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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>>

*** POLISHORIGINS GALICIA TOUR ***

by Zenon Znamirowski <zenon@polishorigins.com>

Editor—I wanted to share this article with those of you who aren't subscribed to the PolishOrigins newsletter. I'm sorry it's a little late. I spent much of this last weekend in the hospital, making sure the chest pains I was suffering were not a heart attack. They weren't—ordinary acid reflux—so I'm getting this issue out as soon as possible ... You can see the original of this article here:

<<http://polishorigins.com/12all/index.php?action=message&c=55&message=63>>

We already have first reservations made for PolishOrigins Galicia Tour for June and October 2013. However there are still openings for ALL dates:

May 6 - 15, 2013

June 2 -11, 2013

July 15 - 24, 2013

September 1-10, 2013

October 6-15, 2013

As promised a month ago, we prepared detailed descriptions of each day's attractions, for you to get a little broader impression of what you can expect on each day of the Tour. To see the descriptions (containing pictures and videos), click on the links included in the Galicia Tour itinerary below.

Day 1. Arrival at the **Rzeszów Airport**. We will meet you there and provide airport pickup between 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 6:00 p.m. and take to the hotel in the countryside. After a little rest, you will be invited to a horse carriage ride with beautiful nature and mountain views. In the evening, you will be invited to a dinner with real, natural Polish country food (which will accompany you throughout the whole tour). Read more about how you can fly directly to Rzeszów and about the place where we will be staying, 'Janczar'.

<http://polishorigins.com/document/rzeszow_airport>

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/janczar>>

Day 2. The 2nd day is dedicated to the very old, historic town of **Sanok**. We will visit a famous ethnographic open-air museum where you will see the rural architecture of the region and a representation of a 19th-century Galicia town. We will have everything explained by a guide. After the museum visit, we will go to the old town in Sanok. In the late afternoon, on our way back, we will have dinner in an old manor house. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/sanok>>

Day 3. This is the **Polish nobility day**. First, we will visit Łańcut Castle, constructed in the style of a grand aristocratic palace-residence. Next, we will go to a museum of nobility culture located in an old manor house. In the afternoon, we will come back for the last night in this hotel and have dinner with attractions. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/lancut>>

Day 4. After breakfast, we will leave the hotel and head for the Tatra mountains. En route, we will visit Carpathian Troy or Magura National Park Museum (depending on the group preferences). Our route to Podhale region will lead through places with many **traces of Galicia history**: Biecz – Łużna (cemetery from World War I) – Bobowa (Jewish culture traces, bobbin lace handicraft) – lunch in spa in Krynica – ride through Slovakia; and we will reach our hotel in the evening. Read and see more:

Magura National Park <<http://polishorigins.com/document/magura>>

Carpathian Troy <http://polishorigins.com/document/carpathian_troy>

Łużna <<http://polishorigins.com/document/luzna>>

Bobowa <<http://polishorigins.com/document/bobowa>>

Krynica <<http://polishorigins.com/document/krynica>>

Day 5. **Tatra Mountains and Zakopane day**. We will travel up to Gubałówka mountain by trail carriages, visit Tatra Museum, visit the old cemetery in which almost all tombs are unique works of art, made of wood, metal or stone. You will have free time and a great opportunity to do shopping in the outdoor market. In the late afternoon we will have dinner in one of the Zakopane restaurants with live Górale band music. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/zakopane>>

Day 6. Niedzica and Czorsztyn. We will visit **Dunajec Castle**, an important centre of Polish-Hungarian relations since the 14th century. Next, we will take you to a boat or a raft on Czorsztyn lake. We will have dinner in the hotel. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/dunajec>>

Day 7. **Kraków**. After breakfast we will leave for Kraków. We will stay in a hotel in a walking distance to the old town. As you know, there are plenty of places to see in Kraków. For all the most important and interesting places, we will hire licensed Kraków guides. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/krakow>>

Day 8. **Wieliczka Salt Mines**. This day you will see a wonderful underground world of salt

chambers and sculptures. Dinner will be in one of the charming old town restaurants in Kraków. Read and see more:

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/wieliczka>>

Day 9. **Kraków**. Continuation of visiting Kraków attractions. For those of you who are willing to see the Concentration Camp Museum in Auschwitz, we will organize a tour there. Free time in Kraków. In the evening we will have our farewell dinner.

