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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://www.polishroots.org/gendobry/gendobry_index.htm

If you’d like *Gen Dobry!* in PDF form, this issue is available for downloading here:

http://www.polishroots.org/gendobry/PDF/GenDobry_VIII_4.pdf

***** UPDATE ON THE POZNAŃ PROJECT *****

by Łukasz Bielecki <bielecki@man.poznan.pl>

Dear Poznań Project Friends,

Here you get a quick overview of the Project's progress over the last two months.

The Brazilian/Portuguese language version was added in March (thank you, Gilberto!) and it will certainly well serve the large Brazilian community with Poznań roots.

Another useful feature has been created: the results of a search are now linked, by parish name, to complete parish descriptions including geographical information and listings of available records and microfilms. This information is extracted from my Genealogy guide located at:
<http://www.polishroots.org/genpoland/posguide.htm>.

The new function allows you to access the information necessary to locate the actual record on a microfilm immediately upon receiving its database entry. This should help avoid comments of the type "Who could help me find the full information on this couple?" often being added to the entries.

Ca. 20% of Roman Catholic and 10% of Lutheran marriage records from the project timeframe are already in our database. We have more than 900 comments added to the marriage entries. I encourage everybody to add comments to all entries you find relevant to your research. They not only help with correcting or completing the information contained, but also contacting other genealogists working with the same family. Still, please note that posing general questions there is useless, as the comments are only linked to their respective marriage entries and can only be read by someone who comes across them.

Here is the list of new parishes which were added to the database in the last two months (as usual, new material has been added to some of the older ones, too).

Catholic:

Budzyń, Pępowo, Kobylagóra, Ceradz Kościelny, Mchy, Konary, Prochy, Bagrowo, Iwno, Siekierki, Czerlejno, Odrowąż, Bieganowo, Wenecja, Dalewo, Siedlec (Babimost), Pakosław, Koło, Siedlec (Środa), Śmieszkowo, Lgiń, Kaszczor, Ciosaniec, Chrzypsko Wielkie, Giecz, Bytyń, Gułtowy, Grodziszczko, Łabiszyn

Lutheran:

Piaski [Sandberg], Kostrzyn [Kostschin], Pobiedziska [Pudewitz], Rejowiec [Revier], Rakoniewice [Rakwitz]

I appreciate very much all donations sent to the Project!

And finally, my special thanks to Andre Switala, who has already transcribed over 10,000 marriage records for our database. Welcome to the 10K club!

Best regards,

Łukasz Bielecki

Editor—In addition to Łukasz's report, I wanted to repeat a note Elyssa Kowalinski posted to various Polish genealogical mailing lists that contains information important to all involved with the Project. I thought it bears repeating here, in case any of you missed it:

As you may have seen either in an update message here or on the site itself, the Poznań marriage records indexing project is now up to the amazing amount of over 115,000 marriage records — that's 19.5% of ALL Catholic marriages and 9.5% of all Lutheran marriages recorded in the area between 1835-1884. In the last year, the project has really begun to pick up speed. Many Poland-based researchers are now using it and have started indexing places that the LDS haven't filmed, and more parishes are being completed every month.

But with the tremendous growth of the project, the temporary server it's located on is now struggling to cope. Without a new, paid server, the newest indexes cannot be uploaded; to do so would ruin the ability of the site to work for the indexes it already has. Łukasz has been appealing for donations to expand the site for some time now, but unfortunately users of the site have been unresponsive. That's why I'm sending this e-mail out to a few of the message lists: to explain why the site needs donations, and to ask those who may have considered making a donation in the past, but never did, to consider it again.

To make donating easier, Łukasz now has a PayPal account. So even small amounts are now gratefully accepted. In addition, with thanks to some very generous volunteers, the possibility now exists for particular films to be indexed quicker in exchange for a minimum donation to the project (parishes and marriages that fit the place and timeframe of the project only — the list is at <http://www.man.poznan.pl/~bielecki/mrecords.htm>) . If you are interested, please e-mail Łukasz Bielecki directly <bielecki@man.poznan.pl> to discuss this.

The volunteers who've worked on this project have been able to give up many hours of their time to help those who have none. If the project has helped you, please consider the time that you've been saved in your research and what it might be worth - and donate to the project.

