



FEEFHS News

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FamilySearch Signs Agreement with Ukrainian Archives



On June 2, 2020, The State Archival Service of Ukraine announced the signing of a new agreement with FamilySearch to digitize records in Ukrainian archives. FamilySearch had previously microfilmed millions of images from 16 regional archives during the 1990s and 2000s, and has since digitized these and made them available online. However, these represent only the tip of the iceberg as there are many millions more records in archives in Ukraine yet to be digitized. With the new agreement, FamilySearch can now negotiate with the regional archives to resume the work of making these records accessible. The digitization effort is expected to include metrical books and other birth, marriage, and death records, as well as revision lists, censuses, court records, military records, and much, much more. Work is expected to begin once the COVID-19 situation permits, hopefully later this year. You can [read the announcement on the State Archival Service of Ukraine website](#) (in Ukrainian,

Society Spotlight: Romanian Genealogical Society



In this new Society Spotlight segment of the FEEFHS e-Newsletter, we will feature Central and East European family history societies. FEEFHS began as the the Federation of East European Family History Societies back in 1994, and initially focused on supporting fledgling genealogical societies before changing its name to the Foundation for East European Family History Studies. FEEFHS still promotes the many genealogical societies from then and now. This month, the spotlight is on the Romanian Genealogy Society.

The Romanian Genealogy Society (RGS) formed in 2011 with help from the Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans in Minnesota, the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS). The societies purpose includes fostering Romanian genealogy, sharing knowledge about Romanian history and culture, and facilitating the development of Romanian genealogical resources.

The [Romanian Genealogy Society website](#) provides information about membership and benefits, and other resources. The [Romanian Genealogy Society Facebook Page](#) is a forum for Romanian-specific research questions and information sharing. The society has a library within the Minnesota Genealogical Society. Members of RGS and MGS can use the library for free. The society publishes "Romanian Roots" a quarterly newsletter available to members in print and electronic form. They host their own events and promote other events related to Romanian heritage around the country. To learn more, [visit their website](#).

FEEFHS Future Conference Plans

As previously announced, due to ongoing concerns related to COVID-19 about the safety of gathering in large groups and the uncertainty of travel, we have decided to cancel the FEEFHS 2020 Conference. We regret to have to make this decision and apologize for the disappointment of not being able to attend this learning opportunity.

Our plan is to hold the conference in Salt Lake in Summer 2021 with essentially the same program and speakers as we had planned for this year, insofar as they will be available. We anticipate that the vast majority will be. If not, then we will find other qualified speakers to provide the same great instruction.

Those who have already registered for the conference may contact us at conference@feefhs.org to obtain a full refund of the registration fee from FEEFHS. Conference hotel bookings at the Salt Lake Place Hotel may also be entitled to a full refund if cancelled enough days in advance. Please contact the Plaza directly if you need to cancel a hotel booking.

We wish all of you good health and well being during this time, and hope to have you join us next year for help in discovering your Central and East European ancestors.

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