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April 28th 2020 Meeting

Use of Identity Documents (1920s-1950s)

This webinar dealt with personal identity documents as sources of information on family history.



Mike Dowhan – April Webinar Speaker

Mike Dowhan introduced this presentation on how documents shed light on lives of ancestors, in particular, on marriage, work, travel, locations and dates of various life events. This information can be used to create timelines to confirm or correct information from oral histories and other sources. Mike presented and commented on documents from his father's work as a forced farm labourer in Germany during the Second World War. The documents provided information on his travels from Skalat in Ukraine to farms in Germany during 1941 to 1945. Other documents dealt with his arrival in the Displaced Persons Camps, as a member of the Camp Police and his departure to work in coalmines in Belgium. He then departed for Canada and he was among the fortunate few who flew by plane to Canada from Europe.

Christine Habrowych described some of the personal identity documents preserved by her family. She presented and commented on the following documents: from the Polish military authorities - a Polish Army mobilization document (1930s); from the first Soviet period (in 1941) - birth certificate, marriage certificate (civil ceremony), internal passport; documents from the German occupation period (1941-1944) – registration form and Church marriage certificate. Other documents dealt with life in the Displaced Persons Camps.



Christine Habrowych – April Webinar Speaker

Myron Momryk presented and commented on his father's Arbeitsbuch fur Auslander /Workbook for Foreigners/ (1943-1945) when he worked as a forced labourer in a coal mine in Germany. Another document was a Marriage Certificate from 1946 with family history information. He included comments on immigration documents for this mother and himself to Canada in 1949.

Mike Dowhan concluded the webinar presentation with comments on samples of Birth and Baptismal documents including a French-language translation of an identity document from Belgium. Mike suggested that it

is possible to search for information with the International Tracing Service and also in various archives in Ukraine, Poland and Germany. Some of the participants submitted questions at the end of the presentation.



Myron Momryk – April Webinar Speaker

You can watch a recording of this webinar presentation (and earlier ones) by visiting the UGG Website page:

<http://ukrainiangenealogygroup-ncr.org/WebinarRecordings.html>

Preserving Your Family Archives

Below are links to several articles that may be of interest:

<https://edmontonheritage.ca/blog/2018/06/09/a-guest-post-from-edmontons-historian-laureate-virginia-woolf-and-original-order-do-not-be-afraid/>

<https://edmontonheritage.ca/blog/2020/03/25/guest-blog-post-preserving-your-family-archives/>

<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/who-we-are/we-preserve/personal-archives-preservation-guide>

2020 Capital Ukrainian Festival

From <https://www.capitalukrainianfestival.com/>

The Capital Ukrainian Festival regrets to inform you that the 2020 event is cancelled due to COVID-19. We are really going to miss you this summer!

Perogies & Cabbage Rolls For Sale.

Traditional Ukrainian food to bring you comfort during these difficult times and to raise funds for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Ottawa. Potato & cheese perogies \$10 per dozen. Meat & rice cabbage rolls \$10 per package of 5. Curb side pick-up or delivered to your home (\$5 delivery charge). Contact Angie: 613-410-2535 or a_reshitnyk@gmail.com .

TV Show “ The Genetic Detective”

Tuesdays at 10:00pm on ABC starting May 26

Two wildly popular nonfiction TV genres — genealogy and true crime — collide in ABC News’ series “The Genetic Detective” (debuting 10 p.m. Tuesday, May 26), and the first episode depicts how a Seattle-area cold case was solved 31 years after the crime occurred.

For genetic genealogist CeCe Moore, the case made an impression: It was the first criminal cold case she worked, the quickest she’s ever been able to solve a criminal case — it took two hours — and the crime’s setting is an area she knows well.

The episode recounts Moore’s work in 2018 using genetic genealogy to uncover the killer of Jay Cook and Tanya Van Cuylenborg, a young couple from British Columbia who were murdered in 1987 after taking a ferry from Vancouver to Seattle....

To read the full article, go to:

<https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/tv/abcs-the-genetic-detective-combines-genealogy-and-true-crime-solving-a-snohomish-county-cold-case/>