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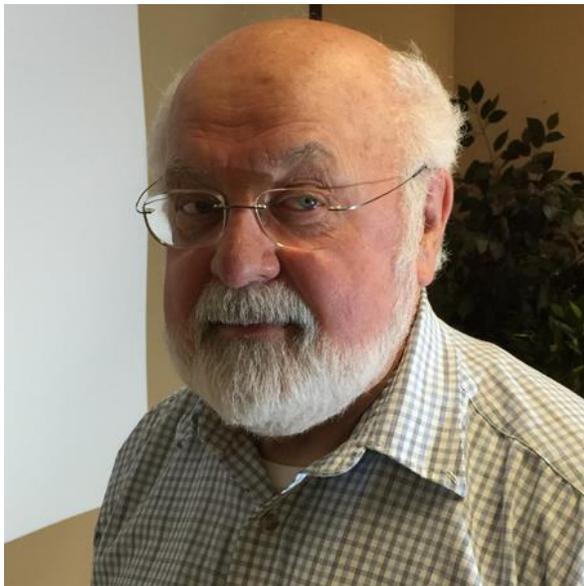
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March 24th 2020 Meeting

Myron Momryk gave a presentation entitled, *Ukrainian Genealogy 101*, intended as a general overview for those planning to begin their research and a review for those who are seasoned researchers in Ukrainian genealogy.



Myron Momryk – our March Speaker

The following advice was offered in this presentation: Begin research with yourself and extend investigations to family members and then to extended family members and also friends and neighbors in the original places of settlement - this can now be accomplished through personal visits and the use of phones and the internet; Familiarity with the Ukrainian alphabet will assist to identify the Ukrainian spelling of surnames, ancestral villages, towns and locations; Researchers should be aware of variations in the spellings both in Ukrainian and

in the (Latin) English alphabets; Researchers should familiarize themselves with the history, geography and politics of their ancestral homes - the political changes usually resulted in changes in official identity documents, spellings of names and use of passports.

Also the geographical distribution of the Ukrainian population among Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland resulted in variations in place names and local identities. Among recommended sources for introductory research are Canadian and American census, maps, photo albums, official documents, published family and local histories, use of local archives and libraries.

Information should be organized and documented and eventually should be published. Copies should be deposited in local libraries including the Library and Archives Canada. Other researchers interested in the same family names may benefit from your research. Contacts may be established with distant relatives in other countries including Ukraine. The presentation concluded with a few comments on the analysis of DNA and members were cautioned that they may lose control over the use of the DNA results by foreign countries. But this route may be taken when all other sources of information are not available.

It is possible to listen to the webinar presentations by visiting the UGG Home page at:

<http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

Some sources for genealogical information

Digital Toronto City Directories 1833 to 1969
<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/history-genealogy/lh-digital-city-directories.jsp>

Might's Greater Toronto City Directory 1969
<https://archive.org/details/torontocitydirectory1969/mode/2up>

Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21
By accessing the Museum home page, it is possible to read stories about Ukrainian immigrants arriving in Canada especially after the Second World War. Although, each story is different, they may provide an insight into the immigration experience after the Second World War. Also, it may inspire members to record their own family immigration experiences.

<https://pier21.ca/search/site/immigration%20story%20ukraine>

Vidkryty Lemkivshchyna village database

A database of villages and towns in the former Lemkivshchyna.
<http://www.projecttilia.com/projecttilia/vidkryty/>

Ukrainian Archives – Online Records

From Facebook Group “Kinship - Eastern European Genealogy Research”

Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine in Kyiv has introduced online records and directories on its website:
https://cdiak.archives.gov.ua/full_files/
and <https://cdiak.archives.gov.ua/e-directory.php>

Unfortunately, the amount of online documents is very small at the moment, but at least these are steps in the right direction. The website is in Ukrainian only, but you can use translating tools to use it.

Alberta Name Index

From the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society

The Alberta Name Index (ANI) offers a simple unified search for Alberta residents named in various sources including Probates, Local Histories, Obituaries, Coroner records, Land Records (not early homesteads), etc. These indexes are the result of many years of volunteer labour, and more will be added soon!

The entries will lead you directly to the information you need to locate the original records. Further details about the records and how to obtain copies, can be obtained by contacting Research Services.

If your family lived in Alberta, this exciting new resource may lead you to exciting family discoveries.

<https://ani.edmontongenealogy.ca/>

Arolsen Archives quietly adds 13 million more WWII records...

From April 19, 2020 issue of “Find Lost Russian & Ukrainian Family”

It was only last summer when Arolsen Archives- International Center on Nazi Persecution expanded its database to 13 million records on displaced persons and Nazi persecution victims.

Now, the database has doubled in size with records on forced laborers and deportations to concentration camps. It is quite the gift to have these documents online at this time.

This free database is well-worth searching if you had relatives or ancestors who were displaced or persecuted during WWII. The records are available for downloading without requiring registration....

To read the full article, go to:

<https://lostrussianfamily.wordpress.com/2020/04/19/arolsen-archives-quietly-adds-13-million-more-wwii-records/>