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**German Russian Genealogy**

**Thirty Tragic years in Odessa District**

**and the end of the German cultural presence in South Russia (Ukraine)**

This presentation will necessarily be only a summary of the consequences of the following events:

* 1914 -- First World War
* 1917 – Russian Revolution
* 1918-1921 – Civil War
* 1922/23 – Famine in South Russia
* 1928-1932 – Collectivization of agriculture. Arrests and exile of the kulaks
* 1932/33 – Famine in South Russia
* 1937/38 – Terror years of mass arrests and executions
* 1941 – Germany invades Russia.
* 1941-1944 – mass evacuation of the Germans from South Russia.

The tragic repatriation after the war (1945+) of the great majority of Russia’s pre-war German population to the Soviet Union sealed the fate of these people until the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1989. Over three million of these Germans, former citizens of the Soviet Union, have returned to Germany in the years following 1989.

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