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Nov 26th 2019 Meeting

The Story of Maurice Bury, a Ukrainian Canadian in the Red Army during the Second World War

Scott Bury made a very interesting presentation entitled, *The Story of Maurice Bury, a Ukrainian Canadian in the Soviet Army during the Second World War*. Scott Bury, a local author, researched, wrote and published three books on his father-in-law, Maurice Bury, who was born and grew up in Montreal. Each book deals with a stage in his experience during the Second World War. His family moved from Montreal to eastern Poland where they still had a farm in the early 1930s.



Scot Bury – our November Speaker

The first book describes how Maurice was drafted into the Soviet Army in 1941. He was taken prisoner near Kharkiv, Ukraine but managed to escape and make his way back on western Ukraine.

The second book describes his activities in 1942-1944 when he took part in the Ukrainian resistance movement against the occupying Germans.

The third book includes the story when he was again drafted into the Soviet Army in 1944 and served until the Soviet Army reached Berlin. They then deserted the Soviet Army and walked to southern Germany where he became a refugee. From there, he returned to Montreal in 1947. His birth certificate stating that he was born in Montreal was carried with him throughout the war and enabled him to return to Canada.

These three books are based on interviews with his father-in-law and additional research on the events in eastern Europe during the Second World War. The research and writing took several years because of the general reluctance by Maurice Bury to talk about his experiences during the war and this was not unusual when interviewing war veterans.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session. Some questions dealt with his research and also about the publication of the books. Scott is a member of an informal group of local authors who review, edit, assist each other in preparing books for publication. Scott brought several copies of the three books to the meeting. This story provides detailed information on how Maurice Bury survived the Second World War and this experience was shared by many other Ukrainian veterans whose stories are sometimes ‘stranger than fiction’. Information on Scott Bury and these and other publications can be found at:
<http://scottburyauthor.com/>

Nashi Predky 2020 Spring Conference

The Nashi Predky 2020 Ukrainian Family History Conference will be taking place:

April 3rd-4th, 2020
Ukrainian Cultural Center
135 Davidson Avenue. Somerset, NJ

This conference features experts in Eastern European genealogy, including lectures, a film presentation, opportunities for one-on-one consultation with genealogy experts, and mutual sharing of knowledge in structured conversations

Registration is open. For more information about the conference and how to register go to:
<https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2020>

Arolsen Archives – Registration Cards

Arolsen Archives Facebook post (Jan 27,2020)

Registration cards for 1.7 million people online! Today, we put another important collection of documents online. Created by the Allies, these cards contain a wealth of information about these people's backgrounds and paths of persecution as well as about their situation after 1945: Where did these people want to emigrate to? Where were their temporary places of stay in the meantime?

Visit our Online Archive:

<https://collections.arolsen-archives.org/en/archive/3-1-1-1/?p=1>

Other Genealogy Sites of Interest

Suggested by Doris Bilous

GGD Galizien German Descendants

This group shares information among the Galizien German descendants searching for their family history.

<http://www.galiziengermandescendants.org/>

Austro-Hungarian Empire Genealogy

Austrian Poland, (Galicia), Austro-Hungarian Empire Genealogy
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Austrian_Poland_\(Galicia\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Austrian_Poland_(Galicia))

Gene-O-Rama 2020 (Apr 3-4)

Ottawa Branch - Ontario Genealogical Society
Presents the 35th GENE-O-RAMA

April 3-4, 2020
Confederation Education Centre
1645 Woodroffe Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
(Corner of Hunt Club & Woodroffe)

This conference includes a "Beginner's Workshop" and a Marketplace in addition to a programme of genealogy-related presentations given by a variety of expert speakers.

For more information and to register, go to:
<https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/geneorama/>

Community Events

Feb 5, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

UCWLC Embroidery Group monthly meeting.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Cres

Feb 22, Sat.

Family Perogy Night

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres.

Save this date in your calendar. More to Come. <https://www.stjbshrine.ca/>

Apr. 4 Sat. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Ukrainian Easter Bazaar.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres. For information contact
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