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Post See,

A historical map of Lithuania and surrounding regions. The map is titled "MAGNI DUCATUS LITHVANIAE. CAETERARVMQVE REGIONVM ILLI ADJACENTIVM EXACTA DESCRIPTIO" in a decorative cartouche. The map shows the Baltic Sea to the north, labeled "SINVS MAGNVS LIVONIE". The Lithuanian region is labeled "LITHVANIA" and "MAGNI DUCATUS LITHVANIAE". Other regions shown include "CURIA LANDIAE" and "PRUSIA". A compass rose is located in the bottom left corner, and a sailing ship is depicted in the top left corner. The map is overlaid with a grid of latitude and longitude lines.

# How Maps Helped a Lithuanian Immigrant Find His Place in the World

Lithuanian Consulate, New York, NY  
February 2017

***Sveikas! Kviečiame!***

***Запрашаем!***

*(Zaprashajem)*

***Witamy!***

**ברוכים-הבאים**

*(Brukhim-Haboim)*

**Welcome!**

***Please come inside.***



“Crossing”



“Departure”

















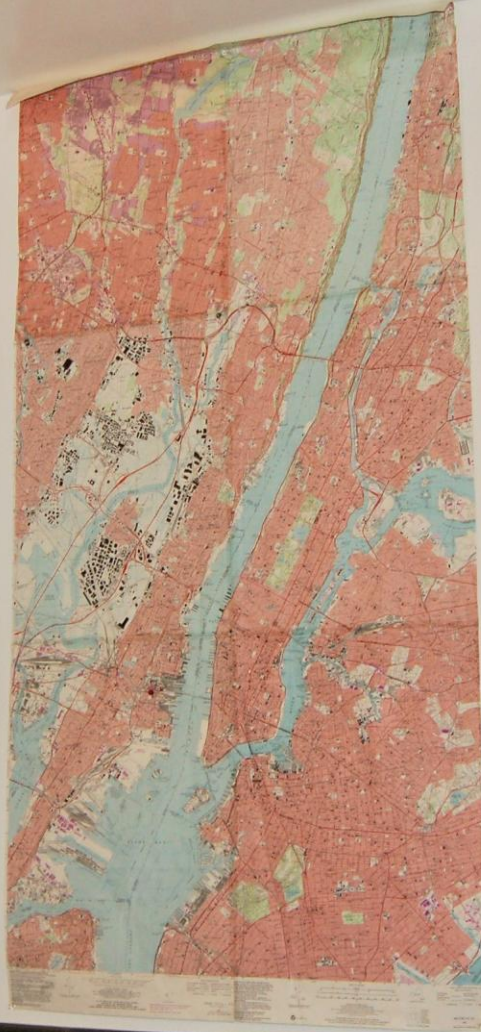
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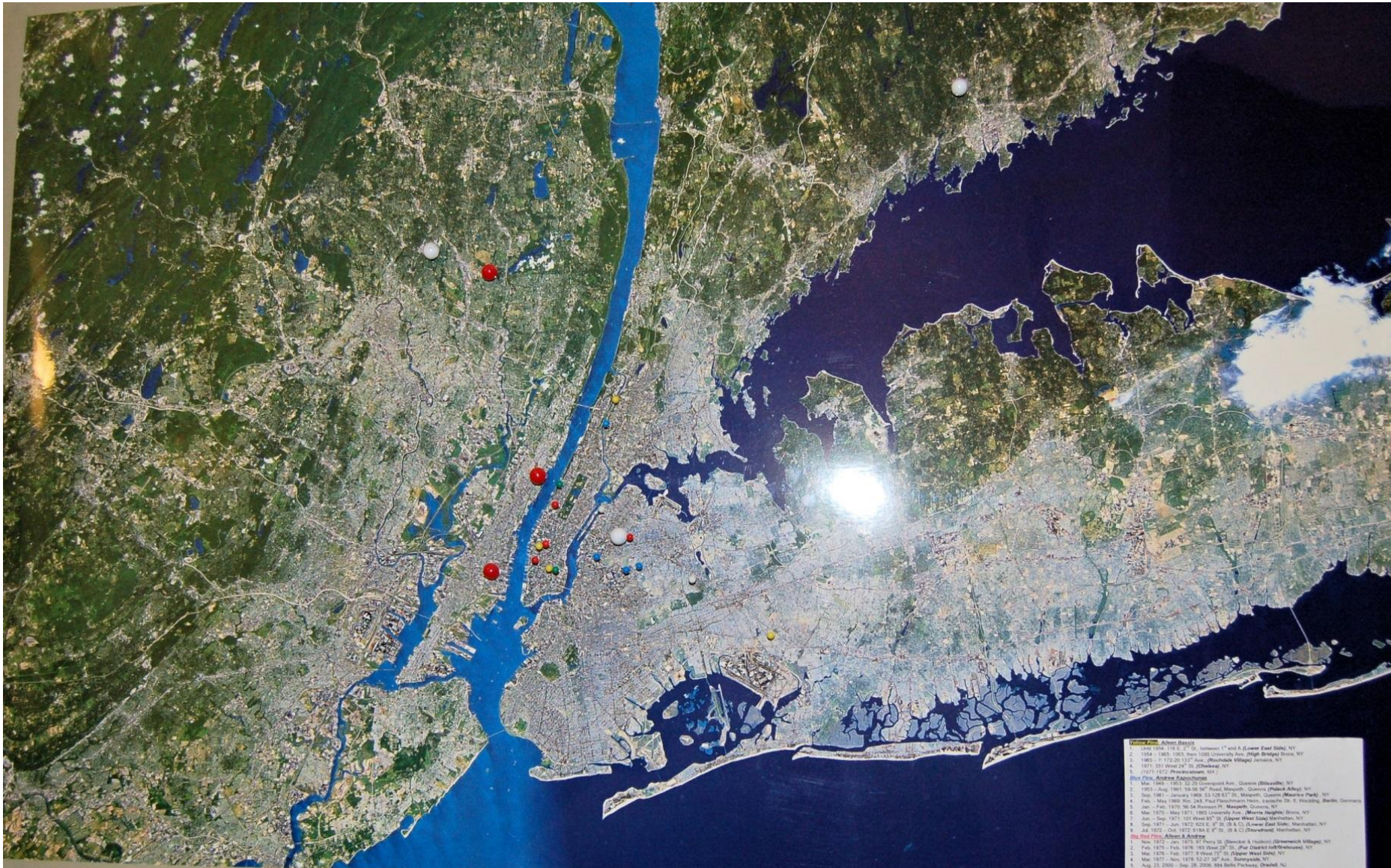
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**VERMÄCHNISSE DER DAUTCH**

Die Karte zeigt die Verkehrsverhältnisse in Europa. Die Hauptverkehrsachsen sind durch rote und orangefarbene Linien hervorgehoben. Die Karte ist in 1:4.500.000 Maßstab dargestellt. Die Karte ist in 10 Grad Breiten und 10 Grad Längengraden unterteilt. Die Karte ist in 10 Grad Breiten und 10 Grad Längengraden unterteilt. Die Karte ist in 10 Grad Breiten und 10 Grad Längengraden unterteilt.





# NEW YORK – FROM SPACE

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  6. Mar. 1970 - May 1971 1865 Longwood Ave., Morris Heights (Bronx) NY
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  2. Mar. 1976 - Feb. 1977 8 West 27<sup>th</sup> St. (Flat District) Manhattan, NY
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  3. Apr. 1989 - Aug. 22 2000 163 Woodland Ave., Ridgewood, NY
- City of New York, Albany & Dutchess District**
1. Dec. 2011 - Nov. 2013 124 62 Queens Blvd., Apt. 4A, Forest Hills, NY
  2. Nov. 2013 to present 13 13 Broadway, Apt. 208, Astoria, NY

**Yellow Pins: Aileen Bassis**

1. Until 1954: 116 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., between 1<sup>st</sup> and A (**Lower East Side**), NY
2. 1954 – 1965: 1065, then 1095 University Ave. (**High Bridge**) Bronx, NY
3. 1965 – ? : 172-20 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., (**Rochdale Village**) Jamaica, NY
4. 1971: 351 West 24<sup>th</sup> St. (**Chelsea**), NY
5. (1971-1972: **Provincetown**, MA )

**Blue Pins: Andrew Kapochunas**

1. Mar. 1949 – 1953: 32-20 Greenpoint Ave., Queens (**Blissville**), NY
2. 1953 – Aug. 1961: 59-56 56<sup>th</sup> Road, Maspeth , Queens (**Polack Alley**), NY
3. Sep. 1961 – January 1969: 53-128 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Maspeth, Queens (**Maurice Park**) , NY
4. Feb. – May 1969: Rm. 248, Paul Fleischmann Heim, Iranische Str. 6, Wedding, **Berlin**, Germany
5. Jan. – Feb. 1970: 56-54 Remsen Pl., **Maspeth**, Queens, NY
6. Mar. 1970 – May 1971: 1865 University Ave., (**Morris Heights**) Bronx, NY
7. Jun. – Sep. 1971: 101 West 85<sup>th</sup> St. (**Upper West Side**) Manhattan, NY
8. Sep. 1971 – Jun. 1972: 620 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. (B & C), (**Lower East Side**), Manhattan, NY
9. Jul. 1972 – Oct. 1972: 618A E 9<sup>th</sup> St., (B & C) (**Storefront**), Manhattan, NY

