

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA



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Summer 2018

PGS-MN will be represented at the



2018 Twin City Polish Festival

Aug 10th thru Aug 12th

Old Main Street, Minneapolis Mn

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

We will again feature the biggest attraction - ***The Baptismal and Marriage Indexes*** from five local Minneapolis and St Paul Polish Churches. Also included is the White Eagle Insurance book put together by PGS-MN member John Rys.

Also featured will be the second biggest attraction — ***The Ten Volume Polish Surname Index books*** – an index of Polish surnames from the 1990's in present day Poland.

Would you like to spend 3 or 4 hours networking with genealogy-minded people? Or how about just helping people find their surnames in the indexes. No experience needed—we'll show you how. Or better yet, telling them your story about researching your family.



Volunteers Needed!!

WE NEED YOU!

You pick your time!

Friday Aug 10th Between 4:00 pm – 8:00pm

Saturday Aug 11th Between 10:00 am – 8:00pm

Sunday Aug 12th Between 10:00 am – 5:00pm

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Summertime PGS-MN members!

As you know, our word for 2018 is Participation! I am happy to report that while two board members resigned from their positions, two people stepped up to participate and accepted appointments to the treasurer and director I positions vacated by Michael Eckmann and Mary Johnson.

Welcome to the PGS-MN board of directors Gary Wolf and Connie Waldherr! Gary has stepped up to serve as our new PGS-MN treasurer and Connie has accepted appointment to the director position vacated by Mary Johnson. Both appointments were approved by the board of directors at their June 19th meeting. Gary will be the contact for all money matters, reports, and membership dues. Please note membership applications, membership renewals and all dues should be mailed to PGS-MN, P.O. Box 291, Amery, WI 54001-0291. Membership forms are being updated with the new address.

Connie is taking over new membership duties. She will work with Dori Marszalek on the membership committee. Connie will be sending out the new member packets and from the membership application forms supplying the names for the Missing Branches portion of the newsletter.

I am happy to report we once again have a full board of directors with all officer and director positions filled. However, we all know how fast time flies and the next election will be here before we know it. So now is the time to start looking for candidates for the next election which will be conducted at the 2019 January annual meeting. The January election will be for the positions of president, vice president, director I and director III.

We'd like to get a Nominations Committee staffed ASAP. The task charged to this committee would be to seek out members interested in serving on the board of directors. Jay Biedny has volunteered to chair this committee. If you would like to participate on this committee, please contact Jay at jaybiedny@juno.com. Also contact Jay if you're interested in having your name on the ballot for one of the positions up for election listed above.

Another new initiative taking form is a group to work on a project proposed by vice president Paula Colwell and approved by the board of directors. The primary purpose of the project is to create a central online overview of the various regions of Poland and where Poles emigrated to in Minnesota and other locations. This will become a section on the pgsmn.org website. Paula Colwell, Heather Pedersen, Bob Kraska, and Vicki Myslajek are in the initial stages of organizing the work for the project.

At the September 1st Program meeting I'm pretty certain Paula will be seeking out member participation in this project as a great deal of information, documentation, design ideas, and input will be required to make this project a success. This is another opportunity for members to participate with action and ideas. A great thing about participating in this project is that members can participate from home via computer. And, really, who doesn't enjoy sharing their ancestor information with fellow members? It's the reason we do this hobby, isn't it?

We have a full schedule of Program meetings set for the fall. In September, the presenter will be Jay Biedny. Jay's topic is yet TBD but knowing Jay I'm quite sure it'll be something interesting and educational. The October 6 meeting will be my family tree re-scheduled from the May meeting which was cancelled because of illness. In November, we plan to schedule a Program meeting themed on Poland Travel. The idea for this program is to gather a number of people who have traveled to Poland once, twice or several times and have a Q&A session for people interested in and/or planning a future trip to Poland. Sort of a do's and don'ts, learn from others' experience sort of program. I think it'll be informative, fun, and interesting. And since I've never been to Poland I'm certain to be there with lots of questions. I hope you'll join me because you're likely to have questions I won't think of and we can all learn together.

Well, thanks everyone, that's it for this quarter. Remember to stop by the PGS-MN tents when you're at the Twin Cities Polish Festival, August 10-12! We look forward to visiting with you!

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Podkarpackie (Subcarpathian) Voivodeship Records

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If you have ancestors from current day Podkarpackie Voivodeship, previously Austrian Galicia, I want to share with you records I have found that are available online and not well known as well as a resource for when you make the trip to Poland.

Online Records

GenBaza - <http://metryki.genbaza.com>

A cousin told me about this website which has scans of the record books available at certain State Archives. There are hundreds of villages and parishes that are included at this website.

