



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 Meeting**

#### *1926 Census of the Prairie Provinces*

The presenter at this March meeting was Nicole Watier, member of the Genealogy staff at Library and Archives Canada (LAC). She spoke on the *1926 Census of the Western Provinces* (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta) that was released by LAC and is available on the LAC webpage. This census is important for Ukrainian Canadians because the first Canadian-born generation was reaching their adult years and beginning to integrate into the larger Canadian society.



*Nicole Watier – our March speaker*

There was a growing movement from the rural to urban settlement and students attended high schools and universities that led to the development of a professional middle class. This generation began to provide community

leaders who entered politics and could represent the interests of the Ukrainian community at all levels.

Nicole opened her presentation with a brief summary of the history of census taking in Canada that began during the New France colonial period. A special census on the Prairie populations was held in 1906 and 1916. The 1926 census was held by Statistics Canada and transferred to LAC in 2018. The LAC in partnership with Family Search indexed two million names with the help of volunteers.

Nicole explained the Column Headings that provide information for family history purposes – place of birth outside Canada; place of birth of parents; racial origin (through father); year of immigration to Canada; year of naturalization; mother tongue; literacy. What was not asked were occupation and religious denomination.

Nicole also explained other sources of information available to researchers at LAC such as city and provincial directories, and newspapers. Additional sources include Land Records 1870-1930 and Homestead and Naturalization Records. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada also preserve information from 1854 until the present and there is a card index for the years 1854 to 1917.

On the LAC webpage, there is a section devoted to Ethnocultural Groups including Ukrainian- General. Walter Zayachkowski, one of our departed members, devoted much time and effort to prepare updated passenger lists and this information is available. An important archival fonds with information on the pioneer

era of Ukrainian Canadian history is the V.J. Kaye (Kysilewsky) fonds (MG31-D69). There is also a wide selection at LAC of photographs dealing with the Ukrainian Canadian pioneer years.

The Information Desk of the Genealogy Section is located on the third floor of the LAC at 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa and researchers may apply for a LAC pass either in person or by internet.

1926 Census:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1926/Pages/default.aspx>

Ethnocultural Groups/Ukrainian:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/Pages/ukrainian.aspx>

Ukrainian Immigrants, 1891-1930 (Compiled by Walter Zayachkowski)

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/immigrants-ukraine-1891-1930/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html>.

### **Voices from the Past, Ottawa's Rootstech 2019**

This conference on genealogy will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1017 Prince of Wales Drive at the Ottawa Family History Centre. The Ukrainian Genealogy Group will have an information table at this event.

### **UGG-NCR May Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on May 28, 2019 and the topic will be the recent Presidential elections in Ukraine presented by Ihor Michalchyshyn from the National Office - Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

### **Community Events**

*May 1, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

#### **UCWLC Embroidery Group monthly meeting.**

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

*May 25, Saturday*

#### **Beading Workshop**

Beading workshop with Maria Rypan, designer, researcher and expert on gerdany. Choice of 1/2 day or full day session. Details regarding fees, registration, etc. coming soon. For information, contact Khrystia (613) 731-1870

*(In Toronto), until June 2.*

#### **Embroidered Memories - Вишивані Спогади.**

A folk-art installation and exhibit featuring over 750 embroidered Ukrainian Canadian pillows – podushky, including some from Ottawa. St. Vladimir Institute, 620 Spadina Ave, Toronto. Contact (416) 923-3318 for exhibit hours and more information

*(in Somerset, NJ) until Aug 31, 2019.*

#### **Rushnyky: Ritual Cloths of the Cossack Lands of Ukraine**

This exhibition is dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the Maidan Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine, to the memory of those who lost their lives in that protest, and to those who have perished in the current war against Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea. Many of the young men and women who sacrificed their lives for a free Ukraine never had the opportunity to make use of a wedding rushnyk, but instead were buried with one.

The exhibit takes place at the Ukrainian History and Education Center's Library Gallery located at 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ, 08873

<https://www.ukrhec.org/exhibits>