



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group National Capital Region

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## Honourary President

At the November, 2003 meeting, Ted Lomatski was acclaimed Honourary President of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group. Ted is the founder of the UGG and devoted much time and effort in establishing and promoting the UGG. His work in constructing the UGG web site and his facility with the computer has greatly benefited the UGG.

## Ukrainian Genealogy Group of Prince Edward Island

Ted Lomatski, who founded the Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region has announced the founding of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group of P.E.I. The organizational meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group P.E.I. was held on January 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Confederation Centre Library in Charlottetown. There is a Web site at [www.geocities.com/uggpei/](http://www.geocities.com/uggpei/).

## Suzanne Holyck Hunchuck - Speaker at the January, 2004 Meeting

Suzanne Holyck Hunchuck is originally from Toronto and has lived and worked in Ottawa for many years. She completed her MA in Architectural History from Carleton University. The subject of her research was the Ukrainian Labour Temple in Ottawa. In the course of her research, she became very familiar with the history of the Ukrainian community in Ottawa. Her research in this area will be the subject of her presentation, Researching Ukrainians in Ottawa.

## Membership Dues

Membership in the Ukrainian Genealogy Group - National Capital Region will follow the calendar year, that is, from January to December. Members may pay their dues or renew their membership in January. Donations are also accepted. The dues are \$15.00 per individual member or per couple. If a member makes a presentation during the year, their dues for the following year are exempted. Also anyone who is not a member but makes a presentation to the UGG automatically becomes a member for a year.

Paid members will receive the Newsletter, Annual Report and any additional information and also will be allowed to borrow periodicals, publications and other resource material from the Library.

## Schedule of Meetings

Our meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1930h (7:30 p.m.) and are subject to change. In 2004, the Winter/Spring schedule of meetings is as follows:

January 27

February 24

March 23

April 27

May 25

### **Next Speaker (February 24, 2004 Meeting)**

Borys Sirskyj will speak on Ukrainians during the Second World War

### **Summary of November Presentation by Frank J Cedar**

Frank was born in Ottawa and received most of his education here, except for graduate school at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, where he received his doctorate in Chemistry. He spent 25 years as a federal public servant dealing with the regulation of pesticides, retiring from that activity 7 years ago. Frank's genealogy interests encompass two areas of research: (1) his own Wojtowicz family history, including the immigration of his grandparents from Galicia to Saskatchewan in 1903 and 1905; and, (2) the genealogical links of the Polish community of Brandon, Manitoba to the village of Kaszyce, Poland. In June 2003, Frank visited Chicago to meet with, for the first time, a number of "displaced" Polish Canadians from Brandon, Manitoba. He gleaned much history of the Brandon Polish community from them. They continue to exchange information, assist one another and this will lead to another Chicago trip in 2004. In September 2003 Frank revisited Poland and Ukraine for the second time.

A whirlwind of visits to area Archives, USC Offices and churches resulted in a wealth of family history data. In Kaszyce, Poland, he acquired a copy of the "Status Animarum", which lists all the Roman Catholic parishioners by family in the village. Each House Number is listed on a separate page. In Polish, this book is called "Spis Ludnosci" (List of People). A copy was circulated for viewing during his November UGG talk.

A cousin from Ukraine (Andriy Ryzhyj) joined Frank in Przemysl and they then visited their Wojtowicz relatives in Zablotce, a smaller neighboring village to Kaszyce. Relatives gave them an excellent driving tour of the SE corner of Poland where they viewed many 15th century wooden churches. Frank was made aware of the Land Registry system used in Poland and visited the local office in Jaroslaw. Andriy and Frank took the bus (3 hours) from Przemysl to L'viv, Ukraine. This time the border crossing was much more efficient. Elapsed time at the border was only one hour versus five hours 3 years ago. The weather was superb and Frank spent

much time walking around L'viv and feeling quite comfortable being there. Andriy accompanied Frank to the L'viv Archives where they examined old Austrian Land Cadastral records for the years 1788, 1820 and 1853 plus a 1917 Accounting of WWI damage to Property. This WWI Accounting listed all property owners and was thus a useful source of genealogical information. A wealth of Wojtowicz names, dates and other data was easily gathered from these documents. Frank also found old Zablotce school records for his grandpa's two younger sisters. With this data, Frank was able to correct their birth dates. Staff at the L'viv Archives were very helpful. Frank stated that his visit to Ukraine was all too short. He plans to visit another time.

While in Poland and Ukraine, Frank purchased a number of maps and books, a number of which he donated to the UGG library. For those who are looking for genealogy researchers in Przemysl and L'viv, here are two possible contacts:

- o For Greek Catholic Vital Statistics records at Przemysl Archives: Maciej Orzechowski at [omaciej@wp.pl](mailto:omaciej@wp.pl)
- o For Vital Statistics and Austrian Cadastral Land records at L'viv Archives: Andriy Ryzhyj at [ar12@canada.com](mailto:ar12@canada.com)

Both contacts are students, fluent in English and familiar with the genealogical records. Their rate for research is \$5 US per hour, but please confirm before making a commitment. For additional information on either researcher, please contact Frank Cedar at [cedar@sympatico.ca](mailto:cedar@sympatico.ca)

During his presentation, Frank emphasized the importance of local contacts including family members in locating and using local archival sources. Knowledge about the local 'paper-trail' is also important since local records may be located in neighboring towns and villages.

Alexandra Opar concluded the meeting with a presentation on her research relating to her ancestral village in the Carpathian Mountains. Alexandra was able to obtain some interesting census information from contacts in Lviv. Researchers who are interested in further information may contact Alexandra.

