

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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**March 1, 2016 ~ Monday** (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm): Irish Genealogy. Clifton Park Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065 – Call (518) 371-8622 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](http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com)

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March 2, 2016 Wednesday (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm): The Basics of Land Records. WMGS monthly meeting will feature Jennifer Alford speaking on at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA,

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**March 6, 2016 ~Sunday** (9:00 am – 4:00 pm): Irish Family History Day. The New England Historic Genealogical Society is proud to partner with experts from the Ulster Historical Foundation for a day of lectures, discussion, and discovery. Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 275 Tremont Street, Boston, MA. Explore your Irish heritage with the experts at NEHGS and the Ulster Historical Foundation. Learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and understand important historical context. Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, you won't want to miss this full-day seminar! Cost: \$85. Call us at 617-226-1226 or email [education@nehgs.org](mailto:education@nehgs.org) for more information.

One-on-one help is available: Register for a 20-minute session with an expert! Consultations are available at 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, and 2:30; **Cost: \$30**. To register for a consultation contact 617-226-1226.

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March 7-12, 2016 ~ Hartford Research Tour. New England Historic Genealogical Society 99—101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116, Toll-free: (888)-296-3447. Explore the repositories of Hartford, Connecticut including the Connecticut State Library and Connecticut Historical Society. NEHGS staff and local experts will provide consultations, lectures, and the information you need to get the most out of Hartford's genealogical resources. [Register today!](#) Questions? Call us at 617-226-1226 or email education@nehgs.org

*NEHGS members receive **\$150 discount** on all of our research tours. Be sure you are logged in to see the applied member pricing.*

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**March 8, 15, 22 & 29, 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](http://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 [www.Pittsfieldlibrary.org](http://www.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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March 19, 2016, Saturday (9:00 am – 4:30 pm): Family History Group 2016 Workshop The Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center, 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873, Phone: 732-356-0132. With special guests from The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. USHMM staff members will present information on their oral history projects and research resources at their museum, including the millions of documents in the archives of the International Tracing Service. They will be bringing their computer terminals, and will devote the entire afternoon to one-on-one research sessions with conference attendees for no additional charge!

Cost \$40 (breakfast & lunch included). Research slots are strictly limited, and will be assigned "first come-first served" in order of receipt of registration! Register online www.NashiPredky.org or genealogy@ukrhec.org.

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**March 22, 2016 - Tuesday** - 7:00-9:00 P.M. "Did Grandma Have a Filling Station? - Recovering Hidden History from "Married Women's Business Certificates"". Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society Membership meeting, American Legion, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA. Sara Campbell & Shari Straham will be presenting the topic. Sara and Shari host a monthly gathering of researchers at the library in Turners Falls. These research partners have combined their skills to dig into several historic topics over the past three years. They combine their unique approaches to provide a richer analysis. Guests are welcome for a **\$2.00 donation** which is applied to membership fee if they join that same evening. For more information contact Janet Fortunato at [queenkatt64@yahoo.com](mailto:queenkatt64@yahoo.com).

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March 24, 2016, Thursday, 6:30 PM – Polish Genealogical Society of MA. Spring meeting at Chicopee Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA, Phone: 413-8567-1522: The Mills of Greater Chicopee and the Polish Immigrant Experience. Stephen Jendrysik retired History teacher and lifelong local historian of Chicopee will share his knowledge of the mills and manufacturing plants of Chicopee including the Polish immigrants who worked there during the first half of the 20th century.

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**April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2016 Thursdays** (10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 – 3:00) pm: Basic Genealogy, Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA, 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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April 9, 2016, Saturday (8:00 pm): Irish Cultural Center of Western New England presents The Elders in Concert at the Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange Street, Chicopee, MA. The Elders are one of the most critically acclaimed American Celtic folk rock groups touring today. They first played for the ICC last fall to a full house. Don't miss this opportunity to see them in their triumphant return to Western Massachusetts.

Get your tickets today. Advance tickets \$25 / ICC member advance tickets \$22. All tickets are \$30 at the door. General admission, table seating, doors open at 7:00 pm. [Buy your tickets online today.](#) You can also call the ICC at [413-265-2537](tel:413-265-2537) to order.

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**April 26-29, 2017:** New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (**NERGC 2017**): Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past. MassMutual Convention Center, 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

We need volunteers to assist us in the planning and execution of this magnificent event that will be coming to Springfield, MA in 2017. Please contact Dave Robison [dave@oldbones.com](mailto:dave@oldbones.com) if you would like to help. For more information about the conference visit the NERGC website at <http://www.nergc.org/>

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May 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2016 Thursdays (10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Basic Hands on Genealogy, Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, Phone: 413-420-8107. 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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**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 April Newsletter is March 23, 2015. Thank you.

Happy Searching!

