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January Meeting

On January 24, 2006, Stacey Zembrzycki gave a stimulating presentation on the outline history of Ukrainians in Sudbury. She provided the historical background of Ukrainian settlement in Sudbury, the growth of community institutions such as the churches and also the large number of boardinghouses.

Her research is based on over 80 interviews and also on archival research. She also provided some information on her research methods and included advice for researchers using oral history approach to family history studies.

Stacey is preparing her dissertation as part of her work for a PhD in Canadian history at Carleton University. She hopes to complete her research and writing by April, 2007

Gene-O-Rama

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will hold the 24th Gene-O-Rama on March 17-18, 2006 at the Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd, Orleans (Ottawa), Ontario. For further information, please consult

<http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/>.

Vegreville Pysanka

Suzie Hunchuck will give an audio-visual presentation on the Vegreville Pysanka at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2006 at Carleton University. The presentation which will deal with the technical, religious, and symbolic aspects of this monument, will be made on the fourth floor, St. Patrick Building.

The presentation is sponsored by the Friends of Art History (Carleton University) and entrance is free. Refreshments will be served. For further information: (613) 594-0194.

March Meeting

The next meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be held on March 28, 2006. This will be a research meeting and members are invited to bring their documents, letters and maps for translation and discussion. We can also discuss specific research problems relating to Ukrainian family history.

Austro-Hungarian Uniforms and Decorations

Submitted by Borys Gengalo

If you have any photographs of any of your ancestors in Austro-Hungarian military uniforms from the late pre-WWI/WWI period, you can check the following websites for information to identify the branch of the military and other details. For a general description, check the following website:

<http://www.austro-hungarian-army.co.uk/>

Go to the bottom of the page, click on: "Badges and Uniforms". Then Click on "Infantry Uniforms" for a detailed description and line drawings. You will see, in the text, the term 'facing colour'. This refers to the colour of the large patches of cloth applied to the collar (note that the collar is obviously a different colour). The facing colours would designate the particular regiment.

MEDALS:

Go back to the bottom of the page:

<http://www.austro-hungarian-army.co.uk/>

Click on 'Orders & Decorations', then click on: 'The Principal Orders and Decorations of the Monarchy

<http://www.austro-hungarian-army.co.uk/decorat.htm>

Another website for uniforms:

<http://www.diggerhistory.info/pages-uniforms/austria.htm>

MAPS

If you go to:

<http://www.kuk-wehrmacht.de/regiment/>

And then click on the map at the top of the page, you will download a military unit map of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

An interesting site that gives a few more details about Austrian military service is:

<http://www.bukovinasociety.org/museum/uniforms-in-bukovina.html>

This seems to be a site run by Germans whose ancestors came from the Austro-Hungarian province of Bukovyna.

This site might give you a few leads in tracking your grandfather's military records, it has a lot of what may be useful links, is:

http://maxpages.com/poland/Military_Records_Europe

It appears to be run by Polish genealogists.

Even though it's meant for stamp collectors, the following site has probably the best description of Austro-Hungarian military service in the immediate pre-WWI period:

<http://www.kitzbuhel.demon.co.uk/austamps/dixnut/index.htm>

Ivan Franko Lecture

Prof. Paul Robert Magocsi will present a lecture, *Where Does Europe End? Ukraine? Turkey? Israel?* on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture will be held at The Lounge (ground floor) New Residence, 90 University Private, University of Ottawa Campus. The public lecture will be in English and there is free admission.

Prof. Magocsi is the author of *A History of Ukraine* and is an internationally known historian and expert on cultural minorities. He holds the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto.

This lecture is sponsored by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Ottawa. For further information please call the Chair of Ukrainian Studies: (613) 562-5800 ext. 3692

Return to the Source: Folk Art and Culture Tour of Ukraine,

*with specialist Orysia Tracz (11th tour), August
1 to 15/16, 2006.*

- Entertaining, enjoyable, enlightening tour of a country full of rich and ancient history and culture, now celebrating its 15th year of independence.
- Great shopping, museums, food, Ukrainian hospitality, and serendipity.
- Festive visits to master folk artists, special sites. You don't have to be Ukrainian to come along. Limited number of participants.
- Places visited: Kyiv, Kaniv, Pereyaslav-Khmel'nytskyi, Kam'ianets-Podil's'kyi, Khotyn, Chernivtsi, Kolomyia (visits to Carpathian Mountain villages, Kosiv, Yaremche, others), Ivano-Frankivs'ke, Lviv, Vienna (overnight on return). The tour leader is a recognized authority on Ukrainian folk art and culture. This is her 11th tour.
- \$3,670 Canadian (air, hotels and meals in Ukraine, most museum admissions). Connections from other North American and other cities arranged.
- Contacts:
 - tour leader: dorohy@gmail.com .
 - Irene Zadavec [17 years experience], Thomas Cook - Regent Travel, toll-free: 1-877-772-1277, fax (204) 988-5109; mnowensky@thomascook.ca [attention: Irene]

Gene pool structure of Eastern Ukrainians as inferred from the Y-chromosome haplogroups

This is a very general summary of an article that was published in the March, 2004 issue of the Russian Journal of Genetics. Please note that the sample for this study was limited (94 individuals) and the individuals all came from eastern Ukraine.

Y chromosomes from a representative sample of eastern Ukrainians (94 individuals) were analyzed for composition and frequencies of haplogroups. In the Ukrainian gene pool, six haplogroups were revealed. These haplogroups were earlier detected in a study of Y-chromosome diversity in the territory of Europe as a whole. The major haplogroup in the Ukrainian gene pool accounted for about 44% of all Y chromosomes in the sample examined.

This haplogroup is thought to mark the migration patterns of the early Indo-Europeans and is associated with the distribution of the Kurgan archaeological culture. The second major haplogroup which accounts for 21.3 % is a combination of the lineages differing by the time of appearance. In addition there is another haplogroup which accounts for 9.6% and represents the genetic contribution from the ancient autochthonous population of Europe.

Two other haplogroups which constitute 11.7% and 4.2 % , mark the migration patterns of the middle-eastern agriculturalists during the Neolithic period. The presence of another lineage which accounts for 9.6 % is likely explained by a contribution of assimilated Finno-Ugric tribes. The data on the composition and frequencies of Y-chromosome haplogroups in the sample studied substantially supplement the existing picture of the male lineage distribution in the eastern Slav population.