

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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**November 3 - 4, 2018 Saturday 8:00 am - Sunday 5:00 pm: The 5th Annual Nashi Predky Fall Conference - "Your Ancestry: Past, Present and Future"** will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey. The event features internationally known experts in Eastern European genealogy, and will span two days, including Saturday's workshops, "Hands-on Approach to Learning the Cyrillic Alphabets". The workshop will be conducted by Prof. Jon Shea, AG. A full day will be dedicated to DNA featuring The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL. There will be a choice of nine lectures and many opportunities for networking. Each day concludes with the door-prize drawings.

Registration is now OPEN! <https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2018>

Contact: Phone: 732-356-0132 Email: [info@ukrhec.org](mailto:info@ukrhec.org)

Participants may register for either Friday or Saturday, or the full two-day conference at reduced pricing through September 30th!!

Cost \$85 for both days. \$55 for Saturday only. \$40 for Sunday only. Additional options are offered for a fee. See Website.

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November 17, 2018, Saturday (10:30am - 5:00pm): Outreach Program presented by The Polish Center of Discovery & Learning of Chicopee, Massachusetts. Adams Visitors Center (Council on Aging building) 3 Hoosac Street, Adams, Massachusetts. Three Professional Genealogist from the Western Mass area will give presentations:

Alan Doyle Horbal - Genealogy and Polish Research Methodology. Alan is a Professional Genealogist from Adams, MA who has been conducting classes and workshops in Western Massachusetts for a number of years. He specializes in Polish research. He is also the founder of *Western Massachusetts Roots Events*. The organization publishes a monthly online newsletter and maintains a web site at www.wmarootsevents.com.

Lisa Dougherty - Irish Research Tips. Lisa Dougherty has been active in tracing the history of not only her own family, but many others for over 20 years. A former volunteer at the National Archives in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, she now devotes her time to lecturing around the area on family history and assisting family researchers at four area libraries. She is the genealogist-in-residence at the Irish-American Heritage Museum in Albany. Lisa is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, specializing in online research and the effective use of websites to investigate family history. Visit her website at www.upstatenygenealogy.com.

Stanislavsky Ryszaro - Museum and Mission of the Polish Center.

Staś is Executive Director and founder of the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning (a Polish-American museum and educational research center). For many years, he taught a course entitled "Introduction to the Polish People" at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has taught at Elms College and local community colleges. For 31 years, he was employed as Slavic Bibliographer and Coordinator for Collection Development at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Library, where he developed the Slavic and East European collection. In addition, Staś has worked as a Polish interpreter and translator.

A Round Table Discussion on Genealogy and the Polish Center will follow the presentations. The speakers, along with Susan Bedard of Western Massachusetts Roots Events, will take part.

Attendance by prior registration ONLY. Please register online at wmarootsevents@gmail.com or call (413) 663-3842. Include the number and names of attendees along with a phone number where you can be reached.

There is limited seating. A donation of **\$10.00** is payable at the door. The proceeds, after expenses, will go to the Polish Centers Building-Addition Fund. If paying by check, please make it out to "**The Polish Center**".



November 27, 2018, Tuesday (7:00 pm): Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society presents Richard Reid speaking on **Ancestry in the Canadian Maritime Provinces with Acadian Roots** in the upper hall of the American Legion Post #129 at 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA.

This presentation covers the availability of online and on-site resources in the Maritime Canadian provinces as well as a review of the early history of the area, in particular, the Acadian roots. Growing up in Nova Scotia, Richard has a personal interest in these resources and what can be uncovered in one's family research. He is the director of Friends of Irish Research based in Brockton, MA. The Friends provide training seminars, host a website full of research resources and provide consultations in the Brockton facility or via email. He is an active member of the Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Genealogical and Historical Association.

CMGS membership is **\$15.00** for an individual or **\$20.00** for a couple per year (JAN-DEC). We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Mail checks to CMGS, P.O. Box 811, Westminster, MA 01473 or visit us at www.cmgso.org. We are always *thrilled* to have visitors at our meetings.



November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018, Thursdays (5:15 pm - 7:15 pm): ***Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal***, professional genealogist, with Cathi Iuliano and Susan Bedard at the North Adams Public Library, 74 Church Street, North Adams, MA 01247. 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 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.

All students must have an email account and be computer literate. ***We ask that you attend all four classes.*** You may bring your own laptop to sessions 3 & 4.

Space is limited ~ please sign up for sessions. To register call (413) 663-3133.



New posts on American Ancestors Database News:

New database: Denmark: Mormon Missionaries and Emigrants to America, 1872-1894
by **Don LeClair**

We are very happy to announce a new database today; **Denmark: Mormon Missionaries and Migration to America, 1872-1894.**

This database contains the complete manuscript of Passport to Paradise, The Copenhagen "Mormon" Passenger Lists Vol. 1 1872-1887 and Vol 2. 1888-1894 by Shauna C. Anderson Young, Susan Easton Black, and Ruth Ellen Maness. Copyright 2000.

