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\*\*\* WELCOME! \*\*\*

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

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

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## **MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA FUNDS NEW PROJECT: Automobility Drove Metro Detroit's Polish-American Prosperity**

*submitted by Ceil Jensen <[cjensen@mipolonia.net](mailto:cjensen@mipolonia.net)>*

*Transistor radios filled the airwaves with odes to pink Cadillacs, little deuce coupes, and red Corvettes. We sang along; but did we know who built these auto icons? Many were built by Polish-Americans, the unsung line workers employed by the Big Three. Men with names like Franek, Jan, and Stan fabricated the hot rods; and the more mundane Chevys, Fords, and Dodges. Over time, the prosperity enjoyed by these laborers allowed them to send their children to skilled trade schools and colleges becoming the engineers and designers of the industry. Today, many metro Detroit Polish-American families can document four generations of their family who found work and the "American Dream" via employment in the industry.—From the Michigan Polonia lecture **Working the Line***

Orchard Lake, Michigan—The MotorCities National Heritage Area (MCNHA) awards the Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools the maximum grant of \$10,000 to facilitate the creation of a lineage project documenting Polish-American auto workers. The Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI) will offer workshops that will guide researchers in completing three components of their history: employment in the auto industry; documentation of the immigration process; and a description of the economic status of the Polish village they left behind. Cecile (Ceil) Jensen, Director of PARI, is seeking participants who would like to enroll in the workshops and submit their family histories. Her latest publication, *Sto Lat: A Modern Guide to Polish Genealogy*, will be the manual for the project. The completed family histories will expand the international knowledge of the Polish experience in the auto industry.

Mike Smith, Director of the Walter Reuther Library, states: "The Walter Reuther Library at Wayne State University, the official archives for the UAW, is extremely pleased to work with the Polish Mission on this most important endeavor. The founding and growth of the UAW is entwined with the history of Polish immigrants and Polish-Americans, who were significant contributors to the development of the automobile industry. The Reuther Library will support this great project with materials and images from our extensive UAW archives and I will personally work with the Polish Mission. Finally, congratulations to the Polish Mission and PARI on receiving this grant."

According to Marcin Chumiecki, Director of the Polish Mission: "This is an incredible opportunity to tell how Poles helped build the American Dream in Metro Detroit. Leading Polish-American genealogist, Cecile Jensen, is well qualified to lead this project. I cannot wait until Cecile introduces this project in September at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków and at the National Library of Poland in Warsaw during the international conference XXXII sesji Stałej Konferencji Muzeów, Archiwów i Bibliotek Polskich."

Joe Guziak has an impressive resume that includes working over 39 years at General Motors, six years at Ford Motor Company, and three months with Chrysler. He is, along with his wife Betty, a founding member of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. Joe states: "I would like

to honor my Polish immigrant grandfathers, Florian Guziak and Vincent Ciscon. They came to America, the land of opportunity, to find work and freedom. Without their courage and success, I would not be here to have the privilege to tell my humble story.”

Cecile feels, “It is fitting that we begin this lineage project during the 125th anniversary of the Orchard Lake Schools. Our research continues the education tradition established by our founder, Father Józef Dąbrowski.”

For complete details go to <<http://www.polishmission.com>>.

#### ***About the Polish Mission and PARI***

*The Polish Mission was founded in 1885 by Polish immigrants to preserve and promote Polish and Polish-American culture, tradition, and history for present and future generations. The Polish Mission organizes programs, courses, and events that highlight Polish and Polish-American culture and accomplishments, and ensures a repository for artifacts, archival materials, works of art, and publications.*

*The Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI) is a new department of The Polish Mission located on the historic campus of St. Mary’s of Orchard Lake, Michigan. PARI was developed to enhance these preservation efforts.*

#### ***About the MotorCities National Heritage Area***

*MotorCities National Heritage Area is an affiliate of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and promoting the automotive and labor heritage of the State of Michigan. The programs and activities of the MotorCities National Heritage Area are designed to increase tourism throughout the region by developing and deploying educational and informational programs that tell the story of the American automobile industry and labor in our region. For more information visit <<http://www.motorcities.org>>.*

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#### **\*\*\* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR \*\*\***

Subject: Website for Osjaków

I recently compiled a website for the Jewish Genealogy ‘Shtetlinks’ project about Osjaków, southwest Poland. With the help of Artur Nowojski, who runs the local Osjaków information website (<<http://www.osjakow.info>>), I hope I have been able to illustrate a little of the life and experience of the community of that small rural village. Primarily, this is a site which tries to describe elements of the lost Jewish community of the village and should be seen as a companion to the village’s own site; but I think it may be of interest to non-Jewish people, as it does show some of the interrelationship between the whole community and their shared life and history prior to 1939. The site can be found at <<http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/osjakow/>>.

