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I. GENERAL ARCHIVAL REFERENCE LITERATURE

General Directories and Bibliography of Archival Repositories

Websites

CONTACT: Rosarkhiv, 103132, Moscow, Russia, ul. Il'inka, 12; tel.: (7-495) 606-35-75; fax: (7-495) 606-55-87; e-mail: rosarhiv@archives.ru.

“Putevoditeli po arkhivam Rossii.” Moscow, 2006–. Internet database based at the Federal Archival Service of Russia (Rosarkhiv).
URL: http://guides.rusarchives.ru/.
This vital internet project provides online public access to a new database now encompassing recent published guides to selected Russian state archives, with brief annotations of over 80,000 archival fonds (record groups). It includes digital versions of twenty recent guides to seven of the fourteen Federal Archives. For regional archives another forty recent guides are included.
A brief explanation about the project, initiated cooperatively by the University of Kansas and East View Publications in collaboration with Rosarkhiv, is found in English on the East View Publications website http://online.eastview.com/projects/ticfia/index.html, and in Russian at the http://guides.eastview.com/help/about.html. Instructions for use and notes about the history of the project will be found in both languages, although the guides included in the database are presented only in Russian, or alternatively transliterated into the Latin alphabet. (See ABB introduction).

“Archives of Russia: ArcheoBiblioBase.” Amsterdam, 1997–. Website based at the Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis (IISG)/International Institute of Social History (IISH). Expanded version: 2008–.
URL: http://www.iisg.nl/~abb.
Includes a complete list and bibliographic coverage of guides for regional state (and former Communist Party) archives throughout the Russian Federation. Some of the older Soviet-period reference works listed are still available on microfiche from IDC publishers in the collection listed below.

Moscow and St. Petersburg (printed directories)

typescript versions (published by IREX) are now completely outdated by the 2000 edition. Parts B, C, and D now updated in electronic form on the ArcheoBiblioBase website.


**Federal Archives under Rosarkhiv**


A vital directory describing internal reference facilities in federal archives under Rosarkhiv, listing many important unpublished finding aids (including card catalogues) now open to researchers. The helpful bibliography of published finding aids for each archive is not always complete.

**Biulleten' rassekrechennykh dokumentov federal'nykh arkhivov [i tsentrov khraneniiia dokumentatsii].** Moscow: Rosarkhiv, 1998–. [Rosarkhiv]


Electronic version of issues nos. 1–3:


- no. 4: ——. 2002. 156 p. Electronic version:


- no. 5: ——. 2004. 271 p. Electronic version:


- no. 6: ——. 2005. 661 p. Electronic version:


- no. 7: ——. 2006. 299 p. Electronic version:


- no. 8: ——. 2007. Electronic version:


- no. 9: ——. 2008. Electronic version:


An annotated list of Soviet-period documentation declassified since 1992 in federal archives under Rosarkhiv (Part B on the ArcheoBiblioBase website) and a few other federal-level repositories.

**Former Communist Party Archives**


An initial directory briefly characterizing the holdings of former Communist Party archives currently held in 3 federal archives in Moscow and 73 regional repositories throughout the Russian Federation, all of which were nationalized and became part of the state archival system after 1991. Weak on bibliography of recent guides and other reference publications.

**Soviet-Period Directories**


The last directory of state archives under Glavarkhiv, based on data from the end of 1986. Still helpful for a brief description of the holdings in state archives as then organized throughout the former USSR.


Updated by 1986 data in Spravochnik 1989 (above), still helpful for a survey of holdings as then organized.


Now outdated by directories published in 1989 and 1980 (see above), but mentions different holdings in some cases.


Even today still the most comprehensive directory available with helpful descriptions of holdings in many repositories and extensive bibliography of finding aids, although often uneven and incomplete in institutional coverage. Awkwardly presented for reference use. Considerably expanded in terms of descriptions of archival holdings and bibliography of finding aids from the first edition. See the P.K. Grimsted review with additional bibliography Recent Soviet Archival Literature: A Review and Preliminary Bibliography of Selected Reference Aids (Washington, DC, 1986) and summary version: in Slavic Review 45, no. 3 (Fall 1986).
Directories of Archival Materials in Libraries and Museums


Covers archival holdings of 55 libraries and 374 museums under the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation outside of Moscow, St. Petersburg and other federal museums and libraries. Updated as of 2001.


A well-annotated directory of Russian libraries with data on their history, types of holdings, public services, and available catalogs, with selected bibliography of reference literature for each institution.


