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Baltimore County Genealogical Society
 Eastern European Interest Group

UPCOMING MEETINGS

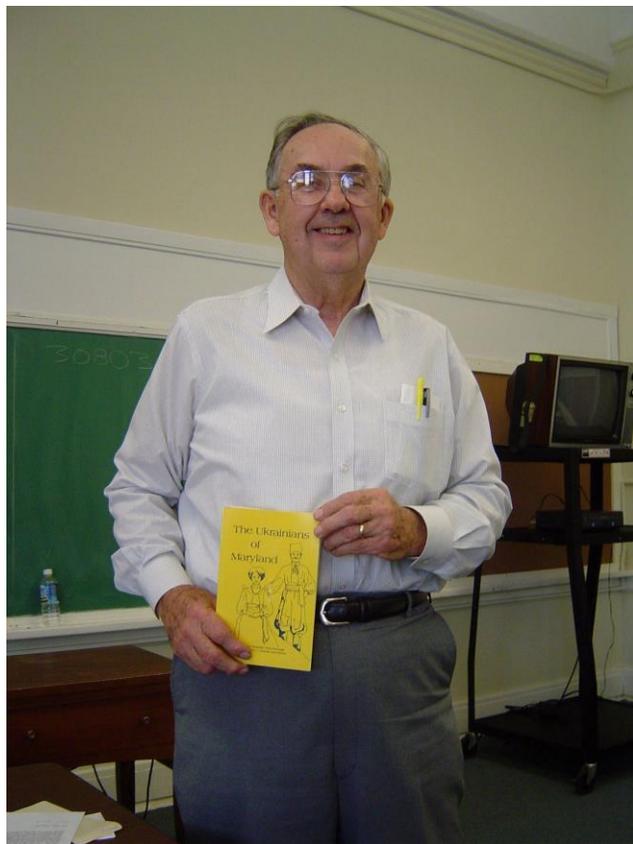
Jan. 10, 2004 –“Will The Real Mr. Lewandowski Stand Up!” The presenter is Dottie Aleshire. Dottie will talk about some interesting finds in structure changes to surnames. Do you have a name change in your family and know how, when and why it occurred? Bring your story with you to this meeting and share it with Dottie and the rest of us.

Feb. 14 – “ Estonia and escape under Communism”, the presenter is Luule Pappel.

Mar. 13 – To be determined.

Apr. 10 - “Life in Fells Point at the turn of the 20th century”, the presenter is Anthony Monczewski.

THE UKRAINE MEETING



Paul Fenchak

Paul Fenchak was the featured presenter at the November '03 meeting. The Ukrainians gave a rich contribution to Maryland life as outlined in his book *The Ukrainians of Maryland* of which Paul was a contributing author along with Stephen Basarab and Wolodmyr Sushso. Mr. Fenchak listed several reference documents for those interested in ethnic research and history. Some are listed here:

Historical Atlas of Central Europe Paul Magocsi
Encyclopedic Directory of Ethnic Newspapers L. R.

Wynar

The American Immigration Collection Wasyl Halich

Our Slavic Fellow Citizens Emily Greene Balch

The New Jersey Ethnic Experience Barbara

Cunningham

One America Francis J. Brown, Joseph Roucek

BULLETIN BANTER

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:

*Here lies an Atheist
 All dressed up and no place to go.*

In a London, England cemetery:

*Here lies Ann Mann,
 Who lived an old maid
 But died an old Mann.*

A lawyer's epitaph in England:

*Sir John Strange.
 Here lies an honest lawyer,
 And that is Strange.*

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:

*On the 22nd of June,
 Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.*

In a cemetery in England:

*Remember man, as you walk by,
 As you are now, so once was I.
 Prepare yourself and follow me.
 As I am now, you soon will be.
 (To which someone replied by
 writing on the tombstone:)
 To follow you I'll not consent
 Until I know which way you went.*

Last add, from Boot Hill, in Tombstone, Arizona:

*Here lies Lester Moore
 One slug from a 44
 No Les
 No More*

(Submitted by Diane Lasek)

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NEW CEMETERY BOOK

Diane Lasik has compiled inscriptions for the Tombstone Inscriptions of Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery book. It has 108 pages and is available at the Historyk Press website. In 1927 land was purchased along German Hill Road, in Dundalk, for the Sacred Heart of Mary Church parish cemetery. The transcription had begun in the spring of 2002 and was completed in the summer of 2003. Congratulations Diane Lasek!

SYMPATHIES

The EEIG community is saddened with the passing of Joe Simon's son. The Group wishes its condolences to Joe and his family for their loss.

Reverent Ronald P. Pytel, 56, pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church passed away November 3, 2003. The Reverent, whose recovery from a life-threatening heart condition was declared a miracle by the Vatican authorities four years ago, died of kidney cancer. His case was used to further the cause of Faustina Kowalska's canonization as a saint.

