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November 24 Meeting

Passenger Lists, 1891-1935

The topic of the November meeting was 'Passenger Lists'. Shortly before this meeting, the database compiled by Walter Zayachkowski was made available by the Library and Archives Canada. Members can access information on this database at:

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/immigrants-ukraine-1891-1930/Pages/introduction.aspx>



Attendees at our November meeting on the new Passenger Lists Collection

At the meeting, there was a short explanation of the database 'Ukrainian Immigration, 1891-1930', and the many years of research, writing and editing by Walter Zayachkowski at the Library and Archives Canada to compile this information.

During the meeting, members submitted names and a search was conducted by Mike Dowhan assisted by Jerry Fikis using the overhead projector. In several cases, it was possible to locate names of interested individuals. A common problem in researching Ukrainian immigrants is

the spelling of names and during this period (1891-1930) most of the spellings were made according to the Polish alphabet. It should be noted that Walter's list is not comprehensive and does not include the names of all Ukrainian immigrants to Canada at that time.

The UGG sincerely appreciates the time and effort made by Walter Zayachkowski in compiling this database and it will remain as a suitable monument to Walter's work in Ukrainian family history.

Proposal for Ukrainian Genealogy Seminar/ Workshop – Summer, 2017

In 2017, Canada will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Confederation and the Ukrainian Canadian community will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Ukrainian immigrants to Canada. A number of celebrations, concerts and other events will take place during 2017 to celebrate both events and this is an opportunity for the Ukrainian Genealogy Group (UGG) to participate in these celebrations.

Perhaps the most appropriate method for the UGG to celebrate these events is to hold a one-day seminar/workshop on Ukrainian genealogy. Frank Cedar, Mike Dowhan, Myron Momryk and Jerry Fikis, held an informal meeting on December 14, 2015 to discuss the feasibility of planning this event. Tentative plans were made to hold this event in conjunction with the Ottawa Ukrainian Festival that should be held in July, 2017. Before any serious plans are made, it will be necessary to form a 'planning committee' to explore in more detail the organization of this event. Members are welcome to express their interest in the committee and this event by contacting Myron Momryk, Mike Dowhan and Jerry Fikis.

Year of Saskatchewan Ukrainians

On January 5, 2016, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall officially proclaimed 2016 as the Year of Saskatchewan Ukrainians. The proclamation acknowledges the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada while recognizing contributions that Ukrainians have made to the province. Ukrainian Canadians are an important part of Saskatchewan's cultural diversity making up 13 per cent of its population. It was noted that Ukrainian Canadians proudly share their identity and culture, thereby, enriching all Canadian communities.

Group Trip to Ukraine

Plans are being made for a group tour of Ukraine on August 16-31, 2016. The tour group will visit Kyiv, Lviv, Pochaiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Yarenche and also Zarvanytsia, Krekhiv, Hoshiv and Univ, pilgrimage locations in western Ukraine. Trip prices: Flight ticket; Staying in Ukraine \$1175-1579 USD; own costs. For further information, contact Maria Lachowich (613) 225-3988 or Fr. Damian Dutka OSBM (613) 723-1673.

Donations of books

The UGG would like to thank Walter Bilous and Irena Kodak for the donation of books to the UGG library.

Suggested Readings on Ukrainian Displaced Persons

Yury Boshyk, Wsevolod W.Isajiw and Roman Senkus (eds.), *The Refugee experience: Ukrainian displaced persons after World War II*, Edmonton: Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, 1992.

John Lawrence Reynolds, *Leaving Home, The Remarkable Life of Peter Jacyk*, Figure 1 Publishing, Vancouver, 2013. (Available from the Ottawa Public Library).

Erast Huculak, *My Wooden Suitcase, A Memoir*, Huculak Chair of Ukrainian Culture and Ethnography in the Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore at the

University of Alberta, 2011. (Available from the University of Alberta Library).

Andrew Melnyk, *My grandfather's mill: Journey to freedom*, Xlibris, Bloomington, In., 2008. (Available in Library and Archives Canada).

Community Events

Jan 29, Friday 7pm

Film: "I am Ukrainian" Personal Stories of a Revolution. Location: Amphitheatre. Saint Paul University. 223 Main Street Ottawa.

Special guest speakers include:

Andriy Shevchenko, Ukraine Ambassador to Canada

Yulia Marushevskya, Activist and Head of the Investment Agency of Odesa.

Ben Moses: Producer, Director, Writer, Film maker and Documentarian.

Cost: Entrance by donation \$.

This is a UCPBA Ottawa Sponsored event in cooperation with UCC Ottawa and the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies.

Jan 30, Saturday 6pm

Malanka Zabava. 6 pm cocktails, 7 pm dinner and 9 pm dance. Ukrainian Orthodox Hall, 1000 Byron Ave. Featuring "Zirka", Svitanok Dance Ensemble and Koliyazhanky singers. Catered dinner. Adults \$90, Seniors (65+) and Students \$65, Children <12 \$40, dance only \$40. Tickets and information: contact Michael Reshitnyk at: mj.reshitnyk@gmail.com or tel:613-277-4664 E-transfer payments accepted/Advance ticket sales only.

Feb 7, Sun 2pm. 1000 Byron

Lvivski Muzyky - Carolling in Ottawa. Tickets can be purchased at Buduchnist credit Union for 20\$ and will be available at the door.

A part of the proceeds will be going to help Ukrainian Soldiers being deployed to Eastern Ukraine. If you have any additional questions, or wish to reserve a ticket, please contact: Luba: Lubazh@yahoo.com or Natalia: nataliaromas@cym.org; (819) 431-1651