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to the latest issue of *Gen Dobry!*, the e-zine of PolishRoots®. If you missed previous issues, you can find them here:

<http://polishroots.org/GenDobry/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

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*** DNA KITS: IT AIN’T NECESSARILY SO ***

by William F. “Fred” Hoffman <wfh@langline.com>

The sequence has been so predictable we barely notice it anymore:

1). Scientists come up with a breakthrough.
2). Bright people figure out ways to apply it to something humans want or need.
3). The price, at first outrageous, gradually comes down to reasonable levels.
4). People learn about it and start signing up in large numbers.
5). Jerks figure out a way to scam people with it.

You can surely think of all kinds of technologies that followed this sequence, from telephones to the Internet. But the particular breakthrough I’m thinking of is DNA testing.

Francis Crick and James Watson described the double-helix model of DNA structure in 1953. Initial enthusiasm that they had “discovered the secret of life” diminished somewhat as people asked, “Yeah, and what good is it?” But as years passed and people with big brains worked on the implications of the discovery, they began to find uses. Some eventually figured out how to test DNA. In recent years, more people with big brains realized this testing could provide benefits in medicine and other fields. Eventually, genealogy became one of them, as DNA testing kits became viable commercial products. DNA testing went big time—and sure enough, someone figured out a way to defraud people with it.

I thought about this when I read an article dated 27 June 2019 from Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN]:


It tells of an epidemic of counterfeit products beings sold online, according to the Better Business Bureau. For instance, a woman visited a website that offers apparently good deals and bought what she thought was a genuine AncestryDNA kit online. She paid $200 and had her relatives sent kits that looked authentic. They did their spitting and mailing as per instructions. When she went to check the results, Ancestry told her the vial numbers had already been used to test someone else’s DNA. Neither she nor AncestryDNA did anything wrong at all: but she ended up out $200.

Eastman says one way to avoid this fraud is to purchase kits only from the companies that actually perform the testing, not from middlemen online. I imagine that’s good advice. It may not guarantee legitimacy, but it certainly would go a long way toward protecting you from scams.

I probably should add a 6th step to the sequence above:

6.) Early users of technology get screwed when the technology develops.
I thought of this when saw an article in the 21 July 2019 issue of Nu? What’s New? that referred to another EOGN article I overlooked. It reported a researcher’s discovery that early users of the 23andMe DNA test are not being matched against more recent users. The matching rules have apparently changed and the early DNA typing is not compatible with the current rules. EOGN and Nu? suggested reading this article by Megan Molten:


This case is different from the first, of course, in that it involves no intentional fraud. Technology is always changing, as the people with big brains figure out new, less expensive, or more accurate ways of accomplishing desired goals. I feel sure 23andMe offered their earlier tests in good faith; how could the company know what changes would come along later and make the early tests incompatible with later methods? From cars to computers to cell phones to DNA testing, the first people to line up and put down their money always have to realize something newer and shinier will be coming down the line later. You have to decide: am I willing to do this now and enjoy the benefits now, or will I get more for my money by waiting? The answer varies from customer to customer, and that’s as it should be.

Whether it’s ancient Romans saying “Caveat emptor” or modern Americans saying “Let the buyer beware,” the warning still applies. But as savvy consumers, we have to recognize that it applies not only to fraud but also obsolescence (planned or unplanned). I mention all this only because I hope it may help readers interested in DNA testing make an informed decision.

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*** NEW RECORDS IN THE GESHER GALICIA DATABASE ***

by Andrew Zalewski

Editor – This is from a posting to the JewishGen newsgroup. This is another case of a resource that is of particular value for Jewish research, but can benefit with roots in Galicia. I’m a member of Gesher Galicia and I’m very impressed with their work.

Gesher Galicia is pleased to announce the addition of new records on the All Galicia Database, a database that is free and available to all. See: <https://search.geshergalicia.org/>.

This update refers to the Josephine and Franciscan Surveys Project, an ongoing research initiative of Gesher Galicia, focused on early population censuses. In the past four years, 52,900 records extracted from the Josephine and Franciscan surveys were added to the database, including 5,900 records uploaded this month. To learn more about the project and to view the full list of 56 towns researched to date, please follow the link:

<https://www.geshergalicia.org/projects/josephine-and-franciscan-surveys-project/>
In addition, Gesher Galicia members can access complete indexes and scans for each town by going to Members’ Records after login at:

<https://www.geschergalicia.org/login/>

The 2019 Josephine and Franciscan Surveys Project included archival reviews of 11 towns (records held at TsDIAL, the Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine, Lviv). The following indexes for the corresponding years were completed:

* Bóbrka 1787 and 1820
* Bolechów 1820
* Drohobycz 1787 and 1820, 1821
* Grzymałałów 1787 and 1820
* Jezierzany 1787 and 1820
* Łańcut 1788 and 1820
* Radziejów 1788 and 1820
* Rawa Ruska 1788
* Sokal 1787 and 1843
* Tarnów 1787
* Żydaczów 1787 and 1820

We wish to acknowledge the following individuals for their efforts: Michal Majewski (indexing) and Logan Kleinwaks ( Łańcut records and their indexing).