May all your ancestors be locatable, :)

Elyssa Kowalinski
Melbourne, Australia

Poznań marriage records indexing project:
<http://www.man.poznan.pl/~bielecki/mrecords.htm>

Link to PayPal via Łukasz's donation page:
http://www.discovering-roots.pl/poznan_project/support.htm

List of parishes and marriages that fit the timeframe of the project:
<http://www.man.poznan.pl/~bielecki/mrecords.htm>

Łukasz's e-mail address: bielecki@man.poznan.pl

*** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ***

Subject: *Gen Dobry* vs. *Dzień dobry!*

Editor—This note refers to my response in the last issue to a person who wanted to correct the spelling of Gen Dobry!

As they say, if you can just reach one person than it was worth it. Your explanation on the phrase *Dzień dobry!* vs. the title *Gen Dobry!* might be one of those times. Since I don't speak Polish, I didn't notice the double meaning/spelling at all. I am usually good at this. For example, Debbie Greenlee has a Polish Genius Yahoo! Group which uses the same "gen" concept. Methinks, I was not the only one, however.

Debbie Raff <seraph@dc.rr.com>, who really enjoys your e-zine ...

Editor—The "Gen" pun in our title was always clear to me, of course, since, for better or worse, the title was my bright idea. Until recently, however, it never dawned on me that I might be misleading folks. But if you think about it, when you continually see something spelled a certain way, after a while you start to assume "Oh, that's the right way to spell it." I realized there was a real chance some readers might get to thinking the way you say "Hello" in Polish is "Gen dobry!" I thought I'd better speak up and clarify that. To repeat: in Polish you greet people with "Dzień dobry!," literally "Good day!" Our e-zine title Gen Dobry! is a pun based on that greeting. It's our way of wishing you "Good gen[ealogy]!"

Subject: The Sanok area

I have just been reading the current *Gen Dobry!* and there are so many great ideas to follow up on I am not sure where to start. However I do have some questions for you.

I am interested in reading about the history of the Sanok area (From the *dawn of history* to the present time! ... as an old school book on art history proclaimed!). The biggest problems are my inability to read Polish (a fairly large problem) and a lack of materials regarding this rather small and out-of-the-way place. Do you have any suggestions for something I could read (and where to get it)? Also I would like something on the typical Polish peasant in the Sanok area (not *too* specific am I)?

Do you have any suggestions? I live in Cincinnati.

Sandy Maher <Sjmaher5697@aol.com>

Editor— I don't have any ideas, but chances are some of our members do. What do you say, folks? Can you give Sandy some leads?

Subject: *Gen Dobry!* and midnight oil

What a great issue. Lots of tips. I cannot imagine how you can put together this issue each month. You must spend lots of time burning the midnight oil!

Betty Bellous <bmbellous@sbcglobal.net>

Editor—I'm glad you liked the last issue. As for burning the midnight oil, there really isn't much of that involved, because I do a little work on Gen Dobry! each day. Every morning, as I read through posts from the various mailing lists and publications I subscribe to, I save anything that I think our readers might be interested in. That way, at the end of the month, all I have to do is go through the saved notes and put them together. Add a feature article or two — many of which others write and send me, bless them! — and it's done. Putting each issue together takes maybe five hours at most. So it's fairly easy, because I don't have to do it all at once.

But if it looks like something that took lots of time, great! That's a real compliment, and I never turn down a compliment.

Subject: History of West Prussia

Editor—In the last issue there was a note from Richard Warmowski <rwarmowski@yahoo.com>, talking about his interest in the history of West Prussia. Here was a response sent to Richard and CC'ed to me, and I thought others might like to read it:

I'm not really sure whether I should thank you for the *Gen Dobry!* article Fred published as it has led to sooo much more for me to read... :-)

If you have not already found these sites there is plenty that may be of interest to you:

<http://web.ku.edu/~eceurope/hist557/index.htm>

and

http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3686/is_200308/ai_n9252213/pg_2

(for some strange reason I cannot get to the rest of the article if start with a page one link??? Accompanied by infuriating advertising alas.) Also some interesting comments on this page...

