

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

BERKSHIRE, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE and HAMPDEN COUNTIES in
MASSACHUSETTS

June 1, 2015 - Volume 02 Number 06

May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2015, Sundays (1:15 pm – 2:30 pm): Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society will co-sponsor a series of 4 classes In Beginning Genealogy and Family History presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Classes to be held at the **LDS Chapel, 634 Pearl Street, Gardner, MA** (at the intersection of Rte. 101 and Rte. 140). Veteran genealogists from CMGS will be present to assist you in your research. Free to the public. (If you miss the first class, feel free to come to the remaining three).

~~~~~

**June 3, 2015, Wednesday** (6:00 – 8:00 PM): Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA will hold its last monthly meeting of the 2014-15 season along with a pot luck dinner. We are looking forward to kicking of the 2015-16 season at our newly scheduled July meeting with a "Surprise Guest."

~~~~~

June 11 & 18, July 2 & 9: Thursdays (10:00 am - 12 pm or 1:00 - 3:00) Basic Genealogy, Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts Phone: [413-594-1800](tel:413-594-1800). Alan Doyle Horbal, Genealogist, will show students how to conduct genealogical research. He will present an introduction to genealogy along with helpful hints for conducting your research. You will learn how to use the U.S. Census from 1790-1940 and the Ellis Island website to find relatives coming from Europe. Alan will also demonstrate international research for Canada, Poland, Galicia and England. You must be computer literate and have an e-mail address. Sign up is required by calling the library. This course is progressive - *you must take all four classes*.

~~~~~

**June 23, 2015, Tuesday** (7:00 – 9:00 PM): Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society hold its Annual Dinner Meeting at the American Legion Post #129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA. The topic will be "Clothes Encounters – A History through Fashion", presented by speaker Sally Cragin.

~~~~~

July 1 and August 5 (Wednesdays) - The Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA is expanding its calendar by offering year-round meetings. We will now offer summer meetings. Speaker details will be announced soon.

~~~~~

**July 28, 2015, Tuesday** (6:00 – 8:00 PM): The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, the American Legion Post #129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA. The New Look and New Features of [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) presented by Pat (Trish) Wellivar, LDS Family History Director.

~~~~~

Boston Area:

June 2, 2015: Tuesdays (6:30pm-8:30pm): DIG: Drop in Genealogy. Meeting to share tips and tricks of genealogical research: Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, 345 Main Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. [\(781\) 246-6334 ext. 2](tel:7812466334). Beginner's welcome.

Registration now open for NEHGS Tours & Programs – 2015

Research Tours:

NEHGS offers a wide range of guided research tours for family history researchers at all skill levels. Research tours include intensive days devoted to research at libraries, archives, and historical institutions, one-on-one consultations, presentations by NEHGS genealogists and local experts, and special activities.

[Belfast, Northern Ireland](#)
June 21-28, 2015

[Salt Lake City, Utah:](#)
October 25-November 1, 2015

Boston Research Programs:

The NEHGS research library in Boston holds millions of documents, manuscripts, records, books, microfilms, photographs, artifacts, electronic resources, and other items that preserve and reveal our history. Travel to our headquarters and explore our treasures with personalized assistance and guidance from our expert staff.

[Come Home to New England](#)
August 4-8, 2015

[Research Getaway](#)
October 15-17, 2015

For pricing, availability or to register visit AmericanAncestors.org/events or contact:

NEHGS Education, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 [\(617\) 226-1226](tel:6172261226) or (toll free) [\(888\) 286-3447](tel:8882863447)

Canada

August 1, 2015 (Saturday): The East European Genealogical Society is holding its 2015 International Seminar "Ancestral Evidence – Names, Places and Documents". The speakers will be:

- Matthew Bielawa will speak on analyzing vital records of the Austrian, Prussian and Russian Empires.
- William F. Hoffman will speak on given names and place names of eastern Europe
- John Pihach speaking on going beyond vital records to discover Galician documents of genealogical value.

For more information, visit the Society's website: www.eegsociety.org

New Britain, Connecticut

October 2, 3, 2015 (Saturday PM & Sunday All Day): The Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast will hold its Annual Conference at Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT. Speakers will cover many subjects that will help you understand the many ways to conduct your Polish genealogical research. Some of the subjects covered in lectures include:

- Digital News: Utilizing Online Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research
- Notary Records in Poland (with Emphasis on the Notary Records of the 19th Century)

For more information, visit the Society's Conference website: <http://www.pgscctne.org/ConferencesEvents.aspx>

Recurring genealogical activities by weekday:

Each Monday (11:30am – 1:45pm): Mondays with MYRT online at Google+ Hangout. An international panel of up to ten professional genealogists discuss genealogical issues, websites, blogs, seminars, webinars, books, etc. around the world. Watch at home on your computer! See previous broadcasts at www.youtube.com. Participate by following Dear MYRT's "community" at Google+ where you can ask questions and offer opinions or suggestions. For more information, contact Dave Robison at dave@oldbones.info.

