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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>>

*** *FINDING YOUR ROOTS ON PBS* ***

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

I find I watch very few regularly-scheduled programs on television any more. I can get absorbed in some special events and in selected sports programs—especially football, because it’s interesting without being important. But commercials usually send me screaming to find other diversions. Even PBS betrays me often with its funding drives.

I have made an effort to watch several episodes of the *Finding Your Roots* show, however. I figure, if I’m going to be interested in genealogy, I ought to at least check it out, as I did *Who Do You Think You Are?* back when it first started. I wanted to see if PBS’s supposedly non-commercial approach would make a difference in the kind of show produced.

I have to admit, I have found the episodes quite interesting. I watched the one with Stephen King, the one with Ken Burns, and the one with Aarón Sanchez, as those are people I find impressive. The shows kept my interest, and earned a degree of respect by indicating that there is actual, solid research behind the moments we see. It’s not all flash and showbiz, and that’s refreshing.

The host of the show, Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., gets reasonably good reviews from me. I realize he has to find the proper tone, neither an academic robot droning on and on, nor a slick game show host oozing phony sincerity. He is likable without being effusive, and he comes across as a man of substance. I can’t honestly say I find him a riveting host; but it would be tough to find someone better.

I suppose the thing that irks me can’t be fixed: the emphasis on celebrities. I started getting sick of the word “celebrity” back in the late 60s; you can imagine what hearing that word does to me these days! Still, I realize, no one would watch a show about Joe Blow’s roots; the subjects have to be people whom prospective viewers will find interesting. On the other hand, I don’t live in a cave, and I don’t know who half these schmoes are. As with so many celebrities, I find myself asking “What is this person famous for?” If I’ve never heard of them, the stories of their ancestry had better be compelling—or I turn the TV off.

Those are just my personal reactions, for whatever they’re worth. If you haven’t watched the show, I’d suggest you give it a try and decide for yourself. I do give PBS credit for letting the producers emphasize substance rather than glitz, yet it’s by no means drab. If you don’t catch it when it airs, you can watch full episodes on the site <<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/>>.

The episode to air November 4th is drawing particular attention. It will deal with three notable Americans with Jewish roots in Poland: attorney Alan Dershowitz, Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter Carole King and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright and screen writer Tony Kushner. (At least I’ve heard of them all!). A special angle is the use of JRI-Poland’s online database as a major source in the research. The show’s producer/director, Josh Gleason,

commented, “We were able to provide our guests with information about their 3rd and 4th great-grandparents that would have been virtually impossible to uncover without this resource. JRI-Poland’s database is truly a gift to family historians and genealogists around the world.”

If you’re interested, you can learn more here:

<http://www.jewishjournal.com/lifestyle/article/finding_your_roots_explores_jewish_genealogy>

And why not contact the show with suggestions about Polish Americans whose family histories you would find fascinating? They did study Martha Stewart’s past, back in episode one; but she’s hardly the only candidate. Or even better, share your own story with Dr. Gates: <<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/share-story/>>.

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

Subject: More on Help with Names and Places

I’m writing to you mainly regarding Ron Hoffman’s request for guidance. You did most of the legwork already, figuring out that the name of the village was Jednaczewo. It turns out that Jednaczewo was located in the parish of Łomża. Since Ron knows that the marriage took place in 1908, I would write an e-mail to the State Archive in Białystok, Łomża branch and request that marriage record of Antonina Leszczyńska and Adam Węgrowski:

Archiwum Państwowe w Białymstoku Oddział w Łomży
18-400 Łomża, al. Legionów 36
tel: (86) 473-53-01
fax: 473-53-02
email: <lomza@bialystok.ap.gov.pl>

This marriage record should give Antonina’s parents names, and open the door to further research :)

I checked the LDS catalog and they only have Łomża records through 1870. We have marriages for Łomża indexed on the Geneteka site (<<http://www.geneteka.genealodzy.pl>>) but only through 1901. According to Baza Pradziad, the above archive has marriage records through 1912. I found that in general State Archives are definitely **THE** way to go, rather than contacting a parish, if we have a choice. So that’s what I am recommending.

When writing an e-mail to the archive (simple English is OK), Ron should remember to sign the e-mail with his full name and full address. That’s one of the requirements the State Archives give on their website.

