

Databases report for 2014 convention  
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There are several existing databases that SGGEE maintains, and from time to time, some planned that have not yet been received or posted on the SGGEE website:

**A. Existing databases**

1. The Master Pedigree Database (MPD)

This database contains data from original Polish records, and also from the research of our members. It currently contains 525,711 (a net increase of 1177 more than at the last convention). The database is in a constant state of change because new data is always being added as well as merged (there were approximately 20,000 new records added this past year, so there were a lot of records that were merged in order to show just the small increase in the number of records). The merge process establishes links between the various family files in the database and is the process by which we determine who among our members are cousins. This database now shows almost all given names as the most common German form as an aid to the merging process, which requires that the first 6 characters of the given name match for an automatic computer matchup. The exception to the most common German given name is for all SGGEE members and their spouses, which are maintained as submitted. The MPD currently contains the SGGEE001r10 update, but it is still hoped that there will be one last update of that database, in spite of the recent death of its author, Al Muth. Gary Warner maintains this database.

See <https://www.sggee.org/members/genealogy.html>

2. The Parish Records Index (PRI)

This database is a listing of individual birth, marriage, death, and confirmation records extracted from original records in Poland. It currently contains 364,375 names (same as at last convention). The size of the database is increased by research supplied by volunteers, and is reduced as yet other volunteers transfer the portions of the database that have the most complete data to the Master Pedigree Database. Gary Warner maintains this database by updating it with new data provided by SGGEE volunteers.

See [https://www.sggee.org/members/pri\\_guide.html](https://www.sggee.org/members/pri_guide.html)

3. The Alternate Surnames List

This database is a listing of all of the alternate surnames used in the SGGEE Master Pedigree database. It is useful for members in determining what names their ancestors might have used in Poland or Russia as the result of their original surnames being corrupted to change to the Polish or Russian equivalent of the German name. For instance, the surname Schwarz (meaning the color black) has the Polish equivalent of Czarnecki. There are substantiated alternates- those confirmed by others who have not just submitted names to the Master Pedigree Database. This list is unchanged in the last year, but is in the process of revision this year. There are also unsubstantiated alternates- those submitted by SGGEE members which may or may not be true alternates. This list also remains unchanged for the past year, but is in the process of revision. The substantiated alternate names database is currently 7 pages of double column text. The unsubstantiated alternate names database is currently 218 pages of single column text that show the unsubstantiated alternates. Antje Mass maintains this database. No changes in the last year.

See <https://www.sggee.org/research/AlternateSurnamesDatabaseSubstantiated.pdf>  
and also  
<https://www.sggee.org/research/AlternateSurnamesDatabase.pdf>

#### 4. The Alternate Christian Names List

This database is a listing of all of the various given names in the Master Pedigree Database, and their most common German equivalent, if any. The list was developed to assist in the merging of the records in the Master Pedigree Database, since the computer matchup of names to be compared requires that the first 6 letters of the given names be the same for a matchup. The list is currently 15 pages of double column German names with their more common English, and other language equivalents, and another 32 pages of double column English and other language names alongside their most common German name equivalent. Frank Stewner, Ed Koeppen and Gary Warner maintain this database. No significant changes in the last year, but a few corrections were made.

See <https://sggee.org/research/AlternateChristianNames.pdf>

#### 5. The SGGEE001x database

This latest version of this database was provided by Al Muth, usually each year, but the latest revision was submitted in 2009, and he is now deceased, so there may be only one more update, if we can obtain it. The current version of that database is SGGEE001r10, and contains 194,000 names (same as last year). The data is exclusively from Al's extractions of Polish birth, marriage and death records. This data is incorporated into the Master Pedigree Database each year (r10 is posted on the website, and has been added to the Master Pedigree Database and mostly merged with it.

See <https://www.sggee.org/members/parallel.html>

#### 6. The Lodz Trinity database

This is a database of original Polish records for the Lodz area, as input by John Marsch from transcriptions of the original Polish Lutheran records of the Lodz Trinity church. It is now complete and contains 34,492 names. This database is now a part of the Master Pedigree database, and is almost completely merged with the Master Pedigree Database. Gary Warner is the keeper of this database.

See <https://www.sggee.org/members/lodz.html>

#### 7. The membership database

This is a database maintained by Ted Belke that contains the contact data for all present and former members of SGGEE. It is updated every time a change or membership application is received and posted on the website usually the same day as a membership application is received. As of 2 August 2014, the database contained the names of 1781 present and past members of SGGEE. Ted Belke is the keeper of this database.

