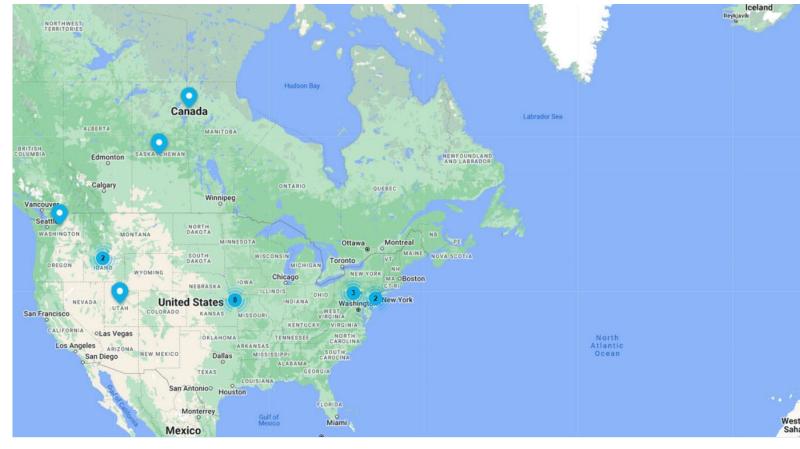
# Are We Related With Eastern European Roots? Use Technology to Find Relatives Via Searchable Websites and Blog (reads better <u>here</u>)

Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has its benefits in networking with relatives you may have never met. Over the years, I have used technology and have had success. But when I attended the RootsTech 2023 Conference, I was linked to 24 relatives who I have never known or met before and consequently I wrote to them to share my family tree with them. Through the conference's companion website FamilySearch.org, I received "Messages" from those people who matched my family tree. They presently live in the UK, Poland and Canada along with a multitude of states in the USA coast to coast ranging from the State of Washington to Idaho, Utah, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and others. While on FamilySearch.org, I also was able to view their family trees which went back multiple generations. Below is the "Message" sent which quickly got their attention.

"Greetings from Denver, Colorado. There are 24 people from RootsTech 2023 Conference that I am related to. See the map inserted below. In order to more specifically check on our common ancestors, please feel free to peruse my <u>RootsMagic website</u> at where you can search for our common ancestors. I have another website that also contains my family tree which allows anybody to search for common ancestors dating back to the 1600's at: <u>http://www.kuzmich4.com/genealogy/index.php</u>. At some future time, this website will allow me to share original media documents much like Ancestry does. I do have a Kuzmich family history blog which also works well at: <u>https://kuzmichgenealogy.blogspot.com/</u> with a good verbal introduction and appropriate media to my family history endeavors on both my paternal and maternal lines from Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine." Note: living people are not represented in these searchable websites for privacy purposes.

Below is a map representing the geographical locations of these newly found relatives attending the RootsTech 2023 Conference.



Searchable Family History Websites for ASAP Networking

<u>Do you have Eastern European roots that are related to me?</u> Find out quickly by reading on and searching for your ancestors with Eastern European roots on my searchable family history websites! My relatives originated from Poland, Ukraine, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Slovakia. My ethnic roots are Slovak, Slovene and Lemko. Those two websites mentioned above each have their own unique features for you to explore my family history roots in-depth and well worth your time to explore.

On this first website, you can search by surnames for any connections between your ancestor(s) by name(s) and pedigree chart with mine. All sources are listed for everyone in my pedigree chart for both better research accuracy and authenticity. Click on the individual's name and then click on the icon on the most right side for the source of that individual to view its source(s).

The second searchable website can be found <u>here</u>. Here are brief instructions to jump start in using this website

at <u>http://www.kuzmich4.com/genealogy/index.php</u> and/or <u>http://www.kuzmich.com/TNG%20Presents.html</u>. More instructions will come as needed. When searching for surnames, type in the surname and you will open up a GEDCOM file in a spreadsheet format. To view deeper into the GEDCOM file, "hover over" the individual to view the entire GEDCOM file. My grandfather is in the lower right corner, **Anthony Kuzmich**, while his two older step-brothers are there: **John Kuzmich** on Anthony's right and **Demitry Kuzmich** standing posing for a photo for his second marriage in Passaic, New Jersey in 1915. To learn more about my Lemko, Slovak and Slovene heritage in Poland, Ukraine, Slovenia, Slovakia & Czech Republic, go to my family history blog at <u>https://www.kuzmichgenealogy.blogspot.com.</u>



#### Dynamic Networking Feedback from My Original "Message" Inquiry

By responding to their messages, I gave them the following information which quickly earned their networking responses from them. Here is a direct ancestor of mine that goes back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

## "My great-great-great-great grandparents are **Timotheius Kuzmicz 1725- 1800** and **Eufemia or Fevronia. 1739 -1799**."

Here's another candid response.

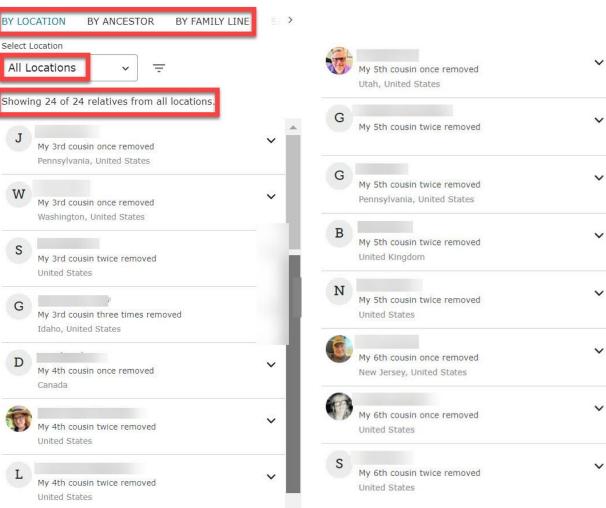
"I was surprised to get about 6 relatives from RootsTech. And surprised to get such an interesting response from you! About 35 years ago, I got information on my grandparents and greatgrandparents from my parents. Recently my cousins grand-daughter joined ancestry and built on those basics. I use Family Search and the free membership to Ancestry to get info now. I am not sure that all the computer- generated ancestry is correct, but some of it must be. Looking forward to checking out your info, Thank you."

Here's another response from Poland: " Dzień dobry Możliwe, że mamy wspólnego przodka. Czy wiesz coś więcej o tej rodzinie? Masz jakieś foto? Pozdrawiam." Translation is "Good morning. We may have a common ancestor. Do you know anything more about this family? Got any photos? Regards"

Below are the relative's names with their geographical locations for these 24 recently found relatives from the 2023 RootsTech 2023 Conference. I have blurred out their names for their privacy. See how you can

search by 1) Location, 2) Ancestor and/or 3) Family Line in the privacy of your home.

### RootsTech Relatives



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W	My 5th cousin once removed	~
Т	My 5th cousin once removed Pennsylvania, United States	~
A	My 5th cousin once removed Saskatchewan, Canada	~

### **Closing Comments**

RootsTech 2023 Conference was represented with 219 countries and 783,484 attendees either in-person and remotely. The remote attendance was totally FREE! RootsTech 2024 will be both a virtual event and an in-person event. In 2024, you will still be able to join virtually from anywhere in the world or you can attend it live at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, February 29 to March 2, 2024. Genealogy can be an exciting hobby with many unexpected moments of excitement especially when you are willing to share your family tree on-line. Everybody loves to have a free lunch, but when you are willing give something in return is what makes Family History Endeavors so meaningful by sharing our heritage with others!