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## Register now for the FEEFHS 2023 Conference!



Early-bird registration is now open for the 2023 FEEFHS Conference, August 1-4, 2023.

Come and learn about Slavic, Germanic, Jewish, and other aspects of East European Genealogy!

The program will feature tracks in research in the former Austro-Hungarian Empire (including Czech, Slovak, etc.), German Empire, Poland, and the Russian Empire (including Ukraine, Belarus, and Baltic Countries) as well as classes on DNA Research, Jewish, Germans from Eastern Europe, and more.

The conference will include in-person classes held exclusively in Salt Lake City and online content with live classes over Zoom and pre-recorded classes. Tuesday, Aug 1 is reserved for in-person workshops, with the main conference, both in-person and online, will be Wednesday, August 2 to Friday, August 4.

Those who travel to Salt Lake City will have the opportunity to attend workshops, the banquet with keynote speaker, receive a personal consultation, and attend exclusive classes not offered online, in addition to all the online content. Online attendees can view live classes over Zoom and pre-recorded classes. Live classes broadcast via Zoom will also be recorded for both in-person and online attendees to view through the remainder of the year along with the pre-recorded classes. Exclusive in-person classes will not be recorded.

The Early Bird registration price, which does not include workshops, is \$150 for both In Person and Online options. This gives you access to dozens of classes, covering Eastern and Central Europe from Russia to Germany, and south into the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. Workshops are available for in-person attendees for a low additional cost

If you choose to come to Salt Lake City, the conference will be held at the Plaza Hotel which is right next door to the FamilySearch Library, the world's largest genealogical library. It is recommended to book your stay at the Plaza Hotel to take advantage of the discounted pricing for conference attendees. Make sure you mention that you are booking for the FEEFHS conference to receive a room discount.

See the list of classes for in-person and online attendees.

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We hope to see you at the 2023 conference, either online or in person in Salt Lake City, to learn more about discovering our Central and East European ancestors!

## Introduction to FEEFHS Video

Have you seen the new video introduction to FEEFHS? Board Member Rayane Melick shares an overview of the Foundation for East European Family History Studies. Click the image to view the video on our website. Please share with others to let them know about the resources that FEEFHS provides to help with East European family history!



## Finding Aid for Russian and other Archives

A new resource is available to help researchers locate archival collections for genealogy and family history research. Великія описи (Great Inventory) lists over 300,000 record collections from 19 archives (and counting). At first the inventory was for just Russian archives, but now also includes the Lithuanian State Historical Archives as well. It is a volunteer project that is ongoing, so more archives will be added for Russia and likely other countries as well. You can even volunteer to help with the project if you have the know-how. In the meantime, you can search the site to find out about the holdings of the numerous archives that are included so far. The site is in Russian but can be navigated with the help of Google Translate, but searches need to be entered in Russian. This is much easier than having to search the various websites of archives, each of which is unique, to find relevant holdings.



## **Beware of Phishing**

FEEFHS has seen lately an increase of fraudulent attempts to ask on our behalf for money or gift cards. These phishing emails and text messages do not come from FEEFHS, even if one of our board members is mentioned as the supposed originator of these messages. FEEFHS will not ask you for any type of direct financial support beyond the link in our official newsletter and on our website. For more information see the Federal Trade Commission consumer advice on <a href="How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing.Scams">How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing.Scams</a>.

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