Day 10. After last common breakfast in the hotel we will transfer you to **the Kraków Airport**. For people interested in flying back from Rzeszów, we can organize travel to the Rzeszów Airport. More:

<http://polishorigins.com/document/day_10>

Also, see our main page of PO Galicia Tour, <<http://galicia.polishorigins.com>>, where you can read more and make reservations. If you want to learn more practical and formal details, see the pdf document Galicia Tour Booklet:

<<http://polishorigins.com/tour/gtbooklet.pdf>>

We want to remind you that we still have openings for tailor-made Forefathers Traces Tours to Poland and Ukraine in 2013 during which you can visit villages of your ancestors, move forward your family search, and maybe even find living relatives. See details here:

<<http://tours.polishorigins.com>>

This Holy Week, we send you *Wesołych Świąt Wielkiej Nocy* - Happy Easter wishes!

See our “old” article from Polish Tradition series about Easter traditions in old Poland

<<http://polishorigins.com/document/easter>>

Best Wishes,

Zenon & Team

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

Subject: Digitized European Library Offerings

I don't remember seeing this information in *Gen Dobry!* yet.

A few years ago, European libraries created the website <<http://www.europeana.eu>>. Its job is to collect links with documents digitized by various libraries in Europe, and to allow searching through a common search engine.

I just had the idea of typing “Kirchenbuch” and as well “metrykalne” on this site, and this returns several dozens of links to registers, mostly from Catholic and Lutheran parishes from Pomerania, Silesia, and some from Prussia, Sub-Carpathia and Podlasie, both in Polish and German libraries. Several are downloadable as pdf files, others just readable online (using the famous free plug-in DjVu, which is common in Polish libraries and frequently annoying, but it works for me about half of the time).

Here are the links I found:

Dolnośląska Biblioteka Cyfrowa (Lower Silesia): Kruszyn since 1602

Podlaska Biblioteka Cyfrowa : Białystok

Śląska Biblioteka Cyfrowa: Pilice & Cieszyn

Also, mostly from the Pomeranian Library, more than 30 parishes with 68 registers. Here is the direct link for this one: <<http://zbc.ksiaznica.szczecin.pl/dlibra>>.

As the links appear differently under the Polish and German names, I believe there is probably more to find out using other keywords.

These are actually court (*sąd*) duplicates of the Księgi Metrykalne (the same system exists in France nowadays for civil registers, except they are both written by the mayor’s office). So the information is most probably 100% the same as the original books; but from examples I have seen, the format looks different. It is probably worth mentioning this point.

Keep up the good work.

Philippe Christol
<<http://www.geneapologne.com>>

Editor—I can’t speak for anyone else, but I find the Polish digital libraries absolutely priceless; so Philippe’s information is most welcome. One thing I have to say, however, is that I have had excellent luck with the DjVu plugin, and I’m sorry to hear Philippe has not had such good results. My experience is mainly with Polish digital libraries; for them, DjVu is essential. The plugin is free and easy to download and install. The company offering it keeps changing, however. Right now, Caminova is the source I recommend using: <<http://www.caminova.net/en/downloads/download.aspx?id=1>>.

***** CORRECTION *****

Editor—Apparently I got the date for PGSA's Fall Conference wrong in the last issue. Let's try again, shall we?

> Fred, the conference is **September 13 - 14, 2013**. Thanks...

Margie LaCerra, PGSA Conference Chair

***** INFO FROM AN LDS GENEALOGY FAIR *****

by Debbie Greenlee

Editor—Debbie Greenlee posted this note to the Poland and Polish Genius mailing lists. It has a lot of info I had not heard before, and I thought those of you who didn't see it might like a chance to read it.

I thought I'd pass along some interesting information I learned from the LDS (Mormon) genealogy fair which took place at my local LDS Family History Center.

First, although there was a table set-up with LDS information (Book of Mormon, etc), I was never approached by anyone trying to proselytize.

There were a total of 14 different seminars. I guess there were only about 150-200 people in attendance and I think most were LDS members.

