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Descriptions of topics to be presented by Kahlile Mehr.

Getting the Most out of *FamilySearch*

Discussion of *FamilySearch* components and how to use it as a learning tool, as a survey tool, as a research tool, and how you can contribute. It specifically covers East European images available online and ordering films that are not online.

Online Databases of the Polish State Archives

Helps you understand the extent of archival access available through four databases: ELA, SEZAM, PRADZIAD, IZA. This instruction permits a researcher to know what exists in the archives prior to visiting or sending an agent to obtain records. This is a significant source for pre-WWII research.

Finding Places in the Former Russian Empire

How you identify localities by their various names and jurisdictions over time through the use of gazetteers and maps. This information will serve to solve locality name change problems, deal with jurisdiction changes, identify the most useful gazetteers and maps, and help others solve locality problems.

The Baltic Edge of the Former Russian Empire

Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia comprise the Baltic Edge of the former Russian Empire. This presentation delves into the historical context, the tools that assist to do research, the best sources, the arrangement of use of records on the Internet and in the archive.

How Records are Acquired by *FamilySearch* from the Former Soviet Sphere

This presentation covers the work of Collection Strategy, Collection Operations, and Field Relations on the front end of acquiring records; and of Digital Browse, Cataloging, Indexing, and Final Assembly in publishing images on *FamilySearch* and providing films through the Family History Library System. It explains the criteria for acquisitions and the future program of assisting archives to publish their own images.