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ONLINE PHOTO COLLECTIONS
various links, see below

WE ARE SEEING more and more online photo collections, many of which have relevance to genealogists. Some examples of large online and freely available ones are:

• Museum of the City (NY) Photograph Collection, *http://collections.mcny.org/MCNY/C.aspx?VP3=CMS3&VF=MNY_HomePage,* which you can search or browse by Borough and also the New York Public Library has a Digital Gallery (more than 700,000 digitized images from various sources), *http://digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm.*

• Wikimedia Commons, *http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page*
You can search using any keywords and you can also participate by uploading your own photos!

• The Flickr site includes collections from the Library of Congress, *www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress*, the National Archives, *www.flickr.com/photos/usnationalarchives*, the Smithsonian, *www.flickr.com/groups/smithsonian*, DeadFred.com, *www.flickr.com/photos/25306332@N05*, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, *www.flickr.com/photos/proni*, and so much more!

• Ancient Faces.com, *www.ancientfaces.com*

Check the website for a particular state's archives — many now have digital collections and these include photographs, such as Virginia Memory, *http://virginiamemory.com/collections/online_photo_collections* and Florida Memory, *www.floridamemory.com/photographiccollection.*

If you know of a great online photo collection, please let us know! We'll share what we learn in a future edition of Net Notes. **— DIANE L. RICHARD**

INTERNET ARCHIVES & DIRECTORIES
various links, see below

WHETHER RESEARCHING IN the US or elsewhere, local directories can be an invaluable tool. Some great and freely available ones are posted on the Internet Archive, *www.archive.org*, a site that we have talked about in previous issues. Some examples of directory collections found include:

• Scottish directories
www.archive.org/details/scottishdirectories

• Durham (NC) directories covering c. 1882-1920
www.archive.org/search.php?query=Durham%20NC%20directory%20AND%20mediatype%3Atexts

• Atlanta (Georgia) directories (original format was microfilm)
www.archive.org/search.php?query=directories%20atlanta

• Extensive collection of Asheville (North Carolina) directories
www.archive.org/search.php?query=asheville%20directory

• Charlotte (NC) directories,
www.archive.org/search.php?query=charlotte%20city%20directory

• Raleigh (North Carolina) directories
www.archive.org/search.php?query=raleigh%20city%20directory

• Kingston (Ontario, Canada) directories
www.archive.org/search.php?query=city%20directories%20kingston

• And, how about a directory of directories as published by R.L. Polk & Co in 1916.
www.archive.org/details/rlpolksdirector00unkngoog

So, search on a community you are searching on and see if its directories might be found here! And, know of another great site that houses digital directories? Let us know! **— DIANE L. RICHARD**

"WE'VE LAUNCHED THIS WEBSITE TO HONOR our German-Russian ancestors and our friend and mentor, Dale Wahl, who was a dedicated German-Russian researcher. Our ancestors' historic, and often perilous, migratory journey in the early 1800s took them from their homes in Germany, Alsace, Poland, and Hungary to the Black Sea region of South Russia (now Ukraine). Their subsequent journeys led them to the plains of the United States, Canada, South America, and elsewhere around the globe."

Given the language issues (as in many different ones) and the wars experienced in Europe, records for this region during the period of migration can be challenging to acquire. With this website, your research has just gotten easier.

Some of the helpful information on this site includes:
- A database of over 1.6 million names and growing daily
- Helpful research links and research guidelines (e.g., German-Russian village list, German word list, Reading Cyrillic, Russian Genealogical Word list and much more)
- Maps and photos of the region and environment of our ancestors - the village plat maps are quite fun to look at even if you aren't researching ancestors in this region!

Additonally, you can network with other German-Russian researchers by uploading your GEDCOM and/or chatting with fellow researchers and/or sharing photos (via the associated Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BlackSeaGermanResearch.

— **DIANE L. RICHARD**

FAMILYSEARCH TECH TIPS
www.familysearch.org/techtips

SO MUCH TECHNOLOGY, SO LITTLE TIME! Given that, you might want to check out the FamilySearch TechTips page — a lot of the new and upcoming technology of interest to genealogists and family historians, whether directly or indirectly, is discussed here. In our increasingly technological world, it can help to keep abreast of new or useful technological tools — and, hopefully, not be too overwhelmed by it all! Some topics include:
1. Digitizing Techniques for Old Documents and Books
2. What Can I Do to Preserve or Restore an Old Book?
3. Publishing With Google
4. Be Prepared for Genealogical Research with your Smartphone
5. Going Digital at the Cemetery
6. Diigo: GPS for the web
7. Research Delivered: the Newsreader
8. Data, Back it up, Migrate it or Lose It
9. Step by Step Summary of Personal Archiving
10. Personal Publishing: Blog Your Family History

Do you have tech tips that you would like to share with the rest of the genealogy community? If so, "Become a Contributor." Click on the button under "Share Your Knowledge."

— **DIANE L. RICHARD**

IRISH NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION
www.irishnewsarchive.com

Do not overlook this new and ever expanding website if you are doing Irish Research!

Its ambitions are to include "the complete digitisation of Ireland's newspaper heritage. Titles such as the Irish Independent (1905 - current), Sunday Independent, The Freeman's Journal, the Nation and many of Ireland's leading regional newspapers will be rendered fully word searchable. This website aims to revolutionise research into Ireland's past as recorded by our leading publications of the day. The information will be stored and viewed in the exact format of the original newspaper. Every page, every article, every word and every picture as it was originally published."

The archive includes newspapers from the 1700s to the present. You can search the archive for free and then there are various subscription schemes through which you can gain access to the actual images. These range in duration from 24 hours to 1 year.

— **DIANE L. RICHARD**