My husband and I split up the seminars and we concluded that most, if not all, were geared more towards the beginner.

Because of a lack of description, my first seminar was really for LDS members who wanted to volunteer in the Family History Centers. I stayed because I didn't think they'd say anything I shouldn't hear, and I am very familiar with LDS religious beliefs and practices, etc.

Here's what I learned:

LDS has recorded 3.3 billion records since 1894, which includes 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. I have a hand-out that says in the last 74 years, LDS accumulated approximately 6 billion records through microfilming and digital photographs. Regardless, even 3 billion is unbelievable!

This year, 2.5 billion records will be added to the FamilySearch site as browse-only. LDS suggests that people browse these records just as they'd roll through a microfilm, as it will take years to get all of these records indexed. It will take 3-4 years to digitize all the microfilms in the vault, but indexing will take much longer—maybe not even in our lifetime.

Only 3% of the vault records are accessible (indexed) online.

LDS is indexing one million names per day. Indexers are needed badly and anyone can help with this.

It takes 12 days from the time a new record (as opposed to ones already in the vault) is photographed to the time it is placed online as a browsable record.

It takes 7 minutes to digitize a roll of microfilm or one million records.

Right now, there are 26 groups of people digitizing records throughout the world. That's not many. However, this year LDS will have 750 groups out there digitizing records. It would be nice if LDS could get back into Poland in a big way, especially in the southeastern part of the country.

IF YOU SEE AN IMAGE ON LINE ANYWHERE, MAKE A COPY OF IT NOW.

Apparently LDS does indexing using their browsable records online; but due to agreements with whomever they are indexing the records for, the images could be removed from the website once the indexing is finished for that particular project. It was also mentioned that many cities, states, and some countries are removing images from the internet for various reasons.

So, no matter where you see a familial record image, copy it then and there, or tomorrow it may be gone.

PAF is going away. If you don't know what this is, don't concern yourself. LDS wants people to use its FAMILY TREE (online) instead. The information is used to prepare ordinances for their Temple, aka baptizing the dead. LDS also suggests that its members buy a "regular" genealogy program.

Two of the most prominent policies in preparing ordinances for the Temple are:

1. If a person in question was born in the past 110 years, you must obtain permission from the closest living relative to perform temple ordinances, in order to respect the wishes of the family.
2. Do not submit names of famous people or Holocaust victims who are not your close relatives. Closest living relatives are, in order: an undivorced spouse, an adult child, a parent, then a brother or sister.

If, for some reason, a person is listed as deceased in FamilyTree, they could be baptized, even if it hasn't been 100 years since that person was born.

The above is important because LDS has been admonished numerous times within the last several years for baptizing Jews who died in the Holocaust, including Anne Frank.

Even though the above are policies, it was mentioned in the seminar that an LDS member's grandmother, who was still alive, had been listed as deceased and was baptized. Granted, the woman was LDS, so she was already baptized; but the granddaughter, who brought up this situation, said it has happened twice, even though she goes into the record and changes her grandmother to "living." So, as has been shown by Jewish groups, LDS does not really have a handle on how to stop its members from baptizing anyone.

GREAT SUGGESTION FOR THE YOUNG

Most kids have to perform some sort of community service nowadays, and most kids have iPhones. A group of kids can go to a local cemetery that has not been read/indexed and photograph each grave with their iPhones. The images can be uploaded to BillionGraves.com (associated with FamilySearch) or FindaGrave.com and then indexed. This is a great project for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or high school kids, and can get the youth interested in genealogy as well as learning how to respect graveyards. It also can teach them about research and accuracy, things they will need in college.

Legacy Tech (connected with FamilySearch), which is not available yet, will allow a person with a smart phone to take a photo of a headstone and then search FamilySearch for that person in its indexed records.

LDS is trying to convince people of the importance of doing actual research and not just copying information someone else has provided; the information could be wrong.

***** UPCOMING EVENTS *****

Sunday, April 23, 2013

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PADEREWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

3:00 pm

Embassy of the Republic of Poland Auditorium

2640 16th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20009

The American Virtuosi (Borowsky Family) have offered their performance free of charge to benefit the Fund. Please see <<http://www.paderewskischolarship.org/>> for more information on this event, and to order tickets.

