

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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A note from Alan Doyle Horbal, publisher of the Western Massachusetts Roots Events Newsletter:

"Finding Your Roots", the popular genealogy series hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr., is back January 5, 2016 on PBS.

After Ben Affleck's request to edit out information about his ancestors owning slaves, do we trust the show? Comments are welcome on our Facebook page, along with many clippings about Henry Louis Gates editing information on well-known celebrities. Click on our link and let us know how you feel about the "scandal".

We've opened discussion threads on both our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#) if you would like to comment or ask a question.

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- Our new Web Master has been busy behind the scenes of our monthly newsletter!
 - You can now **Visit our New Website at:** www.wmarootsevents.wordpress.com in order to see what is going on in the "Western Mass World of Genealogy".
 - **You can also Like Us on our new [Facebook page](#).** You can visit to take part in discussions, make comments or ask questions.
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November 3, 2015, Tuesday (7:00 pm): Morse Institute Library, 14 E Central Street, Natick, MA.

Effective Internet Search Strategies. Learn clever, time-saving internet search techniques. Please call **(508) 647-6520** with questions or to reserve a place in the class.

November 3 & 10, 2015, Tuesday (6:00pm - 8:00 pm): Greenfield Community College, One College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301: Family History for the Beginner with Instructor Shari Strahan.

Course number CSW 849-2: **\$55 for the 2 sessions.** Register on line at: http://greenfieldcc.3dcartstores.com/Genealogy-Beyond-the-Shaken-Leaf_p_1056.html or call **413-775-1661** (9am-5pm weekdays).

November 4 & 11, 2015, Wednesday (6:30pm – 8:30pm): Greenfield Community College, One College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301 "Beyond the Shaken Leaf": Explore your family tree using a wide variety of sources available in today's rapidly changing research environment. The 2-day workshop will be presented by Sara Campbell. There are many ways to research your family tree outside of the highly advertised commercial site. The class will explore the wide variety of sources available in today's rapidly changing environment. Instruction will cover how to collect evidence and determine what the most reliable sources are. We will focus on internet resources as well as local sources. Some previous research experience is recommended. **Course number** CSW 945-2. **\$35 for the 2 sessions.** Register on line at: http://greenfieldcc.3dcartstores.com/Family-History-for-the-Beginner_p_1186.html or call **413-775-1661** (9am-5pm weekdays).

November 17, 2015, Tuesday (7:00pm – 9:00pm): Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, American Legion Post #129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA. Creation of Quabbin Reservoir with J.R. Greene as speaker. Members free. Guest welcome for a **\$2.00** donation.

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**November 17, 2015, Tuesday** (7:00 pm): Review the Basics - Get Out Of That Rut! On line Webinar. Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Worcester Chapter. Please contact Dave Robison at [dave@oldbones.info](mailto:dave@oldbones.info) for details,

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November 19 & 26, 2015, Thursday (6:00 pm to 8:00 pm): WMGS Genealogy Research Clinic at Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Phone(413) 821-0605 for details.

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**December, 2015 (Dates and time to be determined):** Up-coming workshop with Alan Doyle Horbal, Genealogist. Alan 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 as well as how to use the Ellis Island website, along with other ports, 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. Workshop will be held at a Central Massachusetts Location TBD.

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Click [here](#) to view a current listing of recurring regional genealogical activities on our website, sorted by day of the week.

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**For more information regarding the following, please click on the web addresses. You may have to hold down your "Control (Ctrl)" key and click in order to follow the link:**

1. **Mission Statement:**

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

2. **Submission Requirements:**

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

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 in the December Newsletter is November 23, 2015. Thank you.**

***Happy Searching***