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## FEEFHS Joins the International German Genealogy Partnership

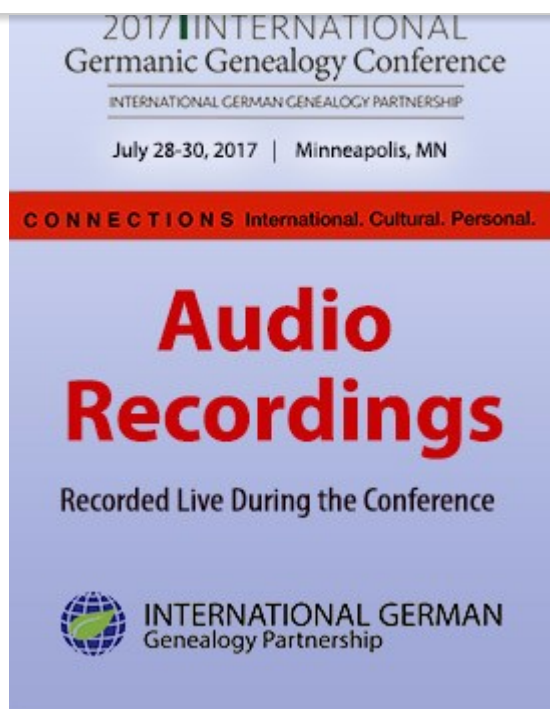
**INTERNATIONAL GERMAN**  
Genealogy Partnership

FEEFHS is proud to announce that we have become a member of the [International German Genealogy Partnership \(IGGP\)](#).

The International German Genealogy Partnership's mission is to facilitate German genealogy research globally as the internationally recognized federation of German genealogy organizations. The creation of the International German Genealogy Partnership grew from a desire to make a connection between societies in the United States and German speaking areas. It has since grown to include organizations worldwide that include a focus on Germanic genealogical research.

FEEFHS has always included a heavy Germanic emphasis as part of its scope, including modern Germany and Austria as well as the former German and Austrian Empire territories in Eastern Europe, German colonies throughout Eastern Europe, and Germans from Russia. At FEEFHS, we look forward to continuing our long-time association with societies that share an interest in Germanic family history research, as well as developing new relationships with other societies with the same interest. There will be opportunities for collaboration on projects and events which we hope will advance the study of Germanic genealogy.

IGGP held its inaugural conference in Minnesota in July 2017. If you did not get a chance to attend, or would like to listen to presentations again, you can order audio recordings from [Fleetwood Onsite Conference Recording](#).

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## [Ukrainian Archival Collections in Canada Conference](#)

***11-13 May 2018; University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB***

The purpose of the conference [Ukrainian Archival Collections in Canada: Preserving the Past, Building the Future](#) is to bring together researchers, archivists, curators, collection managers, and other custodians of Ukrainian Canadian archival collections in order to start a conversation among stewards of Ukrainian cultural documentary heritage. This conference aims to increase awareness about Ukrainian heritage collections in Canada, survey problem areas and needs of archival collections. It will help establish connections and collaboration among the institutions, will provide an opportunity to share knowledge and successes and, therefore, improve their sustainability.



The conference is organized by the [Kule Folklore Centre](#) at the University of Alberta and its [Friends Society](#) in cooperation with the [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies](#) at the University of Alberta.

The goals of the conference are:

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- To introduce those who are preserving archival records to each other, and to open up a way to share information among them.
- To develop a network for cooperation and sharing of information.
- To provide an understanding of available resources (preservation and conservation assistance, funding sources, archival societies as support systems, researcher needs).
- To raise awareness of the value of archives as institutions and as documentary records.

Information professionals, practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and others in charge of or interested in Ukrainian Canadian archival heritage are invited to submit proposals relating to theoretical and practical issues of Ukrainian Canadian archives from a variety of perspectives. Contributions on various issues of acquisition, preservation, access, and networking are particularly invited. Other topics will be considered as well. Abstracts of 300-words and a short bio should be submitted to [ukrfolk@ualberta.ca](mailto:ukrfolk@ualberta.ca) by **January 15, 2018**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **February 15, 2018**.

