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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>>

***** RICK DORSCH – HAM RADIO OPERATOR AND GENEALOGIST,
CALL SIGN NE8Z *****

by the Polish Mission

Editor—Rick Dorsch (photo below) is a Friend of the Polish Mission who is undertaking his family research at PARI (Polonica Americana Research Institute) with genealogists Dr. Hal Learman and Ceil Wendt Jensen. PARI supports families researching their roots and is open each Monday and Friday by appointment.



An evening chat with Rick Dorsch’s mother, Mary Lizoń Dorsch (Call Sign: WB8W NJ), on the night before she died, included a moment when she pointed her impaired hand at him and commanded “You find my family!” So, in the spring of 2015 Rick joined the Friends of Polish Mission and began the journey “home” at his mother’s request.

After an initial introduction to traditional genealogy research methods, Rick decided to employ a tool he has been licensed to use since 1968 – namely Amateur (Ham) Radio. Rick’s mentor in this field was his high school art teacher Lee Ewald (Call Sign: W8WA) who was an experienced ham radio operator. He learned Morse Code telegraphy – using radio waves to speak directly to other operators anywhere in the world. Over the years, Rick has communicated via Morse Code and by voice with fellow operators around the world, including King Hussein of Jordan (Call Sign: JY1) from 1974, until he passed away in 1999. Rick has met many Polish colleagues over the years, so it was natural to employ these methods when it came to researching ancestral homes in Poland.

The strongest signals from Poland come in the morning here in Michigan. There are no wires involved – the signals bounce off the ionosphere. Rick keeps in mind the time difference and the position of the sun, and begins to listen for signals that begin with the prefix SP that indicates Poland. The number after SP indicates the province the operator resides. Rick’s interest is in SP2- Pomorskie, SP3 – Wielkopolskie, and SP9 – Małopolskie. Rick currently has two contacts willing to undertake research for him, his longtime contact, Andy Pfeiffer (Call Sign: SP9KR), and a new contact, Mariusz Szczurko, (Call Sign: SP2YY) of Kwidzyn. These are friends in the international fraternity whose motto is “Worldwide friendship though amateur radio.” Rick first met Andy on the air when Rick lived in Ecuador and Andy was living in Ontario, Canada.

Currently Mariusz is waiting for Rick to identify the village and house number for his Dorszyński ancestors in Nowa Cerkiew parish. Andy has already traveled to the villages and homes of Rick’s Lizoń and Goldyn families. Andy found that house 37 in Obidza and 51 in Ochotnica Gorna are still standing, and the relatives residing there are awaiting Rick’s visit in 2016. Since Andy’s visit, the Tokarczyk family, residing at house 37, has started preparing for his visit, and found a box of old black and white photos that go back to the late 1800s.

Rick is returning the research favor for a “ham” in Poland, Krzysztof “Chris” Gryc of Hajnówka (Call Sign: SP4WRF/3Z4Z). Chris has a branch of his Kołęda (Kolenda) family who settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

If you would like to begin your family genealogy, please contact the Polish Mission’s Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI) at 248-683-0323 or <pmission@orchardlakeschools.com>. If you are interested in becoming a ham radio operator, go to the American Radio Relay League’s web page at <<http://www.arrl.org>> and use the search page to find free classes in your area.



Left: The Lizoń House # 37. Right: The current resident of house #37 is Pani Ludwika Tokarczyk, standing here with ham operator Andrzej (Andy) Pfeiffer.

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

Subject: Americans Teaching in Poland During the Summer

Editor—In the last issue, we included a question from a reader, Larry Mandeville, who recalled seeing previous mention in *Gen Dobry!* of a program for Americans teaching in Poland during the summer. He wanted an update; but for the life of me, I couldn’t recall the name of the program or the gentleman who’d written about it. Fortunately, Robert Pine, the man in question, saw the note and answered, as did a lady interested in the program. Let me print what they both had to say, for your information.

Hello Fred and Larry:

Other than a year of exchanging documents due to the paperwork problem Larry discovered, which as you know was fully corrected and resolved, everything is going very well. WIESCO continues strong in its 40+ years of English programs in Eastern Europe, especially in Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia. We also had a couple programs in Russia.