INTERNET POLISH RESEARCH

For local Polish organizations

www.polishcommunity.com

For the Polish American Museum in Philadelphia

www.polishamericancenter.org

For Gen Dobry

www.polishroots.com

For excellent polish research

www.maxpages.com/Poland/polish_research

For Heritage Quest census information (need library card #)

www.bcplonline.org/

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Note: The chairperson would like for all EEIG members to bring a copy of their ancestor tree outline to the meeting for archiving within the group no matter its status.

ESTONIA

Estonian Flag

Ethnic Estonians are 64 percent of the population in Estonia. They are ethnically and linguistically close to the Finns. Russians make up the largest minority with 29 percent of the total population. Other minorities include Ukrainians, Belarusians, and Finns. Before Soviet annexation in 1940, Russians made up only 4 percent of the total population within the country's current borders. They immigrated in large numbers to Estonia during the period of large-scale industrialization after World War II. After Estonia regained its independence in 1991, only those citizens and their descendants who lived in Estonia before Soviet occupation received automatic citizenship, regardless of ethnicity. Russians who came to Estonia during the Soviet era have been slow to pass the citizenship exam, which involves knowledge of the Estonian language. As of 1998, about 22 percent of Estonia's residents were not Estonian citizens (about 9 percent Russians, about 13 percent stateless). In December 1998 the government eased citizenship regulations to allow children of stateless residents to become citizens.

Excerpted from **Microsoft's Encarta Encyclopedia**

SURNAMES MEETING

Last month Dottie Aleshire talked about Polish surnames that were changed for one reason or another after immigrants came to this country. Original names were shortened, translated, cropped, renamed (with no resemblance to original), anglicized, simulated or restructured. Dottie showed the attendees several examples (handout) of the changes and practically in all cases the number of letter characters were less than the original. She warned that researchers of surnames (particularly Slavic types) who have trouble locating certain names should broaden their search to accommodate name changes. Two companion books are listed here for your reference: *First Names of the Polish Commonwealth: Origins and Meanings*, W.F. Hoffman and George W. Helon and *Polish Surnames: Origins and Meanings*, Second Edition Revised, W.F. Hoffman.

NEW BOOKS

Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths in the (Baltimore) American and Commercial Daily Advertiser 1831 – 1836, Lorrie A. E. Erdman. Contact our member **Loretta Rutkowski** or e-mail **Lorrie** at gravdiger2@comcast.net.

Tombstone Inscriptions of Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery Baltimore, Maryland, Transcribed by **Diane Lasek**, ISBN 1-877124-35-7. Contact Historyk Press at www.historykpress.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome **Evelyn Loncar** to the EEIG. Evelyn is researching surnames **Demek, Loncar, Buedel, and Weber**.

OLD WORLD RECORDING NOTATION

* = born; + = deceased; *+ = born dead; ~ = baptized; <> = buried; NN = name unknown; 00 = 1st marriage; 002 = 2nd marriage; 7ber = Sept.; 8ber = Nov.; 10ber = Dec.

Submitted by **Tom Bocek**

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EEIG SURNAME RESEARCH

The following is a list of surnames that the EEIG is researching. The reference number refers to the person doing the researching. If the membership has any corrections, subtractions and/or additions to the list, please provide the information to the Bulletin editor by e-mail. Also, those members who have not listed their surnames please do.

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Ahles	29	Karbowski	17
Andrezjewski	20	Kaszlewicz	3
Baginski	30/27	Kasnecki	19
Baker	2	Kiwakowski	37
Bawroski	5	Klapka	21
Bernadzikowski	1/30	Klos	24
Bidowaniec	5	Kosiba	27
Bielik	4	Kowalski	18
Blanchowski	2	Krebes	17
Bober	3	Kuta	17
Bocek	3	Landa	21
Bogdan	4/36	Lasek	18
Brock	5	Lesniewski	6
Brzoskowski	29	Lenny	16
Buedel	7	Lewandowski	1
Czerwinski	17	Lewandowski	30/20
Dabrowski	16	Loncar	7
Dermek	7	Lukowiak	17
Derus	14	Majka	3
Drozd	36	Marczak	3
Dunay	19	Marcinkowski	28
Dyba	4	Matuszak	29
Dzerzinski	37	Maurer	16
Gill	31	Medura	37
Giza	4	Mieso / Measo	29/19
Glowacki	21	Milanicz	6
Glowinski	12	Miros	18
Golaszewski	30	Mikalewicz	14
Goralski	21	Monczewski	31
Gryglik	2	Morawski	29/25
Gryniewicz	1	Mufka/Mowka	24
Hudson	14	Nelka	25
Jagielski	16	Ochab	29
Janacki	6	Overdick	12
Jasek	29	Phipps	5
Jastremski	5	Piechocki	29
Juras	14		
Kalal	25	Pieczynski	9
Kamasinski	9		

