

Russian Revision Lists for Lithuania

Russian Revision Lists (Ревизские Сказки, Listy Rewizyjne) are census documents from the early eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth century representing the taxable population of the Russian Empire. These Lists are very important to genealogical research because of the information they provide about the members of each household.

Revision lists result directly from the 1718 tax reform that replaced door-to-door taxation by head taxation. Between 1719 and 1857, 10 surveys were executed. Each took several years to complete. The noted year was the year during which the largest population was counted. The first, second and sixth lists counted only males. The other tables counted both men and women. Be aware that lists did not by necessity cover all of the Russian Empire. Information for Transcaucasia, Poland and Yasachnaya Siberia often is not included. Ukraine was not included until 1781. For administrative purposes, the territory of each gubernia (province / governate) was divided into uyezds (districts / counties). Although the word "parish" is in the title of many of the 1795 books, that appears to be simply a way of dividing up the territory of an uyezd for purposes of the census (i.e., both Catholics and non-Catholics would be considered to be in the "parish").

A detailed article is available from Brigham Young University at:

<https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5267&context=facpub>

Digitized copies of several hundred of these books of revision lists have become available online at FamilySearch.org, but the documents are not yet identified sufficiently to know what each contains.

The following are intended to be a search aid for those attempting to find census lists of Lithuanian ancestors who lived in the Vilnius gubernia.

1795

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/3498960?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1796 & 1800

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/2826844?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1811

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/3498966?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1816

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/3464463?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1834

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/3534682?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
