

Information of Interest

ARIZONA

Phoenix - An attempt to have Richard Lessner's article, *Czar Wars - the Cassubian Empire Strikes Back* (1989), published in our newsletter along with a rebuttal has failed. Keith Kaszubowski sent a request to The Arizona Republic on the 12th of November 1996 and received no reply. In Lessner's article he makes insane assumptions to the effect that Karol Wojtyła and Lech Wałęsa are of Kashubian descent! He also claims that Kashubian surnames do not end with the suffix -ski! KANA has been forwarded a beautiful well written rebuttal to Lessner's garbage from Bronek Socha-Borzestowski, a well known Kashubian writer living in London. We urge everyone of Kashubian descent to write to The Arizona Republic and strongly suggest that they allow us to publish Lessner's article along with the rebuttal by Bronek. Their address is The Arizona Republic, The Phoenix Gazette, P.O. Box 1950, Phoenix, Arizona 85001.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis - In our first issue of the KANA newsletter, the 'Sailor's Song' was inadvertently included without the proper credit. It came from "Treasured Polish Songs with English Translations" published by Polanie Publishing Company; 643 Madison Street N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413.

ONTARIO

Renfrew County - Announcing a new genealogy mailing list:

-UOVGEN-

UOVGEN (Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogy) is open to anyone inter-

ested in researching family history in Renfrew County or the Upper Ottawa Valley region of Ontario, Canada.

To subscribe send an email message to: majordomo@valleynet.on.ca

In the body of the message (not subject line) type: subscribe uovgen

Once subscribed you can post your messages to this address: uovgen@valleynet.on.ca

This list was created to help researchers with questions related to local genealogy, family history and general questions about Renfrew County genealogical resources.

Thank you for your interest in UOVGEN. Any questions concerning this mailing list should be addressed to:

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UOVGEN Member #458

POLAND

Lipusz - Marriage records from the parish of Lipusz in Kaszuby are available from the Gdańsk province archives for the years 1825-1890. The microfilm records for Lipusz available at Family History Libraries are meager. Baptism records start in 1806 with significant gaps in the years 1806-1810 and 1813. 1811 and 1812 are not included. Starting in 1814 the baptism records are complete. Death records start in 1818. For a time period of the 1860's and 1870's, the baptism records have the complete names of the parents hidden in the tight binding of the parish books.

To obtain marriage records for Lipusz it is advisable that you write in Polish. In their reply they will include a price list and a method of payment. The entire process may take

as long as 6 months. Write to:

Archiwum Państwowe

w Gdańsku

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80-958 Gdańsk

Polska (Poland)

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee - The Polish Genealogical Society of Wisconsin has published their 1996 Pedigree book of Polish Surnames, containing 800 indexed names. The price is \$10.00 USD which includes postage. For information contact PGSW, P.O. Box 342341, Milwaukee, WI 53234-2341.

Stevens Point - The Polish Heritage Awareness Society, of Stevens Point, WI, is recognizing the 140th anniversary of the 1857 arrival of the first Polish family in Portage County with an exhibit titled, *The Journey to a New Beginning...from Poland to Portage County*. Their coming led to the development of the oldest Polish rural settlement in Wisconsin. The exhibit through photographs, maps, and documents will portray life in Poland during the 1850s and 60s, the experience of crossing the Atlantic to America, and the challenge of Portage County in the 1850s and 60s.

The exhibit, funded in part by the Wisconsin Humanities Council, is scheduled for the Water Street Museum located at 1475 Water Street in Stevens Point. Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 PM May 31 - August 31, 1997. For more information contact the Polish Heritage Awareness Society, P.O. Box 726, Stevens Point, WI 54481-0726. Gayle Zivney (715) 344-5752.