

December 19, 2000

Michael Maidenberg
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Dear Mike:

By now you should have received the packet I mailed you from Edward Maidenberg.

Enclosed are photos of the memorial in the Jewish cemetery. There is also a memorial in the center of town with many, many Jewish names. We checked this for you as well and took photos of all the name plaques, but there were no Balaban or Maidenberg names at this memorial.

Archival Research Documents Searched

The following documents were searched in the Kamenets Podolskiy Archives:

Draft registrations / Dzigovka	1871
Draft registrations / Yampol Uezd	1838; 1851; 1871
Census Lists / Yampol Uezd	1811; 1834; 1850; 1858; 1864; 1875

Additionally, these documents were searched:

Mogilev, Ushitsa, Olgopol and Balta Uezd / Census Lists
1811, 1816, 1820, 1834, 1838, 1846, 1850-1852, 1856, 1858, 1863, 1866, 1875,
1878, 1896
1898-1899, 1906.

The reason we searched the additional material was because your family name did not appear in the Yampol Uezd documents. One reason for this is that the Yampol Uezd documents are incomplete. They do not always include every town in Yampol Uezd. Probably when the documents were created, all towns were included, but many of these books are fragmented or exist now as partial books.

Often people moved around in order to avoid the draft registrations or being counted for tax purposes which is why the other nearby districts were checked.

We made two separate trips to Kamenets Podolskiy Archives in an effort to try and locate something for you. I regret that we could not find any more material, but often these books have just a few pages in them.

All the best to you for the New Year.

Cordially,

Miriam Weiner

March 19, 2000

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Dear Mike:

In the event you missed it, I am enclosing the piece from **The New York Times** which was picked up on the wire service and reprinted in several cities throughout the U.S. As a result, CBS came out and taped a segment which will be part of their Early Morning Show on April 22. Also, **National Geographic** will include a spread on the book in their August issue.

Enclosed is a letter from the Head Archivist in the Vinnitsa Oblast Archives verifying that the Maidenberg name did not appear in the metric books for 1844;1855-1894, for the village of Myastkovka, Olgopol Poviats, Podoliya Guberniya (new name is Gorodkovka, Krizhopol region, Vinnitsa Oblast). Also, the notary books from Olgopol and Bershad were searched for the period 1880-1917, and the Maidenberg family was not listed.

Therefore, I am waiving the balance due of \$750 and we will consider the deposit to be full payment for this assignment.

Of course, Vitaly and I are both disappointed that we couldn't find something for you. We tried, but it wasn't there. By the way, he sends his warm regards and wants to know when you are coming back. My apartment now has a completely re-modeled kitchen and bathroom as well as a hot water heater which provides hot water 24 hours a day, something I didn't have before. Since there is still no decent hotel in the area, you could stay at my apartment (or Vitaly invites you to his house).

Are you tempted?

Cordially,

Miriam Weiner

P.S. I can't remember if I ever sent you this article which was published after your visit in 1992. Your name is mentioned (and mine) in the article, lower right. The name of the paper is the *Yampol News* or something like that.

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Dear Mike:

At the conclusion of my research project for you, I promised to let you know if I came across anything of interest to you.

Enclosed is 1859 list of inhabitants from a small farming village near Soroki (which is very close to Dzigovka).

I don't know if this will connect with your family, but I wanted you to have it.

Next, I enclose recent articles/letters to bring you up to date on what I have been doing. When we worked together in 1992, I was just beginning my research in these archives and it is really quite amazing what has developed in the last three years.

I am now compiling a computerized listing of inventories of Jewish documents, census records, draft registrations, voting lists, property owner lists, etc. from throughout Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and Poland pursuant to official contracts (agreements of cooperation) with the State Archives (in those countries), to be published beginning next year.

For example, there is an 1871 list of draft registrations and a 1907 list of voters for Dzygovka, and most important, there are lists of inhabitants for Yampol Uezd (region) which includes Dzygovka for the period 1811-1889. These are VERY valuable lists (see enclosed samples).

If any of this interests you or if you wish to discuss the possibility of further research, please give me a call.

In the meantime, my best wishes to you and your family for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Miriam Weiner

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