

# The Russian Alphabet (with English, Polish, and German Equivalents)

Printed Russian	Handwritten Russian	English	Polish	German
А а	<i>А а</i>	a	a	a
Б б	<i>Б б</i>	b	b	b
В в	<i>В в</i>	v	w	w,v
Г г	<i>Г г</i>	g(h)	g(h)	g(h)
• Used for h in non-Russian words, pronounced as v in the genitive ending -го.				
Д д	<i>Д д</i>	d	d	d
Е е	<i>Е е</i>	ye,e	ie,je,e	je,e
• Pronounced as ye (Pol./Ger. as je) initially, after vowels, and after б.				
Ж ж	<i>Ж ж</i>	zh	z,rz	zh,sh
• Polish rz is often written in old Russian as рж.				
З з	<i>З з</i>	z	z	za
И и	<i>И и</i>	i	i	i
• German eu is usually written in Russian as еу.				
І і	<i>І і</i>	i	i	i
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Й й	<i>Й й</i>	y	j	j
К к	<i>К к</i>	k	k	k
Л л	<i>Л л</i>	l	l	l
М м	<i>М м</i>	m	m	m
Н н	<i>Н н</i>	n	n	n
О о	<i>О о</i>	o	o	o
П п	<i>П п</i>	p	p	p
Р р	<i>Р р</i>	r	r	r
С с	<i>С с</i>	s	s	s
Т т	<i>Т т</i>	t	t	t

Printed Russian	Handwritten Russian	English	Polish	German
У у	<i>У у</i>	u	u,ó	u
Ф ф	<i>Ф ф</i>	f	f	f
Х х	<i>Х х</i>	kh	ch	ch
Ц ц	<i>Ц ц</i>	ts	c	z,tz
Ч ч	<i>Ч ч</i>	ch	cz	tach
Ш ш	<i>Ш ш</i>	sh	sz	sch
Щ щ	<i>Щ щ</i>	shch	szcz	schtsch
Ъ ъ	<i>Ъ ъ</i>	"	no equivalent	"
• Has no sound, indicates that the previous consonant is "hard"; represented in English as ". Prior to the 1918 spelling reforms Ъ was used at the end of all words ending in a consonant unless the consonant was "soft".				
Ы ы	<i>Ы ы</i>	y	y	y
Ь ь	<i>Ь ь</i>	"	no equivalent	"
• Has no sound, indicates that the previous consonant is "soft"; represented in English as '.				
Ѣ ѣ	<i>Ѣ ѣ</i>	ye	ie,je	je
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Э э	<i>Э э</i>	e	e	e
Ю ю	<i>Ю ю</i>	yu	ju,ó	ju
Я я	<i>Я я</i>	ya	ja	ja
Ѡ ѡ	<i>Ѡ ѡ</i>	f,th	f,th	f,th
• Used in words of Greek origin, equivalent to the Greek theta (th) but pronounced and represented in English as f.				
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				
Ѳ ѳ	<i>Ѳ ѳ</i>	y	y	y
• Used in words of Greek origin, equivalent to the Greek upsilon (u,y) replaced by и after 1918 spelling reforms; represented in English as y.				
• This letter was eliminated in the 1918 spelling reforms.				

# Русский

## The Russian Alphabet

Printed	Cursive	English
А а	<i>А а</i>	a
Б б	<i>Б б</i>	b
В в	<i>В в</i>	v
Г г	<i>Г г</i>	g
Д д	<i>Д д</i>	d
Е е	<i>Е е</i>	ye
Ё ё	<i>Ё ё</i>	yo
Ж ж	<i>Ж ж</i>	zh
З з	<i>З з</i>	z
И и	<i>И и</i>	i
Й й	<i>Й й</i>	y
К к	<i>К к</i>	k
Л л	<i>Л л</i>	l
М м	<i>М м</i>	m
Н н	<i>Н н</i>	n
О о	<i>О о</i>	o
П п	<i>П п</i>	p
Р р	<i>Р р</i>	r
С с	<i>С с</i>	s
Т т	<i>Т т</i>	t
У у	<i>У у</i>	u
Ф ф	<i>Ф ф</i>	f
Х х	<i>Х х</i>	kh
Ц ц	<i>Ц ц</i>	ts
Ч ч	<i>Ч ч</i>	ch

Printed	Cursive	English	Printed	Cursive	English
Ш ш	<i>Ш ш</i>	sh	- Ъ	- ъ	—
Щ щ	<i>Щ щ</i>	shch	Э э	<i>Э э</i>	e
- Ъ	- ъ	—	Ю ю	<i>Ю ю</i>	yu
- Ы	- ы	—	Я я	<i>Я я</i>	ya

Russian is one of several Slavic languages that use a form of the Cyrillic alphabet (others include Belarussian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Serbian, and Ukrainian). There are minor variations in the forms of Cyrillic used in the Slavic languages; the alphabet shown here is that used in modern Russian. Pre-1917 Russian documents also used the characters *i* and *v*, equivalent to modern *и*; the character *ѣ*, equivalent to modern *е*; and *ѐ*, equivalent to modern *ф*.

