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January 24, 2012 Meeting

Preserving Your Family History Memories

We were particularly fortunate to have Shirley-Ann Pyefinch from the Family History Centre give a presentation on the preservation of family history records. Various types of documents are essential for successful family history research – personal records, photographs, journals, newspaper clippings, diaries, audio and video recordings and related material. The problem is the permanent preservation of this material for succeeding generations and family historians. Shirley-Ann suggested the use of quality products to repair and preserve this material by using acid-free files, envelopes and storage containers.



Myron & Mike presenting Shirley-Ann a token of our thanks

In addition, it is necessary to ensure safe storage in a controlled environment and to develop proper handling practices. She suggested the development of a Disaster Recovery Plan in case of accidents and mishaps which may have compromised storage in the home.

For questions concerning the repair of damaged documents, Shirley-Ann recommended consulting with the Canadian Conservation Institute and conservators who are members of

the Canadian Association of Professional Conservators.

She also mentioned the recent development of technology that can ensure long-term preservation of information on CDs and the M-disc. The meeting concluded with a question period.

Members can review this and other Family History Presentations at the Family History Centre site <http://www.ottawastakefhc.on.ca/>

Members with specific questions can also contact Shirley-Ann Pyefinch at her e-mail address: shirleyann@pyefinch.net

Satellite Maps of Ukraine

Submitted by Myron Momryk

It is now possible to ‘fly’ over your ancestral village in western Ukraine.

<http://uamaps.com/ukraine-map/>

The transliteration of the names of the provinces and towns is a bit strange but readable. Once you access this webpage, you can select the region or province (oblast) from the list on the right. In my case, it was Lvov (Lviv). Then I selected Yavorovskiy (Yavorivskyy). The next step was to select the ancestral village Chernilyavaya (Chernylyava).

You can manipulate the scale on the left of the image to ‘fly’ over the area and focus on different features. In my case, I can identify the local church and individual houses.

Genealogical Research in Alberta

Information on deaths in Edmonton in 1934 in the Edmonton Journal have been compiled and indexed and this is available on the following webpage:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~abwcobit/D ata/Papers/1934EJ/1934EJPage29.html>

By scrolling down to the bottom of the page, you can click on First, Previous, Next, Last to access other letters of the alphabet.

March 27, 2012 Meeting

Prof. Stephen Fai, from Carleton University, has kindly agreed to give a talk on the St. Michael the Archangel Church and the Icon of Ponass Lakes. This is a Ukrainian Catholic Church built in 1910 and is located 17 kilometres west of the village of Fosston, Saskatchewan.

Obituaries in the Windsor Star

Those who are searching for relatives in the Windsor, Ontario region can search the obituaries in the Windsor Star at:
<http://www.windsorpubliclibrary.com/obits/index.php>

Once you have located the name and the date of the obituary, it may be possible to contact the Windsor Public Library for a copy of the obituary but there is a fee for this service. Also you can visit the Library and Archives Canada and request a microfilm copy of the Windsor Star for your research.

Ancestral Lines Pairing System

Submitted by Ted Lomatski

There is a new numbering system from the New England Genealogical Society. It addresses several issues not covered by the other current systems and on initial reading looks like it will fill a need not only for the seasoned, but also for new serious genealogists.

The full article can be found at:
http://www.americanancestors.org/uploadedFiles/American_Ancestors/Content/Articles/Other_Articles/ancestral_lines.pdf

Community Events

March 1, Thurs.

Deadline for applications: 2012 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism.
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/paulyuzyk>

March 3, Sat. 9 pm.

The University of Ottawa Ukrainian Students' Club and the Polish Students' Society of the University of Ottawa will be hosting a Perogie & Vodka Night at 1848 on the UofO campus. For more info: uofoukrainians@gmail.com

March 4, Sun. 2 - 5 pm.

The Shevchenko Foundation invites the Ottawa Ukrainian community to a Kobzar Fellowship reception, to honour Kobzar Fellows in the Ottawa area, and to introduce the Ottawa Community to the work of the Shevchenko Foundation and its Kobzar Fellowship program. To attend this event, in the Fountain Room of the National Arts Centre, please RSVP by February 17 to 1-866-524-5314 or halyna@shevchenkofoundation.ca

March 7 - 8, Wed.-Thurs.

An international forum and conference "Ukraine at the Crossroads", to discuss issues concerning democracy, human rights, the rule of law, economic freedom and foreign policy in contemporary Ukraine, will take place at the Chateau Laurier. This will be a gathering of internationally-renowned experts and activists and will be of particular interest to politicians, policy makers and business leaders, as well as North American media, and anyone concerned about the situation in Ukraine and its potential impact on E. Europe. The conference program and registration form are available online at www.cufoundation.ca. You can also call Olenka Reshitnyk at UCC Ottawa at 613-232-8822 or olenka.reshitnyk@ucc.ca.

March 22, Thurs. 7:30 pm.

NTSh Ottawa presents Dr. Irena Makaryk with an illustrated talk "Les'a Kurbasa Teatr Berezil v Paryzhi i v Niu Iorku". Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, 952 Green Valley Cresc. (off Prince of Wales Dr.)