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Dear David,

Please find below the results of my research on Shur, Glikman, Kurzon families I led in archives of Riga, Kaunas, Vilnius.

**RESEARCH ABOUT GLIKMAN FAMILY
 RESEARCH IN LATVIA**

INDEX OF DEATHS 1882-1921

Following deaths of Glikmans mentioned in the register of deaths of Riga:

year 1882-died Glikman Yosef Ber, age ½ of year old
 1884-Faivel Glikman, 10 months old
 1885-Glikman Isaack, 10 months
 1886- Goda Glikman, 33 years old (**sic!**)
 1887-Yacov Glikman, 2/3 years old
 1891-Isaack Yona Glikman, 2,5 years old
 1892-Efraim Glikman, 19 years old
 1893- Itsik Glikman, 8 years old
 1895- Yosef Glikman, 7 months old
 1898- Ite Glikman, 10 months old
 1905- Idel Glikman, 13 years old
 1909- unknown Glikman
 1920-Roza Glikman, 2 years old
 1921- David Shlioma Glikman, 68 years old(**sic!**)
 1921- Hone Glikman, 49 years old

First I look for the death record of Gode Glikman in 1886. I do not find this record. It seem I simply missed it, because in index that indicated under # 184, must to be. When I ordered this death record again the archivists do not find this file – so I will try to look it again.

Regarding death record of David Glikman in 1921, I received following official death record from Latvian archives:

Glikman David Shlioma, son of Movsha (Moses) , 68 years old, died April 29, 1921 from asthma in Riga, Latvia

(☞ see please original paid archival information enclosed)

It seem this is David Shlomo I saw in 1886 list of Jews living in Moscow suburb of Riga:

Sonj of soldier David Shlioma Glikman, lived on Moscow street 1, tinsmith, 33 years old wife Chane-28

children: Marcus-10

Dobbe-8

Izak-7

Chaim-4

Hirsch-3/4

(LSHA, 51-1-2002)

1880-1884, list of births in Riga

Following Glikmans mentioned in the index of Riga births for the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884:

1881-register #151, birth of daughter Tzivya at Movsha Glikman

1881-#213, birth of Abram Chaikel at father Hirsh Glikman

1881-#200, birth of daughter Michle Yocheved at father Movsha Glikman

1881- # 376, birth of Yosef Ber at father Jossel Glikman

1881- # 126, birth of son Chaim Leib at father David Glikman

no births in 1882

1883- #10, birth of daughter Haya at father Movsha Glikman

1883, # 443 and 521, birth of twins Chaya Sora and Feivish at father Hirsch Glikman

1883, # 146-birth of sons Moses Aaron at father Hirsh Glikman

1884- # 162, birth of daughter Haya Tscherna at father David Glikman

1884-# 425, birth of son Hirsch at father Chaikel Glikman

marriage index of Glikmans in Riga years 1873-1885

year 1873- marriage between David Glikman and Gena Kaplan

year 1876- marriage between Hirsh Glikman and Reiza Blankfeld

I should tell that in 1873-1885 the marriage between Glikman and Shur was never registered in Riga.

1897, Dvinsk/Daugavpils

I find simply the excellent, very detailed information on Glikman family of Luknik in 1897 census of inhabitants of Dvinsk (actually Daugavpils, Latvia):
In Dvinsk on Shilderovskaya street 31/41, 27th quarter, apt. 7b lived:

- 1) Glikman Morduch Shliomov (son of Shlomo), 75 years old, born and registered in Luknik, literate, learned at melamed, at wife.
- 2) Glikman Beila Leibova, 55, born Griva, reg. Luknik, illiterate, trade with meat
- 3) son Israel, 17 years old, born in Dvinsk, registered in Luknik, literate, learned at melamed, shop assistant in the shop of leather
- 4) his wife Elka Morduhova, born Dvinsk, literate, learned at melamed, seamstress (LSHA, 2706-1-42-923)

RESEARCH IN LITHUANIA

1892

In the year 1892 list of payers of box-tax in Luknik and area mentioned:

-Abram Glikman, 3 people in the family, tailor

-Naftel Glikman, 3 people in the family, tailor

(Kaunas archives, 49-1-17525-pages 64-67; see please copies enclosed)

1914

In 1914 list of Luknik Jews which has the right to participate in election of the members of Luknik administration any Glikmans do not mentioned

1878

Glikmans do not mentioned in 1878 list of house-owners of Luknik

1858

With very big difficulty I obtained from Vilnius archivist permission to look in 1858 Luknik census. There mentioned following Glikmans:

Zundel Meyerov Glikman- 28 years old

Abram Tuvelev Melamed-36

Shmul Yosselev Kaplan-50

Ber Zelikov Graz-15

Zundel`s wife Etka Gavrilova-25

Abram`s wife Maria Ykobleva-35

(Melamed, Kaplan, Graz, Glikman families all mentioned ensemble , so might to be related.)

