Jewish Roots

AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY

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Start With What You Know

- -Start a basic family tree with names of parents, grandparents and GGP's.
- -Do you know dates of birth, marriage or death?
- -Where did your ancestors come from?

Start With What You Know

-Interview family members

(ask for documents such as death certificates, passenger records, old photos, marriage certificates, citizenship papers)

Family Photographs



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Sally Hoffer
Mother of Ruth Hoffer



Family Photographs









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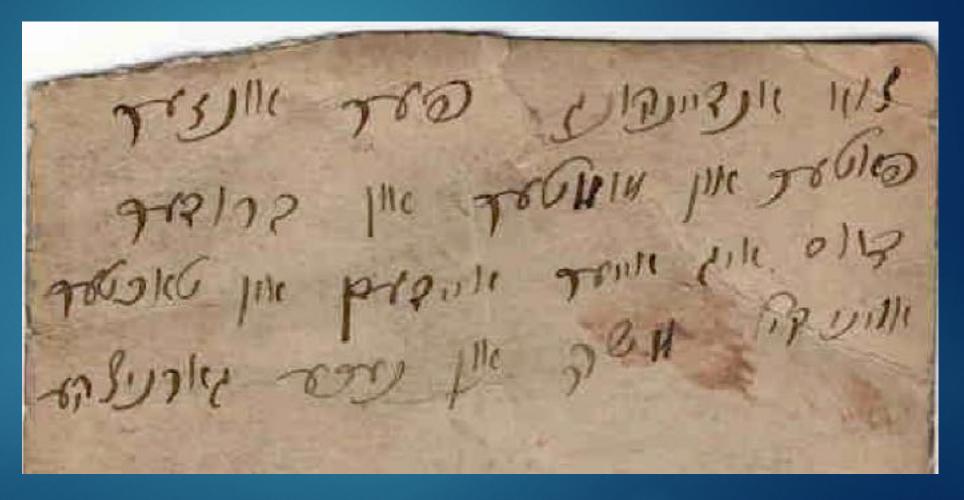
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"Greetings to you uncle, mother and brother. The note is sent by your son-in-law and daughter Moshe and Necke Gornitzke. Shalom"

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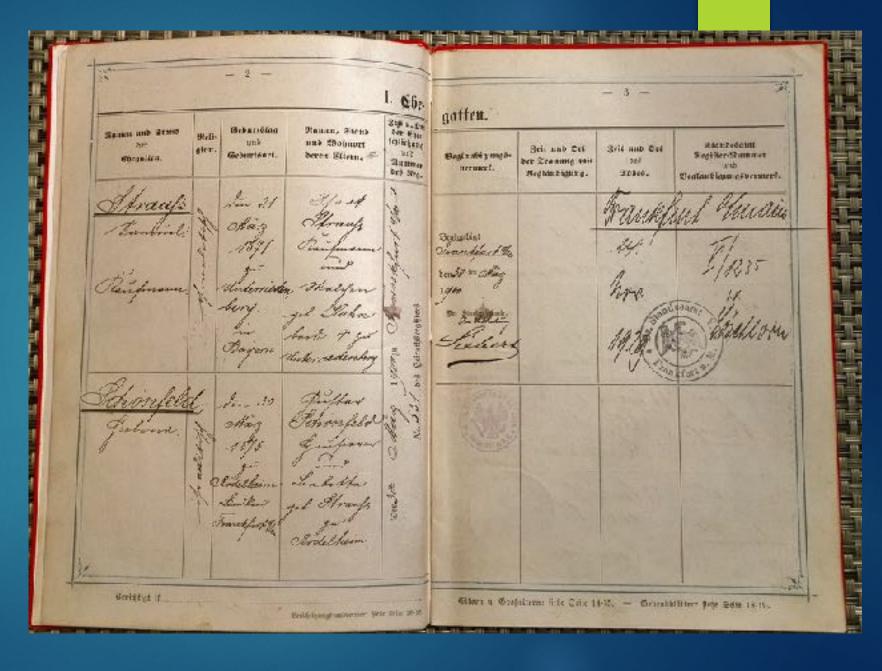
- Family trees from school assignments
- Collections of letters
- Wills and probate records
- Announcements of family events