Martin Davis

*Editor*—Thanks for the info! I'm glad to pass it along to our readers.

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Subject: Help before visiting Poland and Ukraine

*Editor*—PolishRoots received this note, and we weren't able to give this gentleman much help, at least not in the way of specifics. I'm hoping perhaps some of our readers can give him some good pointers. If you have specific suggestions, please feel free to write Dr. Juffe.

Dear Sirs,

Due to the fact that I am going to visit Poland and Ukraine in August, I am writing to you.

I would like to know about the origins of my family, who originally come from Wisniowiec, which belonged to Poland, now Ukraine, and if there are any relatives alive.

My father, Josef Jufe, emigrated from Wisniowiec to Argentina in 1926; part of his family remained there, and we have never known anything about them.

Actually I am living in La Coruña, Spain. I am the Chief of Cardiac Surgery Department in Modelo Hospital and I am very interested in gathering information about my family. Where could I go to enquire about my family? Town halls? Synagogues? Cemeteries?

Do you suggest any official entity, in the area?

The information I have is that: my father, Josef Jufe, was born in Wisniowiec, and my grandfather, Abraham Jufe, and my grandmother, Rosa Creper.

Yours truly,

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**\*\*\* POZNAŃ PROJECT UPDATE \*\*\***

*Editor*—This update on the Poznań Project was posted on the Posen mailing list by Gerd Müllenheim and on the PolishGenius list by Debbie Greenlee. I like to keep readers informed of the Project's status, as it is one of the most useful online resources available to researchers with roots in western Poland.

Dear Friends of the Poznań Project,

In the last few days—on June 9, to be precise—it has been five years since the first results of the Poznań Project indexing were made available online. It was just a couple of parishes, and not even 10,000 records by then! And on Jun. 20, 2010, with the most recent update of the database, we crossed half a million records—which is 75% of Catholic marriages and 30% of Lutheran marriages within the original 1835-1884 time frame. The percentages refer to how many of all the marriages contracted in Poznań Province are now in the database.

This magnificent success would have never be possible without the concerted efforts of a few hundred people all over the world who have been indexing marriages from church books or microfilms, photographing and scanning the records, helping create and maintain the Website, and providing information that was helpful in running the Project. Also, financial contributions of many individuals are very much appreciated. They have helped me undertake a variety of actions needed to advance the Project, and especially make trips to distant archives and parishes that still keep records locally.

I am sure the project will continue to be a powerful tool for your Poznań-related family research. As it still has potential for extending the contents, as well as its territorial scope, I encourage you to continue your support of our indexing efforts. A lot of microfilms still remain on the list, and many parishes have to be visited. Please let me know if you are able to provide scans/pictures of records or index them—especially Lutheran records, still far behind the Catholic ones as far as their transcribing is concerned. Also, I appreciate any financial donations for the development of the Project and its long-term functionality. Donations are welcome via Paypal.com sent to my e-mail address (important: please make sure to specify that it is a donation for the Poznań Project, in the “e-mail to recipient” field of the “Send money” form!).

I wish everybody new important findings through the Poznań Project database.

<<http://bindweed.man.poznan.pl/posen/data/support.php>>

Best regards,

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\*\*\* 1787 ESTATE INVENTORY \*\*\*

by *Christa Shukaitis*

*Editor*—The following is a note posted to the Herbarz mailing list by Christa Shukaitis, a very experienced researcher who has spent many hours digging through Polish archives. I wanted to reprint it, not because I thought of our readers would care about the specifics of her ancestor’s estate, but because the length and detail of the list

tells you something about how our ancestors lived. Note that some of the writing was obviously hard to read, and the translator had trouble rendering a few terms in English—hardly surprising, given that many of the terms were undoubtedly archaic and obscure. But I think the whole is easy to comprehend, and very informative.