**Big Red Pins: Aileen & Andrew**

1. Nov. 1972 – Jan. 1975: 97 Perry St. (Bleecker & Hudson) (**Greenwich Village**), NY
2. Feb. 1975 – Feb. 1976: 165 West 29<sup>th</sup> St., (**Fur District loft/firehouse**), NY
3. Mar. 1976 – Feb. 1977: 8 West 75<sup>th</sup> St. (**Upper West Side**), NY
4. Mar. 1977 – Nov. 1979: 52-27 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., **Sunnyside**, NY
5. Aug. 23, 2000 – Sep. 28, 2006: 884 Bellis Parkway, **Oradell**, NJ
6. Sep. 29, 2006 – Jun. 1, 2007: 7912 River Rd., # 414, **North Bergen**, NJ
7. Jun. 2, 2007 to present: 234 10<sup>th</sup> St., # 301, **Jersey City**, NJ

**Big White Pins: Aileen, Andrew, Rachel & Simon**

1. Dec. 1979 – Mar. 1983: 39-21 45<sup>th</sup> Street, **Sunnyside**, NY
2. Apr. 1983 – Mar. 1989: 7 Green Tree Lane, **Stamford**, Conn.
3. Apr. 1989 – Aug. 22, 2000: 163 Woodland Ave., **Ridgewood**, NJ

**Little White Pins: Simon & Christina Kapochunas**

1. Dec. 2011 – Nov. 2013: 104-60 Queens Blvd., Apt. 4A, **Forest Hills**, NY
2. Nov. 2013 to present: 12-15 Broadway, Apt. 206, **Astoria**, NY

# ***Location, Location, Location***

***Why the obsession with maps  
and with (dis)location?***

From ***“LITUANUS:***

***LITHUANIAN QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES”***

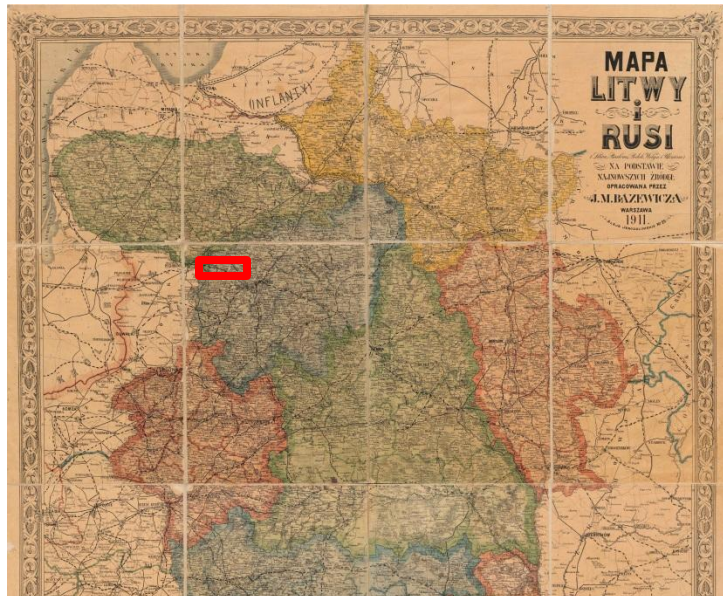
*Volume 45, No. 1 - Spring 1999*

***George Paulikas: “Thirteen Years, 1936-1949”***

***“...during these first 13 years the Paulikas family lived in 19 different places.”***

I lived in only four different places by the time I was 13. It took me 60 years to reach 19.

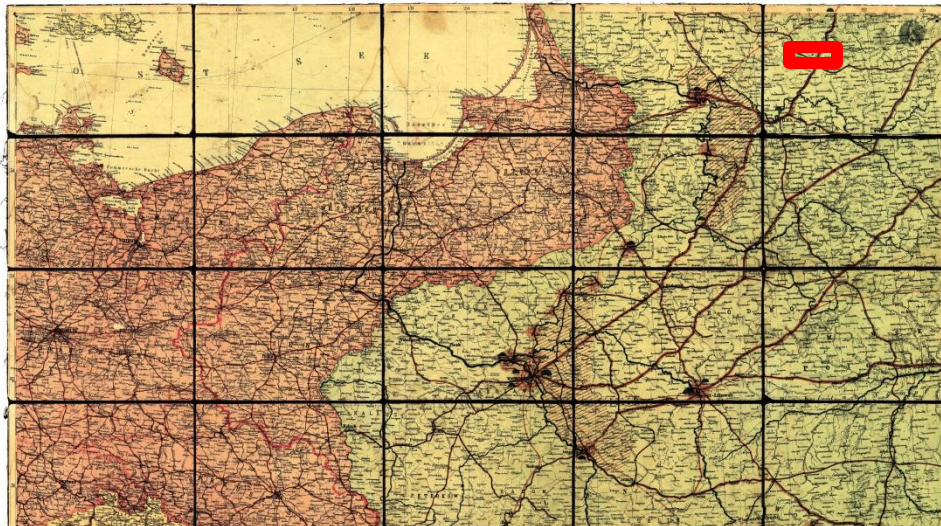
*Living in the same house in Lithuania for the past 100 years, you would have lived under nine different government administrations.*



1911 Józef Michał Bazewicz : "Mapa Litwy i Rusi," Warsaw, showing Russian Gubernii with labels in Polish. From the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences: [elibrary.mab.lt/](http://elibrary.mab.lt/)

# “Żyżmory,” 1911





1915 (Anon.) "Russische Festungen" (*Russian Forts*), published in Germany just months after the beginning of WWI, and just as the German army began invading Russia. This map appears designed to guide invasion strategy. Areas with diagonal lines are areas of Russian troop mobilization. From [www.mapywig.org](http://www.mapywig.org)

# “Shishmory,” 1915

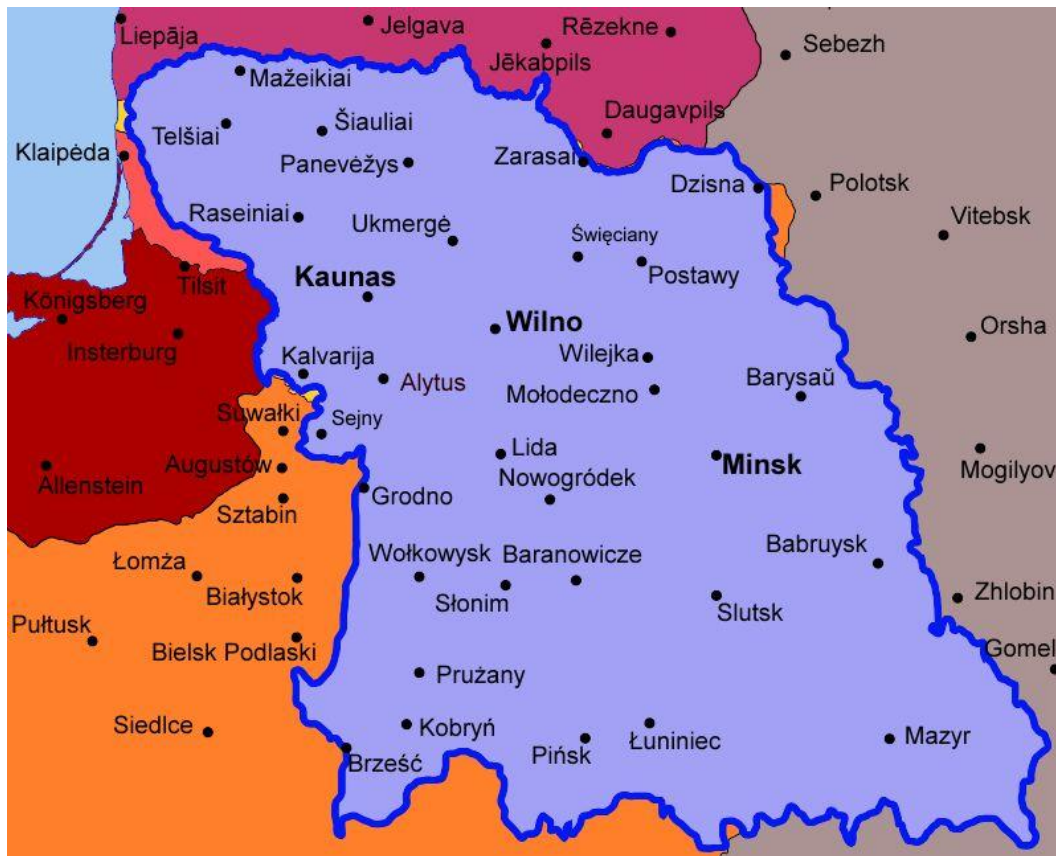




*In early 1918, he lived in a German occupation administrative area: “Litauen – Wilna VIII.”*

*On **Nov. 11, 1918**, “Armistice Day,” World War I ended.*

*Lithuania had declared its independence from Russia, but the fighting didn’t stop.*



*Lithuanian–Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic:  
February – July, 1919. From wikipedia*

*Germans withdrew,  
Soviets advanced: the  
**Lithuanian Soviet  
Socialist Republic** was  
declared **Dec. 16, 1918.***

*Lithuanian–Soviet War  
began.*

*Soviets combined  
Belarusian & Lithuanian  
SSRs into **Litbel Feb. 1919.**  
It was disbanded in July.*

***July 1920:** Soviet Russia gave up and recognized Lithuania.  
Peace? Another war was being waged at the same time.*

**1918-20:** war with Poland over **Vilnius** and **Suvalkija** regions – part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania for 500 years. In a mediated settlement, Poland got those areas. No Polish-Lithuanian diplomatic relations until 1938.

