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February Meeting

Prof. Marcia Ostaszewski gave an interesting presentation entitled, "Historical perspectives on Ukrainian music and dance in Canada: A focus on the west and the early 1900s".

She began her presentation with a short history of Ukrainian immigration to western Canada. In some cases, the immigrants brought some musical instruments with them from Ukraine and later made copies or bought them in Canada. Religious or church music also was common in the various settlements.

With time, modern Canada and American influences shaped the evolution of Ukrainian music. Records were made and distributed among the communities. Customs particular to the Ukrainian communities developed regarding weddings and other community events. Some of these customs were brought from Ukraine while others evolved here. During her presentation, she made references to Ukrainian communities in western Canada and also in Nova Scotia.

Prof. Ostaszewski concluded her presentation with a brief description of the influence of Ukrainian music on Canadian

aboriginal peoples and how they adapted this music for their own events. In some cases, these close contacts led to inter-marriage. Prof. Ostaszewski is continuing her research in this field. She recently received a post-doctoral fellowship to continue her research on the Ukrainian community in Nova Scotia.

The Ukrainian Radio Program

NEW TIMES for on CHIN Radio 97.9 FM beginning in March. Sundays 2-3 PM and Tuesdays 12-1 PM. Continues to be streamed at airtimes.

<http://www.chinradioottawa.com>

Google at Street Level

It is now possible to view many cities and towns including Ottawa in Canada and other countries from street level. However, Ukraine does not seem to be in this list. You can travel down streets and view houses from the front.

<http://www.vpike.com/>

Another site is:

<http://maps.google.ca/>

The Hon. John Ramon Hnatyshyn Lecture Series

This year, there will be a presentation by Lawrence Ewashko on April 22, 2010. More information will be provided at a later date.

FOOTNOTE.COM

Submitted by Ted Lomatski

Lindon, UT - March 11, 2010 – In order to encourage more people to find their ancestors and connect with family, Footnote.com, the web's premier interactive history site, is opening all of their U.S. census documents for free to the public for a limited time.

Unlike any other historical collection on the web, the Interactive Census Collection has the unique ability to connect people related to ancestors found on the historical documents. Simply by clicking the "I'm Related" button for a name on the document will identify you as a descendent and also list others that have done the same. Never before has it been as easy to connect with distant relatives through historical documents. To learn how to get started with the Interactive Census, visit:

<http://go.footnote.com/discover>

Finding a record featuring an ancestor's name provides not only an emotional experience but also a connection with the past. On Footnote.com it's more than just finding a name on a census record.

Interactive tools allow people to enhance the documents by adding their own contributions including:

- Photos
- Stories
- Comments
- Other related documents

Each contribution is linked to a Footnote member and provides a means for people to find each other and exchange more information about their ancestors.

"TV programs including 'Who Do You Think You Are?' on NBC and 'Faces of America' on PBS will surely increase the interest in family history in the United States," explains Russell Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. "We believe that using our Interactive Census Collection is a great way for those who are new to genealogy to get started."

In addition to providing the basic information about ancestors with the census documents, Footnote.com has been working with the National Archives and other institutions to digitize and index over 63 million historical records that include:

- Military documents
- Historical newspapers
- City directories
- Naturalization records

"Using the records on Footnote to go beyond the names and dates is like adding color to your tree," says Roger Bell, Footnote's Senior Vice President of Content and Product. "The more details you add, the more colorful your family tree becomes."

To search for an ancestor and experience family history like never before, visit:

<http://go.footnote.com/discover>

Pysanka Workshop (March 27, Sat. 1:00 - 4:30 pm)

Learn the traditional art of Ukrainian Easter egg (pysanky) painting. Alta Vista Branch Library. Register at www.bibliottawalibrary.ca or 613-737-2837 ext. 28