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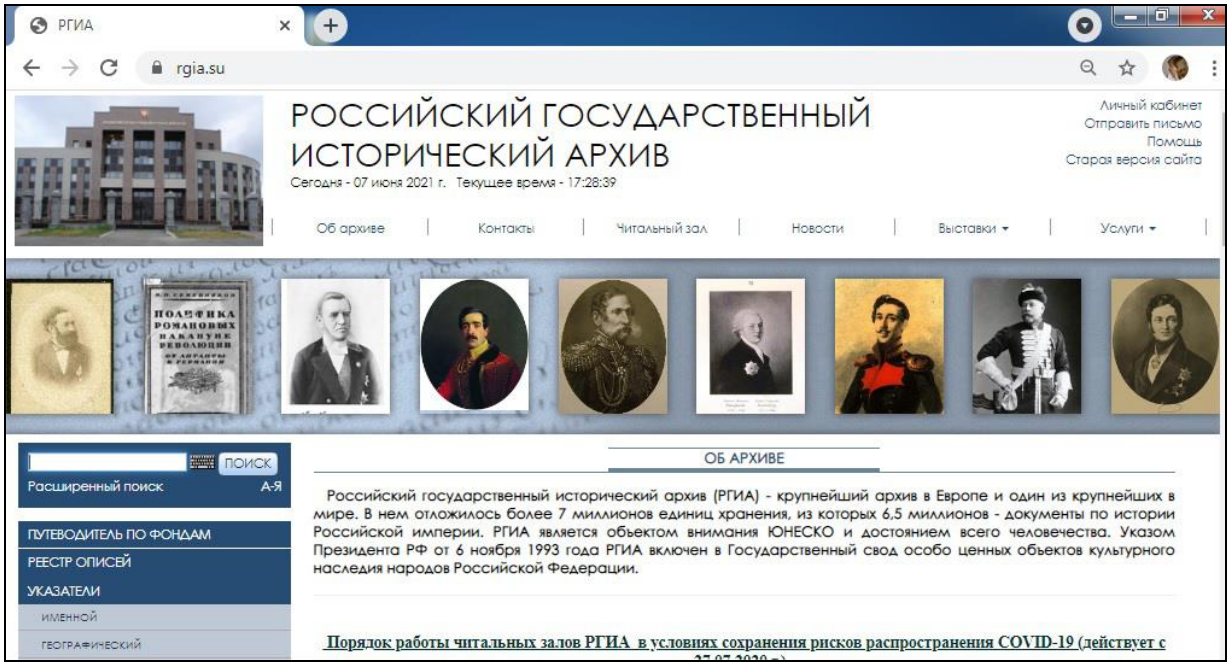
Фонд 1343 - Департамент Герольдии (дворянские дела)

