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*** WELCOME! ***

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*** ALLIANCE COLLEGE CATALOGUE 1927-1928 ***

by Paul S. Valasek, D.D.S. <hallersarmy@aol.com>

Alliance College was the pride of Polonia's academic community. Here was an institution founded in 1912 by the Polish National Alliance to be a base for educating Polish Americans in both general knowledge as well as ethnic Polish studies. Polish language, classics, literature, music and dance were offered, along with pre-med and pre-legal courses for attending graduate schools at universities in the future.

The school was founded in 1912 after the PNA purchased what was formerly the Hotel Rider in the health resort town of Cambridge Springs located in northwestern Pennsylvania. Here in one location was the entire school as well as an ever-increasing library and museum dealing with Poland and Polonia. As the years went on, the collection as well as the academic standing of the college continued to grow and gain recognition.

This facility also served as the initial training ground for officers of what was to become the Polish Army in France, aka Haller's Army, before these men were sent to the University of Toronto, and subsequently Camp Borden and Niagara on the Lake, Ontario.

Unfortunately, in 1931, a great fire destroyed the main wooden building as well as the fine library collection, which included many rare volumes and original works. The PNA once again set out to rebuild a prize jewel in Polonia's crown, and the library and college were not only rebuilt but expanded.

Unfortunately again, the times brought change, and in 1988, the college closed and the facilities were sold to the State of Pennsylvania. The state turned the beautiful campus into a minimum security prison for women. Thus pine trees that had been imported from Poland and once graced the campus now had different visitors, not exactly the ones they were intended for in the first place.

After the second dissolution of the library, the Alliance College collection was donated to nearby University of Pittsburgh, where it may be consulted today:

<<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/ac/ac.html>>

For more information on the college as well as the alumni association, please check out the following sites:

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

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alliance_College>

Following are the names of students who were listed in the *Katalog 1927-1928 Wydział Akademicki* (Academic Department Catalogue for 1927-1928). A number of my family members attended the school, both as full-time students and also participants in Alliance College's summer

courses for Polish studies.

The closing of the College was and is a loss to Polonia's efforts to raise itself up to a higher social level.

Alski, Jan, First Class Advanced B
Aumuller, Sylwester, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Bajgrowicz, Boleslaw, Third Class Advanced
Baranowski, Alfons, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Biedrzycki, Jozef, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Bielat, Antoni J., Third Class Advanced
Bielecki, Antoni, Third Class Advanced
Bojkowski, Karol, Preparatory School
Bold, Wladyslaw, Second Class Advanced A
Borsa, Stanislaw, Third Class Advanced
Bronowski, Jozef, Third Class Advanced
Bryla, Jozef, Diploma 1925-1926
Bystrowski, Boleslaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Calkowski, Adam, Completed Collegiate Course
Chelminiak, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Chojnacki, Stanislaw, Completed Collegiate Course
Chojnacki, Mieczyslaw, Second Class
Chojnacki, Mieczyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Chrapla, Edward, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Chrzanowski, Tadeusz, Second Class Advanced A
Cichon, Bronislaw, First Class
Cichon, Bronislaw, Second Class Advanced A
Cieszynski, Eugenjusz, First Class
Cwikla, Mieczyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Debski, Merrill, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Dembinski, Henryk, Diploma 1925-1926
Domanski, Tadeusz, Second Class
Domanski, Tadeusz, Third Class Advanced
Dominiak, Adam, Fourth Class Advanced
Dominik, Adam, Third Class
Drenzek, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Dulski, Stanislaw, Second Class Advanced A
Dybowski, Sebestjan, Third Class Advanced
Dziatkiewicz, Artur, First Class Advanced B
Dzienkiewicz, Leon, Third Class Advanced
Dzierzanowski, Edward, Second Class Advanced A
Dzierzanowski, Willard, Second Class Advanced A
Dzikowicz, Stanislaw, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Dziob, Jan, Diploma 1925-1926
Falenski, Stanislaw K., Academic Department 1st Class - A

