

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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Hi Folks;

I would like to clarify what is going on at the Polish Center of Discover and Learning in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

On **Tuesday, October 24, 31 & November 7, 14**, a program by Hillary Shank, a graduate of the Northeastern University Genealogy program and a Genealogist will present four lectures on different aspects of genealogy.

This is **not** the program that has been presented, in the past, at the Polish Center by the PGSMA and the Polish Center.

On **Wednesday, October 25 & November 1, 8, 15, 22** The Basic Hands-on Genealogy class, a program by Alan Doyle Horbal, will be held at Polish Center of Discover and Learning in Chicopee, Mass. These are the classes that have been presented in the past at the Center. These classes will be presented by and for the Polish Center and WMRE group.

Included are copies of the hand out outlining the classes and registration information. I hope this clarifies any questions you may have had about these two very different classes.

Alan Doyle Horbal,
Publisher WMRE Newsletter

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A free course sponsored by the Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts covering all of ***The Basic Elements of Genealogy Research*** will be taught this fall at the Polish Center of Discovery and Learning, 33 South Street, Chicopee, MA. It will be taught by Hillary Schau, a Professional Genealogist, on Tuesdays, October 24, 31, November 7 and 14. The course will be offered mornings and afternoons.

The class will include an overview of online and offline digital tree programs as well as traditional paper organizing, communities for research and Facebook groups that could help. She hopes to provide focus and reassurance that they are on the right track for building their family history.

Hillary has been helping people with their research and individual brick walls for many years. She presents classes on Organizing Genealogy and on Roots Magic (a computer program to manage genealogical information). She is a 2015 graduate of the Boston University

“Genealogical Research Certificate Program” and has been volunteering at the nearby Family Search Affiliate Library (Chicopee Library) for the past few years. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society. She will be focusing on the genealogy research that people can do either at home or at local resources (such as Chicopee Library).

**The course is free, but registration is required. To register, go to [www.PGSMA.org](http://www.PGSMA.org) and click on the link for Genealogy Classes.**



**October 25, November 1,8,15, Wednesdays (10:00am - 12:00pm and if enough sign up (1:00pm – 3:00pm)**

**Polish Center of Discovery and Learning** 33 South Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 [\(413\) 594-1800](tel:4135941800). **Basic Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal**, professional genealogist. Catherine Langley Iuliano and Susan Clapper Bedard from Western Massachusetts Roots Events will be assisting with the presentation. You will have the opportunity to see and learn how to use the following Census records 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 November 22 at 11:00am to discuss research in Poland as Alan has been there twice doing his own research

All students must have an email account and be computer literate. Due the limits on the size of the class we urge you to sign up early.

We ask that you attend all four classes. You may bring your own laptop. Laptops are not needed for the first class.

**To register contact the Polish Center 413-592-0001.** A donation of **\$15.00** to the Polish Center for the classes is recommended for the 5-class series.