The database contains over 26,000 searchable names, 14,000 records, and 1,200 pages of detailed information on Mormon emigrants who boarded ships in Copenhagen and started their journey to America. This resource work gives names, gender, ages, marital status, occupations, place of residence, destinations of specific ships, European departure dates, and arrivals at US ports. The introduction volume provides a great deal of valuable reference information, including: Scandinavian alphabets, how family names were formed, maps, and codes and terms used through the manuscript.

This database contains the full content of both volumes. For online publication we have arranged the contents so that the all passenger lists from 1872 through 1894 are in a single online volume titled Passengers. All the introduction information is in the Introduction, and the name index is a volume titled Index.

You can get additional information about the authors and their work on the site for the **Winter Quarters** project. This team of authors previously provided us the manuscript behind the database **Norway: Mormon Missionaries and Emigrants to America, 1886-1900**, providing valuable information on emigration from Norway to America.

This database can be searched using the following fields:

- First and last name
- Year

- Record type - Birth, Death, Emigration, Marriage
- Location
- Family member names: Spouse, Mother and Father (where available)

Please note: This database is available to Individual-level and above NEHGS members only. [Consider membership.](#)

[St. Columbkille \(Brighton\) now searchable](#)

by [Molly Rogers](#)

Today we're announcing six new volumes in [Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900](#). This update adds 16,649 new records and 59,984 new searchable names. St. Columbkille is named after St. Columba, an Irish saint who helped bring Catholicism to Scotland. His name can take a few forms also including Colmcille. St. Columbkille (Brighton) became its own parish after splitting off from St. Mary of the Assumption in Brookline.

The new volumes are listed below:

- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Baptisms, 1857-1881
- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Baptisms, 1881-1894
- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Baptisms, 1985-1900
- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Confirmations, 1855-1895
- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Confirmations, 1897-1900
- St. Columbkille (Brighton) Marriages, 1857-1900

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[Database News: Volume 10 Added to Dutchess County, NY: The Settlers of the Beekman Patent](#)

by [Don LeClair](#)

We are very happy to add Volume 10 to our database [Dutchess County, NY: The Settlers of the Beekman Patent](#). This series is an invaluable resource for researching the early settlers of Dutchess county, New York. Volume 10 contains over 1,200 pages and is focused on families with last names between Paine to Rogers. Almost 30,000 names have been added with this volume.

Note that this database has a name-only index, derived from the book index itself. Search terms should be focused on First and Last names. You may also specify a volume to restrict your search results.

The Settlers of the Beekman Patent series, by Frank J. Doherty, contains data on over thirteen hundred families who settled in the Beekman Patent, an original land grant given to Col. Henry Beekman in 1697 by the English Crown and the second largest patent in present-day Dutchess County, New York. Many emigrants from New England lived in and passed through the Beekman Patent on their way west.

Others, such as the Palatines and Quakers (almost all from New England), were early settlers and remained for several generations or more. Mr. Doherty has published a total of 13 volumes in this series, we are now adding volume 10 in accordance with our agreement to make them available as searchable database after 7 years have passed.

The printed index is also available at the end of this volume, starting on page 1004. As noted in the book ([see here](#)), there are some errors in the printed index which we have corrected when indexing the online version.



From the Smithsonian Magazine, October 2018...

Q: Was there an Ellis Island equivalent on the West Coast, some central processing place for immigrants?

— **Edwin Crammer** | Sunrise, Florida

YES: ANGEL ISLAND Immigration Station in San Francisco processed about a million immigrants, most of them from Asian countries, from 1910 to 1940. But it wasn't like Ellis Island, where immigrants from Europe were greeted by the Statue of Liberty and generally passed through in hours. Angel Island was built primarily to enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which barred almost all immigrants from China, and the center subjected new arrivals to intense interrogations and invasive medical exams. Some 175,000 Chinese were detained there, sometimes for years, and many of them wrote poignant notes and poems on the walls, says Theodore S. Gonzalves, a curator at the National Museum of American History. A fire destroyed the administration building in 1940; it wasn't rebuilt. Lower immigration rates, improving U.S.-China relations and repeal of the Exclusion Act in 1943 meant Angel Island was no longer needed.

Q: Who was the first person commemorated

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1. Mission Statement:

<http://wmarootsevents.com/mission-statement/>

2. Submission Requirements:

<http://wmarootsevents.com/events/submit-an-event/>

3. Polish Genealogy Terms

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

4. Foreign to English Names:

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

***The Deadline for submission for the December 2018 Newsletter is November 23, 2018.***

***Thank You!***



***HAPPY SEARCHING!***