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October UGG-NCR Webinar

*An Introduction to the 1931 Canadian Census
by Myron Momryk*

For researchers in Ukrainian family history, Canadian census records are an important source of information on individuals, family groups and also on the Ukrainian community as a whole.



Myron Momryk our October Speaker

The 1931 census is important because the first Canadian-born generation was reaching their adult years, there was a significant migration to the larger urban areas and they were beginning to integrate into the larger Canadian society. Also, the Depression in Canada began in October, 1929 and by 1931, had a significant impact on the Ukrainian community especially in the Prairie Provinces.

Myron Momryk began this presentation with a brief outline of the 1931 Canadian Census and then provided a few examples of the problems with some of information in this Census. Myron briefly mentioned the political changes in eastern Europe in 1914-1939 and how these changes influenced the identities of Ukrainian immigrants in Canada. He gave examples from the official publication, Instructions to Commissioners and Enumerators especially the items/categories in the Column Headings on the Census form in respect to names, country of origin, language and religion. He explained how members could access the 1931 Census from home if they have a library card from the Ottawa Public Library.

The 1931 Census can also be accessed on the MyHeritage Library Edition site by visiting a local branch of the Ottawa Public Library. He provided some examples drawn from the Census regarding Ukrainian individuals and families and how their information was recorded in the census. He noted problems due to the quality of handwriting, use of the Polish alphabet in recording names, self-identity concerning country of origin and religion.

He suggested that researchers can access the publication, Seventh Census of Canada 1931, Volume XIII if they wish to read the reports published by the Canadian federal government based on the Census results. Information on electronic access to these published reports is included in the brief bibliography for further research on Ukrainians in Canada provided at the end of the presentation. A question-and-answer session concluded the presentation.

Edward Terrance (Ted) Lomatski

Ted Lomatski passed away on 21 May, 2023 in Stratford, Prince Edward Island. Ted was born on 27 February, 1945 and lived and worked in Winnipeg. He is survived by his wife, Gail (nee MacLauchlin), his children and extended family. He was predeceased by his parents Fred and Dorothy (Kulbaba) Lomatski.



UGG Founder – Ted Lomatski

Ted was the initiator and founding member of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group in Ottawa in the late 1990s. He organized the first meetings, made presentations and invited speakers when the meetings were held in the hall at the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine. Ted was proud of the two books that he wrote on his family history.

During his research, he also visited Ukraine to meet with his relatives. On another trip, he also visited with relatives in Argentina. He continued his interest after he moved to PEI when he founded another Ukrainian Genealogy Group. He is remembered for his enthusiasm for genealogy and for encouraging UGG members in their research and writing of their family history.

Community Events

Saturday, Dec 2, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar (St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Shrine)

Ukrainian food, bake table, Christmas cards, gifts. Ukrainian Vintage Sale – anything and everything Ukrainian: ceramics, pottery, embroidery, weaving, wooden items, art, clothing, pysanky, books, music. Give your loved ones a gift of something Ukrainian for Christmas!

Organized by the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Ottawa Branch. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres.

Sunday, Jan 21, 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm

The National Ballet of Ukraine (NAC)

This once-in-a-lifetime performance by the world-renowned National Ballet of Ukraine from the Taras Shevchenko National Opera House features excerpts from some of the world's greatest ballets such as *Le Corsaire*, *Giselle*, *Don Quixote*, while also highlighting Ukrainian culture through traditional dance.

This tour is also a benefit for the Ukrainian people and the First Lady of Ukraine, Olena Zelenska, will address audiences prior to the intermission via video.

For tickets and more information:

<https://nac-cna.ca/en/event/35088>