Ukmerge District Research Group

Birds of a Feather (BOF) session

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• Within a day or two, the recording of the session and the slides will be available for a month on the LitvakSIG home page: www.litvaksig.org
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Jill Anderson z”l
1951 - 2021
LitvakSIG is an all Volunteer Organization ... but even an All-Volunteer Organization Has Expenses

**Annual Membership $50** - Supports the operating expenses of LitvakSIG such as

- Maintaining our website (LitvakSIG.org)
- Annual donation to JewishGen for hosting the All Lithuania Database (ALD)

**Membership provides access to Members Only area of website**

- Maps
- Recordings of some conference presentations
- Index of Jewish Records in the Kaunas Regional State Archives (KRA)
- Index of Jewish Vital Records in Lithuanian State Historical Archive (LVIA)
- Kaunas Merchant Lists (Description)
- Information on microfilmed records for Lithuania held by the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.
- Voting in the annual election of officers and board members.
LitvakSIG is an independent organization whose database and discussion group are hosted by JewishGen

But ... LitvakSIG is NOT JewishGen!
Two Ways to Access District Records

1. Donate to a project or district research group
   • Immediate access
   • You get spreadsheets, with all their advantages

2. Use the All-Lithuania Database (ALD)
   • Free
   • Delayed access to new data (18 months)
Brief history of Lithuania

• Grand Duchy of Lithuania established in 1253
• Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth created in 1569
• Partitions of Poland 1772-1795
  - Lithuania absorbed into Russian empire
  - Jews lived in Pale of Settlement, including Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Bessarabia and parts of Ukraine.
• Lithuania regained independence after WWI
• Absorbed into Soviet Union after WWII
• Independent again after 1990
Prior to 1917, present day Lithuania was part of three gubernias:

- **Vilna Gubernia** (green) included part of modern Belarus
- **Kovno Gubernia** (pink)
- **Suwalki Gubernia** (yellow) includes part of modern Poland

Credit:
- https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/the-pale-of-settlement
- https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/lithuania/lithuaniaregions.htm
Districts in Lithuania
LitvakSIG Shtetl Map

www.litvaksig.org/research/map/

Ukmerge District

UKMERGE

Ukmerge [Lith], Vilkomir [Yid, Rus], Wilkomierz [Pol], Wilkomir [Ger], Ukmerge [Latv], Vilkmerge, Ukmerges, Valkemir, Vilkomir

Ukmerge District, Kaunas Guberniya

Links

Shtetl Site

Yizkor Book 1, Yizkor Book 2
15 Russian Empire Districts

- Disna
- Kaunas
- Klaipeda
- Lida
- Oshmiany
- Panevezys
- Raseiniai
- Siauliai
- Suwalki
- Svencionys
- Telsiai
- Trakai
- Ukmerge
- Vilnius
- Zarasai

Special Projects
- Vilnius Household Registers
- Internal Passports
District Research Groups on LitvakSIG.org

LitvakSIG is the primary internet resource for Lithuanian-Jewish ("Litvak") genealogy research worldwide.

Our mission is to preserve Litvak heritage by discovering, collecting, documenting and disseminating information about the once vibrant Jewish community of Lithuania.

LitvakSIG has long-term relationships with the archives in Lithuania. In addition to translating records that are relevant to all parts of Lithuania, we also maintain a number of geographic-specific Research Groups.

The primary mission of a Research Group is to identify and collect data for that group's territorial.
Finding a District Research Group

Click here

Select a DRG from list below
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Join/Contribute
Contribute to our Research Groups, Special Projects or Pay Dues

Login to Your Account

Search the site:
Navigating to All Lithuania Database (ALD)

Click here to initiate search

ALD Search Form

Please use the form below to search All Lithuania Database

Search Parameter 1: Surname

Search Parameter 2: Data Type

Search Parameter 3: Data Type

Search Parameter 4: Data Type

Search Type

- Phonetically Like
- Phonetically Like (Beider Mora)
- Sounds Like
- Starts with
- is Exactly
- Fuzzy match
- Fuzzier match
- Fuzziest match

Join/Contribute

Contribute to our Research Groups, Special Projects or
District Research Groups (DRGs)

Disna, Kaunas, Klaipeda (Memel), Lida, Oshmiany, Panevezys, Raseiniai, Siauliai, Suwalki, Svencionys, Telsiai, Trakai, Ukmerge, Vilnius, Zarasai

• Each DRG requires a qualifying contribution
• Translations of records are funded by contributors
• Contributors have immediate access to all Excel files 18 months before data is publicly available on All Lithuania Database
• Access for five (5) years for $100 qualifying contribution.
• Contributions may accumulate in smaller amounts
Joining a District Research Group

https://www.litvaksig.org/membership-and-contributions/join-and-contribute/
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Access to records

- Qualified Contributions of $100 to the LitvakSIG Ukmerge District Research Group (DRG) provide donors with access to translated record information (in Excel spreadsheets) for five calendar years.
- Availability of Excel files of the records begins when they are translated – 18 months before they are publicly searchable in the ALD.
The Ukmerge District covers the following towns:

Anyksciai, Balninkai, Debekiai, Kavarskas, Kupiskis, Kurkliai, Raguva, Seta, Skiemonys, Subacius, Svedasai, Taujenai, Traupis, Troskunai, Ukmerge, Utena, Uzpaliai, Vidiskiai, Viesintos, Vyzuonos, Zelva
To get to your DRG site, start on the LitvakSIG homepage, sign in, and navigate to your dashboard.
Click on “Member’s Dashboard” to access this page.
Once in the Ukmerge DRG site, the records can be found on the two pages tabbed DATA and VITAL RECORDS.
The DATA INFO tab provides information about the interpretation of the files.
Ukmerge District Research Group Records

- **Record sources:** Primarily from the Lithuanian Archives in Vilnius (LVIA) and the Kaunas Regional Archives (KRA), but we are constantly trying to identify new records at other repositories.

