

# New Resources for Slovak Genealogists

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With more information coming online and greater access to records, there's never been a better time to research your Slovak ancestors. This session will provide an in-depth look at what's new in the realm of Slovak Genealogy.

## Websites

We will focus on five sites in this session:

1. **Cisarik.com** <http://www.cisarik.com> - Free database with information for Slovak researchers.

2. **Slovak & Environs Genealogy Research** <<http://www.iabsi.com/gen/public>> - A very informative set of free Web pages by Bill Tarkulich that aid English-speaking researchers of immigrants from Eastern Slovakia and surrounding areas.

3. **Slovníky (lexicographical guides) Stur Slovak Academy of Sciences** <<http://slovniky.korpus.sk>> - Search for a surname to see where it appears in Slovakia, search for a place name to see the old names of the village and the surnames that are present there now, or use the historical village name finder (put the historical name and the current name appears).

4. **The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International** <<http://www.cgsi.org>> - Membership \$35/yr. (individual); Journal: *Nase Rodina*; Conferences, Professional Researcher recommendations; Members-Only databases and message boards.

5. **FamilySearch** <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>

Before you begin exploring all FamilySearch has to offer, it is highly recommended that you sign up for a free FamilySearch account (you'll need to provide an e-mail address and basic information to create a username and password). While you can search the FamilySearch site for free, you will need this account to view, save, and share certain records, and to upload and share your family tree. A free account also gives you access to personalized help to find your ancestors, and the ability to collaborate with other family members and researchers, and to receive e-mail notifications about new or updated collections.

## Ten Ways to Find Your Ancestors with FamilySearch

1. **FamilySearch Wiki** <<http://wiki.familysearch.org>>.

2. **Digitized Records** (Lots of them!). For Slovakia: Search on main site; or use the Wiki.

- Slovakia, Church and Synagogue Books, 1592-1910
- Slovakia, Census, 1869

**Tip: Look for a camera icon to indicate that you can view the actual images.**

**3. FamilySearch Catalog.** You can also use the site to search the Family History Library Catalog <<https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>>.

**Tip: When searching for available church records, it greatly helps to know your ancestor's religion. Until the 1900s, individual church parishes, or Jewish congregations kept the vital records. In you're unsure of the denomination, try searching Roman Catholic records first since Catholicism was the dominant religion in the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.**

**4. Free Courses and Tutorials** <<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>>.

**5. Trees.** Upload your family tree for free <<https://familysearch.org/tree>>.

**6. Word Lists and Letter Writing Guides.** Check the Wiki Page for each country to see if there is a word list and/or letter writing guide available.

**7. Maps and Gazetteers.** The Family History Library has a large collection of maps and gazetteers in print, and on microfiche or microfilm. Search the FHL catalog or link from Wiki pages.

**8. Indexing.** Consider volunteering to index records to help with the effort. Click on the "Indexing" link on the main site.

**Tip: Keep informed about FamilySearch indexing updates by subscribing to the FamilySearch blog <<https://familysearch.org/blog>> and by following FamilySearch on Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/familysearch>>, Twitter <<http://twitter.com/FamilySearch>> and GooglePlus <<https://plus.google.com>>.**

**9. Facebook Groups.** The FamilySearch-sponsored Genealogy Research Communities on Facebook <[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Research\\_Communities\\_on\\_Facebook](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Research_Communities_on_Facebook)>.

**10. Books.** Family History Books <<http://books.familysearch.org>> is a collection of more than 40,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of partner institutions.

### **Additional Resources**

Legacy Family Tree Quick Guides: Slovak Genealogy  
<<http://www.legacyfamilytreestore.com/SearchResults.asp?Cat=71>>

Book: Alzo, Lisa A. *Finding Your Slovak Ancestors*. Toronto: Heritage Productions  
<<http://www.genealogicalstudies.com>>

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