

Gesher Galicia Special Interest Group 2014


Guide to using The All Galicia Database, Map Room & Website

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Gesher Galicia (“The Bridge to Galicia”) is the special interest (membership) group for people researching their Jewish roots in the former Austrian province of Galicia. Members receive our quarterly journal, “The Galitzianer,” and get access to our new website’s **Member’s Only Portal**, where they can search the “Gesher Galicia Family Finder,” and back issues of “The Galitzianer,” along with access to videos, articles and original documents not available on our public site.

The Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria, or simply *Galicia*, was the largest and northernmost province of Austria from 1772 until 1918, with Lemberg (Lwów, L'viv) as its capital city. It was created from the territories taken from the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth during the partitions of Poland and lasted until the dissolution of Austria-Hungary at the end of the First World War. Today Galicia is an historical region split between Poland (Western Galicia) and Ukraine (Eastern Galicia.) If you grew up hearing stories about relatives who came from “Austria,” it is highly possible they actually came from Galicia.

Our re-designed website offers these free searchable databases: The All Galicia Database, The Gesher Galicia Map Room *and* the Galician Archival Records Project Inventory



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Gesher Galicia is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that promotes and conducts Jewish genealogical and historical research for Galicia, a province of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, which is today part of eastern Poland and southwestern Ukraine. Our major research initiative — [The Galician Archival Records Project](#) — is acquiring and indexing a variety of metrical, property, school, voter, tax and magnate records for Galicia. Although our organization’s primary focus is researching Jewish roots in Galicia, the diverse community records in our databases contain names that span all the ethnic and religious groups that once lived in this region.

Gesher Galicia’s goal is to help you make progress in tracing your ancestors *and* exploring the cultural and personal facets of their lives. Whether it’s expanding our record acquisitions, indexing data or holding seminars and programs on Galician research topics, we keep looking for innovative ways for you to make breakthroughs in research from the 19th century through the Holocaust-era.

Navigate the drop-down menus to learn about our projects and search all our databases:



The Galician Archival Records Project (GARP) is the new “umbrella” project under which all other Gesher Galicia research projects exist. Our extensive “Cadastral Map & Landowner Records Project” will be included, but the availability and desirability of other types of records required the expansion of the scope of our projects. This list is *not* finite. Quite the opposite. We are committed to growth, and new projects can be suggested -- and added -- at any time by our members.

The GARP Project currently includes:

- **The Cadastral Map & Landowner Records**
- **The Voter, School, Tax and Tabula Records**
- **The Vital Records & Census Project**
- **The Polish Magnate Record Project**
- **The Austrian State Archives Project**
- **The Stanislawow 1939 Census & Passports**

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If you go to the website under the “Research” dropdown menu, you can click on a project name to link to a detailed page with information about that project. An FAQ (also on the website) is provided below which explains how the project works, how we choose the towns and select the records, how to start your own town project or how to donate to view records that have already been digitized.

How is the Galician Archival Records Project organized? What is its focus?

Most of these projects are town-centric. We focus our research specific Galician towns in an attempt to acquire many different types of records containing genealogically relevant data. While our focus is not specifically with vital records -- because many of the Galician vital records held in Polish archives have already been indexed by JRI Poland -- we are committed to indexing Galician records that are not in AGAD or the Polish State Archives, but rather reside in Ukrainian archives and are not included in JRI's databases. We are also acquiring “province-wide” documents, which contain details on every Jewish community in Galicia, including lists of religious community and Kahal leaders and lists of teachers in Jewish religious and state-mandated schools throughout Galicia and other esoteric items.

The Gesher Galicia Map Room

Latest News:

12 March 2013:

New maps added: Berezhany Town Cadastral Map 1846; Ivano-Frankivsk (Stanisławów) Street Map 1941; two von Schlieben Maps of Galician Kreise (L'viv, Zolochiv, Zhovkva, Sambir, Stryi, Ivano-Frankivsk), ca. 1828

What's Here:

This digital Map Room is a spin-off of the [Gesher Galicia Cadastral Map and Land Owner Records Project](#), a long-term research project to acquire and publish land and building records in the former Austro-Hungarian province of Galicia, now Poland and Ukraine. The [project inventory](#) is large, a portion of which contains maps which are useful to historians and genealogists studying Galicia. Many of these historic maps are truly beautiful.

The Gesher Galicia Map Room offers high-resolution scans of a cadastral maps showing names, house and parcel numbers. Compare information on vital records with these maps to get a portrait of shtetl life. Use our province-wide and specialty maps to identify districts, collateral towns, and even railway routes your ancestors used to travel to ports to embark on their journeys to a better life.



Grzymałów Market Square Map 1875

Cadastral map of the market square in the center of Grzymałów (Hrymailiv), administrative district of Husiatyn, region of Ternopil, from 1875. State Archive of Ternopil Oblast, record 146.1.615. Images sourced by Alexander Dunai; map stitched by Jay Osborn.

To ease reading of the hand-written annotations, this map is also linked here in alternate orientations: east up; west up; south up.



Ivano-Frankivsk (Stanisławów) Street Map 1941

A general plan of the districts of Ivano-Frankivsk (Івано-Франківськ, Stanisławów, Stanyslaviv, Stanislaw), now its own raion and the head city of the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, from 1941. The map is a German Luftwaffe copy of a Polish original by Z. Domański of Stanisławów, completely labeled with street names in Polish, with a full index of features and selected overlays in German; portions of the city plan were supplemented from a larger regional map. Included in the map features are two synagogues, two Jewish cemeteries, Jewish and other community schools, a Jewish hospital and other medical associations, sports facilities, train and tram lines, etc., as well as the breadth of administrative, utility, and cultural sites in the city. Digital copy of the map from the [Map Archive of Wojskowy Instytut Geograficzny \(WIG\)](#). A pre-war (ca. 1938) map of Stanisławów is also available at a city history web site, [stanislawow.net](#).



Kalush Town Center Feldskizzen, undated

Cadastral feldskizzen map of the town center of Kalush (Калуш, Kalusz), administrative district of Kalush, region of Ivano-Frankivsk, undated. The six map sheets copied cover the entire residential area and all houses; also included are the residential districts of New Kalush (Neu Kalusz), Bania (Баня), and Zahirya (Заріч'я, Zagorze). A Jewish cemetery and associated Jewish community lands are located to the northwest of the town center. A revised cadastral map showing house numbers, and many of the field parcels have householder names. Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine (Lviv) record 186.12.227. Photocopy images of the folded black & white map sourced by Brian Lenius; map stitched by Jay Osborn.

Password access to The Gesher Galicia Family Finder (GGFF), which lists the surnames and towns being researched by each member. This exclusive database for researchers to

connect is available only to members of Gesher Galicia who are logged into our website.

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