

Handout – The Alex Krakovsky Project **IAJGS 2020 updated February 2021**

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Alex Krakovsky main wiki url

https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:єврейське_містечко

Kyiv Revision List Portal

https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Вікіджерела:Ревізькі_казки_Київської_губернії

Kyiv Metric Record Index

<https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ЦДІАК/1164/1>

Separate Wiki Pages (portals)

There you can find the archive in question and that archive page will have a complete listing of all their pages - which pages Krakovsky now seems to be using for his scanned uploads. On the page for each archive most but not all have a link to: Funds pre-Soviet period" which if they exist, is where they can be found.

DESCRIPTION	RECORD TYPE	MAIN LINK
MAIN + INDEX FILES		
CDIAK.D 1164-1 Kyiv index files	I	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ЦДІАК/1164/1
DAMO.A Nikolaev metric book indices	M/I	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАМО/А
DAMO.A 484 from their site	M/I	http://mk.archives.gov.ua/tsifrovyi-arhiv-metrychni-knygy-new.html
DAMO.A other metric indices from their site	M/I	http://mk.archives.gov.ua/tsifrovyi-arhiv-metrychni-knygy
DAOO.D 39-6 Odessa metric indices	M/I	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАОО/39/6
DAZHO.D 67-3 Zhitomir index files	I	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАЖО/67/3
Shtetl page aka "Main Wiki" (MW)	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:єврейське_містечко
OTHER		
CDIAK.D 1164 Kyiv district metric books	M	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ЦДІАК/1164
remaining CDIAK.D (central UKR archives)	M/O	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ЦДІАК
DACHGO.D Chernigov region	C/O	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАЧГО
DADNO.D Yekaterinoslav/Dnipropetrovsk	M	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:Архів:ДАДНО
DAHEO.D Kherson region	M	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАХеО
DAHMO.D Khmelnytsky archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАХМО
DAKO.D 1 Kyiv Province	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО/1
DAKO.D 2 Kyiv Civil Governor		https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО/2
DAKO.D 280 Kyiv Treasury	C/O	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО/280
DAKO.D 384 Kyiv province 1897 census	C	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО/384
remaining DAKO.D Kyiv region	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО
DAKO.R Kyiv region (post-1917)	M/I	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКО/Р
DAKRO.D Yelizavetgrad archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАКРО/Д
DAMO.D Nikolayev archives	M	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАМО/Д
DAOO.D Odessa archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАОО/Д
DAPO.D Poltava archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАПО
DAPO.R Poltava archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАПО/Р
DARO Rivne archives	M	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАРО
DAVIO Vinnitsa archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАВіО
DAZHO.D Zhitomir archives	mixed	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАЖО/Д

DAZHO.R Zhitomir archives (post-1917)	O	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ДАЖО/Р
GDA-SZUR Foreign intel	O	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архів:ГДА_СЗРУ
Kyiv Portal revision lists	C	https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Вікіджерела:Ревізькі_казки

Type of record: M = Metric; C = Census; I = Index; O = Other

Useful Links

Access and Digitization on Trial: Alex Krakovsky's Archival Battle in Ukraine

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/4555727/blog/khroniky/5581535/access-and-digitization-trial-alex-krakovskys-archival-battle>

Fundraiser by Brooke Schreier Ganz : Scanners for the Ukrainian Archives

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/scanners-for-the-ukrainian-archives>

Steve Morse webpage to transliterate Cyrillic to English

<https://stevemorse.org/russian/r2ebatch.html>

Ukrainian Archives

CENTRAL ARCHIVES

http://www.jewishgen.org/Ukraine/GST_HTR_Archives.asp.

<https://uk.wikisource.org/wiki/Архіви>

Here is a video Alex posted December 2019, but the audio quality is poor.

<https://www.facebook.com/alex.krakovsky/videos/2539176599450949/>

Alex Krakovsky

December 13, 2019 ·

Dear fellows,

Last year we won many lawsuits with Ukrainian Archives. We didn't lose any!