- DRG records are available for each of the Ukmerge district towns, as well as within some additional collections of district-wide and multi-district records.
A wide variety of records types are available

- **High genealogical richness:** Revision Lists and Additional Revision Lists, Family Lists, Vital Records, Passport Lists, Russian Empire Census of 1897 (limited)
  
  - Census type of records with full family info or information about individual
  
  - Unfortunately, relatively few of the Ukmerge vital records have survived (almost none from the 19th century), but a few collections are available

- **Lower genealogical richness:** Various Lists – Craftsmen, Draftee, Electors, Farmers, Military Records, Merchants, Residents, Real Estate Owners, Town Dwellers, Taxpayers, Box Taxpayers, Candle Taxpayers, Real Estate Taxpayers, Voters
  
  - Relatively little information about individuals

- **Grand Duchy of Lithuania (GDL) Poll tax (1784):** For a few towns – no surnames present, but research is possible (with difficulty) using patronymic patterns

A number of Ukmerge records can also be found in the multi-district records housed on the Collective Data site
Files are mainly organized by town on the web site

UKM: Ukmerge district
TRO: Troskunai town
1846: Year
TPLC: Candle Taxpayers List
Note about districts in which records are found

- Revision lists enumerated people in the town in which they were officially registered, even if they lived in a different town.

- So, if you don’t find your family in the town records where you know they lived, you may not find them if they were registered in a nearby town. Thus, expand your search to other towns in the district!

- Vital records often list a town of registration if it is different from the town of residence.
As a contributor to a LitvakSIG District Research Group, you automatically gain access to all the files on the Collective Data site.

Collective Data files combine records from a number of districts and are thus housed on a separate site.
Sample Collective Data files

- Jews-repressed-in-Soviet-occupation
- Jews Under Police Supervision 1904-1905
- Jews converted to Russian orthodoxy
- Jews of Russian Empire denied permission to go abroad-191
- 1897 Russian Census (Lithuanian Jews)
- Visa Lieutava-1931- Lithuanian Businessmen
- KAU-GUB- 1846-51 FARMERS LIST combined KRA1-49-
- LIT-1904-1906-Craftman
- KAU-GUB-1874-1879-Conscription-Avoidance
- VIL-GUB-1875-not-in-RL
- LVIA map descriptions
- Obeliai-Questionnaires-parts-1-9
- Dvinsk Vital Records-Lithuanian Jews
- Bauska Vital records- Lithuanian Jews
- Riga Vital Records-Lithuanian Jews
- Riga Census-1897
- Dvinsk-1897-Census
- Emigrants via Canada Steamship Lines-1920-1938-RSS-
- Palestine Office (Misrad Erez Israel)-1929-1940
- Jewish Enterprises Nationalized-1940-1941
- USSR Job App-1940
- Lithuanian Jewish Soldiers 1904-1905
- LIT-LIT-1918-1939-Jewish Conscripts-EB218-EB291T51-
- Suwałki-Illegal Emigrants
- Teachers Application-1921-1941 (LCVA)
- Vilnius-University-Jewish-Persons
- Emigration to Eretz-Israel-parts-1-22
- BREST-Shareshevo-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- NOVORUDOK-Dworecs-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- NOVORUDOK-Novogradok-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VILEKA-CHE-Charsova-Ciesnowa-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VILEKA-DUN-Dunilovichi-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VILEKA-KRI-Kruuchi-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VILEKA-KLUR-Kurenets-Kurenica-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VILEKA-MYA-Myadeli-Madziol-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VOLKAVISK-Velkavisk-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- VOLKAVISK-Velope-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax-List
- VOLKAVISK-Zelva-1784-GDL-Poll-Tax
- UPYTE-District-1785-GDL-Poll-Tax
- ZELENCIA-District-1785-GDL-Poll-Tax
- KAUNAS-District-1785-GDL-Poll-Tax
Ukmerge District Record Plans

- At this point, all the Ukmerge district records may be searched in the ALD – except for the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (GDL) records (there are no plans to add any of the GDL records to the ALD)
- The GDL records are available in spreadsheet form on the Ukmerge DRG site, as are spreadsheet versions of all the other records, with all the attendant advantages of spreadsheet access
- Most recent records received
  - Anyksciai birth index, 1922-1926, made available to the DRG in October 2019 and added to the ALD in July 2021
  - Holocaust in Ukmerge records, made available to the DRG at the end of 2017 and added to the ADL in the spring of 2019
Ukmerge District Record Plans (continued)

- Future record plans
  - List of voters for the state Duma election in 1906 from the Kovno Gubernia Gazette. The Ukmerge district list has about 2800 names → spreadsheet just received
  - Certificates and individual student records from about two dozen high schools, including the Smetona State Gymnasium in Ukmerge → in process, delivery date not yet known
  - May be other Ukmerge records in future multi-district compilations received
  - Possible YIVO records of Lithuanian Jewish Communities are being explored → may have some Ukmerge content
Upcoming LitvakSIG BOF Zoom Meetings

BOF session for Trakai
Sunday, August 14, 2022, 12:00 noon ET

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Many thanks!

Questions?

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