Some of my ancestors' records from their village of Brzostowa Góra, part of administrative parish Majdan Królewski, are kept at the Sandomierz Archives (1890-1899, 1906-1910). I visited last June and took pictures, but didn't have enough time there to photograph them all. However, with Genbaza the Majdan Królewski records available at the Archive are now found here in full!

To access the full list of records, you'll need to create an account at www.GenPol.com and then you will be able to login. From there, you'll see the list of available Archives (see picture to the right). You will have to know a little about the Archive system in Poland; there are State Archives and then sub-State Archives. For example, the Sandomierz Archive (AP Sandomierz) is a sub-archive of Kielce State Archive (AP Kielce).

If you're unsure if your ancestor's village is included, the Head Office of the State Archives has a database search (<http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/pradziad.php?l=en>). Unfortunately, you can't search for every village – you must find the administrative parish. For example, my ancestors came from the village of Brzostowa Góra but Majdan Królewski is the administrative parish.

To access the Sandomierz records, click on AP_Kielce and then AP_Sandomierz; then the list of available villages is listed. Click on the village you'd like and you'll be able to see the list of years and records available. Select the years you'd like and on the next page select the image file you would like to view. Not all villages have births, deaths and marriages, it is whatever was sent to the State Archives. Happy genealogical record hunting!

GenBaza /

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[AP_Kielce](#)

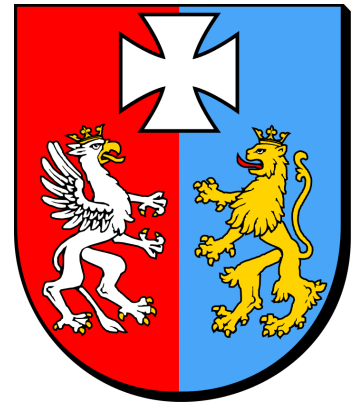
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[AP_Warszawa](#)

[AP_Łódź](#)

State Archive in Przemyśl – Digitized Materials — <http://www.przemysl.ap.gov.pl/skany/>

The Przemyśl State Archives has their own website for digitized materials, different from the State Archive search (<http://szukajwarchiwach.pl/>). The Przemyśl Archive has been working on digitizing maps of villages as well as related material for locations previously in Galicia. Searching my ancestors' village Brzostowa Góra, I found there are 10+ records the Archive has scanned. To find them, I entered in the name of the village in the box called "Opis jednostki" or "Unit Description" and clicked "Szukaj" or "Search":



Search engine for digitized materials

Band number: ?
 Band name: ?
 Documentation type: ?
 Unit description: ?
 Extreme dates: - ?
 Geographic index password: ?
 Personal index: ?
 Index entry subject: ?

Number of scans: **1123842**
 Number of teams: **213**
 Number of units: **12772**

Below is the list of what has been digitized for Brzostowa Góra – there's a map of the village, as well as a list of Land Owners with a list of plots they own dated 1853, and more. To access the materials, click on the link next to the name under the box called "Signature".

Team 126: Geodetic Archive		
Signature	Unit description	Patch
56/126/0 / 157m	Dorf Brzostowa Góra in Galizien Rzeszower Kreis [Map of the village of Brzostowa Góra in Galicja in the Rzeszów region]	bd
56/126/124/1	Original Bauparzellen Protocoll der Gemeinde Brzostowa mountain Kreis Rzeszow Steuerbezirk Tarnobrzeg [Original protocol of construction parcels] Original Grundparzellen Protocoll der Gemeinde Brzostowa mountain Kreis Rzeszow Steuerbezirk Tarnobrzeg [Original protocol of land plots]	1853
56/126/124/2	Original Verzeichniss der gelöschten Parzellen in der Gemeinde Brimstone top [Original list of plots lifted], Original Einschaltungsbogen des Bauparzellen Protocolls der Gemeinde Brutal mountain, Original Einschaltungsbogen des Grundparzellen Protocolls der Gemeinde Brombergial mountain	1862
56/126/124/3	Berechnungs Protokoll der Gemeinde Browning top [Calculation report]	1875
56/126/124/4	Alphabetisches Verzeichniss der Gemeinde Brzostowa mountain Kreis Rzeszow Amt Tarnobrzeg [Alphabetical list of land owners with a list of plots]	1853-1854
56/126/124/5	Alphabetisches Verzeichniss der Gemeinde Brzostowa góra [Alphabetical list of land owners with a list of plots]	1853
56/126/124/6	Steueramtliche Verzeichnisse der Gemeinde Brzostowa góra, Certificat, Verzeichniss, Häuser Verzeichniss [Collection of court documents: certificate of names of geodetic, urban and watercourses, list of homeowners in arithmetic order, alphabetical list of land owners]	1853
56/126/124/7	Vorläufige Grenzbeschreibung der Gemeinde Brzostowa góra [Temporary description of the boundaries of the municipality]	1852
56/126/124/8	Definitive Grenzbeschreibung der Gemeinde Brzostowa góra [The final description of the boundaries of the commune] Nachtrags - Protokoll zur Gemeinde Brzostowa góra [Protocol for completing the temporary description of the boundaries of the municipality]	1853-1854
56/126/124/9	Ausweis über die Benützung des Bodens für die Gemeinde Brzostowa mountain [List of agricultural land of the commune]	1854
56/126/124/10	Feld Skizzen der Gemeinde Brzostowa góra [Field sketches]	1853
56/126/124/11	Berechnungs Protokoll der Gemeinde Browning top [Calculation report]	1853

