

How to Register to the PolishOrigins Forum

We are glad that you have decided to join the PolishOrigins community. Being a registered member will enable you to post messages in our Forum, to contact other members and prepare your unique PO Personal Page. The membership is free of charge.

The registration process is easy and takes only a couple of minutes. If you are a regular user of social networks and message boards, it will be a piece of cake. If you are new to internet forums, please read the following guide and you will breeze through the registration like a hot knife through butter! Here we go:

1. On [PolishOrigins' homepage](#) click the [Free account](#) link at the top of each page of the website (Figure 1).



The screenshot shows the PolishOrigins website homepage. At the top left is the PolishOrigins logo. To its right is the text "PolishOrigins" and "Polish Genealogy & Tours" with the tagline "Uncovering your roots in old Poland". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, TOURS, FORUM, BLOG, CONTACT, SIGN IN, and FREE ACCOUNT. The "FREE ACCOUNT" link is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below the navigation menu is the "PolishOrigins Forum" section, which includes links for FAQ, Search, Memberlist, Profile, Log in to check your private messages, Log in, and Register. There is also a section for "Get daily updates from Forum via email" with a text input field and a "and click here" button. A "Latest Topics" button is visible at the bottom left of the forum section.

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Get daily updates from Forum via email ([click here for an example](#)):

Enter your email address [and click here](#)

Latest Topics

[Become a Patron of PolishOrigins](#)
[View unanswered posts](#)

Figure 1

2. Read our Terms of Use and click **I agree** to accept them (Figure 2). If you choose not to agree to these terms, you will be able to view the PolishOrigins Forum and search through our databases as a non-registered user.

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You agree not to post any abusive, obscene, vulgar, slanderous, hateful, threatening, sexually-oriented or any other material that may violate any applicable laws. Doing so may lead to you being immediately and permanently banned (and your service provider being informed). The IP address of all posts is recorded to aid in enforcing these conditions. You agree that the webmaster, administrator and moderators of this forum have the right to remove, edit, move or close any topic at any time should they see fit. As a user you agree to any information you have entered above being stored in a database. While this information will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent the webmaster, administrator and moderators cannot be held responsible for any hacking attempt that may lead to the data being compromised.

By registering, I agree to the Terms of Use of PolishOrigins.com. Also, click here for [Privacy Policy](#) and [Community Guidelines](#).

[I Agree to these terms and am over or exactly 13 years of age](#)
 I Agree to these terms and am **under** 13 years of age
 I do not agree to these terms

Figure 2

3. Now you will be redirected to the Registration Form. Fields marked with an asterisk are obligatory (Figure 3). The Surnames and Places fields and Notes (creating your PO Personal Page) are optional. You can fill them in after registering.

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Registration Information

Items marked with a * are required unless stated otherwise.

Username: *

E-mail address: *

Password: *

Confirm password: *

Confirmation code
If you are visually impaired or cannot otherwise read this code please contact the Administrator for help.

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Confirmation code: *

Enter the code **exactly** as you see it **without spaces**. The code is case insensitive and zero has a diagonal line through it.

Figure 3

You have to fill in the following fields:

- **Username**

Your username will appear on your profile and whenever you post a message to the forum. We will also use it while sending the emailing to you. It does not have to be your real name. For example, you can choose JohnS, if you are John Smith, or RookieGenealogist if you prefer a more anonymous name. Okay, maybe the second example is not such a good idea. :) Please DO NOT use your email address as your username because this will make your email accessible to spammers.

- **E-mail**

We never share your email with anyone and no one will see it unless you choose to disclose it. Forum members can exchange Private Messages via the Forum without knowing each other's email addresses.

- **Password**

The same rules apply here as when choosing a password for your email account or any other website that requires logging in. To prevent unauthorized people from logging into PolishOrigins and pretending to be you, please choose a secure password and keep it secret. Complex and long passwords (with eight or more characters) are safer.

DO NOT USE PASSWORDS THAT ARE:

- the same as your username
- shorter than eight characters
- all lower case, all upper case, or all numbers, e.g. mountainman, 12345
- common words from a dictionary, e.g. password (actually some people use it as a password!)