All these victories opened the door to copy and publish millions of priceless Jewish documents online for everybody. These great days of freedom and democracy changed the world of East European Jewish genealogy forever. Accessing these records made thousands of Jewish genealogy researchers happy all over the world. Most of these documents were never ever published anywhere and some not even known by researchers.

One of such great victories was over Central Historical Archives in Kyiv when we won the right to digitize ALL of the Kyiv Jewish records. A massive number of archival documents of one of the largest Jewish communities in the world back then. Descendents of these people now live all over the world.

We did it this summer. Now it all available online for you as it should be. Forever and ever.

Soon afterwards I sent a request to this archive to digitize the rest of Jewish documents of other towns of Kyiv gubernia.

I sent this request on August 13. To my surprise this archive instantly shut down ALL of the Jewish fonds and only because they actually Jewish on August 23. The only reason is "for technical reason". They suddenly had to change boxes in which documents stored. They needed to check if documents exist etc.

Of course, the only real reason why they did this is just to not let me copy these documents. And do not let them be available for you online.

It's always better to try to make a peaceful deal before actually going to the court. And I tried. I asked for a copy of official order to close ALL Jewish fonds. I got official response that this information is not public...

I personally had really high hopes for the new head of State Archive Service Mr. Anatoly Khromov. He went to the office couple of weeks ago. And I really hoped he will make the real change. And so the tide will be finally turning.

I sent him a letter asking for help and just to let me know the real date when that technical reason will be over and I could copy Jewish documents, including many documents about my personal family history. He has all the power to do it. Just days before that he publicly claimed that all of the restrictions will go and human rights in our archives will be protected.

To my surprise I got a response from him which is just a bitter end. He don't know when it will be over. Archive has the right to close fonds for whatever reason. And lots of text 'bout how many things archive was doing and how they all busy..... which is nothing but bla b la bla and has nothing to do with my simple answer which is "when". When I will be able to make copies.

It's a bitter lesson and disappointment. It seems that we now have no other option but to go to the court and sue this archive and State Archives Service once again.

We even have a joke "it never happened before and here it comes again".

Since copying these documents and making them available online is so much important to all of you. I want to ask you something to help me in court.

I ask Jewish genealogy societies all over the world to scribe a letter of support. A short one but to state how important this to you – having all of the Jewish documents of Kyiv gubernia online.

Send them to me and believe me it will help a lot.

Doing this is a good reason for our ancestors, so their voice can be heard and the songs they used to sing can be sung. For many years after us.

Good luck,
Peace and love to all of you.
Alex

Videos by Jarrett Ross

<https://images.app.goo.gl/r2p6ff2X3qo72MgB6>

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In today's Vlog I discuss the work being done to digitize the records in Ukraine and how Mafia controlled Archives are blocking this effort. While there have been attempts to digitize records by groups such as USHMM, Family Search, and JewishGen.org, they have only digitized a small fraction of what is available. Alex Krakovsky has taken it upon himself to photograph the documents held by archives in Ukraine so they can be accessible by everyone in the World. This is immensely important, not just because it will help Genealogy research and family history research, but records are being stolen and destroyed all the time. Unfortunately in Zhytomyr he has found the criminals running the archives are not adhering to the Law, which allows researchers to take photographs of documents with their own cameras without having to pay any fees. Due to these problems Alex is now taking them to court with the first hearing on February 13th, 2018 to reclaim the records. There is a lot of corruption in Zhytomyr and in order to fight it Alex needs help in spreading the word about what is happening. Please share this video as well as Alex's channel and video, which are listed below. Alex Krakovsky's Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/alexkrak...> Episode 1 of Legal Case Against Zhytomyr State Archives GeneaVlogger

Episode 1 of Legal Case Against Zhytomyr State Archives <https://youtu.be/zR2XK4Lyg7g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjSUYxBLWMA>

Fighting Criminals in Ukraine Archives - Alex Krakovsky Fights for Open Access in Ukraine (VLOG #27)

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Email sent to Alex K in support of his efforts in response to his request

From: Gary Pokrassa gpokrassa@jewishgen.org
Subject: Support for your efforts
Date: December 28, 2019 at 7:40 PM
To: Alex Krakovsky
alexkrakovsky@gmail.com

Hello

GP

I am the Data Acquisition Director for the Ukraine research Group in JewishGen.org, which is an international genealogical group that is working diligently to find, copy and transcribe records for the hundreds of thousands of researchers who are hoping to trace their ancestors in the towns their families once called home. I am also the project leader for both our uploading of all files Alex Krakovsky is posting and also directing translation projects using this data.

