

Tips for Genealogical and Historical Family Research

When doing genealogical and historical family research it is advisable to start with available documents, e.g. Records of births, marriages and deaths that exist for the various towns and villages by certain years. Information about Drohobycz, Boryslaw and the surrounding areas is located in the Lviv (Lvov) archive.

There is a regional archive in Lvov containing also travel documents, passports, and property records as well as records of TABULA (notarized documents of various community matters).

- **Miriam Weiner's website** contains inventories and information regarding locations of many documents: <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/search.php>
 1. Miriam Weiner **Drohobycz**: <http://www.rtrfoundation.org/search.php>
 2. Miriam Weiner **Boryslaw**:
<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/results.php?townName=BORISLAV&testing=>
 3. Miriam Weiner **Schodnica**:
<http://www.rtrfoundation.org/results.php?townName=SKHODNITSA>
- Most of the records are found in the **Lvov Historical Archive**. Some records and documents from the archive were copied by Gesher Galicia:
In addition to records of births, marriages and deaths (BMD), Gesher Galicia also acquired recently land ownership records and detailed maps. The website has search engine detailing the inventory by town/village: <http://www.geshergalicia.org/>
- The **Warsaw Archive** inventory can be found at:
<http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/index.php?l=en>
 1. **Drohobycz**:
<http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/index.php?l=en&mode=search&word=drohobycz&operator=and&word2>
 2. **Boryslaw**:
<http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/index.php?l=pl&mode=search&word=boryslaw&operator=and&word2>
- The **Mormon Church** microfilmed many of the Ukrainian archives: <https://familysearch.org/Drohobycz, Boryslaw and the surrounding areas>:
<https://familysearch.org/eng/library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=localityhitlist&columns=%2C0%2C0&PLACE=drohobycz&PARTOF=&prePLACE=drohobycz&prePARTOF>
- **Lvov Archive**: <http://www.archives.gov.ua/Eng/Archives/ca04.php>
- **Lvov Regional Archive**: <http://www.archives.gov.ua/Archives/index.php?ra13>

Note: When contacting both archives, it is best to write in the Ukrainian language. It is possible to receive up to 10 files for research, but they have to be pre-ordered. The catalogues are all in Russian or Ukrainian, but the records themselves are in Polish, German, Yiddish or Hebrew, requiring a local translator. The searches are quite complex, and one should allow about a week for research.

It is important to note that Jewish religious marriages were not recognized by the civil authorities. In many cases the marriages of the parents were registered by the civil authorities many years later at the time of recording a child's birth or a child's marriage.

- **The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People:** <http://cahjp.huji.ac.il/>

The archives are located in Jerusalem on the campus of the Hebrew University in Givat Ram. It contains copies of files from the Lvov archive including births, marriages and deaths records, land records from 1853, records of applications for immigration to Palestine, lists of teachers and educators, etc. Records of some of Drohobycz and surrounding areas were cataloged in the computer system of the archive. Others are in a hard copy card catalog which is in Polish. Therefore it is best to be assisted by a translator. There are many other files, some of them from the Lvov Archive.

- **The Archives in Warsaw**

Documents and records that are less than one hundred years old are held in the state Polish archives in Warsaw. Requests should be made in Polish. Proof of first degree relation is required when submitting a copy of a passport. If the name is different from that of the name of the person for whom information is requested, a notarized release should also be included. Files can be browsed and copies of documents and records can be ordered.

The archives address is:

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- **Austria, Vienne**

Many people ran away to Austria

Good Genealogy data base is <http://www.genteam.at/index.php>

(DÖW) Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance

Documents of resistance you may find in <http://www.doew.at/english>