



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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**Volunteers needed:** The Western Massachusetts Roots Events will be expanding the services provided to you by way of adding more information to its website. If you are interested in helping us with research and/or entering information on spreadsheets, please contact us at [wmarootsevents@gmail.com](mailto:wmarootsevents@gmail.com). Thank you, in advance. We know you will enjoy being a part of our team.

**Alan Doyle Horbal, Publisher**  
**Western Massachusetts Roots Events Newsletter**

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**December 5, 2015: (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)** The New England Historic Genealogical Society would like to invite you and your younger generations to join us in our family history library on December 5<sup>th</sup> for [Climbing Your Family Tree: A Day of Genealogy for Kids at NEHGS](#).

**This is a special event dedicated to getting our youth more excited and engaged about their family history!** Bring your kids or grandkids to the NEHGS library from 9:00AM to 5:00PM for a day of fun, featuring family-themed arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, holiday snacks, and more; all for you to enjoy together! Create new memories for you and your young charges, as you work together with our expert staff on exploring your family trees and finding those exciting stories to share with the rest of the family. Perfect for ages 8 to 18, this FREE event is sure to become an annual tradition for you and the young folks in your life! [Learn more here](#). Registration is encouraged. We hope that you and your families will join us for this free and fun event.

**December 10, 2015 Thursday** (7:30 pm): The Irish Cultural Center of Western New England, Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The ICC is sponsoring a bus trip to see *Cherish the Ladies: Celtic Christmas* at the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center. "*Cherish the Ladies*" musical group creates an evening that includes a blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements, and stunning step dancing. Their continued success as one of the top Celtic groups in the world is due to the ensemble's ability to take the best of Irish traditional music and dance and put it forth in an immensely entertaining show. Celebrate the season with this special Christmas concert! **Tickets are \$48 for ICC members and \$53 for non-members. Please RSVP by December 1.**

Ticket cost includes: bus transportation, driver tip, and reserved seat at the concert. Leave your car at Elms College. **The bus will depart from Elms College at 6:30 pm** from the Sheila Ryan Flynn Parking Lot on the corner of Springfield Street and Fairview Avenue in Chicopee, MA (near the traffic lights). Performance begins at 7:30 pm. Call the Irish Cultural Center at 413-265-2537, or [download and mail in the order form](#).

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December 13, 2015, Sunday (2:00 pm): The Irish Cultural Center of Massachusetts, Elms College in the Dooley Campus Center (Room 207), 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA. Please join us for an information session on a Spring Tour of Ireland.

The ICC is sponsoring a new Spring Tour to Ireland (**May 10-19, 2016**): "*Visiting Dingle and Galway - Ireland's Two Treasures.*"

Click here to: [Learn more about this exciting tour.](#)



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**Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2016 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. 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.*

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March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2016 Tuesdays (10:00 am – 12:00 pm): Basic Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal, professional genealogist. Berkshire Athenaeum, Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield MA 01201. Outline and instruction on researching the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census. Discover 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 E Mail account and be computer literate. Limited space, please sign up for sessions. We ask that you attend all four classes. You may bring your own laptop or use a library one. Register at Pittsfieldlibrary.org by clicking on Calendar of Events or call (413) 499-9480 ext. 6. Class is limited to 12 with a waiting list after that.

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**Western Mass Roots Events Website:** 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 January Newsletter is December 23, 2015. Thank you.

Happy Searching!