- Passports
- Union cards
- Newspaper clippings
- Military discharge papers



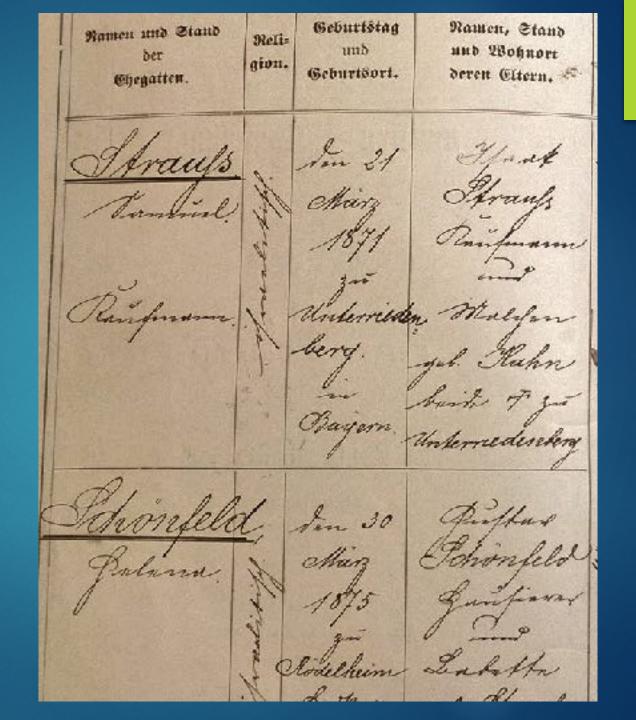
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- -Try to get maiden names of married women
- -Who were you named after?
- -Naming patterns: Ashkenazic, Sephardic
- -Patronymics such as O'Brian, Johnson, Aronowicz