The list of towns planned for the 2020 Josephine and Franciscan Surveys Project can be viewed at:
<https://www.geschergalicia.org/projects/josephine-and-franciscan-surveys-project/>

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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.


Bargłów (PL) -- Z 1921-27, indexed by Magdalena Wróbel
Będków (LD) -- UMZ 1868-70, indexed by Urszula Świerczyńska
Biała Podlaska św. Anna (LB) -- U 1808-10, 1814-25; MZ 1808-10, indexed by Rafał Krasieńko
Biała Podlaska św. Anna (USC) (LB) -- U 1810-25, indexed by Rafał Krasieńko
Biała pow. wieluński (LD) -- UMZ 1904-06, indexed by Danuta Mieżyńska
Białaszewo (PL) -- Z 1871, indexed by Marcin Marciniak, weryf. Krzysztof Piasczyński
Bielin Kapitulne (SK) -- UMZ 1915-18, indexed by Andrzej Gawlik
Biskupiec Bischofswerder ewang. (WM) -- M 1880-85, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Biskupiec Bischofswerder USC (WM) -- M 1874-75, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Błażowa (m. Błażowa) (PK) -- U 1860-71, indexed by Anna Krawiec
Bogoria (pow.staszowski) (SK) -- UMZ 1870-84, indexed by Stanisław Chrzanowski
Bogurzyn (MZ) -- U 1911-12, M 1909-12, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz
Bonisław (MZ) -- M 1917-18, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Bulowo (MZ) -- UZ 1808-25, indexed by Radosław Frączak
Chelmo (LD) -- U 1910-14, indexed by Gadecki.Bogusław
Chociszewo (MZ) -- U 1826-34, indexed by Incognito
Chorzelów (m. Chorzelów) (PK) -- U 1866-1901, indexed by Marek Podolski
Ciepielów (MZ) -- M 1915-32, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Czastary (LD) -- SkU 1734-1808, indexed by Agata Kasprowicz-Jandrić
Czermin (m. Breń Osuchowski) (PK) -- M 1816, 1824-26; Z 1800-1917, 1930-37, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (m. Górka) (PK) -- Z 1800-10, 1813-14, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (m. Kawęczyn) (PK) -- M 1787-90, 1793, 1795-99, 1816-17, 1824, 1826-27; Z 1800-19, 1821-1927, 1930-37, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (m. Otałęż) (PK) -- Z 1800-15, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (m. Surowa) (PK) -- Z 1800-08, 1813-15, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Czermin (m. Woła Otałężka) (PK) -- Z 1800-10, 1813-14, indexed by Łukasz Hyrchel
Częstochowa św. Zygmunta (SL) -- U 1899, indexed by Stanisław Jegier
Dawidów (UK) -- U 1679-1708,1728-72,1816-19,1821-1907, M 1816-19, 21-32,34-38, 40-49,51-80, 82-87, 89-93, 95-1907, Z 1816-19, 21-38, 40-1907, indexed by Honorata Huk
Dmosin (LD) -- UMZ 1918, indexed by Wojciech Borkowski
Dobra (LD) -- UMZ 1900-04, indexed by Incognito
Dobre (MZ) -- Z 1886, 1887, indexed by Artur Lewandowski
Działoszyn (LD) -- UMZ 1900, indexed by Daniel Leszczyk
Falków (SK) -- UZM 1894-96, indexed by Joanna Bugajska
Fastów (UK) -- UMZ 1829-30, indexed by bekel
Filipów (PL) -- UMZ 1817, indexed by Helena Grochowska
Gąbin (MZ) -- U 1838-39, M 1838, indexed by Elżbieta Dąbrowska
Glinianka (MZ) -- M 1843-59, indexed by Marta Walczak
Godynice (LD) -- UZ 1808-11, indexed by Filip Skurzewski
Godynice (LD) -- UZ 1812-14, indexed by Incognito
Gomulin (LD) -- UMZ 1825-29, indexed by Monika Ignatowicz
Goryń (MZ) -- UMZ 1849-52, indexed by Miroslaw Orzechowski
Gozdowo (MZ) -- M 1917-18, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Góra (pow. inowrocławsii) (KP) -- UMZ 1818-22, indexed by Justyna Lewandowska
Góra św. Małgorzaty (LD) -- UMZ 1909, indexed by Dariusz Śludkowski
Góry - Pińczowskie (SK) -- U 1884-92, M 1836-60, Z 1816-32, indexed by Kasprzyk _Anna
Gumino (MZ) -- M 1826-68, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Hadyńów (MZ) -- U 1855-58, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Imielno (SK) -- U 1915-17, indexed by Jacek Slawiński
Janowo (WM) -- UMZ 1892, indexed by Jakub Pisarski
Jeleniewo (PL) -- U 1912, indexed by Helena Grochowska
Joniec (MZ) -- M 1901, 1907, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Joniec (MZ) -- UZ 1808-25, indexed by Krystyna Malik
Kamionka (BR) -- UMZ 1802-1818, indexed by Wilnianka
Kielec - Katedra (SK) -- U 1901-06, indexed by Ewa Jaskólska
Kije (SK) -- U 1859-63, Z 1817-18, indexed by Jacek Stradowski
Kijów św. Aleksander (UK) -- Z 1915, indexed by Joanna Maślanek
Kijów św. Mikołaj (UK) -- Z 1916, U 1916, indexed by Joanna Maślanek
Kleszczele (Uniate parish) (PL) -- U 1825, indexed by Walenty Adamiec
Kodrąb (LD) -- U 1898-1903, indexed by A.Ch.
Kolacinek (LD) -- UMZ 1918, indexed by Wojciech Borkowski
Kolacinek (maria wici) (LD) -- UMZ 1918, indexed by Wojciech Borkowski
Kożuchów (LS) -- Z 1802-07, indexed by Tomasz Skolimowski
Krościenko nad Dunajcem (MP) -- M 1717-77, indexed by Janson
Krysk (MZ) -- M 1834-41, indexed by Bożena Prymus, weryfikował Piotr Romanowski
Kryzwo rze (LD) -- UZ 1868-73, M 1868-72, indexed by Urszula Świerczyńska
Księzy Lasek - Fürstenwalde (WM) -- M 1837-44, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Kuźnica (PL) -- U 1842-64, indexed by Waldas
Lidzbark Welski (WM) -- M 1800-03, 1816-19, indexed by Paweł Olszewski, Małgorzata