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Saturday, May 4, 2013

WASHINGTON D.C. FAMILY HISTORY CENTER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**10000 Stoneybrook Dr.
Kensington, Maryland**

The LDS Washington DC Family History Center will be having its annual genealogy conference on Saturday, 4 May 2013. The URL for conference Web page is <<http://www.wdcfhc.org/conf2013/index.php>>.

One of the presenters will be **Tom Sadauskas**, speaking on the International Tracing Service (ITS) archives and how best to use their 50 million documents to help with East European research, especially when it comes to displaced persons (DPs) and Holocaust victims & survivors. Here's the write-up for Tom's presentation:

The International Tracing Service—The Closed Archive That's Been Finally Opened After More Than 60 Years

The International Tracing Service (ITS) was created in the closing days of World War II. The ITS collected more than 50 million German and Allied records containing information on over 17.5 million persons. These persons included both Holocaust victims and survivors, forced laborers, and more than 8 million displaced persons (DPs). For more than 60 years, the ITS archives were closed to outside researchers and only accessible to ITS staff members. Not until late 2007, because of outside pressure by numerous groups, was the decision made to open these records to outside researchers. The first organized group of outside researchers to access these records occurred in May 2008. The presenter was part of this first group. Topics to be covered include:

- Brief History of the ITS
- How the ITS Archives Came to Be Opened to the Public
- What Records Are There & How They Can Be Accessed
- What Records Are Not There
- How These records Can Aid Your Genealogy Research
- My Personal Experience As Part of the First Group of Outside Researchers to Visit the ITS Archives

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Saturday and Sunday, May 11 – 12, 2013

41ST ANNUAL LITHUANIAN FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th 2013, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The Lithuanian Festival Committee of Maryland is pleased to announce the 41st Annual Lithuanian Festival, to be held at the Catonsville Armory, 130 Mellor Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th 2013, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5.00 per person and the little ones 12 and under are free.

The website for this event is at <<http://www.lithuanianfestival.org/>>

[From an e-mail sent by **Tom Sadauskas**, who will be giving presentations and answering questions at this event.]

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May 19, 2013

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING
Social Hall of the PRCUA – 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. – Chicago, Illinois
2 p.m.

TITLE: Genealogical Societies in Poland, a presentation by Cynthia Piech

SUBJECT: Genealogy is popular in Poland, and there are several genealogical societies in various regions of Poland. We'll look at the web sites of several of these societies to see what they offer the Polish-American genealogist. We'll also demonstrate how to easily translate the web pages that are in Polish

BIO: Cynthia Piech has been doing genealogical research for 14 years. She has done research in both the U.S. and Poland and has traced her family back to the late 1700s. Cynthia has written articles on genealogy and travel in Poland for *Rodziny*. She is a member of the PGSA, the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

[From an e-mail sent by Harry Kurek]

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August 4 – 9, 2013

33RD IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

This annual event—which is almost always a magnificent success—will be held in 2013 in Boston on August 4 through 9. Learn more at <<http://www.iajgs2013.org/>>.

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September 13 – 14, 2013

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA CONFERENCE

The 2013 Conference will be held at the Hilton Lisle in Naperville, Illinois. In the months ahead, the Website, <<http://www.pgsa.org>>, and the *PGSA Notebook* will post additional details.

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October 23 – 26, 2013

**CZECHOSLOVAK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
2013 GENEALOGICAL AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) will hold its 14th Genealogical and Cultural Conference at the Westin Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois, October 23–26, 2013. Hotel reservations can now be made for the Conference at the Westin Lombard Hotel in Lombard, Illinois. Click on the Reserve icon when you get to the Hotel page.

The keynote speaker will be our own **Paul S. Valasek!** Other notable speakers are Lisa A. Alzo, Grace DuMelle, Leo Baca, Lou Szucs, and many more.

For more information on the program, see this Web page:

<<http://www.cgsi.org/content/2013-genealogical-and-cultural-conference-program>>

***** MORE USEFUL WEB ADDRESSES *****

<<http://eogn.com/wp/?p=24384>>

The March 26 issue of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* [EOGN] included Bobbi King's review of *Mastering Online Genealogy*, W. Daniel Quillen (published by Cold Spring Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, 2011, 143 pages). It sounds to me like something many of our readers would want to check out.

