QUERIES

One of benefits of being a member in the EEGS is that all members may submit one free query per issue of the *East European Genealogist* (four per year), subject to space availability. Feel free to submit all four queries at once but be aware that only one can be published per issue. You may mail in your queries on the query form or you may e-mail them to the Society at info@eegsociety.org.

A query can be likened somewhat to a classified ad. You identify who you are researching including as much information as possible and include all of your contact information. You never know who will read the query! It could be a distant relative that could help you fill in the blanks.

To make your query most effective, you should focus on only one family branch and area of east Europe in each query. Be sure to include names, years, places, and religion where known. Please limit the query to 75 words maximum, including a maximum of five surnames. To make the most of the 75-word limit, you might want to keep the following in mind:

- There usually isn't a need to identify how you're related to the person/people mentioned in the query. You can establish that once you make contact with someone.
- Use common abbreviations such as "b." for birth/born, "d." for death/died, "m." for married, "ca" for circa, "abt" for about, and "bef." for before. If you're unsure about an abbreviation, the safest thing to do is not use it lest it lead to confusion.
- Use the ampersand "&" in place of "and"

Please don't worry if your query is a little longer than 75 words. Our Query Editor can help you tighten up the wording.

Those of you familiar with the Internet might wonder why you should bother having your query printed in a journal when you can post your surnames on the Internet. Why not do both? The wider you cast your net, the more chance you'll have of catching something! It is important to keep in mind that it is not only Society members that read these queries. Our journal is received by genealogy and historical societies, libraries, as well as two archives in Poland and Ukraine. While you may not get an immediate response, it is possible that someone reading your query in a journal a couple years later might be that long lost distant relative. This is also why it is important to include all of your contact information, not just your e-mail address.

A sample query is included below.

Winowicz/Winowich

*Searching for family of Nykola **WINOWICZ** (b. 12 Feb 1888, Podhajczyki, Kolomyja, Galicia). Parents were Joseph **WINOWICZ** & Wasylyna **ANDRUSIAK**. Known siblings were Maria (b. 12 Jan 1892; d. 14 Jan 1892), Eudoxia (b. 29 Aug 1900; m. 16 Nov. 1922 to Wasyl **KUSZMAREK**), & Stephanus (b. 1 Jan 1896; m. 20 May 1923 to Julia **ROMANCZUK**). All events in Podhajczyki, most in house #155.*

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