



FEEFHS News

The Foundation for East European Family History
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Early-Bird Registration Extended for the FEEFHS 2018 Conference (Final Week!)

Early-Bird [Registration](#) has been extended for the [FEEFHS 25th Annual East European Family History Conference](#) to be held August 6-10, 2018. You now have until July **5th** (one more week!) to register at the discounted rate.

Celebrate FEEFHS 25th anniversary with us and learn from the experts in Slavic, Germanic, and other aspects of East European Genealogy. The program will be at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, convenient to the nearby Family History Library for research.

This year's program features tracks in German, Polish, Austro-Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, Russian, Jewish, and DNA research. Pre-Conference Workshops are offered on August 6-7 on Finding the Village of Origin, Cyrillic for Beginners, Navigating Internet Resources, and German Document Recognition. 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. Early-bird registration ends July **1st-5th!**

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)

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

Featuring:
Nationally recognized Speakers and Specialists
Individual Consultations
Research at the nearby Family History Library

Tracks and Classes:
German Research
Polish Research
Hungarian Research
Czech and Slovak Research
Russian Research
Jewish Research
Research Essentials (DNA)

Information and Registration: FEEFHS.org

Click on the flier image to go to the FEEFHS Conference page, where information about the conference is posted. Check back for more information as the 2018 conference nears, including early-bird registration information, hotel details, and more.

Ancestry.com's Recently Added German Databases

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UPDATED Saxony, Prussia, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1760-1890	6/20/2018
UPDATED Global, Find A Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current	6/26/2018
UPDATED Germany, Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current	6/26/2018
Menden (Sauerland), Germany, Births, 1874-1906	5/10/2018
Menden (Sauerland), Germany, Marriages, 1874-1935	5/10/2018
Menden (Sauerland), Germany, Deaths, 1874-1986	5/10/2018
Meinersen, Germany, Marriages, 1874-1935	3/26/2018
Meinersen, Germany, Births, 1874-1904	3/26/2018
Hesse, Germany, Births, 1851-1901	3/26/2018
Meinersen, Germany, Deaths, 1874-1974	3/26/2018

Coming Soon

U.S., Southern Claims Commission

Early 2018

Update adding names of witnesses.

Swedish American Church Records

Early 2018

Lutheran Church records from Swedish-American congregations

Boston Catholic Parish Records

Early 2018

An update to [our existing collection](#)

Colorado, Colorado Springs, Catholic

Ancestry.com has added twenty new Germany databases and updated three others. New databases include birth, marriage, and death records from various provinces, residence registers, military records, and address books. Updates include additions to the Saxony Lutheran church records database. To view the updates, see [Recently Added and Updated Collections on Ancestry](#) and select Germany. You can also check for updates for other countries, including the United States and Canada. Ancestry has not added or updated databases for other Central and East European countries besides Germany of lately. To find their East European databases for other countries, click on Search, choose the [Card Catalog](#), and then filter by Europe, then the desired country. (Note that Russia is listed under Asia. Granted, most of the territory of Russia is on the Asian Continent, but the majority of the population lives on the European Continent. Russia should probably be listed under both.)

DNA Testing May Give Mixed Results



As Tina Hesman Saey writes in her [article in ScienceNews](#), it is important to understand potential pitfalls of DNA testing. Ethnicity estimates, she notes, can vary depending on which company is doing the testing. There are varying testing methods as well as differences in the

Need help understanding which DNA testing options are right for you or how to interpret and apply your DNA results to your family history research? Check out the [DNA classes available at the FEEFHS Conference!](#) Genetic genealogy expert, Paul Woodbury and genealogist Camille Andrus will be presenting on this topic in the DNA track.

Charles M. Hall, FEEFHS Co-Founder

by Milan Pohontsch



In 1992 a passionate genealogist founded the *Federation of East European Family History Societies*, or short: FEEFHS. The name of the founder was Charles M. Hall. He recognized the need and created an umbrella organization for the various genealogical societies dealing with East European Family History research. With this united effort, genealogical projects were made possible that would otherwise never been accomplished or even started. The focus of FEEFHS has changed since then, teaching genealogical skills rather than coordinating efforts of member societies.

Who was the man who founded and spearheaded the organization for several years? Charles McAllister Hall was born on November 27, 1930 to Henry Vernon and Luetta McAllister Hall in Mountain View, Wyoming. After serving as a missionary in Norway, he obtained his bachelors and masters degrees from Brigham Young University in French and German. Charles later learned Russian, Esperanto, some Dutch, Spanish, and Turkish. His desire was to learn something new all the time, which made him a brilliant mind. During his career as a professional genealogist, he authored 10 books, mostly to help genealogists in the German and Prussian areas. He was also a foreign language teacher for 12 years as well as a professional translator, dealing with French, German, Russian, Norwegian, Esperanto, and Latin. One of his books dealt with learning new languages by using Esperanto. During his professional career as a genealogist for more than two decades, Charles was a constant presenter at various genealogical conferences and could speak of resources for all of East Europe.

In 1975, several years prior to the founding of FEEFHS, Charles Hall was the founding president of *Palatines to America*, also a genealogical society that still operates.

Charles M. Hall died in Holladay, a suburb of Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 15, 2010, survived by his wife and six children.

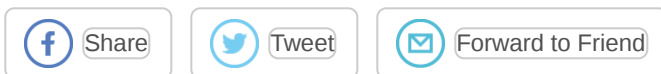
The memory of his efforts to open the various resources in East Europe are burned into the minds of many thankful genealogists.

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