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Greita, checked by Waldemar Chorążewicz

Lidzbark Welski (WM) -- M 1819-30, indexed by Małgorzata Greita, Waldemar Chorążewicz
Lidzbark Welski (WM) -- M 1831-40, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Lipce Reymontowskie (LD) -- UM 1916-17, indexed by Kamil Małecki
Lubsza- Lubschau (SL) -- M 1878-89, Z 1870-89, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Łagiewniki pow. wieluński (LD) -- U 1830-36, indexed by Tomasz Śkolimowski
Łączki Kucharskie (m. Glinik) (PK) -- U 1887-98, indexed by Krzysztof Gruszka
Łódź NMP (LD) -- Z 1865, indexed by magnowa
Łódź św. Anna (LD) -- M 1923, Z 1922-1923, indexed by Urszula Gałkiewicz
Majdan Królewski (mm. Brzostowa Góra, Dęba i Poręby Dębskie, Huta Komorowska, Krzatka, Majdan Królewski, Poddziale, Rozalin, Tarnowska Wola) (PK) -- M 1890-91, 1893-99, 1906-17, indexed by Heather L Pedersen
Majdan Królewski (mm. Huta Komorowska, Brzostowa Gora, Majdan Królewski, Tarnowska Wola, Poddziale) (PK) -- U 1890-99, 1906-17, indexed by Heather L Pedersen
Małyń (LD) -- UMZ 1916-18, indexed by Janusz Kucharczyk
Miastkowo (PL) -- Z 1824, indexed by Livia Ditto
Mikołajów gr.-kat. (UK) -- U 1784-1809, Z 1814-29, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Mława (mojżeszowe) (MZ) -- UMZ 1845-47, indexed by Marcin Guzek
Monasterzyska (UK) -- UMZ 1844, indexed by Urszula Jarek-Mikulska
Mordy (MZ) -- U 1829-38, Z 1828-31, indexed by Magda Tarkowska
Moskorzew (SK) -- UMZ 1810-25, Z 1791-1828, indexed by Andrzej Zwoźniak
Niedźbórz (MZ) -- M 1871-75, indexed by Jan Wojtkiewicz
Nieława (SL) -- Z 1868-72, indexed by Maria Dobrosława
Nieława (MP) -- Z 1890-98, indexed by Ela Synowiec
Nowa Słupia (SK) -- M 1830-41, 1866-7, 84-90, indexed by Bożena Krajewska
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Komorów) (PK) -- M 1847-49, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Komorów) (PK) -- U 1800-20, 1822-45, 1847-49, 1851-70, indexed by Heather L Pedersen
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Ostrowy Tuszyńskie) (PK) -- U 1800-20, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Ostrowy Tuszyńskie) (PK) -- UM 1847-49, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Przyłęka) (PK) -- UM 1847-49, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńscie (m. Szuydowiec) (PK) -- UM 1847-49, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (m. Toporów) (PK) -- UM 1847-49, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Ostrowy Tuszyńskie (mm. Toporów i Szuydowiec) (PK) -- U 1800-25, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Piątek (LD) -- U 1829-30, indexed by Antoni Burzyński
Pińczów (SK) -- Z 1865-68, indexed by Grażyna Radzik
Płock (MZ) -- M 1596-1808, indexed by Danuta Wasilewska-Lenart
Policzna (MZ) -- U 1926-42, M 1916, indexed by Bartłomiej Zieliński
Pożdżenice (ewang.) (LD) -- Z 1874-90, indexed by Henryk Koluszkowski
Prandocin (MP) -- Z 1844-55, indexed by Magdalena Kasprzycka
Przedbórz (LD) -- UMZ 1811-12, indexed by Krystyna Stanisławska
Przesmyki (MZ) -- Z 1813-15, 22-25, indexed by Magda Tarkowska
Pultusk (MZ) -- U 1797-1801, indexed by Rafał Albiński
Puszcza Mariańska (MZ) -- Z 1915-18, indexed by Tomasz Przygodziński
Raciążek (KP) -- U1918, MZ1918 (expansion ),1938, indexed by Jagielski
Radlin - Radlin (SL) -- M 1896-1901, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Radomno (WM) -- U 1875-80, indexed by Małgorzata Greita wer. Waldemar Chorążewicz
Radoszyce (SK) -- UMZ 1842, indexed by Jan Krzak
Rębowo (MZ) -- M 1918, indexed by Piotr Romanowski
Rozogi (WM) -- U 1807, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
Rybnik USC (SL) -- M 1874-80, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Rydułtowy (SL) -- M 1863-74, indexed by GTG_Silius_Radicum
Rypin (KP) -- UZ 1881-1900, indexed by Mary Ann Graham
Rzeczyca (LD) -- U 1808-09, indexed by Artur Godlewski
Siennica (MZ) -- U 1902-06, indexed by Marta Walczak
Skępe (KP) -- UZ 1851-58, indexed by Anna Dobrzyńska
Słaboszów (MP) -- UMZ 1790-91, indexed by Renata Majewska
Sławno (LD) -- Z 1820, indexed by Marcin Dobrzyński
Sokółow (pow. gostyniński) (MZ) -- UZ 1864-67, M 1864-68, indexed by Bożena Prymus
Solek k. Gostynina (MZ) -- UMZ 1847-50, 1856-60, indexed by Bożena Prymus
Solek-Śleszyń (LD) -- Z 1905-11, Z 1918-34, indexed by Antoni Burzyński
Stara Rawa (LD) -- U 1900-02, Z 1896-1902, indexed by Tomasz Przygodziński
Stolec (LD) -- M 1817-25, indexed by Małgorzata Berendzik
Suchednów (SK) -- Z 1937-41, indexed by Halina Kroner
Suchożebry (MZ) -- U 1881-85, indexed by Anna Poprawa
Sułmierzyce pow. Krotoszyn (WP) -- U 1811-18, M 1785-99, indexed by Henryk Machnik
Suwałki (PL) -- M 1932-33,35, indexed by Marek Rozmysłowski
Szadek (LD) -- UM 1823, U 1834, MZ 1914-15, indexed by Marcin Maryncz
Szaniec (SK) -- U 1875-1907, indexed by Wojciech Liśkiewicz
Szczawin (LD) -- UM 1914-17, Z 1914-27, indexed by Janusz Kucharczyk
Szpetał Górny (KP) -- UMZ 1814-15, indexed by Krzysztof Kamiński
Środa Wlkp. (WP) -- U 1615-30, 32-42, 1780-1796, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Środa Wlkp. (WP) -- U 1698-1722, 1734-79, Z 1776-1817, indexed by Danuta Danecka
Tczów (MZ) -- M 1810-25, indexed by Marcin Różycki
Trzęsówka (mm. Trzęsówka, Jagodnik, Kosowy, Ostrowy Baranowskie, Siedlanka) (PK) -- M 1802-19, indexed by Bartłomiej Babiarz
Turośń Turoscheln ewang. (WM) -- Z 1848-1853, indexed by Waldemar Chorążewicz
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, Spring 2019, Vol. 35, No. 1, Avotaynu, Inc., 794 Edgewood Ave, New Haven CT

