



New Roots in River Banks: Contributions of Polish & Other Eastern European Immigrants to the Connecticut River Valley - Free Exhibit & Events 2024

September 21 to October 31, Exhibit at Memorial Hall Museum, 8 Memorial St., Deerfield. Open Tues—Sun, 11 am—4:30 pm

- **Sunday, October 20, 1 to 5 pm, Heritage Day, 10 Memorial St., Deerfield, and Lecture by Dr. Patrice Dabrowski on “Poland” 1880-1920 and More!**
Details online at www.deerfield-ma.org or call 413-774-7476, x 260

● **November 5 to December 31, Exhibit at Holyoke Heritage State Park**

Sponsored by Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association members and donors. Special thanks to the Kulig, Skalski, Skibiski & Sojka families.

MassHumanities’ Expand Massachusetts Stories projects collect, interpret and/or share narratives about the Commonwealth, with an emphasis on the voices and experiences that have gone unrecognized, or have been excluded from public conversation. This exhibit and accompanying events convey the experiences of two Eastern European immigrant families – the Skibicki/Skibiski family on farming in Sunderland and the Sojka family in Turners Falls in factories. Through photos and artifacts, the exhibit chronicles their journey from Poland and Ukraine to America and their lives here in America. Despite the many challenges they and other Eastern European immigrants faced, they thrived here—while making vital contributions to the growth and development of the Connecticut River Valley’s farms, factories, and civic life.