Even a superficial glance at the Cyrillic alphabet reveals that it is not totally foreign. When St. Cyril (traditionally regarded as the author of this alphabet) undertook devising a way to write Slavic sounds, he borrowed extensively from the Greek alphabet, and also modified some characters to represent distinctively Slavic phonemes. A few sounds were so foreign to Greek that he borrowed characters from other sources, e. g., *Ѱ* and *ѱ* from Hebrew to make *ш* and *ц*, representing the *sh* and *ts* sounds.

Besides the printed and cursive forms, italic letters appear in documents. A few italic forms can be puzzling, e. g., *з*, *д*, *т*, but the answer is simple: some italic forms are derived from their cursive equivalents. So *т* = *т*, *д* = *д* (*д* and *г* are both acceptable cursive forms of *д*), *з* = *г*, and so on. Alternate cursive forms of *т* or *м* include *ѳ* and what looks like an *i* with a line over it, rather than a dot.

Russian vowels are roughly similar to those of other European languages: *a* = *a* as in "father," *э* = *e* as in "let," *и* = *i* as in "machine," *о* = a sound somewhere between the *o*'s in "October," and *у* = *u* as in "rude" — but *а*, *э*, *ы*, *о* and *у* follow what are termed "hard" consonants, while the forms *я*, *е*, *и*, *ё* and *ю* follow consonants that are "softened" or palatalized. The basic distinction is illustrated by the word *нет* ("no"), pronounced "nyet" because the *e* vowel follows a palatalized *n* — a word pronounced like English "net," with a hard *n*, would be spelled *нэт*. This is why one often sees *я* transcribed as *ya*, *ё* as *yo*, and so on; the vowels are written differently to reflect the hard or soft quality of the consonants they follow. Standard Russian pronunciation gives full value only to vowels in accented syllables, and the farther the vowel is from the stress the less distinctly it is pronounced: *молоко* ("milk"), accented on the last syllable, is not pronounced like "mo-lo-ko" but more like "muh-lah-ko'."

The table at left shows approximate English equivalents of the sounds represented by Russian consonants, but more must be said. The letter *р* does generally sound like the English *g* in "go," but at the end of words it can sound like *k*, and in the declensional suffixes *-оро*, *-еро*, and archaic *-яро* and *-аро* it sounds like English *v*. The letter *ж* (often rendered in English as "zh") sounds like *s* in English "pleasure." The *ч* sounds like the *ch* in "church," the *х* is pronounced like *ch* in German "Bach" or Scottish "loch," the *ш* sounds like the *sh* in "sheet," and *щ* is *sh* and *ch* run together, as in the name "Khrushchev."

Of the letters with no English equivalents given, *ъ* signifies that the preceding consonant is not softened or palatalized, *ь* shows that it is softened or palatalized, and *ы* represents a unique sound somewhat like the *y* in "very."

Source: Shea, Jonathan D., and William F. Hoffman. *Following the Paper Trail: A Multilingual Translation Guide*. Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, Inc., 1994.

# Український The Ukrainian Alphabet

Printed	Cursive	English
А а	<i>А а</i>	a
Б б	<i>Б б</i>	b
В в	<i>В в</i>	v
Г г	<i>Г г</i>	g
Ґ ґ	<i>Ґ ґ</i>	h
Д д	<i>Д д</i>	d
Е е	<i>Е е</i>	e
Є є	<i>Є є</i>	ye
Ж ж	<i>Ж ж</i>	zh
З з	<i>З з</i>	z
И и	<i>И и</i>	y
І і	<i>І і</i>	i
Ї ї	<i>Ї ї</i>	yi
Й й	<i>Й й</i>	y
К к	<i>К к</i>	k
Л л	<i>Л л</i>	l
М м	<i>М м</i>	m
Н н	<i>Н н</i>	n
О о	<i>О о</i>	o
П п	<i>П п</i>	p
Р р	<i>Р р</i>	r
С с	<i>С с</i>	s
Т т	<i>Т т</i>	t
У у	<i>У у</i>	u
Ф ф	<i>Ф ф</i>	f
Х х	<i>Х х</i>	kh

Printed	Cursive	English	Printed	Cursive	English
Ц ц	<i>Ц ц</i>	ts	Ю ю	<i>Ю ю</i>	yu
Ч ч	<i>Ч ч</i>	ch	Я я	<i>Я я</i>	ya
Ш ш	<i>Ш ш</i>	sh	Ь ь	<i>Ь ь</i>	'
Щ щ	<i>Щ щ</i>	shch	-	-	-

Ukrainian is one of several Slavic languages that use a form of the Cyrillic alphabet (others include Belarussian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Serbian, and Russian). The alphabet shown here is that used in standard modern Ukrainian. Under Soviet influence there was a tendency to replace the *с*, which sounds like a hard g as in English "go," with *з*, which sounds somewhat like *h* in English; but *р* should be included in any chart of the alphabet, as one certainly may see it in records. Ukrainian words are almost always pronounced just as they are spelled.

Even a superficial glance at the Cyrillic alphabet reveals that it is not totally foreign. When St. Cyril (traditionally regarded as the author of this alphabet) undertook devising a way to write Slavic sounds, he borrowed extensively from the Greek alphabet, and also modified some characters to represent distinctively Slavic phonemes. A few sounds were so foreign to Greek that he borrowed characters from other sources, e. g., *ש* and *צ* from Hebrew to make *ш* and *ц*, representing the *sh* and *ts* sounds.

