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WELCOME to the POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Your recent membership request has been processed and you are now an active member of the Polish Genealogical Society of America. While processing your membership, a Password and Username were created to give you access to the information and benefits available only to members. You should have received a confirmation email containing this information.

Now that you are an active member of the PGSA, you are entitled to many benefits. The following pages guide you through these benefits and how to access them. For future reference, please save this guide with your PGSA information.

In addition to the PGSA website, please note two additional media you might find interesting:

- 1) For updates on events, genealogy, Polish culture and more, you can join the free PGSA monthly e-newsletter, “Genealogy Notebook”, at the bottom of the PGSA website home page.
- 2) Also visit PGSA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PolishGenealogicalSocietyofAmerica.

The Society is an all-volunteer organization. We welcome member volunteerism. The donation of your skills provides value to all members. With modern telecommunications, a volunteer can assist from anywhere in the world on many projects. Please check our website for current needs or write to us at volunteer@pgsa.org.

For all of us on the PGSA board of directors, I wish you all the best in your genealogical pursuits. We hope you have a most beneficial and enjoyable membership in the Society. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Klen, Membership Chair

General Home Page Information
Available to all visitors

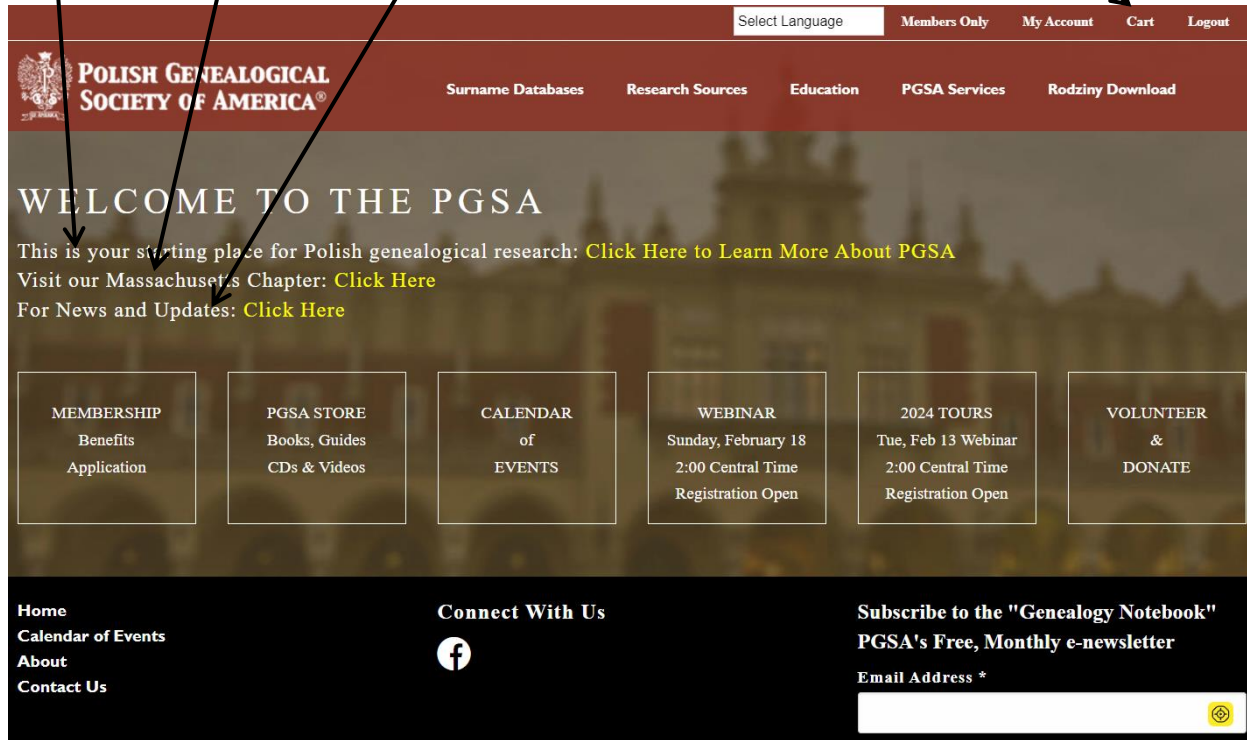
UNDER “WELCOME to the PGSA”

Learn about the PGSA, some history, contact information, governing board, etc.

Visit the website of the PGSA Massachusetts chapter of PGSA

Keep up to date with additions to research resources, etc.

