



## February 2026 NEWSLETTER

### TIP OF THE MONTH: Think Local in Your Research

Local records can be especially important in family history research, particularly when tracing ancestors from Eastern Europe. While we are grateful for large online genealogical databases that make research accessible, these platforms can only get us so far. Many helpful resources have never been digitized online.

In much of Europe, civil records were kept at the municipal or parish level, where the records were never centralized or published in an easily accessible format. In order to access these, it may be necessary to explore collections kept by local parishes or regional archives.



Beyond the many of the civil and church registers that are often consulted by genealogists, there are also lesser-used local resources that may prove invaluable to you. Researchers should not overlook cemeteries, museums, monuments, and memorials in the towns their ancestors called home. In many instances, these types of local sources can bridge gaps left by incomplete or inaccessible records.

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anywhere else. It preserves the names of Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war whose identities were not preserved in death registers. Research conducted by Matteo D'Angella demonstrates how careful study of such local memorials can restore forgotten individuals to our historical recollection. Access his research [here](#) to read more about the memorial.

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## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The deadline for our 2026 Conference call for presentations is **TOMORROW!** 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.

[SUBMIT PROPOSALS HERE](#)

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Learn from Joe Everett as he explains how this German Immigrants project can help you in your personal research [here](#).

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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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