Additionally, if you go to the main search page, you can scroll through and see what records have been digitized by going to the field called "Nazwa zespołu" or "Band Name" and look through the different

Band number:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Cisnej
Band name:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Dachnowie
Documentation type:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Dobrej Szlacheckiej
Unit description:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Dzikowie Starym
Extreme dates:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Gładyszowie
Geographic index password:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Hańczowej
Personal index:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Hrebennem
Index entry subject:	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Hłudnie
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Jarosławiu
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Kalnikowie
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Karlikowie
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Klimkówce
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Komańczy
	Akta stanu cywilnego Parafii Greckokatolickiej w Kramarzówce

Records in Poland

Diocese Records (Roman Catholic)

If you have Roman Catholic ancestors, the records were kept by the church. Some of us have had luck going to the parish church of our ancestors and asking the Priest to look for the birth, marriage and/or death record with success while others have run into many challenges.

A different approach is to visit the Archdiocese for your ancestor's parish. Each Archdiocese has their own archival records in Poland and for Podkarpackie, the majority of the records are housed at the Archdiocese in Przemyśl (<http://przemyska.pl/institucje/>).

In 1928, the Diocesan Archives published a book called "Extracts in the Archive of the Diocese of Przemyśl" and it lists the villages and years that the Przemyśl Archdiocese has church records of (births, deaths and marriages). To access this book online, go to: <http://www.pbc.rzeszow.pl/dlibra/docmetadata?id=2240&from=publication> and then click on "Show Publication Content!" underneath the image of the book on the right side of the page.



Łąka	1826—81.
Łętownia	1826—905.
Łężyny	1826—905. 1907—08.
150 Łobozew	1912—18.
Łomna	
Łowce	1826—904.
Łubienko	1826—905.
Łubna	1826—97. 1918.
Majdan kolbuszowski	1826—99. 1906—17.
Majdan sieniawski	1826—73. 1904—08.
Malawa	1826—81.
Manasterz	1826—904.
Markowa	1826—900.

For my ancestors' village, I know the administrative parish of Majdan Krolewski was previously known as Majdan (near Kolbuszowa). I went to page 18 and I found "Majdan kolbuszowski ... 1826-1899, 1906-1917". This means the Archdiocese has paper church records beginning in 1826 until 1899, and then again from 1906 to 1917. There's another archive to visit the next time I'm in Poland!

— Archdiocesan Archives in Przemyśl

Plac Katedralny 4 a, 37-700 PRZEMYŚL
tel. 16 678 66 94 w. 38
e-mail: archiwum@przemyska.pl

Open daily from 9.00 to 13.00.
Director: Fr. Priest Dr. Henry Borcz
Archivists:
priest dr Marcin Kapłon,
p. Justyna Kwiecień RM

Father and Daughter Reunited on The Today Show thanks to MyHeritage DNA

Sarah, from California (now living in the Netherlands) was placed in adoptive care as young child by her mother. To try and find her biological family, she took a MyHeritage DNA test that her husband purchased for her. She was shocked when she got a match to her biological father, Arland, who didn't even know she existed.

Sarah and Arland then spoke on the phone numerous times, but today was the first time in 41 years they met in the Today Show with Megyn Kelly television program. He also met two of his grandchildren that he previously did not know existed.

You can watch the reunion in the video player above or in the YouTube web site at <https://youtu.be/nkUt3XupQdU>.

PGSMN has volunteer staffing at the MGS Library on the first Saturday of the month from 12:00 - 4:00 pm and "Polish Night at the Library" on the 2nd Thursday of the month with expert genealogical resources available from 4:00—8:00 pm

Poland Independence Gala in Minnesota

We invite all to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence on **Saturday, November 10th, 2018** at the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

Poland disappeared from the geopolitical world map for many years, and in 1918, after WWI, gained its independence on 11/11/1918. Indeed, the US was the first country to welcome Poland back to the world stage. Poland's President Andrzej Duda has declared 2018 as the year of Independence and celebration of Poland's freedom. We are honored to join with Poland, and others around the world in commemorating the 100th anniversary of her freedom and being an independent European country.