JewishGen has many members who have been actively working to find records of their ancestors, many who come from former Russia and now part of current day Ukraine. Because of the numerous pogroms against Jews and wars, we are aware that many archive records were destroyed. But we are also aware that there are numerous archive records that remain; some moved around and relocated to other archives.

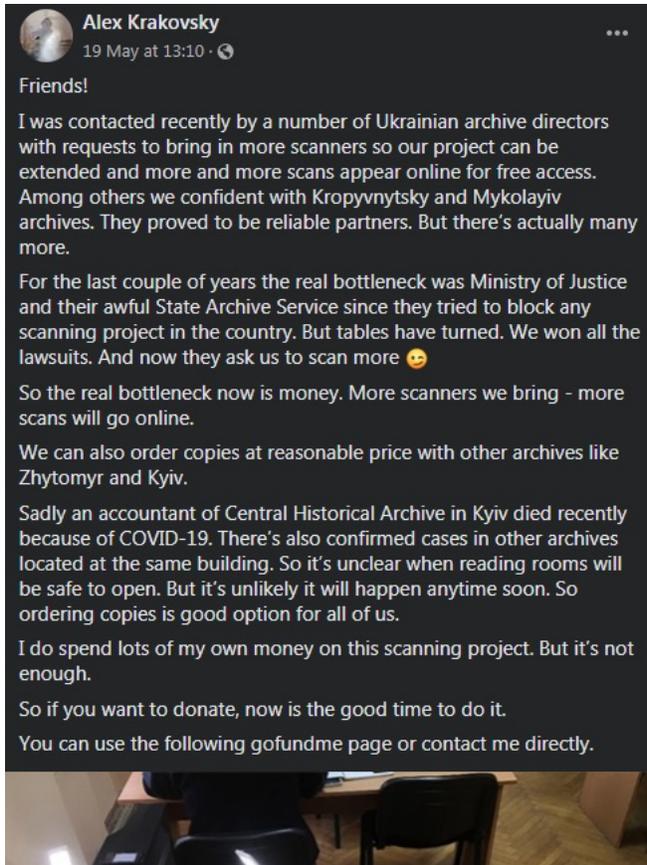
Because of our physical distance from Ukraine, we have been dependent on researchers in each locale finding, photographing and transcribing the records for us. Alex Krakovsky has been most helpful to thousands and thousands of our US based researchers for the work he is doing in the various archives in Ukraine. We understand that he continues to face censure as various archives claim he is violating privacy act. Keep in mind that the records we are researching are mostly at least 100 years or more old and there is no one alive today that could be compromised by these archives being published.

I hope you will reconsider your blocking of Jewish records to all of our researchers. It is quite important to us and we hope you will help us in our quests.

Best wishes,

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Friends!

I was contacted recently by a number of Ukrainian archive directors with requests to bring in more scanners so our project can be extended and more and more scans appear online for free access. Among others we confident with Kropyvnytsky and Mykolayiv archives. They proved to be reliable partners. But there's actually many more.

For the last couple of years the real bottleneck was Ministry of Justice and their awful State Archive Service since they tried to block any scanning project in the country. But tables have turned. We won all the lawsuits. And now they ask us to scan more 😊

So the real bottleneck now is money. More scanners we bring - more scans will go online.

We can also order copies at reasonable price with other archives like Zhytomyr and Kyiv.

Sadly an accountant of Central Historical Archive in Kyiv died recently because of COVID-19. There's also confirmed cases in other archives located at the same building. So it's unclear when reading rooms will be safe to open. But it's unlikely it will happen anytime soon. So ordering copies is good option for all of us.

I do spend lots of my own money on this scanning project. But it's not enough.

So if you want to donate, now is the good time to do it.

You can use the following gofundme page or contact me directly.