<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>SURNAME</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Pilarski	36	Tohaszkiewicz	30
Plucinski	29/19	Tomaszkiewicz	30
Podgorski	27	Votel	17
Proch	24		
Rachubinski	2	Wasik	19
		Wawrzyniak	21
Rosinski	17	Weber	7
Rutkowski	24/25	Wegrzyn	3
Rynarzewski	9		
Schauble	29	Wesolowski	17
Schmuckler	18		
Schwarzkopf	30	Wojciechowski	36
Siekierski	27	Zaczek	30
Siewierski	24	Ziamba	5
Simon	30	Zillig	29
Sluzewski	12	Ziola	37
Sobul	4		
Stefenowicz	37		
Strzelecki	9		
Szymanski	1		
Szynkowiak	12		

<u>Ref</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>Ref</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	
1	ALESHIRE	Dottie	19	LONG	Jim
2	BAKER	Gerry	20	MONCZEWSKI	Tony
3	BOCEK	Tom	21	NEWTON	Bonnie
4	BOGDAN	Anthony	22		
5	BROCK	Don & Lyn	23	RINNGER	Alice
6	FULLER	Rich	24	RUTKOWSKI	Loretta
7	LONCAR	Evelyn	25	RUTKOWSKI	Bill
8			26		
9	KAMOSIA	Al	27	SACKER	Ron
10			28	SAVARESE	Phyllis
11	HARTKA	Bill & Regina	29	SCHAUBLE	Chris
12	HETMANSKI	Donna	30	SIMON	Joe
13			31	SMITH	Carol
14	HUDSON	Ed & Doree	32		
15	ICHNIOWSKI	Donna	33		
16	JAGIELSKI	Melvin	34	WIELICZKO	Anne
17	KREBS	Irene	35		
18	LASEK	Diane	36	WOJCIECHOWSKI	Albert
			37	KRAVITZ	Tom

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SURNAMES ORIGIN & HISTORY

European surnames first occurred between the eleventh and fifteenth centuries, with some patronymic surnames in Scandinavia being acquired as late as the nineteenth century. Prior to this time period, particularly during the “Dark Ages” between the fifth and eleventh centuries, people were largely illiterate, lived in rural areas or small villages, and had little need of distinction beyond their given names. During Biblical times people were often referred to by their given names and the locality in which they resided such as “Jesus of Nazareth.” However, as populations grew, the need to identify individuals by surnames became a necessity. The acquisition of surnames during the past eight hundred years has been affected by many factors, including social class and social structure, cultural tradition, and naming practices in neighboring cultures.

The majority of surnames are derived from patronymics, i.e. the forming of a surname from the father’s given name such as *Johnson*, meaning literally “the son of John.” In some rare cases, the naming practice was metronymic; wherein the surname was derived from the mother’s given name.

Other popular methods of origin for surnames are derived from place names or geographical names such as *England*; occupational names such as *Smith* or *Carpenter* in the British Isles; *Schmidt* or *Zimmerman* in Germany, etc. Less popular methods of surname origins include house names such as *Rothchild*, surnames derived from nicknames of physical descriptions such as *Blake* or *Hoch*, or after one’s character such as *Stern* or *Gentile*. In some cases an individual was named after a bird or an animal such as *Lamb* for a gentle or inoffensive person, while *Fox* was used for a person who was cunning. Surnames were also derived from anecdotal events such as *Death* and *Leggatt*, or seasons such as *Winter* and *Spring*, and status such as *Bachelor*, *Knight* and *Squire*.

Surname spelling and pronunciation has evolved over centuries, with our current generation often unaware of the origin and evolution of their surnames. Among the humbler classes of European society, and especially among the illiterate, individuals had little choice but to accept the mistakes of officials, clerks, and priests who officially bestowed upon them new versions of their surnames, just as they had meekly accepted the surnames which they were born with. In the United States such processes of official and accidental change caused *Bauch* to become *Baugh*, *Micsza* to become *McShea*, *Siminowicz* to become *Simmons*, etc. Many immigrants deliberately Anglicized or changed their surnames upon arrival in the New World, so that *Mlynar* became *Miller*, *Zimmerman* became *Carpenter*, and *Schwarz* became *Black*.

Hence, regardless of the current spelling of your surname, the spelling and pronunciation of your surname has evolved over the centuries. In many cases, the current generation may be aware of the original spelling and pronunciation of their surname. To the trained genealogist the change or evolution of most surnames is obvious and very interesting, particularly to the bearer of that surname.