- **Confirmation code**

Please enter the code exactly as you see it, without spaces. It does not matter whether you type the code in upper case or lower case. To distinguish it from the letter **O**, zero has a diagonal line through it.

4. You can skip the Surnames and Places section for now (you can fill it in later) and click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. If you click the **Reset** button, all the data you entered will be cleared.

The image shows a registration form with several sections:

- Signature:** "arrive." and "Always attach my signature:" with radio buttons for Yes and No.
- BBCode:** "Always allow BBCode:" with radio buttons for Yes and No.
- HTML:** "Always allow HTML:" with radio buttons for Yes and No.
- Smilies:** "Always enable Smilies:" with radio buttons for Yes and No.
- Board Language:** A dropdown menu set to "English".
- Board Style:** A dropdown menu set to "sephia".
- Timezone:** A dropdown menu set to "GMT - 5 Hours".
- Date format:** A text input field containing "D M d, Y g:i a".
- Smart dates:** Radio buttons for Yes and No, with a note: "If this option is turned on, you will see how long ago a topic was posted instead of the date. If it's older than a week, the date will be displayed."
- Quick Reply Mode:** Radio buttons for Yes and No, with a note: "Open Quick Reply Form automatically:".
- Advanced options:** Radio buttons for Basic and Advanced.
- Buttons:** "Submit" and "Reset" buttons at the bottom, with "Submit" highlighted by a red box.
- Footer:** "Super Quick Reply MOD" on the right side.

Figure 4

If you do not enter all the required data in the registration form, you will receive an error message asking you to fill in the missing details. You will also have to re-enter the password and the confirmation code.

If you have completed all the obligatory fields correctly, you will see this message (Figure 5):



Figure 5

5. Please check your mailbox. You will receive an email with a link to confirm your registration (Figure 6). If you do not receive the email within a few minutes, please check your spam folder. Alternatively, you may add our email forum@polishorigins.com to your address book so that the confirmation email does not land in your spam folder.

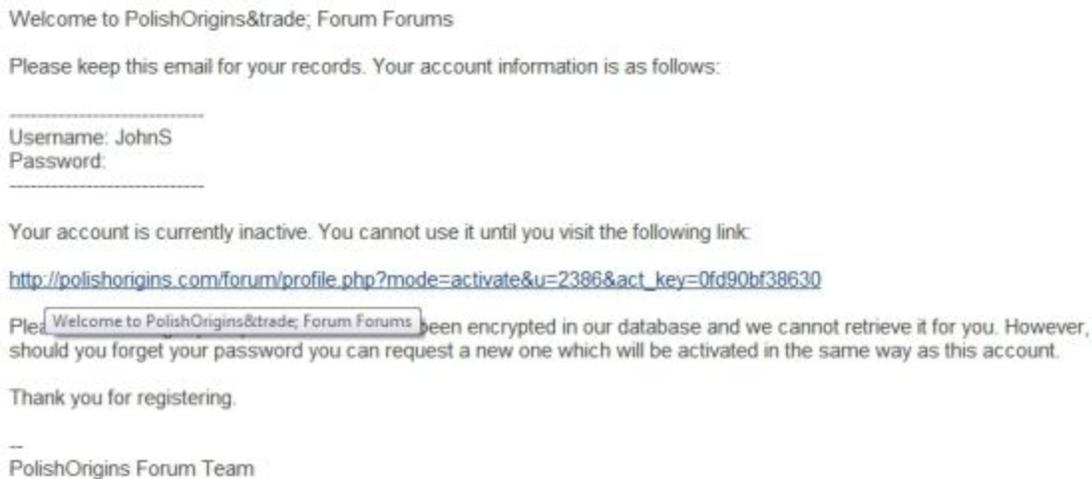


Figure 6

6. Click the link or copy and paste it to the address bar of your browser. It will take you to this page: Figure 7.



Figure 7

You have just become a member of the PolishOrigins Forum! You are all set to begin your PolishOrigins adventure!

PolishOrigins Team

In case of problems, contact us: forum@polishorigins.com