A group of dedicated individuals, the Poland Independence Celebration Committee, has come together and have created a series of events throughout 2018 and will provide an ending celebration on **Saturday, November 10th 2018**. We would like to extend an invitation for you to join this celebration!

This group extends across many Polish groups throughout Minnesota, and the final event will undertake and provide historical exhibits and presentations, concerts of classical Polish music, Polish folk dancers from local community groups, choral music, children's programming, educational and historical perspective, truly a celebration of Poland's independence.

www.Polandcelebration.org

PGSMN Membership Update

Please check your address label, if it has Membership exp: **06/30/2018**, this maybe your Last Newsletter!!

PGS-MN is Still a Bargain at \$20 per year!! Our standard PGS-MN Society membership dues have been stable for the last eight years at \$20 per year. This is comparable to many other ethnic, regional genealogical organization across the country.

We truly value your membership and would like to Thank You, for your continued support.

Dori Marszalek - dorim@comcast.net



CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
OF POLAND'S INDEPENDENCE

○ NOVEMBER 11, 1918
○ NOVEMBER 11, 2018

POLAND
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

11th Annual North Star Genealogy Conference

October 5 & 6 - Plymouth: [Minnesota Genealogical Society](#) -

This year's conference theme, "Looking Back, Sharing Forward," focuses on the rewards of researching family history and passing it forward to future generations. The conference features presentations by two of America's leading genealogy educators, Thomas W. Jones and Karen Mauer Jones, plus 25 how-to classes on topics such as DNA, finding immigrant origins, internet research, and breaking down brick walls. Registration will open in early summer. Location: Crowne Plaza West. 3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth, MN 55441



Honoring the Stories Behind the Stuff (Classes)

Wednesday, July 11th 10:00 am to 11:30 am

MN Genealogy Center

1385 Mendota Heights Road, Suite #100

Mendota Heights, MN Register - www.mnngs.org - events listing

We all have "The Box" of photos and memorabilia. In this class we will teach you a process for sorting through your box, while still honoring the memories they represent, and provide creative and space-saving tips to preserve them for future generations.

Presenters— Amanda Lathrop has worked on independent films, commercials, corporate video, and many television series for the History Channel, Food Network, and Travel Channel. After producing a family history video for her own family, she combined her genealogy hobby with her professional video business. Giving her the opportunity to use her skills to help people capture, share and preserve their own stories.

Family Search: The Other 70% - Free Webinar - 7:00 to 8:15 pm

Are you only conducting surname searches at FamilySearch.org (FS)? Over 70% of the digital images at FS are NOT found using a surname search and indexing is not keeping up with the aggressive program of digitization. Learn how to find these records that previously could only be viewed in Salt Lake City and how to access them with a minimum of scrolling through the individual records. Multiple examples illustrate the methods of subdividing the records that can make your discoveries easier and faster. Other tips for successful searching and the present status of digitization of records will be discussed.

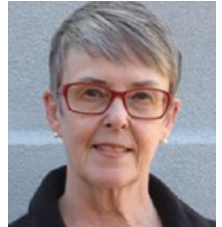
Presenter - Jill Morelli, CG®, lectures about her Midwestern, northern German and Scandinavian ancestors nationwide. She presents on intermediate and advanced methodologies, unique records sets, Swedish research, and house histories. She also teaches an online class on demystifying the process of certification. Register at <https://mnngs.org> in their events listings.



Probate Wills and a While Lot More - Free Webinar - 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Probate records can be some of the richest genealogical resources. Yes, they can contain wills, but often the best probate packets are for our ancestors who died intestate or who didn't have to die at all to make an appearance in a probate action. We'll look at wills and the wonderful information they can contain, but beyond that we'll examine records generated by disposing of an estate with a will, as well as guardianships and competency determinations.

Presenter - Annette Burke Lytle speaks at the national, state, and local levels. She loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. Annette is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, in addition to national, state and local societies. Register at <https://mngs.org> in the events listings.



Autosomal Testing: Understanding Your DNA Results (Classes)

September 15, 2018 - 10:00 to 11:30 am

MGS Center, 1385 Mendota Heights Road, Mendota Heights, MN

\$25 MGS members, \$30 non-members

So, you have your DNA results, now what? DNA for genealogy can be overwhelming. Learn the basics of genetic genealogy, important vocabulary, and some valuable resources.

Presenter—Kelli Bergheimer is a writer, teacher, editor and national genealogical speaker. Kelli is a math and science editor for Smart Education—a K-12 textbook company located in Dubai writing textbooks for the MENA region - Middle East Northern Africa. Kelli runs Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company. Kelli is the Central Ohio DNA Interest Group facilitator.