Here is an inventory of a many times great-grandfather's estate from 1787. Zygmunt Gogolewski died on Feb 26, 1786 in Obiedzino Górne, Ciechanów province. His wife, Marianna Sosnowska, had a year to submit to the court an inventory of his estate. This should give one an idea of how one of the Polish nobility lived at the end of the 18th century. Inventories were written in Polish while most other court documents were written in Latin. This was translated by Przemek Kisielewski. The information comes from the *Ciechanowskie Relacje i Oblaty* book 104, pages 17 and 18. The book was perused at the Archiwum Główne Akt Dawnych.

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Inventory of things movables, real estate, buildings, stock, grain, with description of the condition and location written down by noble Marianna Sosnowska, the wife of the late Zygmunt Gogolewski, on the 18th day of January 1787.

The buildings. The chamber with the vestibule “pillars” style, fireplace old. In that chamber the wooden door with a metal hinges, with a door a metal handle and hasp. One window with four wooden frames with a bolt. The second a smaller one also made in wood. Stoves with a simple tiles, the old one right through into vestibule. Two wooden doors of a simple construction. Over the chamber the old roof in a bad shape, an old covering. An old table made of pine wood made on easels and with drawers.

The querns and stones (the lower and upper as well) are in good condition.

The spindle and *paprzyśa* made of metal in good shape. The second querns without a spindle and *paprzyśa* in not workable condition. In this chamber the cupboard of a simple construction for pots, plates and spoons.

The barns. One with a two barn floors, the roof is good, only one spot of the covering from the west is bad but anywhere else in good shape. Two gates to those barn floors built of sawn timber with a banister and with metal hasps for closing with a padlock.

Storage adjacent to the corner of the second barn made of sawn timber with a floor with a sawn board spindle door, in good shape. Latch at the door and padlock with a key, all in good condition. The roof and the walls on the storage good.

Further off in the same square the second barn made of timber logs, roof is good. Spindle gates in good shape. Latch is in place but no padlock.

Next to the barn is stable built of timber logs, with a floor and a door made of sawn timber with a latch. Next is chaff-cutter place made also with sawn logs with a floor and sawn boards door

equipped with an iron latch.

After this is a pigpen made as well of timber logs with a door made of sawn boards and a latch. Next is a sheep fold made of timber logs with a door made of sawn boards and a latch on the door.

On the other side of the yard a henhouse, and a place for the rest of the small animals (poultry), both made of a timber logs with a door made of sawn boards and a latch. Roof and walls are in good shape.

A timber worth 30 złotych was brought to the yard for construction of a new building (house?) from which I used part of to build foundation. Men was hired and paid 6 red złotych plus a sheepskin of my late husband to do the work. Rest of the timber and rafts are socked on the yard and all is paid for.

The grain is in a sheaf. Grain of rye left but a little. I didn't estimate it but all is gone since I gave away during the burial of my husband for *górzalka* (vodka).

Some of the grain was given to the servants and for us (me and children) for consumption. What left was in one grain bin more or less 35 stacks. I didn't count that which went to us and servants [My guess is that she is talking about money from grain sale not a grain itself or that they were using a grain as a "money"] and for our living needs and to cover cost of the burial, for taxes and for church tithes (*dziesięcina*). Rest of the grain is in the bin plus minus 2 stacks.

The wheat - I can't tell how much left. It was mainly for sowing and one bushel left in a bin.

The barley - I can't tell how much left but what left after threshing was used for sawing in the spring and one bushel for the cost of the burial cover was taken, part was used to pay for hire hands and rest will be in the bin about 3 stacks.

The peas in grain - about 1.5 bushel. From it I gave to the servants and my children. What's left is about one bushel.

The millet left hashed but somewhat affected by a rot one bin. Part of it I used to feed a hog and for fodder and what was sold I spend for a farming equipment.

Buckwheat was about Warsaw bushel and I used for seeds all.

Canola was about half of bushel and all was used for sawing and for oil.