A directory based on the Internet database ”Muzei Rossii” (“Museums of Russia”). The first volume covers over 800 museums in Moscow, Moscow Oblast, and the Central Federal Region; the second volume—over 1,000 museums in St. Petersburg, the Northwest and Volga Federal Regions; the third volume—over 1,000 museums of South, Ural, Siberian, and Far East Federal Regions, with maps and indexes for all three volumes.


Articles on the history of museums—there are over 50 of them—in various Academy of Sciences institutes, and articles based on their collections.

Soviet-Period Directories


A companion volume to Gosudarstvennye arkhiivy SSSR: Spravochnik (1989), based on 1 January 1987 data. Provides the first available description of archival holdings in many museums and libraries then under the Ministry of Culture of the USSR and the Ministries of Culture of union republics, as well as those under the Academy of Sciences. Outside of Moscow and St. Petersburg, however, only a few regional repositories are covered.
Regional Directories

St. Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast


A brief characterization of the holdings and recent publications of the seven state archives in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast. Updates the brief in-house directory of local archives prepared in 1989, which was not publicly released.

Russian Far East


Describes record groups (1869–1980) that have been divided, parts of which are now held in RGIA DV, and the state archives of Primorie and Khabarovsk krai and in Amur, Kamchatka, Magadan, Sakhalin, and Chita oblasts.

Central “Black Earth” (Chernozem) Region


Describes records relating to agriculture (including collectivization) in state archives of Belgorod, Kursk, Lipetsk, and Voronezh oblasts during the period 1917–1922. Many of the important fonds are annotated, but others are simply listed. Appendixes provide data on changes in the administrative-territorial divisions of the region (1917–1957) and library holdings relating to agriculture in the archival libraries.


A directory of archival materials relating to the period of the October Revolution and Civil War held in archives of the Central Black Earth Region, now the state archives of Belgorod, Kursk, Lipetsk, Tambov, and Voronezh oblasts. Many of the materials described were destroyed during World War II.
Catalogues of Microform Reference Collections

Microfiche Collections of Published Finding Aids and Reference Literature

An annotated catalogue listing microfiche reprint editions of over 600 basic archival guides, catalogues, and other reference aids for archives and manuscript collections in the USSR, coordinated with bibliographic listings in the 1972 Grimsted archival directory and the 1976 IDC supplement.

Microforms of Unpublished Finding Aids and Documents

Introduction by Jana Howlett. [Rosarkhiv; Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace] (Lib: CSt-H; DLC; MH) (Also listed as b-16, b-524, and b-578).  
Russian version of 1st ed.: Arkhivy KPSS i sovetskogo gosudarstva: Katalog opisei i dokumentov. [Cambridge, UK], 1995. 85 p.  
A printed catalogue of the microfilms produced by the Rosarkhiv-Hoover project from GA RF (B-1), RGASPI (B-12, former RTsKhIDNI), and RGANI (B-13, former TsKhSD). A large percentage of the opisi (totalling 453 reels) covering postrevolutionary records have been filmed in GA RF and former RTsKhIDNI, along with fond 6 in former TsKhSD. Provides a list of fonds (in numerical order) for which opisi are available on microfilm.  
The January 1996 Supplement and electronic updates provide details about the complete files of documents (dela) available from selected fonds (ca. 2,800 reels). Deposit copies of the microfilms are available at the Hoover Institution and the Library of Congress.  
CONTACT: ProQuest Information and Learning Company, the successor company to Chadwyck-Healey (see above).

“The Russian Archives: New and Recent Collections.” A major microfilm project in cooperation with the Federal Archival Service of Russia. Woodbridge, CT: Primary Source Media, 1998–.  
An extensive archival microform program is making commercially available selected, subject-oriented collections with finding aids from previously restricted holdings in Russian federal archives, including RGAE (B-6—see b-275, b-276), GA RF (B-1—see b-18); RGALI (B-7—see b-300–b-302); RGVIA (B-4—see b-211–b-213); RGVA (B-8—see b-357–b-359); RGANI (B-13—see b-584–b-586).  
CONTACT: Updated information on available materials is listed on the Internet: http://www.gale.cengage.com/servlet/BrowseSeriesServlet?region=9&imprint=745&titleCode =PSML. Inquiries can be addressed to Primary Source Media offices in Woodbridge, CT—(in the USA and Canada): tel: (800) 444-0799; e-mail: sales.gale@cengage.com; (in the UK): tel: 44 (0) 20 7067 2500; e-mail: enquiries@cengage.com.
II. REFERENCE AIDS for SPECIALIZED TYPES of SOURCES

Personal Papers (Fonds)

See additional specialized listings in Part A of the 2000 printed version of Archives of Russia.