Besides the printed and cursive forms, italic letters appear in documents. Even after one becomes familiar with the normal printed forms, a few italic forms can be puzzling, e. g., *м*, *д*, *з*, but the answer is simple: some italic forms are derived from their cursive equivalents. So *м* = *т*, *д* = *д* (*д* and *г* are both forms of *д* one may encounter), *з* = *г*, and so on.

The basic sounds of Ukrainian vowels are comparable to those of other European languages. They roughly approximate the following English sounds: a = a as in "father," e = e as in "let," и = i as in "sit," o = the o in English "more," and y = u as in "rude." The vowels я, є, і, and ю have the same sounds as а, е, и, and у (though і sounds more like the i in English "machine"), but are considered "soft" versions of them. These soft vowels, except for і, are preceded with a slight y sound; when і is preceded by that y sound, it is spelled ї — the name for "Ukraine," Україна, is pronounced roughly "oo-krah-ye'e'-nah." This is why one often sees я transcribed as ya, е as ye, і as yi, and so on; the vowels are written differently to reflect the hard or soft quality of their pronunciation (or of the consonants preceding them). The combination "yo" is spelled *ю* if it does not follow a consonant, or *ьо* if it does (e. g., його vs. нього).

The table at left shows approximate English equivalents of the sounds represented by Ukrainian consonants, but more must be said. The letter ж (often rendered in English as "zh") sounds like *s* in English "pleasure." The ц sounds like *ts* in English "cats," the ч sounds like the *ch* in "church," the ш like the *sh* in "sheet," and щ is *sh* and *ch* run together, as in the word *щастя* ("fortune, fate"), pronounced "shchástya." The x can be misleading because it is not pronounced like English x, but rather like guttural *ch* in German "Bach" or Scottish "loch." The ь indicates that the preceding consonant is palatalized; an apostrophe ' indicates that the preceding consonant is not palatalized (e. g., об'ява, "revelation, announcement"). Palatalization affects the pronunciation of consonants, but this feature is best studied by imitating native speakers. Note that *й* is a consonantal y in English "yacht," not like the vowel sound in "very."

Source: Hoffman, William F., and George W. Helon. *First Names of the Polish Commonwealth: Origins and Meanings*. Chicago: The Polish Genealogical Society of America, 1998.

## MONTHS

The months in Russian are all masculine nouns and are not usually capitalized:

январь	January	май	May	сентябрь	September
февраль	February	июнь	June	октябрь	October
март	March	июль	July	ноябрь	November
апрель	April	август	August	декабрь	December

From *In Their Words. . . vol. II: Russian* by J.D. Shea & W.F. Hoffman

	<i>Cardinal</i>	<i>Genitive</i>	<i>Ordinal</i>	<i>Genitive</i>
1	один, одна, одно	одного, одной	первый	первого † первого
2	два, две	двух	второй	второго
3	три	трёх	третий	третьего † третьего
4	четыре	четырёх	четвёртый	четвёртого
5	пять	пяти	пятый	пятого
6	шесть	шести	шестой	шестого
7	семь	семи	седьмой	седьмого
8	восемь	восьми	восьмой	восьмого
9	девять	деяти	девятый	девятого
10	десять	десяти	десятый	десятого
11	одиннадцать	одиннадцати	одиннадцатый	одиннадцатого
12	двенадцать	двенадцати	двенадцатый	двенадцатого
13	тринадцать	тринадцати	тринадцатый	тринадцатого
14	четырнадцать	четырнадцати	четырнадцатый	четырнадцатого
15	пятнадцать	пятнадцати	пятнадцатый	пятнадцатого
16	шестнадцать	шестнадцати	шестнадцатый	шестнадцатого
17	семнадцать	семнадцати	семнадцатый	семнадцатого
18	восемнадцать	восемнадцати	восемнадцатый	восемнадцатого
19	девятнадцать	девятнадцати	девятнадцатый	девятнадцатого
20	двадцать	двадцати	двадцатый	двадцатого
21	двадцать один	двадцати одного	двадцать первый	двадцать первого
22	двадцать два	двадцати двух	двадцать второй	двадцать второго
23	двадцать три	двадцати трёх	двадцать третий	двадцать третьего
24	двадцать четыре	двадцати четырёх	двадцать четвёртый	двадцать четвёртого
25	двадцать пять	двадцати пяти	двадцать пятый	двадцать пятого
26	двадцать шесть	двадцати шести	двадцать шестой	двадцать шестого
27	двадцать семь	двадцати семи	двадцать седьмой	двадцать седьмого
28	двадцать восемь	двадцати восьми	двадцать восьмой	двадцать восьмого
29	двадцать девять	двадцати девяти	двадцать девятый	двадцать девятого
30	тридцать	тридцати	тридцатый	тридцатого
40	сорок	сорока	сороковой	сорокового
50	пятьдесят	пятидесяти	пятидесятый	пятидесятого
60	шестьдесят	шестидесяти	шестидесятый	шестидесятого
70	семьдесят	семидесяти	семидесятый	семидесятого
80	восемьдесят	восьмидесяти	восьмидесятый	восьмидесятого
90	девяносто	девяноста	девяностый	девяностого
100	сто	ста	сотый	сотого
200	двести	двухсот	двухсотый	двухсотого
300	триста	трёхсот	трёхсотый	трёхсотого
400	четыреста	четырёхсот	четырёхсотый	четырёхсотого
500	пятьсот	пятисот	пятисотый	пятисотого
600	шестьсот	шестисот	шестисотый	шестисотого
700	семьсот	семисот	семисотый	семисотого
800	восемьсот	восьмисот	восьмисотый	восьмисотого
900	девятьсот	девятисот	девятисотый	девятисотого
1000	тысяча	тысячи	тысячный	тысячного