- Jews Living in Kielce Gubernia Border Towns, 1875–1877, Jaroslaw Dulewicz
- Immigrant Banks in the United States, Edward David Luft
- Anchoring the Schischa Family in Austro-Hungarian History During the 1600s, Carole Garbuny Vogel


- Find Great-grandma’s Diary Using ArchiveGrid, Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGC FUGA
- A Quick Guide to Genealogy Credentials, Diane C. Loosle, AG, CG
- Cooking Up Genealogy: A Recipe for Fundraising, Gena Philibert-Ortega
- FGS 2019 in Washington, DC: It’s the Place to Be!, Jenny Hawran, Katherine R. Willson, and Pamela K. Sayre, CG, FUGA
- Use the DAR Genealogical Research System to Find Your Ancestors, Carol Genung
- Beyond Boxes & Binders – There’s More to the Story, Linda Coffin
- Ethics & Standards – Doing It Right: Using DNA in Genealogy, Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
- Next Generation: Self-promotion & the Lonely Genealogist: Let’s Get Together & Learn!, Shannon Combs-Bennett
- Forensic Genealogy – More on Forensic Genealogy, DNA Databases & Law Enforcement, Helen Haldeman Daglas


- From the Editor’s Desk, Jodi G. Benjamin
- Research Corner: University Records Revisited, Andrew Zalewski
- Map Corner: Lwów University on the Move, Jay Osborn
- A Secret in the Family: The Story behind the Headlines, Christina Craig
- Jewish Life in Tarnów before the Shoah, Felicia Lederberger-Graber
- Interview with Tosia Szechter Schneider: Witness to a World That Is No More
- Surviving in Lwów: A Jewish Physician’s Experience, Arthur J. Wolak


- Praszka, from the *Słownik geograficzny*, translated by Helen Bienick
- Members Supporting PGS-CA for 20+ Years!
- Migrant Obits Index
- Met Our Charter Members – Thank You!
• PGS-CA 30th Anniversary Celebration – 4th Annual Luncheon and Cultural Sharing
• Polish Genealogical Society of California: Our 30th Anniversary – Our History, Paul R. Lipinski