General

*Lichnye arkhivnye fondy v gosudarstvennykh khranilishchakh SSSR: Ukazatel’.*


Although not yet adequately updated, this essential reference directory is still a good starting place. Covers personal and family papers in state repositories throughout the USSR. Far from comprehensive, however, the original publications exclude CPSU, Defense, and Foreign Ministry archives, and omit coverage of repressed individuals and many from non-Russian republics.


Russian / Soviet Historians

*Katalog lichnykh arkhivnykh fondov otechestvennykh istorikov.* Edited by S.O. Shmidt. Moscow, 2001–. [RAN; Arkheograficheskaya komissiia] (Lib: DLC; MH)


Northwest Region


Contains lists of personal papers (fonds) in the National Archive of the Republic of Karelia (R-35), the National Archive of the Komi Republic and former Komi Republic State Archive of Socio-Political Movements and Formations (R-40), the State Archive of Arkhangelsk Oblast (R-103), the State Archive of Vologda Oblast and Branch in Velikii Ustiug (R-241), the Vologda Oblast Archive of Contemporary Political History (R-242), the State Archive of Kaliningrad Oblast (R-127), the State Archive of Contemporary History of Kaliningrad Oblast (former Center for Preservation and Study of Records of Contemporary History, R-128), the Leningrad Oblast State Archive in Vyborg (R-151), the State Archive of Murmansk Oblast (R-162), State Archive of Novgorod Oblast (R-169), State Archive of Contemporary History of Novgorod Oblast (R-170), State Archive of Pskov Oblast (R-188) and its former
branch, now the State Archive in Velikie Luki (R-190B), and the State Archive of Contemporary History of Pskov Oblast (R-189).

**Slavonic-Rus' Manuscript Books**


Electronic archive contains three sections:
1) Birchbark documents ([Berestianye gramoty](http://www.gramoty.ru/)).
2) Russian chronicles ([Russkie letopisi](http://www.gramoty.ru/rus_letopisi/)).
3) and manuscript books ([Rukopisnaia kniga](http://www.gramoty.ru/?id=3)).

The coverage is predominantly of materials in Moscow and Petersburg archives and manuscript collections.


The most comprehensive bibliographic directory of catalogues of medieval Slavic manuscripts, including coverage of holdings throughout the former USSR and many local archives of the Russian Federation. An updated edition is long overdue.


Locates the present whereabouts of some 569 small collections (under 600 units) of Slavic manuscripts in the former Soviet Union, with references to published descriptions. A review by Iu.K. Begunov (“Spravochnik slaviano-russkikh rukopisei,” [Voprosy arkhivovedeniia](http://www.gramoty.ru), 1964, no. 2, pp. 122–24), provides additional references. Includes coverage of holdings throughout the former USSR and many local archives of the Russian Federation.


The first segment of the comprehensive union catalogue of Slavonic-Cyrillic manuscripts throughout the USSR, prepared by the Archeographic Commission, provides scholarly descriptions of 494 manuscript books and a detailed bibliography of relevant literature.


Description of 384 Cyrillic and Glagolitic manuscripts in repositories in the Russian Federation and in countries of the former Soviet Union. Also adds addenda and corrections to the Svodnyi katalog... of 11th–13th century manuscripts (1984) with descriptions of sixty-nine 12th–13th century manuscripts omitted from that publication.
Greek and Latin Manuscripts

Greek Manuscripts


While earlier editions included listings of published catalogues covering Greek manuscripts in major Russian and other former Soviet repositories, the third edition has much more extensive, annotated coverage of all concentrations of Greek manuscripts and critical appraisals of earlier catalogues, correlated with current holdings and the new names of repositories.


A collection of Fonkich’s articles on Greek manuscripts: inventories and descriptions, analyses, publications in Greek with Russian translations. Includes 106 plates with black-and-white photos of manuscripts.

Latin Manuscripts


An extensive bibliography and locator directory covering holdings in many repositories in the former USSR.

### III. REFERENCE AIDS for SUBJECT-AREA RESEARCH

#### Sources for Church History


A helpful compilation of fonds in federal and local state archives in Moscow and St. Petersburg; also includes a listing for St. Petersburg Branch of the Institute of Russian History RAN.


A helpful compilation of fonds in regional state archives throughout the Russian Federation, based on often incomplete listings in earlier published guides (with some lacunae).


Brief coverage of documents regarding monasteries of the Russian Orthodox Church with indication of the location for monastic records in state archives.

