



FEEFHS News

The Foundation for East European Family History Studies - March 2020

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Ukrainian Records Online

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For some time now, a Ukrainian genealogist, Alex Krakovsky, has been digitizing records in Ukrainian archives, including Jewish metrical books and other vital records, school records, revision lists (poll tax censuses) and more. The focus is records of Jews, but these records also include non-Jews. Alex is a private citizen who is digitizing these records in archives himself, with the help of some donations. Many archives have tried to block him from doing so, but he has been successful in appealing to the courts for the right to digitize them, based on Ukrainian law that allows for public dissemination of this information.

Krakovsky has been posting these records on Wikimedia and linking them to the [Ukrainian language article about Jewish Shtetls](#) on Wikipedia. The Tsal Kaplun foundation has created a nice directory with links to these records by place, record type, and year. (See [Jewish Documents Kept by Ukrainian Archives](#).) Krakovsky also posts links to his work in various places, including his Facebook page and the [Jewish Roots forum](#). Jewish Genealogist Lara Diamond has blogged about these records numerous times in her [Jewish Jewnealogy blog](#).

My Heritage Updates from RootsTech 2020



MyHeritage Founder and CEO Gilad Japhet spoke at RootsTech 2020, giving updates on new developments at MyHeritage. Among other things, he announced the release of 25,000 US City Directories with over 500 million names. City directories can be a vital tool for tracing immigrants, leading to records that reveal the place of origin. He also announced plans to follow up their popular photo colorizing feature with a photo date and place detecting tool. Not only will you be able to see your ancestors photos in living color, but you will also be able to better identify old mystery photos.

Early Bird Registration is Now Open for the FEEFHS 2020 Conference!

Registration is now open for the [2020 FEEFHS East European Research Conference](#) to be held August 3-7, 2020. The program will be at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, convenient to the nearby Family History Library for research.

Learn from the experts in Slavic, Germanic, and other aspects of East European Genealogy.

This year's program features tracks in research in the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, German Empire, and Russian Empire as well as DNA, Jewish Research, Polish Research, and more. Pre-Conference Workshops are offered on August 3-4 on Finding the Village of Origin, Reading German Documents, and Mapping Your Ancestors. You can [preview the conference schedule here](#).

Please visit the [conference website](#) for full details and registration information. Reserved lodging at the [conference hotel](#) is available at a special discounted rate for early-bird registrants. Be sure to tell them that you are attending the FEEFHS Conference and ask for the discount.

Please forward this information to family members, friends, colleagues, and members of your local genealogical societies. You can also download, print, and share the [conference flyer](#).

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

**27th Annual
East European Research Conference**
August 3-7, 2020
Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Tracks and Classes:
Russian and Baltic Research
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Austro-Hungarian Research
German Research
Jewish Research
DNA Track
and more

Consultation with our presenters available
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Please check for updates on tracks and classes
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