_**Project to Discover Schenectady County’s Eastern European Roots Newsletter, July 2019, Vol. 6, No. 3,**_ <http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/eer/index.html> contact Phyllis Zych Budka <abudka@nycap.rr.com>

• Old Photo Jackpot, Gail Bochenek Demcsak
• Tribute to a Vet [Frank J. Bochenek], Gail Bochenek Demcsak
• A Few of My Wrazen Family Memories – Summers at Sacandaga Lake, Nancy Korycinski Houston
• Pani Katarzyna Kornacka, Part 16 – Finish the Forties, Marty Byster

_**Rodziny, Summer 2019, Volume XLII, No. 2. Polish Genealogical Society of America**_<https://pgsa.org>

• From Our Correspondent in Ukraine: Outlook on Genealogical Research in Ukraine, Julia Symontovska
• Debbie Greenlee’s Speech upon Accepting the Polish Spirit Award
• Destiny of a Family, Roman Kalużniacki, PhD
• Completing the Story with Refugee Records, Dean G. Calamaras
• Immigration and Name Changes, Edward David Luft
• _Memoirs of a Peasant: From Serfdom to Today_, Chapter Thirteen, Jan Słomka
• From the _Słownik Geograficzny_: Stawiska-Łaziska and Stawiska-Zwalewo (Sierpc county)

_**Wilno Heritage Society, News from the Wilno Heritage Society, Spring/Summer 2019, Vol. 18, No. 1, 1112 Wilno Road North, Wilno ON K0J 2N0, CANADA,**_ <http://www.wilno.org>

• Kashubian & Polish Language Projects & Initiatives of the Wilno Heritage Society—1998 to the Present Day, Shirley Mask Connolly
• Stories & Photos in Commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Railway in Wilno, Shirley Mask Connolly
• President’s Message, Peter Glofcheskie
• Curator’s Comments & Museum Matters, Shirley Mask Connolly
• J. R. Booth: The Man Behind the Railway, Shirley Mask Connolly
• Workers on the Railway, Shirley Mask Connolly

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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._

28 July – 2 August 2019

39th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

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Cleveland, Ohio

The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies holds its 39th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in Cleveland, Ohio, on 28 July to 2 August 2019. The Conference is co-hosted by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland. This conference is a major event every year, and there’s no reason to expect otherwise this year. It’s going on right now, and you may want to check the schedule and see if there are talks or events you’d like to attend. More information is available at the following website:

<https://www.iajgs2019.org/>

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10-11 August 2019

LITHUANIAN DAYS 2019
Sponsored by Knights of Lithuania, Council 144, “The Anthracite Council”
Annunciation Parish Hall • 9 South Broad Mountain Ave • Frackville PA

Schedule (all times subject to change)

**Saturday, 10 August 2019**

11:30 a.m. – Gathering – recorded music and visit vendors
12:30 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies: Color Guard Pa National Guard and Partisans. US and Lithuanian National Anthems. Eugene Dicevicius “Augis” and Accompaniment with CJ Ferrara and Steve Epstein. Welcome: by Paul Domalakes C-144
1:00 p.m. – Music by Augis
1:30 p.m. – “Visit the Vendors” background Lithuanian Music Old and New
2:00 p.m. – Malunas Dance Troup from Baltimore
2:30 p.m. – Lithuanian Sing-A-Long with CJ Ferrara and Tom Dura and Steve Epstein
3:00 p.m. – Presentation of PA National Guard-Lithuanian Military Partnership 25 Years
3:15 p.m. – Augis (Eugene Dicevicius)
4:00 p.m. – Malunas Dance Troup from Baltimore
4:30 p.m. – Close visit Vendors and Food Sales. Great artifacts, jewelry, books T-shirts and Lithuanian STUFF until 6PM
6:30 p.m. – Mass with Lithuanian Hymns in Annunciation BVM Church easy short walk down Broad Mountain Avenue fulfills Sunday obligation

**Fine Lithuanian food All Day!**

Kugel, Bandukes, Pierogies, Lapiene Soup, Borscht and More!

**Sunday, 11 August 2019**

11:00 a.m. – Festival opens for Food and Vendor sales, Historical and Cultural Displays
12:15 p.m. – Introduction of Vendors, Welcome: Paul Domalakes Council 144
12:30 p.m. – Visit the Vendors
1:00 p.m. – Simona Minns Lithuanian Kankles and vocalist: from New York City
1:30 p.m. – Gintaras Dancers – Children Dancers from Mahanoy City
1:45 p.m. – Simona Minns, Lithuanian Kankles and vocalist from New York City
2:15 p.m. – Modern Lithuanian Music Augis (Eugene Dicevicius
3:15 p.m. – Lithuania Folk Music band (chance to relax, eat and visit vendors)
3:45 p.m. – Augis and Partisan Campfire songs-sing along
4:15 p.m. – Audience Participation in Lithuanian Folk Tales
4:30 p.m. – Drawing of winning prizes
5:00 p.m. – Closing, Augis, Lynne Cox Varpelis Dancers, Partisans. Let us all join in singing God Bless America and Lietuve Brangi. Retirement of the Colors-Partisans. Lithuanian Days Festival remains open for perusal and purchase until 6 p.m.