Check your purchase cart at the PGSA Store



SIX BOXES

- MEMBERSHIP: Learn about membership benefits, the types of memberships, and the process to membership either with electronic enrolment through the site or by mail.
- PGSA STORE: Explore the books, guides and other genealogical publications and materials available for purchase by members and non-members.
- CALENDAR of EVENTS: Dates, times and topics of upcoming webinars and other events.
- WEBINAR: This box announces the upcoming webinar and takes you to the registration page in the Store. Logged in members will see the price to attend at \$0.00. Follow the instructions to register and receive the link by which to attend.
- BOX 5: This is used for special announcements such as an exclusive offering to members, a promotion in the store, or important events such as the PGSA tours to Poland seen above.
- VOLUNTEER & DONATE: Support PGSA either with your skills or financially.

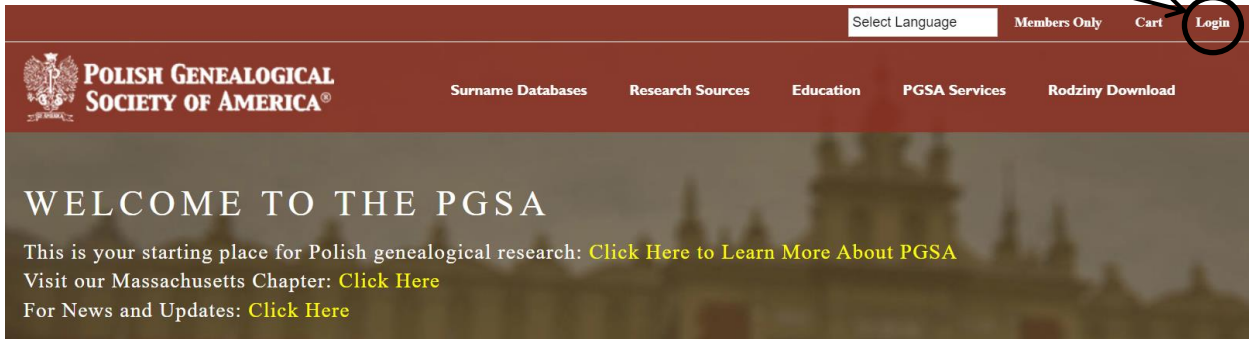
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- Other links and subscribe to *Genealogy Notebook*, the free, monthly e-newsletter.

Member Login and Special Access Gaining Access to Member-Only Benefits

PGSA WEBSITE

- The PGSA website is reached via www.pgsa.org or <https://pgsa.org/>.
- At the upper right corner, load the credentials page by clicking on “Login”



- In the “LOGIN” section, enter your...
Username or Email address
Password
then click on “Log in”.

A screenshot of the PGSA login form. The title 'LOGIN' is in red. There are two input fields: 'Username or email address *' and 'Password *'. Below the fields is a 'Log in' button and a 'Remember me' checkbox. A 'Success!' message with a green checkmark is visible. The Cloudflare logo and 'Privacy · Terms' links are also present.

This takes you to the “My Account Page” where you can...

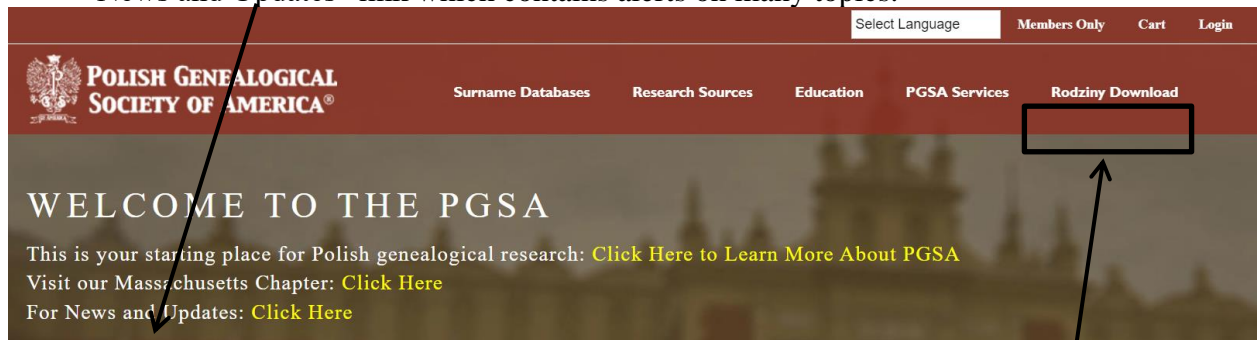
- Review and revise your personal information and method of payment, refer to past membership and purchase activity, etc.
- Change your Password under the “Account Details” link.
- Return to “My Account” by clicking on “Dashboard”.
- Go to the Home Page (from any page on the site) by clicking on the “PGSA Logo”.

