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February 25th 2020 Meeting

*Galicia to Brooklands Manitoba, Canada.
.. Then back to the homeland.*

Stuart began his very interesting presentation by describing the immigration of his grandparents from Galicia to Brooklands, Manitoba and their involvement with the local Ukrainian community.



Stuart Fedak – our February Speaker

He mentioned that members of his family served in the Austro-Hungarian Army. He described various documents dealing with birth, marriage and death in his family. Stuart used an innovative method of researching his family in Ukraine through the use of amateur radio. He was able to make contacts in Ukraine who visited his ancestral village and provided family history information.

He was also able to obtain documents from his ancestral village including information on marriages. He used Google Advanced Search to locate information

Of special assistance in his research was the publication, *The Fedak Clan* by Olga Skromeda (Fedak). Stuart hired a genealogist in Ukraine who submitted a report on his investigations.

He then described his tour of Ukraine with his wife and he used the services of Cobblestone Freeway Tours from Edmonton. He used the services of local translators and he suggested that it may be useful to record some of the conversations dealing with family history during these visits. Stuart also visited Lviv, Chernivtsi and Ternopil. Stuart was particularly elated to visit the village and home of his grandfather.

A recording of this webinar/presentation is available on our UGG-NCR website as follows:
<http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation

In view of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, the UGG-NCR is postponing our live meetings for the time being. This includes our original March presentation of "*Found in a Suitcase: the Story of my Parents' Journey from Ukraine to Canada, 1944-1948*" by Christine Habrowych which we hope to present live at a later time when public events/gatherings are deemed safe in the City of Ottawa.

In the meantime, we will attempt to offer Genealogy webinars as an alternative. Additionally, we will also email to our members, any information we find about webinars offered by other Genealogy organizations.

Thank you for your understanding of our change in plans. The health and well-being of our members is of utmost importance to the UGG-NCR.

Nashi Predky 2020 Spring Conference

The Nashi Predky 2020 Ukrainian Family History Conference originally planned as an "in-person" event, has also been modified to be offered as a "webinar" event. The date is Saturday April 4.

This conference features experts in Eastern European genealogy, including lectures, and a film presentation,

Registration is open. For more information about this webinar and how to register go to: <https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2020>

NYG&B .. free daily webinars

The "New York Genealogical and Biographical Society" is offering free daily genealogy-related webinars. Information can be found at: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/upcoming-free-webinars>

In particular, their March 29 webinar on: "*Finding Relatives in Russian Empire Records for non-Russian Speakers*" may be of interest to UGG-NCR members.

Gene-O-Rama 2020 (Apr 3-4)- cancelled

From the Gene-O-Rama website:
<https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/geneorama/>

It is with great reluctance during our 50th anniversary celebrations that Ottawa Branch must cancel Gene-O-Rama 2020 due to the escalating concerns over COVID-19. We have been unable to find an alternate facility that meets our needs for a date later in the year, so reluctantly cancelled the event.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you at Gene-O-Rama 2021 in the spring of next year.

Other Genealogy Webinar options

A cursory google search of genealogy webinars & classes, shows that there are various genealogy options available, e.g.:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

<https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/recommended>

YouTube is also a great resource for various genealogy topics.

If you come across any similar websites that would be of interest to our members, we'd love to hear from you so that we can share this information.