Cash money

Left cash 40 red złotych from which I paid off my husband's debts, to Kazimierz Gogolewski, 10 złotych, to Szymon also an old debt of 10 złotych, for carpenter ? red złotych, and for Kacper, the farmhand, 1 złoty overdue pay. I landed to noble Jozef Sosnowski 4 red złotych. Left for me were

30 red złotych and 16 złotych.

Live stock and cattle

5 oxen left from which I disposed one for my husband burial. Old cows 4. One cow I got from my cousins and that one I will hold for myself. One heifer.

The horses. One mare old on one young, both big size horses.

4 pigs and one hog.

There were 15 sheep but out of that 3 were used for our needs. 12 left.

Poultry. There were 7 geese from which I killed 3 for burial, 4 left. There were 8 ducks from which I killed 6 for burial and 2 left.

There were 15 chickens from which I killed for burial 5 and 10 left.

Wardrobe. One *zupan* [old Polish costume] made of Torun fabric, one hat made of a green [unreadable text].

Two bridles with a reins and curbs and one full horse harness made of raw leather with reins and curbs.

Two saddles a little chapped with a girth with buckles made of raw leather . A leather strap going under the horse tail two in good condition. The pillow made of leather [which goes on the saddle perhaps?] and black leather straps attached to it.

The farm shop hardware. 5 different size drills, three scythes and two hammers for straitening, tree regular hammers, 3 axes, one hatchet without wooden handle, one crocked chopper, one shears for chaff, butcher knife one, one saw for timber, one file for metal and one for a wood, 5 old and new sickles, one new spade and two old ones.

Wooden kneading-trough [crock]. [Part of the text is unreadable.]

Different kind of legal paper, receives and invoices, in all 97.

I recollect that my late husband owned a lien on Konarzewo Gołąbki, total 11 red złotych, counting one red = 18 złotych. Witness was noble Jakub Niski and I am demanding that this sum to be owned by me for my troubles and rest of the money as I mentioned above to be deposited to my daughters, 400 złotych to each.

This inventory was written down honestly, to the best of my knowledge and to be attached to the Gródzki Books.



In presence of witnesses, it happened in Obidzino Górne, January 11, 1787

Marianna *de domo* Sosnowska

By hand are signing  
Barlomiej Gogolewski, the first cousin of the deceased  
Jakub Niski the friend of the deceased  
Wojciech Kolakowski - the witness  
Stanislaw Niski - the witness

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**\*\*\* NEW EDITION OF *GETTING STARTED IN JEWISH GENEALOGY* \*\*\***

*Editor*—This is an excerpt from an article in the June 27, 2010 issue of the free e-zine *Nu? What's New*. You can read the whole article here: <<http://www.avotaynu.com/nu/V11N12.htm>>. I wanted to make sure this information was available to any of our readers with Jewish roots; if I thought I might have Jewish ancestry, and was just getting started, I would definitely want to know about this book!

Avotaynu has just published a completely rewritten version of its very popular *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy* ... The new book is substantially different from its predecessor. There is greater emphasis on using the Internet, a resource that blossomed in this past decade. JewishGen has its own chapter, and there is a chapter regarding a resource that did not come onto the genealogy scene until 2001: Stephen P. Morse One-Step site.

...The book is deliberately small—only 92 pages (which is 25% larger than its predecessor)—to keep the price low. It is a getting-started book, not a beginner's guide. A beginner's guide would take hundreds of pages. It is filled with illustrations—35 in total. People getting started don't want to merely know what to do. They want to see examples.

The cost is only \$14.50 plus shipping and handling. The Table of Contents plus ordering information can be found at <<http://www.avotaynu.com/books/gettingstarted2010.htm>>.

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**\*\*\* LITHUANIAN DOCUMENTARIES ON THE INTERNET \*\*\***

*Editor*—Alan J. Kania posted this announcement on the LithGen mailing list. It is a press release available online at <<http://www.europeanfilmgateway.eu/img/121-48-download.doc>>. It should be of interest to the significant number of Polish-Americans who have some Lithuanian roots.

On 3 May 2010, the Lithuanian Central State Archive, a partner in the European Film Gateway project, started implementation of a 30-month project called Lithuanian documentaries on the Internet (e-kinas.lt). The Archive has received support of about €2.8 million for this project from

EU Structural Funds. The objective of the project is the preservation of Lithuanian documentary heritage by digitization as well as its accessibility for everyone via the Internet.

