



"A German Genealogy Group for Poland and Volhynia"

Short version of the Standards for the locations in family data for the Master Pedigree Database (MPD)

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We ask all submitters of data to adopt three important and mandatory rules:

- Always record all government levels of administration separated by commas and consistently use three commas even if you do not know all levels.

	(1) VILLAGE	(2) COUNTY	(3) STATE	(4) COUNTRY
Austria	Ort/Stadt,	Bezirk,	Bundesland,	Austria
Canada	Town/City,	,	Province,	Canada
Czech Republic	Village/Town/City,	,	Kraj,	Czech Republic
United Kingdom	Village/Town/City,	County,	England/Scotland/ Wales/Northern Ireland,	United Kingdom
France	Commune/Ville,	Departement,	Region,	France
Germany	Ort/Stadt,	Kreis,	Bundesland,	Germany
Poland	Wies/Mista,	Powiat,	Wojewodztwo,	Poland
Russia	Village/Town/City,	Raion,	Respublica/Oblast/Krai,	Russia
Ukraine	Village/Town/City,	Raion,	Oblast,	Ukraine
USA	Town/City,	County,	State,	USA

- All present-day names are recorded in the language of the present-day Country, except that the Country name is in English. For necessary transliterations of present-day names use the English method of transliteration. Diacritical marks are not permitted, as members in most countries cannot use such marks in a web search.

- Use location names according to the three areas in the table below. Stop the "special" location naming when the event happened at a time in an area when that area ceased to be part of any empire and became part of a present-day country.

VILLAGE	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTRY
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Normal Countries: For all countries except as noted below, we propose the following structure:

Present-day name, followed by any alternate name inside (),	Present-day name,	Present-day name,	Present-day name
Portland,	Multnomah,	Oregon,	USA
Dabie,	Kolo,	Wielkopolskie,	Poland
Bergen,	Celle,	Niedersachsen,	Germany

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Special Countries 1: For all areas that were part of the Northern **Austrian-** or Eastern **German Empire** and are not within present-day Austria or Germany, we propose the following structure:

1815-1918 name followed by the present-day name inside (),	Present-day name,	Present-day name,	Empire name (present-day name)
Danzig (Gdansk),	Gdansk,	Pomorskie,	German Empire (Poland)
Nemmersdorf (Majakowskoe),	Gusev,	Kaliningrad,	German Empire (Russia)
Lemberg (Lviv),	Lviv,	Lviv,	Austrian Empire (Ukraine)
Asch (As),	Cheb,	Karlovary,	Austrian Empire (Czech Republic)

Special Countries 2: For all areas that were part of the **Russian Empire** and are not within present-day Poland or Russia, we propose the following structure:

1815-1918 German name or when there is none the transliteration of the Cyrillic name into German , followed by the present-day name inside (),	Present-day name,	Present-day name,	Russian Empire (present-day name)
Alma-Ata (Almaty),	,	Almaty,	Russian Empire (Kazakhstan)
Cherson (Kherson),	Vysokopillia,	Kherson,	Russian Empire (Ukraine)
Cholosno (Kholosne),	Korosten,	Zhytomyr,	Russian Empire (Ukraine)

We advise and indeed urge you to **add the geographic coordinates for each location** as it will resolve once and for all which location is the location you are referring to. These coordinates uniquely determine each location.

It is very important that you understand the reasons for this structure and we recommend reading the longer version of the guidelines.

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