On a different note, regarding your article on village names (great article, by the way), you

mention the *Słownik Geograficzny* as one place to check for village names, and that as we know is a great source. I want to mention another great resource. It's the *Skorowidz Miejscowości Królestwa Polskiego* in two volumes. Much, much easier to read than our wonderful *Słownik. Skorowidz* gives the *gubernia, powiat, gmina, parafia, sąd pokoju* and *poczta* for each locality. I love it too because it's much easier to spot a place name and it is possible to download it from the digital library:

Volume 1:

<<http://www.sbc.org.pl/dlibra/docmetadata?id=oai:www.sbc.org.pl:10794&from=FBC>>

Volume 2:

<<http://www.sbc.org.pl/dlibra/docmetadata?id=oai:www.sbc.org.pl:10795&from=FBC>>

Ola Heska <ola@hwwd.com>
<<http://www.hwwd.com/genelady/>>

Editor—Excellent information, Ola! I wanted to repeat your note here because the leads you give should benefit not only Ron, but many of our readers. In view of your experience, I find the advice to go with the State Archives rather than the parish very interesting, and worth passing along. As for that *Skorowidz*, I don't know how I failed to come across it before, but I was not familiar with it. It is easier to use, especially for people not fluent in Polish. I do want to stress for our readers, however, that this work covers the gubernias of the Kingdom of Poland. That means it will include only places in the Russian partition. The *SGKP* is much harder to use, and has particular emphasis on the Russian partition; but it includes a great deal of information on places in the Austrian and German partitions.

***** SECOND EDITION OF THE BOOK *POLISH ROOTS* *****

Kathy Glowacz, head of Media Sales for the Polish Genealogical Society of America, sent out a note that the second edition of Rosemary A. Chorzempa's book *Polish Roots* is now available for sale through PGSA's on-line bookstore.

<http://www.pgsa.org/store/cart.php?target=product&product_id=303&category_id=57>

PGSA is selling it for \$24.95, and members get a 10% discount. If you want to learn more about the book, here is the link to the publisher's page:

<<http://www.genealogical.com/products/Polish%20Roots%20%20Second%20Edition/981.html>>

I did not know Rosemary was working on a second edition, but I'm glad to hear it. Her book has helped many, many people, but it was published before Internet genealogy really took off.

So it was badly outdated in some respects. I have not had a chance to see the new edition yet, but I was glad to see these comments by the publisher: “Since the publication of the original *Polish Roots*, there have been many advances in Polish genealogy research. The Internet has made the task of locating Polish ancestors much easier, as more information and images are made available online. In addition, there has been a marked rise in interest in genealogy in Poland, resulting in a great increase in the number of Polish genealogical societies available and the amount of helpful information disseminated. This second edition of *Polish Roots* addresses these exciting developments, with a new Introduction, four brand-new chapters, one completely rewritten chapter, several new maps and charts, and numerous updates scattered throughout the original text.”

Given the importance of the original edition, I felt the announcement of this second edition was something our readers would like to know about. If anyone gets a copy and wishes to share a review, or just some informal comments, I would welcome hearing from them.

(Incidentally, for those who don't know it, I should probably make clear that the website PolishRoots.org has no connection with Rosemary's book.)

*** † **JERRY FRANK** † ***

Sad news came to us of the death of Gerald (Jerry) Frank, of Calgary, Alberta, on October 2, 2014. He was born March 3, 1948, and was 66 years old. His particular area of interest was Germanic genealogy in Eastern Europe, including Volhynia, and he loved old maps. He was known for his generosity in sharing his expertise with other researchers in lectures, articles, posts to online mailing lists, and his work with the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe. We offer his family and friends our condolences. If you wish to see an online obituary, click here:

<<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/calgaryherald/obituary.aspx?pid=172673672>>

Cześć jego pamięci!

*** **ALEKSANDRA KACPRZAK CO-AUTHORS BOOK** ***

Editor—Polish researcher Aleksandra Kacprzak posted a note on Facebook to this effect.

On the 20th of September our long-awaited album of Grudziądz granaries was officially presented to the public! The publisher, Janusz Kalamarski, made every effort to ensure our work gets an absolutely unique binding – the old drawings are absolutely stunning and the new photos – simply beautiful. We co-authored the text with Mariusz Żebrowski. We carried on endless debates and disputes regarding historical and political nuances and the way to present them. You can find the effects of our work in the Album. It has been published in 3 languages: Polish, English and German.