<<http://tinyurl.com/NYTFamHistory>>

An item in the March 24 issue of *Nu? What's New?* cited an article in the *New York Times* saying that for children, knowledge of their family history is connected with a better sense of control over their lives and higher self-esteem. *Nu?* provided this link to the article.

<<http://voice.fgs.org/2013/03/fgs-joins-records-coalition-senator-orrin-hatch.html>>

The same issue of *Nu?* talked about the Federation of Genealogical Societies' joining a coalition calling for changes to technology and privacy laws for records access. This link is to the page of *FGS Voice* discussing this.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/megan-smolenyak-smolenyak/family-tree-mockumentary-b_2906593.html>

The *Genealogy News* for March 24 had a link to this article by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak for the *Huffington Post*, which I somehow overlooked. I mentioned some months back that there were strong indications Christopher Guest was planning to do a comedy series with a genealogical theme. After watching his movies (*Best in Show*, *Waiting for Guffman*, *A*

Mighty Wind, etc.), I couldn't wait to see the take Guest and his troupe of actors have on this field. Well, it's coming to HBO and BBC soon. This page on the HBO site says it's coming in May: <<http://www.hbo.com/#family-tree>>. Crud, just when I was thinking about dropping cable...

<<http://cosmopolitanreview.com/>>

Don't forget to take a look at the latest issue of *Cosmopolitan Review*.

<<http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2013/03/poland-genealogy-my-first-venture.html>>

The *Genealogy News* also had a link to this page, where a brave lady has dived headfirst into Polish genealogy, and describes her adventures.

<<http://tinyurl.com/bfd4rvm>>

A note posted to the JewishGen newsgroup on March 2 by Jan Meisels Allen explained that "The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Historical Research Branch just published a new and expanded website covering agency history, library resources, historical research advice, and the fee-for-service USCIS Genealogy Program. All parts of the site are interrelated and organized to meet the varying needs of scholars, students, and family historians. The new site also includes dynamic features like the Historian's mailbox, Genealogy notebook, and other spaces to be filled on a regular basis with answers to researcher questions, information about records at the National Archives, or resources available in the USCIS Historical Reference Library. The site's research guide will also expand over time to cover additional records or provide more detail. The site gives information on A-Files, Alien Registration Forms, C-Files, visa files and more." The link above takes you to the new website.

<<http://eogn.com/wp/?p=24143>>

Those who have Mac computers and would like to see an overview of genealogy programs available for the Mac might enjoy this article from *EOGN*.

<http://openlibrary.org/books/OL13998215M/Burt's_Polish-English_dictionary>

Miriam Bulwar David-Hay posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup about this online dictionary, published in New York in 1900. She liked the dictionary because it included some terms that are now rare or archaic. You can click the button that says "Read online," or you can download various versions to your computer. And you can't beat the price!

<<http://tinyurl.com/amhqt2t>>

On the Poland-Roots list, Debbie Greenlee posted this link, where you can view the trailer and buy the DVD of *Three Stories of Galicia*. She thought there would surely be some folks who'd like to take a look, and maybe consider buying it.

<<http://www.rootstech.org/downloads>>

On the JewishGen newsgroup, Pamela Weisberger provided this link for free downloads of the RootsTech 2013 Conference Syllabus & Handouts. The Conference took place March 21 – 23 in Salt Lake City, so it's too late to attend now. But as best I can tell, the syllabus and the conference guide are still available.

<<http://www.germanroots.com/hal.html>>

On the Poland-Roots mailing list, "Polish Dragon" posted info on something we may never have mentioned before: outgoing passenger manifests of the Holland-America Line, 1900-1940, from Rotterdam. "This probably won't tell you where he was going, but it might give you a clue as to any additional information. The fiche are available from LDS. I had them at one time, but had to return them when my FHC closed. Read the explanation at LDS to see if you want to pay to see them. You know the date and ship, so he shouldn't be hard to find. This link will get you there quickly."

