RUSSIAN PATRONYMIC

- All Russians Have One, Not Given By Parents
- Typically Present In Legal Documents
- First name, Son or Daughter of (Father's First Name), Family Name
- Ending -ovich or -ich for sons
- Ending -ovna or -eva for daughters
  - Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Lenin)
  - Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy
  - Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin
  - Anna Arkadyevna Korshina
  - Wilhelm Gustavovich Doos
- Patronymic Use May be Decreasing Currently

GENERAL CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR RG

- Ancestral Village Name(s)
- Names Changed Several Times
- German, Russian, English
- Some Names Used Multiple Times
- Location of Village
  - Odessa 2 Village Long List
  - References to Stamps Map/Guth
- Map - Stamps (AHSGR Index), WWI Military, Current
- Family Name Spelling
  - Original German or Spelling
  - Transformation into Russian
  - "Nikolayev" or common name by family
  - Russian Palaeovslava
- Religion - Church Memo Books

HOW TO FIND YOUR ANCESTRAL VILLAGE OR NEAREST RUSSIAN CITY

SPELLING CHANGES & VARIATIONS

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RESEARCH IN THE U.S.

- Family Documents
- Bibles, Certificates, Passports, S.S., Other
- Photographs, Letters
- Archival Documents
- Church Matrical Books
- Military Draft Lists
- US Immigration Lists
- Social Security Records
- Passport Applications
- Networking*
  - AHSGR, V.C.'s, Websites
Village Location

- Some Villages Have Same or Similar Names
- Alexandrovka, Alexandrothol, Alexandrovski, Alexanderhof, etc.
- Spelling Variations
- Sometimes Names May Be Interchanged
- At Least 12 Such Villages
- Important to Know Location
- Volga, Don, Black Sea, Crimea, Caucasian, etc.
- Nearest Russian City or Region

ALIEN REGISTRATION

- Alien Registration Act - 1940
- All over age 14, register and fingerprint
- US Citizen and Immigration Services, Immigration Lists
- https://www.uscis.gov/genealogy
- 1940-2003:
  - Ancestry.com
  - FamilySearch.com
- Born more than 100 years ago - NARA
- http://www.archives.gov/san-francisco/

Types of Villages or Population Centers

- Mother Colony - original
  - Usually Official, Incorporated
- Some Unofficial, Unincorporated
- Daughter Colony - Derived from Above
  - Official and Unofficial
- Khuoters, Farmsteads, Hamlets
- Mostly Unofficial, Unincorporated

Finding Information About Ancestral Villages

- Publications by Deserends:
Research Material In Russia

- Many Copied, in USA, Various Society Groups, Not All On Line
- Passenger Lists
- First Settlers Lists
- Census Lists (Revision)
- Church Metrical Books
- Military Draft Lists – New Emphasis
- Other?

HISTORY OF THE CAUCASUS

- Originally Not Russian Territory
- Numerous Ethnic Groups, Not Slavic
- Numerous Wars With Ottoman Empire and Ethnic Groups, Primarily Muslim, Starting In 16th Century
- Crimean War 1855-56 (England, France, Turkey, Scandinavia) Also Affected the Caucasus
- Expanded From NE Corner South & West
- Moved Cossacks In to Control Territory
- Moved "Civilians" In to Settle Land, Including Germans, Primarily Christian
- Russian Civil War
- By 1918-25 Gained Almost Total Control
Archives in Caucasus

- Index: http://temples.ru/archives.php?section=1
- Rostov, & Regional or Municipal Branches
- GARO: http://www.gosahro.ru/
- Krasnodar, & Regional or Municipal Branches
- GAKK: http://kubgosahro.ru/
- Stavropol, & Regional or Municipal Branches
- GASK: http://www.stavgosahro.ru/
- Tbilisi, & Regional or Municipal Branches, Other Republics
- Museums, Poorly Researched
- Others?
Some Identified Archives – Taganrog (GARO Filial)

- No Specific Metric Books Identified. Yet
- Multiple Documents Dealing with German Colonies During Early Soviet Period

Archives at GASK
Pending

Some Identified Archives – GAKK

- Yeisk/Alexandrovka, Lutheran Church, 1853-1901, Incomplete, Fragmented, Mixed Area Villages
- Fond 801, Op 2, Del 8-13
- Others, To Be Determined

Complex Archival History Example

Voronozvka (Michaelstal) – Est. 1852, Lutheran, St. Petersburg Consist.