Января

January / Januar

Февраля

February / Februar

Марта

March / März

Апр(е)ля

April

Мая

May / Mai

Июнь    Июня

June / Juni

Июля    Июля

July / Juli

Августа

August

Сентября

September

Октября

October / Oktober

Ноября

November

Декабря

December / Dezember

Июнь

June / Juni

July / Juli

Июля

## Cardinal Numbers

one / einz  
о д н о г о

*однаго*

five / fünf  
п я т ь

*пять*

21

д в а д ц а т и о д н о г о

*двадцати одного*

30

т р и д ц а т и

*тридцати*

47

с о р о к а с е м и

*сорока семи*

52

п я т и д е с я т и д в у х ь

*пятидесяти двух*

60

ш е с т и д е с я т и

*шестидесяти*

## Ordinal Numbers

first / erste  
п е р в а г о

*перваго*

second / zweite  
в м о р а г о

*второга*

14th

ч е т ы р н а д ц а т а г о

*четырнадцатого*

20th

д в ы н а д ц а т а г о

*двадцатого*

24th

д в а д ц а т ь ч е т ы р т а г о

*двадцать четвертого*

Note: The ending of the genitive form may also be written as aro as well as oro.

## SURNAMES

Leman

Koch

Fitz

Gentzler

Schmidt

Nikel

Herzog

Jantz

[J]eske

Zielke

Lauber

Schultz

Arndt

Duesterhoeft

Grams

Maier

Wudke

Schwartz

Klatt

рождена  
\*was born\*

урожденной  
born / maiden name

дочери  
daughter of

сын  
Son of

покойница  
\*deceased\*

умерла  
\*died\*

женская пола  
\*female\* sex

бывшие супруги  
former spouses

законной его жене  
\*legal his wife\*

WORDS IN CONTEXT

Кристиан Фридрих / Kristian Friedrich

Анна Елизавета / Anna Elisabetha

Михаил / Michael

Марианна / Marianne

Уланов / Ulanow

Мария / Maria

Михаил / Michael

Эмилия / Emilia

Карл / Carl

Павел / Pavel

Кристиан / Kristian

male sex  
yesterday's

gave birth stillborn infant

two sons and two daughters

unknown father

unmarried

widow after death

widow after death

years from birth

yesterday's date



**Recommended resources:**

Books from Language and Lineage Press (<http://www.langline.com/index.htm>)

*In their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin and Russian Documents. Volume II: Russian* by Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman

Books on Polish documents are available and books on Latin and German documents are in process.

Shea, Jonathan. *Russian Language Documents from Russian Poland - A Translation Manual for Genealogists*, 1989. (out of print)

SGGEE translation resources: [http://www.sggee.org/research/translation\\_aids](http://www.sggee.org/research/translation_aids)

Russian translation aids: [http://www.sggee.org/research/rus\\_translate/general\\_intro.html](http://www.sggee.org/research/rus_translate/general_intro.html)

**General Comments on Records**

In the margin the place of residence is specified along with its administrative affiliations.

- \* Endings differ within the text
- \* All spellings are in phonetic Russian or Polish—"use your ears not your eyes"
- \* Check both places; errors are not uncommon

The date at the beginning of the record is usually given in Julian/Gregorian format, a separation of 12 days until 1900 when it becomes 13 days. Other dates given may only be Julian calendar format. Individuals may use either date as a birth date in other records, so be aware of this difference

**Birth / Baptism Records**

1. Father, age, occupation, residence
  - \* Normally the father's name is written with Latin letters.
  - \* In rare instances the father may not be present, e.g. death (stated on the record), military service or other absence, name is unknown and birth is illegitimate
2. First Witness, age, occupation, residence
3. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
  - \* Occupation and residence of the two witnesses may be combined if they are the same.
4. Sex of child, town of birth, date and time of birth
  - \* Most often the phrase "yesterday's date" is given. If the child was born before "yesterday" then the full Julian / Gregorian date is given.
5. Mother (with maiden name), age
  - \* Normally the mother's name is also written with Latin letters.
6. Child's given name
  - \* Normally the child's name is also written with Latin letters.
7. Indication of godparents (usually one or both witnesses) and godmother's name with descriptor and residence.
8. Closing statement of reading and signing the document.

## **Death Records**

1. First Witness, age, occupation, residence
2. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
3. Date, time, place of death (often “yesterday” is used)
4. Deceased person, age
  - \* Normally the deceased's name is also written with Latin letters.
5. Relationship(s) of the deceased (usually with at least one witness)
  - \* may include parents' names, spouse(s), and number of children living if an adult
6. Closing statement of reading and signing the document.

