

THE GESHER GALICIA CADASTRAL MAP, LANDOWNER & VOTER RECORDS PROJECT

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Geshher Galicia ("Bridge to Galicia")

The Special Interest Group for Galicia, a Province of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire

Geshher Galicia is the SIG (special interest group) for those with Jewish roots in the former Austrian province of Galicia. In 2007 we began a project to create and inventory of, and obtain, cadastral maps and landowner records held in the Central State Historical Archives in Lviv, Ukraine. These documents shed light on the social, political, educational, legal and religious status of these residents from the nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century. The genealogical information is scattered in numerous fonds. There are currently over 130 towns represented in this project with more being regularly added. One can search the inventory for your ancestral towns to display the status of the records and availability of documents. Below is an search example for Buczacz:



Geshher Galicia - Cadastral Map and Landowner Records Inventory Central State Historical Archive -- Lviv, Ukraine

This data is current as of May, 2011

NOTES:

You can search this database by exact spelling only -- and these communities were known by many different names -- so please consult [the town list at the bottom of this page](#) for the spellings as entered in this database to facilitate your search. You will get results for the town and the administrative district (A.D.) as well, so do check through all the entries. You can display up to 50 entries at a time using the dropdown menu on the right side of the page, so make sure you've checked all the pages of results if your town doesn't come up at first.

KEY:

Content that has been **ACQUIRED** by the project is listed in **dark blue bold text**. Content that has been **REJECTED** -- the item was viewed but determined to not be of useful value -- is listed in **red bold text**. Content that has been **EXAMINED** -- the item is potentially useful but was not copied -- is listed in **green bold text**. Content that has not been seen yet is listed in regular black text. As of January 2011, this constitutes the majority of the records.

SEARCH BY TOWN NAME:

Display records at a time

Fond	Opys	Sprava	Part	Place	Administrative District	Geographic Area	Item Type	Year	Scale	Size	Pages / Leaves / Parts	Description	Status
146	48	3132		Buczach (Buczacz)	Buczacz	--	Text	1917-1918			--	List of the citizens of Buczach who suffered during the war.	Not yet examined
186	1	5723	a.	BUCHACH (Buczacz)	Buczacz	(Stanislaviv okr.)	Text	1879			1104 ark.	Inventory of landowners of Buczach. [Lenius notes: Wykaz g obliczenia pomiaru i oszacowania. Tax record sheets include name, house number, place of residence, list of land parcels in land parcel number order showing parcel numbers, type & class of land, land parcel area, & value for taxation. Tax record nos. 1-989 in 5 books include the city of Buczacz & suburbs I to IV. Tax record nos. 1-259 (sprava 5723), 260-408 (sprava 5723a), 409-628 (sprava 5723b), 629-846 (sprava 5723v), 847-989 (sprava 5723h). Digital images.]	Acquired
186	1	5723	b.	BUCHACH (Buczacz)	Buczacz	(Stanislaviv okr.)	Text	1880			192 ark.	Inventory of landowners of Buczach. [Lenius notes: Wykaz stanu posiadlosci gruntow]. Includes house numbers, names, summary of land & building parcels, total land area & value for taxation. Records arranged in house number order. Digital images.]	Acquired
186	1	5724	a.	Buczach (Buczacz)	Buczacz	(Stanislaviv okr.)	Text	1847			--	Book of plans of lands in Buczach. [Lenius notes: Berechnangs Protocoll. The records include parcel numbers & groups of parcel numbers for purposes of numerical tallying. No names or house numbers. No copies.]	Rejected
186	1	5724	b.	Buczach (Buczacz)	Buczacz	(Stanislaviv okr.)	Map	1847			--	[Lenius notes: Feldskizzen. A field sketch map. Numbers on the map are house numbers, not parcel numbers. The sheet group already has this map. No copies.]	Examined

A “cadastre” is an “official register of the quantity, value, and ownership of real estate used in apportioning taxes.” When Austria acquired Galicia, in order to establish a reliable basis for land taxation, the authorities initiated land and tax reforms that required the measurement of all land properties in the new crownland. The Josephine Cadastre was initiated in April 1785 and formally ended in the fall of 1788. The Franciscan Cadastre followed in 1817, ordered by Francis I. The decision to include mapping as part of the cadastre meant the process would take a very long time. Professional surveyors conducted this new survey. During the mapping process numerous texts were created to records information that could not be included on the map, including descriptions of the communities, and the names of property owners, a register of house numbers and their owners, a list of property owners and their parcels numbers, including the map sections where these parcels could be located.