Last year, I spent six straight weeks in Poland leading a program in Mazury for Polish teachers of English, leading a youth camp on the Baltic coast for a school in Poznań, and at the English

Teaching Market for 450+ English teachers, where I presented a workshop on how to use improv in language instruction. Our program in Nowa Ruda added another great success to its history.

This year, in addition to the Nowa Ruda camp, I led back-to-back youth programs in Wrocław and Poznań.

Also this year, we added a new program in conjunction with the Polish American Freedom Foundation and NIDA organization called Native Speaker at Our School. In addition to my summer programs, in April, I was the guinea pig for this. In two weeks, I visited 11 rural schools in southeastern Poland, making presentations to English language students so they could experience English spoken by a native speaker, plus meet an American. It was great.

I am sorry *Rodziny* was not sent an announcement the past couple years or so. That is our fault. We have had good interest and participation from universities, schools, and Polish groups and programs, and the person who handles this may have missed *Rodziny*. I will be sure this is corrected.

Attached is an overview of the programs now offered by WIESCO. Our board meets later this month, at which we discuss plans for next year. Once those are solidified I will ensure information is sent to *Rodziny*, and directly to you, Larry.

All my best wishes,

Robert M. Pine

Editor—If you want a copy of the overview of programs, let me know and I'll send it to you as an e-mail attachment. Meanwhile, here's the other note I received.

Hello, Fred:

I saw in the September 2015 edition that Larry Mandeville asked about a program for Americans to go to Poland to teach English during the summer. He had expressed skepticism in it initially, but now was looking for information on it. I think I may be able to help you and Larry out. The group is called WIESCO, which stands for Wisconsin International Educational Scientific Cultural Organization. I had expressed interest in it a couple of years ago (when I was working and making some money). Circumstances did not permit me to go then (new grandchildren); however, Robert Pine, one of the coordinators, kept my contact information. I last heard from him by phone earlier this year. He asked if I was still interested in teaching in Poland. Well, I've been unemployed for the last two years, and can't justify spending the "zlotys" going to Poland, but asked him to keep me in mind for 2016. I'm turning 62 this fall, and going to Poland to teach English may be more of a possibility in the coming year.

Here is the link for WIESCO:

<<http://www.wiesco.org/>>

And, again, the fellow who contacted me is named Robert Pine. He's on the Advisory Board.

Hope this helps!

Clara Makoid, Citrus Springs, Florida

Editor—Thank you for taking the time to answer, and for the link. I hope you get a chance to go to Poland with WIESCO. I have a notion you'll enjoy it immensely.

***** CREATIVE RIGHTS *****

by Alan Kania

Editor—These comments need a little bit of background info. Researcher Debbie Greenlee posted notes to online mailing lists expressing her dismay that indexes of three cemeteries, which she compiled, copyrighted, and placed on Poland Gen Web with permission, had been copied by someone and placed on Findagrave.com without permission or attribution. Debbie was upset and is trying to take legal action. This led to a discussion online over whether her work was copyrightable, what recourse she had, and so on. I found these comments by author Alan Kania particularly instructive, and wanted to share them with you (but only after getting his permission!).

I'm a dismayed with the comments being made about the use of research and other information posted by various internet resources. As a multi-book author, I'm faced with this issue on an all-too-frequent basis. In this Wiki-World we've adopted, people think that creative rights are free for the taking—let the authors be damned, despite our thanks for the thousands of hours we put into a project.

When I write a book, it takes at least five years of research, writing, and editing to get the manuscript into book form. For those of you who believe that we strive to protect our work for a profit motive, let me explain that the vast majority of us who write make approximately \$1.50 per book sold in the form of royalties—no cash advances from today's publishers. All of my books sell well, but until people start showing the same interest in non-fiction as they do in fiction, I will never make back the costs of all my research and be able to pay off the photo-rights that can become quite expensive. So please, just because someone posts information on the Internet and wants to protect his or her investment, don't perpetuate the false assumption that he or she is just trying to make a buck off everyone. Some of us just have a sense of pride in our work and we don't want it Wiki-edited by people who are too lazy to do their own research.