## **Marriage Records**

1. First Witness, age, occupation, residence
2. Second Witness, age, occupation, residence
3. Groom, marital status prior to this wedding, faith, place of birth
  - \* Normally the groom's name is written with Latin letters.
  - \* Name of previous spouse and often date of death is given
4. Groom's parents including mother's maiden name (and indications if either parent has died)
5. Groom's age, residence (usually this information is also given in the margin)
6. Bride, marital status prior to this wedding, faith, place of birth
  - \* Normally the bride's name is also written with Latin letters.
  - \* Name of previous spouse and often date of death is given
7. Bride's parents including mother's maiden name (and indications if either parent has died)
8. Bride's age, residence
9. Text stating that this planned wedding was announced for three weeks.
10. Statements on parent's approval and whether a prenuptial agreement was made.
11. Statement indicating the pastor who performed the wedding.
12. Closing statement of reading and signing the document.

It happened in town of Lublin seventeenth twenty  
 ninth January thousand eight hundred seventy first  
 year at ten o'clock morning. Appeared Julius Beiel  
 (Julius) twenty four years \*\*from \*birth\* settler  
 from Wojciechow in presence of Eduard Siewert twenty  
 five years and Julius Busler twenty six years \*\*from \*birth\*  
 both settlers from Wojciechowa and showed us child  
 \*\*female \*\* sex declaring that she \*was born \*\* in town-  
 of Wojciechow \*\*yesterday's \* date at four o'clock morning  
 \*\*legal his \*wife \*\* Wilhelmine maiden name  
 Busler (Wilhelmina Wodrona Busler) twenty-two  
 years \*from \*birth. This child at holy christening  
 performed on this date given name Emma Mathilde  
 and godparents [were besides] above mentioned witnesses  
 and Ekaterina Zedewitz \*wife of settler from Wojciechowa.  
 This document announced and witnesses read  
 they because illiterate not signed.

№ 37.  
 Wojciechow  
 G(H)anski  
 Bogdanin  
 Wlodawski  
 Note: Russian  
 substitutes the  
 letter geh for  
 an H in this case.  
 Mother & Wife  
 age  
 Baptism  
 Child's name  
 Godmother

**BIRTH RECORDS**

It happened in town of Lublin twenty fourth May  
 (fifth June) thousand eight hundred seventy fifth  
 year at eight o'clock morning. Appeared August Krueger  
 (August Krueger) thirty years, colonist from Mali-  
 nowka in presence of Gottfried Meger twenty-five  
 years, and Erdman Sch?ing twenty one years, colo-  
 nists from Malinowka and showed us child \*  
 \*\*female \*\* sex, declaring that she \*was born \* in Malinowka  
 \*\*yesterday's \* date, at four o'clock morning, from \*legal \*  
 his \*wife \* Julianna maiden name Kropp (Julianna Kropp)  
 twenty-eight years. Child, this at holy  
 christening performed on this date given name Otilie  
 and godparents [were besides] above mentioned  
 witnesses and Wilhelmine Krueger from Ma-  
 linowka. Document this announced and witnesses read  
 and ? because illiteracy of them by us only  
 signed.

A 340.  
 Malinowka  
 Berezin-  
 Cho(e)lm-  
 Note: August  
 is spelled like  
 Awgust.  
 Mother/Wife  
 Child  
 Godmother

Люблинские } губернія province  
Lubelskie } уѣздъ city  
Еванг. Приходъ Evang. parish

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Book of Permanent Population

# СВИДѢТЕЛЬСТВО О РОЖДЕНІИ.

Certificate of Birth

Сие дано въ томъ, что  
[This is to certify]

*Матильда Лиске*  
Mathilde Liske [Lieske]  
сынъ дочь *Готтмита* daughter Gottlieb

и жены его *Эмилии Августин* урожденной *Пинковской*  
& wife his Emilie Augustine born Pinkowski  
родил. ась въ *Богданкѣ (Стефанъ (Августъ))* м-ца *12* дня  
born in Bogdanka October/November 21/2  
тысяча *восемьсотъ девятисотъ девятая*

1. *899* г. и окрещень.

Гор. Люблинъ *Юния* м-ца *20* дня 1906 г.  
city Lublin June 20

Пасторъ и Чиновникъ Гражданскаго Состоянія  
Pastor & Official of the Civil Registry



*Мелик*

Собственноручность подписи Чиновника Гражданскаго Состоянія свидѣтельствую

Certified by the signature of the official of the Civil Registry in his own hand" with signature and seal of office

No 96.  
 Potok-  
 Modliborzyce  
 Janow-

It happened in town of Lublin fifteenth / twenty seventh-  
 March thousand eight hundred eighty- third year at ele-  
 ven o'clock morning. Appeared instead of \*\*\*\* unknown \*\*\*\* father  
 Wilhelm Schmidt fifty years, colonist from  
 Potoka in presence of Ivan = Johann Schweitzer fifty-  
 one years and Philip Flat forty- six years  
 colonists from Potoka, and showed us child-  
 a \*\*\*\* male \*\*\*\* sex declaring that he \*\*was born \*\*\*\*  
 in Potok \*\*yesterday's \*\* date at eleven o'clock night  
 from \*\*unmarried \*\*\*\* Ekaterina maiden name Habich  
 (Katarzyna Habich) twenty years. Child-  
 this at holy christening performed on  
 this date given name Friedrich  
 and godparents [ were besides ] above mentioned wit-  
 -nesses and Barbara Schweitzer from Potoka.  
 Document this announced and witnesses read  
 and ? because illiteracy of them by us only-  
 signed.

