

Two key findings from research at the State Archives of Vinnitsa Region, Ukraine, conducted by Vladimir Kreshchysyn, September 2015

- Birth record of Joseph Maidenberg
- Birth record of Esther Maidenberg

[Note: Mike Maidenberg and others researching Ukrainian Jewish genealogy engaged Vladimir to search the records at Vinnitsa, an important regional center now and during the Russian Empire.]

Vladimir found many listings of Maidenbergs. It seems likely, based on geographical proximity and naming patterns, that they are connected to the family which descends from Solomon bar Meir Isaac. But as of this writing (January 2016) no conclusive link can be established.

That said, Vladimir did strike genealogical gold by finding birth records for two of Solomon's children, Joseph and Esther. Both records list the parents as "Shlioma" and "Perlya"---Solomon and Perel. The records add new information as well: Shlioma is described as a "resident" of the town of Beltsi, which today is the city of Bălți or Beltsy in Moldova, in the historic province of Bessarabia.

Beltsy is also where Joseph and his wife Sarah lived, until driven out by the German invasion in 1941.

It appears Shlioma/Solomon lived in Beltsy before moving east to Dzygovka. The two places are only 70 miles apart. Beltsy itself became a Jewish population center in the 1880's. How he came to live in Beltsy remains an unknown.

Here is Vladimir's translation of the record for Joseph:

State Archives of Vinnitsa Region
Delo (File) 33, Opis (Inventory) 41, Fond (Collection) 904

Metrical book with birth records. Dzygovka, Yampol district.

Sheet 143

Book with birth records of Jews, born in 1886.
 Dzygovka, Yampol district

Sheet 144 (backside)

Nr. 7 (male)

Date of birth: January 26, 1886

Name of child: Kalmen-Josif

Parents:

father - Shlioma Maidenberg, resident of the town Beltsi

mother - Perlya

The image of Joseph's birth record:

Л.В.Т.А.		Кто совершалъ обрядъ обръаанія.	Число и мѣ- сяцъ рожденія и обръаанія.		Состояніе отца, имена отца и матери.		Кто родиль- ему или ма- мѣ.
Муже- скаго.	Жен- скаго.		Христі- анскій.	Еврей- скій.			
1			26/1	2	Шлима Майденбергъ и Перля	Калмен- Иосифъ	Дети- Иосифъ
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9	"		2/9	9	Дзюговскій Абраамъ Абраамъ на Пана	Майда	2/9
10	"		4/11	11	Майдановскій Майдановъ на Пана	Майда	4/11
11	"		5/12	12	Дзюговскій Шлима на Пана	Ааръ	5/12

Here is Vladimir's translation of the record for Esther:

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Delo (File) 33, Opis (Inventory) 41, Fond (Collection) 904
Metrical book with birth records. Dzygovka, Yampol district.

Sheet 259

Book with birth records of Jews, born in 1894
Dzygovka, Yampol district

Sheet 274 (backside)

Nr. 33 (female)

Date of birth: December 15, 1894

Name of child: Ester-Reizya

Parents:

father - Shlioma Maidenberg, resident of the town Beltsi

mother - Perlya

Unfortunately Vladimir neglected to take an image. The information comes from his notebook.

Vladimir did not find any records of the birth of David Maidenberg, Joseph's older brother. Nor did he find records for siblings other than Esther. Were they born elsewhere? This is a possibility given the mobility of Jews. It is also possible the records are still in the archive somewhere.

Other Maidenbergs located by Vladimir

The most intriguing record is of an Isaac, who is listed as a resident of Beltsi, and whose wife's name is Malka. They have two daughters born in Dzygovka, Fraida-Devorah in 1874, and Ita in 1876.

Solomon's gravestone names his father as Meir-Isaac. Is there a link? Solomon and Perel's oldest daughter was also named Malka, another possible link.

We simply do not have enough information to make a precise connection.

Another Maidenberg who has a child born in Dzygovka is Leizer, whose wife is Gudiya. Leizer is said to be a resident of Shargorod, a town in which Solomon's ancestors lived, according to a memory of Joseph, as told to his son Amnon.

Still another Maidenberg is Volka, said to be a resident of Soroka. There is a separate record which lists a Maidenberg with this name as part of an agricultural colony (Colony of Lublin) near Soroka. Given that the original Lublin is in Poland, this is a possible hint as to the origins of this Maidenberg branch--which may or may not have any connection with Solomon's line.