(From the **Association of American Genealogists**)

HERALDRY / COATS OF ARMS & HISTORY

Heraldry emerged in Western Europe in the 12th century to meet the necessity for military identification. It was originally developed by the military aristocracy as a hereditary system of identification using visual symbols according to certain conventions. The term is commonly accepted as pertaining to the devising, granting, and use of Coats of Arms, or armorial bearings. This type of symbology became so popular that it was soon adopted by civilian individuals and by corporate bodies such as town governments, universities, and the church, and eventually by regiments and national states. Strictly speaking, the term heraldry has a wider significance, covering all the function of a herald, or officer concerned with arms, genealogy, ceremonies, and precedence.

A Coat of Arms was originally a light tunic (i.e. a surcoat extending down to the knees) decorated with symbology and worn over battle armor. The symbology served to identify the wearer (whose face might be covered by the visor of his helmet) as the member of a particular family or

group symbology itself eventually became known as a Coat of Arms.

Heraldry is as much a science as an art. Heraldry usually refers to the Coat of Arms for a particular surname pertaining to a specific locality. However, in many cases, particularly with common surnames such as Smith, etc., there are several different Coats of Arms for the same surname, each pertinent to a different lineage and locality. Coats of Arms also vary according to generations. In most countries, the original Coat of Arms was handed down to the oldest son. Hence, each succeeding son's Coat of Arms was slightly modified or altered. This has resulted in several different Coats of Arms for descendants of the same family, which have developed over a period of several generations for the same locality.

(From the **Association of American Genealogists**)

HOUSE GENEALOGY

Experts said digging into a home's past takes time and patience.

Some of the following tools and resources can help clear the path:

The Internet is a valuable research tool. There also are several Web pages that are devoted to the history of particular communities and neighborhoods. One site: <http://genealogy.about.com/cs/househistories>.

Local land records offices are responsible for recording property ownership. The deed to a property can reveal who owned a house and when. Some records can be located using the property tax identification number or the street address.

Others require the name of the buyer or seller. Land records offices traditionally are found in a jurisdiction's main courthouse. For transactions before 1851, check the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis (www.mdarchives.state.md.us).

Property tax records help determine who lived in a house, and also may provide a description of the property over time. Check the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (www.dat.state.md.us) for information.

Sanborn fire insurance atlases from 1880-1963 have some gaps, but they contain diagrams of every city block. These indicate the types of construction used in a building, its height in stories, its use and, in some cases, its occupant. In some maps, changes are pasted over the originals. Check local libraries.

Bird's-eye view maps from the 19th century and aerial photographs also are useful. Check the Maryland State Archives and local historical societies.

Old maps will help locate certain streets and determine if a road's name or location has changed over time. Check public libraries.

County historical societies usually have documented prominent houses. In some instances, county histories were combined with plat maps. Check with a local historical society.

City directories, published by R.L. Polk and Col, list the names of most residents within a community. The listings are arranged by name or address, and sometimes the occupations of residents are included. City directories can be used to determine who lived at an address in a given year. These are available at libraries and historical societies.

Census microfilm from 1880 to the present day includes addresses of individuals who were recorded in the count. Census data dating back to 1776 is available at the Maryland State Archives. Other details also were recorded, such as occupation, age and ancestry. The data are available at most historical societies and public libraries.

Vital records, including birth, marriage and death certificates, are available from the Maryland State Archives. The archives have birth and death records for Maryland's counties from 1898-1978, and for Baltimore from 1875 to 1978. The archives have marriage records from most local jurisdictions before 1914. After that date, there are both statewide and local records, many of which can be found at the archives.

(From Sun Newspaper Article by **Patricia Rivera**)

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Apr. 10 – SCHEDULE CHANGE. No meeting in deference to those celebrating the Easter weekend. The BCGS library is open for research, however.

HAPPY EASTER!

May 8 - “Life in Fells Point at the turn of the 20th century”. The presenter is Anthony Monczewski.

June 12 – Field trip with an hour long guided tour of the new wing of the Enoch Pratt Library.

ESCAPE FROM ESTONIA

Luule Pappel, a guest speaker at the February meeting, gave a “gripping and compelling story” of her escape from the Communists in Estonia near the end of World War II. She told the group of the pain of losing relatives and friends during that difficult time not uncommon in Eastern Europe under vicious rulers and ideology. Excerpts from her talk illustrated the desperate situation that existed:

“In 1940, just before the start of the second World War, the Russian communists started to take Estonians to Siberia in Russia. First they mobilized men from the ages 18-42; my two uncles and an 18-year-old cousin went also. My father didn't want to go, so he went 'underground' - which meant living in the woods. When he did this, we had to leave our home. We could not live with relatives, as they would be the ones asked where we are. In July 1941, the communists started taking out families. They all left with only the clothes they wore. Most of them had higher education, like lawyers, doctors, government workers and people who owned businesses. In 3 days, they took nearly 100,000 out. Then the Germans came in August 1941 and they stayed till September 1944 when the Russians came back again.”

