

[Networking: The Magical Ingredient for Accelerating Ones Original Research](#)

Success for family history pursuits doesn't usually occur by accident. This past week I was at local family history center and to my amazement one of my Polish ex-extractors was there and I asked for help and she showed me how I could better peruse Czech records online at <http://www.czechfamilytree.com/regarchives.htm>. To my astonishment this website has a massive collection of free online records available to the public covering just about every kind of record available for hundreds of years. Suddenly I am now able to establish an extraction plan for my Czech Republic research needs. Let me provide you with some of the highlights of these opportunities that have suddenly become available to me to initiate without traveling to the Czech Republic for viewing original birth, marriage, death and many others all on-line

Blessings in Disguise!

In life, there is no such thing as a "free lunch." In family history researching, time, effort and money is usually a prerequisite but when dealing internationally, language skills are required. In my Czech situation, it also requires that one have a knowledge of Czech handwriting, knowledge of old German script for some of the older records and with church records, a knowledge of Latin. Getting this language expertise, here are some miracles to share with you are some outstanding Internet resources.

FamilySearch has good resources on how to identify Czech records in the Czech Republic at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Czech_Republic_Handwriting. Here are some samples with tutorials.

- [Czech handwriting examples from 1600-1935, letters A-M](#)
- [Czech handwriting examples from 1600-1935, letters N-Ž](#)
- [Old German Script Generator Website](#)
 - Type in a name or word in the white field on this website.
 - Click on the 8 different old German scripts to see what the name or word would look like to help you read old Czech records.

Blessings for Others To Learn From My Blessings: Again FamilySearch To The Rescue!

There is one brother in my ward who needs to become familiar with Czech handwriting for his own original research. Here is an excellent Google search bibliography with more in-depth resources with Czech Republic handwriting tutorials covering all time periods of the region at

<https://www.google.com/search?client=ms-google-coop&q=czech+handwriting&cx=015137409934765513629:y5mcwgiagmq>

To view how readily online genealogical records by location are readily available world-wide, there is an incredible FamilySearch website with online links to most countries around the world to online genealogical records by location at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online_Genealogy_Records_by_Location and you will not be disappointed. It also covers all 50 states in the USA, provinces in Canada and Australia along on 6 continents plus the entire Pacific and Caribbean island areas.

On the website <http://www.czechfamilytree.com/regarchives.htm>, there are four different URLs that will illustrate the comprehensiveness of these online Czech records.

- Regional archives
- District records
- City archives
- Other records

I sense many of you can also have similar success in the countries that you are seeking original research that is outside of the United States. At FamilySearch, there is a tremendous bibliography of online genealogical records covering the entire world that is invaluable. I do not know how many of them are free but Denmark and the Czech Republic area presently free. Sweden use to be free but no longer so. A word of caution is if you find some of these enormous online sources for genealogical records free, recommended that you not procrastinate because the day may come when you will wish you took advantage of these circumstances. Here's a good example that has through in my lifetime of doing genealogy for 50 years. When I started family history in the 1970s, certificates from the state records would cost normally about between 2 to 5 dollars per certificate, now today the same records might cost \$25-\$35 per certificate for baptism, marriage and/or death records.

Networking Blessings Are Waiting For You!

There's a story to be shared, it is networking by associating with other people for family history that can be a game-changer. Networking can be quickest way to achieve success based on the expertise and experiences of others. Had I not been in this stake family history center and not met that particular individual, I might still not be taking any actions towards pursuing my Czech republic research at this time. To better illustrate the depth and convenience of such miracles being readily available, I will share the interface of the unique four companion Czech republic record websites which are in English and give you a birds eye view of what research options are available in each of these four websites for regional, district, city and other records. Never take genealogical blessings as other blessings might also be possible if you pursue a course of excellence by persistence.

For example, here's the only record I have for identifying any of my Polish ancestors to the Czech Republic. Below is a Joannes Dlugi highlighted in yellow to Staravesa in Moravia which is in the Czech Republic of today. Without this record found in the church records in Nowa Biala, Poland, I would have no objective way of researching this family line to the Czech Republic.