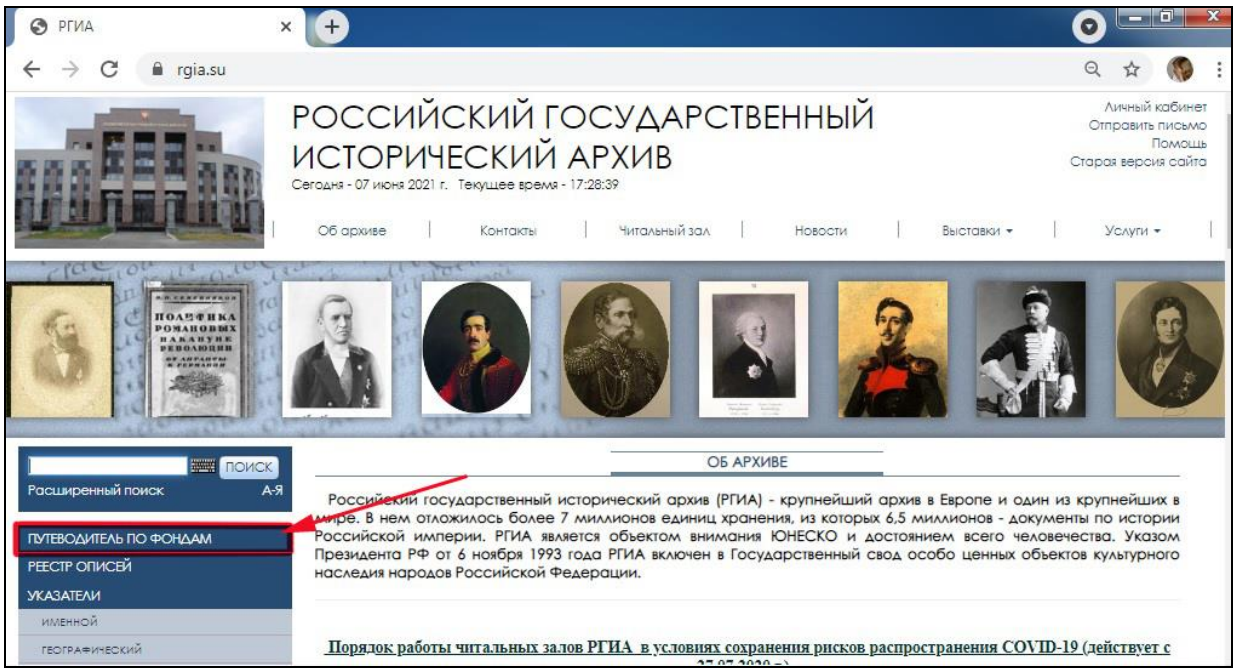
Collection No. 1343 – Department of Heraldry (Nobility)

In support of the lecture during the 3rd Central European Genealogy Meeting 2021 - Warsaw Genealogical Society

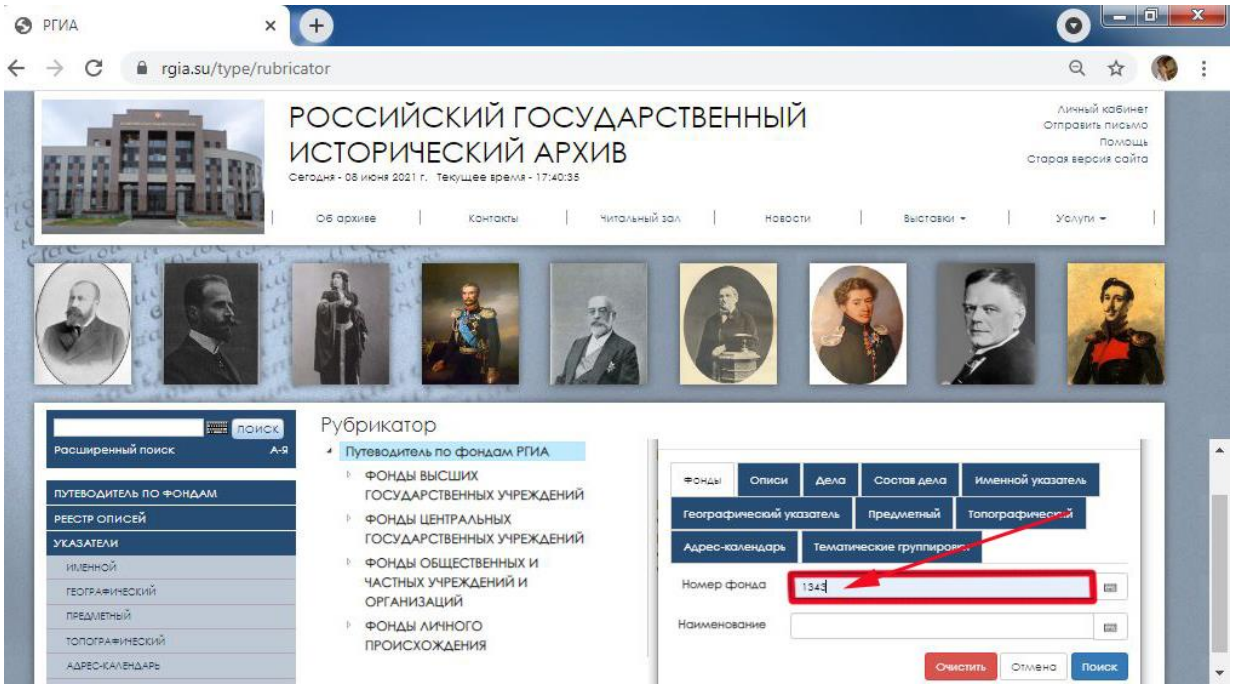
- Select the RGIA internet site www.rgia.su