We're getting too used to getting our news from online sources who have no front-line journalists—they tap traditional news sources, edit the research to fit their own personal agenda, and then publish it as their own to titillate their base of minions. The original reporter who gathered that primary-source information gets nothing, and often gets blamed when the online “news” distributors explain to people that they are not responsible for “errors” that must have

been made by the reporters who had their research stolen and falsely edited. There is good reason why we strive to control the results of our research: we've put too much hard time into accuracy and don't appreciate others profiting from it. Nor do we appreciate it being used under false pretenses at the expense of our reputations as researchers and authors.

For those of you who seem to believe that we should freely share all of our primary-source research for those who find it more convenient to just cherry-pick the results for your benefit, please reconsider your belief—especially when you then credit someone else's research as your own. My photographs and my primary-source research are MY creative property. With genealogy, I've spent thousands of dollars and over a decade-and-a-half of my own research. I don't share my information unless I know the person benefiting from my research will benefit in making their own tree more accurate -- AND (big AND) will also contribute accurate information to help assure our mutual tree is accurate. There's no profit motive; I'm just a stickler for appreciation of those who want our family histories to ACCURATELY portray our family.

Someone at Find-a-Grave is making money on the research that is freely provided by people. Huffington Post and others are making money on the research that is freely provided by writers. To the information distributors who are profiting through online advertising or subscriptions without paying for the research and time that went into the accuracy of that primary-source information, I say, at the very least, please respect the creative rights of the original creator of that research and honor their efforts. Stop stealing their work and calling it your own. Theft is theft no matter how you wish to justify it.

*** PGSCTNE CONFERENCE ***

Editor—Marie Dallas posted this note to the Poland Roots mailing list on October 6th, talking about the conference held recently by the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast. I asked Marie if I could include her note here, and she gave her permission.

I'd like to share a bit of my experience at the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast this past weekend.

As a seasoned researcher (26 years' experience), when it comes to attending conferences, my concern is that I'll spend travel time and gas/airfare and the cost of registration and hotel for two nights to attend a conference where I come away having learned nothing. It's happened (but never at PGSCTNE!), and it's not a great feeling, I can tell you.

Diane Szepanski organizes a wonderful conference. Truly informative and vastly enjoyable. She's an amazing lady! I don't know how she manages it all and still seems to enjoy every minute of it herself.

This was my fourth PGSCTNE conference, and I actually walked away more excited and

inspired than ever before. I learned about notary records in Poland—which I didn't know existed!—from a native Pole, who later at dinner advised me to seek out a court record for a legal surname change notated in the margin of an 1861 birth record.

Jonathan Shea and Matthew Bielawa lectured about the basics, and I still came away with a couple of new websites and tidbits of new info. The genealogy world is constantly changing and evolving, and new information and resources are popping up almost weekly. And of course, it never hurts to brush up on the foundations of research!

Lisa Alzo gave a wonderful talk about getting and staying organized and focused and another lecture on Pennsylvania resources that was helpful since all of my ancestors settled in PA. And going above and beyond the call of duty, she gave me contact info for a genealogist who specializes in military records to hopefully help me restart my stalled research.

Editor—My friendship and professional collaborations with Jonathan Shea make it hard for me to be objective. But every word Marie wrote rings true for me. If you missed out this time around, try hard to make it to the next conference PGSCCTNE holds.

***** THE ROAD HOME: TRIP TO POLAND *****

THE ROAD HOME

A special tour of Poland to reconnect with your roots

with Jonathan Shea and Aleksandra Kacprzak

sponsored by the Polish American Foundation of CT

May 10, 2016 through May 23, 2016

The Road Home trip will leave from New York on 5/10/16 and return on 5/23/16.

The trip cost is \$2,995* per person, double occupancy. There will be an additional \$350 fee for single occupancy. The cost includes airfare between New York JFK and Warsaw, hotels, three meals daily, professional tour guide, private tour bus, and admission for scheduled attractions.

You must sign up for the trip by January 2, 2016 and pay a \$200 deposit at that time. The balance of \$2,795 is due by February 2, 2016. Payment is nonrefundable. You must also include your completed pre-trip questionnaire with your payment.

You must have a valid passport for this trip.

If you are traveling alone, would you want a roommate and save the single supplement charge?

Please let us know if you would like a roommate and we will try to accommodate you.

