

# WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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**April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018, Tuesday** (2:00 pm and 5:15 pm): **Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal**, professional genealogist, with Cathi Iuliano and Susan Bedard. Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, 33 South Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 (413-592-0001). Basic outline and instruction on researching the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census. Learn how to find your ancestors' emigration to the U.S. using the <http://stevemorse.org> website and the [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) website, along with several other databases. Discover how to search for family members outside of the U.S. using <http://familysearch.org>. We will explore England, Canada, Poland and other countries.

*\*There will be a combined class on Tuesday, May 1st at 5:30 pm for Polish Research Ideas.\*  
The 2:00 pm class is for those who are able to attend classes during the day.*

*The 5:15 pm class is set up for those people who work and can only attend evening classes.*

All students must have an email account and be computer literate. Space is limited. Please sign up for sessions. **We ask that you attend all four classes. You must bring your own laptop.** To register call 413-592-0001. The cost for the course is **\$15.00** (payable to the Polish Center).

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**Swedish Ancestry Research Association (SARA)** holds five informational meetings and a holiday banquet each membership year between September and June. Meetings are from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM with a morning program, a pot luck lunch, followed by an afternoon program. SARA was founded in January, 1994 to fill the need for an organization of this nature in the Northeast. Workshops are held in Massachusetts and other locations throughout New England. They assist attendees in solving roadblocks with Ancestry, Arkivdigital, FamilySearch, other genealogical programs.

Esther Johnson (Swedish and Finnish and recent immigration genealogist), President, and her husband (3rd generation early American genealogist) give free classes. For more information check out their website <http://sarassociation.org> or visit their Facebook page.



## ***Spotlight on Electronic Records : National Archives Catalog:***

We're excited to announce that in the [National Archives Catalog](#) you can now:

- Enjoy the updated [homepage](#) featuring background images from Catalog records
- Add your comments on digitized records, descriptions, and authority records
- Find what you need with a more intuitive [advanced search](#)
- Efficiently browse search results with better "Next Page" link placement
- Track your [citizen archivist](#) contributions with updated user account pages
- Add data from scanned records to your developer toolbox with increased [API](#) functionality

We Want to Hear from You! Let us know what you think – what you like and what you don't! Discover a glitch? Let us know!

Contact us at [catalog@nara.gov](mailto:catalog@nara.gov) for comments, suggestions, and problems you may experience while using the catalog.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog>



## **American Ancestors Database News:**

### **[New Western Mass. Families in 1790 sketches](#)**

We're announcing four new sketches to Western Massachusetts Families in 1790. This database focuses on families listed in the 1790 census in historic Berkshire and Hampshire counties, an area which includes parts of modern Franklin and Hampden counties as well. Sketches are submitted by NEHGS researchers and members and edited by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG. The new sketches are listed below:

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[Noah Benson, Jr. \(Partridgefield\)](#) Partridgefield is the modern town of Peru, MA.

[Noah Benson, Sr. \(Plainfield\)](#)

[Amasa Converse \(Windsor\)](#)

[Robert Walker \(Windsor\)](#)

Please note: This database is available to Individual-level and above NEHGS members only. Consider membership.

[Molly Rogers](#), March 8, 2018



### [New Browsable Catholic Records from Marlborough and Stoneham](#)

We've added 21 new volumes to **Massachusetts: (Image Only) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900**, from St. Mary (Marlborough) and St. Patrick (Stoneham). St. Mary's was the church attended by the French Canadian Catholics in Marlborough. St. Patrick's was established in 1868 to minister to Catholics living north of Boston. The new volumes are listed below:

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1854-1861](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1862-1865](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1865-1866](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1866-1868](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1868-1869](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1870-1880](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1881-1890](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1890-1896](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1896-1900](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Confirmations and Deaths, 1871-1880](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Confirmations, 1871-1890](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Confirmations, 1890-1900](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Deaths, 1882-1884](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Deaths, 1884-1886](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Deaths, 1886-1888](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Deaths, 1888-1893](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Deaths, 1898-1900](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Marriages, 1858-1869](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Marriages, 1870-1892](#)

[St. Mary \(Marlborough\) Marriages, 1894-1895](#)

[St. Patrick \(Stoneham\) Baptisms, 1868-1900](#)

[Molly Rogers](#), March 9, 2018



### [St. Mary \(Lynn\) and St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Volumes Available](#)

We've added two new parishes to **Massachusetts: (Image-Only) Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900**, a total of 21 volumes. St. Mary's in Lynn was the first Catholic church founded there; previously the Catholics of Lynn had worshiped in other towns like Salem or Chelsea. St. Augustine's Chapel in South Boston dates to 1819, and the purchase of a Catholic cemetery in South Boston. It is

the oldest Catholic structure in Massachusetts. Some Catholics worshiped there for awhile, until their congregation grew big enough to build another church (Saints Peter and Paul). The old chapel fell out of regular use. By 1868 the Catholic population continued to grow, so that they were again in need of another church. The pastor suggested that the old chapel be used until a new church could be built. The first Mass in the new church was offered in 1871, and they named the new parish in honor of the old chapel.

The new volumes are listed below:

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Index to Baptisms, 1868-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Baptisms, 1868-1883](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Baptisms, 1883-1894](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Baptisms, 1894-1899](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Baptisms, 1899-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Confirmations, 1896-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) First Communions, 1895](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Marriages, 1868-1899](#)

[St. Augustine \(South Boston\) Marriages, 1900-1900](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms and Marriages, 1837-1841](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Index to Baptisms, 1851-1893](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms and Marriages, 1851-1861](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms and Marriages, 1862-1872](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms, 1872-1893, Part 1](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms, 1872-1893, Part 2](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Index to Baptisms, 1894-1963](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms, 1893-1897](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Baptisms, 1897-1900](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Marriages, 1872-1893](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) Marriages, 1893-1906](#)

[St. Mary \(Lynn\) First Communions and Confirmations 1881-1900](#)

**Molly Rogers**



**[St. Anthony of Padua \(Allston\) Archdiocese of Boston Records Now Searchable](#)**

Today we've added two new volumes to [Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900](#) from St. Anthony of Padua in Allston. St. Anthony's grew from St. Columbkille's in Brighton, a parish that will be coming soon to our browsable database. The two new volumes include St. Anthony of Padua (Allston) Baptisms, 1896-1900 and St. Anthony of Padua (Allston) Marriages, 1896-1900. This update adds over 1,400 new records and over 5,700 new names.

Please note: These databases are available to Individual-level and above NEHGS members only. [Consider membership.](#)



### **[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) now Browsable in Archdiocese of Boston Database](#)**

We've just added six new volumes to **Massachusetts: (Image Only) Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900**, from St. Joseph in Haverhill. St. Joseph was the French Canadian parish in Haverhill; the records for St. James, the anglophone parish in Haverhill will be coming to our site soon. The new volumes are listed below:

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Mixed, 1871-1879](#)

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths, 1880-1887](#)

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Mixed, 1887-1893](#)

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Baptisms, 1894-1898](#)

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Baptisms, 1899-1900](#)

[St. Joseph \(Haverhill\) Marriages, 1894-1900](#)



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3. Polish Genealogy Terms

<http://wmarootsevents.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/polishtoenglishgenealogyterms.pdf>

4. Foreign to English Names:

<http://wmarootsevents.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/givennames-list.pdf>

**[The Deadline for submission for the May 2018 Newsletter is April 23, 2018.](#)**

**[Thank You!](#)**



*HAPPY SEARCHING!*