

No Regrets with Dates and Events Because. . . ! (reads better by clicking [here](#))

From [Genealogy.com](#): "... put more faith in the record that was created closer to the event or was created by the individual himself. For example, a birth date on a birth record is more likely to be accurate because it was created at the time of the event. A birth date on a marriage certificate has fairly good chances of being accurate because the individual probably wrote down his own birth date. A birth date on a death certificate has smaller chances of being accurate: first, it was created several years after the actual birth, and second, someone other than the individual had to have provided the birth date on the death certificate." Learn more about record information in [Goal A1](#) of the United States page. ([See all tips](#).) Don't neglect this last two links as there is a wealth of research tips there to both peruse and utilize. Believe it or not, my marriage record even has mistakes in it!



Vice-versa, always take advantage to interview living relatives rather than to researching them after their passing away. Get the facts first before researching them rather than after their passing as well as with other descendants of that same generation and believe it or not, you might be able to go back even more generations with more added confidence. Vital records may not always be readily available, especially with international records in this changing world that we live in. When one entire generation passes away, this "Golden" opportunity of open-window researching may easily have evaporated for you for an extended period of time. Always take advantage by not neglecting living relatives this is exactly what I did with my Ukrainian relatives. You will thank me well into the future as you progress beyond "dead ends" or "road blocks" in your research pursuits. As an example of matching relatives in photos, see this photo gallery at: <http://jalbum.net/a/1171668> than from my 1998, 2001 and 2012 travels to Ukraine which can not be accomplished today because of the current Russia-Ukraine War, 2014 to today along with many deceased relatives and those that have fled Ukraine to Canada, Poland and other countries in desperation of their lives.



Closing Comments

Since I was the youngest of my generation in my entire extended family, the previous oldest descendants all passed away before I started active genealogical research in 1970. If only I could have spoken with my parents, maternal and paternal grandparents, Uncle Fred, Aunt Sue, Aunt Mary and others in more detail after having done so much tedious research since their passing! This is especially true for my relatives in Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Slovenia which

constituted communist domination which was very restrictive, clumsy and expensive before the Berlin Wall incident of November 9, 1989. At one point the Polish government in the 1980's could not find my maternal grandmother's birth certificate even with an outrageous required \$100 fee at that time. But when I traveled to Poland in 1996, the Catholic Church in my grandmother's home town provided it easily and with no charge! Below is her wedding photo of 1910.