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Halibutt/Archive13#partition_of_poland_maps.3F

What I am really looking for is more social history centred on regions around Bomst (Babimost), and in **English**, as I hope to visit this region in the summer.

Kind regards,
Bronwyn Klimach <bronklimach@gmail.com>

***** HELP TEST THE NEW FAMILYSEARCH.ORG *****

A recent issue of *EOGN* (*Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter*) had an interesting article on how the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known as Mormons) is working on improvements to the Website familiar to most of us at www.familysearch.org. Eastman says several new tools are available for beta testing, on a Website called "FamilySearch Labs." The idea is, if the testing proves successful, the features will be implemented on the Familysearch.org site.

If you're interested in helping test these tools, you can read more here:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/04/you_can_help_te.html

***** DOCUMENTARY "OUR POLISH STORY" *****

Editor—Ceil Jensen (<http://mipolonia.net>) sent out this note to keep us posted on a forthcoming documentary

Keith Famie has posted a video trailer for the forthcoming Detroit documentary "Our Polish Story". The premiere dinner is June 10th and the broadcast June 16 and 17.

Please take a look: <http://www.ourstoryof.com/polish/trailer.html>

I think it will bring tears to your eyes, as it did to mine, when Zofia salutes the military statue! She was marked for assassination during World War II, accused of being a Russian spy. Her underground pseudonym was Inga.

Luckily, the captain decided to marry her instead!

Regards,

Ceil

***** HUMOR *****

Editor—On the Lithuanian Genealogy mailing list, Richard Gostautas <gostautas@gmail.com>, the President of the Lithuanian Global Genealogical Society, posted a note that gave a lot of us a smile.

Greetings everyone,

Been playing catch up on e-mail after a very busy week but ran into the following, which I found to be quite humorous (laughter is always a good thing). Please enjoy it:

- 1) Go to Google maps: <http://maps.google.com>
- 2) Click on the tab at the top of the page for “Get Directions”
- 3) In the first box enter: New York, NY
- 4) In the second box enter: Vilnius, Lithuania
- 5) Click on the button “Get Directions”
- 6) Review the directions and pay close attention to Step 23)

Editor—Just now, when I looked again, the most important direction was Step 24, not Step 23. But that’s all right: whatever number it is, you’ll know it when you see it.

*** POLISH TRIVIA QUESTIONS ***

Editor: In the last issue we gave 5 questions from a Polish trivia game PolishRoots Vice President Paul Valasek <paval56@aol.com> came across. The answers to those questions appear below, followed by this month’s questions, the answers to which will appear in the next issue. We want to thank Tom Bratkowski for permission to reprint these.

Answers to the Questions in the March Issue:

Category: Traditions

- Q. What is the most important Polish religious holiday?
- A. Easter

- Q. By old Polish custom, if the family’s Easter food cannot be blessed properly, what can be used to bless it?
- A. Salt blessed the previous year can be sprinkled on it as a blessing.

- Q. On what religious day does the traditional Świąconka blessing of food take place?
- A. Holy Saturday

- Q. What animal is sculpted of butter to represent Christ at Easter?
- A. The lamb

- Q. What is the Polish traditional sweet yeast bread called?
- A. *Babka*

New Questions for the April Issue

Category: General

1. In what country was the Tadeusz Kościuszko Society founded in 1928?

2. What city has a lake-front monument to Mikołaj Kopernik?
3. In what former Polish and Lithuanian city is Piłsudski's heart buried?
4. How many corners does the Polish army hat have?
5. Through what country did the Polish Army of General Anders exit the Soviet Union in 1942?

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

Saturday, May 5, 2007

“The Battle of the Dukla Pass”

A lecture by Bill Tarkulich

Special Guest and Veteran: John Kulhan

Presented by The New England Chapter Of The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (NECRS)
1:30 p.m., St John's Church Auditorium 364 Mill Hill Ave. Bridgeport, Ct

Noted historian and lecturer, **Bill Tarkulich**, of Lexington, Mass., will provide a presentation on this important World War II battle. The Dukla Pass cuts through the Carpathian Mountains in northeastern Slovakia as a historic strategic passage from Poland into the Hungarian Plains. The fighting occurred in a region populated by Rusyn villages. At one point more than 60% of the First Czechoslovak Army were Rusyns. Special Guest John Kulhan, a decorated member of the (Free) Czechoslovak Army Corps and one of the few remaining combatants, will be in attendance.