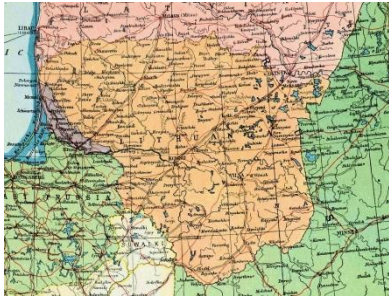


1918 Polish proposal to Woodrow Wilson

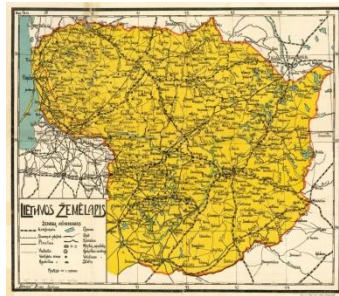


Lithuania's counter-proposal

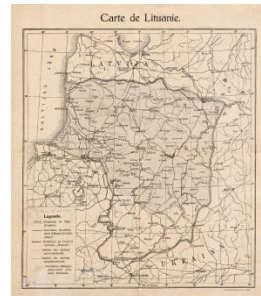
*Given the wars, cartographers struggled with depicting Lithuania's boundaries:*



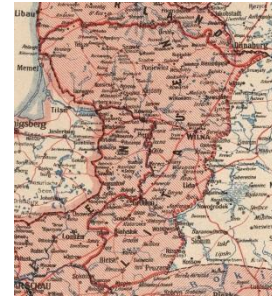
1918 Harmsworth atlas



1918 Lithuanian map



1919 Lituanie



1918 Mayer



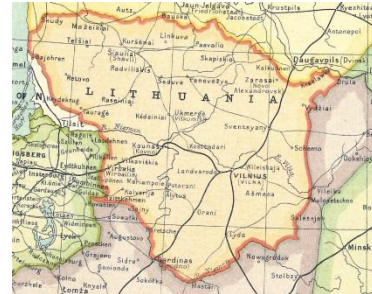
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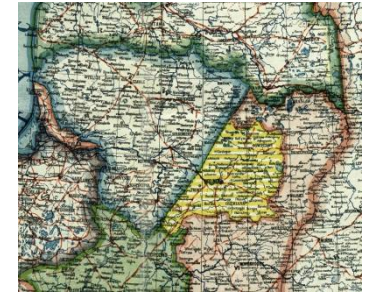
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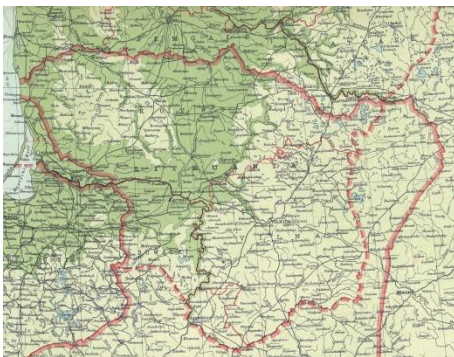
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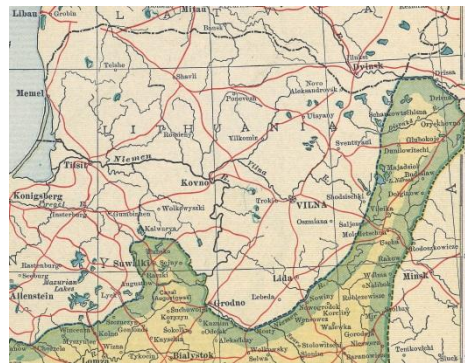
1921 The Times atlas



1921 Bazewicz



1922 The Times atlas



1922 US atlas



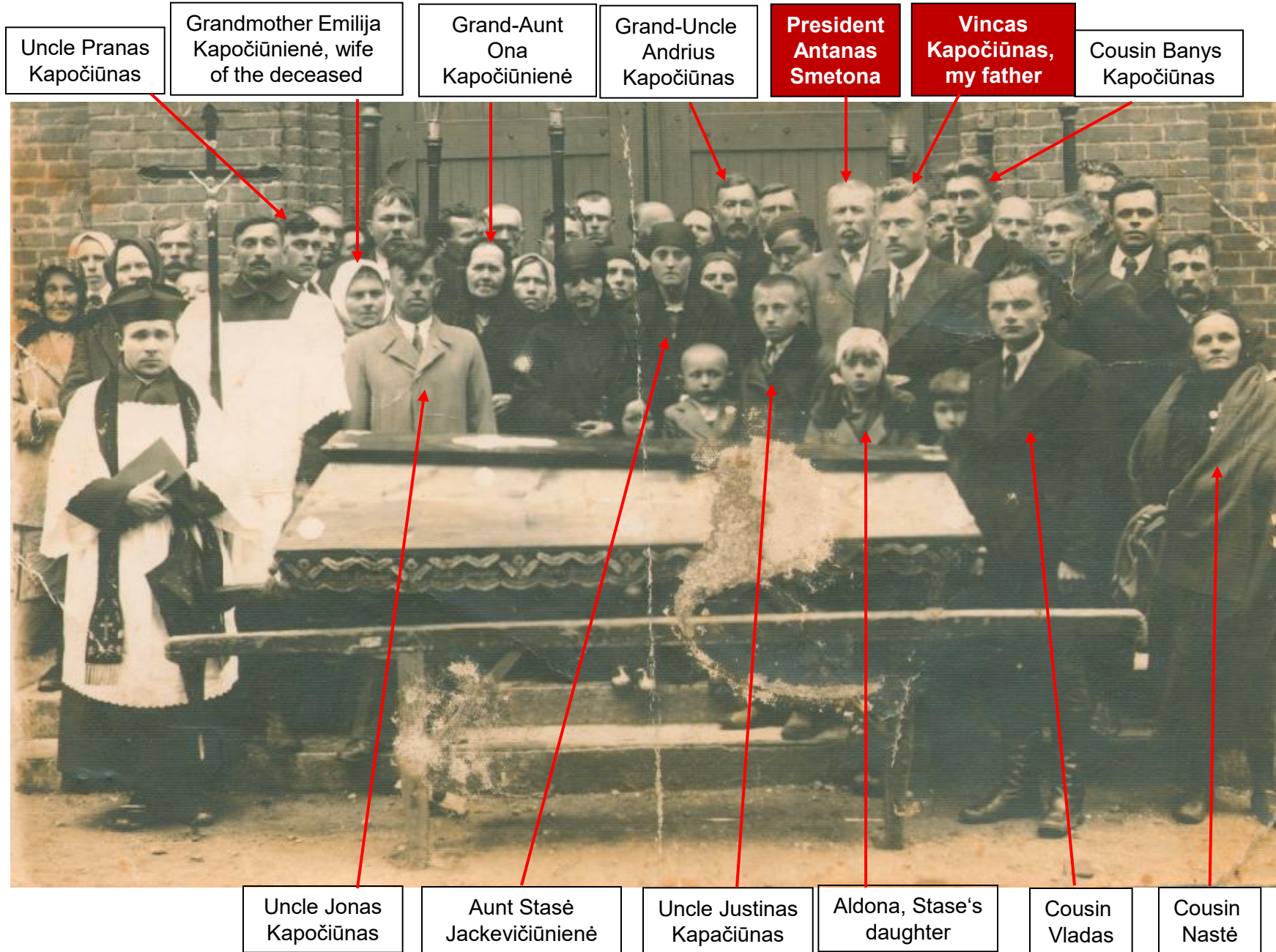
1921 Riga Treaty Boundaries



1931 Lithuanian topographical map. AK collection

**1935:** Vincas, 23, left the family's farm in Kertauninkai, just west of Žiežmariai to join the Lithuanian Army. **1937:** assigned to be the bodyguard of the President of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona.

# Funeral of my Grandfather: Vincentas Kapočiūnas (1880 - June, 1937), Žiežmariai, Lithuania





**1939:** Polish propaganda map promoting “reunification” of a Polish – Lithuanian Commonwealth.

**March 17, 1939,** Poland delivered an ultimatum to the Lithuanian government: unconditionally agree to establish diplomatic relations with Warsaw within 48 hours.

Lithuania accepted.

**1938:** Vincas married Marija Šimonytė, seen from a parade reviewing stand, while sitting next to the president. They attended concerts, the opera, ribbon-cuttings and balls. A girl, Vincenta, is born **Jan. 1939**.