Shlioma Zundelev Glikman- 60

his son Marcus Zundel-41

Shlioma`s wife Elke Yosseleva- 60

Marcus wife Ginde Hirsheva-40

their daughter Pere-18 and Ite-11

Wolf Tevelev Glikman-42
her wife Sore Yankeleva-42
daughter Taube-9

Shmelke Meyerov Glikman-50 years old in 1850, died 1856
his son Zundel-30
Itsik Chaimov Salk-36
(VILNIUS archives, 1262-1-99-265etc)

1914

In 1914 from the citizen of Luknik Itsik David Wulfovitch Glikman was requested by officials to pay 15 rubles 30 kopecks for using of passport for abroad with expired validity date.

This passport was issued in Kovno (Kaunas) May 7, 1913
 (Kaunas archives, 49-1-33477; see please photocopy enclosed)

1913

There was the information in Kaunas archives about coming abroad of Glikman Icik David, son of Wulf and of Idel, son of Icik David Glikman.

(Kaunas archives, 49-1-32113-page 35)

RESEARCH ABOUT SHUR FAMILY

BEING IN LITHUANIAN ARCHIVES I take particular attention to another families mentioned in your letter to me: Kirzners, Kurzons, Shurs. Let start with Shurs:

1904

In the year 1904 the citizen of Telsiai Bendet, son of Meyer Shur, should to pay the fine in amount 300 rubles for avoid of military service by his son Mendel during the draft of 1903.

Bendet Shur owned ground of land and small shop in Telsiai, but he affirmed, in his letter to the administration of Kovno province, he is poor, unable to pay all amount, and agreed to pay the fine as installment, 30 rubles per year, during 10 years. He wrote he has the family, and even the selling of all his property will be not enough for pay fine. The report of policemen of Telsiai also confirm that all movable property of Bendet Shur estimated no more of 100 rubles and he too advised the installment.

(Kaunas archives, 49-1-23797; see please photocopy of this document enclosed on 4 pages)

1909

In Kaunas archives I find the file entitled: “*About giving to the citizen of Kretingen of Telsh district HIRSH-WOLF JOSSELEVITCH SHUR the collection of box-tax, korobka tax in Russian, (special Jewish tax, requested mostly from meat sale, used mostly for support of Jewish institutions-A.F.) in Kretingen for 4 years since 1910*”

by the way- you told that father of Goda Shur was Hirsh/Tzvi Shur- is this the man we search for?

He was appointed. But soon Kovno province administration received the letter written in bad Russian language with strong Jewish accent:

“ We, inhabitants of Kretingen have the honor to inform His Excellence governor of Kovno province that in our town Kretingen the box-tax is supervised by rabbi Hirsh Shur (Interesting that he called “rabbi”-this is conforming to your letter to me-A.F.), he pay 200 rubles per year for his services. From another side the butchers pay to him 1400 rubles, by this reason the meat is extremely expensive. For chicken or duck cutting 6 kopecks taken, for goose-18 kopecks, for cow-4 rubles. By this reason please tell to police to make investigation about rabbi Shur, who gave him rights to take so much moneys for korobka-tax.

Please call as witnesses: Yudel Taitz, Leizer Kirsh, Nehem Lipman, Ber Gurvitch, Michel Berman, Sholem Yach, Shlom Gilis, Movsha Gilis, Nochem Fish.

*Signed: Hatskel Leibzon, Yankel Yosselovitch
Kretingen, April 20, 1911*

Please take that in attention”

The investigation show the most comic things- the people which signed those petition emigrated to USA or South Africa 20 years ago, but witnesses do not confirmed the accusations.

However, despite that, August 11 , 1911 the next petition was send with approximately same text, but signed by Aron Zaks and Haim Buntman. But, again, they both do not lived in Kretingen: Aron Zaks came to South Africa in 1903, but Haim Buntman because smuggling was expelled from Kretingen (may be he was author of those petitions?) (Kaunas archives; 49-1-27770; ☞ see please photocopies of original archival documents enclosed)

Information from the book “ Lithuanian Jewish communities”

Indeed, as you can see from here enclosed copies, Zvi-Hirsch Shur mentioned as rabbi in Kretinga in this book.

