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Holyoke Heritage State Park

NEW ROOTS IN RIVER BANKS

Polish and Other Easter European Immigrant Stories

Awarded to the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association (PVMA), this Mass Humanities Expand Massachusetts Stories grant is for projects that 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.

In 2024, the exhibit was open March through April at the Great Falls Discovery Center in Turners Falls as part of the Food, Farms, and Factories program with support from the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, RiverCulture, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, MassHumanities, and Montague Public Libraries. It is currently on display at Memorial Hall Museum in Deerfield until October 31 and then travels to Holyoke Heritage State Park from December 7 to January 26, 2025.

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In memory of all our immigrant ancestors who had the courage to leave home, travel to America, overcome many obstacles to build a new life for themselves and their descendants, and in doing so, transformed our country.

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