“At that time my father took the risk to escape to Sweden..... We left in a fisherman's boat, which was 18 feet long and had a small motor. Usually the boat trip would take 20-24 hours.....The weather was stormy..... We left our country on 24th of September and by the time we arrived

in Sweden, it was the 1st of October..... I was at that time 14 years old”.

The complete story of Luule's escape was transcribed from her notes by **Bonnie Wise Newton** and a copy is available in the EEIG Meeting Handouts Notebook*.

GENEALOGY BACK TO THE BEGINNING

At the last meeting Tom Bocek took the ancestry of his grandchild, Victoria Belle Vandervast, back to Adam and Eve and beyond. It was a very interesting talk showing, first, she and Tom's wife's descendants' surnames went back eleven generations to the revolutionary days. Names like McHugh, Herchenrother, Benser, Armistead and Jarvis were in the tree line. Secondly, the Jarvis, Gwyn and Reade surnames take a path through Virginia to England and to Wales where the ancestry can be traced to the year 339. Before that time a history of persons with single names were acknowledged and traced to etchings and of course the Bible. There was a four page handout of the chronology and is available in the EEIG Meeting Handouts Notebook*.

* The EEIG Meeting Handouts Notebook is a collection of all known handouts of guest speakers and presenters to the EEIG meetings going back to 1998. The Notebook will be available at regularly scheduled meetings for perusal or copying. The Bulletin editor is its custodian.

NEW PROJECT

Dottie Aleshire is collecting death notices and/or obituaries that may be of interest to the group. She is asking for your help in this regard. She has started to cover the Baltimore Sun newspaper; but would like to include other local publications. So, if anyone would like to contribute to her effort please contact her at daleshir@bcpl.net.

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July, August – EEIG will not meet; Have a pleasant summer.

September 11 - **Tony Monczewski** will give the talk, “Life in Fells Point at the turn of the 20th century”.

NEW ENOCH PRATT ANNEX

(Reprint from 4/04 Bulletin)

The two-story Annex, which opened in November 2003, adjoins the original **1931** Central Branch. The 43,000 square foot structure is able to provide space for the Library’s environmentally sensitive collections as well as genealogical information. Genealogists will be attracted to the Maryland Department, located on the second floor of the Annex, to do their research. City directories, telephone books, census records, passenger lists, naturalization papers and books covering church records, cemeteries, marriage/death notices/obituaries, wills, indexes are available. Visit their site at www.epfl.net for a complete list of their assets.

BOOK REVIEW AND SUMMARY

Poland and the American Revolutionary War by Miecislau Haiman, printed by the Polish Daily, July 4th 1932, Chicago, Illinois.

(Pat Czerniewski, BCGS, at a Maryland estate auction/flea market, purchased this book and loaned it to the editor for this review.)

The book, 208 pages, was published by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America for the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington to honor him as a friend of Poland and honor the memory of those Poles who together fought with him for the freedom of the Republic.

The author’s research examined documents in Europe and America to show Polish participation in the freedom fight beyond the two eminent and well-known figures, **Brigadier Generals Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Casimir Pulaski.**

The first chapter outlines the history and politics of Europe and America at the time of the Revolution. This treatise brings into perspective the details of the individual stories of the participants. A chapter for each of the two famous foreign patriots (Kosciuszko and Pulaski) who first came to the aid of the colonies armed with rare gifts of military talent and spirit is included.

The book describes those who came to America for the sole purpose of fighting on the side of the ideals of liberty and justice just as their countrymen so wantonly aspired to but circumstances prevented it. There were others of Polish extraction who lived in America before the war and had their names anglicized.

There were two kinds of American Revolutionary forces (the Continental army and militias) in which the Poles played a part in the war of 1775-83. The Polish immigration at that time served without exception in the Continental Army. This was because there was no place in militias for foreign professional soldiers. Militias offered to them no chance of steady service or gaining higher rank. Polish colonial immigrants, bearing the burdens of war together with their American co-citizens, appear as well in the militias as in the Continental Army—mostly as privates in both forces.

The following surnames are listed and accounts of their participation in the war are explained in the book.

Joseph Baldeski, Maurice Beniowski, De Botzen (De Boze), August Elholm, Jerzmanowski, Kotkowski, Michael Kowacz, Kraszewski, Charles Litomski, Matthias Rogowski, Terlecki, and John Zielinski.

From among these fourteen officers, including Kosciuszko and Pulaski, two attained the rank of Brigadier General, one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major, and others were Captains and Lieutenants. Beniowski alone was never commissioned.

The other group of Poles in the American Revolutionary army, i.e. the Poles from the colonial immigration, who settled in America before the war was researched on the basis of various state registers, federal pension lists and other documents. Some of the surnames listed may have been wrongly documented or anglicized. Alternatives have been provided in parenthesis.

