

## Attendee Questions & Comments October 25, 2022 Monthly Webinar

- Attendee #1 Does your book "Ukrainians in Argentina, 1897-1950" also focus solely on the Misiones area, or does it also cover other regions and communities in Argentina where Ukrainians settled? (e.g., in and around Buenos Aires). Same question would apply to the book you launched in August 2022 "Hace 125 años" (i.e., does it focus solely on the Misiones area, or does it include history about the area in and around Buenos Aires)? If you don't mind sharing, what was the inspiration for researching Ukrainian settlement in Argentina? Do you share a family history with these settlers? Are there plans to make that Prosvita archive digitally accessible?

**The book encompasses all of Argentina (and has references to neighbouring Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil, too). *Hace 125 Años* is limited to the Apóstoles area of Misiones only. The book is a collection of documents in Ukrainian from the early decades (newspaper articles but also other documents) which appear together with a Spanish translation. I do not share a family history with the Ukrainian settlers. I wrote my doctoral dissertation on Ukrainian immigration to Argentina in the interwar period (1920-1939). I was first drawn to the topic when I was specializing as a student in Great Britain (where I was born) in Latin American Studies. My father was Ukrainian, my mother Spanish.**

- Attendee #2 I have relatives in the Buenos Aires area .. who are descended from my Dad's cousins who emigrated from Ukraine in the 1920's. These relatives have lost almost all of their Ukrainian heritage and are now Spanish-speaking. They specifically settled in the Ezeiza area (and nearby districts of Tristan Suarez, and Carlos Spegazzini). Are you aware of any local histories of the Ukrainian community in those areas? Might there still be Ukrainian organizations still active in those areas?" During your recent visit, was the War in Ukraine prominent in the local Argentina media (as well as in the Ukrainian community there)?

**The Ezeiza Partido is not associated with historic Ukrainian settlement in the province of Buenos Aires as much as, say, Avellaneda, Lanús, Berisso, and others. However, it is in this area where the Prosvita Society in Argentina has a resort: Veselka. The following is a link to images of the resort:**  
<https://turismo.uejn.org.ar/turismo/centro-recreativo-veselka-canning-2/>

**I am not aware of any local histories associated with the Ezeiza area.**

**There was mention of Ukraine in the televised news every morning that I watched. The Ukrainian community has organized demonstrations and members have been interviewed by the press.**

- Attendee #3 Where would you look for marriage, death info? Are there any census records and where are they files?

**The Argentine Census office has a homepage: <https://www.indec.gob.ar/>  
But I do not recall seeing much there that pertains to historical records. The Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos has some data on immigrant arrivals: <https://cemla.com/>**

**Otherwise, the “Argentine Online Genealogy Records” site may provide good leads:**

**[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Argentina\\_Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Argentina_Online_Genealogy_Records)**

- Attendee #4 My mother's maiden name was PLASKONOS. Her parents were Teodor Plaskonos and Martha Snihur who were both born and married, in Velyki Birky, a village just southeast of Ternopil. Are you family with the surname PLASKONIS or PLASKONOS? In the course of my family history research, I located book written by Vasyi Plaskonis from Dychkiv, which is located just south of Velyki Birky. Are familiar with him or his book?" Vasyi's book is an autobiography of sorts, that covers his life in Dychkiv and then his family's emigration to Canada in 1920. Several of his siblings emigrated to Argentina around that time and he writes about his trips to Argentina to visit these relatives. He also writes about being present at the dedication of a Shevchenko monument in 1971 in Argentina. The author i am referring to:  
<https://worldcat.org/identities/viaf-103937651/> Thank you very much for fielding my question!

**I am not familiar with the surname Plaskonis, but did meet an Esteban Snihur in Apóstoles, Misiones. Thank you for letting me know about the book! I will locate it and look forward to reading it!**