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TIP OF THE MONTH

In Eastern European research, identifying the exact town or village of origin is a crucial research step. Records are typically organized by town or parish, not by surname or region. Additionally, many collections are not indexed, requiring researchers to search through records page by page. Because many towns share the same name and borders have changed frequently, knowing only a country of origin is rarely enough. Pinpointing the correct village allows you to identify the correct parish, archive, and record set, and is often the key to making real progress. One of the most valuable and often underused genealogical tools for this task is historical maps. [This article](#), written by Dave Obee, outlines how maps can be used more effectively to

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The deadline for our 2026 Conference call for presentations is approaching quickly! The conference will be held in person in Salt Lake City, Utah from August 4-7. Make sure to [submit your presentation](#) proposal for consideration by **March 1, 2026**.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Read the annual holiday message from the FEEFHS President, Milan Pohontsch, [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in FEEFHS. Your passion for Eastern European genealogy strengthens our community and inspires everything we do. We look forward to learning, researching, and connecting together in the months ahead.



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