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Meetings

The schedule of meetings for the Winter season is as follows:

February 28, 2006

March 28, 2006

April 25, 2006

May 23, 2006

Meetings at other times can be made by appointment with individual members to discuss particular research problems.

January Presentation by Stacey Zembrzycki

When Personal Stories Become Public History: Reconstructing the Local History of Sudbury's Ukrainians, 1900-1945

Stacey will begin by discussing why she chose the topic, the oral history experience, why oral history is important, what a company town was and what it was like for Ukrainians to live there.

Then follows a brief history of early Ukrainian history in Sudbury, discussion of Ukrainians' Depression experiences, Ukrainian women's places in these kinds of towns, and lastly how to write local history, helpful sources, plus how to deal with sensitive issues.

February Presentation

The next meeting will be held on February 28, 2006. The topic will be Ukrainian settlements in north-central Alberta. We will be showing a DVD on the Ukrainian communities in the settlements until 1939 prepared at the University of Alberta.

Bill Teron

The Ottawa Citizen published a long article by Maria Cook on the life and career of Bill Teron. Mr. Teron was born in a Ukrainian family on November 15, 1932 in Gardenton, Manitoba. He left Manitoba for Ottawa at an early age and became involved in the home-building business. He is credited as the 'founder' of Kanata.

The article was published in two parts in the Ottawa Citizen of December 30, 2005 on page F7 is entitled, "The Father of Kanata looks back at most unconventional 50-year career". The second part was published in the Ottawa Citizen of December 31, 2005 on pages E4 and E5.

Library and Archives Canada to Reorganize Public Areas

From December 2005 to June 2006, the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) will reorganize its public research areas on the second and third floors of its 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, location.

The reorganization will integrate services for the reference rooms, the Canadian Genealogy Centre, specialized media consultation unit, and the textual records consultation room; rationalize the use of equipment by merging the microfilm rooms; reduce the noise in the third floor textual records consultation room; and provide more public seating in the various reference rooms.

Over the next months, ongoing work will create a disruption in services. To find out more, visit their website at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/index-e.html>

or call the LAC locally at (613) 996-5115 or toll-free within Canada and the U.S. at 1-866-578-7777.

Using the Polish State Archives Online Catalog

The Polish State Archives has an online catalog of their holdings at:

<http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/iza.eng.php>

It is possible to do surname and town name searches. The web pages are in English but the results are in Polish. If you have a reasonably unique surname, try using it as a keyword.

Passenger Lists

submitted by Jim Onyschuk, Toronto

Do you have relatives who came to Canada between 1908-1910? The Nanaimo Family History Society has been indexing the passenger ship arrivals for the periods 2 Jul 1908 to 5 Jun 1909, 25 Jul 1909 to 13 May 1910 and 17 Sep 1910 to 13 Oct 1910 on line as of Nov 21/05.

Their online searchable database includes:

Surname - The list is sorted by surname.

Given name - Is written as on the page. Sometimes a military rank or title is used.

Arrival - The date the ship arrived.

Name of ship - The ships name. "SS" was dropped if it was included in the ships name.

Age - On the passenger list, there are four columns for age, adult male, adult female, child male and child female (child under 14 years).

Country of Birth - Shows the birth country as it is written on the list.

Page number - Is comprised of two parts. The first part (before the dash) is the number of the page starting with the first page that has passenger names listed. The second portion shows the page number as shown on that page.

Port - Shows whether the ship arrived at Halifax or Quebec (which included Montreal).

Reel # - Is the number of the of microfilm that has the ship on it. This is the number that the Library and Archives Canada uses.

If the ship is the first ship on the film you may find the film starting with passenger pages as opposed to the front page showing the details of the ships. In that case front page for that ship is usually found on the preceding microfilm roll.

Go to:

http://www.torugg.org/TUGG%20Links/tugg_links.html#passenger

The Nanaimo URL is the 5th item down the list

Research Book Online

John-Paul Himka, Galicia and Bukovina: a research handbook about Western Ukraine, late 19th and 20th centuries (1990) is available online at

<http://www.ourroots.ca/e/toc.asp?id=1563>

New Genealogy Site

Researchers may be interested in checking the following site: www.genealogycanada.com
This site is a news service on genealogy, heritage and history. It contains monthly news sources, in-depth news stories, columns, articles, Canadian anniversaries and information on meetings and seminars.

Map/Satellite Images(sent by Ted Lomatski)

This is an interesting application which is more powerful even than <http://maps.google.ca/>

<http://earth.google.com/>

Google Earth -Explore, Search and Discover

Want to know more about a specific location? Dive right in -- Google Earth combines satellite imagery, maps and the power of Google Search to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips.

Fly from space to your neighborhood. Type in an address and zoom right in.

Search for schools, parks, restaurants, and hotels. Get driving directions. Tilt and rotate the view to see 3D terrain and buildings. Save and share your searches and favorites. Even add your own annotations.

Virtual Reference Library

You may wish to examine the web site: <http://opl.virtualreferencelibrary.ca> and check the Subject Directory where there is a reference to Genealogy. This Genealogy site is a good entry point for those who are beginning their genealogical research. There is information on ancestral charts including free downloadable charts and forms for genealogical research. There is also a oral history questionnaire and other research aids.

November Presentation

Ron and Luba Brown gave an interesting visual presentation on their visit to western Ukraine in particular Lviv where they met with Luba's relatives. They had the opportunity to visit the cemetery and also attend a family wedding.

Alexandra Opar gave a presentation on her visit to her ancestral village in the Lemko area of Poland. She described in some detail her attempts to gain access to the archival records in the local State Archives and her visits with relatives.