Join us on May 5th, 2007 at St John's Church Auditorium 364 Mill Hill Ave. Bridgeport, Ct. at 1:30 p.m. Donations gratefully accepted! Food and refreshments will be available. For further info e-mail <nepresident@c-rs.com>.

Saturday, 5 May 2007

KASHUB DAY!

Wilno Heritage Park
Wilno, Ontario, Canada

* Music from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. --- put on your dancing shoes!

* Food & Liquid Refreshments - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, burgers, mmm good!

*Entertainment - bring your lawn chair and be prepared to stay all day, because you won't want to miss a thing. Dress to suit the weather. Hopefully this year we will finally get some sunshine and warmth after this cold and snowy start to spring.

*Display of photographs of the musicians who participated in John M.Glofcheskie's 1973 field study of Folk Music of Canada's First Polish Community. Unfortunately, many of these musicians are no longer with us. Also check out the CD of selections from these tapings entitled: *Songs and Dances from Canada's First Polish Community* for sale in the Heritage Store.

* If you haven't been to Wilno for awhile, you will want to check out the log farmhouse which was moved to the park site on November 4, 2006. We hope to open the house and have a display of photos and newspaper clippings about the Log Farmhouse Project. Remember that the next time you visit, it will have changed. Restoration begins this summer. And we need help. Let David know if you would like to get involved. Donations of time, talents, materials and labour as well as money are greatly, greatly appreciated.

There will be so much to do and see and enjoy on Kashub Day at Wilno Heritage Park. I will keep you posted on additions to the program. Expect some surprises!
& Try not to miss it.

[From a note sent by Shirley Mask Connolly <maskconn@magma.ca>]

Saturday, May 19, 2007

MEETING OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: PAUL S. VALASEK, on "Polish Research"

This meeting will be held at the Lake County Library, 1919 W 81st Ave (US30), Merrillville IN. The meeting starts at 10 a.m., and Paul will bring along copies of his book *Haller's Polish Army in France* for purchase.

May 20, 2007

MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Jack Simpson from the Newberry Library will present a talk entitled, "ChicagoAncestors.org: Genealogy Meets Geography." The Newberry Library is creating an interactive on-line map of Chicago. The map and database will help users find materials such as church records and neighborhood histories. It will also allow users to contribute and share their own information. Newberry librarian Jack Simpson will discuss the background of the project, and demonstrate how researchers can use it.

May 21, 2007

MEETING OF THE JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL AND THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

On the evening of May 21, 2007, at 7 p.m., Steve Morse will be the guest speaker at a combined meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal and the Quebec Family History Society.

The meeting will be held Monday, at the Eleanor London Cote Saint-Luc Public Library, Harold Greenspon Auditorium, Lower Level, 5851 Cavendish Blvd., Cote Saint-Luc (Montreal). Everyone is welcome.

[From a note posted by Stanley Diamond, President, Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal, on the newsgroup soc.genealogy.jewish).

June 7 – 24, 2007

TUGG GENEALOGICAL TOUR TO WESTERN UKRAINE

The Toronto Ukrainian Genealogy Group (TUGG), www.torugg.org, is hosting a genealogical tour to Western Ukraine in June of 2007. If you wish to join us, you are most welcome! Here are the particulars.

The “Discover Your Roots Tour” runs from June 7 to June 24, 2007. For complete details and how to register see: www.torugg.org/TUGG%20Projects/trip_to_ukraine.html

We will spend a number of days in Lviv, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil and Kyiv, both as tourists and researchers. We will visit various archives and visit the villages of our ancestors. Here is a more Detailed Itinerary of the Tour: http://www.torugg.org/trip_itinerary1.html.

Those wishing to go on this “Discover Your Roots Trip”, will need to fill out a Reservation Form, http://www.torugg.org/reservation_form1.html.