Below you can find some photos from our promo.

<<http://www.graudenz.pl/portrety/relacje/nowy-album-wydawnictwa-kalamarski>>

Editor—Congratulations to Aleksandra and her co-authors!

***** THREE LINKS ABOUT POLES IN INDIA *****

by Janice Sellers

Editor—Janice was kind enough to send me these links, and I wanted to pass them along because I'm sure some of you would like to know about them.

Hello, Fred,

I haven't seen anything in *Gen Dobry!* about Polish refugees in India, so I thought these might be of interest:

from *THE SARMATIAN REVIEW*, April 2013

“Polish Refugees in India During and After the Second World War”

<http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~sarmatia/413/413_Bhattacharjee.pdf>

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Maria van der Linden wrote a book, *An Unforgettable Journey*, about Polish refugees in British India During Second World War. The book is available free online at

<<http://www.antoranz.net/BIBLIOTEKA/LINDEN/START.HTM>>

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September 6, 2011

Karachi's City Secret - Polish Connection:

<<http://thekarachiwalla.com/2011/09/06/city-secret-polish-connection/>>

Editor—Thanks, Janice. I knew nothing about these, and I'm sure some of our readers will be fascinated.

*** POLISHORIGINS: USEFUL DATABASE FOR RESEARCH ***

Editor—PolishOrigins sent this out on October 1st, too late for the last issue of *Gen Dobry!*; but I thought some of you might like to read it.

Last two months have been very busy for PolishOrigins. In August and September we had 10 Genealogy Tours, each one very memorable! Our guides drove thousands of miles between Polish (and Lithuanian and Slovaks') towns and villages, visited dozens of archives. They helped to discover several family puzzles, broke some brick walls and surprise living relatives in Poland by unexpected visits by family members from a country far, far away. Most of all, we would like to thank all our dear guests, you are great and it is a pleasure to work with all of you! In Autumn and Winter we will publish some blogs from this Summer season.

In this busy time, one of our researchers and genealogy guides, Zbyszek, was able to prepare for you the short manual concerning the interesting internet database with parish records from Poland <<http://metryki.genealodzy.pl/>>. We hope that this might be another useful website for your research.

Here is the article from Zbyszek:

The website <<http://metryki.genealodzy.pl/>> is one of several databases of records and indexes prepared and maintained by the Polish Genealogical Society. It is not as well known as its sister database, <<http://geneteka.genealodzy.pl/>>. We thought it may be useful to briefly describe its contents, and write a short instruction on how to use it.

It contains indexes of parish records and pictures of actual records, mainly from central Poland (Łódzkie and Mazowieckie provinces), but there are also records from other parts of Poland (in former Kingdom of Poland, the area that used to be occupied by Russia, and also from the former Galicia area). There are 838 parishes listed in the main database.

How to use the website:

On the main page, <<http://metryki.genealodzy.pl/>>, you may start by switching to English (click a flag in right top corner).

There are two main ways of using the site: First, you can either search a database by name of a person you are looking for (this database contains currently 124 indexed parishes) or browse the records. It is useful if you know the exact information about a record you are looking for, and also if you know the parish, or even a more general area and a time frame.

In order to search by name, you should chose a small icon of a magnifier in a row of icons at the top of a page (or click following address: <<http://metryki.genealodzy.pl/metryki.php?op=ch>>). You will see a search form on the left and a map on the right. In a search form, you can enter the surname, the time range (*Zakres lat*), limit to exact search and filter by denomination. When the found information appears, you should click the icon on the map, and then a small window will

open. You should then scroll down and click the link “*Wyszukaj w zespole.*” It will open a new window/tab, listing all found records. The last column is a link to a scan of the actual record.

Another way of using the site is to browse it, using a geographical location of a parish and then the time frame and finding actual records.