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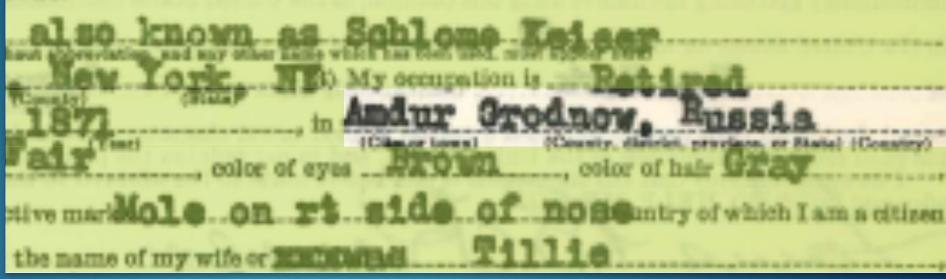
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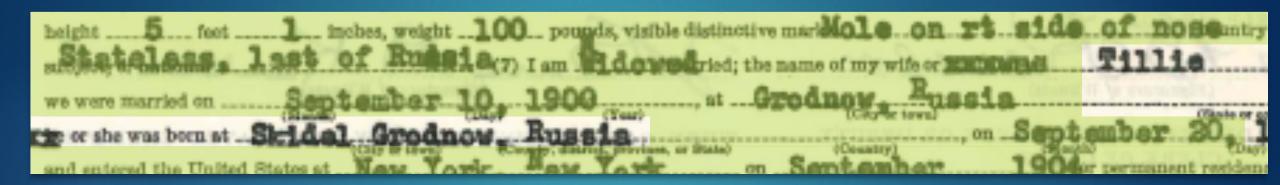
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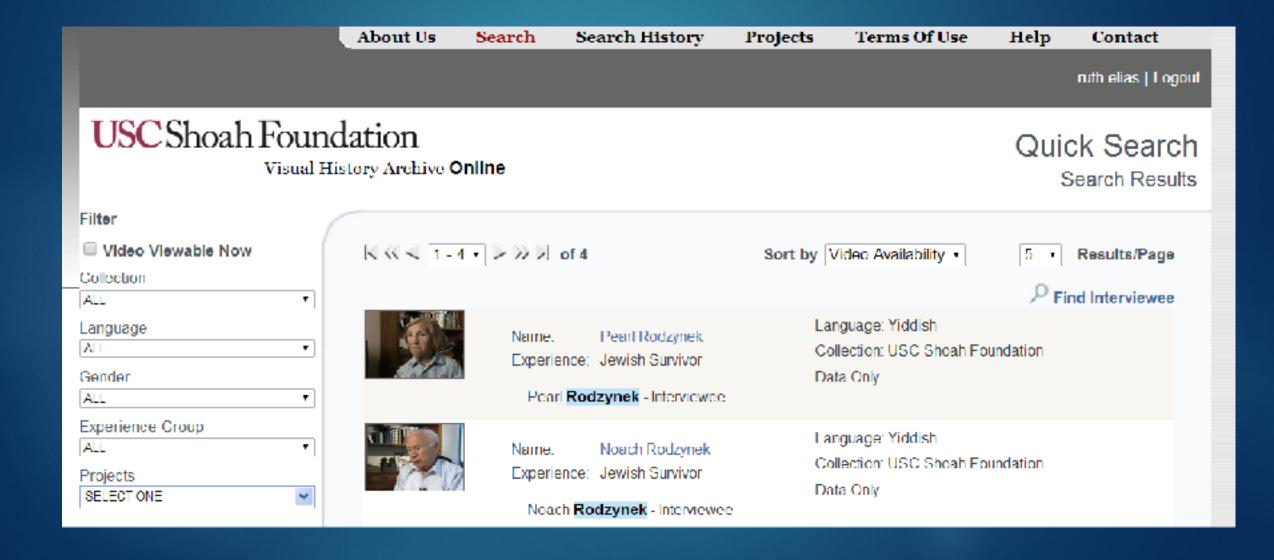
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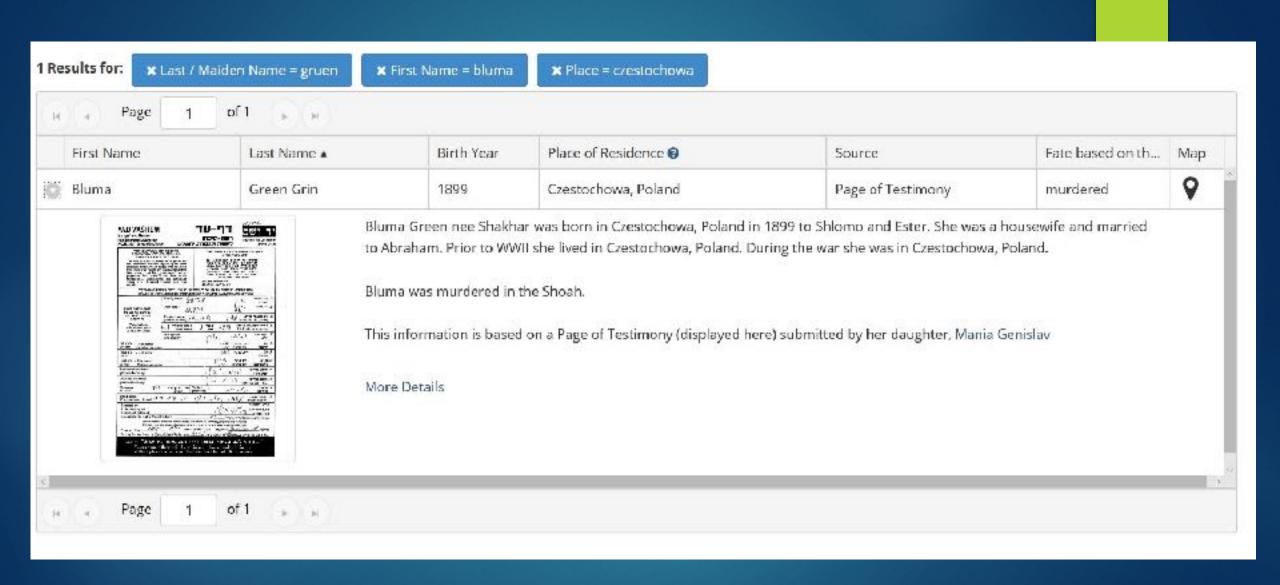