Fourth Monday of each month: (7:00pm - 9:00pm): Shrewsbury Genealogy Club meeting. Sharing, self-help, occasional guest speakers, infrequent field trips. Meets at the Temporary Shrewsbury Public Library Site, 214 Lake Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Call Library [\(508\) 841-0081](tel:5088410081) or Club Master, George C. Brown, [\(508\) 872-9142](tel:5088729142) for details or directions. All Shrewsbury Genealogy Club events are free of charge.

Each Tuesday (10:00am - 4:00 pm) Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013: [413-594-1800 ext. 3](tel:4135941800) Open Genealogy Lab. Practice your genealogy research skills – a volunteer genealogist will be available to help you. *Walk in.*

Fourth Tuesday (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm) Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society meet at the American Legion Post #129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA. Membership is open to all who are interested in family history. Guest welcome for a **\$2.00** donation.

Third Tuesday of every month (6:30-8pm): Dickinson Library, Main St., Northfield, MA 01360 - Walk in Genealogy gathering. Casual sharing of research and ideas. Meets in Local History room. Access to all of the genealogy related materials. People available with laptops who can access Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, New England Historical and Genealogical Society, etc.

First Wednesday of every month (6:00 pm – 8:00pm): Monthly meetings of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

For more information email West Mass@gmail.com.

Third Wednesday of every month (10am-12pm): Professional assistance with your genealogy questions. Crandall Library, 251 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY, 12801 - Call [\(518\) 792-6508, ext. 239](tel:5187926508) for more details. Former NARA-Pittsfield volunteer and professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty*.

Final Wednesday of every month (11am-2pm): Professional assistance with your genealogy questions. Irish American Heritage Museum, 370 Broadway, Albany, NY, 12207 - Call [\(518\) 427-1916](tel:5184271916) for more details. Former NARA-Pittsfield volunteer and professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty. You can also view Lisa's upcoming events at her website: www.upstatenygenealogy.com

~~~~~

**Each Thursday**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013: [413-594-1800](tel:4135941800) ext. 3 OPEN GENEALOGY LAB -- *when there are no genealogy classes.* Practice your genealogy research skills – a volunteer genealogist will be available to help you. *Walk in.*

~~~~~

First Thursday of every month (10am-1pm) ~ Professional assistance with your genealogy questions 10:00am-11:00am by appointment only. 11:00am – 12:00pm Drop in. 12:00pm-1:00pm: Discussion group. Clifton Park Library, 475 Moe Rd., Clifton Park, NY 12065 - Call [\(518\) 371-8622](tel:5183718622) for more details. Former NARA-Pittsfield volunteer and professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty*.

~~~~~

**First Thursday** of every month (6pm-8pm): Carnegie Library 1, Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376 Walk in Genealogy Gathering every month. Casual sharing of research. No library hours for public so we have use of the computers and history resources.

~~~~~

Third and fourth Thursday of the month (6pm – 8 pm): Genealogy Research Clinics. Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001. Free to members of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society; Non-members **\$10.00** per session. On-line and off-line guidance and discussion by professional genealogists.

~~~~~

***Happy Searching!!***

## Western Massachusetts Roots Events

### *Mission Statement*

Dear Fellow Genealogist:

After discussing the idea of how we might keep you informed of genealogical activities taking place in Western Massachusetts, we have formed a group the "Western Massachusetts Roots Events".

Our mission is to distribute a monthly newsletter by e-mail to a list we have been building. In this way, we can keep anyone working on their Family Tree informed of genealogical events taking place in the area such as seminars, classes and workshops.

At this time we are compiling an email distribution list. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list, please contact us at [wmarootsevents@gmail.com](mailto:wmarootsevents@gmail.com).

We could use volunteers to help create a web site and/or help in sharing the responsibility of creating and distributing the monthly newsletter. Please email us at the above address if you have any interest in volunteering.

Thank you, in advance, for any interest you may have in this ambitious endeavor.

Sincerely,

Alan Doyle Horbal  
Barbara A Kulig  
Carol Ann Pullo  
Dave Robison  
Susan Bedard