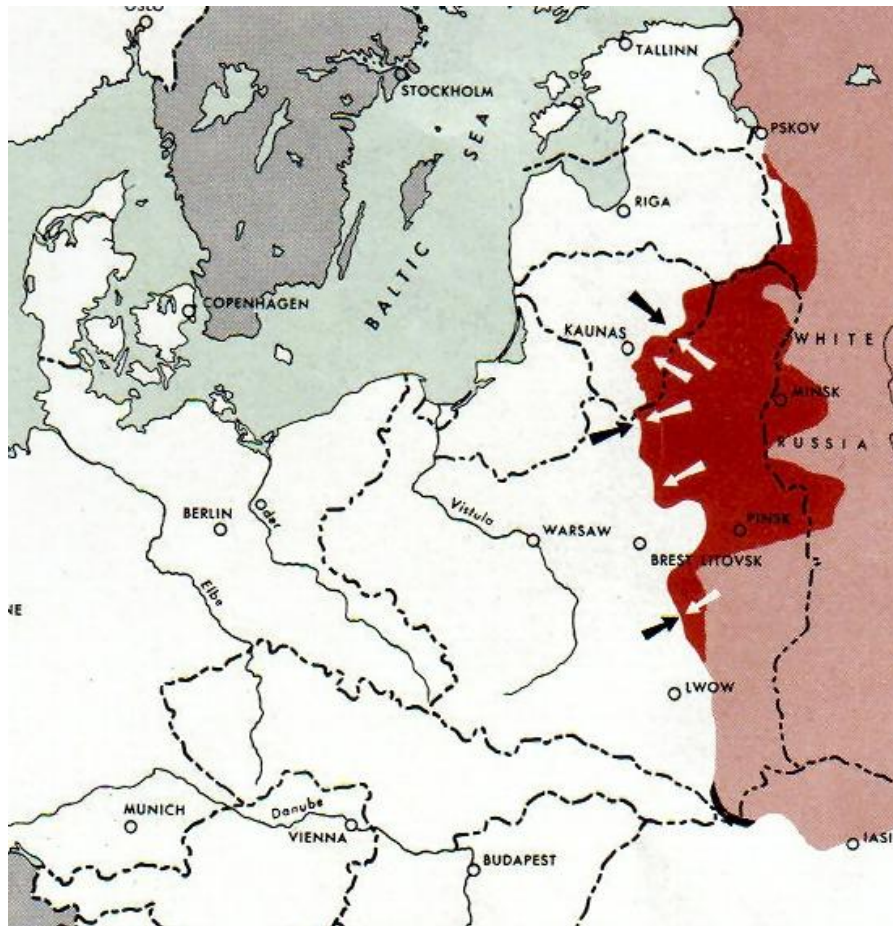
*1939 Germans examine a map of Poland and Lithuania just before the invasion*

**Sept. 1939:** Hitler invaded Poland

**June 1940:** Soviets occupied Baltic states.

President Smetona escaped to Switzerland

Vincas loses his job at 28, June 25, 1940



*German-Russian frontline, July 15, 1944*

**June 1941:** Soviets deport 17,000 Lithuanians to Siberia. A week later, Hitler invades Lithuania. Vincas and Marija had a second child, a son, Marūnas. Vincas became a manager in a chemical plant.

80,000 Lithuanian Jews killed by October; 175,000 by year's end.

**July 1944:** Soviet forces neared Žiežmariai; Vincas warned his youngest brother to give deed to family farm to the town.

Vincas was conscripted by the Germans to dig defensive anti-tank ditches in East Prussia, just over the Lithuanian border.



***September 1944:** Vincas joined three other Lithuanians on a hunger strike over lack of food, was stripped naked and pistol-whipped on the head by German soldiers.*

*As the Soviet army advanced, Vincas took family west, hoping to retrace Lithuanian President Smetona's escape to neutral Switzerland.*



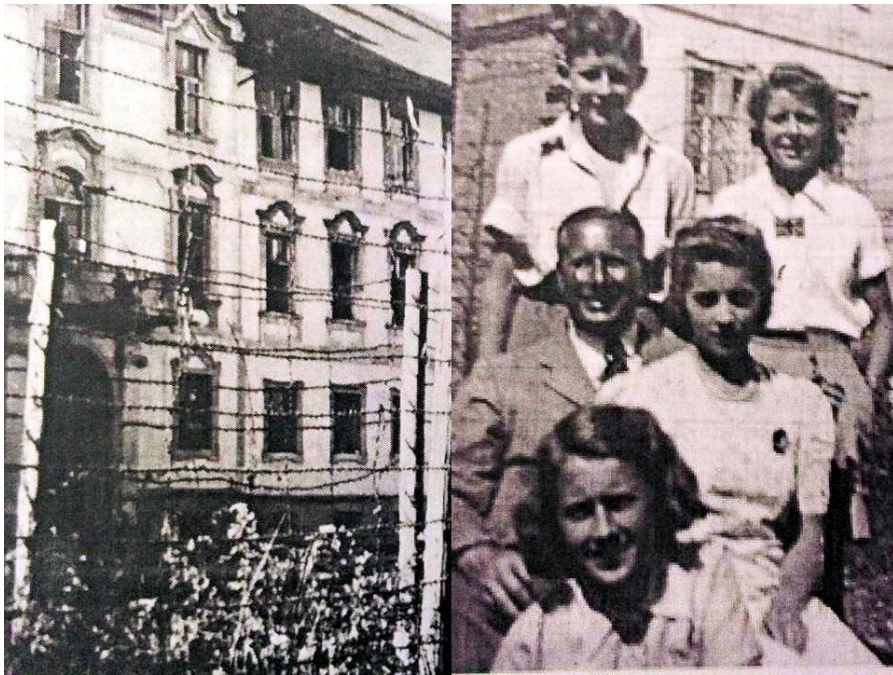
*German-Russian frontline, February 15, 1945*



*Four months later, **February 1945**: they got as far as the Dresden, Germany, where my six year-old sister witnessed the Allied fire-bombing from a train car window*



*Turned back by Swiss border patrol boat on Lake Constance, my parents accepted an invitation from one of my mother's sisters to live and work at Schloss Zeil, nearby in Bavaria, from February 1945 to **May 8, VE Day.***



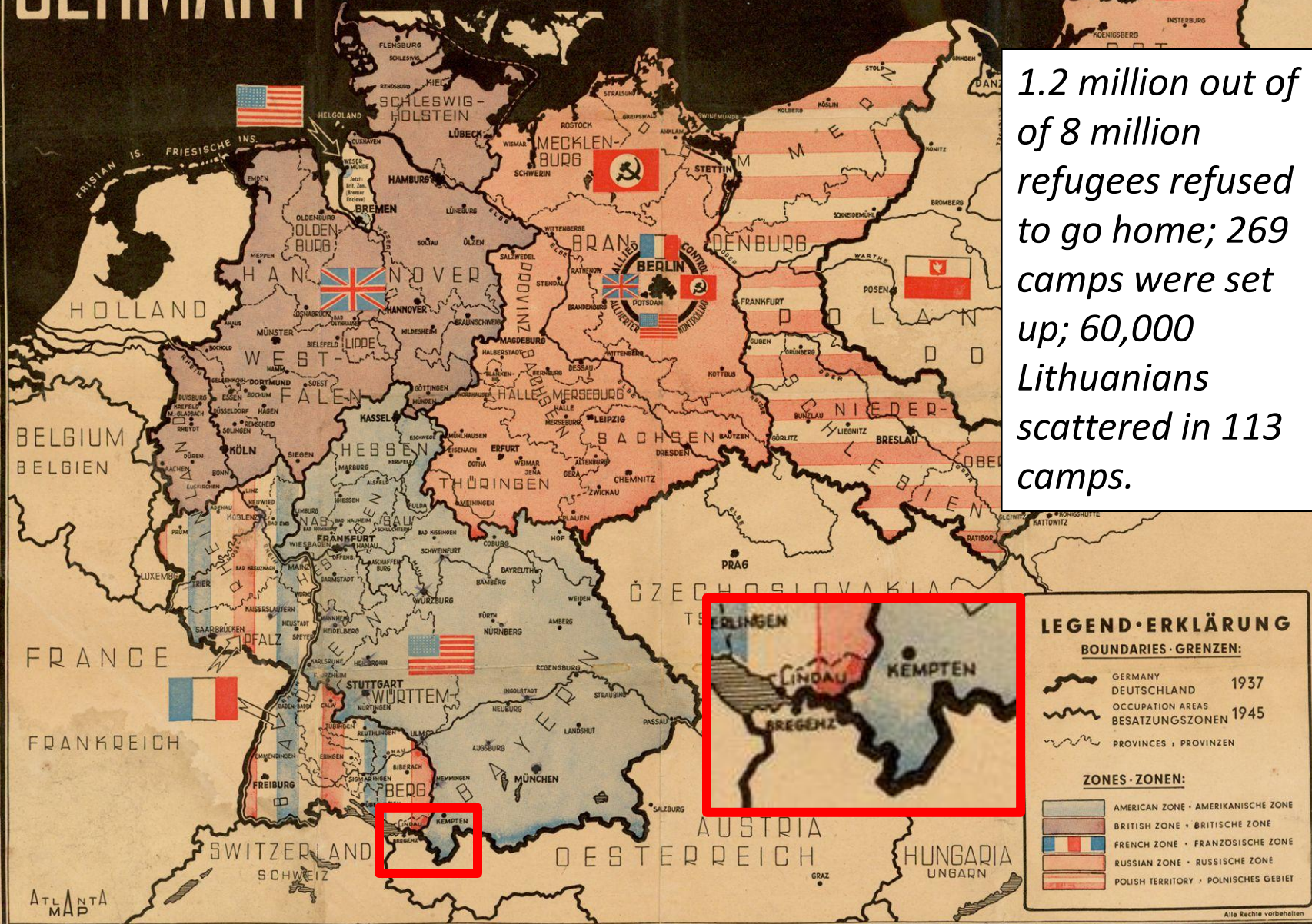
*War over, family went to Bad Wurzach, French Zone, until the end of November, 1945, and likely stayed in a building where Germans had imprisoned 618 Channel Islands residents from 1942-1945.*

*A second sister , Emilija, was born in that camp. Two weeks later, four-year-old Marūnas was run over and killed running after a US Army truck in a convoy.*



# GERMANY: MAP OF THE OCCUPATION AREAS

## KARTE DER BESATZUNGS-ZONEN



1.2 million out of of 8 million refugees refused to go home; 269 camps were set up; 60,000 Lithuanians scattered in 113 camps.