See [https://www.sggee.org/members/member\\_data.html](https://www.sggee.org/members/member_data.html)

8. St. Petersburg birth, marriage and death indices (Volhynia, Kiev and Podolia)

This is a database that was extracted from the St. Petersburg records for Volhynia, Kiev and Podolia. It contains data on the births, marriages and deaths of Lutherans who lived in Volhynia, Kiev and Podolia between 1836 and 1885, and in addition was supplemented with data from later years for Rozyszcze and Wladimir-Wolynsk parishes and now contains approximately 383,302 (no change since last year). A cleanup of the marriage records to correct known errors occurred in 2006, and a similar cleanup of the birth and death records to remove known errors and to put data in an easier to use format was completed by Dick Stein in 2009. Confirmation data for Rozyszcze parish from 1862 to 1886 was added to the births index in 2010. Gary Warner maintains this database and the supplemental data was provided by Dick Stein and his assistants.

See <https://www.sggee.org/research/StPeteBirth.html>  
<https://www.sggee.org/research/StPeteMarriage.html>  
<https://www.sggee.org/research/StPeteDeath.html>

9. Galicia Index of Individuals

This is a database of people who lived in various villages in Galicia. It contains birth, marriage and death data of the villagers and their ancestors. The database is very extensive and was prepared by Bill Fife, and has remained unchanged in the last year. See [https://www.sggee.org/members/galicia/galicia\\_records.html](https://www.sggee.org/members/galicia/galicia_records.html)

10. History Books Database

Many of the areas in which our ancestors settled in Canada and the USA have produced history books of the area, variously called Centennial books, Anniversary books, Jubilee books etc., which describe or tell about the original settlers in these areas. This database is a listing of the books (and the individuals in the books) held by either our members, or in the SGGEE Library. This database currently contains 26,000 names.

See <https://www.sggee.org/members/localhistory.html>

11. Library materials database

Howard Krushel has made a listing of all of the materials in the SGGEE library. He is the custodian of that list and updates it as new material is added.

See [https://www.sggee.org/members/library\\_contents.html](https://www.sggee.org/members/library_contents.html)

12. Lublin Digital Archive Database

See separate report from Karl Krueger and Sigrid Perry

13. The KGB file from Zhitomir Archives contains 4178 lines of data. Names of people arrested about 1931 to 1945 and their fate. Also includes birth dates and names of family members.

See <https://sggee.org/members/MembersIndex.html#kgb>

14. Resettlement or Repatriation of 1930's file from the Zhitomir Archives contains 13,851 lines of data. Gives place of resettlement plus former residence.

See <https://sggee.org/members/MembersIndex.html#kgb>

15. Eastern Volhynia records for Zhitomir by Pastor Samuel Sigfried Lemke, recorded October 1941 to November 1943. Baptism records contain 6977 names of those baptized, plus the names of the parents- most records are of people born in 1920's to 1943. Also 502 lines of Marriage records contain marriages performed in 1942 and 1943.

See <https://www.sggee.org/members/MembersIndex.html#lemke> for access to these records. Additional information on these records is available, and was not shown on the website for privacy reasons (some persons would be less than 80 years old).

16. Gazetteers for Congress Poland, the old German, Russian and Austrian Empires, and also for Volhynia and Galicia. These have been created by Frank Stewner to show present-day and old names for each of these areas, and include coordinates for ease of locating on maps. Present villages identified in each area are:

Congress Poland- 5725 villages and towns

([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_Poland.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_Poland.pdf))

German Empire- 3404 villages and towns

([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_German\\_Empire.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_German_Empire.pdf))

Russian Empire- 1135 villages and towns

([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_Russian\\_Empire.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_Russian_Empire.pdf))

Austrian Empire- 203 villages and towns

([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_Austrian\\_Empire.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_Austrian_Empire.pdf))

Galicia- 573 villages and towns ([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_Galicia.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_Galicia.pdf))

Volhynia- 2517 villages and towns ([https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer\\_Volhynia.pdf](https://sggee.org/research/Gazetteer_Volhynia.pdf))

## **B. Databases planned**

BMD indexed data from the Lutheran Records in Zhitomir archives covering church books for time period 1900 to about 1915. Rough copies of this data is here are the convention, and we expect it to be on our website by the end of this September.