Ukraine SIG is creating a Ukraine SIG Master Index of Personal Names and Town Names. The purpose of this Index is to provide researchers with a simple Excel spreadsheet that serves as a consolidated, central list of personal names, associated places, and the sources from which they are obtained, in a browsable and searchable format. Content for the Master Index will be drawn from (1) items that are on the KehilaLinks websites, (2) items that Ukraine SIG has on its website, (3) other items that Ukraine SIG obtains and processes. Eventually, we’ll add names that are in the JewishGen Ukraine Database. The Index contains the following fields in an Excel spreadsheet:

- Surname
- Given Name
- Patronymic
- Associated Town
- Time Period (year or range of years)
- Type of item (List, photo, etc.)
- Location of data on JewishGen (e.g. KehilaLinks URL or URL of external website)
- Source (original source)
- Location in Source (e.g. page no. in original source)

An associated document, "Introduction and Guide to the Ukraine SIG Master Name Index" will describe each source mentioned in the Index. It also will provide explanations of the sometimes cryptic notations that are used in the Source and Location in Source columns. This document also will be added to the JewishGen Ukraine Database. An example of such a document is on the Kremenets KehilaLinks website (http://www.shtetlinks.jewishgen.org/Kremenets/web-pages/documents/concordance/Concordance-Intro-and-guides.htm).

The various KehilaLinks sites for Ukraine towns collectively contain an enormous amount of data. One of the things we need to do is to create an index to all these data. The resulting index also will serve as a master index for your site. By accumulating data from all KehilaLinks sites for Ukraine towns, we will create a powerful new tool to help researchers find their ancestors regardless of the town in which they lived at various times.

So, will you help with this, please? If you are unable to do it yourself, Ukraine SIG will provide volunteers to work with you.

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