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Connecticut

John Barsk (Barsh) George Bekas, Andrew Broga, Jesse Icaisky, Soloman Luske (Lusky)

Delaware

John Dusky, John Fabricius

Georgia

Thomas Masney, Peter Zawadooski (Zawadzki)

Maryland

Joseph Chalupetzky (Chalupecki), John Deskey, Jacob Tilliskey

Massachusetts

Frederick Bluskey, Samuel Desko, Michael Franko Laskey, James Laskey, John Laskey, Nathaniel Laskey, Frederick Oblesfikie (Obleski), John Pasko, Robert Pesko, Polan, Donder Rosonoschy (Rozanowski)

New Hampshire

August Isaki Isaki)

New Jersey

Leman Deaskey, Andrew Malick, John Malick, Zabriskie, John Zabriskie, Yost Zabriskie

New York

Simon Balyca, Peter Burcky, Conrad Burdjat (Burdjah), Heronimus Carareych (Karasiewicz), Rinas Jeefe, Nicholas Kaghaatsko (Kayatshe), Godlieb Krak, Michael Kuraw, Joseph Kushel, John Malick, Anthony Polaskie (Polasker), Elham Poloske, John Sohake (Sohock), John Zabrisky (Labriska)

North Carolina

Peter Bakut, George Laskey, Moses Lovick

Pennsylvania

John Bonia, Henry Bonita, John Bolich, Peter Bolich Alexander Bozec, Casimir Delwich (Delwick), Joseph Dolo, John Doman, Mark Doman, Henry Donich, Adam Garny, Jacob Knias (Kunias), Samuel Kokogai, Jacob Kowan, Henry Kracolo, Barnados Kusky, Sigmond Leshinskey (Leszczynski), George Levasvick, Samuel Midera, Conrad Mitsco, Godplieb Niemerich (Neimrich), Richard Stach, Frederick Yaneletz

Virginia

Thomas Cisko, Francis Copera, John Hallicia, Jacob Koslow, Andre Rey, Jacob Sadowsky, Jonathan Sanduskie, Anthony Sandusky, James Seduskey (Sodowsky)

State Unknown

John Debroskey (Dombrowski), Joseph Gabriel, Matthias Loughgaski, Thomas Snaugder (Schneider)

Poles in the Revolutionary Navy

Felix Miklaszewicz, Samuel Hrabowski

Poles in the Revolutionary French Comand

John Mieszkowski, Michael Grabowski, George Uzdowski, John Polericsky

Poles among the Loyalists

Charles Blaszkowicz, Count Grabowski

The book is well documented with footnotes and references abound. There are ten chapters, a guide to pronunciation of Polish names, an appendix of letters and excerpts of letters from George Washington and observances and an index.

(Note: According to the Baltimore County Library public copies of the book may be obtained only at the Johns Hopkins University and the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland. Used copies of the book can be purchased on the Internet.)

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please inform me of any ideas that you might have as to the way that future meetings can be conducted. Do you have any suggestions on speaker topics, new projects, field trips, meeting format or how the group can help you in your research or genealogical activity? Would you like to volunteer for a group project or assist others in doing their projects? Would you care to report on genealogical book reviews? Would you like to report to the group on genealogical web sites that are helpful? Would you like to prepare a white paper for handouts to the group? Do you think we should make assignments in this regard? Do you think we need a round table discussion on any of these items? Please write or email your thoughts to me. My email address is below. Thank you.

Tom Bocek

CEMETERY VANDALISM

Pat Czerniewski brought to our attention the following brief from the newspaper *the East County Times* dated 27 May 2004:

"Fritz Carl Frochlich, 22, was sentenced to a year for two counts of destroying funerary objects as well as two years probation. Between October 9 and 22, 2002, he had destroyed 197 items including headstones, memorials, vases and statues in Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart of Mary and St. Andrews Cemeteries. He also threw a marble statue head through the front stained glass window of Woolford Memorial Baptist Church. Damage to all three cemeteries and the church was estimated at \$437,833.81."

Our cemetery preservation of inscription and internment recordings over the years seems more valuable now!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 11 – Research and Organization Day. Come with your ideas and answers to the questions posed by the article to the right.

WELCOME BACK

I trust most of you had a good and thoroughly relaxing summer. Now it is time to get back into the swing of things and seriously dig into the past and research those allusive ancestors. We are lucky to have Tom as our leader and member experts to call on. So, make the best of it at our meetings.

September's meeting will bring us up to date and rejuvenate our interest in our family history

COMPACT DISC REVIEW

Interment Records –1892 to 2002- of St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland
D. Aleshire, 10224 Blandford Way, Ellicott City, Maryland. \$15.00 + 3.50 p/h

This is a “must-have” item for anyone doing Polish Research in the Baltimore area. The author has compiled the records of over 15,000 souls with items very seldom found in a work of this type. Along with the surname and given name of the deceased you will find the name of the spouse and in many cases, the maiden name. The date and place of birth, date of death, last address, date of burial, church affiliation and funeral director are all itemized. Many of the older records also list the names of the children and in some cases, the grandparents.