### **Ukrainians Abroad**

On November 19, 2003, the Parliament of Ukraine passed a new law defining the legal status of Ukrainians abroad. According to this new law, Ukrainians living in the 'diaspora' can now acquire that status of 'Zakordonnoho Ukraintsia' that is, Ukrainian Abroad or literally, Ukrainian living outside the borders of Ukraine, if they are of Ukrainian ethnic descent or emigrated from Ukraine.

According to this law, the Ukrainians Abroad share in the same rights and obligations as Ukrainian citizens but are excluded from some political rights such as voting, running for political office, service in the military, service in government and local administration. This law can include from 12 to 20 million Ukrainians living outside the territory of Ukraine. The law confirms that those Ukrainians living abroad are also part of the Ukrainian nation.

The new law will facilitate those who wish to study in Ukraine and also live in Ukraine permanently.

### **Item from the Ottawa Citizen, December 7, 2003 - People Finders**

Anyone having knowledge of a Mykola (Mick) Meheruk, who worked in the Ottawa area and died May 25, 1928, please contact Bill Meheriuk at (780) 998-9177.

### **Film "Between Hitler & Stalin"**

February 9, Monday, 7:30 PM. A documentary film "Between Hitler & Stalin" produced by the Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre in Toronto. The documentary is narrated in English by Jack Palance. This event is co-sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association. At the Library & Archives of Canada Auditorium, 395 Wellington. Admission: Adults; \$10.00, Students; \$5.00. Coffee reception to follow.

### **Forthcoming Events at the Chair of Ukrainian Studies**

Wsevolod Isajiw, Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto and one of Canada's foremost sociologists, will give the Annual Ivan Franko Lecture at the University of Ottawa on Friday, March 19, 2004 at 7:30 PM. Prof. Isajiw will lecture on his current research project dealing with the "fourth wave" of Ukrainian immigration to Canada. The lecture will be in English.

### **From the Ukrainian Information and Advertising Directory**

Ukrainian Genealogy Research Service  
Dept. S: P.O. Box 4914, Station E  
Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5J1

### **From Internet**

Eugene Shchukin  
Real Genealogy Research  
142 Cavalletti Court  
Waterloo, Ontario N2K 3X3  
e-mail: etoronto@hotmail.com  
Research: \$25.00 CAD per hour.

### **Pier 21 (Halifax, Nova Scotia)**

The Pier 21 Museum which documents the history of immigration to Canada is interested in stories by immigrants who entered Canada at Halifax. The Pier 21 Museum has a web site, [www.pier21.ca](http://www.pier21.ca) where those who are interested can include their stories. From a quick survey of the existing stories, it seems that there are no stories from Ukrainian immigrants.

### **Notice from Algonquin College**

Writing Personal and Family Histories  
This is a six-week course on how to write your family's memoirs and produce a family history. For more information contact the instructor, Saxon Harding, The Write Connection at 820-8921 or [www.geocities.com/the\\_write\\_connection](http://www.geocities.com/the_write_connection)  
The next course GEN0041 (Sec521) starts on February 3, 2004, Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

## **RETURN TO THE SOURCE: Folk Art and Culture Tour of Ukraine,**

With specialist Orysia Tracz (9th tour). August 2-17, 2004.

Kyiv, Kaniv, Ternopil, Borshchiv, Khotyn, Kam'ianets'-Podil's'kyi, Ivano-Frankivske, Kolomyia, Carpathian Mountains (Kosiv, Yaremche, others), Lviv.

Visits to ancestral villages arranged. Culture, folk art, great shopping, museums, food, Ukrainian hospitality, and serendipity. You don't have to be Ukrainian to come along. \$3,617 Can. (includes airfare, accommodations, meals, museum admissions).

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Limited number of participants

For an article on the tour, please see:

<http://pages.prodigy.net/l.hodges/Orysia.htm>

## **List of Surnames / Locales being Researched**

To facilitate the sharing of genealogical information, we will be collecting a list of Ukrainian surnames & locales of interest being researched by our UGG-NCR members.

Starting at our January 2004 meeting, we will have forms available to distribute to our members. These forms will be used to capture the following information:

- Surnames being researched
- Villages/towns of Origin
- Areas where our immigrant relatives settled
- Your contact information, so that others researching the same surnames/locales can reach you.

This information will be collected over the next few months. The list will be published later in the year (e.g. on our website, in our Annual report, etc.).

For more information (or to contribute your information electronically), you can contact Mike Dowhan at [mike.dowhan@sympatico.ca](mailto:mike.dowhan@sympatico.ca) or 613-521-3449.

## **Internet Research Sites**

A great source of Ukrainian genealogical information can be found surfing the web. Attached is a list of some of the more helpful Ukrainian-oriented sites on the Net.

If you are aware of other sites that may be of interest to our fellow researchers, please forward them to us at the following email: [uggnrc@canada.com](mailto:uggnrc@canada.com)

### Infoukes

A rich source of Ukrainian information including one of the most active Ukrainian genealogy discussion groups.

<http://www.infoukes.com/genealogy/>  
<http://www.infoukes.com/lists/genealogy/>

### Genforum

A Ukrainian Genealogy Forum from genealogy.com is found at:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/ukraine/>

Links to other neighbouring countries of interest (e.g. Poland, Austria, Slovak Republic...) can be found at:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/regional/countries/>

### Rootsweb

Contains Ukrainian message boards listed by region. Go to the link: <http://rootsweb.com/>, then look under Message Boards, Localities, Eastern Europe and then Ukraine

### The Carpatho-Rusyn Knowledge Base

This site is useful to those researching Lemkos, Bojkos, and Hutsuls.

<http://www.carpatho-rusyn.org/>

### Carpathian Connection

Another site dedicated to the region in SW Ukraine, SE Poland,.. the ancestral home of some of our Ukrainian families.

<http://www.tccweb.org/index.html>