Joannes DLUGI-540
 B: Abt 1753 - Staravesz, Moravia
 M: Abt 1780 - . . . , Austria (Age 27)
 D: 1 Dec 1827 - Nowa Biala, . . . Austria (Age 74) - BESC

Buttons: Add Father <Ctrl+T>, Other Parents/Reis, Add Mother <Ctrl+M>

Marriage (MRIN: 193)

Spouse	Marriage Date	Status
Marianna KURNOTH-541	Abt 1780	

Childreg	Birth*BR Date	LDS Ord	Rel
1. Joannes DLUGI-652	Abt 1782	B E P S	
2. Michael DLUGI-1	Abt 1784	B E P S	
3. Andreas DLUGI-646	25 Nov 1786	- - P	
4. Petrus DLUGI-647	23 Jun 1788	B E P	
5. Rozalia DLUGI-648	18 Oct 1790	B E P S	
6. Stanislaus DLUGI-649	04 May 1793	B E P	
7. Thomas DLUGI-650	09 Dec 1795	B E P S	
8. Emericus DLUGI-651	29 Oct 1799	B E P S	

Add Child <Ctrl+L>

FamilySearch Offers Readily Available Special Handouts

The Salt Lake City genealogical library recently offered in October a series of landmark webinars on handwriting for Dutch, German, Latin, Polish and Russian with five different one hour presentations. In the graphic below, you will see that there are insightful handouts that are available to anybody and everybody who desires to understand these languages that they have to investigate and research. The URL for this series of German – Slavic research seminars is located at

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

2019 German-Slavic Research Seminar						
Prior to the German Handwriting class please watch " Old German Script " videos found in the FamilySearch Learning Center. These are going to be taught online. They will be broadcast in the Main Floor Computer Lab.						
TIME	MONDAY, 21 Oct	TUESDAY, 22 Oct	WEDNESDAY, 23 Oct	THURSDAY, 24 Oct	FRIDAY, 25 Oct	HANDOUT
8:45 AM MDT	Dutch Handwriting Session 1	Dutch Handwriting Session 2	Dutch Handwriting Session 3	Dutch Handwriting Session 4	Dutch Handwriting Session 5	Handout
10:00 AM MDT	German Handwriting Session 1	German Handwriting Session 2	German Handwriting Session 3	German Handwriting Session 4	German Handwriting Session 5	German resources
1:00 PM MDT	Latin Handwriting Session 1	Latin Handwriting Session 2	Latin Handwriting Session 3	Latin Handwriting Session 4	Latin Handwriting Session 5	Handout
2:15 PM MDT	Polish Handwriting Session 1	Polish Handwriting Session 2	Polish Handwriting Session 3	Polish Handwriting Session 4	Polish Handwriting Session 5	Handout
3:30 PM MDT	Russian Handwriting Session 1 Handout	Russian Handwriting Session 2	Russian Handwriting Session 3 Handout	Russian Handwriting Session 4 Handout	Russian Handwriting Session 5 Handout	Handouts for Russian listed under each day.

Need More Motivation?

On the opening screen of the FamilySearch website, click on **Help** pull-down menu system and type in the "Research Wiki" box, the name of your country you have ancestors from and you will be surprised of what kinds of information and tutorials are available. Want to be motivated further? Go to your local stake family history center for networking options and suggestions from others. Still need more motivation? Call the Church Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City at 801-240-6996 and select option 4 for family history assistance as this genealogical library is the largest one in the world and staff by an incredible staff.

Now It's Your Turn to Network!

Success is earned when you do your homework. Good luck learning the tricks and techniques of doing family history with the resources available to you. Remember, networking is the quickest way to obtain solutions to your genealogical challenges. "The shortest point between two point is a straight line." Networking is indeed the straight line for success. May my story be a helpmate for you. Don't neglect to also contact your ward's temple and family history consultants. Together with the various resources that have been outlined in this posting, you have some creative options to pursue your homework and yes, blessings will come because of your efforts as outlined in this posting.