**LEGEND • ERKLÄRUNG**

**BOUNDARIES • GRENZEN:**

- GERMANY DEUTSCHLAND 1937
- OCCUPATION AREAS BESATZUNGSZONEN 1945
- PROVINCES • PROVINZEN

**ZONES • ZONEN:**

- AMERICAN ZONE • AMERIKANISCHE ZONE
- BRITISH ZONE • BRITISCHE ZONE
- FRENCH ZONE • FRANZÖSISCHE ZONE
- RUSSIAN ZONE • RUSSISCHE ZONE
- POLISH TERRITORY • POLNISCHES GEBIET

**Dec. 1945:** Hearing food was better in the US Zone, family moves to a camp for Estonians & Lithuanians: **Kempten**, a castle with military barracks. Stayed until **April 1949**.



Firewood preparation duty: *Kazys Daugela*



Basketball match



School: *Kazys Daugela*



E 1

Geburtsurkunde

(Standesamt \_\_\_\_\_ Nr. 630/1947)

am 7. September 1947

in Kempten (Allgäu) geboren.

Vater: Vincas Kapociunas, Buchhalter, wohnhaft in Kempten, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Schlosskaserne; \_\_\_\_\_

Mutter: Marija Kapociunas, geborene Simonyte, wohnhaft in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kempten, Schlosskaserne. \_\_\_\_\_

Merkmale der Eintragung: \_\_\_\_\_

den 9. September 1947

Der Standesbeamte  
 in Vertretung:  
*Rutke*

GEHEIM! 0,30  
 R. 12. 1/662  
 (gelblich)

KEMPTEN (Allgäu)

Verband 7. Geburtsurkunde (E 1)  
 2. Jahrgang, Ausgabe

**Birth certificate: Sept. 7, 1947 -- says Vincas was an accountant.**



**1948: Marija and Andrius**



**Jan. 1948: two years in Kempten, with Vincas and Emilija**

***Feb. 1949:** desperate to leave, Vincas applied to Australia – and was rejected.*

***April, 1949:** cousins in Blissville, Queens, offer an apartment and help to find a job.*



*Vincas and Marija (pregnant with third daughter), taken to Bremerhaven, placed on repurposed troop ship General Black.*

# ***Lithuanian Immigration to the US***

- **1660:** Dr. Aleksandras Kursius is in New Amsterdam
- **1899 – 1914:** est. 253,000 Lithuanians (listed as Russian, Polish or Jewish until 1918), enter US
- **1921:** immigration law limits new immigrants to 3% of total in US in 1890
- **1924:** adjustment to 2%
- **1930:** US Census: 193,600 Lithuanians
- **1948:** Displaced Persons Act: 205,000 refugees over two years; priority to Baltic States refugees, admitted as quota immigrants.
  - *Americans assured there no communists or Nazis among immigrants, and that no Americans would lose their jobs*
- **1948 - 1950: 27,255** Lithuanian DPs arrive in US
- **2000:** US Census: 660,000 Lithuanians, mostly in Illinois and Pennsylvania

Our first apartment in New York City: **Blissville** – where cousins had guaranteed to help my parents find jobs, and find a place to live.



*Calvary Cemetery;  
St. Raphael's Church*



*PS 80*

Then my parents bought a house in “Polack Alley,” in **Maspeth**, Queens, Near Transfiguration and Holy Cross churches.



*Transfiguration Church, 1962*



*PS 72, burnt in 1961*

Early 1950's daycare solution: enroll me, at three, in kindergarten at P.S. 1 (now a MOMA branch), and then P.S. 80 -- where Emilija and I were "the little Nazis."

In second grade at P.S. 72 in Maspeth: "My first name is really "Andrew."

I became a naturalized US April 26, 1955, six years after I arrived.

**1958 citizenship test:**  
President? NY Governor? I got one of two right.

Form N-560 (REV. 5-25-55)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. A-338313

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Application No. A2 147 991

ORIGINAL

Personal description of holder as of date of issuance of this certificate: Sex male date of birth September 7, 1947  
country of birth Germany complexion fair color of eyes blue color of hair blond  
height 5 feet 0 inches weight 115 pounds visible distinctive marks none  
Martial status single

I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

Andrew Kapociunas  
(Complete and true signature of holder)

He is known that ---ANDREW KAPOCIUNAS---  
new residing at 59-56 56th Road, Maspeth, New York  
having applied to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization for a certificate of citizenship pursuant to Section 304 of the Immigration and Nationality Act having proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that to the best of his knowledge and belief he is a person who is qualified to become a citizen thereof on April 26, 1955 and received the United States:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the authority contained in Section 304 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, this certificate of citizenship is issued this 21 day of March fifty-eight in the year of our Seventy-eighth hundred and one hundred and eighty second, and the seal of the Department of Justice affixed pursuant to statute.

Seal

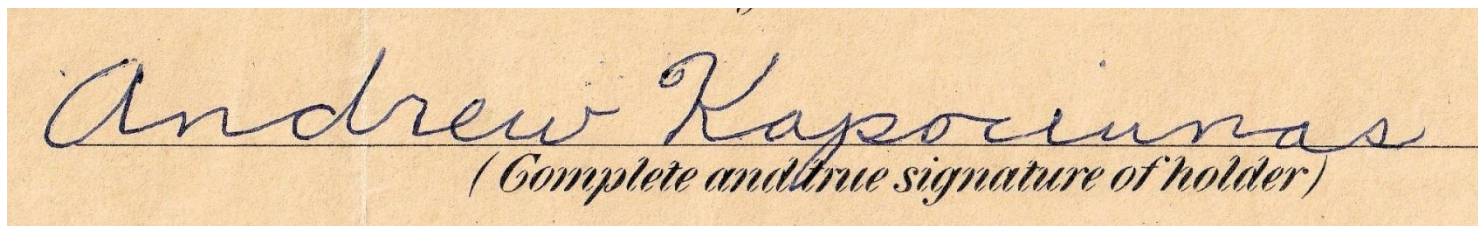
It is a violation of the U. S. Code (and punishable as such) to COPY, PRINT, PHOTOGRAPH, OR OTHERWISE ILLEGALLY USE THIS CERTIFICATE.

J. M. Swirey  
COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*A book on handwriting analysis became a re-invention opportunity:*

*From:*



*Andrew Kapocinas*  
*(Complete and true signature of holder)*

*Age 10,*



*Andrew Kapocinas*

*I practiced my new signature showing aggressiveness and confidence.*

*I applied to, and was accepted by a Manhattan high school so I could leave Maspeth and start fresh. CCNY followed.*

**1969: a year in Europe after college; in Berlin for 3 months in a housing project for Yugoslav workers.**



*Marunas' grave, Bad Wurzach.*

*I thought to visit Lithuania. My father cabled me that he would be found and killed by the KGB.*



*Hired, later married my wife in 1975:*

***“When I married you, you weren’t Lithuanian.”***

*Daughter Rachel, son Simon. Rachel, 10 in 1990, came home from school and wanted to start a stamp collection. I had stopped collecting at 12.*



- *Joined the **Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York**; became Co-Editor of its bulletin*
- *Baltic area examiner for the **American Philatelic Society** for 20 years*

**1990:** first antique Lithuanian map purchase, in an upstate New York Bookstore – for \$70:



Began collecting maps – and map images -- off the Internet.