“Lifting the Fog: Using DNA to Discover Your Polish and European Ancestors”

Polish Genealogical Society of America - Quarterly Meeting — 9 August 2018 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Schaumburg Township District Library (NW) Rasmussen South • 130 S. Roselle Rd. • Schaumburg, IL

Due to wars, invasions, partitioning of lands, boundaries and name changes through the generations, DNA may be the only common connection with your ancestors. The cause of war and nation boundary movements may have obscured the paper trail of your ancestors. DNA can give us clues of where to look and what questions to ask. Learn techniques to use DNA to answer your questions.

Presenter Jane Gwynn Haldeman is a professional speaker and owner of It's Relative with more than 25 years of research experience. The Chicago area-based genealogist lectures on a wide range of topics both locally, at national conferences, and webinar presentations. She enjoys speaking about topics including family history technology and genealogy research methodology. She is the author of A Genealogist's Guide to Springfield, Illinois. Jane has been very active with the genealogical community in Illinois. She was President, Illinois State Genealogical Society; President, Fox Valley Genealogical Society; Registrar, Fort Payne Chapter NSDAR; and Registration Chair, Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference in Springfield, IL.

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Rasmussen South room of the library. Library attendees (PGSA members and the public) will need to register by phone, 847-985-4000, or online at the library website, <<https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/>> prior to the meeting.

The presentation will also be offered as a free Webinar to members and to non-members for a \$10 fee. Webinar registration for members and non-members can be made at the PGSA website <https://pgsa.org/> - click on the PGSA Store tab, then click “Webinars” tab and follow the instructions. Mail-in registrations will not be accepted.

How to prepare your Google account for when you pass away

[JERRY HILDENBRAND](#) 19 Jun 2018 Androidcentral

Your loved ones have enough to worry about when you shuffle off this mortal coil. Preparing your Google account is easy and something we all need to do.

It's not something we like to talk or even think about, but we're all going to die one day. I sincerely hope that day is far off for all of us and the time between now and then is filled with happy memories, but when it does happen your friends and family probably aren't going to think about your Google account and all the personal information you have stored there. It might seem trivial to some, but for others, it's important that this all be given to someone who can take care of it all responsibly.

Your Google account holds more than just your search history. You may have active credit information or even funds in Google Pay, Google Photos will likely be filled with memories your friends and family will want to see, or you might have important documents in Google Drive. Any information about you will be important to those you leave behind and letting it sit idle forever on a server isn't the answer. Thankfully, Google has a simple service that lets you decide what happens to everything about you the company has once your account becomes inactive.



Find a Grave - <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Find the graves of ancestors—records from around the globe.

Can't make it to meetings - want to connect with other genealogical interested individuals — check out the Virtual Genealogical Society



A Virtual Genealogical Society has been formed whose only presence is on the Internet. The group has already planned 15 lectures starting in June and a virtual conference No-

The society defines itself as a global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels, geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

The society does not view itself as a substitute for the usual land-based genealogical societies which they note provide unique benefits that include:

- Access to their local database of records and indexes
- Mentorship from society members with expertise in local records and repositories
- Field trips to area repositories

The society's website is at <http://virtualgensoc.com/>.

X-ray beam illuminates long-forgotten faces on damaged daguerreotypes

Ivan Semeniuk, Science Reporter - Published June 22, 2018 - Globe2Go - (Reprint by Globe2Go restrictions)



Researchers at the University of Western Ontario used a beam of X-rays to recover the image that lay hidden on a badly damaged daguerreotype. On the left is the image as it appears to the eye. On the right is the X-ray scan that reveals where mercury was deposited on the metal plate when the daguerreotype was originally produced.

MADALENA KOZACHUK/ - WESTERN UNIVERSITY

The anonymous woman stares into the distance, neither smiling nor frowning. With one arm resting on a table, her gaze locks on to her viewers, forming a momentary connection between the 19th century and our own.

Unseen for generations, the image was recently conjured up from a badly damaged daguerreotype – an early form of photograph made on a metal plate – that belongs to the National Gallery of Canada. Using an experimental technique that involves firing high-energy X-rays at the plate to map the atoms deposited there, researchers were astonished when the woman's face suddenly appeared on their display screen.

"I think we literally all jumped ... it was just such a shock because we had no expectations of what would come up," said Madalena Kozachuk, a doctorate student in chemistry at the University of Western Ontario in London, who conducted the work.

The technique, which Ms. Kozachuk and colleagues developed at the Canadian Light Source, a high-energy X-ray facility in Saskatchewan, could be used in future to glean important details from daguerreotypes that have been written off as beyond recovery.

One particularly tantalizing, although hypothetical, application of the technique might come into play if daguerreotypes are ever recovered from the shipwrecks associated with the Franklin expedition, which were lost in the Canadian Arctic in 1846. Historians believe the expedition had the necessary equipment to produce daguerreotypes. Ms. Kozachuk's results, published on Friday in the journal *Scientific Reports*, suggest that even daguerreotypes that were damaged by exposure to seawater might be coaxed to reveal what Franklin and his crew saw during their doomed voyage.