The Lithuanian documentary heritage is not equally accessible to all Lithuanian people nor to the wider EU and world communities because few people can physically visit the Archive and use its documents. The project is oriented toward the creation, expansion and promotion of Lithuanian digital Internet content to users. During the project the Archive expects to digitize and transfer to the Internet 1000 titles of Lithuanian documentaries, created in the period 1919-1960. After the implementation of this project Lithuanian documentaries and information about them will be easily accessible. Every user would have the possibility to search digitized films and their metadata, to watch these films or to order digital film copies.

Digitized Lithuanian national film heritage will be protected and preserved for current and future generations and knowledge of it will be available via the Internet for all possible users worldwide.

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**\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\***

**July 11-16, 2010**

**30TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY  
JW Marriott Hotel at L.A. in Los Angeles, California**

Come be a part of the world's largest Jewish Genealogy conference! The 30th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Los Angeles, California at the brand new L.A. LIVE conference center. Join hundreds of other researchers as we explore our roots and build our family trees. Whether you're a beginner, just starting to trace your family's history, or a pro looking for the latest information and tips, the IAJGS conference will have something for everyone! For more details, visit the Web site:

<<http://www.jgsla2010.com/>>

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**July 21 - 31, 2010**

**POLAND IN THE ROCKIES**

Speakers and Filmmakers from Canada, the United States and Europe

History, Politics, Culture, Media, Identity, Networking, Lectures, Discussions, Films, Hiking, Campfires, Friendships

An intensive transnational Polish experience — in the beautiful Canadian Rockies

See <<http://www.polandintherockies.com>> for application and scholarship details

PitR video: <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ph-Sd63Leo>>

Alumni e-zine: <<http://www.cosmopolitanreview.com>>

**NOTE: THIS IS JUST A REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO SIGNED UP. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE WAS MARCH 31, 2010.**

[Thanks to Maureen Mroczek Morris for sending in this info.]

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**July 25, 2010**

**LITHUANIAN FRIENDSHIP DAY - PICNIC**

**Putnam, Connecticut**

For details, read the PDF available here:

<[http://boston.lietuviu-bendruomene.org/renginiai/ADD\\_INFO\\_2010/NeringaEng.pdf](http://boston.lietuviu-bendruomene.org/renginiai/ADD_INFO_2010/NeringaEng.pdf)>

[From a note posted by Paul Rukstela to the LithGen mailing list]

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**August 13 - 15, 2010**

**SGGEE 2010 Conference**

***“Researching Our German Heritage in Eastern Europe”***

**Location:** Delta Edmonton South Hotel, Edmonton AB, Canada

SGGEE, The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe, will hold a genealogy conference focusing on “Researching Our German Heritage in Eastern Europe” on Friday, August 13; Saturday, August 14; and Sunday, August 15, 2010.

The Conference will include presentations from leading experts in the fields of Central and Eastern European Genealogy, and cover Germans in Congress Poland, Prussia, Volhynia, and Ukraine. Saturday evening features a German Banquet with keynote speaker.

The onsite Research Room, SGGEE Library and Research Area will be open all day and during the evening, with internet access to our exclusive databases, gazetteers and maps. Feature displays will include Kashubian heritage and model buildings of Germans who settled at Bruderheim. Genealogy consultants will be on site. Bring your research questions and family information. Browse the tables and look at maps and reference materials. Join Us!!!

Registration information available at: <<http://www.sggee.org>>.

[From a note posted to the PolandBorderSurnames list.]

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**October 1 – 2, 2010**

### **PGSA'S 32ND ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE**

The Polish Genealogical Society of America's next conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 1 & 2, at the Hilton Hotel in Oak Lawn, Illinois. The hotel is located at 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

The Hilton Hotel and Conference center is a well-known venue for events on the south side of Chicago. It is located three miles south of Midway Airport and is accessible to major highways and expressways, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Orange Line, and the Metro Train station. It provides easy access to much of the city and Chicago's downtown and the many attractions they provide. A scheduled complimentary shuttle is also available.