From information posted by Liuda on 18 July 2019 to <LithuanianGenealogy@yahoogroups.com>
see also <https://www.facebook.com/LithuanianDays/>

18 August 2019

PGSA MEETING/WEBINAR: METRYKI AND GENETEKA, OLA HESKA

Location – Batavia Public Library • 10 S. Batavia Ave • Batavia IL 60510

Topic – “Metryki and Geneteka.” Step-by-step instruction on using two of the largest databases for Polish genealogy. Geneteka currently contains over 28 million records from various regions of Poland, accessible without login or fees, created by volunteers and administered by the Polskie Towarzystwo Genealogiczne (PTG). Metryki has over 5.5 million scans, mainly from the Mazowsze and Łódź areas. A detailed handout will be provided.

Speaker – Ola Heska – Ola received her M.A. degree in Russian Philology from the University of Łódź. Fluent in Polish, Russian, and English, with expertise in deciphering old Russian handwriting as well as in reading Latin records, she has been researching her roots for over twenty years, and has worked as a translator and researcher for over thirteen years. She lectures at various Chicago-area libraries and genealogical societies. Ola is a PGSA Board Member and an honorary member of the Polish Genealogical Society (PTG) in Warsaw. She is now a Genealogical Researcher at Ancestry ProGenealogists.

Attendance at the library is free and open to members and non-members. The presentation will also be offered as a free Webinar to members. To defray costs, non-members will be charged a $10 fee. Webinar registration for members (after signing in) and non-members can be made at the PGSA website <https://pgsa.org/product-category/webinars/>. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

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21 – 24 August 2019

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS) CONFERENCE
“Come Home to Our Washington, D.C.”
Omni Shoreham Hotel • 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, DC 20008

The 2019 FGS Conference will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., with easy access to the National Archives, Library of Congress, DAR Library, and more by Metro. There is more info at this web page, including a link to make reservations at the hotel. Registration is now open.

<https://fgs.org/conferences/>

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6–8 September 2019

MYHERITAGE LIVE 2019
2019 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES
The Hilton Amsterdam in the Netherlands

MyHeritage LIVE 2019 will take place on September 6-8 2019 at the Hilton Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The hotel is located south of central Amsterdam, near the museum district, and we have arranged a special rate for guests who choose to stay at the hotel.

In addition to a plenary session from MyHeritage Founder and CEO, Gilad Japhet, there will be genealogy and DNA lecture tracks, as well as hands-on workshops to walk attendees through MyHeritage tools and features step-by-step.

Conference tickets include access to lectures, workshops, coffee breaks, lunches on Saturday and Sunday, a Friday night drink reception, and the celebratory MyHeritage party on Saturday night, all of which you don’t want to miss!

This information is from the announcement at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2019/02/announcing-myheritage-live-2019/>. Per a 21 June 2019 post on Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter, the schedule of presentations was recently posted to the MyHeritage blog: <http://bit.ly/2YaAPxq>.

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Saturday, 14 September 2019

THE UKRAINE HISTORY AND EDUCATION CENTER’S FAMILY HISTORY GROUP, NASHI PREDKY
2019 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES
“Ties of Kinship: Genealogy and Dynastic Marriage in Kyivan Rus” – Dr. Christian Raffensperger
11:00 a.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.

Interested in Royal Roots? Join Nashi Predky for Dr. Christian Raffensperger’s lecture “Ties of Kinship: Genealogy and Dynastic Marriage in Kyivan Rus” on Saturday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m. ET. Author of “The Kingdom of Rus’ (Past Imperfect)” and “Reimagining Europe: Kievan Rus’ in the Medieval World,” learn more about the dynastic marriages made between the ruling family of Rus’, and the other ruling families of Europe.

Online registration opens February 18th for these virtual presentations. Visit: <https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

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Saturday, 28 September 2019

PGS-CA 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
4th ANNUAL POLISH LUNCHEON AND CULTURAL SHARING

For the cultural part, we invite you to bring and share some of your experiences of traveling to Poland. We know that there are many members who have been to Poland, and more who have not been to Poland.

If you have not traveled to Poland, but have traveled someplace to visit a relative you had never met face to face, a home/location where one of your ancestors (or even you!) may have lived, a trip to do some cemetery research, anything that has to do with traveling someplace for your Polish genealogy.

Last year we had a nice collection of artifacts and stories to share with the group. This is a very social meeting, and we will do a lot of talking while we are eating (much like those Polish weddings we have been to).
Questions? Contact Annette Gathright, email: <Programs@pgsca.org>
We are looking forward to another great afternoon of sharing and eating! For full details, go to the PGS-CA Webpage: <http://www.pgsca.org>

About the September Luncheon – We have three!! options for this year:

Option 1:
Hit the kitchen and whip up one of the delicious polish dishes you may have grown up with in your Family! Start thinking now about what polish delight you’ll be bringing!
Here are some polish recipe websites:
● <http://polskafoods.com/>
● <http://www.polishyourkitchen.com/>
● <https://www.jennycancook.com/recipe/polish-cooking/>
● <http://bestpolishrecipes.com/>
● <https://polishhousewife.com/>
Be sure to get your potluck dish on the signup list by Friday, September 14!