**1991:** Lithuania again became a free country.

1703 Sanson: “Germano-Sarmatia...Venedi, et Aestiaei...”

*First cousins – and map lovers! -- in Lithuania:  
I've been visiting every two years since 1996.*





*First cousin Vidmantas Kapačiūnas.  
His memorial sculptures at the Killing  
Field Memorial near Žiežmariai,  
where, June 1941, 2,000 local Jews  
were shot by Germans and their  
Lithuanian helpers.*

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Rimas Kapočiūnas  
Cousin

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Jan 11 2016  
36th birthday of Rachel Rose Hartman (born Kapochunas)  
Daughter  
Send Rachel Rose a greeting

Jan 11 2016  
36th birthday of Rachel Rose

*I built a family tree – now **773 members**, most Lithuanian, but including my wife's side **Great, Great, Great, Grandmother Marijona Kapočiūnienė, born 1735** (earliest confirmed birthday)*

**Jurqis Kapočiūnas** ? - ?

**Marijona Kapočiūnienė** 1735 - ?

**Juozapas Kapočiūnas** 1760 - ?

Born: 1760

Wife: Marijona Kapočiūnienė

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200 metų ąžuolas, 200-  
year-old oak in  
Mažieikiai, Lithuania,  
by Aras Mileška

# LithuanianMaps.com

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Hello/Labas! I'm Andrew Kapochunas (*Andrius Kapočiūnas, born in the Lithuanian-Estonian Displaced Persons camp in Kempton - Allgäu, Germany*) and this site reflects my interest in maps of the historic Lithuanian area: "The Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania," 1569 - 1791, followed by the Grand Duchy of Lithuania within the "Polish Republic," 1791-1795. At one point it covered 400,000 square miles and was the largest country in Europe. According to Steven Seegel, in his 2012 "Mapping Europe's Borderlands," it "...comprised parts of 14 Central and East European countries -- Austria, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Russia's Kaliningrad Oblast, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Slovak Republic, and Ukraine..." My focus here is the area represented today by the three Baltic republics, eastern Poland, the Kaliningrad Oblast, and Belarus -- if you or your ancestors are from these areas, you will find maps here of interest.



1697 Philipp Cluver: "Veteris et Novae Regni Poloniae Magniq Ducatus Lithuaniae...", Leyden, from "Introductionis in Universam Geographicum," issued 1650 - mid-1700's. From Barry Lawrence

Two years before retirement, in 2008, I launched my map website, which now has over 3,000 maps.



1802 Jean Henri Cless:  
"Guillaume de l'Isle"

**Delisle (De l'Isle) Family: Claude (1644-1720); Guillaume (1675 - 1726); Marie Angelique (d. 1745); Joseph Nicolas (1688-1768); Paris**

Claude, the father, was a pupil of Nicolas Sanson, and a geographer, historian and mapmaker for Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville's 1684 historical atlas. His son Guillaume published his first maps in 1700: "Carte du monde" and et la "Carte des Continents, and ultimately created over 100 maps, having earned mapmaking from his father and from astronomer/mapmaker Jean Dominique Cassini. He became a **Member, French Academie Royale des Sciences** in 1702, at 27, and **Premier geographe du roi** in 1718. His atlases included: "Atlas de Geographie" 1700-12 and many later; "Atlas Nouveau" 1730 and later editions (posthumously); "Atlante Novissimo" 1740-50 in Italian. He was succeeded by his widow who continued to sell her husband's maps. After her son-in-law: Philippe Buache. Delisle's insistence entangled him in a legal dispute in 1700 with Jean-Nolin had used details that were considered original. Nolin in court to prove his plagiarism. In the end, I only knew the old methods of cartography and therefore that he had stolen the information from his manuscript. Nolin's maps were confiscated and he was forced to pay the court costs. The accuracy of the work produced by the Delisle family contrasted with the workshop of Sanson. While Sanson knowingly published outdated facts and mistakes, Delisle strived to present up-to-date knowledge. Delisle is famous for his corrections based on astronomy, the completeness of its topography and the care he gave to the spelling of place names. Joseph Nicolas, younger brother of Guillaume, also studied with Cassini, and later founded the Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg. He worked with Kirilov on the first atlas of Russia: "Atlas Russicus." Dutch cartographer Jan Barend Elwe reissued maps by Delisle in the late 18th century.

*It includes much new research on how to date maps of historic Lithuania*



**c1702-07:** "La Pologne. Dressee sur ce qu'en ont donne Starovolsk, Beauplan, Hartnoch....," in the first state of the plate.



**1st state** c1702-07, address: *Rue des Canettespres de St. Sulphice*; map dated 1702



**2nd state** 1707-08, address: *Quai de l'Horloge a la Couronne de Diamans*



**3rd state** after 1708, address: *Quai de l'Horloge a Aigle d'or*



**4th state**, 1745 & later, address: *Quai de l'Horloge a Aigle d'or*; map dated 1703



**5th state**, 1730 & later in an Amsterdam Covens & Mortier plate



**6th state**, dated 1763, but colored to show First, 1772, Partitions; address: *Rue des Noyers*

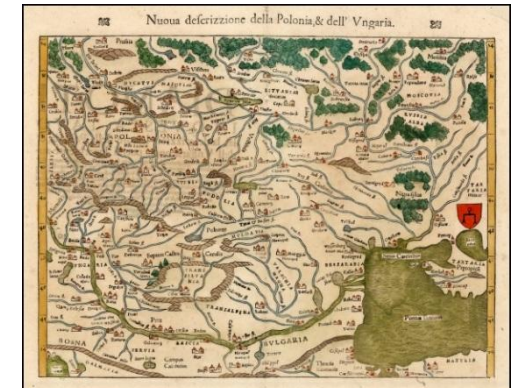
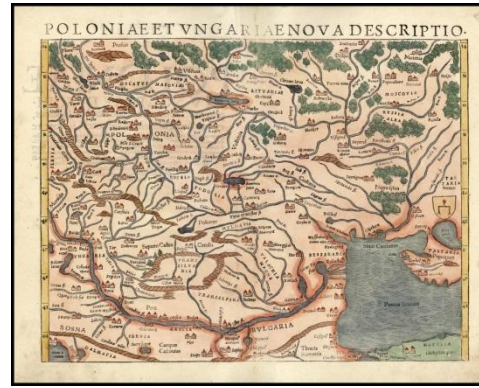
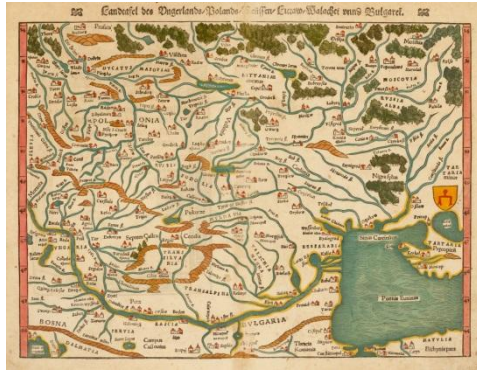