1. On the left there is a map of Poland listing all provinces. If you click one of them and there are any records for it you will see, on the right, a list of counties (*powiaty*) with the number of indexed parishes in that county.
2. Another way of getting to a list of counties in a province is, on the main page, moving a mouse over a space under “Search” form (you may use this search form to find the parish, if you know the name). You will see a list of provinces and a number of indexed parishes for each of them. If you click the name of a province containing any records, you will see the same list of counties as in point 1.
3. Each name of a county consists of two parts—the name of a county in adjectival form, and the name of the county seat in noun form. If you move the mouse over a name of a county you will see, in the left panel, a list of indexed parishes. There are the following columns in a table: current number, signature of a collection, place, name of a collection (the name of a parish in most cases), denomination—so either Roman-Catholic (*rz-k*), Lutheran (*ewang.*), Jewish (*mojż*), Orthodox (*prawosl*) or civil records (*usc*)—and year-range. There are two more columns we will describe below.
4. If you click a county name you will see, in the left panel, a list of all available parishes. The columns are the same as above, plus there is a column called “info.” If you move the mouse over the “i” icon you will see additional information about the collection name. The last column, “kzm”, contains, if available, a link to a description of a parish in a catalogue of parishes, also maintained by Polish Genealogical Society. If you move the mouse over the collection number (second column) you will see, in the right panel, a list of all available years for that collection.
5. If you click a collection number in point 4 (above) you will see a table consisting of the following columns: current number, year, description of a unit (U for births, M for marriages, Z for deaths), additional info, and number of entries.
6. If you click any of the years, you will have the possibility of selecting births, marriages, or deaths for that year, and a number of entries.
7. If you click one of them, you will see, in the right panel, links to actual records. Numbers in links refer to current numbers of the records on each page.
8. If you click any of them, a new tab or page will open with a picture of a record. The first icon at the top will move you back to the main page; the second icon will move you to a previous page; and the third icon will allow you to save a picture to your computer. You have also options to zoom in (*Powiększ*) and zoom out (*Pomniejsz*), and go to the next picture (*Następne zdjęcie*)

or to the previous page (*Poprzednie zdjęcie*). You can navigate a picture by dragging a gray rectangle in a smaller picture on the left.

Happy hunting!

Zbyszek

If you want, please help to spread the news. We would appreciate if you forward our mail to anyone you think might be interested in the topic.

Greetings from Poland!

PolishOrigins Team

P.S. This e-mail is sent from the newsletter program we use for the first time so please forgive any possible technical imperfections (like comments in Polish). Next newsletter will be technically fine-tuned.

Editor—Also, PolishOrigins is planning a new “Kingdom of Poland Tour” next year. Keep an eye on their website as details become available, or e-mail: tours@polishorigins.com.

*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

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

November 9, 2014

MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA WEBINAR!

PGSA has been searching for some time to find a way to share the information from our quarterly meetings with those who are not close enough to attend. Consequently, our last quarterly meeting of the year is being offered both as a live presentation and as a “Webinar.” Participation in a “Webinar” gives you the opportunity to listen to the speaker and see the material being presented.

At our November 9 general meeting at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, presenter, **James S. Pula**, Professor of History at Purdue University, will speak on the famed Kosciuszko Squadron in World War II AND it will be offered as a “Webinar.” This means that in addition to the individuals in attendance, 100 additional visitors can participate in the meeting via their computer from the comfort of home or wherever they (and their computers) are at the time.

If you haven’t tried this latest technology and would like to give it a try, we will be posting details on the PGSA Home, <<http://www.pgsa.org>>, in the October *Notebook*, or on the Arlington

Heights Library website, <<http://www.ahml.info/>>.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity and don't hesitate to let us know what you think.

[From the September 2014 issue of *PGSA Notebook*]

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January 12–16, 2015

SALT LAKE INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGY (SLIG)

Salt Lake City, Utah

[The following announcement was written by the organizers of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and appeared in Dick Eastman's *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. You can read it online at <<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/09/25/salt-lake-institute-of-genealogy-early-bird-registration-ends-on-october-31-2014/>>.]

The **Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy** (SLIG) will be held January 12-16, 2015. All courses and events will be held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel. Labs, if applicable, and research facilities will be available at the Family History Library.

Registration: <<http://www.infouga.org/aem.php?lv=r&eid=12>>

Early-bird registration ends on October 31, 2014. If you log in as a member first your information will be populated and you will be automatically charged the reduced rate. If you are a non-UGA member you may purchase a membership, register as a non-member, and be refunded the difference. If you have questions please call the main UGA phone number at (801) 259-4172 or email <sligdirector@ugagenealogy.org>. You will be given the option to pay by credit card using PayPal (you do not have to have a PayPal account) or by sending a check.

