



## ***March 2026 NEWSLETTER***

### **In Memory of Duncan Gardiner**

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Duncan Gardiner, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Duncan made significant contributions to our organization in the early days. His contributions to the study of Central and East European Family History are significant and impacted much more than just our organization.

He has left a legacy for us all to build on in our ongoing efforts to help connect people to their ancestors from that part of the world. We are so grateful for the influence he had on our organization. He will be greatly missed.



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### **Tip of the Month: Don't Just Search, Browse Strategically**

Not all record sets or genealogical websites are name-searchable. Many valuable records must be browsed image by image. To be effective, you'll need to be strategic in

1. Identify your ancestor's village or hometown
2. Narrow down the timeframe when your ancestor may have lived there
3. Start with the Table of Contents or Index (if available) - many collections will include internal indexes
4. Look for patterns - Are entries organized alphabetically, chronologically, or by house number?
5. Track your research - Keep a simple log of page numbers, years, or sections you've checked to avoid duplicating your work

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Rootstech 2026 featured so many wonderful presenters who discussed East European genealogy. Below we've listed a few of the presentations you might be interested in. We highly recommend visiting the Rootstech website to see the new presentations they have uploaded from this year's conference.

[Click Into Ukraine: Online Resources for Tracing Your Ancestry](#) by Michelle Tucker Chubenko

[The German Records You May Be Missing](#)  
by Katherine Schober

[Notarial Records in Poland: Treasure Troves of Family History](#) by Dawid Walendowski and Anna Wiernicka

[It's Just An Index: Finding The Images Of Records Online - Hungary](#) by Banai Lynn Feldstein

[Town Counsel: Finding Your Jewish Ancestor's European](#)

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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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