Ferenc, Juljusz, Third Class Advanced
Fidrych, Antoni, Third Class
Filipkowski, Edward, Second Class
Filipkowski, Edward, Third Class Advanced
Furtek, Jozef F., 2nd Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Legal
Galica, Jozef, 2nd Year College 1926-27 Pre-Med
Galiszewski, Ludwik, Second Class Advanced A
Gasiewicz, Henryk, Third Class Advanced
Giba, Kazimierz T., Preparatory School
Glenn, Karol, Preparatory School
Glowacki, Wawrzyniec, Preparatory School
Golicki, Roman, First Class
Golicki, Rajmund, Second Class Advanced B
Gonet, Franciszek, Second Class
Gonet, Franciszek, Third Class Advanced
Goraczewski, Tadeusz, Diploma 1925-1926
Goscienski, Aleksander, First Class Advanced B
Goslewski, Klemens, First Class Advanced B
Grabowski, Stanislaw, First Class Advanced B
Grochowski, Stanislaw, Third Class Advanced
Grygiewicz, Adolf, Second Class
Grygiewicz, Adolf, Third Class Advanced
Grzegorzewski, Adam, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Grzymala, Jan, Fourth Class Advanced
Guzik, Mieczyslaw, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Hinkelman, Tadeusz, Diploma 1925-1926
Hnatow, Kazimierz, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Hugar, Wladyslaw, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Jablonski, Rajmund, Fourth Class Advanced
Jackowski, William, Second Class Advanced B
Jackowski, Edmund, Third Class Advanced
Jaglowski, Boguslaw, Second Preparatory Class
Jaglowski, Boguslaw, First Class Advanced B
Jakobczyk, Zygmunt, First Class
Jakubczyk, Zygmunt, Second Class Advanced B
Jankowski, Robert, Second Class
Jankowski, Robert, Third Class Advanced
Janowicz, Feliks, Second Class Advanced B
Jans, Aleksander, Fourth Class Advanced
Jarosinski, Kazimierz J., 2nd Year College 1926-27 Pre-Med
Jarosz, Tomasz, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Jaworski, Feliks, Completed Collegiate Course
Kalwa, Jozef, Second Class Advanced A
Karczewski, Tadeusz, Second Class Advanced B
Karczmarczyk, Antoni, Diploma 1925-1926

Kawiecki, Kazimierz, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Kedziora, Adam T., Academic Department 1st Class - A
Kieronski, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Klempka, Klemens, Second Class Advanced A
Kochanowicz, Jozef, First Preparatory Class
Kochanowicz, Jozef, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Kolodziejczak, Jozef, Preparatory School
Kolpak, Konstanty, Second Class Advanced B
Komorowski, Henryk, Preparatory School
Kortykowski, Edmund, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Kowalski, Juljusz, Third Class Advanced
Kozier, Stanislaw, Second Class Advanced B
Kozlinski, Stanislaw, Second Class Advanced B
Krajewski, Jan, Preparatory School
Kretowicz, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Krupa, Antoni, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Kruszynski, Boleslaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Krypel, Kazimierz, Preparatory School
Krzywinski, A. Henryk, 1st Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Med
Kubarek, Alfons, Second Class Advanced A
Kulpa, Franciszek, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Kunkowski, Mieczyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Kurzawski, Benedykt, Diploma 1925-1926
Kwapisiewicz, Bronislaw, Preparatory School
Kwapisiewicz, Henryk, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Lapinski, Wladyslaw, Second Class Advanced A
Latkiewicz, Jan, Third Class Advanced
Latko, Jozef, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Lazar, Leon, First Class Advanced B
Lazarczyk, Wladyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Lencycki, Henryk, First Class Advanced B
Lewandowski, Henryk, Second Class Advanced A
Lewkowicz, Henryk C., First Class Advanced B
Ligarski, Mieczyslaw, Second Preparatory Class
Ligarski, Mieczyslaw, First Class Advanced B
Lipinski, Florjan L., First Class Advanced B
Litwin, Franciszek, Preparatory School
Lobaza, Wladyslaw, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Lucarz, Jan, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Lukasik, Edward, Third Class
Lukasik, Edward, Fourth Class Advanced
Lyzynski, Stanislaw, Diploma 1925-1926
Lyzynski, Franciszek, 1st Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Med
Machowski, Stanislaw, Third Class Advanced
Maciejewski, Pawel, Third Class Advanced