#### Sources Relating to Jewish History and Culture in Russia


A short preliminary listing of a total of 1,034 selected Jewish fonds, collections, and/or series of files within fonds drawn from the Project Judaica database at YIVO and IAI RGGU, which serve as preliminary samples from the survey being undertaken by Project Judaica. Includes limited coverage of Russian archives outside of Moscow and St. Petersburg (pp. 61–73). A separate volume was published in 1997 from the data base for the Moscow coverage (below).
Electronic version of the composite archival-bibliographic catalogue of documentary sources on Jewish history in the archives in independent countries of Eurasia (former Soviet republics) and also archives of the Russian Federation—Astrakhan, Bryansk, Kazan, Kostroma, Makhachkala, Moscow, and Vyborg.

A detailed guide with over 350 descriptive entries covering Jewish-related fonds, collections, and/or series of files within fonds in state archives, libraries, museums and other archival repositories in Moscow. A product of the Project Judaica database at IAI RGGU in Moscow, with support and direction from YIVO in New York City. See the review by H-Russia: http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=1894920480545.
A projected second volume covering holdings in St. Petersburg is currently delayed due to archival closings there. See also the additional detailed coverage of holdings in other parts of the former USSR, especially Ukraine (Kyiv, [2007]), Belarus (Minsk, 2003).

Lists selected fonds in several regional repositories in the Russian Federation as well as those in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and other cities of the former USSR, including records of Jewish organizations and government agencies, as well as private papers of well-known individuals active in many spheres. There is considerable overlap with other lists, but in many cases different fonds are included, and the listings for individual entries differ.

Lists fonds of Jewish organizations in state archives throughout Russia. A preliminary preprint was issued from a database gathered by the Jewish Heritage Society in Moscow. The Moscow listings are now updated by more comprehensive directories above.

Factory/Labor History

A study of archival sources and interpretative methods for factory history during the period 1880–1917, including various official sources, factory records, statistical sources, and personal papers, among others. Provides frequent examples with references to many different archives. The monograph was considerably revised and shortened from the MGU doctoral
dissertation version, which includes an additional volume of appendices, including detailed lists of factories (with prerevolutionary and Soviet-period names) and locations of their records in various repositories.


Identifies existing archival locations of the records of 1,125 prerevolutionary factories and other business firms, which are found in 1,376 fonds in 92 state archives and their branches. Provides prerevolutionary names at the time of nationalization. Indexes of names and types of production. The publication was originally classified (DSP), but it is now openly available, although, to be sure, in a limited number of libraries and archives.

**Sources Relating to Soviet Agrarian Policies:**

**Collectivization and Famine (1930s)**

“*Kollektsiia dokumentov GARF, RGAE, RGASPI, TsA FSB Rossii po teme ‘Golod v SSSR. 1930–1934 gg.’*” Moscow, 2008–.

URL: [http://www.rusarchives.ru/publication/hunger-ussr/content.shtml](http://www.rusarchives.ru/publication/hunger-ussr/content.shtml). (Also listed as b-277, b-523, c-110)


A selected list of documents relating to the famine in the USSR in 1930–1934, pointedly aimed to counter increased recent politicized claims that the famine was predominantly a Ukrainian phenomenon, intended by Stalin and the Soviet leadership as genocide exclusively against the Ukrainian population. The collection with reports culled from GARF, RGAE, RGASPI (former CP Central Archive), and TsA FSB (former KGB archive) demonstrate increasing famine due to the speed of forced collectivization and excessive requisitioning of grain for export. The tragic results, as explained in the introduction, came from inadequate grain supplies, peasant opposition to the Stalin agrarian policies, and central requisitioning for export in many areas of the USSR—especially black earth regions, northern Caucasus, Trans-Volga regions, and Kazhakstan, as well as the Ukrainian SSR. The documents are part of a three-volume publication in preparation (started in October 2007) under the direction of V.P. Kozlov, illustrating the theme: “Famine did not choose one people. It was a general tragedy of all people then living in the USSR.”

*Mezhdunarodnaia konferentsiia “Istoricheskaia i politicheskaia problema massovogo goloda v SSSR 30-kh godov”* (Moscow, 17 November 2008).


A brief report about the conference which included some discussion of sources available in Russian archives.
Sources Relating to World War II

Memorial Database

“Memorial”: Obobshhennyi elektronnyi bank dannikh sovetskikh voynov, pogibshikh i propavshikh bez vesti v gody Velikoi Otechestvenoi voiny i v poslevoennyi period.” Moscow, 2008–. URL: http://www.obd-memorial.ru/. A memorial database with digital copies of archival documents about Soviet citizens killed or missing during the Second World War and immediately thereafter. As of mid-2008, covers ca. 9.8 million individuals. Plans call for the database to cover those lost and missing from some of the other twentieth-century military conflicts.

