

Greetings!

The Institute for Ethnic Studies invites you to review our 2017 plan of activities for the following topics:

- The history of the Germans, Roma, and other people in the Black Sea region
- The history of the repression by the totalitarian regimes in archival documents.

Below is a summary of some of our projects. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a partner.

- Identification of records in the State archives of Odessa region (“GAOO”) concerning the history of the Germans (in general) will continue, including documented history of individual communities and territories.
- Investigating collections that contain records regarding the South of Ukraine is also an activity in which we are interested. These collections specifically include those of the Evangelical Lutheran parishes in Odessa, Bessarabia, Kherson, and the Ekaterinoslav provinces which contain 1899-1916 parish registers from many of the German settlements in the Black sea northern regions as well as the Azov Sea region. A description of these collections may be found in the book "The parish records directory..." <http://derjarhiv.odessa.gov.ua/Main.aspx?sect=Page&IDPage=40185&id=130> (GAOO website)
- We will also be investigating the collections in the County offices of civil registration that are dated 1920-1940. These collections contain a significant amount of information. Due to a large number of administrative and territorial changes, is often difficult to find corresponding records; therefore, a step-by-step digitalization and creation of cross-cutting information and reference search engines will be used to display information. Priority will be given to areas in which there is a significant number of German settlements, such as the former Gross Libenthal, Seltz counties, and the colonies of Kassel, Hofnungsthal, and Neu Freudenthal (with additional neighboring settlements).
- We will continue processing the records of people who had been repressed by the Soviet authorities. The lists containing the names of those people may be found at: <http://www.1archive-online.com/archive/keler/list.html>.

- According to the Law of Ukraine "On access to the archives of repressive bodies of the communist totalitarian regime 1917-1991", we will work with the records that have not been transferred to the GAOO from the special depositories of the Security Service of Ukraine, Odessa branch. Among the cases of special interest are undercover, supervisory and control cases, and other materials concerning all repressed persons: operative processing, personal documents. All these have previously never been available to researchers.
- The list of repressed Germans, whose records are in different archives in Odessa (and partially in Kiev) may be found at "Mariology of Odessa Germans" <http://forum.wolgadeutsche.net/viewtopic.php?f=268&t=2494>.
- Digitalization and improvement of the register named "special settlers" (deported) from archival materials of the Odessa regional office of the National Police of Ukraine will continue. This category includes over 26,200 records (cases), and over 23,000 of these records are regarding Germans, who were in the special settlements in Siberia, Kazakhstan, Central Asia, and other regions of the former USSR. The list of special settlers (the Germans), may be accessed on the same page titled, "Martyrology of Odessa Germans" in the relevant section.
- We will continue to work with documents on the repatriates who returned to the Soviet Union after the Second World War. The GAOO has over 27,500 cases and over 90,000 cards, among which over 40% are related to the Black Sea Germans, who were subsequently sent to special settlements.
- A relatively new area of activity are Transnistria collections, during the time of the Romanian occupation from 1941-1944. These collections are investigated on the GAOO, the State Archives of Mykolaiv region, the Izmil archives, and others. Our initial interest is in regards to Roma and the Jews who were deported from Romania to Transnistria in 1942 and were placed in ghettos and camps. The names of the Jews and Roma from already processed documents may be accessed at the following sites:
  - <http://www.larchive-online.com/archive/transnistria/tlist.html>
  - <http://derjarhiv.odessa.gov.ua/Main.aspx?sect=Page&IDPage=40185&id=130>

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