Madaj, Henryk, First Class
Madaj, Henryk, Second Class Advanced B
Majkowski, Aleksander, Second Preparatory Class
Majkowski, Aleksander, First Class Advanced B
Makowski, Longin, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Makowski, Leon, First Class Advanced B
Markiewicz, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Markowski, Franciszek, Preparatory School
Marzynski, Tomasz, Second Class Advanced A
Michalczyk, Marjan E., Preparatory School 2nd Class
Michalski, Boleslaw, Preparatory School
Miechurski, Edward, First Class Advanced B
Miller, Stanislaw M., 2nd Year College 1926-27 Pre-Med
Misiak, Jozef, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Miska, Edward, Third Class Advanced
Molak, Wladyslaw, 1st Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Med
Myslinski, Jozef, Second Class Advanced B
Nawrocki, Jozef, First Class
Nawrocki, Jozef, Second Class Advanced B
Niedzielski, Andrzej, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Niedzwiecki, Henryk, Third Class
Niedzwiecki, Henryk, Fourth Class Advanced
Nowak, Tadeusz, First Preparatory Class
Nowak, Roman, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Nowak, Tadeusz, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Nowakowski, Teodor, Second Class Advanced A
Nowicki, Henryk, Preparatory School
Ogurek, Henryk, Third Class
Ogurek, Henryk, Fourth Class Advanced
Olawski, Leon, Second Class Advanced B
Olawski, Stefan, Second Class Advanced B
Olszewski, Stanislaw, Third Class Advanced
Orpizewski, Wladyslaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Ossal, Jan, Second Preparatory Class
Ostrega, Artur, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Ostrowski, Jan, Second Class Advanced A
Ostrowski, Teodor Jan, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Pabis, Wladyslaw, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Pakulski, Jozef, Second Class
Pakulski, Jozef, Third Class Advanced
Paliwoda, Jozef, 2nd Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Legal
Pawlowski, Tadeusz, First Class Advanced B
Paydos, Wladyslaw, Diploma 1925-1926
Pelczarski, Edward, Third Class Advanced
Peltz, Jozef, Diploma 1925-1926

Peltz, Jozef Pawel, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Pernal, Wladyslaw, 1st Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Med
Petrolewicz, Stanislaw, First Preparatory Class
Petrolewicz, Stanislaw, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Piendak, Franciszek, Preparatory School
Pietruszka, Aleksander A., 2nd Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Legal
Pilkiewicz, Aleksander, Third Class Advanced
Piskorz, Stanislaw, First Class Advanced B
Piszczek, Wladyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Podsadowski, Eugenjusz, First Class Advanced B
Pospula, Jan, Diploma 1925-1926
Przybylek, Bernard, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Przybylo, Wladyslaw, Third Class Advanced
Przybylski, Edward, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Przybylski, Franciszek, Second Class Advanced B
Przybylski, Eugenjusz, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Przybysz, Antoni, First Class Advanced B
Przybysz, Stanislaw, Second Class Advanced A
Przybyszewski, Wacław, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Radaskiewicz, Jan, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Radziwon, Henryk, First Class
Radziwon, Henryk, Second Class Advanced B
Rawa, Czeslaw, Completed Collegiate Course
Roczen, Aleksander, Second Class Advanced B
Rogowski, Stefan, Fourth Class Advanced
Rokita, Adam, Diploma 1925-1926
Romanowski, Kazimierz, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Rosol, Michal, First Class
Rosol, Michal, Second Class Advanced B
Rożanowski, Erwin, Fourth Class Advanced
Rożanowski, Stefan, 2nd Year College 1926-27 Pre-Med
Rozycki, Wladyslaw, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Rozycki, Marcei, Fourth Class Advanced
Rytelewski, Henryk, First Class
Rytelewski, Henryk, Second Class Advanced B
Sadlowski, Zygmunt, Completed Collegiate Course
Sagun, Wladyslaw, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Sakowski, Edward, Second Class Advanced A
Sawicki, Terrance J., Second Class Advanced A
Sejud, Tadeusz, Second Class
Sejud, Tadeusz, Third Class Advanced
Shubert, Roman, Diploma 1925-1926
Shubert, Roman J., 1st Year College 1926-27 - Pre-Med
Sitar, Zygmunt, Preparatory School
Siwanowicz, Stanislaw, First Class Advanced B