Option 2: (for people who are not comfy around the kitchen)
Mail in your $15 ($30 for a member and significant other; $15 for each additional family member). We’ll do the shopping and cooking for you. Well, actually we have a few options for catering.

Be sure to get your check/cash mailed in by Friday, September 14 !!!
PGS-CA “Potluck”
PO Box 307
Buena Park CA 90621-0307

Option 3: for those who don’t cook and would rather buy something pre-made. Purchase some premade food - there is no cooking at the Family History Library! (Thanks to Joyce Sharifi for this suggestion and the sources:). Some options to purchase food:
● Polka Deli, Orange, CA <http://www.polkadeli.com/>
● Polka Polish Cuisine, Verdugo Rd, Los Angeles <http://www.polkarestaurant.com/>
● Solidarity, Santa Monica <http://solidarityla.com/>
● Pierogi Rulz <https://www.pierogirulez.com/>
● European Deli, Glendora <http://european-deli.com/>
Note: be sure to let us know you’re mailing in your check so we can get you on the list in case the mail gets delayed!

Either way, there is no reason for not attending this year – unless, of course, you live in New Jersey or Chicago and don’t plan on traveling to L.A. that weekend!

NOTE!!!
1. There will be no “buy-ins” at the door. All must be prepaid.
2. No refunds for paid no-shows, as the food will already be there waiting.
Info from the June-July 2019 issue of the PGS-CA e-Newsletter

11–12 October 2019

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
41ST ANNUAL GENEALOGY SEMINAR
“POLISH GENEALOGY: THE NEXT GENERATION”
Northern Illinois University (NIU) Conference Center in Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Topics to be covered include:

• Research updates on the historic Galician, Prussian, and Russian partitions
• Use of “crowdsourcing” tools and online forums
• Deciphering 19th-century source documents in today’s online world
• Digital geographic and cadastral maps for Poland
• Strategies for achieving your genealogical research goals
• DNA technology, testing, ethics, and implications for family research

For more information, visit PGSA’s website:


Early registration is open here:

<https://pgsa.org/product-category/conference/>

And this page has info on the venue:

<https://www.niu.edu/conferencecenters/hoffmanestates/index.shtml>

18–19 October 2019

THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE NORTHEAST
and
THE S. A. BLEJWAS ENDOWED CHAIR OF POLISH AND POLISH AMERICAN STUDIES, CENTRAL CONNECTICUT UNIVERSITY
2019 GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
Institute of Technology, Business and Development • Downtown campus of Central Connecticut State University • 185 Main Street • New Britain, CT

PGSCTNE and The S. J. Blejwas Endowed Chair of Polish and Polish American Studies Cordially invite you to attend the 2019 GENEALOGY CONFERENCE to learn the strategies for tracing your Polish-American and Eastern European roots. It will be held on Friday,
October 18, 2019 and Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Institute of Technology, Business and Development, Downtown campus of Central Connecticut State University, 185 Main Street, New Britain, CT. You can get more info at <https://pgsctne.org/2019-polish-genealogy-conference/>.

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. Speakers have extensive experience in their respective fields and have been featured at numerous regional, national and international conferences.

Featured speakers will be:

- **Blaine Bettinger**
- **Matthew Bielawa** (Vice-President, PGSCTNE)
- **Dr. Mieczyslaw B. Biskupski** (Endowed Chair, Polish and Polish-American Studies, CCSU)
- **Daniel Bućko** (from Kraków, Poland)
- **Thomas Sadauskas** (Virginia)
- **Jonathan Shea, A.G.** (President, PGSCTNE)
- and **Maureen Taylor** (Photo Detective, Rhode Island)

Daniel Bućko will speak on “Inaccuracies, Errors and Conflicts of Information in Polish Vital Records and How to Resolve These Problems” and “The Genealogical Value of Royal and Government Estate Inventories.”

A two-part seminar will be presented on “Introduction to Polish and Eastern European Family History.”

Other lectures scheduled include:

1. Introduction to DNA
2. Phasing and Mapping Your DNA
3. Photo Detecting 101
4. Advanced Photo Detecting: Cracking the Cold Case
5. Who Created Modern Poland?
6. A History of Ellis Island – Separating the Myth from Reality and What Really Happened There
7. How Your Ancestors Came to America and Finding Their Records (1890 to 1950)

Throughout the day, a collection of books, maps and other materials will be available to all attendees for consultation. Officers of the Society will be present to answer questions. We also have many exhibitors who will display their items.

For more information, please email Diane Szepanski at <Szepanski3@cox.net>.
41st Annual Genealogy Seminar
Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan
www.pgsm.org

Łukasz Bielecki, Ph.D
From Poznań, Poland

Dr. Bielecki is the creator of the online marriage database, the Poznan Project. He is a biochemist, currently working with the Polish Academy of Sciences in the field of Chemistry of Nucleic Acids, as well as serving as principal partner of Discovering Roots in Poland, specializing in genealogical tours.

Presenting
- Accessing Info in Local Parishes, Town Halls or Archives—What You Need to Know
- Visiting the Hometown of Your Ancestors—Is Meeting Cousins Possible?

