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To be ignorant of what occurred  
before you were born is to remain  
always a child. For what is the worth  
of human life, unless it is woven  
into the life of our ancestors  
by the records of history?

Cicero

## **Genealogy Classes**

**With**

**Alan Doyle Horbal**

**Thursdays**

**February 1, 8, 15, and 22**

**5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**

At the

**North Adams Public Library**

*Participants must attend all four classes,*

*have basic computer skills, and*

*an active email account.*

*Classes are free, but Pre-registration required.*

*Call 662-3133, ext. 13 for more information and to sign up.*



**February 26, 2018, Monday** (7:00 pm): **Shrewsbury Genealogy Club**, Shrewsbury Public Library, 609 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA . The Shrewsbury Genealogy Club meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 pm (unless it is a Monday holiday). Topics vary from month to month. Come to see our new and expanded library - it has much to offer for genealogists with ancestors in central Massachusetts - our "local history room" includes the personal library of Andrew Ward (descendant of Revolutionary War general, Artemas Ward) and an early member of NEHGS - it contains histories and genealogies of over 100 towns from all over Massachusetts.

For more information, contact the Library at 508-841-8609.



**March 17, 2018, Saturday** (9:00 am - 2:30 pm): **"Nashi Predky - Our Ancestors" 2018 Online Workshop**. Due to popular demand from many individuals who are not able to travel to New Jersey for our conferences, we are presenting this workshop as a **virtual online event**, where you will be able to listen to live webinars by the presenters, as well as ask questions and interact with other attendees through a "chat" link in real time.

Nashi Predky has been helping families discover their Ukrainian ancestral roots since 2014. Until now, our Spring and Fall annual conferences have taken place in person in Somerset, New Jersey. Now for the first time you can attend our Spring 2018 Ukrainian genealogy conference completely online!

Please follow the link below for a speaker schedule with biographies and access to our online **Registration Fee \$40**. (UHEC Members receive 10% discount)

<https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-online-workshop-2018>



**March 25, 2018, Sunday** (2:00 pm - 4:30 pm): **Historic Polish Directories and Other Sources Searchable at Genealogy Indexer.org** presented by Logan Kleinwaks. Framingham Public Library, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. This is a Joint program with the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston and The Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts.

[Genealogy Indexer.org](http://GenealogyIndexer.org) is a free website for searching over one million pages of historic European directories, secondary school reports, military documents, and more. This talk will provide an overview of the 1500-plus sources for Poland and how to search them. Containing many millions of personal names — often with towns, street addresses, and occupations, and sometimes with vital dates or patronymics — most of this data is not searchable elsewhere. **A reception will follow the lecture.**

Logan Kleinwaks is the founder and director of [Genealogy Indexer.org](http://GenealogyIndexer.org), which was one of Family Tree Magazine's 101 Best Websites for 2015 and 2016. He is the coordinator of *JewishGen.org's* Danzig/Gdańsk SIG, served on the Board of *GesherGalicia.org*, and enjoys creating online genealogy research tools. He has a research background in physics.

## American Ancestors Database News:

### [Standish Addition to Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants, 1700-1880](#)

We have added a new volume to the searchable database of authenticated Mayflower Pilgrim genealogies, *Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants, 1700-1880*:

#### • **Standish, Myles (Vol. 14)**

This update adds 175 pages with 3,300 records and 16,000 searchable names related to the descendants of Myles Standish. This volume was made possible by the invaluable efforts of our team of volunteers. If you would like to join the team please contact Bianca Renzoni, Database Services Volunteer Coordinator [bianca.renzoni@nehgs.org](mailto:bianca.renzoni@nehgs.org).

This database is being constructed from the *General Society of Mayflower Descendants* (GSMD) very well-known series of books *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620* which document the first generation of descendants of the Pilgrims. Through our partnership with GSMD, *American Ancestors* is delivering this database with a full index of the fifth-generation descendants, and their children, coupled with the page images for those people.

Myles Standish was born about 1593, and married Rose \_\_\_\_\_ about 1618. They traveled together on Mayflower, but she died in January of 1621. William Bradford spoke highly of Myles and a few other men who cared for the sick and dying. Captain Myles Standish was an English military officer hired as advisor for the Plymouth Colony, and was commander of the forces defending the Colony. He also served as treasurer for the Colony. This information is also available on our Mayflower 2020 site [here](#).

This database index includes birth, baptism, marriage, death, and deed records for these individuals, and where available, the names of parents and spouses.

Please note: *This database is available to Individual-level and above NEHGS members only. [Consider membership](#).*

Don LeClair | January 5, 2018



### [Isaac Allerton Added to Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants, 1700-1880](#)

We have added a new volume to the searchable database of authenticated Mayflower Pilgrim genealogies, *Mayflower Families Fifth Generation Descendants, 1700-1880*:

#### • **Allerton, Isaac (Vol. 17)**

This update adds 191 pages with 3,300 supporting records and 10,300 searchable names related to the descendants of Isaac Allerton.

This database is being constructed from the *General Society of Mayflower Descendants* (GSMD) very well-known series of books *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*:

Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 which document the first generation of descendants of the Pilgrims. Through our partnership with GSMD, *American Ancestors* is delivering this database with a full index of the fifth-generation descendants, and their children, coupled with the page images for those people.

Isaac Allerton, born in 1586, was a merchant and a tailor. He embarked on Mayflower with his first wife Mary Norris, their 3 living children, and his apprentice, John Hooke. His sister Sarah was also a passenger, married to Degory Priest. Isaac was chosen as assistant to Governor Bradford in 1621. Members of the colony became dissatisfied with how he managed the finances of the colony. He was eventually banished from the colony for his unscrupulous dealings, going on to live in Marblehead, New Amsterdam, and New Haven. Around 1626 he married his second wife, Fear, who was the daughter of passenger William Brewster. They had two children. He later married a third wife, Joanna Swinnerton, in New Haven, where he died in 1659. This information is also available on our Mayflower 2020 site [here](#).

This database index includes birth, baptism, marriage, death, and deed records for these individuals, and where available, the names of parents and spouses. We thank our volunteers for all their efforts in bringing this newly searchable data to you! We appreciate the work of all our volunteers. If you would like to join the team please contact Bianca Renzoni, Database Services Volunteer Coordinator [bianca.renzoni@nehgs.org](mailto:bianca.renzoni@nehgs.org).

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Don LeClair | January 9, 2018



### [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Records Added](#)

We've updated **Massachusetts: (Image Only) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900** with 10 new volumes from Immaculate Conception in Marlborough. Marlborough's Catholics were initially ministered to by missionaries in private homes, and then the Town Hall. By 1854, they had grown so numerous that the cornerstone was laid for the Church. Immaculate Conception largely served Marlborough's Irish Catholics, but in the earlier records there may also be French Canadian Catholics. The new volumes are listed below:

- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1854-1861](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1861-1869](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1861-1869 Index](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1869-1896](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1875-1886](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms, 1897-1900](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Baptisms and Marriages, 1854-1869](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Confirmations, 1897-1900](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Marriages, 1854-1869](#)
- [Immaculate Conception \(Marlborough\) Marriages, 1869-1896](#)

[Molly Rogers](#) | January 8, 2018

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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 2018 Newsletter is February 23, 2018.

Thank You!



HAPPY SEARCHING!