****Price Subject to change due to change in exchange rates or airline fees.***

INDIVIDUAL VILLAGE DAY TRIPS

There are a limited number of day trips available so you can travel to your ancestral village. There will be an additional cost for this service. The village must be within 75 miles of a city we are visiting. Requests must be submitted by January 2, 2016. We will notify you by January 20, 2016 if your trip is possible and the estimated cost for the trip. Payment for the village trip will happen the day of the trip in Poland.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1- May 10: Depart for Poland

Day 2- May 11: Warsaw/Ostrołęka

The tour begins at the airport when we board our charter bus for a tour of the Old Town of Warsaw. After lunch at the Magat restaurant we will depart for Ostrołęka.

Day 3- May 12: Kadzidło/Łomża/Drozdowo

We start the day off learning about the Kurpie culture in Kadzidło. We will visit an outdoor ethnographic museum and attend a workshop on making *wycinanki* (paper cutouts). After lunch we travel to Łomża for a tour of the city and the fort. On our way back to the hotel, we will stop at the nature museum, estate and the cemetery chapel of the Lutosławski family in Drozdowo.

Day 4-May 13: Pułtusk /Ostrołęka

We start our day out with a visit to Pułtusk. We will tour the city and the local castle, and the archives. In the evening we will go to the Gospoda pod Jemiołami restaurant in Ostrołęka for a special, Kurpian-style festive dinner.

Village trips this day.

Day 5-May 14: Tykocin/Białystok

We start our day with a visit to Tykocin with a tour of the town and a visit to the museum. We continue on to Białystok. Those interested in doing research at the Archdiocesan Archive can stay at the archive while the rest of the group will tour the city.

Village trips this day.

Day 6- May 15: Suchowola/Augustów/Paniewo/Suwałki

Our day begins with a visit to Święta Woda and the Hill of Crosses. From there, we make a brief stop at Suchowola, the geographical center of Europe. We continue on to Augustów where we will tour the city and then embark on a boat tour down the Augustów canal.

Day 7-May 16: Sejny/Wiżajny

Our first stop today is the Basilica in Sejny. From there, we go to the Wigry Monastery, originally built by the Camedulian monks but now open to the public. We finish our day at Wiżajny, the coldest spot in Poland. It is also the point where Russia, Poland, and Lithuania converge.

Village trips this day.

Day 8-May 17: Giżycko/Olsztyn/Gdańsk

This day is a travel day to Gdańsk. We will make several stops along the way, including the cities of Giżycko and Olsztyn.

Day 9-May 18: Gdańsk

We spend the entire day exploring the city of Gdańsk, home of the Solidarity movement. Sites we will visit include the Royal Route, Basilica of Saint Mary, Mariacka Street, Neptune Fountain, and the Oliwa Cathedral.

Village trips this day.

Day 10-May 19: Szymbark/Malbork/Grudziądz

We start the day in Szymbark to visit the Upside Down House. We next go to Malbork Castle for a tour and a festive lunch in the Castle's restaurant. We end the day in Grudziądz, Aleksandra's hometown!

Day 11-May 20: Toruń/Ciechocinek/Płock

A tour of the Gothic architecture of Toruń is today's first activity. After lunch, we spend the afternoon relaxing at a health spa in Ciechocinek. After dinner, we travel to Płock for the night.

Day 12-May 21: Płock/Sierpc

The State Archives in Płock is our first stop followed by a city tour. After lunch, we visit the Ethnographic museum in Sierpc.

Village trips this day.

Day 13-May 22: Warsaw

We spend the entire day exploring the sites of Warsaw. We spend the night at the hotel Atos.

Day 14-May 23: Warsaw/New York

It is time to return home. After breakfast, we travel to the Warsaw airport for our return to New York.

See <<http://www.paf-ct.org>> for more details. To sign up or more questions email: <dorena726@yahoo.com>.

Check us out on Facebook: The Road Home-Polish American Foundation.

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[I should add that I contacted Jonathan Shea, and there are only a few seats left. Please write dorena726@yahoo.com if you want to reserve a place in this tour, and don't delay!]

*** AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT PERIODICALS ***

Editor—A fair number of societies send me copies of their bulletins or journals so I can summarize their contents in PGSA's *Rodziny*. I have occasionally included the tables of contents in past issues of *Gen Dobry!*, because I thought you might like to know about them. It occurs to me I might as well start doing this on a regular basis. These publications are printing a lot of good material that deserves more attention than it gets!

Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, Bulletin, Autumn 2015

- Organizing Genealogy Research, Jay Biedny
- Smaczne Jablka (Apple Day) Festival, Dan Schyma
- First Names Given to Polish Children at the Turn of the 20th Century, John L. Rys
- A Polish Gem near Delano, Jay Biedny
- Twin Cities Polish Festival, Dori Marszalek

Project to Discover Schenectady County's Eastern European Roots Newsletter, October 2015, Vol. 2, No. 4, <<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/resources/eer/index.html>>, contact Phyllis Zych Budka <abudka@nycap.rr.com>

- Summer 2015 in Lithuania and Poland, Phyllis Zych Budka
- The Big Move, Bernice Izzo

- Pani Katarzyna Kornacka, Part 3 – Pan Feliks Kornacki, Martin Byster
- Timeline: Schenectady Sojourn (1901–1925) of Julianna nee Polek Jakubczak, Leonard F. Jakubczak, Ph.D

The Polish Eaglet, Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan

Volume 35, No. 3, Fall 2015

- Poles of Emmet County, Michigan, Barbara Sikorski Munck
- St. Nicholas Parish, Larks Lake, Emmet County, Michigan, excerpted by Roger S. Laske
- The Żułkiewski (Zulski) Family, Monica Zulski Kline
- The Lechowicz Family of Center Township, Emmet County, Michigan, Monica Zulski Kline
- Holy Cross Parish, Cross Village, Emmet County, Michigan, excerpted from Historical Notes by Fr. Joseph Blasko
- The Kruski Family of Cross Village, Barbara Sikorski Munck
- Kruzell Family of Cross Village, Barbara Sikorski Munk & Kruzell Family
- The Smolak Family of Cross Village & the Famous Legs Inn, Roger S. Laske
- The Dedicated American Parish of Sacred Heart, Riggsville, Cheboygam County, Michigan, Socolovitch Family
- The Socolovitch Family of Riggsville, Cheboygan County, Michigan, Socolovitch Family
- Why PGSM is a Successful Organization, Barbara Sikorski Munck
- 2015 Annual PGSM Seminar, Valerie Koselka
- 2015 Dziękuję and J. William Gorski Awards, Kenneth A. Merique
- Thanksgiving – Holbrook Style, Robert Strybel
- Member Queries, Roger S. Laske
- Surname Index, Roger S. Laske (comp.)

Rodziny, Polish Genealogical Society of America

Volume 38, No. 4, Fall 2015

- News and Notes from the President, David Lewandowski
- + Raymond L. Lindberg +
- From Our Correspondent in Poland: Conscripts from Łomża County, 1862–1866, Iwona Dakiniewicz
- Start Your Christmas Shopping Early – Give the Gift of Polish Heritage
- PGSA Conference Recap, Margie LaCerra
- Andrew Iglewski: My Legendary Ancestor, Jason Kruski
- Memoirs of a Peasant: From Serfdom to Today, Chapter Five, Jan Słomka
- From the *Słownik geograficzny*: Białka, Budziwój, Kraszewo-Gaczuły, Sól

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

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

November 7, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA MEETING

10 a.m. – 12 noon

**MGS Library • 1185 Concord Street N., Suite 218 • South St. Paul, MN 55075
4th floor boardroom**

Dr. Joseph J. Hughes will present an informative, entertaining presentation, and lead a discussion on *“The Battle of Saint Stanislaus: Winona’s Polish Catholics in the 1890s.”* There were fistfights in the streets, besieged Notre Dame Sisters and a priest dragged down from the pulpit. The hero, Rev. James Pacholski, a Holy Cross Parish priest, came down from Northeast Minneapolis to save the day.

Dr. Hughes is a professor at Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. He is closely associated with the Polish Cultural Institute & Museum of Winona and frequently travels to Poland, especially the Kaszubian Polish center of Bytow where he has often presented. Joe is enthusiastic about his Kaszubian roots, and the history and culture of Kaszubians in both Poland and the Minnesota/Wisconsin areas.