Also in the article about Vainutas mentioned that Zvi-Zev Shur born in Vainutas, later served as rabbi in Kretinga, died in 1929.

I wish to add that in Russian Jewish encyclopedia (St.Petersburg, 1910) mentioned 3 Shurs:

- 1) *Shur*- the desert , according to Bible, on north-east of Egypt
- 2) *Wolf/William Shur*, traveler and writer, born in Onikst (Aniksciai) in Kovno province in 1844, died in Chicago in 1910. Palestinophil, emigrated in USA in 1887, where published reviews in Baltimore and Chicago- *Ha-Tchiya* and *Ha-Pisga*

- 3) *Isay Shur*, mathematician, born in 1874 (no place indicated), read in 1910 lectures in Berlin University of differential mathematics, wrote several precious books.

1878



- Hirsch Shur was mentioned in the list of owners of houses in Luknik of 1878.



- any Glikmans do not mentioned in this list

(Kaunas archives, 49-1-12938)

Riga Jewish cemetery research

During the research on Riga Jewish cemetery I find the grave of :

‡ - “ here lay our unforgettable wife and our dear mother Rose Gites, nee SHUR, died June 8, 1933” (translated from German)

(▶ see please picture enclosed)

died in Riga, 1886

There was Sher family in Luknik too.

Looking in death records of Riga I find:

January 29, 1886 in Riga from the pneumonia died Gershon Movshovitch(son of Moses) Sher from Luknik, 76 years old

another death record:

July 1, 1886 in Riga from old age died widow Sheva Movshovna(daughter of Moses) Sher from Luknik, 90 years old.

(LSHA, 5024-2-738)

1886

In the list of Jews living in Moscow suburb of Riga mentioned one Sher family of Luknik:

Jewish Lady from Luknik Haya Sher-40 years old, lived on Bolshaya Gornaya (now Liela kalna) street 3, has no occupation, she must to be expelled from Riga (Riga was out of pale of jewish settlement and only skilled kraftsmen, merchants, Jews with University education might to live in Riga)

son Aizik-10

Shimon-5

daughters: Roze-15

Mina-13

Tzire-9

Berte- 9 months.

(LSHA, 51-1-2002; ▶ see please photcopy enclosed)]

Where is the husband? May be emigrated?

RESEARCH IN LITHUANIA - KURZON - KIRSHNER FAMILIES

1858

In 1858 Luknik list (Vilnius archives, 1262-1-99) mentioned one Kurshan family:

Yankel Peisakhov Kurshan- 41 years old

his nephew- Ber Movshev Kurshan

son Peisakh-15

Movsha-13

Shimhel Zelmanov Kaplan- 47

son Zelman Aron- 16

wife of Yankel Kurshan- Malke Movsheva-43

daughters: Taube-19, Sheine-17

Shimhel`s wife Sheina-40

daughters: Keila-3, Feiga-1

now Kirshner family:

Shmuel Abramov Kirshner-41 years old

wife of Shmuel- Chaya Sora Shliomova-38

daughters: pere-15, Matle-3

Meyer Chaim Rafaelev Kirshner-39

Meyer`s wife Gite Shebsseleva-30

daughter Rocha-10

1892

In 1892 Luknik list mentioned:

☞ - Abel Kirzner, 4 people in the family, shopmen

☞ - Itsyk Kirshner, 1 people in family, porter of goods-peddler

☞ - Zundel Kirzner, 4 people in the family, peddler

☞ - Meyer Kirzner, 3 people in the family, hat maker

☞ - Orel Kirzner, 3 people in the family, hat-maker

☞ - Benyamin Kirzner, 4 people in the family, hat-maker

☞ - Wolf Kirzner, 2 peoples in the family, hat maker

1914

In 1914 list of Luknik citizens which has right to elect members of town administration, mentioned:

☞ - Abel Shlomov Kirzner, 68 years old

☞ - Wolf Girshov Kirzner, 66

☞ - Yankel Shlaumov Kirzner, 61

☞ - Shloma Kirzner, 38

Interesting to note that in 1892 and in 1914 lists, in difference of 1858 list, any Kurshans do not mentioned- probably because emigrated??