Skrabczynski, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Skrzyszewski, Kazimierz, Third Class Advanced
Slawek, Czeslaw, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Smith, Edward, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Smuniewski, Franciszek, Second Class Advanced B
Sochon, Edward, Diploma 1925-1926
Soja, Stefan, Fourth Class Advanced
Spindor, Franciszek, Second Class Advanced A
Staniszewski, Feliks, First Class
Staniszewski, Czeslaw, First Class Advanced B
Staniszewski, Feliks, Second Class Advanced B
Stankiewicz, Zdzislaw, Third Class Advanced
Stasik, Edward, Preparatory School
Stawicki, Edmund C., Academic Department 1st Class - A
Stefanowicz, Franciszek, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Stempien, Adam, Second Class Advanced B
Stodolski, Aleksander, Diploma 1925-1926
Strempski, Wincenty, Second Class
Strempski, Wincenty, Third Class Advanced
Stronski, Wacław, First Class Advanced B
Studzinski, Ryszard, Second Class Advanced A
Stylinski, Stanislaw, Preparatory School
Sudol, Boleslaw, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Sulkowski, Marjan, Second Class Advanced A
Suplicki, Wladyslaw, Second Class Advanced A
Suwalski, Wiktor, Diploma 1925-1926
Synowiec, Eugenjusz, First Class Advanced B
Sypien, Adolf, Second Class
Sypien, Adolf, Third Class Advanced
Szala, Albin, Second Class
Szala, Albin, Third Class Advanced
Szamier, Wincenty, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Szepietowski, Wladyslaw, First Class Advanced B
Szlosek, Stanislaw, Completed Collegiate Course
Szlosek, Alfons, First Class
Szlosek, Alfons, Second Class Advanced B
Szrejbart, Boleslaw, Third Class Advanced
Sztukowski, Stanislaw A., First Class Advanced B
Szymanski, Julian, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Tomasik, Adam, Second Class
Tressenberg, Eugenjusz, Second Class Advanced A
Truchinowicz, Karol, Fourth Class Advanced
Tubinis, Kazimierz, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Turbak, Teofil, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Tyll, Izydor, Second Class

Tyll, Izydor, Third Class Advanced
Ulanski, Maksymiljan, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Warmus, Albert, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Warnagieris, Jozef, Second Class Advanced A
Warnagieris, Edward, Third Class Advanced
Waskiewicz, Jan, Third Class Advanced
Welenc, Henryk, Diploma 1925-1926
Wichrowski, Boleslaw, Diploma 1925-1926
Wichrowski, Boleslaw, 1st Year College 1926-27- General
Wieczorkowski, Jan, Third Class
Wieczorkowski, Jan, Fourth Class Advanced
Wierzbicki, Michal, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Wikar, Tadeusz, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Wilk, Franciszek, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Witalis, Jan, Diploma 1925-1926
Witalis, Jozef, Fourth Class Advanced
Wojciechowski, Edward, Diploma 1925-1926
Wojciechowski, Franciszek, First Class Advanced B
Wojtowicz, Edward, Fourth Class Advanced
Wolny, Henryk, Preparatory School
Wroblewski, Wilhelm, First Class Advanced B
Wulw, Michal, Preparatory School
Zachacki, Eugenjusz, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Zachwieja, Jozef, Fourth Class Advanced
Zalupski, Leopold, Academic Department 1st Class - A
Zarzycki, Stanislaw, Fourth Class Advanced
Zawislak, Jozef, Third Class Advanced
Zielinski, Roman, Second Class
Zielinski, Jan, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Zielinski, Roman, Third Class Advanced
Ziamba, Henryk, Third Class Advanced
Ziobro, Tomasz, Second Class Advanced A
Zlotnicki, Stefan, Preparatory School 2nd Class
Zulkowski, Karol, First Class Advanced B
Zysk, Zygmunt, Second Class Advanced A

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

Subject: Little-Known Jewish History

Editor—I received this note passed along via Recordonline.com at the request of William F. Grohoski, and I wanted to share it.

William F Grohoski thought you'd be interested in this story from the Recordonline.com:

Exhibit at Sullivan County Community College features little-known Jewish history

<<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090723/COMM/907230313>>

Here's what William F Grohoski had to say about the story:

Note: This training farm was on the Polish/German border and may be of interest to some readers of *Gen Dobry!*

Editor—Thanks for the info. I'm always glad to pass along word of anything like this that may interest or benefit our readers.

