



# Homeland Bound (Part I)

# Where is Bubby's birthplace?

Clue #1: *Velinsky Gabernia*

- *Gabernia* is probably *Gubiernia*, which means "province"
- *Gubiernia* is no longer in use, replaced by *Oblast*, which means "area"
- **Look for *Velinsky Oblast* in map of Ukraine**

# Oblasts of Ukraine



# Volinskaya Oblast



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- Capital is Lutsk
- In Russia until revolution
- In Poland until WWII
- In USSR until breakup
- In Ukraine now

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Clue #2: *Krasnastov*

- Look for *Krasnastov* amongst shtetls of Eastern Europe
- No luck there (or anywhere else)...
- ...but found *Krasnostav* (= *Krasnastov*?)

# What's known about Krasnostav?

## International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies - Cemetery Project

v. **KRASNOSTAV**: US Commission No. UA22320101

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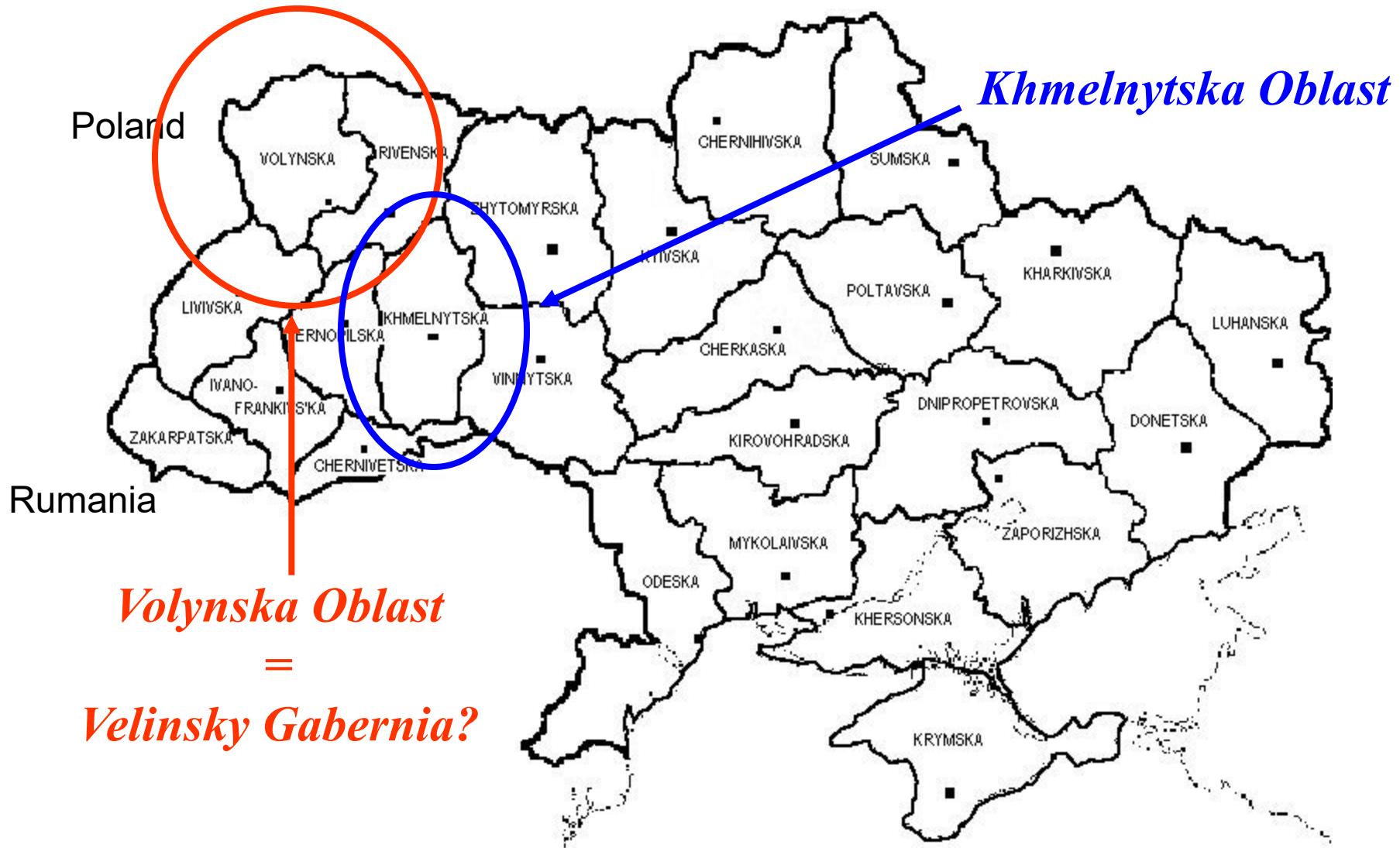
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Oks Vladimir Moiseevich of 271065, Odessa, Varnenskaya Street 17D, Apt. 52 [Phone: (0482) 665950] in 06/1995. Interviewed was Kipervas M.I., Fridman A.D. of Slavuta in 06/1995. Oks completed survey on 06/28/1995. Other documentation exists but was inaccessible.

