



WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

BERKSHIRE, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE and
HAMPDEN COUNTIES in MASSACHUSETTS

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**May 26 June 2, 9, 16, 2016, Thursdays** (12:15 pm – 2:15 pm): Basic Genealogy, Adams Council on Aging, Adams Visitor Center, 3 Hoosac Street, Adams, MA 01220, Phone: 413-743-8333. A team of members, lead by Alan Doyle Horbal, International know Genealogist, will show students how to conduct genealogical research. They will present an introduction to genealogy along with helpful hints for conducting your research. Students will learn how to use the U.S. Census from 1790-1940 as well as 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 ACO 413-743-8333. This course is progressive – *you must take all four classes. If you have a laptop computer please bring it for three and four.*

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June 1, 2016, Wednesday (6:00 pm – 8 pm): The May meeting of the Western Mass Genealogical Society, Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA will have its meeting & Election of Officers followed by a Panel Discussion by Fran Malone, Dave Robison and Bruce Cortis, who will field your research questions. This with also be a virtual meeting available to the membership. For more information see www.WestMassGen.com.

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**June 6 and 13, 2016, Monday** (4:30 pm – 6 pm): Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, Phone 413-420-8107. Hillary Schau, local genealogist, will be presenting Organizing Genealogy using RootsMagic as a way to manage your genealogical information. She is a 2015 graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate Program. Contact the library to register. This presentation is free but seats are limited.

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June 8, 15, and 22, 2016, Wednesdays (6:00 pm -7:30 pm EST): The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA, (888-296-3447) will be presenting an On-line course *exclusively for NEHGS members*, Italian Genealogy: Strategies for Success. The Instructor is Rhonda R. McClure, Genealogist. This three-week online course will show you how to find the origins of your Italian ancestors, provide tips on accessing and understanding Italian records, discuss how past geopolitical changes can affect your research, and offer strategies for online research.

Cost: \$85. For more information and to register: <http://www.americanancestors.org/Education/Online-Classes/>

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**June 26, 2016, Sunday** (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm) The Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts is delighted to host this free Sunday afternoon talk about Polish immigration in Worcester County. The talk will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 34 Ward Street, Worcester, MA 01610. The speaker is Barbara Proko, granddaughter of Polish immigrants. Over the past two decades, she has traced her ancestral Polish lines back to the 1700s, largely through microfilmed Latin, Polish, and Russian records of Roman Catholic parishes in the Lida region. After the event, volunteers will be available to talk with attendees about their research interests and the PG SMA. Short translations of Polish documents will be provided on a first come first served basis. Light refreshments will be served. Event registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/worcester-powiat-polonia-in-central-massachusetts-tickets-20492734320?aff=es2>

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July 6, 2016, Wednesday (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm): WMGS meeting at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA with guest presenter Margaret Rose Fortier: Andiamo! Finding Your Italian Family. For more information see www.WestMassGen.com.

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**August 3, 2016, Wednesday** (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm): Western Mass Genealogical Society Field Trip to the Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum Springfield Archives at the Springfield Museums, Springfield, MA. For more information see [www.WestMassGen.com](http://www.WestMassGen.com).

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August 17, 24, and 31, 2016, Wednesdays (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm EST): The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA (888-296-3447) will be presenting an Online course *exclusively for NEHGS members*, Researching Your French-Canadian Ancestors. The Instructor is Rhonda R. McClure, Genealogist. People researching their French-Canadian ancestors will be happy to find a wealth of resources and records available in both Canada and the United States. French-Canadian genealogy, however, is not without its quirks. Learn how to locate and use essential resources, analyze records, and utilize search techniques to discover your family's past. This three-week online course will focus on resources pertaining to the province of Québec.

Cost: \$85. For more information and to register: <http://www.americanancestors.org/Education/Online-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 July Newsletter is June 23, 2015. Thank you.

Happy Searching!