And the Archives Family Search Form: http://www.torugg.org/archive_form.html

It is important that the Archives Family Search Form be filled out as best you can. Our intention is to forward the requests from the Form to the respective archives for processing. We will inform them when we will be visiting their archive and hopefully the requested genealogical information will have been prepared and readied for our visit.

Costs:

Air/Land rate, based on a twin/sharing basis is \$3599.00 (CAN\$)

For Single Occupancy per Person add \$600.00 (CAN\$)

[From information posted by Jim Onyschuk, <http://www.onyschuk.com>]

Sunday, July 15 - Friday, July 20, 2007

27TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

Hilton Salt Lake City Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

Website: <http://www.slc2007.org> (online registration, all event details)

Contact: <information@slc2007.org>

Hosted by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (www.iajgs.org), this year's premiere Jewish genealogy event includes the following highlights:

- Networking with international researchers, experts and Eastern European archivists
- A film festival with Jewish and genealogical themes
- Breakfasts with Family History Library regional resource experts
- Popular computer training workshops in basic/advanced essential skills for researchers
- Special photographic exhibits --Resource room with access to many specialized databases and other materials
- Special interest group meetings and luncheons
- Utilizing the FHL's extensive resources
- Vendor room
- Tours and more.

The intensive 5 1/2 day program of lectures, panels, tracks and workshops will cover the following research areas:

- Eastern/Central/Western Europe
- Israel (pre/post-1948)
- Genetics/DNA
- Holocaust
- Immigration/naturalization/migration
- Jewish history/sociology
- Methodology
- Sephardic/Mizrahi
- Non-European (e.g. India, China)
- Photograph/document preservation
- Rabbinic research
- Repositories
- South/Central America
- Technology/Internet resources
- U.S./North America (includes specific locales), and
- Yiddish theater/Jewish music.

For all event details, including easy online registration, go to the frequently updated website, <http://www.slc2007.org>.

[Based on information provided by Schelly Talalay Dardashti <publicity@slc2007.org.>]

September 26-28, 2007

**POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
“BRIDGES TO THE PAST”**

At the Schaumburg Marriott in Schaumburg, Illinois

Speakers will include:

- Steve Morse, speaking on the various tools at his One-Step site, www.stevemorse.org;
- Matthew Bielawa, Webmaster of www.halgal.com, speaking on various aspects of Galician research;
- Chita Hunter, speaking on the use of Photoshop Elements and Adobe Acrobat;
- Marg Nowaczyk, speaking on genetics and DNA studies, and diseases from *Libri Mortuorum* [death registers] as they pertain to our ancestors;
- Dirk Wales, speaking on Kazimierz Pułaski and Tadeusz Kościuszko, heroes of the American Revolution;
- and our own Paul S. Valasek, speaking on Haller’s Army

Check the PGSA Website at www.pgsa.org, where details will presumably be posted as they become available.

Friday and Saturday, October 4-5, 2007

PGSCTNE 2007 POLISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE
Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut

Sponsored by the Polish and Polish American Studies Program, Central Connecticut State University. We will be featuring **Dr. Stephen Morse**, who will be lecturing on “Searching the Ellis Island Database on the One-Step Website.”

There will also be a Polish history lecture by **Dr. Mieczysław Biskupski** and a Beginner’s Workshop.

October 20, 2007

PGS-MICHIGAN’S ANNUAL POLISH RESEARCH SEMINAR

Speakers: Paul S. Valasek, Cecile Jensen and J. William Gorski - Topics to be Determined
American Polish Cultural Center -Hall #2
2975 E. Maple Rd. (15 Mile Rd)
Troy, Michigan 48083
(use Dequindre entrance)

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

<http://www.doukhobor.org>

Jonathan J. Kalmakoff recently asked me a question about a Polish surnames, and added that he had done quite a bit of work on his Website, devoted to the Doukhobors. He has pages devoted to surnames, Russian terms, research sources, and so on. If you have Doukhobor ancestors, or would just like to find a site that gives you some good information on Russian terms, take a look!

http://www.mapywig.org/viewpage.php?page_id=7

On the Herbarz list “Eduard Wojciulewicz” <eduard@eswo.org> praised the quality of the maps available at this site, the map archive of the Military Geographic Institute, 1919-1939. I think we’ve mentioned this resource before, but it’s well worth bringing to your attention again.