German Prison Camps in the USSR

Spravochnik o mestakh khraneniiia dokumentov o nemetsko-fashistskikh lageriakh, getto, drugikh mestakh prinuditel'nogo soderzhaniiia i nasil'stvennom vyvoze grazhdan na raboty v Germaniiu i drugie strany Evropy v period Velikoi Otechestvenoi voiny 1941–1945 gg. Compiled by T.I. Anikanova, A.L. Raikhtsaum, and L.I. Solodovnikova. Moscow, 1994. 175 p. [Rosarkhiv] Lists documentary holdings in archives throughout Russia that have bearing on the identification of individuals who were imprisoned in Nazi concentration and detention camps or who were transported abroad for forced labor (especially to Germany) during World War II.


Film and Photographs in Russian State Archives

“Pobeda.” Gosudarstvennye arkhivy Rossii, khraniaschchie fotodokumenty o Velikoi Otechestvenoi voine, 1941–1945.” Moscow, 2004–. Internet project based at the Federal Archival Service of Russia (Rosarkhiv). URL: http://victory.rusarchives.ru/ An Internet exposition and catalogue database contains citations and images for film and photographic documents from World War II held in state archives, including five federal archives and regional archives throughout the Russian Federation. The searchable catalogue is organized by holding archive, name, and subjects. As of May 2008, the catalogue covers over 1,220 photo documents.

Archival Fonds Lost or Destroyed during World War II

Recent Surveys of Sources Relating to Foreign Countries

Balkan Countries


Baltic Republics


Several articles survey holdings in Moscow and St. Petersburg archives.

French History and Culture in Russia (18th century)


A scholarly guide to French manuscripts and archival materials from the 18th c. from archives of the former Russian Empire. Includes selected documentary publications.

Poland


Part I, compiled by Leonid J. Gorizontow, Władimir A. Diakow, Zinaida I. Pieriegudowa, and Jelena B. Timofiejewa, provides annotated descriptions of prerevolutionary records from agencies under the Congress Kingdom of Poland as part of the Russian Empire, now held in GA RF (pp. 23–106) (see b-38).
Part II, compiled by Ewa Rosowska, provides annotated descriptions of the fonds of captured records from the interwar Republic of Poland and the Gdansk (Ger. Danzig) region in the former Special Archive that are now part of RGVA (pp. 107–44) (see b–402).


These catalogues of microfilms of archival Polonica received from archives abroad, including those in the former USSR, accordingly also serve as a locator for Polish-related materials in the fonds covered. They provide detailed references to fond, *opis’,* and file subject listings.

**Scandinavia (Sweden)**


Articles, in both Russian and English, on maps held in Swedish and Russian archives.

**United States of America**


A basic survey of American-related holdings in many archives, but unfortunately lacks precise citations to fond and *opis’* numbers.


**Sources for Genealogy and Family History**

**Bibliographies**


A preliminary bibliography of genealogical literature, reflecting initial efforts of the newly revived Russian Genealogical Society in St. Petersburg. The first part provides a
bibliography of bibliographies for genealogy and family history (pp. 11–17), while the
second part covers books, brochures, and separate editions (pp. 18–126).

Rykhliakov, Vadim Nikolaevich. *Peterburzhtsy — avtory rabot po genealogii i
Lists publications by 308 Petersburg authors on family history and genealogy, supplementing
Rykhliakov’s 1998 bibliography.

Rykhliakov, Vadim Nikolaevich. *Izbrannaia bibliografiia otechestvennoi
vol. 2, no. 1. (Lib: MH)
An unannotated bibliographical listing of literature on necropolises and other guides to
cemeteries, including many abroad. Includes a helpful geographical index.

*Rossiiskoe dvorianstvo: Istoriiia, genealogiia, geral’dika: Katalog redkikh i tsennykh
izdanii iz sobranii biblioteki RGGU.* Compiled by E.A. Gorbunova, O.N.
288 p. [NB RGGU] (Lib: MH)
A bibliography of genealogical-related literature in the RGGU library, which has a
particularly rich collection, including many rare prerevolutionary imprints, brought together
by specialists in MGIAI. Appendices provide analytics of major journals: *Letopis’Istoriko-
rodoslovnogo obschestva v Moskve* (1905–1915), *Izvestiiia Russkogo genealogicheskogo
obschestva* (1900–1911), *Gerboved* (1913–1914), and *Heraldika* (1900). Includes an index
of families covered (amounting to almost half the volume) and an index of institutional and
individual owners (with indication of book stamps, ex libris, and dedicatory autographs).
The most extensive bibliography on the subject published.

