

FINDING FAMILIES IN EASTERN EUROPE: CENSUS RECORDS AND MORE Rhoda Miller, Ed.D., CG®

Overview:

The Russian Empire compiled information about households in census-like records at various times. The Russian Empire compiled Revision Lists from 1719 until 1858, family lists from time to time thereafter, and an Empire-wide census in 1897. Using Russian Empire document examples, this session will explain how families can be followed from one Revision List to the next. This session will also demonstrate the importance of knowing an ancestor's place of registration for finding related records.



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General Websites for Eastern European Research (websites last accessed March 19, 2019):

EastEuropeGenWeb

<https://www.easteuropegenweb.org/>

Foundation for East European Family History Studies

<http://feefhs.org/>

JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/>

Routes to Roots Foundation

<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml>

Russian Empire (1795-1917)

Empire of Russia. Kaunas. Ukmerge. Utena. 1893 Family List. “СЕМЕЙНЫЙ СПИСКУ” [Family list]. Kaunas Regional Archive F.I-207, Ap.1, B.1, p.186.

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Translation of the original archival record.
Document 1.

Stamp: The Ukraine, Khmelintskaya region State Administration, filial of the State archives in the town of Kamyanets-Podi't'ski.

An archival extract from the revision list of Jews of the mestechko Teplicka, Gaisin uezd, Podolia guberniya. Compiled in the year 1850.

Left page:

Family #/1	Males	According to the last Revision there was and after that assigned	Note	At present
	Jews	Age	Date	Age
226	Srul Shimonovich CHOLODOWSKI	46	died in 1843	
	Srul Shimonovich's 1st son Nusyn	26		42
	Nu.yn's sons:	in 1838 - 10	Recruit since 1840	
	1. Shimon			5
	2. Srul	newborn		3
	3. Fisel	newborn		
	Srul Shimonovich's 2nd son Moisse	23		39
	Moisse's sons:			
	1. Luzer	newborn		10
	2. Srul	newborn		4
Srul Shimonovich's 3rd son Pinkhas	14		since 1845 absence	In unknown
Srul Shimonovich's 4th son Yos	12		since 1845 absence	In unknown

Right page:

Family#	Females	At present
	Jews	Age
226	Srul Shimonovich's wife Etiya Chaskilova	58
	Nusyn Srulovich's wife Nuhama Itskova	40
	Moisse Srulovich's wife Rosya Berkova	43
	Moisse's daughters:	
	1. Sura	12
2. Chaya	8	
3. Dvolra	6	
4. Rosya	2	

Archival source: record group 226, inventory 79, item 5175, pages 98-99.
Note: the original archival document is hand-written and keeps the spelling and style of the 19th century.
/Signatures and official stamp/
Head of the Branch _____ S. A. Borisevich

Ukraine. Kamenets-Podolski State Archives. Khmelintskaya region. Extract from the revision list of Jews of the Tepicka, Gaisin uezd, Podolia guberniya. 1850. Household of Srul Shimonovich CHOLODOWSKI.

Some Useful Information:

- The Julian calendar was used until the end of World War I.
- Russian language was generally used in records but there might be some records in Polish in Polish administrative areas.
- Large political districts were known as guberniyas (provinces); subdivisions were known as uyezds (districts).
- Place of registration is not necessarily where people lived; revision lists and other records are recorded by place of registration, not where resided.

Records:

- Revision Lists: (reviski skazki) 1794-1808, 1811-1812, 1815-1825, 1833-1835, 1850-1852, and 1857-1858
- Supplemental revision lists 1860-end of 19th century
- Local censuses of householders 1862-1916
- Surviving portions of the 1897 All-Empire Census
- Family and local resident lists

Resources (all websites last accessed March 19, 2019):

- Dunai, Alexander. "Tabula Registers: An Untapped Genealogical Resource in the L'viv Archives." *Avotaynu* XXII, no. 2 (Summer 2006): 34-37.
- Everett, Joseph B. " 'Soul' Searching in the Russian Censuses of the 18th and 19th Century." *FEFHHS*, 5:3-4 (August 1998), 34-43.
- Feldblyum, Boris. "Russian Revision Lists: A History." *Avotaynu* XIV, no. 3 (Fall 1998): 59-61.
- Directory of 25 Russian Pale Provinces <https://www.jewishgen.org/InfoFiles/ru-pale.txt>
- Genealogy Indexer (Directories) <http://genealogyindexer.org/>
- Gesher Galicia www.GesherGalicia.org
- JewishGen Litvak SIG <https://www.litvaksig.org/>
- JewishGen Ukraine SIG <http://www.jewishgen.org/Ukraine/default.asp>
JewishGen Ukraine SIG. Ukrainian Archives. [concise list of central and regional archives] http://www.jewishgen.org/Ukraine/GST_HTR_Archives.asp
- Odessa Portal <https://odportal.com.ua/uliza/01.html>
- Official Web-Portal of State Archival Service of Ukraine. <http://www.archives.gov.ua/Eng/>
- Rhode, Harold. "What May be learned from 19th-Century Czarist Jewish Birth Records and Revision Lists." *Avotaynu* X, no. 3 (Fall 1994): 3-7.
- Russia Archives and Libraries. FamilySearch.org Wiki https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Russia_Archives_and_Libraries
- Russia Online Genealogy Records. FamilySearch.org Wiki https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Russia_Online_Genealogy_Records
- Russian Empire Genealogy Resources (Joel Ratner) <https://archive.org/details/russianempiregenealogyresources>
- Sack, Sallyann Amdur, and Gary Mokotoff. 2004. *Avotaynu guide to Jewish genealogy*. Bergenfield (N.J.): Avotaynu. [See: Soshikov, Vladislav. Russian Empire 189-195]
- Ukraine, Odesa Census Records (FamilySearch Historical Records) [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ukraine,_Odesa_Census_Records_\(FamilySearch_Historical_Records\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ukraine,_Odesa_Census_Records_(FamilySearch_Historical_Records))
- Ukraine Online Genealogy Records. FamilySearch.org Wiki https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ukraine_Online_Genealogy_Records
- Ukrainian Archives Documents (Alex Krakovsky Project "Open Resources") https://www.tkfgn.org/open_sources_ak_p09.html
- Weiner, Miriam. 1999. *Jewish roots in Ukraine and Moldova: pages from the past and archival inventories*. Secaucus, N.J.: Miriam Weiner Routes to Roots Foundation. [see <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.shtml>]