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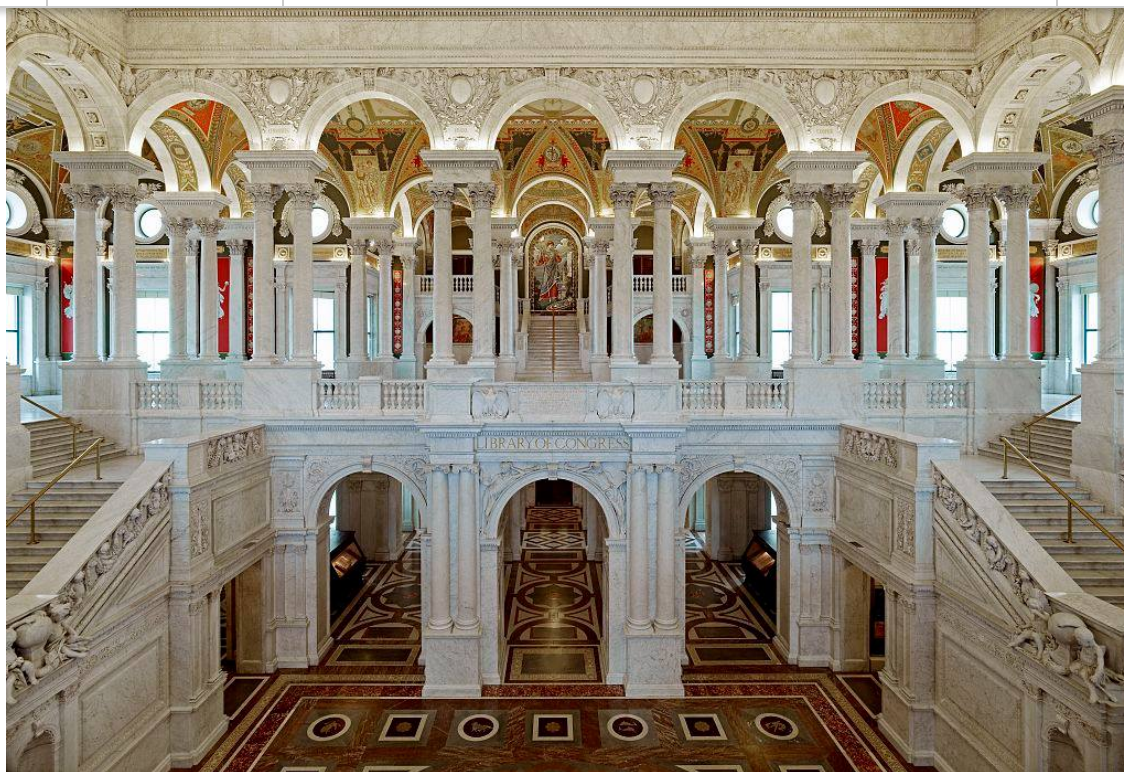
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## East European Family History Related Events

Don't forget, you can find links to the above event and other future events on the [Related Events page of FEEFHS.org](#). If you are aware of events that should be highlighted on this page, please let us know by emailing [feefhs@feefhs.org](mailto:feefhs@feefhs.org).

## Hidden Genealogical Treasures in the Library of Congress



Researching Eastern European ancestors who came to America includes a heavy amount of research in U.S. records for information about their life after immigration, and to find clues to immigrant origins. This webinar sponsored by the Genealogy Roundtable of the Utah Library Association about online records available from the Library of Congress may be of help in doing your homework on this side of the pond.

["Hidden Genealogical Treasures in the Library of Congress"](#)

Byron Holdiman, MLS, Education Librarian at Quincy University, IL

With the Library of Congress being the largest library in the world, it has many online resources that can benefit people researching their genealogy. During this session, participants will learn about the 51 million online resources available from the Library of Congress's website, including a lot more than just book, such as photographs, sound recordings, oral history narratives, newspaper articles, etc. The session will cover library/archival searching techniques that can be used to navigate the Library's website and locate possible treasures that patrons can use to learn more about their family history.

Byron Holdiman is the Director of the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources grant at Quincy University in Quincy, IL. He has worked with the Library of Congress program for the past 13 years at Quincy University and California University of Pennsylvania assisting K-12 educators and university in using historical documents in their class to help their students to learn history instead of just memorizing history. He has a B.A. from BYU in History/Genealogy and an MA from the University of South Florida in Library and Information Science.



We invite you to join us for next year's FEEFHS Conference, **August 6-10, 2018**. Celebrate FEEFHS 25th anniversary with us and learn from the experts in Slavic, Germanic, and other aspects of East European Genealogy. The conference venue is located right next door to the world famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

**The Foundation for East European  
Family History Studies (FEEFHS)**

**25th Annual  
East European Research Conference**  
August 6-10, 2018  
Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

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**Information and Registration: [FEEFHS.org](http://FEEFHS.org)**

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