Subject: *The Unknown War*

I recently came across another "older" book with some interesting info in it: *The Unknown War* by Winston Churchill, published by Scribners of New York in 1931.

I was looking for data on where the actual boundaries of Poland were between 1772 and 1918. I had seen many basic maps but was looking for more. Though the book was written mainly about the campaign in the "East," it gave some good information concerning the causes leading up to World War I and the main personalities involved on both sides. I found the book to be extremely helpful. The book covers up to the fall of the Tsar and the Soviet takeover of Russia.

In what I was looking for most, I was very happy with the findings, as there were many maps throughout that showed the boundaries between the Austro-Hungarian and Russian Empires, including Prussia. The maps and writing also showed how very large sections of what was to again become Poland in 1918 were devastated by the several, large-scale battles fought on her territory. I do not believe I would be here today had my grandparents on all sides not emigrated when they did.

Of further interest was the fact that many of the place-names were in the Germanic spelling, which I was able to relate to villages and towns of future Poland. Who ever thought there was a "Johannisburg" near the Mazurian lakes?

Ed Mucha

Editor—Very interesting. By the way, I knew there was a Johannisburg in East Prussia, now called Pisz, located in Warmińsko-Mazurskie province. But I can't take too much credit for it. I only knew about it because I once translated a *Słownik geograficzny* article that mentioned it. I remembered it because it's a case of the German and Polish names having nothing whatsoever to do with each other!

***** THE POLISH MISSION'S 1 SEPTEMBER 1939 COMMEMORATION *****

forwarded by Ceil Jensen <cjensen@mipolonia.net>

Press Release (15 July 2009):

The Polish Mission team—Marcin Chumiecki, Karen Majewski, and Ceil Wendt Jensen—met with members of the Polish American Congress on Monday evening. They presented an updated plan for the 1 September 1939 Commemoration. The event is entitled “1 September 1939 Commemoration” and is sponsored by The Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools, SS. Cyril Methodius Seminary and, Michigan Polonia, LLC. This project is funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The guests of honor will be the Polish Veterans Polish-American Veteran, United States Veterans, Polish Survivors, Holocaust Survivors, Children in Exile, and Displaced Persons. The community at large is invited to meet these eyewitnesses of the war in Poland.

There were many questions since this three-day event is different from past commemorations and is styled to share Poland's history during World War II with the citizens of Michigan. The arts—poetry, painting, music, and sculpture—will be used to tell the story of Poland's suffering and strength during World War II. The Polish Mission is asking the community to help identify the veterans who should be honored during the event, and locate members who would like to record their World War II oral history.

A few highlights of the forthcoming event include: Thursday, September 1, 2009, 6 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sunset Service including *Wypominki* at the grotto on OLS campus.

Tickets will be on sale for Saturday, September 5's Reunion Breakfast, and we are asking the community to help us get in touch with the Knights of Dąbrowski and the Girls of Santa Rosa. Saturday also features an art exhibit with works by Catholic concentration camp survivors Jan Kowski and Adam Grochowski. Peggy Grant, widow of Adam Grochowski, will speak about his legacy at the art opening. A classical music concert closes the day.

The Sunday Polish Day with Mass allows the community to come and thank our World War II vets for their service to our nations and meet the founders of the campus World War II museums. The Polish Mass begins at 1:00 followed by a group photo and receiving line.

A detailed schedule with all the events and commemorative activities including sponsorship opportunities will be posted online at: <<http://polishmission.com>>.

*** + **DOROTHY ANN PANCOAST** + ***

Editor—Joan Schmidt kindly passed along this brief obituary for a lady who served as a volunteer for the Polish Genealogical Society of America, and helped many, many people.

DOROTHY ANN PANCOAST
November 1, 1923 - July 10, 2009

It is with sadness that we learned Dorothy Pancoast, long-time PGSA member, passed away on July 10, 2009. From the time she joined PGSA in the early 1980s until she became ill, Dorothy was a person who took an active interest in trying to make the Society meaningful to everyone doing Polish genealogy, volunteering wherever she was needed. She served as Membership Chairman, held several positions as a Society officer and Director, Program Chairman, and chaired many of our early Conferences. She was also instrumental in setting up research activities at the Polish Museum Library, making it possible for members to request information from the Society's genealogical holdings by mail and returning it to them in a timely basis.