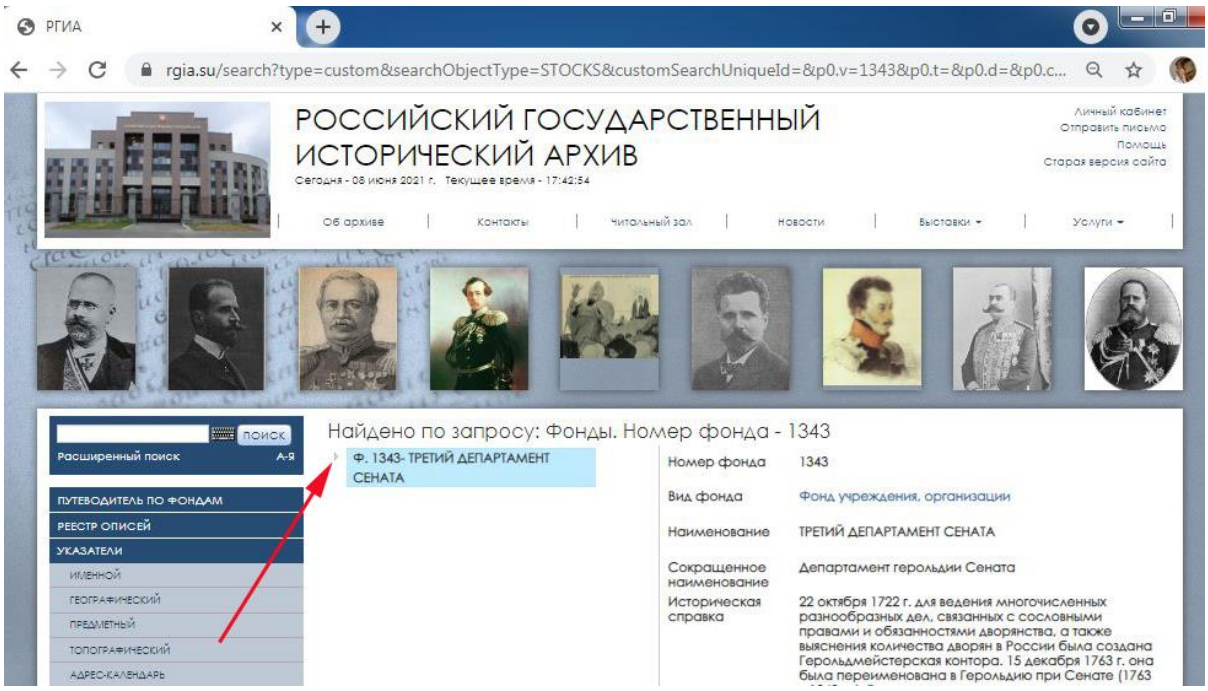
- In the Menu on the left side of the screen select/click on **ПУТЕВОДИТЕЛЬ ПО ФОНДАМ (**Guide to the Archival Collection)



- In the Menu on the right side of the screen – in the window titled "**НОМЕР ФОНДА** – No. of the collection" enter the number of the Department of Heraldry i.e. 1343, and then hit enter.



- The following screen will show „**ФОНД 1343 – ТРЕТИЙ ДЕПАРТАМЕНТ СЕНАТА** (“Collection No. 1343 - The Third Senate Department”)
- Place the cursor on the following option „**ФОНД 1343 - ТРЕТИЙ ДЕПАРТАМЕНТ СЕНАТА”**– (Collection No. 1343 The Third Senate Department) and click it to select it.
- You should have now successfully accessed Collection No. 1343!



