

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

BERKSHIRE, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE and HAMPDEN COUNTIES in MASSACHUSETTS

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**March 1, 2017, Wednesday** (6:00pm – 8:00pm): The **Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society** March meeting will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA and features Ta Mara Conde, President of [Historic Gravestone Services](#). The presentation will give us insight into her work and passion for the historic preservation of the memorials to our ancestors. Conde's extensive experience includes working with cemeteries in general and gravestones in particular.

*The WMGS is devoted to the research and documentation of our family ancestry and history. We also assist others in the pursuit of discovering their ancestry. We meet year-round on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at The Agawam Senior Center.*

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March 9, 2017, Thursday (10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm): [Beginning Genealogy - Ellis Island](#) with **Alan Doyle Horbal**, professional genealogist. Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, 475 Moe Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065, PH (518) 371-8622. Come learn from an experienced genealogist how to explore and make the most of immigration records at Ellis Island. 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.

There will be a morning session with a repeat of same in afternoon. Space is limited, please sign up for sessions.

You may bring your own laptop. To register call Tenaya Bannon, Local History Librarian (518) 371-8622. www.cphlibrary.org

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**March 23, 2017, Thursday** (6:30 pm) **Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts** Spring Meeting will feature Hillary Schau, Professional Genealogist, presenting [Organizing Your Genealogy](#) at the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 (413)

594-1800. Whether you work solely with paper to manage your genealogy findings or whether you love your computer and strive to digitize everything you discover, all of us sometimes struggle to locate that one piece of information that we know is somewhere in our files.



**March 28, 2017, Tuesday** (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm): Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society membership meeting. Patricia Perry will be discussing Under the Petticoats at American Legion Post # 129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, MA.

For more information contact Janet Fortunato at [queenkatt64@yahoo.com](mailto:queenkatt64@yahoo.com)



**March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017** (10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 2:00pm): **Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts**, Polish Center of Discovery and Learning 33 South Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 (413) 594-1800. Basic Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal, professional genealogist. 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.

**There will be a combined class on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

**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. To register go to [PGSMA.org](http://PGSMA.org)*



**April 26 – 29, 2017, Wednesday – Saturday: The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium Conference, Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past**, will be held at the Mass Mutual Center, 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA. Click on links below to learn more about the agenda and to register.

## REGISTRATION FOR NERGC CONFERENCE 2017 IS NOW OPEN!

The 20-page 2017 NERGC conference brochure is available [here](#). The brochure contains the full conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies and information on available luncheons, banquets, research tour and special events. Register online [here](#). To register by postal mail, see page 19 of the brochure.

**Registration Fee is \$150**



**May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2017, Tuesdays** (9:30 am-11:00 am): Basic Hands-on Genealogy with **Alan Doyle Horbal**, professional genealogist. Cheshire Senior Center, 119 School Street, Cheshire, MA 01225. 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. To register call (413) 743-9719.**



**May 18, 2017, Thursday** (6:00pm - 9:00pm): **Berkshire Family History Association** invites you to a genealogical program: The Rich Resources of Western Massachusetts and It's Not All on the Internet: Using Alternative Resources presented by Dave Robison, Professional genealogist and owner of *Old Bones Genealogy of New England*. Country Club of Pittsfield, 639 South Street (Rte. 7 & 20), Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Light refreshments will be served. A free raffle will be held.

**Pre-registration is required. A fee of \$10.00** will cover the cost of the program and refreshments. To receive a registration form, call 413-445-5521 or email [bfhainc@gmail.com](mailto:bfhainc@gmail.com). Join BFHA or renew your membership (\$12.00/yr.) and receive free admission.



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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 for the March Newsletter is March 24, 2017. Thank you.



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