The Society's "Wigilia Medal" was bestowed on Dorothy in 1997 for all the hours of time she dedicated to PGSA. All who worked with Dorothy will attest to her organizational abilities and pleasant disposition. She will be missed by all.

Editor—If you wish to learn more, the funeral home has a page on Dorothy at <<http://tinyurl.com/ntfvvk>>.

*** + **IRENA WISNIEWSKA (KRETOWICZ)** + ***

Editor—Another of our readers kindly sent this note on the passing of Irena Wisniewska (Kretowicz), in the hope that we would pass it along to our readers.

Please visit the Obituary for Irene Wisniewska (Kretowicz):

<<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=irene-wisniewska-kretowicz&pid=129405617>>

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

Sunday, August 2, 2009, Noon to 5 p.m.

What: **LITHUANIAN HERITAGE DAY PROGRAM**

Where: **Anthracite Heritage Museum, McDade Park, Scranton, Pennsylvania**

Lithuanian Heritage Day Program to be held at the Anthracite Heritage Museum

On Sunday, August 2, 2009, the Anthracite Heritage Museum will present Lithuanian Heritage Day at the Museum from noon to 5 p.m. The day will feature a special exhibit, film, and music.

For more information or directions, call (570) 963-4804 or find us on the web at <www.phmc.state.pa.us> or <www.anthracitemuseum.org>.

[From a note posted by Richard Gostautas to the Lithuanian Genealogy mailing list.]

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August 2 - 7, 2009

29TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

**Sheraton Philadelphia Center City Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

The annual conference of the IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies) is always the premier event in the United States for Jewish genealogists. This year, there's an interesting twist: the keynote speaker is a Catholic priest! Father Patrick Dubois, author and humanitarian, will speak on "The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 million Jews," which is also the title of his recently published book. Fr. Dubois is best known for his work in searching for and uncovering mass graves in Ukraine.

The fascinating people who will be there include Dorin Dobrinicu, the Director General of the Romanian National Archive system, and Deputy Director Olga Muzychuk, a representative from the State Committee on Archives of Ukraine, who will be giving a talk. Among the huge roster of speakers, names that may be familiar to our readers include Matthew Bielawa, Logan Kleinwaks, Gary Mokotoff, Stanley Diamond, Stephen Morse, Kahlile Mehr, and Warren Blatt. Check out the entire program at <<http://www.philly2009.org/program.cfm>>.

For more info, visit the Website <<http://www.philly2009.org/>>.

[From a posting to the soc.genealogy.jewish newsgroup by Mark Halpern]

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August 7-8, 2009

PGS-CONNECTICUT/NORTHEAST 2009 CONFERENCE -- 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

For detailed information on this event, visit this page on the Society's Website:

<<http://www.pgscne.org/Conference%202009%20materials/index%20page.html>>

This is the 25th anniversary of PGSCTNE's founding and the organizers have planned a terrific program. Please note, **July 10th is the cut-off date to register early** and take advantage of a reduced rate in the Conference's registration fee.

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August 15, 2009

“Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian nor Hungarian”

Our August 15th meeting will feature our own Paul Valasek speaking about “Why My Austro-Hungarian Ancestors Were Neither Austrian nor Hungarian.” Paul will discuss the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the make-up of its numerous ethnic minorities, including Czechs, Slovaks, Silesians, Poles, Ukrainians, Hungarians, Rusyns, and others.

All meetings will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Ashland and Elm Street, LaGrange, IL. This is two blocks west of LaGrange Road (US45) and three blocks north of 47th Street.

Sponsored by the Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois

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August 22, 2009

PGS-CALIFORNIA PRESENTS A GENEALOGY SEMINAR

The Polish Genealogical Society of California is proud to present a genealogy seminar on Saturday, August 22, 2009 in Lakewood, California. A full day is scheduled to review successful research techniques and learn new ones to try. A two-page flyer with complete information can be downloaded from the Website: <<http://pgsca.org/seminar.html>>.

[From an e-mail sent by Janice Lipinski, President of PGSCA.]

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Week of September 1, 2009

**IT ALL BEGAN IN POLAND
SEPTEMBER 1, 1939 COMMEMORATION
Orchard Lake, Michigan**

You are invited to participate in our weekend event designed to commemorate those who witnessed World War II in Poland. We want the community at large to know of Poland's suffering and strength during World War II.

