Cyrillic Parish Records

A Guide to Napoleonic Documents By Sigrid Pohl Perry

The Russian Alphabet

With English, Polish and German Equivalents

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The Russian Alphabet Difficult Letters and Sounds

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General Comments about Records

- In the margin the place of residence is specified along with its administrative affiliations.
 - * Endings differ within the text
 - * All spellings are in phonetic Russian or Polish—"use ears"
 - * Check both places; errors are not uncommon
- The date at the beginning of the record is usually given in Julian/Gregorian format, a separation of 12 days until 1900 when it becomes 13 days. Other dates given may only be Julian calendar format.
- Individuals may use either date as a birth date in other records, so be aware of this difference

Birth/Baptism Records

- 1. Father, age, occupation, residence
 - * Normally the father's name is also written with Latin letters.
 - * In rare instances the father may not be present, e.g. death (stated on the record), military service or other absence, name is unknown and birth is considered illegitimate.
- 2. First Witness, age, occupation, residence* The name is written in Latin letters if the father is not present.
- 3. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
 - * Occupation and residence of the two witnesses may be combined if they are the same.

Birth/Baptism Records

- 4. Sex of child, town of birth, date and time of birth
 * Most often the phrase "yesterday's date" is given. If the child was born before "yesterday" then the full Julian / Gregorian date is often given.
- 5. Mother (with maiden name), age
 - * Normally the mother's name is also written with Latin letters.
 - * Look for "wife" or "legal wife" preceding her name to indicate marriage.
- 6. Child's given name
 - * Normally the child's name is also written with Latin letters.

Birth/Baptism Records

7. Indication of godparents

* Usually refers to one or both witnesses and then includes the godmother's name with descriptor and residence.

* The godmother may be a wife of one of the witnesses or another person, usually a relative of one of the parents.

8. Closing statement of reading and signing the document

* Often includes a statement that the witnesses were illiterate but that the document was read to them.

* Sometimes there will be signatures other than the pastor's, e.g. the father or one of the witnesses.

Clue Words in Birth Records





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Death Records

- 1. First Witness, age, occupation, residence
- 2. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
- 3. Date, time, place of death (often "yesterday" is used)
- 4. Deceased person (name also in Latin letters), age
- 5. Relationship(s) of the deceased (may include the witnesses)
 * May include parents' names, spouse(s), and number of sons and daughters living if an adult
- 6. Closing statement of reading and signing the document.

Clue Words in Death Records









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Marriage Records: Groom

- 1. First Witness, age, occupation, residence
- 2. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
- 3. Groom, marital status prior to this wedding, faith, place of birth * Normally the groom's name is written with Latin letters.
 - * Name of previous spouse and often date of death is given.
- 4. Groom's parents including mother's maiden name (and indications if either parent has died)
- 5. Groom's age, residence (usually also given in the margin)

Marriage Records: Bride

- 6. Bride, marital status prior to this wedding, faith, place of birth* Normally the bride's name is also written with Latin letters.
 - * Name of previous spouse and often date of death is given.
- 7. Bride's parents including mother's maiden name (and indications if either parent has died)
- 8. Bride's age, residence

Marriage Records: Banns

- 9. Text states that this planned wedding was announced for three weeks; dates are given.
- 10. Statements on parents' approval and whether a prenuptial agreement was made.
- 11. Statement indicating the pastor who performed the wedding.
- 12. Closing statement of reading and signing the document.

Clue Words in Marriage Records





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Volhynian Baptist Marriage Certificate



Eduard Jaeger and Emilia Koenig wedding certificate

Birth Certificate

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Emilia Koenig's birth certificate