Historical Maps of Europe
Seeing What our Ancestors Saw

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Why Maps?

- Understand our History
- Understand the Political and Geographical Environment our Ancestors Left Behind
- Understand the Difficulty of the Journey to America
- Gain Insight into Family Legends
- Even Gain Insight into our DNA Origins
If we REALLY want to trace our ancestors........ 50,000 years ago

The Genographic Project - Windows Internet Explorer

Genographic Project

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Haplogroup K
First Appeared
About 50,000 years ago
Type: mtDNA
Near East. These women crossed the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia, and moved on to the steppes of the Black Sea.

Interestingly, this haplogroup is also very significant because its members constitute three of the four major Ashkenazi Jewish founder lineages.

Today, K has given rise to three of the four most common haplogroups in Ashkenazi Jews and is currently shared by over 5,000,000 people.
Site of recent archaeological discovery of the ruins of the city of Itel, capital of the Khazars.

“...dated the conversion of the Khazar elite to Judaism ... appears to have occurred later, probably between 740 and 809 AD. Since the Khazar state included both the Crimea and Caucasus, most scholars surmise that Khazar Judaism came from one or both of these areas.”

A More Conventional Use of Maps – Understanding Political Geography

18th Century Poland and Lithuania

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/43/Rzeczpospolita.png
How Wars Changed Boundaries
Boundaries Continually Change

Eastern Europe in 1836
We can find the village where our ancestors lived.

This is the Grodno Gubernia in 1834.

My wife’s maternal grandfather was from Bialostock.
Some Maps are Just Pretty to Look At

Galicia (Austria-Hungary) in 1882

My paternal Grandfather’s Birth Place
The Maps Made for War Planning are often the most detailed – and thus the most revealing.

This map of the German Empire was made from 1860 to 1895.

Each little square is a detailed military map.

And, it’s on Ancestry.com

*Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs* *Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire*
Square #89 showing the little village of Zarnitz, where my friend Joe Zarnitz’ family came from.

(Note: Resolution suffers from the copying from original jpeg to PowerPoint. In the original, you can see individual dwellings.)
My Favorite Map System

It’s a *VERRRRY* Detailed Map system for “turn of the century” Central and Eastern Europe, specifically for those areas that were part of or adjacent to the Austrian-Hungarian Empire of that time.

• Check out this website’s maps:
  [http://lazarus.elte.hu/hun/digkonyv/topo/3felmeres.htm](http://lazarus.elte.hu/hun/digkonyv/topo/3felmeres.htm)

*Caution: Website Doesn’t always work. It’s part of the website of the cartography department of a Budapest University, and Hungarian internet service is sometimes “spotty”.*
3rd Military Mapping Survey of Austria-Hungary
Index sheet of the general map of Central Europe
Clicking on an index map you can look at the sheets
The original sheets were published about 1910.
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Mike Schwartz’s Family Ancestors Migrated to America
Between 1886 and 1927
**Family Legend:**
(Maternal Grandmother)
- Nana Was From Kiev
- Nana’s Family was Wealthy in Russia
- Nana’s Father was an Inn Keeper

**Discovered Facts:**
- Family was from Lisianka in Kiev Gubernia
- Family DID have $Money$ when they immigrated

**Source:** Various Ship Manifests

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**Schmul Malogolowke**
(Sam Malow)
Arr NY 15 Dec 1904
*With $112*

**Benjamin Malagalow**
(Ben Mallow)
Arr NY 16 Apr 1907
*With $400*

**Abram Malagalowsky**
(Abe Mollow)
Arr NY 12 Nov 1907

**Feige Malagalowsky**
(Georgia Mollow Zeresky)
Arr NY 12 Nov 1907

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**Mot Malagalowsky**
(Max Mollow)
Arr. NY 12 Nov 1907
*With $700*

**Dweire Korotinsky Malagalowsky**
(Dora Mollow)
Arr. NY 12 Nov 1907

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(“Nana”)

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*Images of family members are present in the diagram.*
But what about the “Inn Keeper” Story?

Here’s a large scale map of the Ukraine in the 1890s

There’s Kiev City

Here’s Lisianka

For links to indices of historical map sites of Europe, see
http://www.maphistory.info/imageeurcont.html
http://feefhs.org/maps/INDEXMAP.html

Source: http://feefhs.org/maps/ruse/re-ukrai.html
Lysyanka, Ukraine: 49°15' N, 30°50' E

Alternate names: Lysyanka [Rus], Lisinka [Yid], Lisianka [Pol], Lysianka, Lisyanka, Lysjanka

Region: Kiev

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Jewish Population in 1900: 2,845

Notes: Ukrainian: Лисянка. Russian: Лысянка.
        44 miles NE of Uman, 57 miles WSW of Cherkasy, 83 miles S of Kyyiv.
Maternal Grandmother born in Lisianka, South of Kiev

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Detailed View of Lisianka and surrounding villages from the Military Mapping Survey Maps

• Family history says Grandmother’s family were Inn Keepers.

• From the map, Lisianka appears to be a key river crossing on the road from Uman to Kiev.

• This is a good place for an Inn

• The story has credence, IT’s POSSIBLE! But it’s not verified.
Images of early maps on the web
12a. *Continental Europe* (excluding British Isles)

- *Europe. 'Antique Maps Gallery'* (seven 19th-century, enlargeable, **high res.** maps of Germany, Greece, Italy and Turkey - Christos Nüssli) *{February, 2003}*

- *Europe. 'Carte Générale des Postes de l'Europe'* (enlargeable, **high res.** images of John Rocque's wall map of the roads of Europe (Sayer, 1781) - Christos Nüssli) *{February, 2003}*

- *Europe. 'Cartographies'* (a small selection of large 18th & 19th century maps of the countries of Europe and the Mediterranean; you can bring up pre-selected sections at fairly **high res.** - euratlas) *{April, 2006}*

- *Europe. 'Facsimile Maps from the Mercator Atlas of Europe'* (scroll down to a list of the low res. maps - Walking Tree Press, 1998)

- *Europe. 'Garnisonkarte von Mitteleuropa'* (**high res.** image of the 1897 map) *{July, 2005}*

- *Europe. H.C. BERANN* (bibliography, with sample illustrations, of the entire oeuvre of 566 ‘panorama’ maps (mostly of Austria, Italy and Switzerland) by Heinrich Caesar Berann [1915-99] - Matthias Troyer) *{September, 2004}*

- *Europe. ‘Historical- Geographical Encyclopedia of the World (1880-1898): Historical Maps'* (a single alphabetical index leads to **high res.** images of late 19th century maps of countries (47) and cities (88) [mostly European] - Hanno Kolbe, Hic Leones) *{February, 2005}*

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