"That would be the Holy Grail," said Ian Coulthard, a senior scientist at the Saskatoon facility who co-supervised the project. "We're eagerly waiting to see if they find any daguerreotypes."

Invented in the 1830s by Louis Daguerre, a French artist and chemist, the elaborate imaging method soon caught on around the world. Its practitioners focused light on silver-plated copper that was treated with various noxious chemicals to render it light-sensitive. Mercury vapour was then used to alloy with the silver and create a visible image on the plate, followed by more chemicals to fix the image. The plate was then covered with glass to protect its fragile coating. Because the image is formed directly on the plate, rather than through a negative-to-positive process as is done with photographs, each daguerreotype is a mirror image of its subject and also a unique one-off.

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Ms. Kozachuk's project arose through her desire to combine her chemistry training with a passion for art and art conservation. The idea came up when she and her graduate supervisor, T.K. Sham, met with John McElhone, the now-retired chief of conservation and technical research at the National Gallery in Ottawa.

"My background is in conservation of photographs and it seemed to me that daguerreotypes were a perfect subject for her," Mr. McElhone said.

Initially, the goal was not to recover images, but to understand the chemistry of how daguerreotypes degrade and test the effects of different methods that experts currently use to restore them.

As a starting point, Mr. McElhone first offered two daguerreotypes that were made recently to serve as test subjects for Ms. Kozachuk. These were taken to the synchrotron where she was able to use a focused beam of X-rays to deduce the chemical elements present at different locations on the plates. The process, known as X-ray fluorescence, works because X-rays can be tuned to stimulate atoms of different elements, making each glow at its own telltale frequency.

Once she had worked out her technique, Ms. Kozachuk then tried her hand at two old daguerreotypes that had made their way into the gallery's technical collection. These are of no known historic or artistic value because their original sources are unknown and little or no trace of the images they once bore are apparent to the eye.

Ms. Kozachuk was able to use X-ray beams to map out the distribution of copper, silver, gold and iron on the two plates. She then wanted to see whether she could detect mercury on the plates, but a beam with sufficient energy was not then available at the Saskatchewan facility. To complete her investigation, Ms. Kozachuk travelled to another synchrotron at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. It was there that the glowing atoms of mercury revealed the images on the plates in exquisite detail, astounding the researchers.

The method promises a non-destructive way for museums to understand what information their daguerreotypes contain. It also means that image information can be gleaned and saved before more direct methods of restoring an important daguerreotype is attempted.

Ms. Kozachuk added that the project underscores the human motivations behind what was once a leading technology of its day – the desire to capture life and hold a record of it for the future.

"For them, it must have seemed as incredible as landing on the moon," she said.



What Can I Do if My Ancestors Came From Poland

Free Webinar— Presenter James L. Tanner,
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A new way to look at difficult Eastern European research

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-DBVg9Yiwg&feature=youtu.be>

50+ Useful Websites for Polish Genealogy for you to explore

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25th Annual East European Research Conference



The FEEFHS Annual East European Research Conference has been a cornerstone of FEEFHS for twenty-five years. From the very first meeting in 1992, the FEEFHS founders planned to have an annual conference as one of the major activities of the organization. The first annual convention was announced in October 1993 and held in May 1994 at the Howard Johnson Hotel (now the Plaza Hotel) right next door to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

The very next year, the FEEFHS went on the road to Cleveland (1995), followed by Minneapolis (1996). The original plan was to return to Salt Lake City every three years, and so the event was held in Salt Lake City again in 1997. Subsequent conferences were held in Van Nuys, California (1999), Salt Lake (2000), Milwaukee (2001), Regina, Saskatchewan (2002), Salt Lake (2003), Detroit (2004), St. Paul (2005), Winnipeg (2006), Salt Lake (2007) and Pittsburgh (2008).

The 2009 conference in Milwaukee was a joint conference with the Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE). FEEFHS also held a western regional conference in 1995 in Calgary, Alberta during the annual convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR).

Since 2010 the conference has been held consistently in Salt Lake City to take advantage of the resources and knowledgeable staff at the Family History Library. For a few years, the conference format changed to a workshop, with morning-only classes and afternoons open for research and

individual consultations. In 2013, FEEFHS sponsored a second event, a workshop on finding your immigrant origins. In 2014 the conference format returned to holding classes in both the morning and afternoon along with an offering of several pre-conference workshops.

One of the highlights of the annual conferences is the banquet, featuring a keynote speaker and great door prizes from sponsors and other donors. Luncheons, opening receptions, tours, cultural events, and appointments with consultants have also been a part of FEEFHS conferences over the years.