With both Silesian and Kaszubian major population centers in Minnesota, and yet our ancestors difficulty understanding the languages used between them, there were both sad and hilarious consequences. Enjoy hearing about how a Silesian priest from Northeast Minneapolis came to the aid of a Kaszubian parish in Winona. For more info, see <<http://pgsmn.org/>>.

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November 15, 2015

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Location – Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois

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

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

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

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

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March 19, 2016

**UKRAINIAN HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF NEW JERSEY
SPRING WORKSHOP -- NASHI PREDKY/OUR ANCESTORS" SERIES**

Location: Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Road, Somerset, NJ

Time: TBA • Cost: TBA

The Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center of NJ is proud to announce their next event in the "Nashi Predky/Our Ancestors" series. The Spring Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and will feature presentations by the staff members of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). They will present information on wartime and post-war records related to Nazi persecution, forced laborers in Germany, and displaced persons.

As the USHMM has direct access to the database of the International Tracing Service (ITS), they will be bringing their computers so you will be able to do on-site research!

*** Details for the full-day program will be announced as soon as they are finalized. ***

International Tracing Service (ITS) Frequently Asked Questions:

<<http://tinyurl.com/o8yyxat>>

[From a post by Michelle Chubenko to the PolandBorderSurnames mailing list]

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

<<http://www.pbs.org/weta/finding-your-roots/about/>>

Several publications, including *Nu? What's New?* and *The Genealogy News*, noted that the PBS series *Finding Your Roots* returns to the air on 5 January 2016! This is good news, because there had been concern the series would be canceled due to controversy. The host, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., complied with actor Ben Affleck's request to not mention a slave-owning ancestor from the actor's episode of the genealogy series. An internal review found that Gates had "violated PBS standards," but apparently not seriously enough to warrant cancellation. An additional researcher/fact-checker, another genealogist, and an expert in DNA-based genealogical research have been added. These steps seem reasonable—Gates's judgment in this instance may have left something to be desired; but after all, who doesn't mess up occasionally? I'm glad the series will have a chance to go on, and, I hope, do better. For more information on the guests this year, see the PBS page above.

<<http://genealogyindexer.org/>>

Logan Kleinwaks has announced a whole new group of sources added to his Genealogy Indexer site. They include yizkor books for a number of towns, and Warsaw Encyclopedic Calendars for 1912, 1915, 1919, and 1920. Using his site involves a bit of a learning curve,

but the access to a wide variety of historical sources makes it worthwhile.

<<http://www.dws-xip.pl/PW/bio/biografie.html>>

On the Polish Genius site, Raymond Sosnowski posted this URL for selected biographies of men listed in Warsaw Uprising Army Rosters. He wrote, “Click on the first letter of the Surname in question. That presents a list of names. Clicking on a name leads to a bio.” If you happen to have a relative included, this can be a wonderful source of info.

<<http://freep.com>>

On the Polish Genius mailing list, “Busi_helene” mentioned that *The Detroit Free Press*, 1837 to September 2015, and *Polish Daily News (Dziennik Polski)* (1955-1956) have been digitized and released as a subscription for home use. Visit <<http://freep.com>> and click on Archives (under Quick Links on the left) for additional information to subscribe.

<<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=36571>>

On 20 Oct 2015, Family Roots Publishing announced it had printed and bound the first Silesia volume of the Map Guide to German Parish Registers series. It is volume 53 of the series. The softbound books are now shipping and the hardbound volumes will ship by the first of the week. This volume covers RB Liegnitz, while volumes II and III will cover Breslau and Oppeln respectively. They hope to have those two volumes in print before Christmas. For more information, visit their page above.

<<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/53/474/0/19.3#tabJednostki>>

The 12 October 2015 issue of *Nu? What's New?* mentioned this set of records on the Szukajwarchiwach site, and explained that digitization of Posen resident registrations was nearly complete.

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

The same issue gave this link to “A Shtetl Called Sławatycze,” memoirs of a man named Henry L. Gitelman who was born in that village from 1933. There is no table of contents, but you can page through it and read his story, which includes experiences from the Holocaust. The original URL is <<http://www.sztetl.org.pl/en/article/slawatycze/16,accounts-memories/15572,henry-l-gitelman/>>, in case you have trouble with the TinyURL.

