



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### Satellites and Settlements

This presentation will discuss the use of satellite imagery in genealogy and the availability of these data. Many may have heard of Google Maps, Yahoo Maps, and MSN Virtual Earth but this is only the tip of the iceberg of what satellite and air photos are available on the WWW that may be of interest to the genealogy community.

For example, the Canadian government has purchased a complete satellite coverage of Canada that may be downloaded free of charge. Of course, these data are fairly recent (1990-2000 time frame). However, air photos from the National Air Photo Library date back to the 1920's.

In addition, NASA has purchased two complete global satellite coverages that are available either free of charge or for a nominal fee.

Examples of air photos of homestead areas in Manitoba, and ancestral areas in the Ukraine will be presented.

The presentation will also address what software is available for viewing and analyzing these data and linking these data to maps through GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) technology.

### Revision of the Report on Alexandra Opar's Presentation at the September Meeting

Alexandra Opar described her experiences researching in local archives in Poland in the summer. She attempted to gain access to vital records in both a state archive and a City Hall in Poland. The local staff in both were friendly and cooperative especially after receiving little "gifts". She was able to view vital record books in the state archive (in Skolyszyn, Poland) but was not allowed to view the more recent vital record books in the City Hall though she could make requests for individual pieces of information at the City Hall.

She attended a Lemko festival ("Vatra") which attracted participants from Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Serbia and also Canada. She played some of the music from this festival. She also described her visit to the Lemko village of Volovets in the Carpathian Mountains.

Alexandra also visited her ancestral town in Western Ukraine. This area was the only area she visited but as such she was able to experience daily life in contemporary Ukraine. Living conditions are relatively rough. She also visited the local City Hall in this town in Ukraine. Vital records kept there were hit-and-miss.

Alexandra plans to visit Poland and Ukraine again to continue her research next summer.

## **Immigration History**

Library and Archives Canada has launched *Traces of the Past*, a new component of the virtual exhibition *Moving Here, Staying Here: the Canadian Immigrant Experience*.

This site tells the story of immigration to Canada from the early 19th century to the outbreak of the Second World War through documents held at Library and Archives Canada. You will see the trials of immigration through narratives enhanced by manuscripts, publications and visual material and you are encouraged to find your own family's history through the databases of digitized documents that are provided, such as passenger lists, and muster rolls.

You are invited to visit the site at:  
<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants>

## **Donation of Book**

The Ukrainian Genealogy Group would like to thank Walter Saidak for the donation of the book by Orest Subtelny, *Ukraine : A History* (University of Toronto Press, 3rd edition, 736 pages). This book will be added to our library.

## **Prof. Manoly Lupul's Memoirs**

*The politics of multiculturalism : a Ukrainian-Canadian memoir / Manoly R. Lupul; Edmonton : Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2005. 508 p.*

If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of this recent publication by Prof. Manoly Lupul, please contact Myron Momryk at (613) 731-1870.

In this publication, Prof. Lupul describes his early life growing up in a Ukrainian block-settlement in Alberta, his education and also his university years in Canada and the United States. Prof. Lupul is an early proponent of the Canadian philosophy of multiculturalism and this book describes his activities on the local and

national level in this area. This publication is a 'eye-witness' source of information on the recent history of Ukrainians in Canada. The special price for this book is \$30.00.

## **Community Events**

Wednesday evening -November 29, 2006, 7:30 p.m. Saint Paul University, 249 Main Street, Auditorium. There will be a lecture by Nigel Colley, grandson of Gareth Jones who reported on the Famine in Ukraine in 1932-1933.  
<http://www.garethjones.org>

Sunday, December 3, 2006: Christmas bazaar at the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent. 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.

## **Genealogy TV Shows**

History Channel has launched a new program "Ancestors in the Attic." Check your TV listings for the channel (Wednesdays at 9:30 PM in Ottawa).

Here is the site advertising the show.:  
<http://www.history.ca/microsites/AncestorsintheAttic/>

There is also an online genealogy TV program developed by Roots. To subscribe is free and you will receive email announcements re: upcoming shows. There are some "How To.." films, which you may find useful.

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

## **Next meeting**

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be held on January 23, 2007. Suggestions for topics and speakers for the new year are always welcome. Meetings with members to discuss individual research problems can be arranged by appointment.