



Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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The Ukrainian Genealogist

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Of Interest

Yes, there are probably lots of items of interest, and we will try and have them forwarded to you. However, I am away until May 5, and there may be some glitches. (Sorry, Ted - well, not actually, I am vacationing in Greece!)

For updated information, please see the on-line calendar - link above

Meeting Schedule 2002 - 2003

Our meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 1930h (7:30pm) and are subject to change.

Location:

St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine
952 Green Valley Drive
Ottawa, Canada

Meetings on on the 4th Tuesday (not the last) of the month
May 27th, 2003

May Meeting

The May meeting will be both an address and a question and answer period. Shannon Joy of the Canadian Red Cross and Donna McFaul, Red Cross Tracing Volunteer will present and discuss the tracing services of the **Canadian and International Red Cross Organisations** - what they do and do not do, what can be expected, and what is beyond their mandate.

The mission of the Canadian Red Cross Restoring Family Links program is to provide an avenue for individuals and families to re-establish contact that has been severed as result of disaster or armed conflict. Shannon Joy has spent the past five years working in the National Office of the Canadian Red Cross helping to coordinate thousands of incoming and outgoing tracing requests that have their roots in virtually every region of the world. Donna McFaul is a volunteer Restoring Family Links caseworker who brings to her work a strong background in many aspects of public and community service work.

This will be the last meeting of the season!

National Library of Canada

Savoir Faire 2003

The seminars will be held in Room 156, at 395 Wellington Street, unless otherwise indicated, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm., refreshments beforehand beginning at 2:30 pm.

May 13 – **Canadian Writers: A New Presence on the National Library's Website** – Susan Globensky, National Library of Canada.

June 17 – **Considering Canada: A Look at Canada through Alphabet Books** – Jeffrey Canton, Children's Book Editor for Books in Canada.

For more information, go to: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/1/index-e.html> or contact Nina Milner, Coordinator at (613) 996-5867 or by e-mail nina.milner@nlc-bnc.ca.

UGG On-line Group and Calendar

We have started an **on-line group** for our members to ask questions. You can subscribe at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ugg-ncr/>

We have also put up an **on-line calendar** for both genealogical and Ukrainian events at: <http://calendar.yahoo.ca/uggncr>

Websites by Frank Cedar <cedar@sympatico.ca>

(1) Archeparchy of Winnipeg

233 Scotia Street, Winnipeg, MB R2V 1V7

Ph: 204-338-7801

Website: www.archeparchy.ca

E-mail: archepar@escape.ca

History of Ukrainian Settlements in Manitoba:

www.archeparthy.ca/history/ukr_settle_mb.htm

(2) Birth, Marriage and Death Records from the RC Archdiocese of Winnipeg (for Winnipeg and most of Manitoba west of Winnipeg)

www.manitobacatholic.net/info/misc/genealogy.html

E-mail (Archivist): dlabbe@manitobacatholic.net

Cost: \$15.00 for first request; \$5.00 for each one after that.

The Chancery Office

Archdiocese of Winnipeg

1495 Pembina Highway

Winnipeg, MB

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Ph: (204) 452-2227

Major Fire at Kamianets-Podilsky Archives

Fire destroyed major fonds (record groups) in a warehouse of the

Kamianets-Podilsky State/City Archives in Ukraine on Thursday, April 10. The archives held the records of the area that comprised Podolia guberniya during czarist times--an area with a large Jewish population at the beginning of the 20th century.

Five of the most valuable fonds were severely damaged: f.226, Podolia State Chamber (Kazennaia Palata) (1796-1919); f.228, Office of Governor of Podolia (1795-1917); f. 112, Office for Peasant Affairs of Podolia Guberniya (1861-1919); f. 678, Kamianets city office (1875-1920); f. 249, Office of Military Governor (1795-1845). These historical fonds (about 100,000 files) cover the history of Podolia guberniya from the end of the 18th century through the beginning of the 20th century. They are believed to include revision lists and some Jewish metrical records.

In addition to those documents that were completely destroyed, many unique historical documents were water-damaged. Since the fire, hundreds of people--local archivists, cadets, policeman, fireman, other municipal personnel, students, and ordinary people--have been working around the clock to save whatever is possible. So far, about two tons of archival materials have been evacuated from the destroyed warehouse.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Fortunately, no one was injured.

MyFamily.com Acquires Genealogy.com

Will the Bill Gates of genealogy please stand up! American genealogy on the Internet is now a monopoly. Number 1--MyFamily.com--has acquired number 2--Genealogy.com. Only Heritage Quest, a subsidiary of ProQuest, remains as a major player in the competition for providing American genealogy services on the Internet. But Heritage Quest follows the ProQuest model of offering its online products to institutions and libraries, not to individuals.

In their news release, MyFamily.com stated, "Genealogy.com joins the MyFamily network of websites--Ancestry.com, MyFamily.com, and RootsWeb.com--giving customers a full complement of Internet services focused on connecting families with their histories and one another.

Combined, the network of websites receives over 10 million unique visitors each month and has more than one million paid subscriptions."

I have always admired the senior management of MyFamily.com. They are driven to give the consumer the best and the most for fairly reasonable prices. In only six months they were able to get the entire 1930 census with an every-name index online. Their grey-scale images are superior to the black/white images of Genealogy.com.

But when you are a monopoly, there is no need to be first with the most. What would be the motivation to get the 1930 census out in record time if you are the only company in the business? What if the financial backers of MyFamily.com do not like their profit margins? Who is the competitor that will offer the consumer comparable products and services at a lower price? What if service deteriorates. Who will the consumer switch to?

NARA Launches Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

Thousands Search National Archives New Electronic Database College Park, MD. . . The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) recently launched Access to Archival Databases (AAD), a new research tool that makes a selection of the Archives' most popular electronic records available to the public over the Internet.

Contact: cer@nara.gov

URL: www.archives.gov/aad/