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2111680,00.asp>

This is a link to a *PC Magazine* article on Google’s My Maps service, which lets you create personalized maps you can share with others. It says you can “view the map in Google Earth (including the Hybrid and Traffic map views); mark locations on maps using various icons; trace shapes, paths, and areas; add HTML code; and add text, images, and YouTube/Google Videos.” I can see how this might be a way to share information on ancestral villages with others, or spice up an online presentation on family genealogy. I thought it was worth mentioning for those with mad multimedia skills (which, unfortunately, does not include me). Also, the page devoted to “monster sightings” is interesting and good for a laugh....

http://www.birchy.com/GenWiki/index.php?title=GoogleEarth_Parishes_Project

Along those lines, this is a site James Birkholz mentioned on the Posen mailing list, of which he is the administrator. To quote the page itself, “View the latest version of the GoogleEarth PlaceMarks file. You must have GoogleEarth installed to view the file. The sample images below, show most of the Lutheran parishes of Kreis Kolmar. Note the tree at the left showing that only the Lutheran Parishes are selected, but that Catholic, Jewish, and civil registries can be viewed. Also note that each parish is labeled with the date of earliest records and the parent parish, if it split off from one. The second image show a portion of the map enlarged. If you haven’t yet used GoogleEarth, this gives you an idea of what it does.” I find it pretty impressive. If you have roots in this area, this can be a great resource. If you don’t have roots in this area, the PProject may give you ideas for what you can do for your own ancestral region.

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

On the newsgroup soc.genealogy.jewish Fran Segall posted this link, which has online the entire book *The Holocaust Chronicle*, 800 pages and over 1,800 images. This not-for-profit project will surely interest to many of our readers.

<http://www.harmonypfe.org>

On the Polish-Genius list Debbie Greenlee gave this URL, the site of the Harmony Polish Folk Ensemble, a new Polish dance group in the Buffalo, New York area. Debbie added, “Though new, the group has grown to 70 members, including children! I was surprised to find that even today, new groups are forming with the intent of advancing Polish folk culture and that kids are joining ... Sign their guest book. Give them encouragement.”

<http://www.ourroots.ca/e/toc.aspx?id=1563>

On the Galicia_Poland-Ukraine list “Galicia Forever” pointed out that you can now go online here and read the book *Galicia and Bukovina: A Research Handbook About Western Ukraine, Late 19th and 20th Centuries*, published 1990, by Prof. John-Paul Himka from the University of Alberta (Canada).

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,660205784,00.html>

Also on that list Laurence (Lavrentiy) Krupnak mentioned this link, where you can read more about the ongoing project to digitize the records collection of the Family History Library. You can volunteer for the project here: <http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>. You know it won't be long before people are griping their heads off about how the volunteers botched the job — you can prevent that by signing up to do it right in the first place!

<http://www.kalter.org/search>

Logan Kleinwaks <kleinwaks@alumni.princeton.edu> posted a note to the newsgroup soc.genealogy.jewish, explaining that on his site he has made available searchable forms of three Silesian business directories recently digitized by the Silesian Digital Library (www.sbc.katowice.pl). The scans of the directories area available on the SDL site, but they're not easy to search. That's what Logan's site offers: advanced search functionality. For details read the FAQ at www.kalter.org/searchfaq.html.

<http://www.genealodzy.czestochowa.pl/>

Poles are getting more and more interested in genealogy! Ceil Jensen <cjensen@mipolonia.net> posted a note to the Poland-Roots list mentioning this site, the Website of the Genealogical Society of the Cześćochowa Region, founded on 3 April 2007.

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

On the Polish American Forum Pat <stargazer21659@yahoo.com> mentioned this search engine, which can handle 15 languages, including Polish. Sometimes we forget Google isn't the search engine around, and for specific kinds of searches it may not be the best. If you're having trouble finding what you're looking for, another search engine is always worth a try! In fact PC Magazine recently had an article “11 Ways to Search Without Google,” available at <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2115492,00.asp>. I'm not saying we should abandon Google, only that we should remember there are alternatives worth exploring.

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