Linda E. Serna
From California, USA

Ms Serna has been involved with genealogy researching and writing family stories for over 35 years. She worked on the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program for the first season. She is a member of the APG, Genealogical Speakers Guild, Polish Genealogical Society of America as well as past Vice-President of the Orange County, California Genealogical Society.

Presenting:
- Making Sense of Census
- Polonia: Polish Research from the U.S.A.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sign-in Begins at 8:30 am

American Polish Cultural Center—2975 E. Maple Rd. (15 Mile Rd.) at Dequindre Rd -Troy, Michigan 48083
Seminar Includes: four presentations, syllabus, Continental breakfast, Polish lunch, door prizes and vendors

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Troy Courtyard by Marriott - 1525 E Maple Rd, Troy MI 48083
(800)-321-2211 ~ Mention PGSM Room Block when making room reservations
All reservations MUST be made by Friday, September 27, 2019

On-Line or Mail-In Registration
Mail-in & E-Mail registrations must be postmarked/received no later than October 5th, 2019 — No Exceptions

$65.00 - includes electronic syllabus emailed 1 week prior to seminar
$75.00 - printed syllabus will be available at seminar Sign-in desk

The PGSM is a 501©(3) non-profit organization; $35.00 of the Seminar fee is tax deductible
19 October 2019

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

Save the date! See the poster on page 19 for more info, or go to <https://pgsm.org>.

Sunday, 20 October 2019

The Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, Massachusetts
ANNUAL PULASKI DAY PARADE
Northampton, Massachusetts
12:30 p.m. Eastern Time

The day begins with a memorial Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 99 King Street, Northampton at 11 a.m. That is followed by the parade, starting at 12:30 p.m. The parade proceeds through downtown Northampton and culminates at Pulaski Park. The program at the Park commemorates General Kazimierz Pułaski, Father of the American Cavalry. The PHC would like to extend an invitation to you and/or your organization to march with us in the parade. If you would like further information, contact Angie Fydenkevez at 413-530-0145, email <angelafydo@gmail.com>, or Mary Ellen Englaish at 413-320-9969, email <missmarymae@aol.com>.

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

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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 opens February 18th for these virtual presentations. Visit: <https://www.ukrhec.org/family-history-group>

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*** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES ***

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tfqttl>
This URL takes you to an interesting article by Stephen Starr, “Visit Istanbul’s Hidden Polish Village.” The article is about Polonezköy, about an hour’s drive outside of Istanbul, Turkey.

<http://bit.ly/2K8xQ2K>
An article in the most recent issue of Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter [EOGN] discussed a bill signed by the governor Illinois, J. B. Pritzker, that protects Illinois residents’ genetic testing results. Eastman gave the above URL to Illinois House Bill 2189, which goes into effect on 1 January 2020.

<http://bit.ly/2ykzK1k>
The same issue of EOGN included an article on Debrett’s Peerage Baronetage and Knightage, called the Red Book, which has been the standard source on information on the subject. Debrett’s is going to end publication of the printed form; the book will remain available in digital form. Like it or not, this is the fate that awaits many publications that are becoming too expensive to put out in book form.

<https://www.europeana.eu/portal/en/>
The 21 July 2019 issue of Nu? What’s New? reported that the Europeana site has over 57 million images online of European newspapers, photographs, maps etc. The home page, available at the above URL, allows you to search the collection. A search for “Polish newspapers,” for instance, has 26,241 matches in “Text” media; a search for “gazety polskie” (“Polish newspapers”) has over 500,000 hits in “Text.” Experiment—who knows what you’ll find?
Wielkie Oczy Foundation Publishing offers a complimentary eBook download of My Struggles 1939-1945 Under the German Occupation of Poland, Freda Hoffman Zgodzinski’s memoir of her years under the brutal Nazi occupation of Poland. You can learn more at the above site. Stephen Landau of The Wielkie Oczy Foundation announced this via the JewishGen newsgroup.

While the main focus of our readers is Polish genealogy, we know some of you also have Czech and Slovak roots. Tom Venetianer posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup mentioning this site, which contains hundreds of site addresses related to Czech and Slovak genealogy. He wrote, “The text is in Czech however ‘Google Translate’ generates an excellent English ... Scroll down to reach the many blocks classified by specific subjects.”

The 14 July 2019 issue of Nu? What’s New? mentioned that FamilySearch now allows users to correct names in its index. “FamilySearch asks for justification of the change which may imply that they will research the requested change after the fact to determine if it is valid.” You can read more at the above URL.

A recent issue of EOGN had an article “Pssst! Want to Buy Your Family’s Coat of Arms?” available at the above link There is a lot of good info here—but I must warn you, most of it applies to western European heraldry. Do not make the mistake of assuming Polish heraldry works the same ways; there are significant differences. But Eastman is absolutely right when he warns you not to trust people offering you a copy of your family’s “coat of arms.”

This link is from a recent issue of The Genealogy News and leads to an article on the MyHeritage Blog, “Irma Karczewski’s 99th Birthday Present: Her Family.” There’s no mention in the article that a person named Karczewski might be Polish—it says Irma was born “in Germany just after World War I.” But the story, including a video, is worth a look.

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