

Don't Miss This Free Webinar Replay: [Best Way to Find Old Maps for Free with Lisa Louisa Cooke](#)

Our ability to find our ancestors is rooted in two important pieces of information: the locations where they lived and the time frames in which they lived there. This means that old maps are essential to our genealogy research. In the early 1970's I had only incomplete spellings of the origin of my maternal ancestors in Poland with no hope in sight for my Eastern European ancestors. Roslyn and I spent an entire day at the New York City Public Library in their family history section. There was a librarian there who was able to accurately pinpoint where my maternal ancestor's originated from. Believe it or not in the same county area, there were villages spelled with German, Polish and Hungarian names. Having this information, I confidently reacted much like a springboard, eventually taking my wife and children to Eastern Europe five times. Without these maps, there would not have been any trips and original research taken place subsequently which would have had a dead end with no success in my "Eastern European" family history successes.

Here's the Prime Keepsake Contribution that Maps Assisted Me: Resulting With 360 Degree Virtual Panorama Memories

As a result, check my 40+ 360 degree virtual panorama photos posted at

http://kuzmich4.com/KUZMICH%20360VP_SLO_POL_UKR/Kuzmich_Genealogy_Europe_Ancestors.html.

There, you will find a Google Earth presentation featuring a [360 degree virtual tour](#) that opens up with a virtual odyssey tour of my Eastern European roots in Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine. This virtual tour can be displayed on computers, tablets and smartphones which makes it compatible like O+ blood with multimedia attributes of interactive Google maps, historical video clips and photo galleries, background music, annotated notes as well as customized virtual panorama connectivity and more!! This single collection of my family roots in Eastern Europe is without any question the very hallmark of my European family history with special thanks to our faithful Facebook group follower, President Ivan Majc, who traveled with Roslyn and I together to Poland, Ukraine and Slovenia along with my Polish genealogist, Tadeusz Pilat.

1. Click on the country icons at the top of the opening screen and there's an index to peruse each photograph for each country.
2. For each virtual photo, there is a Google Earth map provided for your convenience in viewing the geographical location from roof top to outer space.
3. On each photo you will find icons for individual photos and/or red balls as hot links to other nearby virtual photographs.
4. Once a still photo is displayed within each virtual photo, click on it and the still photograph will appear in the center and then click on the "I" icon on the tool bar if it is unshaded.
5. By clicking on the "I", a commentary about each photograph will be displayed.

The good news is that there is an abundance of free digitized old maps available online. One of the best resources is the **David Rumsey Map Collection** website. There you will find over 100,000 free digitized historic maps. These maps span the globe and centuries. They are perfect for bringing geographic

perspective to your family tree. Lisa Louis Cooke is perhaps that most famous family history presenter in the USA and beyond. Take advantage of her free webinar at <https://lisalouiscooke.com/2020/12/08/find-free-old-maps-rumsey/>



Here's what you will learn in this webinar. In this episode 36 of my free webinar video series *Elevenes with Lisa*, she will show you how to navigate this ever-expanding free David Rumsey website. Watch the video and then follow along with the show notes in the article. **You'll get answers to questions like:**

- What's the best way to find maps at David Rumsey's map website?
- What is the difference between the search tools (Luna Viewer and MapRank Search)?
- What are the advanced search techniques for finding the old maps?
- How can I download maps at DavidRumsey.com?
- Is it OK to use the maps from DavidRumsey.com in my family history projects?

Toward the end of the live show one viewer summed up this episode this way: ***Another great show with loads of info!***

Premium Members: As always you'll find your exclusive downloadable PDF in the **Resources** section of the [episode 36 show notes page](#).

Closing Comments

In 2012, I studied privately with Lisa over Zoom to learn Google Earth Professional and she is truly awesome. I personally learned from Lisa about the importance of the **David Rumsey Map Collection** website and every genealogist needs this resource in their bag of research tools. When I came back from China 2013, she became too busy to teach me anymore. Every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. MST she has a new "live" new podcast online. This Thursday's "live" podcast is entitled: "Elevenes with Lisa episode 37 ***The Important Story Behind Your Genealogy Records.***" Already, there are three people in the que waiting for it 20 hours ahead of the presentation! Lisa always presents at the annual RootsTech conferences. Below are images of her RootsTech booth, tomorrow's "live" broadcast linked and the free webinar replay linked.

The Story Behind Your Genealogy Records

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Episode 37

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