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- JewishGen: The Internet Home of Jewish Genealogy
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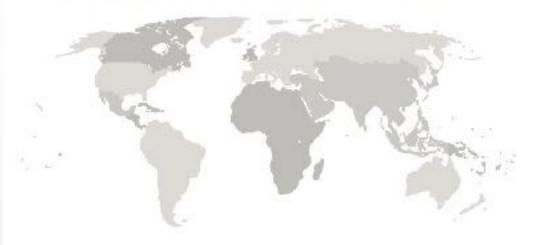
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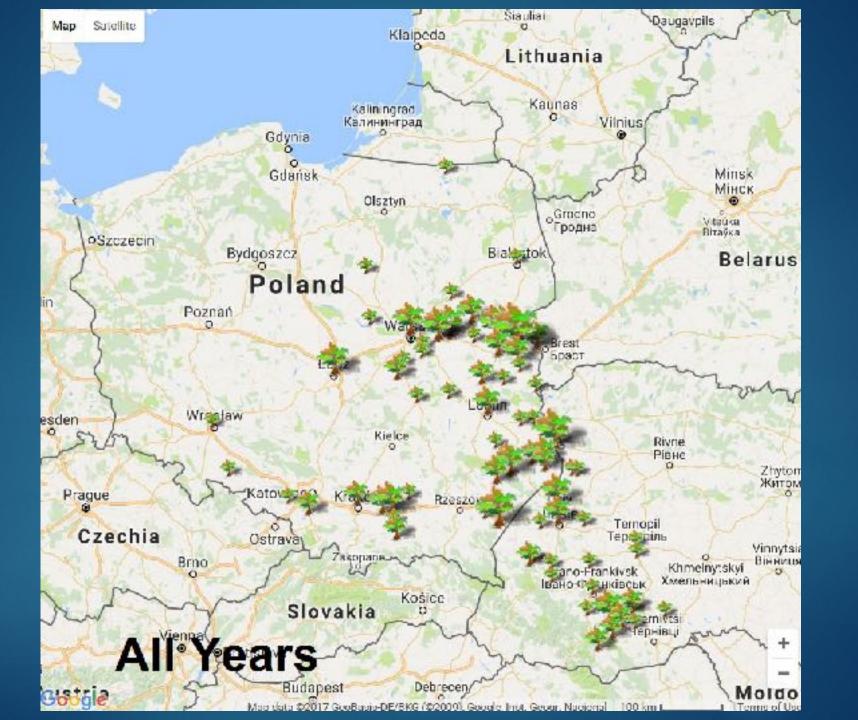
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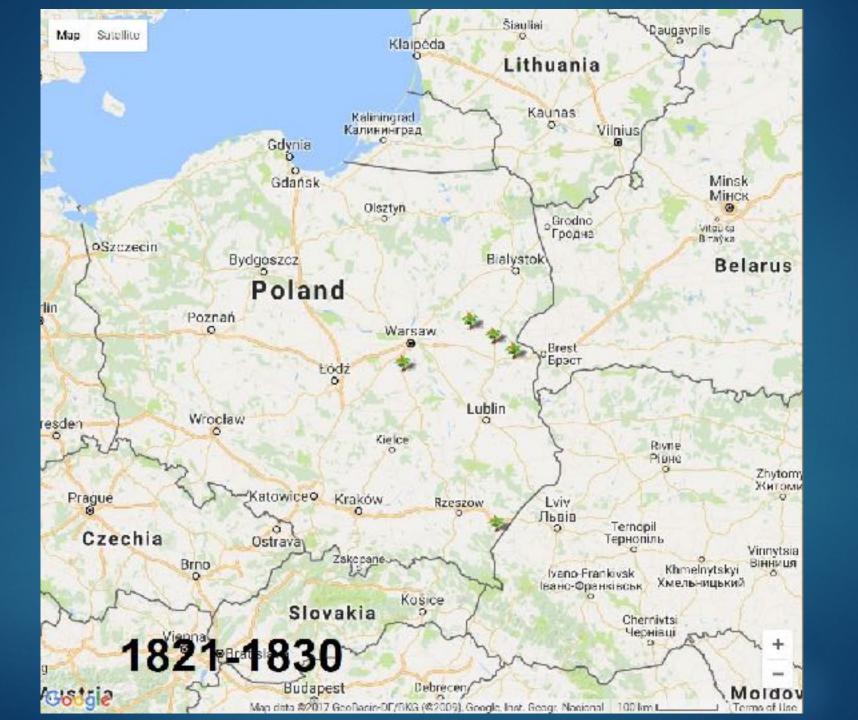