The annual conferences are not only a great opportunity for registrants to learn about a wide variety of records and research methods from various countries, but also a great opportunity for networking with other researchers and with the experts. FEEFHS presenters find the FEEFHS conference to be a great learning opportunity for them as well and cite it as one of the most worthwhile of any conferences that they attend.

FEEFHS hopes you will join them for the 25th Anniversary conference this August

Free webinars on Slavic Research - BYU Family History Library -

<https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/>

Information about resources available at the library, access to hundreds of online family history, including databases, instructional videos, and more. Many resources are freely accessible from your home computer or mobile device while some are accessible only on BYU Campus or in the BYU Library.

Szukam cię — I'm looking for you



Welcome to our new members! We hope all members enjoy reviewing the list below for possible connections with other members. You may be related to someone sitting next to you at one of our get-togethers!

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Some Free Genealogical Resources You Might Not Have Considered

You can never have too many free family history research tools at your disposal. As a serious genealogist, you may of course, will want to invest in a membership with any of the sites; Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, FamilySearch.org which will connect to a vast array of record sets you will not find anywhere else except the original source (or sets that are available elsewhere online, but not indexed anywhere else). Yet, you cannot rely on them entirely. And, when you are just starting out as a genealogist, or when your travel and document-ordering budget is low, using free genealogical resources is going to be of invaluable assistance to you in building your family tree.

You probably already know about the major free resources, such as FamilySearch.org, Old Fulton Postcards, and the US GenWeb Project. Anyone who has been doing genealogy research for even a short period of time probably knows about these, as they are among the first things you will find when doing searches online for genealogical information. The good news is, there are plenty of other free resources available to you, too, and one or more of them might be just the key to connect you with your ancestors.

Here are some free genealogical resources you may not have considered, but should be using in your research.

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- **GenealogyGems.com**

This is Lisa Louise Cooke's free genealogy newsletter. If you go to the website, you can sign up for the newsletter to be sent to you via email. The newsletter contains tutorials on how to do research, as well as news on record sources and upcoming genealogical events you may want to attend. She is a well-known genealogy speaker, and her newsletter is an informational resource you do not want to miss.

- **Genealogical.com**

This is the website of the Genealogical Publishing Company. This Baltimore-based bookseller and publisher has a good collection of suggestions for genealogy research and resource books that may be of use to you in your own genealogical pursuits. Their website also sometimes has essays written by employees or guest writer on genealogical research topics.

- **VVMF.org**

This is the website of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Association. It has a "Wall of Faces" project online, which has a goal of making sure every soldier who died in the Vietnam war has a photograph of them posted online. You may find your Vietnam war ancestors on there, and maybe biographical information on them that could help you in your genealogical research. The website is still looking for more than four thousand photographs to complete their Wall of Faces project, and if you have one of those missing photos, you could do a good genealogical deed and contribute it to the wall.

- **Books.Google.com**

This is an excellent free resource for reading old published family histories, and county and local histories. Plenty of these old books, many of which were published in the 1800s and early 1900s, are fully scanned and searchable by name and/or word. Just go to the site, type in your search phrase, and you will be given a list of all the scanned books that contain it. Find the books that you believe are right for you, read through them (your search terms will be in yellow highlight on the pages where they are located, making it easy for you to find them), and discover new and interesting things about your ancestors and their heritage and contemporary (to the book) families.

- **Blog.EOGN.com**

- This is the daily genealogy newsletter of famed genealogist, Dick Eastman. He puts a new one out every day, with each newsletter containing important genealogical information on research methods, records, websites, and more, as well as relevant links you may want to explore in your own family history research

- **WikiTree.com**

This free online family tree is contributed to by people across the world. Just type in a surname (and the first name with it, if you have one or want to use one), and get started at looking at what other people have posted about your ancestors. You may find mistakes, as not everyone does careful research, but you may also find new information about ancestors you never knew about, and be able to use that information to connect generations. It may even help you break down that brick wall you've been trying to get past in your genealogical research.

There are plenty of free genealogical resources online. Make the most of them, back up what you find there with other sources to corroborate the information, and your family tree will be healthier and more robust for it, without breaking the bank.



Coming to America: Two Tales of Immigration

Saturday, 6 OCT 2018 at 10 am

Minnesota Genealogical Center

Mississippi Meeting Room

1385 Mendota Heights Road #100

When Peggy Larson took up genealogy as a hobby she thought 'how hard can it be? Put all your relatives on a tree branch and you're done,' right? How little did she know about the size of her family? And why did she know so little? Peggy will share her genealogical journey and present her grandfathers' family trees, both paternal and maternal. The Wieczorek family immigrated to America in 1870; the Zakrzewski family in 1884. Join us and enjoy hearing about some of the colorful characters and unsolved mysteries on both sides of her family. You can always learn from others that faced your same research challenges. Come and learn.