TUESDAY PROGRAM 6:00 p.m.

The September 1939 COMMEMORATION begins with a sunset *Wypominki* and candle service. The Polish Scouts will provide a color guard as Fr. Whalen and Seminarians reads the names of those who died during World War II. The scouts will help participants set candles on the pond to symbolize Poland's loss of six million citizens. Fr. Whalen will celebrate Mass.

SATURDAY PROGRAM 10:00 a.m.

Anthony Walawender, one of the "Chłopy z Polski," speaks at the breakfast reunion for the Sybiraks (families exiled to Siberia during World War II). Peggy Grant, Art Curator, leads a discussion on the art of her husband survivor Adam Grochowski. An art historian (TBA) will speak about the work of survivor / artist Jan Kowski. Poet John Guzowski, born in a Displaced Persons camp in 1948 reads his work. Guests sign Pewabic tiles and the *Księga Pamiątkowa* book. Music by Curtis Posuniak. Guy Stern will speak about Irena Sendler.

SUNDAY PROGRAM 1:00 p.m.

The community is invited to attend the Polish Mass with the Home Army and 2nd Corps veterans. They came to Michigan as Displaced Persons and lived their adult lives in Michigan. Poet John Guzowski reads his work. We will record the oral histories of the surviving veterans and Sybiraks throughout the month. Polish and American reenactors will be in attendance. Music by the Filaret Chorus.

SPEAKERS

John Guzowski, PhD, Poet
Peggy Grant, Art Curator
Cecile Wendt Jensen MA, Author
William J. Krul, PGSM
Colonia Santa Rosa Residents
Boys of Poland Alumni
Grzegorz Dąbrowski
Sue Krolkowski, PhD
Guy Stern, PhD

ART EXHIBITS

Adam Grochowski Grant, Survivor
Artist Jan Kowski, Survivor
Artist Marcin Chumiecki, Photographer
Guided Tours WWII Museums

MUSIC

Filaret Chorus
Curtis Posuniak

ACTIVITIES

Service to return remains to Auschwitz

Sunset *Wypominki* & Candle Service
Polish & American Military Reenactors
Time Capsule—Collection and Sealing
Personalization of Pewabic Memorial Tiles
Księga Pamiątkowa—Guest Book Signing
Ancestry.com Military Databases

TEACHER SB-CE UNITS Teachers earn continuing education credits

[from an e-mail sent by Ceil Jensen]

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September 18 – 19, 2009

**FALL CONFERENCE OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
(PGSA)**

“UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES”

Friday, September 18th (1/2 day) and Saturday, September 19th (all day).

Location: Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 North Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173

For more information and updates visit <<http://www.pgsa.org>>.

Speakers confirmed to date:

- * **Don Litzer**, former librarian of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN
- * **Kahlile Mehr**, manager of the Slavic/Germanic Collection at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City
- * **Michael J. Mikoś, Ph.D.**, professor of foreign languages and linguistics at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
- * **Cynthia Piech**, Board Member and Treasurer of the PGSA
- * **Craig Pfannkuche**, president of Memory Trail Research, Inc. and genealogical archivist at the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society
- * **Julianna Smith**, editor of Ancestry.com newsletters, author of genealogy books and magazine articles
- * **Loretto Szucs**, author of genealogy books and executive director and vice president of community relations at Ancestry magazine

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October 17, 2009

ANNUAL SEMINAR OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

FOUR LECTURES BY STEPHEN BARTHEL

The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan is proud to announce that Stephen Barthel will present four lectures at our annual seminar on Saturday October 17th, 2009. The seminar will be held at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan. The cost is \$60 before October 1st and \$70 after October 1st.

This includes a Polish dinner, handouts and surname registry for those attending. The Dziękuję and Reymont awards will be presented as well.

Details can be found here: <http://www.pgsm.org/index_042.htm> or you can e-mail me with questions: Valerie Koselka <vkoselka.pgsm@gmail.com>

[From a note posted to the Poland-Roots list by Valerie Koselka.]

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November 8, 2009

“CHICAGO STREET CAR MEMORIES”

MEETING OF THE POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago IL

Mr. Jeffrey Wien will be the guest speaker at our November 8, 2009 meeting.