There is a master index of all names giving the name of the various sections along with the lot number. By using this method, you will not only find the one person you are researching but all of the people in that lot. This can lead to many more family members, especially with so many maiden names listed. The CD is done in the Excel format and is complete with an introduction and a map of the cemetery.

Thomas P. Bocek

“LEST WE FORGOT”

Please inform Tom of any ideas that you might have as to the way that future meetings can be conducted. Do you have any suggestions on speaker topics, new projects, field trips, meeting format or how the group can help you in your research or genealogical activity? Would you like to volunteer for a group project or assist others in doing their projects? Would you care to report on genealogical book reviews? Would you like to report to the group on genealogical web sites that are helpful? Would you like to prepare a white paper for handouts to the group? Do you think we should make assignments in this regard? Do you think we need a round table discussion on any of these items? Please write or email your thoughts to **Tom Bocek**. Also, Tom is asking you to bring in a copy of your ancestor line.

FAMILY HISTORY GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

ESSEX, MD

Register via email bfhc2004@yahoo.com

9 AM

Beginning Family History Center - staff
Using Heritage Quest - Margaret Ezell
Maryland Historical Society - Dr. Beatriz B. Hardy
New England Research, Part 1 - Charles Novak
Beginning Genealogy on the Internet - Julia Coldren-Walker
Beginning PAF 5.2 (Free Genealogy Software) - Karen Perry
Poland & Eastern Europe Research, Part 1 - Tom Bocek
Using Hand Held Computers in Genealogy - David M. Goodman
Beginning Maryland Research - Jeff Korman
Beginning Where Do I Start? - Barry Bramwell

10 AM

Beginning Family History Center - staff
PAF Insight: Finding What Temple Work Is Done, Margaret Ezell
English Research - Robert W. Barnes
New England Research, Part 2 - Charles Novak
Beginning Genealogy on Internet - Julia Coldren-Walker
Organizing Records: Beginning - Beth Powell
Poland & Eastern Europe Research, Part 2 - Tom Bocek
Using Hand Held Computers in Genealogy - David M. Goodman
Baltimore County Public Library Genealogy Resources - MacCubbin & Domasky
Intermediate U.S. Research - Barry Bramwell
Deed Mapping, Land Tracts - John C. Lyon
Beginning German Research - Vernon L. Skinner, Jr.

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11 AM

Hidden Treasures in the Family History Center - Dotty Slokan,
FHC Director

Temple Ready: Getting Names to Temple - Margaret Ezell

Maryland and U. S. Hidden Resources - Robert W. Barnes

Internet: Using Search Engines - Antonia Chiarico

Problem Solving Tips - Cheryl H. Singhal

Beginning PAF 5.2 (Free Genealogy Software) - Karen Perry

Beginning - Judy Parker

Enoch Pratt Free Library - Jeff Korman

1790-1930 U.S. Census & Soundex - Jane Douma Pearson

Beginning Virginia, especially Northern Neck, Research - Dr.

Robert K. Headley

African-American Research, Emphasis Maryland - Jerry Hynson

Advanced German Research - Vernon L. Skinner, Jr.

12 Noon Lunch (Bring a bag lunch, we provide bottled water)

Genealogy Jeopardy - a lunchtime activity directed by Michael L.

Strauss, AG and Ralph Tobias

1 PM

Beginning Family History Center - staff

National Archives - Susannah E. Brooks

U. S. Military Research - Christos Christou, Jr.

Internet: Using Search Engines - Antonia Chiarico

Maryland Land Records - Vernon L. Skinner, Jr.

Organizing Records: Intermediate - Beth Powell

Baltimore County Courthouse Research, emphasis Register of

Wills - Allender Sybert

Immigration Records - Cheryl H. Singhal

1920-1930 U.S. Census Tips - Jane Douma Pearson

Beginning Irish Research - John N. Krause

Computers, Scanners and Family History - Doug Washburn

2 PM

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FHC Director

Maryland Archives - Chris Haley

Library of Congress - Michael L. Strauss, AG

English Homes & Maryland Settlers - Betty L. deKeyser

Intermediate Genealogy on the Internet - Julia Coldren-Walker

PAF 5.2 - Using Notes & Sources - Karen Perry

Intermediate - Judy Parker

Naturalization Records - Cheryl H. Singhal

Using Maps in Family History - Jane Douma Pearson

Advanced Irish Research - John N. Krause

Scrap-booking - Kathryn Rock and Christine Taylor

3PM

Beginning Family History Center - staff

19th Century Bank Records - Susannah E. Brooks

Photographic Treasures Waiting To Be Discovered - Michael L.
Strauss

1880 U. S. Census - Jerry Hynson

DAR Library Research - Julia Coldren-Walker

Create A Book Using PAF - Karen Perry

Italian Research - Mary Muratore

Pennsylvania Research - Ralph Tobias

Scrap-booking - Kathryn Rock and Christine Taylor

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November 13 - Tom Bocek will talk about Polish web sites. (Those members who have a favorite Polish web site please let Tom know so it can be included in his talk.)