Tuition is \$375 for UGA members and \$425 for non-members (a \$50 savings). You **MUST** be logged in to the member's area of the website prior to registering to receive the member discount. **These tuition prices are applicable through October 31, 2014 when early-bird registration expires. (After October 31, 2014, tuition is \$425 for UGA members and \$475 for non-members).** Two payment options are available: pay online with your credit card via PayPal or pay via check through the mail. Your place in the course is reserved upon checkout.

Accommodations: <<http://www.infouga.org/aem.php?eid=12>>

We recommend staying at the conference hotel, the Hilton Salt Lake City Center in order to obtain the full institute experience and have access to special events and networking with the instructors and other attendees. SLIG's reduced rate is \$129/night (reduced from \$269/night). This rate is set for up to four people in a room. The rooms are spacious and a two-queen room can comfortably accommodate four people.

2015 Tracks

In 2015, SLIG is offering twelve tracks. The foremost experts in the field for each subject provide students with at least twenty hours of in-depth instruction on their topic. The format allows coordinators and instructors to build on the understanding gained from each lecture, building a foundation rather than giving scattered information. Students leave with a much deeper understanding of the topic. The following four tracks still have seats remaining:

Beyond the Library: Research in Original Source Repositories (John Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA)

This course explores repositories of original historical sources: archives, courthouses and manuscript collections. The purpose of this course is to take the mystery and trepidation out of using original source repositories.

Finding Immigrant Origins (David Ouimette, CG)

This course covers the key historical sources and research methodologies for family historians tracing immigrant origins. We explore chain migration, ethnic migration paths, surname localization, DNA evidence, cluster genealogy, and other tools to help find your immigrant's ancestral village.

Advanced Research Tools: Post-War Military Records (Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA)

Wars by their nature create records; however records are created in the aftermath of war also. There is the pension application file(s) or a bounty land application file(s). But there is so much more in addition to these records. There is pension law, payment ledgers, payment vouchers, public and private claims, correspondence, state claims, soldiers homes, and burial records. This course will cover these topics in-depth.

Resources and Strategies for US Research, Part I (Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FUGA, FMGS)

This course provides in-depth study of 19th-21st century U.S. resources and methodologies for utilizing them. Analyze content, origin, location, and develop tools and strategies to interpret records.

We look forward to seeing you at SLIG in January 2015!

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February 11–14, 2015

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES 2015 CONFERENCE
Salt Lake City, Utah

Registration is now open for the FGS 2015 national conference scheduled for February 11–14 in Salt Lake City, Utah. This highly anticipated genealogy event puts the FGS and RootsTech conferences under one roof at the Salt Palace Convention Center (SPCC).

Registration opens with a special early bird price of \$139 for a full FGS conference registration.

That pricing is available through **September 12, 2014** [*Editor*—in other words, too late now]. Attend only FGS or add-on a full RootsTech pass for an additional \$39. Register now at: <<http://FGSconference.org/2015>>, and visit that site for more information.

[From an e-mail sent out by FGS]

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

<<http://www.familypedia.wikia.com/>>

A September 30th article in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* [EOGN] bore the title "Familypedia: the Biggest Genealogy Site You Probably Never Heard Of," and one could argue for the accuracy of the title. I know I had never heard of it! Eastman wrote, "Familypedia is a wiki, part of the commercial Wikia site. It is a place where YOU can create articles about your ancestors and easily link them to other articles about where and when they lived. The site is primarily text-based with biographical pages about deceased individuals." If you want to visit the site, the URL above should take you there. And this link should take you to Eastman's article, if you wish to read it first: <<http://blog.eogn.com/2014/09/30/familypedia-the-biggest-genealogy-site-you-probably-never-heard-of/>>.

<<http://realpolish.pl/>>

Ben Kman posted a note to the Polish Genius mailing list, praising this site for its approach to helping people learn to speak real Polish. The author, Piotr, wanted to learn to speak English, that is, actually use the language the way native speakers do. He found traditional approaches didn't work for him, but did eventually figure out ways to get exposed to the real language. Now he wants to help English speakers learn to speak real Polish, using the approach that worked for him. I didn't review any of his resources due to lack of time—but I will make an effort to visit them, because his approach strikes me as well worth trying. I read Polish well, but don't speak it well due to lack of practice. Piotr just may be able to help me, and perhaps some of you would like to visit his site. Be sure to let me know if his methods work for you.