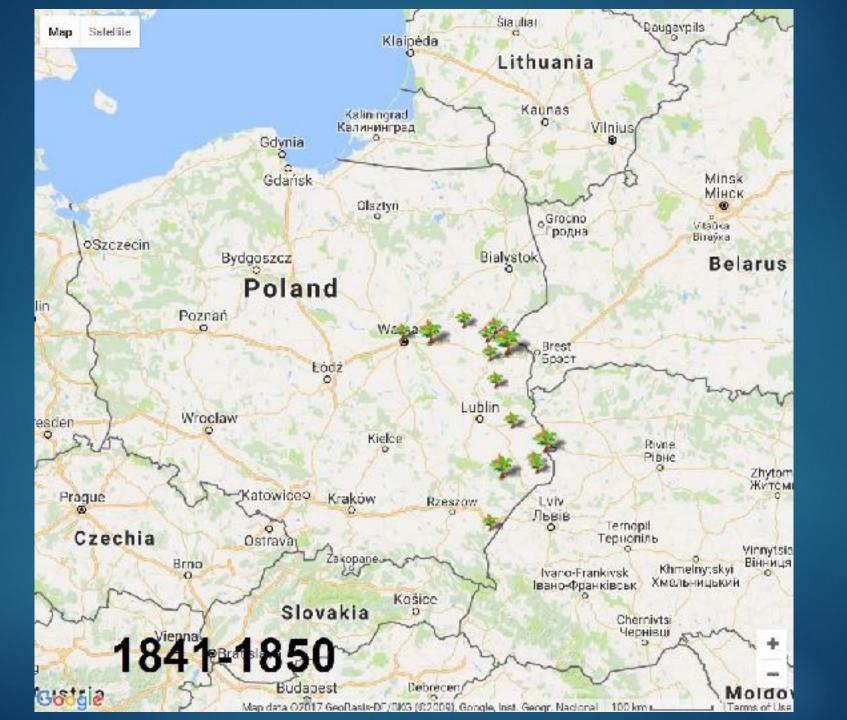
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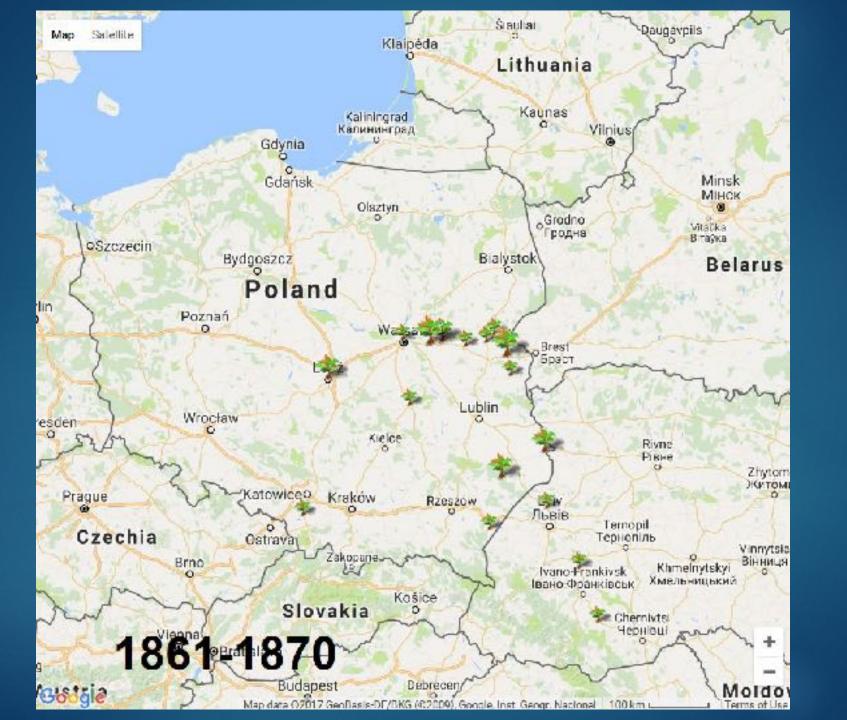
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