- Till 1863 Gruenau St. Petersburg Arch. Incomplete Data
- 1864-1900 Taganrog/Yeisk St. Petersbug Arch. Incomplete Data
- 1880-1900 Taganrog/Yeisk Rostov Arch. & Krasnodar Arch. Incomplete Data
- 1900-1920 Yeisk Yeisk Arch.
- 1920-1926 ZAGS Yeisk Arch.

Some Identified Archives at Yeisk YMA (GAKK Filial)

- Yeisk Lutheran Church, 1866-1920, Fragmented, Incomplete
- Yeisk, Voronozvka, Alexandrovka, Olgenfeld, Ruherntal, Eigenhein, Eigenfeld, Latvan Colonies
- Fond 2, Op 1, Del 1-4
- ZAGS (Zaps Aktov Grazhdanskogo Sostoyaniya) – 1920-6
- Soviet Registry, Mixed Ethnic, Scattered Surrounding Villages
- Fond 568, Op 1, Del 6 – Main Collection Covering Possible Germans
- Others Also Present

Helpful Websites - USA

- Germans from Russia Heritage Society – http://www.ghrs.org/
- Germans from Russia Heritage Collection – https://library.unsw.edu.au/ghrc/
- The Center for Volga German Studies – http://cvgs.co-portland.us/
- Black Sea German Research – http://www.blackseagr.org/
- Other Passenger Lists, Good Starting Point – http://www.nisenvmore.org/
- Face Book – Many Groups [Russian Germans in The Caucasus]
- YouTube – Check for RG Villages by Name [Russian, Germany]
- Werenstadt, History of Caucasus, Silk Road
- Other – Germany, South America, Russia
**FHC Material**
- Extensive collection of copies from Russian Archives
- Not all have been fully evaluated and indexed
- Census Lists
- Caucasian Church Books
- Nothing Specific to North Caucasus
- The Lutherans of Russia: parish index to the church books of the Evangelical Lutheran Consistory of St. Petersburg, 1833-1885, vol. 1 / by Thomas Kent Edlund.
- Some early North Caucasian villages were under jurisdiction of Black Sea, South Russia, Don Cossack Area Churches
- Needs to be more fully investigated

**Other Russian Websites**
- Victims of Political Terror, USSR http://www.vgdrussia.com/
- Krasnoyarsk Siberia Memorial http://www.memoirural.info/eng/
- Kuban Genealogy **** http://kubangenealogy.wlcozz.ru/index/0-8
- Kuban Cossacks http://slavokuban.ru/departments/

**Also**
- Odessa German-Russian Genealogical Library
  - Extensive Database
- Excellent List of Village Names**
- Deutsches Auswanderer Haus
  - Extensive List of Emigrations, Museum
  - http://dah-bremenhaven.de/

**Some Key Literature**
- There Is Extensive Literature Available, but a Good Start Is:
  - A. Gleisner – From Catherine to Khroushchev
  - F. C. Koch – The Volga Germans
  - G. J. Walters – Wir Wollen Deutsche Bleiben
  - K. Stumpp – The German Russians
  - J. E. Dietz – History of the Volga German Colonists

**Some Foreign Websites**
- Landamannschaft der Deutschen aus Russland:
  - http://lmdc.de/
- RusDeutsch: http://www.rusdeutsch.ru/
- Geschichte der Wolgadeutschen:
  - http://wolgadeutsche.net/
- Odnoklassniki:
- All Russia Family Tree: http://www.vgdrussia.com/

**North Caucasus Literature**
- Frightful Uliut – Primarily in Russian
- Tolyana Polovinkin
  - Eastman's Russian Genealogy: Beastly Social-Death: Russian Genealogy:
  - Family History Research: Russian, American, European
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- V. I. Urusovskaya
  - Russia's History
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- A. G. Terekhchentsova, A. L. Chernyshyov
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- V. G. Gogol
  - Russia's History
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- Delil R. Gasab, I. N. Gasab, I. N. Gasab
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Stumpp Maps
Extensive Collection
Index Available
AHSGR Store
Rostov/Don Area

Army Corps of Engineers
http://maps.vle."enkone.net/historical/us-1950-eastern-europe-250k/

Karte der deutschen Südruslande
Stumpp Map
Caucasus NW Corner
From AHSGR

Heereskarten 1942
German Military WWII Maps
http://leshly.su/osteuropa-1-30000-t1678.html

Stumpp Map Insert & Google Satellite Image
Conclusions

- Very Difficult Genealogical Research
- Most Publications Deal with History
- Exciting
- Internet Research & Networking Important
- Russian Archives Not Very Helpful, As Yet
- Critical Needs To Start
- Ancestral Village and Mother Colony
- Location On Map, Name Changes
- Correct Name Spelling