**7th state**, dated 1780, Paris, with First Partition coloring; "Royale" has been removed; address: *Rue des Noyers*



**8th state**, dated 1796, otherwise the same as the 7th

# Over 3,000 maps? Münster's "Polonia et Ungaria" 1545-60





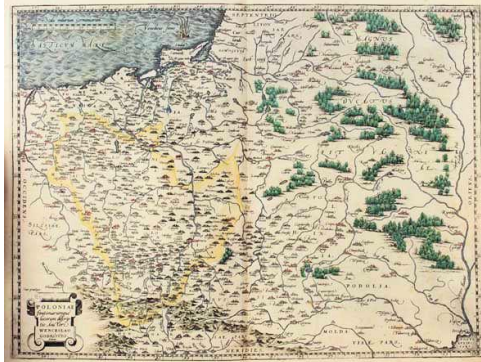
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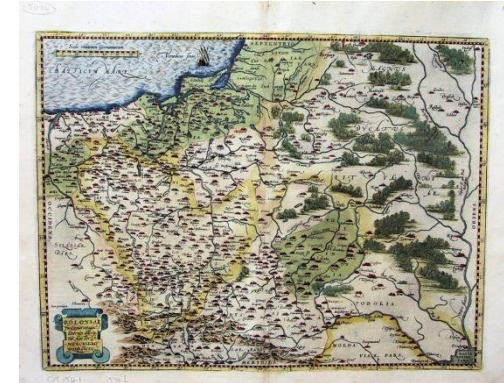
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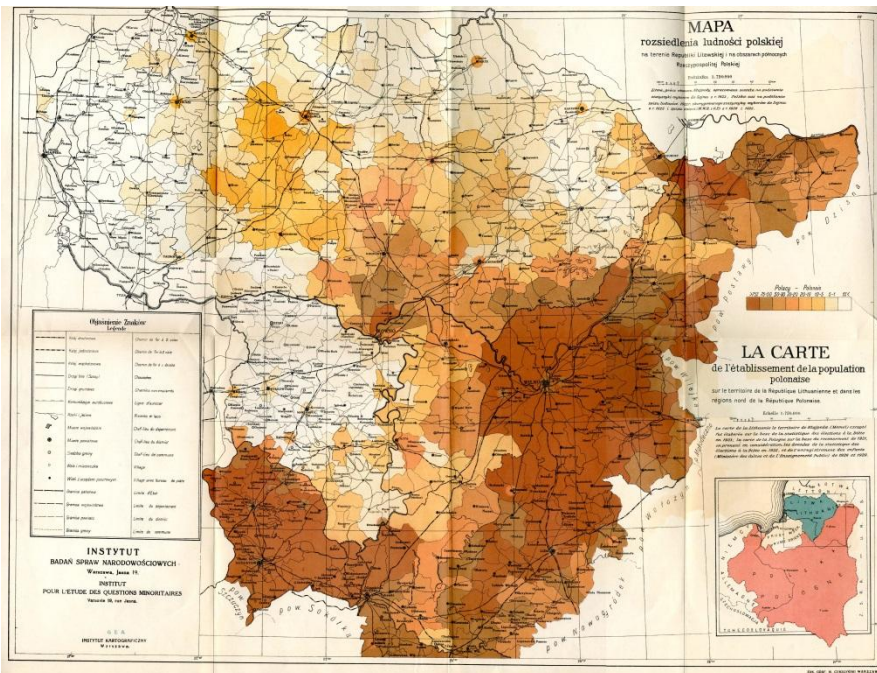
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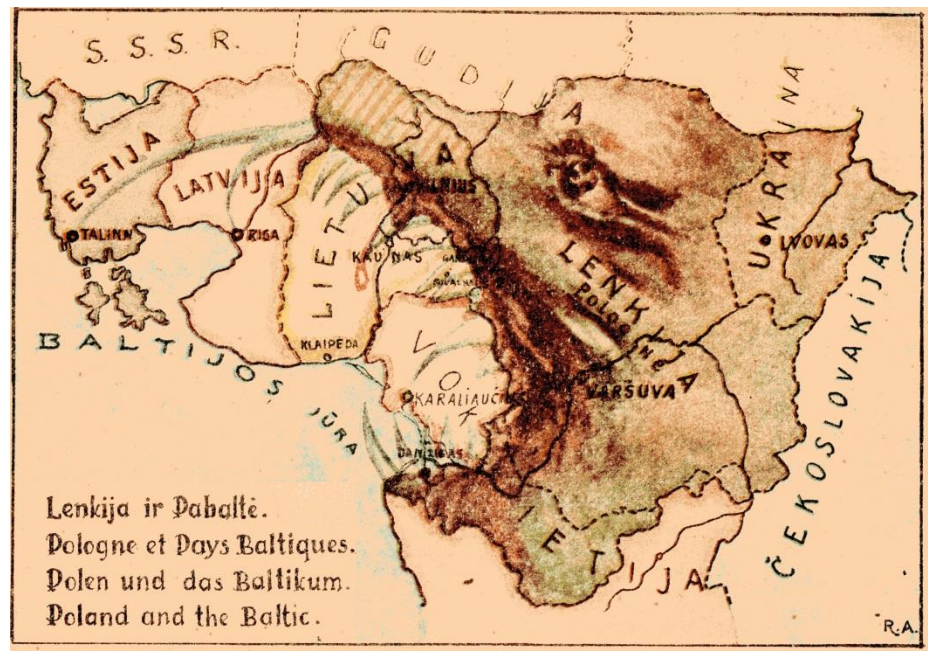
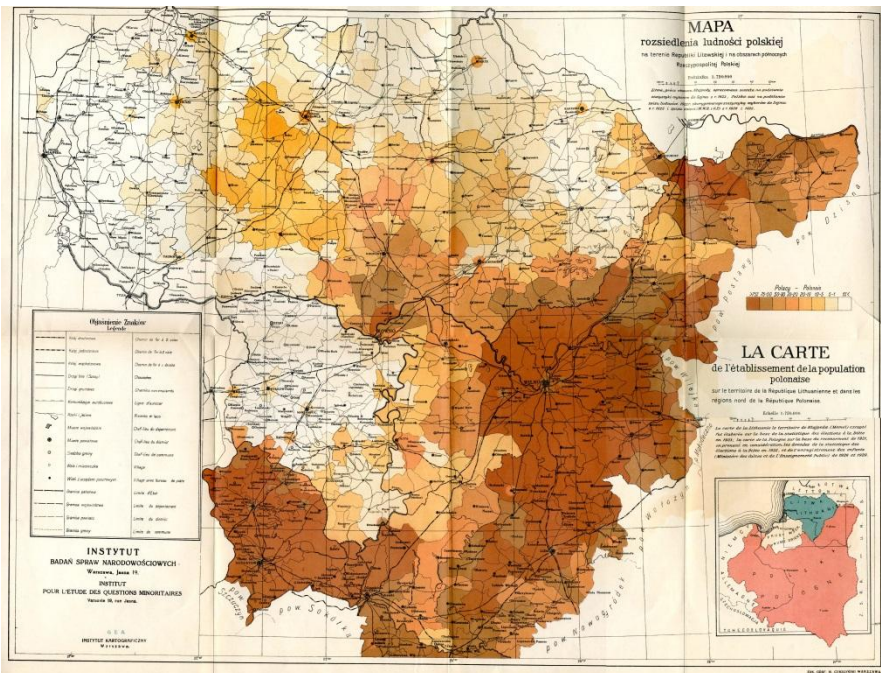
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**"Poloniae finitimarumque locorum descriptio."**

*Engraver: Vaclovas Grodeckis  
Publisher: Abraham Ortelius,  
from his "Theatrum orbis terrarum," the first "real" atlas.*



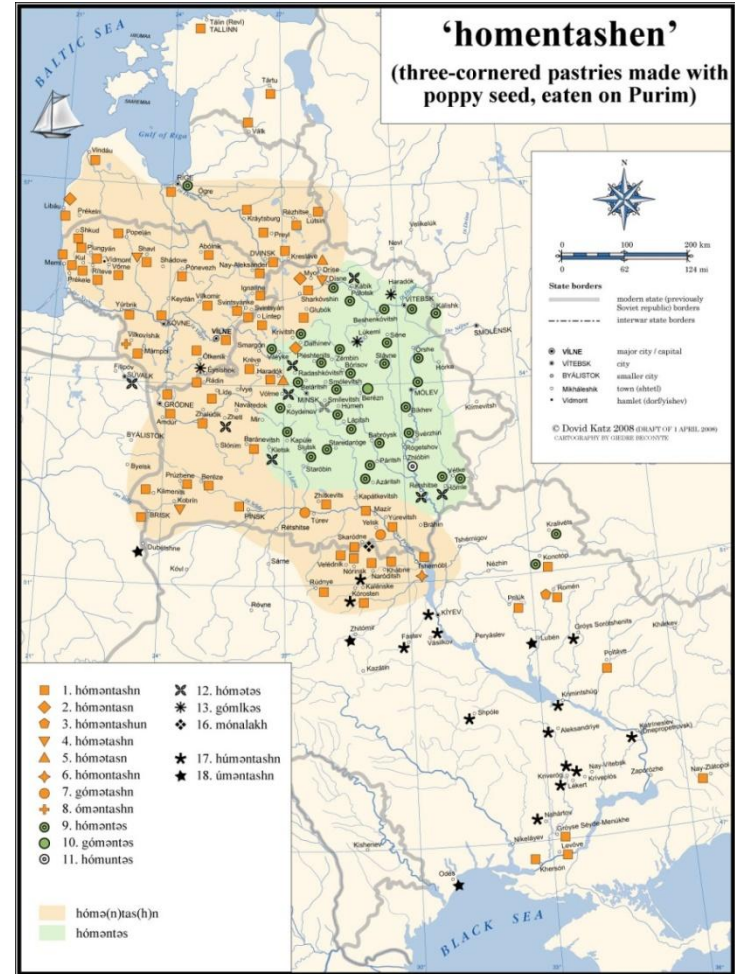
**This 1929 Polish-produced map shows percentage of Poles in Lithuania – Poles who, the Polish government claimed, were oppressed by a Lithuanian government that refused to recognize Poland’s occupation of its historic capital.**



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**In apparent response, this Lithuanian-produced postcard map showed a wolf’s head mirroring areas of Polish influence, a wolf determined to swallow Lithuania and the other Baltic states.**

# The geographical range of “Litvish” mirrors Grand Duchy boundaries



Dovid Katz: linguist - Giedrė Beconytė: cartographer/Exec. Sec., Lith. Carto. Soc.  
<http://www.dovidkatz.net/WebAtlas/>

Ein Erschreckenliche doch Warhafftige grausame  
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Lithuanen vürgegangen im 15. 73. Jar.



**1571** "Cannibalism in the country of Russians and Lithuanians," published in Germany during the Livonian wars: Commonwealth/Sweden/Denmark/Norway vs Russian Empire.

*Over time, collecting images and maps, I began writing about maps:*

Historical research article / Lietuvos istorijos tematika

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## The Maps and Mapmakers that Helped Define 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Lithuanian Boundaries - **Part 1**: Administrative Boundaries of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania Just Before the Partition of 1772

Andrew Kapochunas, Jersey City, New Jersey

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The leader of Russia, upon the pretext of protecting minorities' rights in a supposedly anarchic neighboring country, occupies and annexes land belonging to that sovereign nation. A primary driver of Russia's action: fear that Western-European thinking in the now-partitioned nation might spread, and cause problems at home. I'm not talking about today's headlines, but late 18<sup>th</sup> century reality.

How Lithuania went from being part of one of the largest countries in Europe in 1772 to one of the smallest after World War I is the subject of a series of articles in which I hope to explain the role that maps and their makers played in determining, for instance, that Palanga wound up in independent Lithuania, while

repeated and copied so many times as to pass for fact.

So this first article in the series hopes to establish a valid visual starting point for the dismemberment of the Grand Duchy within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Future installments will cover how the Russian Empire mapped their Grand Duchy territorial acquisitions, the role that 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century ethnographic and historical maps and their makers played in establishing boundaries after WWI, and the struggles of 20<sup>th</sup> century mapmakers to accurately depict newly independent Lithuania's boundaries.

First, who was at the table carving up the Commonwealth pie, and what did that pie consist of?