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

For those who have Czech roots, you may be interested in Marni Domolewski’s note passing along info on the launch of this new website. The note quoted Martin Kočařík and Paul Ptáček as follows:

We’re excited to announce the launch of our new website, [www.MyCzechRoots](http://www.MyCzechRoots.com).

com, which systematically describes typical documents found in the archives of the Czech Republic. The website is designed to act as a ‘field guide’ for genealogists who are working on their Czech family history.

For each record group or type of document, we provide a brief historical background along with the fundamental information about: When, Where, & Why the records were collected, Who collected the records, What information was collected, and Where the records are archived. If the records have been digitized and are available online, we provide links.

We’ve also put together several maps, databases, tables, and other search tools to help individuals locate the documents of their ancestors.

<<http://pgsa.org/shop/>>

Thomas Mackowiak posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list, responding to a comment by Debbie Greenlee on the published syllabus for PGSA’s 2015 Fall Conference, as well as the guide to the 2015 Bus Tour of Chicago’s South Side, recently conducted in connection with that Conference. “Once on the page for the store you should click on the Books hyperlink to go to the page that lists the above two items.” I’ve seen copies of these items, and they are first-rate!

<<http://tinyurl.com/o6dtucn>>

Jan Meisels Allen posted a note to the JewishGen newsgroup to share news that Genealogy In Time has posted an article on “Ellis Island Immigration Facts.” She recommended it as a “good primer for your beginning genealogists.”

<<http://www.szukajwarchiwach.pl/45/22/0/3/str/1/100?filtr=spis#tabJednostki>>

Logan Kleinwaks posted notes to the JewishGen newsgroup sharing info on some Polish records available for viewing (but not searching) online. The above link takes you to where the Opole 1867 census images begin. This link is for Podgórze census records for various years: <<http://www.szukajwarchiwach.pl/29/93/0/str/1/100#tabJednostki>>. Logan added, “Click on a link of interest, then click the ‘Digital copies’ or ‘Skany’ tab at the top to see thumbnails. Click thumbnails to see medium-size images. Click the rectangle icon in the bottom right of medium-size images to see full-size images (which might not fit entirely on your screen, so click and drag the full-size images with your mouse to reveal off-screen sections).”

Civil birth, marriage, and death records for Gąbin/Gombin, Gostynin powiat 1809–1825, are collected in scans at <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/50/398/0/str/1/100?ps=True#tabJednostki>>.

Also available are Warsaw 1808-1825 birth, marriage, and death records, with images for District I beginning here: <<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/72/183/0/str/1/100?ps=True#tabJednostki>>. For Districts II through VIII, use the same URL but replace 183 with the numbers 184 (District II) through 190 (District VIII). You may have to experiment a little to get the results you want; but it can be worth it if you had ancestors living in Warsaw during that period. Many thanks to Logan for sharing this info!

<<http://youtu.be/KKJs5rYI26A>>

A recent post to the Facebook group Polish Genealogy mentioned that “The Polish segment of Genealogy Roadshow-Detroit episode, featuring the Polish Mission’s Eugenia Gorecki and Ceil Wendt Jensen, can be viewed” at the above URL.

<<http://miplheritage.org/newspapers/dziennik-polski-search/>>

Additional dabatases have been added to the Michigan Polish Heritage website. You can find them here. You can also visit the Michigan Polish Heritage Facebook page, <<https://www.facebook.com/miplheritage>>.

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

Another note posted to JewishGen explained that the Harvard Law School Library is preparing to put its collection online, a collection described as “unrivaled except for the US Library of Congress. The collection includes nearly every state, federal, territorial and tribal decision since US Colonial times. Now they are coming into the digital age by digitizing 40 million pages. The records will be offered free on this searchable database of case law. Currently there is a charge for retrieving these records—which are in hard copy. The entire underlying database, not just limited search results, will be shared with nonprofit organizations and scholars that wish to develop specialized applications. Ravel and Harvard will withhold the database from other commercial groups for eight years. After that, it will be available to anyone for any purpose.” You can read more in the *New York Times* article at the above URL.

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