The theme is:

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Century Research using 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology**

Changes and improvements in technology are constantly providing us with new tools to use to re-think and re-evaluate our research. Here are just a few examples of presentations that can reinvigorate yours.

“Discovering the Treasures of 19th Century Polish Language Records” - You may not speak the language, but you can still mine the records for what they can tell you.

“You're Not in Kansas Anymore: Essential Resources for Urban Area Research” - Have you used the latest tools available for this challenging topic?

“Searching Electronic Databases” - Controlled vocabulary can help you find information on line that you didn't realize existed.

“A Novice's Approach to Using the Polish Archives: - Proving that even if you aren't an expert, the right techniques will allow you to use these records.

“Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted” - Unusual challenges may not be where you think they are. Get directions from an

expert.

Please check our Web site for future up-dates: <<http://www.pgsa.org>>

[From the March 2010 issue of *PGSA Notebook*]

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**October 16, 2010**

**The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan**  
invites you to the **Annual Polish Heritage Seminar**

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9:00-4:00

American Polish Cultural Center

2975 East Maple Road • Troy, Michigan 48083 • (248) 689-3636

Registration fee-TBA

Includes a continental breakfast and full course Polish lunch

Bring your laptop—free Wi-Fi

Buy tickets by mail or online at: <[www.pgsm.eventbrite.com](http://www.pgsm.eventbrite.com)>

Dept. W c/o Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit  
MI 48202-4007

**Join us for the day or for the Polish Heritage Weekend**

**Friday, October 15, 10a.m. - 4 p.m.**, the Polish Genealogical Society of MI and The Polish Mission at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake are offering research help at the Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI); and **Sunday, October 17**, Mass at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake, Polish Folklore, and use of the PARI library and premium databases.

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

<[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polish\\_genius/message/12625](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/polish_genius/message/12625)>

Early this month there were some very interesting posts on the Polish Genius mailing list regarding the plane crash in April that killed so many prominent Poles. If you are signed up as a member of Yahoo, you can click on this link to see the first post, by Debbie Greenlee, "Poland plane crash April 10, 2010." Debbie quotes info from Robert Strybel, a well-known columnist who writes in English on Polish matters. He talks about transcripts from the black-box recordings on the flight that crashed. This note is followed by a number of very interesting comments, including particularly valuable ones from Roman Kałużniacki and a gentleman named Paul in Florida. I'm not seeing nearly as much as I'd like on this story in American media, so I appreciate the posts of all who discussed this subject.

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<<http://www.museumoffamilyhistory.com/tomek/films.htm>>

On the JewishGen mailing list, Steven Lasky posted a note detailing some of the latest updates for the Museum of Family History. One that might be particularly interesting for our readers is available at the above URL, “The Films of Tomek Wiśniewski,” and Mr. Lasky described it thus: “You can now view 46 short films created by Białystok-native Tomek Wiśniewski. More films have been added over this past month, including films about Brańsk, Piaski, and Szczuczyn. Please see the complete listing of films at [the above URL]. More films will be added to this series as they are produced and placed online.”

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<<http://cosmopolitanreview.com/articles/34-other/265-was-defeat-of-polish-qjokerq-arlen-specter-a-victory-for-pac-and-american-polonia>>

On the Polish Genius list, Eve Jankowicz posted a link to the latest edition of *the cosmopolitan review* <<http://cosmopolitanreview.com/>>, and a link to a specific article in that review, “Was Defeat of Polish ‘Joker’ Arlen Specter a Victory for PAC and American Polonia?,” which she wrote. Maureen Mroczek Morris followed up by correcting a small error in the URL, and the corrected version is given above. It’s a very interesting article, one you should read! And the *Review* is always worth a look.

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<[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w58JD\\_AohNY&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w58JD_AohNY&feature=related)>

On the Herbarz mailing list, David Zincavage posted a note titled “Poles in the Napoleonic War video” with this URL. He described the video as having “lots of nice period images and some interesting statistics.” He added, “For the Lithuania List: In this context, ‘Poles’ includes Lithuanians.” This may sound like heresy to Lithuanians, but in this particular context, for all practical purposes, sources on info on Poles are generally relevant to Lithuanians as well—though obviously there are many contexts in which that would not be true.

