



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **February Meeting**

#### *The Wojtowicz-Cedar Family, 1760-Present*

Frank Cedar is among the leading experts in the area of Ukrainian-Polish genealogy and during the February meeting, he again shared his knowledge and experience in the area of Ukrainian family history with the UGG members.

With the assistance of maps, documents and photographs, Frank gave a summary of his family history based on a chronology of events that he had produced as a visual aid to his presentation. He spoke about the name change in the family from Wojtowicz to Cedar during the years 1923-1938. The large family today consists of five generations in western Canada and has members in Canadian, United States, Poland and Ukraine and Frank is in contact with all of them.

Based on his experience, Frank provided advice regarding the use of 'nicknames', analysis of photographs, correct spelling of names including names of ancestral villages. Some of the problems he encountered in his research dealt with false or forged documents and 'mixed' marriages. Among the sources he used in his research were local vital statistics offices (RACS) in Ukraine and (USC) in Poland. He also used documents from local churches in Poland, Ukraine and Canada. He visited cemeteries, and local, regional and national archives in various countries.

His presentation gave the UGG members new and interesting insights into sources and methods of research in the area of Ukrainian family history. Frank's next objective is to create a permanent record of his family history.



*Frank Cedar presenting the Wojtowicz-Cedar Family History during our February 2012 meeting*

### **Walter Zayachkowski (1930-2012)**

Walter passed away on February 27, 2012. He was born on August 4, 1930 in Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan on the family farm. His parents were Fred and Anna (Cynkaluk) Zayachkowski. Walter attended Blaine Lake High School, Saskatoon Normal School, University of Saskatchewan, University of Alberta and the University of Michigan.

He began his career as a school teacher and Principal in Saskatchewan. He was a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Windsor and later worked as a statistician at Statistics Canada and at the Department of Indian and Inuit Affairs in Ottawa. He was an active member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ottawa since 1964 and served as a Church Elder for the last twenty years. He was also the former Treasurer and Co-President of the Church Building Committee.

After his retirement, Walter began a series of research projects relating to Ukrainian genealogical research at the Library and Archives Canada. His main project was the compilation, review and updating of the passenger lists of Ukrainian pioneers coming to Canada in the years prior to the First World War. This project continued for over a decade and was completed last year.

His research notes are now with the Genealogy Section of the Library and Archives Canada and they are creating a database with this information. Walter's research and writing will save researchers much time and effort when searching for information concerning the arrival of their ancestors in Canada. Walter also answered inquiries from researchers from both inside and outside of Canada relating to passenger lists. He regularly attended the meetings of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group and gave a lecture on his research.

The funeral was held at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox Church on March 1, 2012. Walter was buried at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Cemetery on Merivale Road.

### **Ivan Franko Lecture**

Timothy Snyder, Professor of History at Yale University, will be delivering the 26th Annual Ivan Franko Memorial Lecture based on his book *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin*.

Bloodlands is a new interpretation of the mass violence on the territory of modern-day Ukraine, Belarus, eastern Poland and western Russia in the 1930s and 1940s. The Annual Franko Lecture is co-sponsored by the Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (UCPBA, Ottawa Chapter).

The Lecture will take place on Wednesday, March 28th, at 7.30 PM in The Lounge, New Residence, 90 University Private, on University of Ottawa campus. (The New Residence is "RCR" on the map that can be accessed on this link, <http://www.uottawa.ca/maps/>). The lecture is free, but since seating is limited, people are invited to pre-register by emailing the Chair at [chairukr@gmail.com](mailto:chairukr@gmail.com). The phone contact is 613 562 5800 x3692.

### **April 24, 2012 Meeting**

Mike Dowhan of our UGG-NCR group will be sharing his Family History research at our April meeting: both his successes as well as current roadblocks.

### **Community Notices**

*March 29, Thurs. 7pm*

UNF Ottawa-Gatineau Branch monthly meeting. 110 Encore Private (near Villa Marconi). Potential new members and the curious are welcome. Info: Olya Korzachenko 819-775-5066 [olya.helen@gmail.com](mailto:olya.helen@gmail.com)

*March*

Register for the Summer Ukrainian Language Institute in Lviv.  
<http://prov.in.ua/index.php?id=158>