Sidorova, V.A.; Pchelov, E.V.; Kiseleva, L.G.; D’iachkova, M.P. “Izbrannaia
bibliografiia po otechestvennoi genealogii.” *Vestnik arkhivista,* 1997, no. 4(40),
Provides extensive bibliography.

Krasinkov, R.G. “Obzor russkoi sovetskoi literature po genealogii za 70 let (1917–
1987)”/ “A 70-Year Survey of Soviet-Russian Genealogical Literature (1917–
98–109.
Critically characterizes important scholarly publications on historical genealogy during the
Soviet period.

Surveys of Sources

Bychkova, Margarita Evgen’evna; Smirnov, Maksim Igorevich. *Genealogiia v

*Russkaia genealogiia: Vospomogatel’nye istoricheskie distsipliny: Entsiklopediia.*
A collection of reference articles on historical genealogy.

Elpat’evskii, Andrei Valer’ianovich. “K istorii dokumentirovania aktov
grazhdanskogo sostoiannia v Rossii i SSSR (s XVIII v. po nastoiashchee
vremia).” In *Aktovoe istochnikovedenie: Sbornik statei,* edited by V.I. Buganov
et al., pp. 55–84. Moscow: “Nauka,” 1979. [AN SSSR; II SSSR] (Lib: DLC; IU; MH) [IDC-in R-14,652]
An important review of documentation with reference to earlier literature and official regulations establishing different types of obligatory registries of vital statistics.

An important review of documentation from the Soviet period with reference to earlier literature and official regulations establishing different types of obligatory records, including those for the registries of vital statistics, service labor records, education, and pension records.

A survey of genealogical sources and different types of archival records, together with a preliminary bibliography, resulting from a VNIDAD group study. Mainly covers the period from the 16th century to 1917.
See the article about the project by S.N. Romanova, “Genealogia i arkhivy,” Otechestvennye arkhivy, 1993, no. 4, pp. 100–101.


A history and analysis of the use of parish registers in the Russian Empire with discussion of their preservation and value as genealogical sources. See also the authors’ earlier articles below.

Antonov, Dmitrii Nikolaevich; and Antonova, Irina Antonovna. “Metricheskie knigi: vremia sobirat' kamni.” Otechestvennye arkhivy, 1996, no. 4, pp. 15–28, and no. 5, pp. 29–42. (Lib: DLC; IU; MH)
The first part discusses the often sad fate of parish registers in various local Russian archives during the Soviet period. The second part discusses the development and value of opisi of parish registers, with early examples of those in the Tula State Oblast Archive.

A collection of essays covering different types of sources and analytic techniques by key specialists in genealogy, growing out of a 1989 conference when the subject was starting to open up in Russia.

Prepared to aid the new popularized interest in genealogical research in Russia, with some helpful data, but provides only limited bibliographic and contact data for archives and other relevant institutions.


A popularized overview of the new opportunities and problems for genealogical research in Russia and the former USSR, as possibilities were first opening up in the late 1980s.

**The Family History Library Catalog.** Salt Lake City, 1987–. (Lib: DLC; MH)

Compiled by the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Available on microfiche and CD-ROM.


Since 1992, the Genealogical Society of Utah has been filming parish registers and other genealogical-related materials (43,434 volumes on some 7,061 reels through 1995) in Russia and other successor states of the former Soviet Union. In Russia, Mormon filming units have been operating in Astrakhan, Kazan, St. Petersburg, Tobol'sk, Tomsk, Tula, Tver, and others. The catalogues are updated annually and are available for purchase by libraries or individuals. In LDS Family History research centers throughout the world, individuals (even those not associated with the Mormon Church) can have access to catalogues and copies of the microfilms.

CONTACT: Information and microfiche catalogues can be obtained from Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Tel.: 801-240-4756; Fax: 801-240-5551 or 801-240-2597; URL: [http://www.lds.org/placestovisit/location/0,10634,1869-1-1-1,00.html](http://www.lds.org/placestovisit/location/0,10634,1869-1-1-1,00.html). A CD-ROM version of the catalogue is available as part of the program “FamilySearch,” marketed through GeneSys (CONTACT: 1-800-222-3762). On-line computer consultation is available on the Internet through a variety of commercial computer services including CompuServe, America Online, and Prodigy. See also the website of the Federation of East European Family History Societies (see below).


Describes the extensive new efforts of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in microfilming genealogical records in Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States.

**Internet Resources for Genealogy and Family History**


Monograph directory contains basic Internet resources of genealogy.