- In Khmelniskaya Oblast

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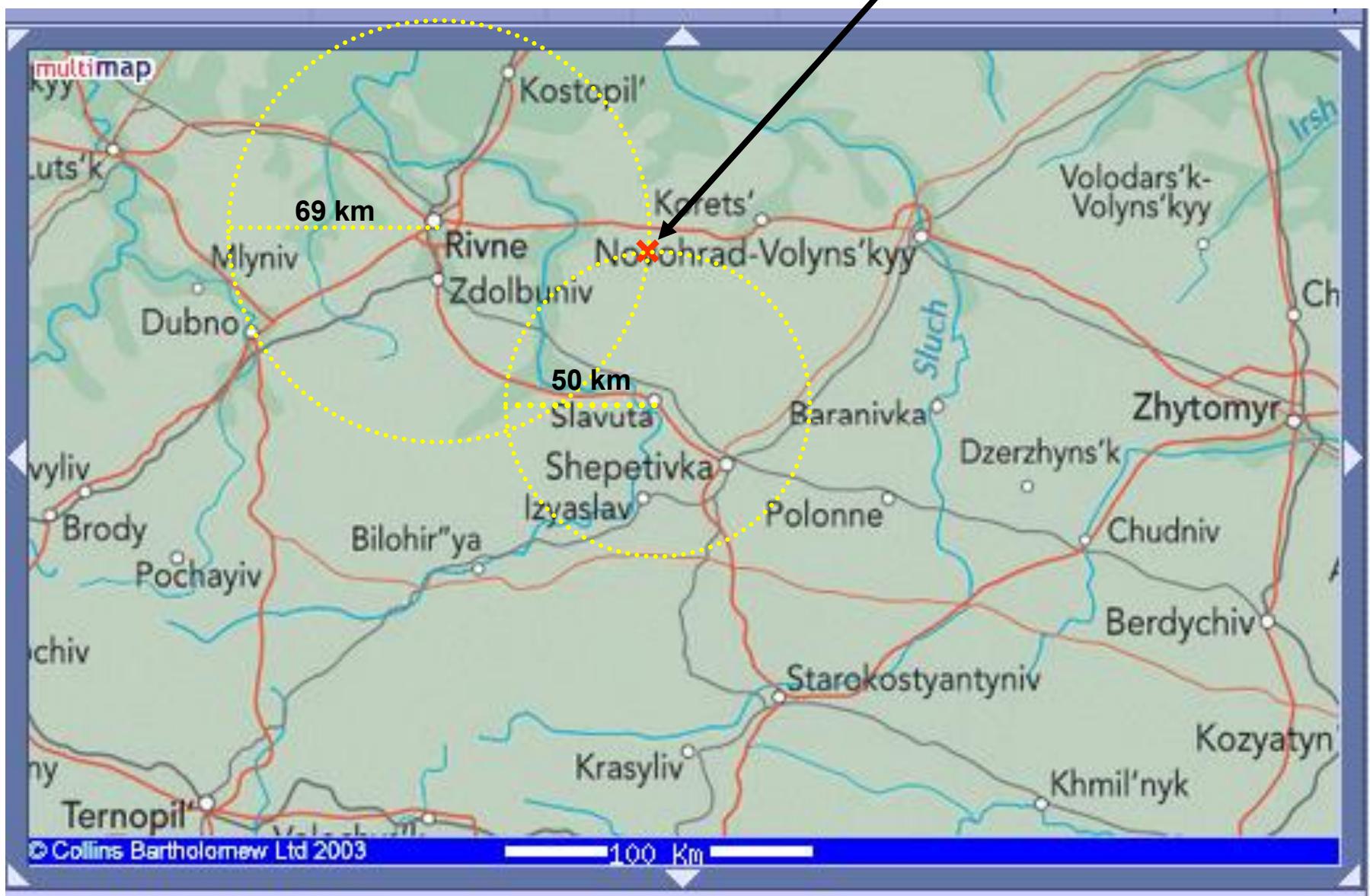
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- In Khmelniskaya Oblast
- Latitude: 50° 29'      Longitude: 27° 11'
- 50 km from Slavuta
- 69 km from Rovno (also known as Rivne)
- **Look for Krasnostav**



## Krasnostav?



# But not in Volinskaya Oblast!



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Clue #2: *Krasnastov* = *Krasnostav*?

- Tiny village
- In northern tip of Khmelnitskaya Oblast, near Slavuta
- How come not Volinskaya Oblast?
- **Look for old map of Volinskaya Gubiernia**

# Old map of Volynskaya Gubiernia



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- **Old Volinskaya Gubiernia includes what is now Khmelnitskaya Oblast**

**So birthplace may be what is now  
Krasnostav, Khmelnitskaya Oblast, Ukraine**



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