Note: Placement of the text for the unknown father may vary depending on the transcriber.

Note: Russian does not use the letter H. In this case the letter khah is used to substitute for this sound.

**BIRTH TO AN UNMARRIED MOTHER**

No 220.  
 Majdan Kra-  
 sieninski  
 Samokleski  
 Lubartow

It happened in town of Lublin third / fifteenth June thousand-  
 eight hundred eighty- first year at four in the afternoon Ap-  
 peared Friedrich Kelm thirty- nine years and Ivan=Johann Bitner  
 forty years colonists from Majdan Krasieninski and declared  
 that in Majdan Krasieninski \*\*yesterday's \*\* date at seven o'clock  
 evening wife of \*\* Friedrich Kelm Amalie \* maiden-  
 -name \* Fitz \*gave birth \*\*\*\* stillborn \*\*\*\* infant \*\*\*\*male \*\*\*\*  
 sex. In absentia evidence of \*\*\* still- \*\*\*\*  
 -born infant document this announced was read  
 and ? because illiteracy of them by us only signed-  
 signed.

Note: Ivan is the Russian equivalent of Johann in German

**STILLBORN INFANT**

A 100. It happened in town of Lublin 13th / 25th April thousand eight hundred  
 seventieth year at first hour afternoon. Appeared: Ivan (=Johann) Krause twen-  
 ty-six years and Gottlieb Schiewe thirty-six years from birth ?-  
 ? from Janowica and declared that yesterday's date at six o'clock  
 morning \*\*died\*\* in Janowica Nadrybska Gottlieb Krause  
 six years and seventeen days from birth. \*Son of \* first announced person  
 and Johanna maiden name Repke spouses Krause. In absentia  
 evidence of demise of Gottlieb Krause ? announced  
 read but they because not literate not signed.

Note: Ivan is the Russian equivalent of Johann in German

**DEATH RECORD FOR A CHILD**

№ 28. It happened in town of Lublin seventh / nineteenth February  
 thousand eight hundred eighty-third year at eleven-  
 o'clock morning Appeared Michael Holtz forty years  
 and Christof Fangrad forty-four years colon-  
 -ists from \*Egersdorf, and declared that in \*Egersdorf \*yester- \*\*  
 -day's date at eight o'clock evening \*\*died \*\*\*\*\* Gottlieb  
 Riske (Gottlieb Ryske) \*\*\* sixty- \*\*\*\*\* one years \*\*  
 from \*\*\* birth, \*son of Gottlieb and Marianna maiden name Lentz  
 already \*\* former \*\* spouses Riske, \*remaining after himself \*\* widowed  
 \*wife \* Ekatherine maiden name Koch, and from first marriage by deceased  
 his \*wife \* Karoline Jakubowski, two \*\*\*\*\* sons and two \*\*\* daughters  
 In absentia evidence of demise of Gottlieb Riske document this  
 announced was read and ? because illiteracy of them by us only-  
 signed

Note: Russian does not use the letter H. In this case the letter khah is substituted for this sound.

**DEATH RECORD FOR AN ADULT**

Partial table of marriage records, mixed scripts:

	Witnesses		Village	Groom & Bride	
32. No 11.	Wilhelm Lehmann W. Neumann	22. 11.	Juliopol	Johann Adolf Miller (Mueller) Paulina Le(h)mann	Juliopol
33.	Robert Rode Gottlieb Gurski?	24. 11.	W. Korybutowa Arbeiter	Wilhelm Friedrich Kriese Wilhelmine Rode	W. Korybutowa Siedliszcze W. Korybutowa
34. 14/22.	Friedrich Hoffmann Michael Fitz	27. 11.	Jasieniec	Julius Kukel Paulina Lerch	Jasieniec
35.	Andreas Schultz Karl Wutzke	4. 11.	Kobylyki Marianka	Friedrich Wutzke Emilia Lipke	Marijanka Szczecin
36.	August Kitzmann August Grzinskosi?	23. 11.	Rozplucie Jelino	Daniel Kitzmann Emma Ottilie Blank	Rozplucie Jagodna
37.	Gottlieb Kurzman Emil Strauch	34. 11.	Strezyn	Michael Winter Paulina Noerenberg	Adamow N(owy) Strezyn

Example of table of deaths from Volhynia, German and Cyrillic:

1894.			Verstorbene im Jahre 1894.					
№	1894.		Tauf- u. Familienname, Stand, Rang oder Gewerbe des Verstorbenen; bei Kindern: Tauf u. Familienname, Stand, Rang oder Gewerbe der Eltern. Given & family name, position, etc. of deceased	Geburtsort des Verstorbenen. Birthplace of deceased	Alter des Verstorbenen. Age of deceased	Häufigkeit des Todes. Frequency of death	Zustand des Verstorbenen. Marital status	Krankheit und Todesart. Disease and mode of death
	Tag und Stunde des Todes. Date/Time of death	Tag und Tageszeit des Begräbnisses. Date of burial						
330.	2. декабря	5 ноября	Boelter, Ludwig son Stefan & wife Emilie Штефан и жена его Эмилия /Stein/ в. Роквица from Rykowice Stein	Rykowice Роквица у Поповца. Porycka	3 12	181.	child Dumms	smallpox оспа
331.	3. декабря	5 ноября	Albrecht Susanna nee Schmidtke Альбрехт Вильгельмина /Schmidtke/ в. Роквица from Rykowice	Францдорф Polsk Pila Грузь Wladyslawski у. Богумалеви Wladyslaw(ka)	41.	150.	married замужем	childbirth рождение ребенка
332.	3. декабря	5 ноября	Stillborn son Albrecht Schmidtke неизвестный сын Альбрехта Шмидтке & жена его Зусанна нее Шмидтке у. Роквица	Wladyslaw(ka) Wladyslaw(ka) Wladyslaw(ka)	—	182.	stillborn мертворожденный	stillborn мертворожденный

It happened in village of Lublin  
 February thousand eight hundred eighth  
 year at first hour afternoon. We declare  
 in presence of Ivan (=Johann) Krentz thirty  
 years colonist from Michelsdorf and (G)=H einrich  
 Jantz fifty two years colonist from  
 Zalucze? Zalisocze [it was made official] in Lublinskiej  
 ewangelical - Augsburgski church religious  
 union between Wilhelm Tarun (Wilhelm  
 ) bachelor evangelical and his follower  
 \*born\* in Michelsdorf \*son of\* Wilhelm and Eva  
 born Rolof spouses Tarun nineteen  
 years from birth colonist from Michelsdorf and  
 Selma Stoschek (Selma Stoschek) girl evangeli-  
 cal follower \*born\* in colony  
 Panewnik in Prussia daughter of Silvester and Wil-  
 helmine born Götzinger from Lubowiec?  
 [living together] spouses Stoschek twen-  
 ty one years from birth with parents  
 [until now was considered]. This wedding was pre-  
 ceded by three announcements [posted/published] in  
 Lublinskiej ewangelical Augsburgski church  
 25th January / 6th February 1st / 13th and 8th / 20th  
 of this year Permission of parents of newlyweds  
 was given orally. [To the newlyweds] it was announced [was  
 not made] preuptial agreement.  
 This religious ceremony was performed by pastor  
 Karl Janscher minister Lublinski ewangel-  
 ical Augsburgski parish. [This text was] read to  
 all present read not only to newlyweds  
 and second witness signed, others [are] illiter-  
 rate.

Michelsdorf  
 Wola Wereszcin.  
 Wlodawski

Note: Russian substitutes the letter geh for an H.

Groom

parents age

bride

birthplace

parents

residence

age

banns

Selma Stoschek  
 Silvester Stoschek  
 Karl Janscher  
 Pastor



It happened in town of Lublin twelfth  
 twenty fourth July thousand eight hundred  
 seventieth year at five o'clock afternoon.  
 We declare in presence of Ivan (=Johann) Tarrun  
 thirty-three years from birth colonist from  
 Michelsdorf and Ivan (=Johann) Grantz sixty-  
 one years from birth that-maker from Lublin [it was  
 made official] in Lublin evangelical-aug  
 sburgski church religious marital union between  
 Samuel Ganka (=Hapke) bachelor evan-  
 gelical follower. twenty-four-  
 and quarter years from birth cologist from Deboweic  
 [was born] \* in Feliksow Warschawski province \* son of \*  
 Michael and Ludwike (=Louise) maiden name Grünberg spouses  
 G[H]apka and Anna Wolska (Anna Wolska) girl  
 evangelical follower eighteen  
 years from birth in presence of brother her from Michels-  
 dorf until now [was considered] \* born \*  
 in Michelsdorf \* daughter of \* Ivan (=Johann) and Agatha maid-  
 en name Tarrun \* deceased \* couple Wolski.  
 This wedding was preceded by three announcements  
 [posted / published] in Lublin evangelical  
 Augsburgski church 21st / 3rd 28th / 10th June / July  
 and 5th / 17th July of this year. Permission of parents  
 of newlyweds was given orally. To the newlyweds  
 it was announced (was not made) pre-  
 nuptial agreement. This religious ceremony was performed by  
 pastor Karl Janscher superior Lublin evang-  
 elical - Augsburgski parish. (This text was)  
 read not only to newlyweds but second witness  
 signed as others (are) illiterate.

