Bessarabia Then and Now

Finding Family and Important Resources in the former Bessarabia from Romania and Ukraine to Moldavia

Bessarbia Maps:

1) Map of Bessarabia within Moldavia

2) Map of Bessarabia during Romanian time 1918-1945

Bessarabia was part of Greater Romania between 1918 and 1940.
1) Bessarabia during Russian time

Where is Bessarabia located?

4) Bessarabia divided between Moldavia on the West and Ukraine on the East side today

Administrative map of the Governorate of Bessarabia in February 1942.

What is the Ethnolographical Aspect of Bessarabia made up of?

1930-Romanians, Bulgarians-Gaguaz, Ukrainians, Russians, Jewish, Germans, Greeks, Armenians, Moldavians-Romanians and Turks.
Who was Catherine the Great and how did her two “manifestos” promise (1760’s) Prosperity to emigrants? Catherine the Great was ______________________________.

The manifestos established goals included for those willing to emigrate to Bessarabia and South Russia?

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Bessarabia Before 1812 belonged to Ottoman Empire
1774-1918 .......... Russian Empire
1918- 1945 .......... Romania
After 1945 split between West to Moldavia, East to Ukraine.
What kind of Resources Can help you find your ancestors in Bessarabia?

1) Archives: St. Petersburg Conservatory, Moldavia Archive Records
2) Census records
3) Immigration and emigration
4) Maps
5) Church or Parish records
6) Cemeteries
7) Metrical books for Jews (FHL)
8) Land
9) EWZ? What is that???? What is a Stammblaetter??How can they help me find my family?
10) Organizations
11) Books
12) Jewish surname, female and masculine names like biblical
13) History
14) Nobility
15) Other Resources

1) American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) www.ahsgr.org
2) Family Search www.familysearch.org
3) Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) www.grhs.org
4) Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at NDSU www.ndsu.edu/grhc
5) Odessa3 www.odessa3.org
6) Ancestry.com
7) Jewishgen.org/Bessarabia
8) www.ellisisland.org Immigration
9) www.archives.ca Canada archives
10) www.FEGGS.org/ Eastern Europe German Society
11) www.FEEFHS.org/ The Federation of East European Family History Society
12) www.wikipedia.com/Catherine_the-Great
13) Dale L. Wahl collection on Bessarabia
14) Dr. Karl Stumpp, “The Emigration from Germany to Russia in the years 1763-1862” FHL international Reference Area 943 W2sk

➤ Alex Haley said, “in all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage---to know who we are and where we came from, without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness.”

Also,” the family is a link to the past...A bridge to our future.”

➤ There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children----one is ROOTS and the other, WINGS!” Hadding

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