



## **FEEFHS News**

*The Foundation for East European Family History  
Studies - April 2020*

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### **COVID-19 Update**

The State of Utah is currently under a "Stay Safe, Stay Home" directive from the governor through May 1, consistent with federal guidelines to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Additionally, Salt Lake County is under a Public Health Order to stay at home for the same period.

The health and safety of our conference invitees is of utmost concern. The FEEFHS Conference Committee is monitoring updates to public health directives and guidelines regarding the virus. **Currently, the FEEFHS 2020 Conference is scheduled to go on as planned, for August 3-7, 2020**, as we are hopeful that the pandemic will have abated before then. However, we are prepared to make adjustments to conference plans if necessary.

If it becomes necessary to cancel the conference, registrants will be able 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. Check with the Plaza for their cancellation policy. In the event of a cancellation, registrants and potential attendees will be notified well in advance of the scheduled conference dates. Again, we are hopeful that this will not become necessary.

### **Acta Publica Publish New Czech Church Records**

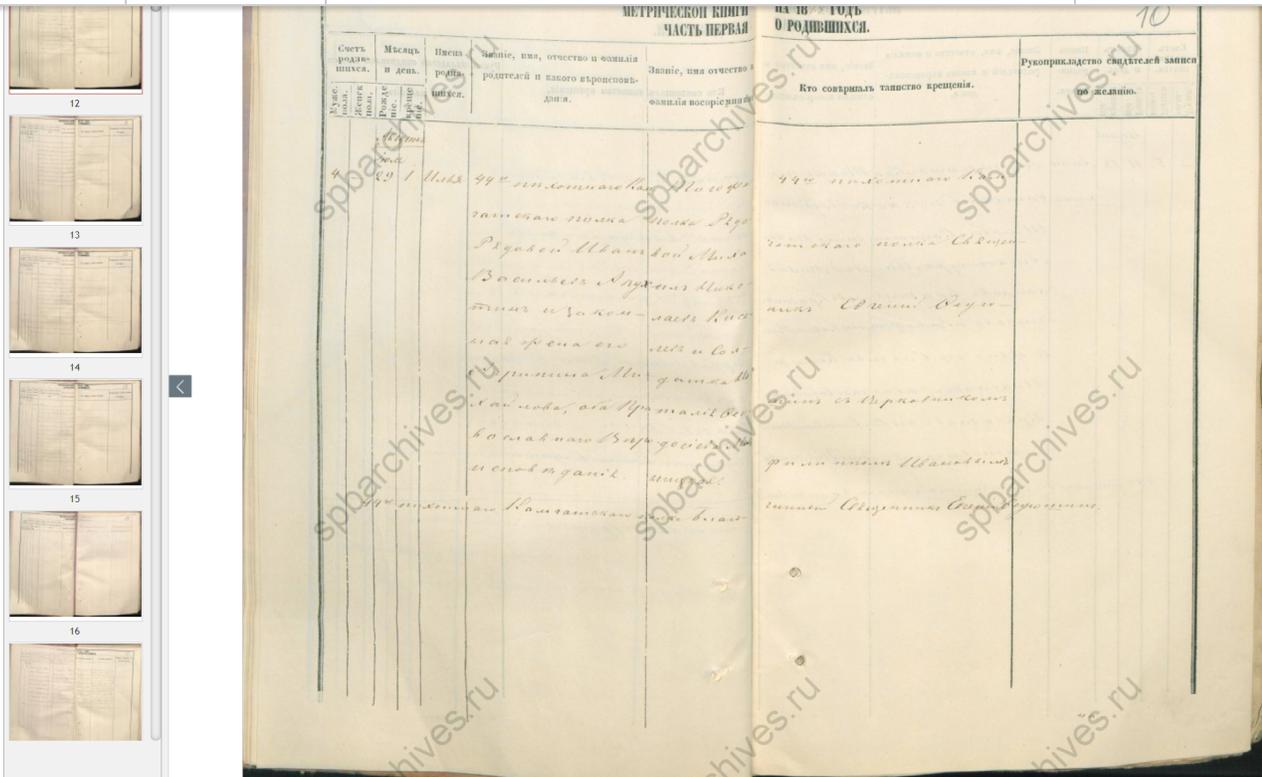
## Acta Publica

The registers of individual religious communities are among the most frequently used historical sources. And it is no wonder – you can find the ancestors of many people who now live in Austria and the Czech Republic. This fact takes on a different meaning when we realize that the exchange of population has been very high in the past and our ancestors often came from different countries. Modern information technologies now allow to overcome obstacles, language diversity, national borders or even distant locations of historical sources. This gives the public a free and simple opportunity to study these sources of general history without significant problems.

Acta Publica serves as a platform that crosses the borders of individual countries and individual archives, to publish registers from Austria and the Czech Republic. The project aims to contribute to

New Austrian and Czech church records continue to be published online on [Acta Publica](#). Click "[News](#)" to see the list of new church registers that have been added recently. Log in with a free registration to view digital images of these church books. Acta Publica is a platform for free online access to church records from Austria and the Czech Republic.

## St. Petersburg Archive Records Free through April 30th



The [St. Petersburg Archives](#) is offering free access to their online records during the pandemic, through April 30th. These include birth, marriage, and death records from metrical books and civil registration records, as well as historical photographs and more. Registration is free and image access fees are waived during this period, which may be extended, depending on how things go.

## Early Bird Registration is Still Open for the FEEFHS 2020 Conference

(See above for COVID-19 Update.)

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)

27<sup>th</sup> Annual

## East European Research Conference

August 3-7, 2020

Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

### Featuring:

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

### Tracks and Classes:

Russian and Baltic Research  
Polish and Czech Research  
Austro-Hungarian Research  
German Research  
Jewish Research  
DNA Track  
and more

Consultation with our presenters available  
(included with registration)

Please check for updates on tracks and classes  
starting March 15, 2020 at our website

Information: [FEEFHS.org](http://FEEFHS.org)

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