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<<http://tinyurl.com/3294m8k>>

Bronwyn Klimach was kind enough to forward to me a note on the OW-Preussen list with this URL. The note explained that this link leads to Archive.org’s editions of *Preussisches Wörterbuch: Ost- und westpreussische Provinzialismen in alphabetischer Folge* [Prussian Dictionary: East- and West Prussian Provincialisms in Alphabetical Order], by Karl Hermann Frischbier. Granted, no one will be taking this to the beach for light reading while working on a tan. But for those with Prussian roots, and a willingness to learn a little German, it could be a great source for obscure terms that could be relevant in documents and records from those parts of Poland that used to be part of Prussia. Besides, you’ve gotta love any book by a guy whose last name means “fresh beer.” Thanks, Bron!

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<<http://www.archive.org/details/lithuaniapastpre00harruoft>>

On the LithGen mailing list, Rich C. gave this link to another Archive.org title. He said,

“I recently came across a book on Archive.org that’s helping me to understand what was going on in Lithuania during and after World War I in a relatively succinct way. It was written by the former British Vice Consul at Kaunas and Vilnius, E. J. Harrison. The book is called *Lithuania: Past and Present* (the ‘present’ being right after World War I, as the book was published in London in 1922). It’s interesting to infer the admiration and hopes that Mr. Harrison had for Lithuania, not knowing then what World War II would bring. You can read it online, download the PDF, download your Kindle, or several other options, all free.” That last point is one well worth noting—titles available from Archive.org can be downloaded for free in a number of different formats, including Kindle (which, somewhat to my surprise, I love!).

Incidentally, I should warn you: if you don’t like seeing Poland criticized, don’t read this book. The author makes it clear he (like many Lithuanians) wasn’t a fan of Polish policies.

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

On the JewishGen mailing list, Jan Meisels Allen mentioned that the *Yivo Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* is now available online at this address. “This Website provides a complete picture of the history and culture of Jews in Eastern Europe from the beginnings of their settlement in the region to the present.”

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<<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10657.pdf>>

Jan posted another note to that list, explaining as follows: “On June 11, 2010 the US Government Accounting Office (GAO) released the most recent report on Electronic Records Archives At the end of the report are comments from the National Archives.” You can read and download the report at the above URL.

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<[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2010/06/the-early-days-of-online-genealogy.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/the-early-days-of-online-genealogy.html)>

If, like me, you’ve been following genealogy online for decades, not years, you may enjoy reading this piece that appeared in *Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter* [EOGN]. It brought back some memories of the “good old days,” which were better in some ways and worse in others....

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<<http://www.masstimes.org/dotnet/ChurchLookups.aspx>>

On the LithGen list, John Peters responded to a request for help locating a Roman Catholic church by citing this Website. “It lists all the RC churches in the world, many of which in Lithuania and Poland still exist from the 19th century. So if you search for Sejny, you will find all the churches (at least today) by name and town by distance from Sejny, as far distant as Pruska, 35 miles away or Druskininkai in Lithuania. The parishes are listed in order by the distance from whatever town you key your search to.” I’m pretty sure we’ve mentioned this site before, but it’s one of those resources that should be brought to people’s attention frequently, if only for the sake of newbies.

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<[http://mhk.pl/oddzialy/fabryka\\_schindlera](http://mhk.pl/oddzialy/fabryka_schindlera)>

On the Poland-Roots list, Debbie Greenlee posted a note saying that Oskar Schindler's factory was to open as a museum on June 11th. Since the above Website gives only in Polish, she summarized the basic facts as follows. "Hours of operation: Monday 10-2, Tues - Sun 10-6. Cost: 15 złoty (approx \$4.30). Address: Fabryka Schindlera, ul. Lipowa 4, 30-702 Kraków, POLAND."

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<<http://freshproducetalk.blogspot.com/2010/06/floods-destroy-specialty-crops-wisla.html>>

On the Polish Genius list, Debbie posted this URL for a blog about fresh produce that gives some insight on the effects of this year's floods on Polish farmers—a huge story in Poland.

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<<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/free-healthcare-at-risk-as-poles-vote-for-new-president-2005436.html>>

Also on that list, Alan J. Kania posted this link to a story on how Poland's officials are dealing with the issue of health care.

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