wilkicki
Topolno (KP) -- U 1703-07, indexed by Michał Zieliński
Turośl (PL) -- M 1894a,1919-23, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel

Tuszyn (LD) -- UMZ 1896-98, indexed by Mateusz Gieras
 Tyrawa Wołoska (PK) -- U 1889-1907, indexed by Grzegorz Zuzak
 Uhrusk (LB) -- U 1897-1901, MZ 1901, indexed by Janusz Iwanowski
 Walichnowy (LD) -- SkZ 1767-1808, indexed by Agata Kasproicz-Jandrić
 Wańkowa (gr.-kat) (m. Ropienka) (PK) -- U 1826-1866; Z 1842-43, 1845-49, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1857-59, 1861-68, 1872-74, 1876, 1878-79, 1881-1882, 1884-1886, 1888-90, 1892-1914, 1916-17, 1919-20, 1923-27, M 1784-90, 1800-05, 1807-10, 1836, 1838, indexed by Aleksandra Rybińska
 Wańkowa (gr.-kat) (mm. Brelików, Olszanica, Ropienka, Wańkowa) (PK) -- Z 1786-90, 1800-20, 1831-36, 1838-39, indexed by Aleksandra Rybińska
 Warka (MZ) -- U 1627, 1629, 1750, 1753-1815; M 1617-24, 1626-82, 1691-1745, 1748-1801; Z 1712-36, 1755-1801, indexed by Teresa Mikołajewska
 Warszawa św. Aleksander (WA) -- M 1907 (expansin), indexed by Krzysztof Zochniak
 Warszawa św. Jan (WA) -- U 1798-99, indexed by Rafał Albiński
 Warszawa św. Krzyż (WA) -- U 1758-63, indexed by kasia_wilcz
 Warszawa św. Trójca (WA) -- Z 1900, indexed by Adam Rozenau
 Warszawa-Służew św. Katarzyna (WA) -- Z 1711-23, indexed by now_dan
 Warszawa-Wola św. Stanisław (WA) -- Z 1923, indexed by Ewa Czerkawska
 Warszawa-Zerzeń WNMP (WA) -- M 1865-1912 (expansion), indexed by Barbara Floriańczyk
 Waśniów (SK) -- U 1910-15, M 1904-35, indexed by Andrzej Gawlik
 Wieliszew (MZ) -- UMZ 1913-15, indexed by Julia Trzcńska-Biskupska
 Wielkie Eysymonty (BR) -- M 1838-1850, indexed by Sławomir Olczyk
 Włodowice (SL) -- M1848-53, indexed by Mariadobrosława
 Wodzisław Śląski - Loslau USC (SL) -- M 1883-1901, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
 Wojciechowice (SK) -- M 1900-01, indexed by Marcin Nowak
 Zabrze św. Andrzeja Apostoła (SL) -- U 1903-06, indexed by Barbara Wiechula
 Zelów (ewang.) (LD) -- M 1837-49, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski
 Zeńbok (MZ) -- U 1824, indexed by Arnel
 Zeńbok (MZ) -- Z 1851-1913, indexed by Olga Gąsiorowska
 Zielona Góra-Grünberg ewang.-luter. (LS) -- M 1855,57,59-68,70-74, indexed by Michael Schätzlein
 Żbików (MZ) -- M 1913-15, indexed by Małgorzata Szadkowska
 Żernica - Deutsch Zernitz (SL) -- M 1907-20, Z 1900-07, indexed by Stemo61
 Żychlin (LD) -- M 1916-26, indexed by Antoni Burzyński

***** 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.

AVOTAYNU, Fall 2019, Vol. 35, No. 3, Avotaynu, Inc., 794 Edgewood Ave, New Haven CT 06515-2261, <<http://www.avotaynu.com/>>.

• Documentation of Jewish Records Worldwide: An IAJGS Strategic Initiative, Marlis Humphrey

- Using Facial Recognition Tools to Identify Unnamed Ancestors, Scott Genzer
- Solving Genealogical Photo Mysteries, Ava Cohn
- Recap of the Cleveland Conference, Kenneth Bravo
- Applied Landsmanshaftn Research: A Step-by-Step Guide, Avrohom A. Krauss

Polish Genealogical Society of California E-Newsletter, October-November 2019, PGS-California. General meetings are held the fourth Saturday of January, March, May, July, September & November at the Los Angeles Family History Library, 10741 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA. <<http://www.pgscsca.org/>>

- Sławoszew [now Słaboszewo], from the *Słownik geograficzny*, translated by Helen Bienick
- Ożarów, from the *Słownik geograficzny*, translated by Helen Bienick
- *Memoirs of a Peasant*, book review by Joyce Sharifi
- *Polish Genealogy, 4 Steps to Success*, info on book by Stephen Szabados
- Members Supporting PGS-CA for 10+ Years! 2010–2019
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Polish Eaglet, Fall 2019, Vol. 39, No. 3, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, c/o Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202-4007, <<http://www.pgsm.org/>>.