<http://issuu.com/wrossinc/docs/polish_flipbook_102214>

On Facebook, Bridget Vandiver posted a note explaining that the *New Britain Herald* (CT) has a Polish edition. Somehow, I managed to overlook this bit of information! The link above should take you there.

<http://www.ssa.gov/dataexchange/request_dmf.html>

The October 19 issue of *Nu? What's New?* (Vol. 15, No. 4) had an item by Jan Meisels Allen with the title "Social Security Administration Has Two Versions of Death Index." Jan is Chairperson of the, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee, and she reported that the Social Security Administration (SSA) recently posted to their site that they have two versions of their Death Master File. A description can be found at the above link.

<<https://www.facebook.com/groups/959629200718699/>>

On Facebook's Polish American Writers & Editors page, John Guzowski announced that there is a new Facebook group called Polish/American. If you're on Facebook and would like to drop by, the link above should take you there.

<<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2014/10/22/five-tips-to-discover-your-eastern-european-roots/>>

This link takes you to a post on Ancestry's blog that was written by prominent researcher Lisa A. Alzo. The title is, of course, "Five Tips to Discover Your Eastern European Roots." It was written to help beginners get off to a good start, and serves its purpose well.

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

In the October 12 issue of *Nu? What's New?*, Gary Mokotoff included a reminder to signed the Genealogists' Declaration of Rights. If you want anyone in Congress to pay any attention to genealogists' concerns, you have to speak up. Gary provided the above link where you can read the Declaration and sign it, if you wish.

<<http://mapire.eu/en/map/fms-galicia/?zoom=7&lat=49.20475&lon=22.7139>>

I think we've mentioned this site before, but it's worth repeating. Carol Dunn posted a link to the Polish Genealogy group on Facebook, leading to a page on the Mapire site with historical maps of Galicia. The site <<http://mapire.eu/en/>> lets you see modern maps of places in the Habsburg Empire with a synchronized view of military surveys of that Empire. For someone with roots in Galicia or any part of that Empire, this can be an informative and fascinating site.

<<https://www.facebook.com/download/975351479158154/GUIDE%20TO%20LOCATING%20AND%20VIEWING%20JRI-POLAND%20DOCUMENTS.doc>>

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz posted a note to the Facebook Polish Genealogy group, telling group members that this link opens a guide to finding Jewish ancestors written by Jody Tzucker. It includes detailed help navigating Szukajwarchiwach. I don't know if people not on Facebook can open the document, but I felt it was worth passing along. As is so often the case, this guide is particularly useful for Jewish researchers—but has much to offer non-Jews as well.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=qnM7AAAACAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summ ary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Ola Heska sent me this link to a very interesting publication, kind of like a Polish Farmer's Almanac. It is all in Polish, however; so if you don't read the language very well, you'll probably find it frustrating. If the long version above doesn't work, try <<http://tinyurl.com/odrt8to>>. These links take you to the first issue, in 1867; and you can read it free as a Google eBook.

<http://jbc.bj.uj.edu.pl/dlibra/docmetadata?id=229231&from&dirids=1&ver_id&lp=2&QI=5C5BA16C3F3F2F260942DD9EC5B1A3FF-11>

On the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan’s Facebook page, Ola Heska posted this link. She says for those with roots in the Sandomierz area, this is a 1791 map with the title, “Detailed Map of the Sandomierz Province Made from Other Local Maps Drawn in the Past and Recently as well as [based on] Unquestionable Information, All According to the Typographic Rules and Astronomical Observations.” It is from the Jagiellonian Digital Library and can be viewed at the link give above. If that link doesn’t work, try this: <<http://tinyurl.com/lw2gz8p>>.

<<https://www.facebook.com/LearnPolishWithBartek/posts/592646114116786>>

This is another Facebook page, one with some dirty words in Polish. I will admit, items like this leave me torn. On the one hand, there is still some little boy in me that takes mischievous glee in naughty words. But I’m also a linguist, and I know that if you can get past the “naughtiness,” these words are fascinating from a linguistic point of view. You might say you don’t really know a language till you understand its dirty words. In any case, if you’re interested, you can visit this page; if you’re not, ignore it.

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