COMPACT DISC TESTAMONIAL

People are finding out how valuable the Saint Stanislaus CD is to them. This e-mail was received shortly after the initial offering.

From: [Mike Connelly](#)

To: [Thomas Bocek](#)

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2004 7:17 AM

Subject: RE:St. Stan CD

I received my CD on Friday and what a great help! Thank you for your hard work on the project. I have located nearly 400 relatives (Yes there were a lot of big families)! I was able to make some connections that previously eluded me and I am having difficulty pulling myself away from the computer.

Thanks again,

Mike

DIANE

Diane Lasek misses everyone and sends her regards. Her husband is paralyzed and having a tough time and she is preoccupied with his care.

We are all asked to keep Diane and her husband in our prayers.

DOTTIE

Congratulations to **Dottie Aleshire** and her daughter for the new addition to their family - a beautiful child named Anastasia. Dottie's daughter adopted Anastasia from Russia

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome **Pam Spittel** to the EEIG. Pam is researching surnames **Bukowski, Myszkiewicz, Zajaczowski, Tyma** and **Demski**. Those with information about these names please, contact Pam at pspittel@prodigy.net.

FAMILY REUNIONS

Family reunions can be a wonderful opportunity to research family histories, stories, relationships and technical genealogical information. They can lead to information that otherwise would not normally occur. Casual conversation brings out personalities and insights that bring color and realism to your family genealogical history that could be a prelude to interesting family tales that enrich those sterile dates and places. Family reunions need not be elaborate; they can include just a few relatives. The purpose here is to embellish your research. To get the most out of your reunion, be prepared! Know what you want to talk about in order to get leads to fill those nagging and missing holes in your research base.

Family reunions enable you to visit relatives you haven't seen in a long time and to meet new relatives you never would have known. Although a reunion doesn't feel like a formal interview, it can give you much of the same information as if you sat down and formally interviewed each of the people in attendance

Family reunions also offer you the opportunity to share what you know about the family and exchange genealogical records and reports. If you know ahead of time that several of your relatives are also into genealogical research, you can better plan with them what records, pictures, reports, and other resources to bring. If you're not sure that any of your relatives are into genealogical research it is recommended you take a notebook with some printed reports and maybe a narrative family history for others to enjoy seeing what you've collected. This usually encourages family rapport.

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December 11 – No meeting. Have a wonderful Christmas season.

January 8 – To be determined

BOOKS AND THE WEB

Your extended genealogical investigations can start right here! How about using the EEIG Bulletins? Since 1997 the Bulletins have listed an impressive number of books and web addresses to extend your knowledge and research. It is just as simple as referring to the Bulletin Index and look for titles like *Book Corner*, *Book Review*, *Reading Material* and key words like *Web*, *Internet*, *Maps* and *Translations*. The Index will lead you to the month and year of the published Bulletin. The Bulletin Index is available in the EEIG Bulletins Book at the BCGS library.

By the way, if you have read a book or used an Internet site of interest to the group, please notify the editor and provide a short review of it to be published in future Bulletins. Also, if you have heard of appropriate books, articles and sites do not let them pass without letting the editor know of it. Knowledge is golden!

USEFUL WEB SITES

Ancestry.com

www.ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has information about books and electronic products that are available for purchase. It also has several value-added resources for genealogists, including searchable databases like the online Social Security Death Index and the World Tree, as well as informational columns by well-known genealogists. Although a decent number of Ancestry's online services are free, some of its online services are restricted to subscribers.

GenealogyPortal. Com

www.genealogyportal.com

GenealogyPortal.com features eight different search engines. Each search engine focuses on a particular subject area including archives and libraries, guides to

research, historical sites, location-specific research, names and personal sites, primary records, research supplies, and software and utilities.

National Archives and Records Administration: U. S.
www.nara.gov/genealogy/genindex.html

The Genealogy Page provides information about records held by NARA pertaining directly to individuals—including census returns. Military service records, and passenger lists.

CHAIRPERSON'S NOTE

No one responded to the Polish dinner on Nov 7, so that is that! We are still looking for someone to work on our book of Family Records, and I would like to have more members get their records in for inclusion. If anyone has hit a "brick wall" with their search for a family member or a town location, why not bring it in and have the group work on your problem? We are always looking for new topics to discuss. So, bring those topics in to the meeting.

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