• With This Ring, I Thee Wed... Matrimony in Michigan's Thumb Area, Parts 7, 8, 9, and 11, Jackie Gracey

• Pictorial Wedding Album Photos From My Parisville Folder, Part 3, From the Files of the Author, Roger S. Laske

- Tracking Down the Wyrzykowski Family, Jennifer Carrier
- Jack Manko: His Story Of Military Service, Debbie Manko-Castelli
- Józef Batory and Józef Bryk: Two Cursed Soldiers, Donna B. Gawell
- Are You a Descendant of These Jamestown Adventurers?, Henrietta Nowakowski
- 2019 PGSM Seminar at the American Polish Cultural Center, Valerie Koselka

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

Monday, 16 December 2019

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE NORTHEAST

Lucy Robbins Welles Library • 95 Cedar Street • Newington, Connecticut

1 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Community Room, located on the first floor on the right after you walk in the front entrance. After a brief business meeting, presentations on the May 2020 trip to Poland and Lithuania will take place, as well a report on the Society's new website, which was launched in April of this year.

For those who use an online map or GPS device for directions to the library, please be aware that the Newington Town Hall Building Project is currently underway. During this time, Mazzoccoli Way will be blocked off. The newly constructed parking lot can only be accessed from Garfield Street by entering through the parking lot that fronts on Garfield Street. Do NOT enter through Cedar Street.

[From PGSCTNE's monthly bulletin]

Saturday, 18 January 2020

TALK ON "USING THE RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH" – Edward D. Luft

Family History Center • 10000 Stoneybrook Drive • Kensington, Maryland

1 p.m.

Veteran researcher Edward David Luft will speak on "Using the Resources of the Library of Congress for Genealogical Research" at the Family History Center, 10000 Stoneybrook Drive, Kensington, Maryland, at 1 p. m. on Saturday, 18 January 2020. Free admission, public welcome, plenty of free parking. The location is in the lower building nearby, next to the Mormon Temple. Enter via the main entrance. The emphasis will be on Eastern Europe; it may include mention of Jewish resources, but that is not the main focus of the talk. The talk will last for about one hour and will be followed by approximately twenty minutes of questions.

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/>>

Sunday, 9 August – Friday, 14 August, 2020

40TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY San Diego, California

[From an announcement posted to JewishGen by Nolan Altman on 24 November 2019]

We hope you will participate in the 40th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, to be held from Sunday, August 9 through Friday, August 14, 2020, in beautiful San Diego, California. Hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS), the Conference objectives are to inform, instruct, and inspire attendees to explore and preserve their Jewish family history.

The Conference provides participation opportunities for Jewish Genealogy Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Birds of a Feather (BOFs) and others who may offer services or resources to Jewish Genealogists such as libraries, archives, historical societies, and other non-profit entities. The Conference offers SIGs and BOFs the opportunity to have meetings during conference week and along with other outside non-profit entities, to staff a table at our traditional “SHARE Fair” which is held on the opening Sunday of our annual conference.

Please visit <<https://s4.goeshow.com/iajgs/annual/2020/SIG-BOF.cfm>> for the SIG / BOF / SHARE Fair application forms.

*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<<https://www.kartenmeister.com>>

I've been having trouble accessing this very useful website. I was glad to read a posting by Thomas Mackowiak to the Polish Genius mailing list, stating that it is back online once more. Bronwyn Klimach forwarded a note dated 26 November from the website's owner, Uwe-Karsten Krickhahn: “Just to let you guys know after I successfully transferred Kartenmeister.com into the Cloud. I have NO internet connection myself. Nothing until next week. Would somebody please broadcast the message to Facebook etc. Thank You. Using the Public Library to send this message.”

<<https://pgsctne.org/event/2020-adventure-in-poland-and-lithuania/>>

Visit this site for information on PGS-CT/NE's 2020 Adventure in Poland and Lithuania. Note that if you are planning to join the trip, you must complete and return the Pre-Departure Questionnaire, available at the above UR, **before December 26**.

<<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/search/>>

The November 24 issue of *Nu? What's New?*, the e-zine of Jewish Genealogy from Avotaynu, pointed out that the Arolsen Archives has extracted and placed online ten million names from 850,000 documents on victims of Nazi persecution. These documents were created

in the American Zone of Germany after World War II. Once a name is located, the original document can be revealed. Ancestry helped execute this project, and we can expect Arolsen to continue making similar efforts to help researchers. You can read more about this on the EOGN blog site: <<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/11/20/arolsen-archives-offers-an-online-database-of-information-about-the-victims-of-nazi-persecution/>>.

<<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/?cid=bl-fsb-8007>>

The *Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter* blog [EOGN] dated 8 November 2019 had an interesting article, “Have You Used the FamilySearch Digital Library?” Eastman quoted this from the Library’s site: “The FamilySearch Digital Library offers a collection of more than 440,000 digitized genealogy and family history books and publications. Here, you can dive into family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines, gazetteers, and even medieval histories and pedigrees!” The article is here: <<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/11/08/have-you-used-the-familysearch-digital-library/>>. Or you can search the library yourself at the above link.

<<http://nyadopteerights.org/>>

Brooke Schreier Ganz, president and founder of Reclaim the Records, posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup, stating that New York Governor Cuomo signed S3419 into law. That means New York adoptees can reclaim their own records beginning on 15 January 2020. More information will be posted as available at the above URL.

<<http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/polish-immigrants-came-new-england/>>

This article from the New England Historical Society is very interesting, with particular attention to New Britain, Connecticut’s “Little Poland.”

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