The subject of the presentation will be Chicago Streetcar Memories which will cover the highlights of the history of Chicago's streetcars. The presentation includes movies of streetcars on Milwaukee Avenue and many other locations including State Street Downtown. Mr. Wien also is knowledgeable of the “L,” and the electric interurbans that ran out of Chicago.

“Jeff Wien, 68, is a lifelong resident of Chicago. His interest in Chicago streetcars dates back to 1951 when he recalls riding an old Red streetcar. The demise of the streetcars came to his attention in the Summer of 1956 on a trip to Riverview Amusement Park. In 1957, he began taking color movies of the remaining streetcars on the Clark-Wentworth route and rode and documented the last streetcar on June 21, 1958. He has also documented on film Chicago's ‘L lines as well as other electric railways around Chicago since 1957.”

A question and answer will follow the program. Mr. Bradley Criss, the “Director” of “Chicago Streetcar Memories” will also accompany Mr. Wien. In addition, a DVD that traces the history of the development of the streetcar system in Chicago from 1859 until the last car operated on June 21, 1958 will be available at a special all inclusive rate of \$30.00, a savings of \$8.00 when compared to purchasing it from his website at www.chicago-transport-memories.com.

[From an e-mail provided by Harry Kurek.]

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

<<http://www.newbritainherald.com/articles/2009/07/09/news/doc4a569b4897cf7330143838.txt>>

Those of us attending the Conference of the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut/New England on August 7-8 are getting excited about it. If you're interested, you can read an article about the conference that appeared in the Thursday, July 9 issue of *The Herald*, serving New Britain, Connecticut. Shucks, they even mentioned I'm going to be speaking there!

<http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/06/genealogy-programs-for-the-macintosh.html>

The 6 July weekly wrap-up of *Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter* had several interesting articles, including "Genealogy Programs for the Macintosh," at the URL above. He also mentioned that Ancestral Atlas has added a feature that lets you create a map linking the event locations of a person from birth to death. You can read more about it here:

<http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2009/07/ancestral-atlas-adds-life-maps.html>

You can simply go to the Website <<http://www.eogn.com/wp/>> and browse through recent articles, as well.

<<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106273848>>

On the Polish Genius mailing list, Eve Jankowicz suggested listening to this segment of the NPR program "All Things Considered" on July 4th. It's a talk with Alex Storozynski, the author of a new book on Tadeusz Kościuszko, *The Peasant Prince and the Age of Revolution*.

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

The July 16th issue of PGSA Notebook talked about GenealogyWise, which is a new social networking Internet site for genealogists looking to connect with other researchers. Ceil Jensen invited me to join, and I did so—but I've been too busy to spend much time checking it out. You might want to take a look. Networking with others has a way of paying off!

<<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.shtml>>

A post by David Rosen to the soc.genealogy.jewish newsgroup recommended visiting this Web page, which links to the census Enumerators Instructions for 1850 through 1950. Reading these instructions can sometimes help you figure out some of the more baffling things about the info that's given in censuses.

<<http://www.bing.com/maps>>

Another post to that newsgroup, from Henry Neugass, mentioned that the mapping

feature of the new Microsoft search engine is especially helpful to him in his attempts to find places in Belarus. I haven't tried it yet, but I figure this is worth passing along, as our readers are always interested in geographical aids online.

<<http://www.fifthfleet.net/index.html>>

Paul Valasek found this site, with information on the ships that were chartered by the International Refugee Organization (IRO) to bring over more than 150,000 Displaced Persons from Germany to Australia after World War II, between 1947 and 1951. I would never have thought of this, but Paul realized this site might help people with their post-World War II research.

<<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>>

Tom Sadauskas kindly brought to my attention an article by Edward David Luft that appeared in the Spring 2009 issue of *Avotaynu*. Somehow I overlooked it. It deals with the availability of digital full-text versions of various newspapers at the Library of Congress (LOC) website. Tom said, "The LOC site will eventually contain newspapers covering the period from 1836 to 1922 ... I was able to find an article in the *New York Sun* describing a ship collision in the Dover Channel in June 1909. My grandmother was on the ship (*SS Zeeland*) headed to America as a 19 year old single female traveling by herself. The ship diverted to Southampton and the passengers transferred to the *SS Oceanic*. That helped explain why the ship register for my grandmother had the *SS Zeeland* lined out and replaced with the *SS Oceanic*."

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