RODZINY – Journal of the PGSA

Rodziny is published quarterly in February, May, August, and November. You selected one of following ways to have your Rodziny delivered:

- Hard copy by mail:
 - If you selected 1st class mail delivery, your copy of Rodziny should be received by the middle of the month of the edition.
 - If you selected Bulk Mail delivery, it should arrive by the end of that month.
 - Even if you selected to receive Rodziny in hardcopy, as a member you can download the issue from the website as soon as its availability is posted in “New and Updates”.
- Electronic delivery:

Keep watch for the announcement of the new edition of Rodziny on the home page in the “For News and Updates” link which contains alerts on many topics.

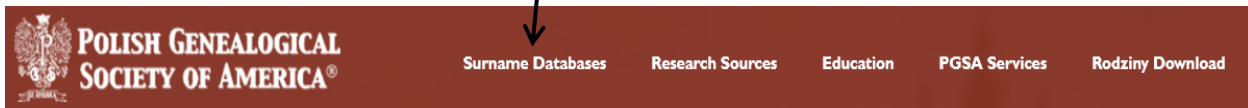


- The last 4 issues of Rodziny can be downloaded by members at “Rodziny Download”.
- Be sure to log in as a member before attempting the download.

SURNAME DATABASES – Search databases and indexes

Here you find the expanding lists of surname-searchable genealogical databases and indexes that are organized by country, then by category.

- Log in as a member to access all databases.
- Move your cursor over “Surname Databases” to expose the “Pop Up Menu”.



- From the “Pop Up Menu”, select the country whose databases you wish to examine. These are: US, Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus. Some countries have developed more resources and information than others. New data is always being added.
- Scroll through the list of databases, which are organized in related groups.
- Note that **Green entries are available to the public**, therefore not requiring membership log in; and **Brown entries are available only to members** after logging in.
- Click on a selected database. It can be internal to PGSA or to an external source.

RESEARCH SOURCES

To assist and support your genealogical investigations, this section contains a wide and expanding collection of research sources, materials and information.

- This section does not include surname-searchable databases and indexes. These are found in the previously described Surname Databases section.
- Log in as a member to access all databases.
- In the header click on “Research Sources”.



- Sources are organized by topical category.

EDUCATION LIBRARY

The education section contains a growing selection of informative links, articles, videos, how-to and other to broaden your knowledge and support your genealogy research.

- Log in as a member to access all databases.
- In the header click on “Education”.



- Information is organized by topical category.

PGSA SERVICES

Although the PGSA is not a genealogy research organization, we can provide limited assistance and guidance, plus access to certain original documents.

- In the header, click on “PGSA Services”.



- PGSA available research is itemized and priced.
- PGSA members receive these services at a discount to the non-member fee.
- As best as possible, PGSA volunteers will attempt to answer or direct you to possible solutions for “how to” and “where can I find” types of questions. PGSA does not have the resources to research individuals, family trees and other specific requests.
- Researchers and tour guides in Poland and other countries of the old Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth are listed under that heading under the “Research Sources” tab. Most also offer translation services for documents in Polish, German, Russian and possibly Lithuanian and Ukrainian.

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PGSA STORE – Member Discount on Purchases

Members receive an automatic 10% discount on all regularly priced publications and materials offered through the PGSA Store, including:

- Books, informational packets and instructional material by outside authors in addition to works published by the PGSA.
- CDs and DVDs.
- Past issues of Rodziny.
- Discounted registration fee to the PGSA conference.

REMEMBER: To obtain these discounts, be sure to log in as a member before entering your purchase.

MEETINGS & THEIR BROADCASTS – Free Worldwide Access

Free of charge, members can attend regular meetings of the Society either in-person or from anywhere in the world by webinar through our live broadcast. To attend via webinar:

- For webinars with a fee to non-members, Log in as a member.
- On the Home Page...Either...
- Click on the “Webinar” Box for the current webinar,

OR,

Click on the “Calendar of Events” box to view upcoming events, then for the selected webinar click on “CLICK HERE to Register for this Webinar”.

Both take you to the webinar registration page in the Store where at the bottom of the page the fee should read \$0.00. Click “ADD TO CART”.

- “VIEW” your cart to check the information. Then click “PROCEED TO CHECKOUT”.
- You will receive instructions via email to complete your registration for the webinar.

NOTE: You must complete the registration from this email to receive the link to join the webinar. Be sure to save the email with the webinar link; you need it to join the webinar.

Membership also entitles you to free or discounted access to other events as they may arise.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- To ensure that you receive correspondence from our organization, please remember to inform us promptly of a change of address, email or telephone information.
- Our mailing address: Polish Genealogical Society of America
984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
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- To assist you with inquires, and to notify us of any problems with communications, membership, the website, etc., the following are key emails to keep on hand:
 - Contact Us contactus@pgsa.org
 - Membership membership@pgsa.org
 - Research Help researchhelp@pgsa.org
 - PGSA Store sales@pgsa.org
 - Webmaster webmaster@pgsa.org