- In the centre of the next screen, there appears a table of the list of the Catalogue contained under „**ФОНДА 1343**(Collection No. 1343)" (left column) alongside the letter of the Russian Cyrillic alphabet (right column)

Номер описи/Numer inwentarza/catalogue number	Буква или диапазон/Literka lub zakres literek/Letter or range of letters
16	Фамилии на букву/Nazwiska na literkę А
17	Б
18	В
19	Г
20	Д
21	Е-Ж
22	З-И
23	К
24	Л
25	М
26	Н-О
27	П

28	Р
29	С
30	Т-У
31	Ф-Х
32	Ц-Ч
33	Ш
34	Щ-Я
35	Дополнительная на А-К/dodatkowe na A-K/additional for A-K
36	К-Ш
37	Ш-Я и на А-Ю/dodatkowe na Ш-Я i A-Ю/additional for Ш-Я i A-Ю

A word of warning!

Polish surnames that begin with:

Ch –in the Russian Cyrillic alphabet this is the letter Х

Cie, Ci – is either Ч or Т

C – Ц

Rz – is either Ж or Р

Sz – Ш

Szcz – Щ

Je – Е

Ja – Я

Ju - Ю

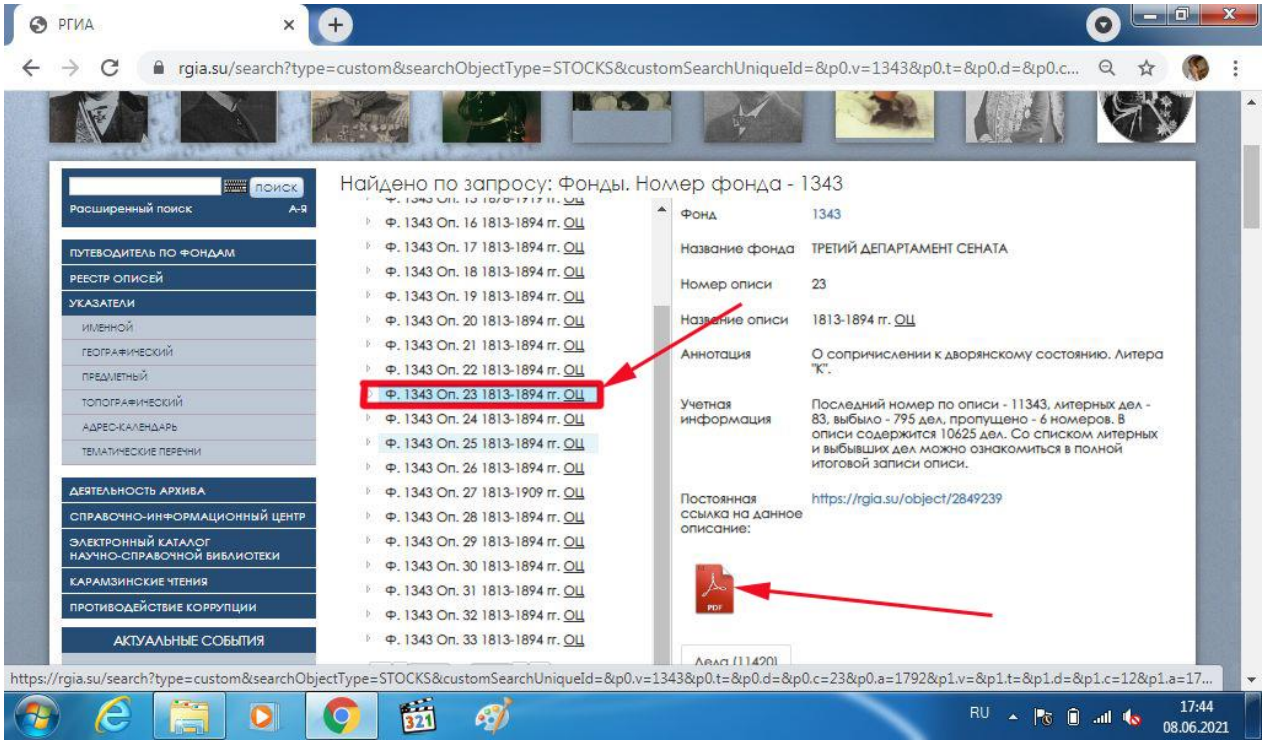
E – Э

Etc.