Information and appropriate questionnaires are available at the “Arkhivy Rossii” website [http://www.rusarchives.ru/demands/gen/gen.shtml](http://www.rusarchives.ru/demands/gen/gen.shtml). Although the current explanation is now available only in Russian, application forms (PDF) are also available in English and may be submitted in English.
“Vserossiiskoe Genealogicherskoe Drevo”/“All-Russia Genealogy Tree.” URL (Russian): http://www.vgd.ru/
   The most satisfactory website for genealogy.

   Ukraine and Belarus website: “Researching Russian Roots: Ukraine and Belarus” (available only in English with some sections in Russian). URL: http://www.mtu-net.ru/rrr/ukraine.htm
   Coverage includes research possibilities for families of origin in Poland, Ukraine (not updated), Belarus, Lithuania, and Moldova, as well as the Russian Federation.
   CONTACT: Mikhail Kroutikhin, e-mail: MikhailK@mtu-net.ru.

“Routes to Roots Foundation”. URL: http://www.rtrfoundation.org/index.html
   Coverage emphasizes, but is not limited to, sources for Jewish genealogy for families from the former Russian Empire and Soviet Union, and especially Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, as well as Poland.

   The FEEFHS website includes the Resource Guide with homepages of, and/or web links to over 150 related societies, archives, and libraries, including some in Central and Eastern Europe; separate databases of professional genealogists, translators, authors, and lecturers; various genealogy databases, and a series of separate query lists for all ethnic, religious, and national listing in Central and Eastern Europe; an Internet Journal with republished genealogical works and articles; a reference library with extensive indexes to publications, online discussion groups, and other reference materials; and an extensive collection of maps.
   CONTACT: Federation of East European Family History Societies, P.O. Box 510898, Salt Lake City, UT 84151-0898; Tel.: 801-359-9304; E-mail: feefh@feefh.org; Website: http://www.feefh.org. News editor and Webmaster: John Movius, PO Box 4327, Davis, CA 95617-4327; E-mail: webmaster@feefh.org.

Serials/Newsletters Devoted to Genealogy and Family History

   [Rossiiskoe obschestvo istorikov-arkhivistov] (Lib: DLC; MH)
   Electronic version: http://www.vestarchive.ru/;
   The separate rubric “Genealogiia: otechestvennyi i zarubezhnyi opyt” in this journal (published by the Russian Society of Historians and Archivists) provides one of the most informative sources for information about genealogical research, with considerable interesting material regarding archival sources.

   [Tsentr genealogicheskikh issledovanii; IRI RAN; Soiuz potomkov rossiiskogo dvorianstva; Dvorianskoe sobranie] Parallel texts in Russian and English. (Lib: DLC; IU; MH)
   Index: The fifth issue provides summary tables of contents for previous issues.
An elaborate bilingual, but unfortunately short-lived, over-priced journal, edited by S.V. Konev and D.M. Shakhovskoi, with a distinguished editorial board. Includes scholarly articles, surveys of sources, and bibliography on genealogical subjects. The journal was planned as a quarterly, but only two issues appeared for 1993 (nos. 1 and 2) and 1994 (nos. 3 and 4), and four for 1995 (nos. 5-8); (the last issue published, no. 8 marked for 1995, appeared in 1999).

The first issue includes an annotated index to the contents of the journal *Letopis’ Istoriko-rodoslovnogo obschestva v Moskve* (1905–1915), (pp. 99–114).


The third issue provides an index to the contents of *Izvestiia Russkogo genealogicheskogo obschestva* (4 vols, 1900–1911), (pp. 65–79).

The fourth issue includes an article on L.M. Savelov and the prerevolutionary Historico-Genealogical Society (*Istoriko-rodoslovnoe obschestvo*) and a survey of Soviet-Russian genealogical literature (pp. 98–109).

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**Letopis’ Istoriko-rodoslovnogo obschestva v Moskve.** Moscow, 1993–. 8 issues (vypuski) (binary issues from no. 4/5) available through no. 12/13 (2007). Continues parenthetically the numeration of the prerevolutionary journal by the same title (Moscow, 1905–1915). Includes table of contents in French or English. [Istoriko-rodoslovnoe obschestvo v Moskve] (Lib: DLC; IU; MH)

A new, small-pressrun journal issued by the Historico-Genealogical Society. Includes articles, bibliographic compilations, reviews of new publications, and reports of genealogical conferences and symposia.

CONTACT: Istoriko-rodoslovnoe obschestvo, c/o Gosudarstvennaia publichnaia istoricheskaia biblioteka (GPIB), 101000, Moscow, Starosadskii per., 9; e-mail: gri1999@mail.ru; website: http://iro.newmail.ru.