Deboweic  
 Wola Werezyn-  
 ska  
 Wlodawa

Note: Ivan is  
 the Russian  
 equivalent of  
 Johann in  
 German

Note: Russian  
 substitutes  
 the letter geh  
 for an H

Groom  
 birthplace  
 parents

Bride  
 age

Note the  
 wording used  
 describing the  
 bride whose  
 parents had  
 died.

banns

Samuel Ganka  
 Karl Janscher  
 Ivan Tarrun

A42.  
Korybutowa  
Borut  
Wola  
Siedliscze  
Loms.  
Cho(e)lm

It happened in Lublin June ninth / twenty-first  
 thousand eight hundred eighty-fourth year  
 at twelve o'clock noon. We declare that in presence of  
 Daniel Schmidtke teacher from Korybutowa  
 Wola fifty years and Andreas Kurzman colo-  
 nist from Pawlow forty-eight years from birth. It was  
 made official on this date religious marital union between: Gottlieb-  
 Teske **\*\*widow after death\*\*** in Korybu-  
 towa Wola sixth (eighteenth) April this year  
 Pauline maiden name (G)=H oltz farmer's wife thirty-five-  
 years from birth, residing in Korybutowa  
**\*son of \*** **\*deceased \*** Ludwig and ?  
 Justine maiden name Brandt, former spouses  
 Teske, evangelical - Augsburgski follower, and Wil-  
 helmine Jerke maiden name Rosner  
**\*\*widow after death\*\*** twenty-seventh  
 August (sixth September) thousand eight hundred eighty-  
 second year in Korybutowa Wola Gottlieb Jerke  
 residing in Korybutowa Wola, thirty-five-  
 years from birth, **\*daughter of \*** deceased Jan (Johann) and Just-  
 ine maiden name Wisner?, former spouses Rosner, J-  
 evangelical - Augsburgski follower. This wedding was  
 preceded by three announcements, published in  
 registration book of, parish of newly-wed couple twenty-  
 first May (second June) of this year and in two next  
 Sundays. [To the newlyweds it was announced that they did not  
 sign] preuptial agreement. [This text was] read to all present  
 and us and first witness signed remaining [were]  
 illiterate.

Witnesses

Groom

Deceased spouse

Parents

Bride

Deceased spouse

Parents

*[Handwritten signature]*

Волынской губернии. Volhynia  
Овручской уезда. Owrucz  
Тарновского прихода. Horszczyk



# Свидѣтельство о бракосочетаніи. Certificate of Marriage

Дано сіе въ томъ, что 31<sup>-го</sup> числа *Тринадцатаго перваго*  
[This is given to certify] *31* day *thirty* first  
*Декабря* мѣсяца 1889 *тысяча восемьсотъ*  
December month *eighty nine* thousand eight hundred  
*волею ея высочайшею* года *Едуардъ*  
born *Eduard*  
*Георге* сынъ *Криштофа Георге* и жены его  
Geigert son of Kristoph Geigert and wife his  
*Вильгельмина* урожденной *Грама*  
Wilhelmina born Grams  
бракосочетался съ *Емилией Коенигъ*  
marrying Emilie Koenig  
дочерью *Августа Коенигъ* и жены его  
daughter of August Koenig and wife his  
*Вильгельмина* урожденной *Шиве*  
Wilhelmina born Schiewe  
изъ *Колоніи Тарновск*  
from Kolonia Horszczyk (Gorschik)

Въ томъ, что сія выпись согласна съ метрическою  
[Given to certify] copied agreement parish register  
книгою *Евангелич. - Баптистскаго*  
Evangelical - Baptist  
прихода, приложеніемъ церковной печати и подписью  
parish [affixing church seal] church sealed and signed  
удостовѣряю. *Варшавск. & Тарновск.* 1893 г.  
witnessed Horszczyk July

за *Духовнаго Наставника*  
clergy teacher  
№ 14 *подписанъ А. Тарновск.*  
signed A. Hartwich/Hartwig



Eduard Jaeger and Emilia Koenig wedding certificate

# Marriage Compilation Tables

No. Date Witnesses Age Residence Groom & Bride Status Age Residence

18	29 I 11 II	Christian Isbrecht	26	z. Aleksandrow Karl	Gottlieb Keller	sol.	26	z. Aleksandrow
		Alexander Keller	30	Karolina Schenke	Karolina Schenke	Prob.	19	Lublin
19	30 I 19 II	Adam Stein	29	z. Bogdanka	Johann Hapke Otilie Krueger	sol.	24	z. N. Stre(n)czyn Malinowka
		Wilhelm Krampitz	47	Lublin	Anna Krueger	Prob.	17	Malinowka

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Birthplace Parents of Groom & Bride Banns Documentation notes

Madzarka	Samokleski	Johann & Justina Jakobowski			We(n)grow
Malinowka	Brzeziny	Samuel & Wilhelmina Busse			
Zabrodzie	W. Werczynska	Samuel & Anna Wolske			Kamien
Malinowka	Brzeziny	Michael & Wilhelmina Schultz			

Note: the date information is higher on the table page; it may need to be requested specifically. Also, documentation column usually refers to birth records, but may sometimes contain information about the death of a previous spouse.

No. Date Witnesses Age Residence Groom & Bride Status Age Residence

5		Friedrich Michael Kunkel		z. August Eduard Kunkel		sol.	26	z. Konskowola
		Jakob Schmidt		Klara Schmidt		Prob.	19	

Birthplace Parents of Groom & Bride Banns Documentation notes

Konskowola	August & Anna Mathilda Schultz				
Konskowola	Jakob & Marianna Bender				Salacz