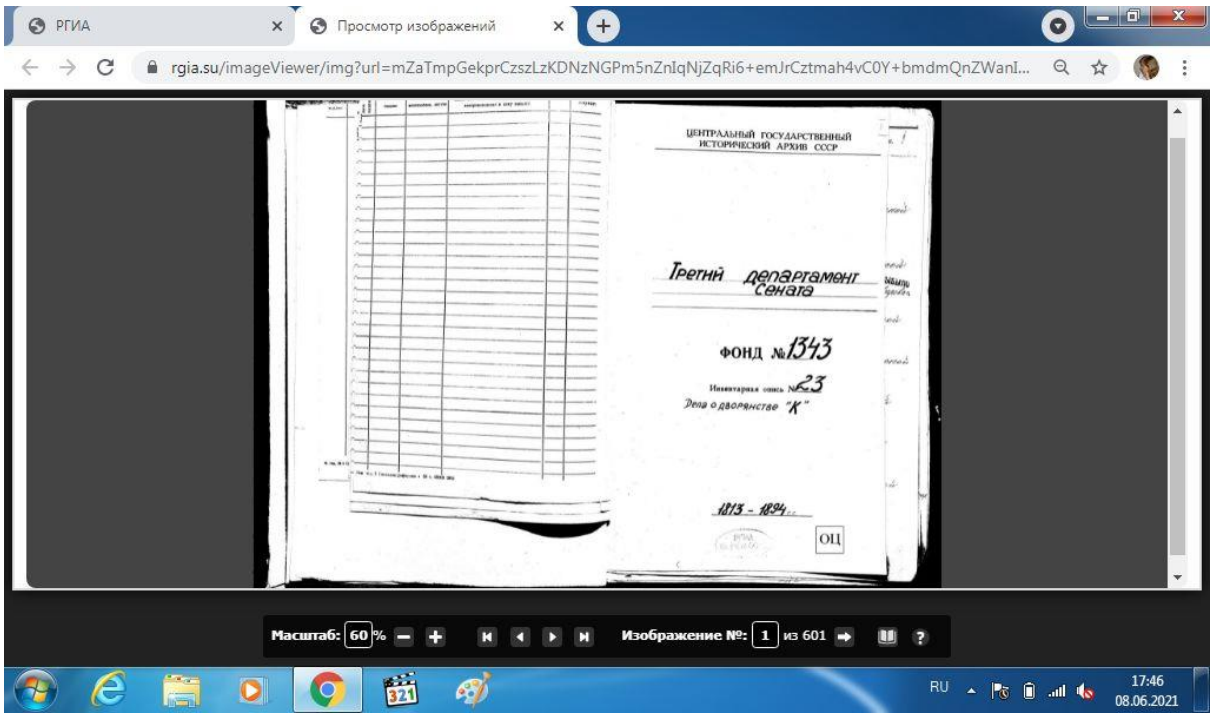
- For example, select Catalogue No. 23 by clicking on it
- On the right of the screen information appears about the content of the Catalogue and the years to which it pertains.

  Опись 23: О сопричислении к дворянскому состоянию. Литера "К"/Catalogue 23 - Membership of the Nobility under the Letter K"
  Диапазон дат 1813-1894 гг./Date Range: 1813-1894

  This indicates that the selected Catalogue No. 23 contains information regarding Membership of the Nobility for those surnames beginning with the letter “K” between the years 1813 and 1894.
- A red icon appears at the bottom of this screen. Clicking on this icon takes you to the digitised version of this Catalogue which is in PDF format.



- After selecting this option by clicking on it, you will see the digitalised copy of the chosen Catalogue.