*Helping others find their ancestral towns, thanks to my map site.*

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**LithuanianMaps.com** kapochunas Sep 9, 2013  
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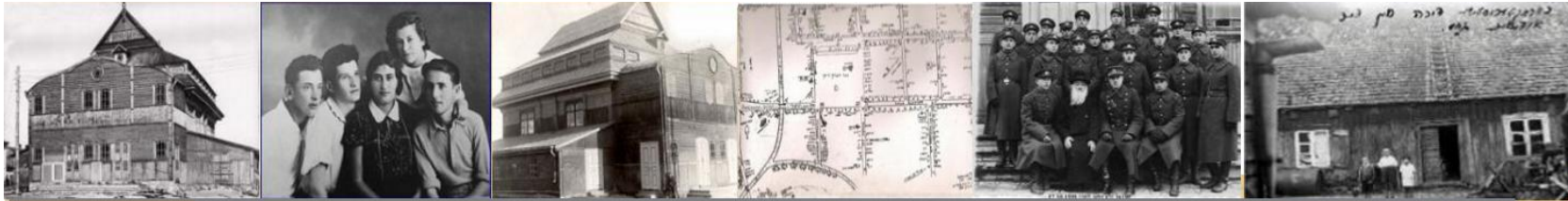
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Andrew Kapochunas' collection of Lithuanian Maps

Andrew has assembled a wonderful collection of map images of Lithuania dating from 1482 to 2006. His collection includes views of Vilnius, Grodno, Lida and Troki.

Andrew will email specific images on request to LitvakSIG members - there is contact information at his site. If your goal is to examine a high-resolution image for possible mention of a specific town, such images typically exist either for maps which have 'DETAIL' images on the site following an image of the entire map, or for the pre-WWII topographical maps. In addition, identified sources for many of the images have "zoomable" versions of the maps which cannot be downloaded, but which will allow you to view even small towns.





- Pincus HaKihila
- Prussian administration 1793 -1905
- French Control
- Russian Rule 1815-1914
- World War 1
- Independent Lithuania
- Soviet Occupation 1940 -1941
- German Occupation 1941-1944
- The second Russian occupation 1944 -1989
- Independent Lithuania 1989
- Jewish donors to Persian Famine Relief



200 metų ažuolas. 200-year-old oak in Mažeikiai, Lithuania, by Aras Mileska

# VILKAVISKIS

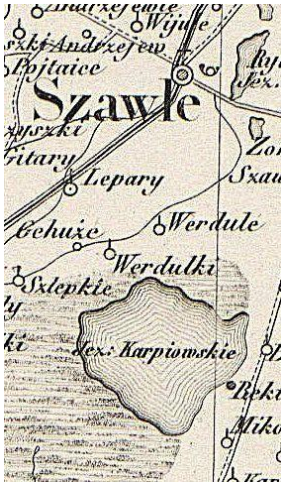
*A small town in Southern Lithuania*  
*Where the Jewish Community is no more*  
**The Historical Maps of Vilkaiviskis**



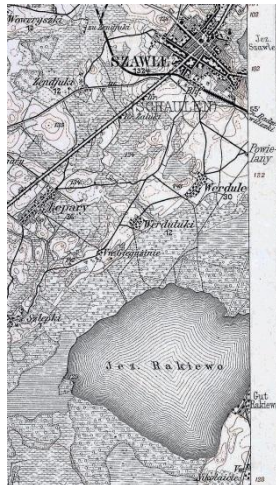
1704 Vilkaiviskis "quadrant detail"



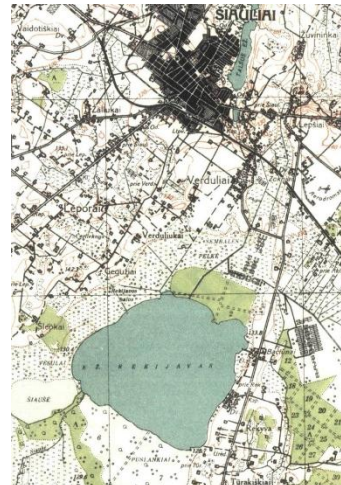
Through the kindest and generosity of Mr. Andrew Kapochunas (Kapočiūnas) below are a series of historical maps showing Vilkaiviskis. You can see Andrews site at <http://lithuanianmaps.com/>



1859 Polish



1897-1921  
German



1930s Lithuanian



1920-1938 Polish



1944 German



2016 Google

*My repository of topographical maps helped a Lithuanian environmental group track changes over time in the shores of a lake south of Šiauliai*

Dec 2, 2015

Thank you very much for sharing the story of your father's life.  
Now, we are looking for the ways to incorporate it into the chronicle of the Department which is being created.  
Once again, we deeply appreciate your assistance.



Pagarbiai,  
*Yours sincerely,*

Edita Steponkutė  
Organizacinio skyriaus vyriausioji specialistė  
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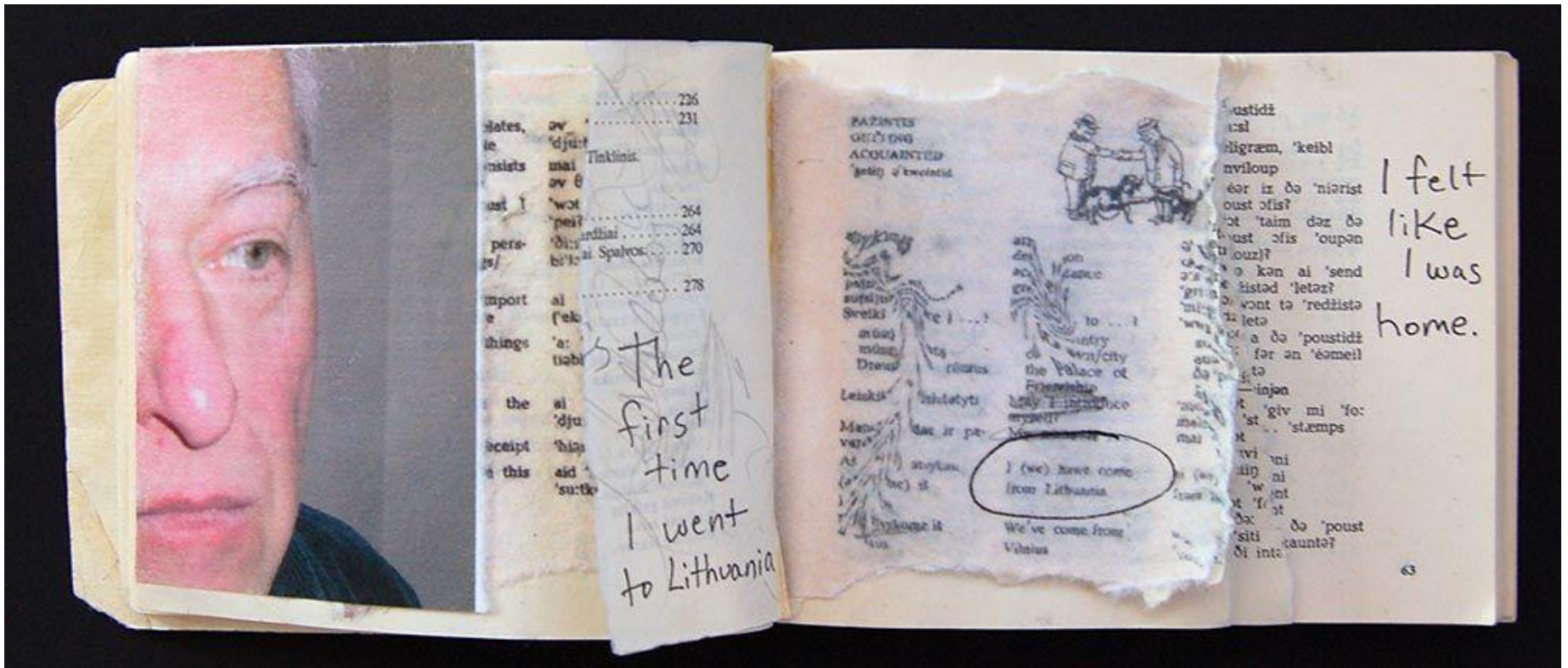


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*My wife did a series of artist books on immigrants. I was proud to be included. She used an English language book used by a cousin in Lithuania, and something I said after my first visit to Lithuania.*

# Ačiū!



**02.15.17 - 03.31.17**

**300+ years of Lithuania on Maps, 1552 - 1862**

Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania invites you to the opening of the exhibition “300+ years of Lithuania on Maps, 1552 - 1862” and the meeting with the author Andrew Kapochunas. He will be giving a lecture at the opening on "How Maps and Map Collecting Helped a Lithuanian Immigrant Find His Place in the World."

Andrew Kapochunas (Andrius Kapočiūnas) was born in Kempten, Germany, in a Lithuanian-Estonian Displaced Persons Camp. He is a member of the New York Map Society and Lithuanian Cartographic Society.

Exhibition visiting by appointment only:  
Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*Exhibition opens February 15th, 6:30 p.m.  
Lithuanian Consulate General (420 5th ave, 3rd floor,  
New York, USA)*

*Registration [ny.renginiai@urm.lt](mailto:ny.renginiai@urm.lt)*



Presentation and Exhibition opening night: February 15, 2017, Andrew Kapochunas, his wife, Aileen Bassis, and Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in New York, Julius Pranevičius