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

The March 12 issue of Avotaynu's e-zine *Nu? What's New?* announced that FamilySearch has made its "Family Tree" database available to the public. Editor Gary Mokoff described Family Tree as "a Geni/MyHeritage-like environment in which users can start family trees and/or update incorrect information and add people to existing trees. It can be accessed from the FamilySearch home page ... by clicking the words 'Family Tree' at the top of the page."

<<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=25192>>

The March 10 issue of *Genealogy News* mentioned this item on the *Genealogy Blog*. It takes a look at a new research aid authored by Rosemary Chorzempa and put out by the Genealogical Publishing Company, *Genealogy at a Glance: Polish Genealogy Research*; by Rosemary A. Dembinski Chorzempa. "Like all the Genealogy At A Glance sheets, this guide is a four-page, full-color limited brochure meant to be easily stored and sized to take with you when conducting related research outside the home." I suspect many of our readers may be at a stage in their research too advanced for them to benefit much from this aid. Still, I'm sure some of you will find it helpful; and it is inexpensive, only \$8.77. You can get more details on this and other entries in the "Genealogy at a Glance" series here: <http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/store/product_view.php?id=2237>.

<<http://genealogy.about.com/b/2013/02/28/our-name-was-changed-at-ellis-island.htm>>

This link takes you to a short, sweet discussion of perhaps the most persistent myth in American genealogy research. On the basis of my experience, what Kimberly Powell says here is absolutely correct. Movies and television (including the outstanding movie *Godfather II*) have sold us all a bill of goods on this one. Sure, any time you process millions of people, mistakes can be made, wires crossed, inaccurate information recorded. But the vast majority of claims that

“our name was changed at Ellis Island” fall apart on closer examination.

<<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~polwgv/rafal/surname.html>>

We’ve mentioned this before, but undoubtedly we have some newer readers who haven’t heard about it. This is a database of surnames submitted by various researchers with roots in historical Poland—including much of what are now Lithuania, Belarus, western Ukraine, etc. It has 37,000 entries! Why not search it? And if it has no matches for you, why not submit your names? This database, and that of PolishOrigins at <<http://surnames.polishorigins.com>>, are simple, free resources every researcher should know about and make use of. And for names in North America, <<http://sortedbyname.com/>> is worth a look (per a note posted by LeAnn C. Cook on the Poland-Roots list).

<<http://www.goldbug.com>>

In an interesting series of posts on the JewishGen list, Sarah Christiansen wrote, “There is a commercial site selling mapping software that will track locations through time. My professional genealogist friend uses AniMap. For the US the software is called AniMap, and it will for example take a particular location and watch the state and counties change at different points in time. There is a European version as well, but I am not sure exactly the name of the software. All can be found on the Goldbug site ... Ask them for more information on the European option.” For those with a Google account, Google Maps + Google Earth were also praised by others for allowing you to map locations through time, with considerable flexibility. My suggestion would be to try Google Maps and Google Earth first, and move on to commercial software only if the Google offerings don’t suit your needs.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polish_genius/message/21057>

Alan Kania posted a nice note about name changes to the Polish Genius list, and there were a number of good follow-up notes. You can follow the thread by clicking on this link, if you are registered with Yahoo (which is painless).

<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/media/attachments/zal1_swa_dasc1.1_2013-03-05.pdf>

On March 20, Al Muth posted a note to the Posen mailing list, saying that this link opens a PDF with a list for March 2013 of the the record groups that the Polish State Archives just uploaded. He added, “You need to know the archive branch number: Białystok 4; Kalisz 11; Katowice 12; Koszalin 26; Kraków 29; Leszno 34; Lublin 35; Poznań 53; Poznań Oddział w Koninie 54; Rzeszów 59; Suwałki 63; Zielona Góra 89. These are the only archive branches that are posting now in March 2013. If you have been using the service already, you know that Warszawa’s number is 72. I have not tracked the numbers of the other archive branches participating in the beta test.” His note went on to give details on how to make use of this info.

<<http://www.maps.geshergalicia.org/>>

More maps have been added to the Gesher Galicia Map Room. If you have roots in Galicia, you should check this site often to see if the most recent additions will help you.

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