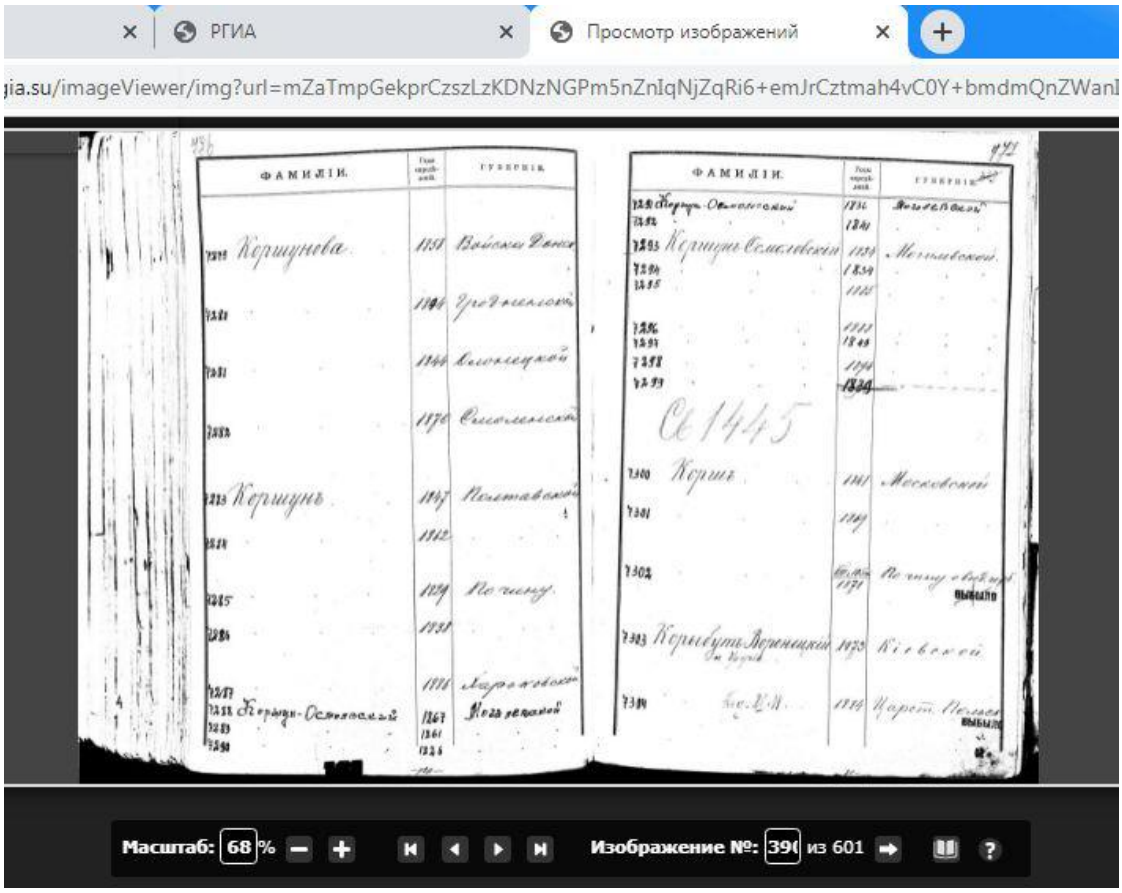


- The Menu at the bottom of this screen allows one to zoom in and choose an appropriate viewing size. It also allows the user to move to another page number „**ИЗОБРАЖЕНИЕ №**/Page number".

  Opening two or three pages will usually provide the family genealogist with the surname they are researching.

  By viewing the Catalogue, the researcher will be able to find the surname of their ancestor and the exact Act of Law by which they became nobility.

- A standard page of the Catalogue looks like the Screen pictured below:



- In the left column you will find the case number and the surname of the applicant for noble status. The middle column shows the year that the application for noble status commenced. The last column, the column on the right, shows the governing body or the reason for application/ approval (e.g. heraldry, princedom, knighthood, or military rank.)

- Having discovered the information sought, the family genealogist should record the title of the case and the information contained in the Collection, Catalogue and Case.

  РГИА Фонд 1343, Опись 17, дело 263 RGIA, Collection 1343, Catalogue 17, Case 263