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The Ukrainian Genealogist

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April Meeting

My Adventures in Genealogy: Mike Dowhan

Mike Dowhan gave a comprehensive and detailed presentation dealing with his research on his family history. Mike developed his interest in genealogy over several years and was prompted by a death in the family which led to regrets that Family History was at risk of being lost unless he actively began to research & document his Family Tree. The presentation was illustrated by maps, photographs and family trees. Mike researched his family history on both sides of his family and also, on his wife's side. On a map of Ukraine, he showed the location of family members.



Some of our attendees at the April meeting

In the section dealing with 'Mike's Tool Kit', Mike described the various 'tools' and sources for his research. He began with current family memory and oral history. He was assisted by his mother who wrote letters to family members in Ukraine and the United States. Further research was conducted by family visits. Holidays were sometimes planned around these visits that provided further information.

A valuable source was the Family History Centre in Ottawa and access to their microfilm records. Through the Centre, it was possible to view church records from Ukraine such as baptismal, marriage, and death records. This source expanded the Dowhan Family Tree. Some obstacles to research were the unknown location of lost relatives. He also wrote letters to municipal officials in various towns and villages in Ukraine in his search for relatives.

On-line computer sources were also an important source of information such as: www.FamilySearch.org; www.Ancestry.com; www.findagrave.com. Another source was the Displaced Persons Records from Bad Arolsen, Germany at www.DPCamps.org as well as www.its-arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html. It was also possible to search for relatives through on-line phone books and also on Facebook at www.facebook.com.



Mike presenting his research experiences

In conclusion, Mike illustrated his expanded Family Tree with photographs of his visits to relatives in Canada, Poland, Ukraine, United States and Argentina.

TONI: The Ontario Name Index

The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is creating a nominal index based on various sources and databases available to the OGS.

The Ontario Name Index (TONI) shows where information about a particular name can be found. TONI will eventually contain as many as fifty million entries. Please note that this is an index so it does not contain the information but just tells you where to find the information. As TONI expands, it will incorporate the information currently in the Ontario Cemetery Ancestor Index. But for now, remember to check both indices for your elusive relatives and remember to check regularly as both databases receive frequent updates.

Information regarding the purchase of some information is located on the OGS website in the section on TONI. This site is located on the webpage of the Ontario Genealogical Society at www.ogs.on.ca

Obituary Index

Among his many interests, Walter Zayachkowski also compiled information on the local history of the Ukrainian community in Ottawa. As part of his research, he compiled obituaries of members of the Ukrainian community from the local newspapers. There are over 80 pages of obituaries from approximately 1980 until his recent death.

An index to these names is being prepared as a project of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group. Plans include the scanning of these obituaries with the index and a publication will be prepared. This Obituary Index will be of great assistance for researchers searching for their Ukrainian relatives in the Ottawa area.

Ancestry companion site (mundia.com)

Submitted by Mike Dowhan

www.mundia.com is a family history site from Ancestry.com. which provides free access to family trees submitted by Ancestry members. Mundia membership is free and searches using the "Find People" facility have yielded several instances of other researchers submitting

surnames and towns in my family tree – including my grandparents.

There is also a "Messages" section which allows you to contact the submitters directly to exchange information.

Community Notices

May 26, Sat.

Knights of Columbus, St. Vladimir the Great Council 9557 Charter Night, celebrating 25th anniversary of service. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine. Mass, Social, Dinner, Dancing. \$35

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UCPBA(O) Prince Edward County Wine Tour - visit Canada's newest VQA region, sample wines from over 20 wineries at the Terroir Festival. Gourmet wine & food matching supper at a local winery. Come for a great event. Contact Borys Gengalo: O: 613-569-5552 ex 229, H: 613-744-8367 e-mail borys.gengalo@sympatico.ca

June 3, Sun. 3 pm.

The Ottawa School of Ukrainian Dance and the Svitanok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble present their year-end concert "Take the TIME to DANCE! Chas tantsiuvaty!" at the Bronson Centre Theatre. Students from age 4 to 55 will perform alongside Ottawa's own Svitanok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. Ticket prices \$25, \$22 and \$18. Children ages 4 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Info, 613-692-5243 or 613-234-0429.

June 9, Sat. 6 p.m.

Ukrainian, Romanian, Hungarian and Gypsy music by "Papaduke", the Toronto band featuring violin virtuoso Vasyl Popadiuk, and dinner by La Favorita Restaurant, at the Ukrainian Banquet Hall, 1000 Byron Ave. \$60 includes concert and gourmet dinner. For tickets, call 613-276-3656.

June 30 - July 2.

Sheptytsky Institute Study Days, at Saint Paul University. Theme this year: "The Bible - A Timeless Text for Today ?" Contact: 613-236-1393, ext. 2330. Website www.sheptytskyinstitute.ca