Peggy Larson is a wife, mother and genealogist. She has been active with the Polish Genealogical Society of MN as a member, newsletter editor, board member and currently serves as its president. She is also a member of the MN Genealogical Society and presents introductory genealogical classes. She has a passion for her Polish roots that comes out in her presentations.



**U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services**

The **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)** has created a 30-minute documentary video, "USCIS and the Legacy of Ellis Island. While most documentaries about Ellis Island describe the immigrant experience, this video tells the story from the perspective of those who worked there.

"**USCIS** holds a distinctive place in history for its role in processing immigrants into the fabric of our nation," **USCIS** Director L. Francis Cissna said to employees at the premiere. "It remains an indisputable fact that America is a nation of immigrants. As employees, we all have an essential duty in honoring and preserving that legacy."

The announcement can be found at: <https://www.uscis.gov/news/news-releases/uscis-premieres-video-highlighting-its-historic-connections-ellis-island>.

Looking for Minnesota Records—Check out the MN Historical Society

- Birth, Death, Censuses, Veterans Graves, Gold Star Roll

<http://www.mnhs.org/search/people>

Impending impact of GDPR on Genealogy efforts

In the recent weeks there has been much information put out about the European Union's newest changes to their data and privacy regulations, the **"General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)."** Of great concern is how it will affect businesses, reaching across the globe and the handling of "personal" information. You may have already experienced to some degree as businesses race to implement its restrictions. All Genealogy efforts, especially genealogy organizations, its board members, and even you the at home researcher, will be impacted, and it's important to know how it will affect genealogy efforts. No, it's not time to panic – an understanding of what this is and how to work within its parameters is all that's needed. Further, it should be noted that "genealogists with family websites, individual hobbyists with blogs and even professional genealogists or societies that hope to earn money from their web presence are not the main targets of the EU, and some aren't covered by this rule at all." (The Legal Genealogist, Judy D. Russell)

The European Union responding to EU populations concerns in the area of data protection and privacy, made changes to its existing regulations to better protect the interests and privacy of EU citizens particularly with respect to data collected and stored by organizations, groups, and websites. On May 25, 2018, the changes were implemented, giving more control of personal demographics, including shared information done on-line with businesses and individuals within the EU. As we continue to look into our European ancestors, if you deal with any businesses, genealogy professionals and even genealogy association – you will probably have received notice – these entities are required to "prove" that they have your permission for them to use your data, and their privacy updates – seeking to be transparent to you the user.

Numerous Genealogy blogs and information links have written about this regulation and can be reviewed through your search engines. Be aware that the requirements are extensive, and some sites are opting to close as coming into compliance is not only time consuming (proving that you have permission from every user), but may be cost prohibitive. Agencies will start to restrict third-party usage of their data, unless proper announcement to impacted individuals is made.

You will continue to see advisories, and even Google and Facebook have updated their pages to reflect these changes (Google – Blogger Help section and <https://www.facebook.com/business/gdpr>)

As you visit the various sites, expect to receive a request to update your profile or get an "opt in" notice. (Caveat – if in doubt, don't do it – especially in this age of computer scamming for your credit card info – if you don't know the company, do due diligence and research). Before you sign up or give any information, you need to read the privacy policy and especially the terms of service. If concerned about a notice from a site that you previously signed up for – go directly to the website and sign up again – if you're registered, the sites will let you know.

In reviewing PGSMN responsibilities, we use only information that you voluntarily provided in your articles and other submissions (i.e. the family searches that you are conducting, etc.). This also includes pictures and images that you provide about your family tree or any other records. PGSMN does NOT share your membership information with any third-party entities, without your additional consent.

The PGSMN website has been continuously upgraded, including its platform, host, and its security protocols are securely in place. PGSMN currently does not operate a web blog or Facebook page, and if any efforts are made in this area, PGSMN will notify all impacted members. Even our "contact us" section requires your identifying email address and name before the message is accepted. We value your privacy.

We strongly encourage you to obtain permission from EU citizens, if you're going to use their information. At this time PGSMN does not have any directly dealing with EU citizens for services.

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**50th annual BYU Conference on
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July 31–August 3, 2018**

For information and registration see <https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/>



Emigration Museum in Gdynia

The mission of the Emigration Museum in Poland is to recount the fates of millions of both anonymous and famous people - whose names emerge in the context of great achievements in science, sports, business, and the arts. It is the ambition of this institution to make them known to Poles at home, but it is also to encourage our compatriots living at home and abroad to get to know each other. Through educational and cultural projects, the museum hopes to become a place of encounter and discussion. We feel we fulfill a particular duty in achieving this end at the best possible address - Polska Street No. 1.



Are you interested in knowing more about your family coat of arms? First, be sure your family actually has one. Here is the truth behind family coats of arms—
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