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**Izvestiia Russkogo genealogicheskogo obschestva.** St. Petersburg: Russkoe genealogicheskoe obschestvo, 1994–. [RNB] (Lib: DLC; MH) 19 issues (vypuski) available through no. 19 (2007). Continues the prerevolutionary journal by the same title (St. Petersburg, 1900–1911).


A new, small-pressrun journal issued by the Russian Genealogical Society, headed by I.V. Sakharov. Includes important bibliographic compilations, reviews of new publications, and reports of genealogical conferences and symposia.

CONTACT: Russkoe genealogicheskoe obschestvo, c/o Rossiiskaia natsional’naia biblioteka, ul. Sadovaia, 18, 191069, St. Petersburg; Fax: (812) 310-61-48.

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**FEEFHS Journal: A Publication for Central & East European Genealogical Studies.** Salt Lake City, 1998–. Annual.


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Quarterly newsletter accessible online and via e-mail to FEEFHS members. It contains the latest news on FEEFHS events and activities, as well as informative articles, tips, and other aids for research.

**Personnel Records – Directories of Sources for Personal Biographic Data (Socio-Legal Inquiries)**


Provides directory data on regional repositories for “socio-legal” (sotsial'no-pravovoe) documentation, records of genealogical and biographic importance, and records needed for the rehabilitation of repressed individuals. Also lists locator data on federal state archives, major state agency archives, archival repositories of central federal ministries and other agencies, and the archival services for newly independent states in the CIS and the Baltic countries.


A directory of archival inquiry services for the location and verification of data on personal vital statistics; school, employment, and military service records; and other official documents needed by citizens for pension or other “socio-legal” purposes.

**Sources for Regional Studies**


A directory for the study of provincial culture in the Russian Empire (18th c.–1917), with sections devoted to archives, libraries, museums, architecture and the visual arts, literature, theater, music, churches and religious institutions, education, publishing, and organs of government administration. Provides specific citations to 3,560 extant archival fonds based on earlier published guides to 68 regional state archives (not including those in Moscow and St. Petersburg). Includes name and subject indexes.


Shmidt, Sigurd Ottovich. _Kraevedenie i dokumental'nye pamiatniki._ Tver, 1992. 86 p. (Lib: DLC; MH)


A detailed analysis of the “golden age of regional studies” in the USSR, with extensive bibliographic references. Expands the author’s 1989 essay (below).

**IV. ARCHIVAL JOURNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORIES, and RELATED REFERENCE AIDS**

**Administrative-Territorial Divisions**


A helpful digital map of the Russian Federation showing divisions into federal regions, and also the component republics, krais, oblasts, and autonomous regions (as of January 2007) is available electronically (only in a Russian version) at [http://www.terrus.ru/cgi-bin/allrussia/v3_index.pl?act=d_fo](http://www.terrus.ru/cgi-bin/allrussia/v3_index.pl?act=d_fo).

*Administrativno-territorial'noe delenie byvshego SSSR.* Moscow: [Infoiurservis], 1994. 670 p. (Lib: DLC)


**Archival Journals and Series**

*Otechestvennye arkhivy.* Moscow, 1992–. Bimonthly. [Roskomarkhiv; Rosarkhiv] (Lib: DLC; IU; MH) Continues *Sovetskie arkhivy.*


*Vestnik arkhivista.* Moscow: ROIA, 1991–. 104 issues (some double issues) published through 2008, no. 4 (104). Irregular; bimonthly; quarterly. [Rossiiskoe obshchestvo istorikov-arkhivistov] (Lib: DLC; MH)


[http://www.vestarchive.ru/](http://www.vestarchive.ru/)


Arkhivnoe delo. Moscow, 1923–1941. 58 issues (some with double nos. within years). Quarterly. [AU NKVD SSSR; GAU (with variations of name)] (Lib: DLC; IU; MH) [IDC-R-10,755]

This Soviet professional archival journal contains some descriptions of individual archives and their history, but mostly reports on archival techniques and administrative developments of particular interest for the history of Soviet state archival system.

Materials from Archival Symposia and Collected Articles

See the additional bibliography on the website “Arkivy Rossii”: [http://www.rusarchives.ru/evants/conferences/index.shtml].


A collection of reports presented at a Rosarkhiv conference in April 2006, attended by archival directors and archivists from fifteen regions of the Russian Federation and independent countries within the former Soviet Union. Emphasis was on archival developments since 1991.


A collection of reports presented at a Rosarkhiv conference attended by archivists from throughout the Russian Federation in October 1993. Many of the contributions are indicative of present developments and problems facing Russian archives.
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