



Germans from Russia: Church Records

Russia “How to” Guide, Intermediate Level: Activity

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1. Your ancestor’s sibling, Christian Rosenfelder, died in July of 1850 at the age of two. He was Lutheran and lived in the Black Sea region. Locate his death record.

If the colony Christian lived in is unknown, which collection would be best to look in?	
What is Christian’s death date?	
What is Christian’s estimated birth date?	
Where was Christian born?	
Who were Christian’s parents?	

2. Friedrich Balliet and Christine Gehres were married in the Lutheran parish of Freudental, Odessa, Kherson, Russia (Black Sea area) in 1875. Locate a marriage index for Friedrich and Christine. Use the index to help you locate an image of the record.

Which website is the index found on?	
What was the date of Friedrich and Christine’s marriage?	
Which microfilm number and page number can this marriage record be found on?	
Look down one line. It appears that Friedrich was married a second time. What is the name of Friedrich’s second wife?	
What was the date of Friedrich’s second marriage?	
Which microfilm number and page number can the second marriage be found on?	

3. Catharina Elisabeth Bauer was born in the Volga colony of Neu-Dönhof, Kamyshin, Saratov, Russia in 1882. Locate a possible source in which you would find an index of her baptismal record.

What is the name of the publication?	
What years are indexed baptismal records available for? Will Catharina's baptismal record be contained in this book?	
What is the Family History Library call number for this book? Remember that if you are unable to come to the Library, you may be able to locate books for your colony through international library loan, or purchase them through Germans from Russia genealogical societies.	

4. Verify the death of Anna Maria Geiger, who died in 1869 in the Black Sea village of Spier, Odessa, Kherson, Russia. The Catholic parish was located in Spier.

What diocese would Spier be in?	
On which website is an index to Anna Maria's death record located?	
What is Anna Maria's exact date of death?	
What was Anna Maria's age at the time of her death?	
Who were Anna Maria's family members?	

5. Paulina Kuhn was born in July of 1907 in the Roman Catholic colony of Liebental, Novouzensk, Samara, Russia (Volga region). Locate an indexed record of her baptism.

How is Paulina Kuhn's name written in Russian?	
According to the index, what day was Paulina baptized?	
Who were the parents of Paulina Kuhn?	

6. Martin Epp was baptized in 1885 in the Fuerstenland congregation. Fuerstenland was located in the Black Sea region. Locate an index to the baptismal record to see if it contains more information concerning his birth or parents.

Which website is the index located on?	
When was Martin Epp born?	
Who was Martin's father?	
In which village did Martin reside?	

Click [here](#) to check your work against the Answer Key. Remember, this will let you know you've mastered the Guide!

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