



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **October Meeting**

At our last meeting, we viewed the documentary 'Jajo's Secret' about the internment of Ukrainians by the Canadian federal government during the First World War, told through the personal story of filmmaker James Motluk.

After James Motluk's grandfather passed away, his family found a certificate of parole issued to his grandfather by the Sault Ste. Marie Police in 1918. This documentary begins with this unknown episode in his grandfather's life and traces Motluk's personal journey as he investigates how his grandfather came to be paroled. Along the way, he not only discovers the truth about his grandfather but learns the story of how thousands of Ukrainians were interned as 'enemy aliens' by the Canadian federal government during the First World War.

James Motluk interviewed family members, local historians and visited the Library and Archives Canada in search of information. He met with Prof. Lubomyr Luciuk and visited Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario which was used as an internment camp. He also visited the cemetery at Kapuskasing, Ontario where many internees are buried. It was suggested that his grandfather was

interned because he attempted to illegally cross the Canadian border at Sault Ste. Marie into the United States. His grandfather never spoke about this event in his life to other members of his family.

### **Volunteers?**

We are in the process of planning future meetings of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group and hope to persuade some of our members to give presentations on their research and writing. If necessary, two or more presentations can be made on the same evening.

As we are a self-help group, we hope to learn from the successful and sometimes, less than successful research endeavours of our members.

### **New Site**

The information located at 'Communities and Family Histories of Ukrainians in Canada' is now located at:

<http://communities.ukrainiangenealogygroup-pei.org/>

### **New Documentary on the Ukrainian Famine of 1933**

On Sunday evening, November 29, 2009, at 7 p.m., the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Ottawa Branch) will present the Ottawa premiere of the documentary film 'Obkradena zemlia' on the Holodomor. The director, Yury Luhovy, will be present. Please note that this documentary is in Ukrainian and will be presented at the Ukrainian Community Centre, 913 Carling Avenue. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 students. This is a fund-raising event to produce an English-language version of this documentary film.

### **Annotated Bibliography of Ukrainian Canadian Family Histories**

An 'Annotated Bibliography of Ukrainian Canadian Family Histories' has been produced and is available in the UGG-NCR library. This bibliography lists over 55 publications on specific Ukrainian Canadian family histories produced in Canada in English. This bibliography can also be used to plan the research and writing of a family history. It includes a nominal index and a listing of ancestral villages and towns in Ukrainian/Poland and locations in Canada where these Ukrainian families settled.

### **Ukrainian Profile TV show**

On November 1, 2009 the Ukrainian Profile TV show broadcast on Ottawa Roger's Cable 22 featured a brief interview with Myron Momryk and Mike Dowhan of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group (National Capital Region).

This interview can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1nvSCyCDqM>

This link also appears on our website.

### **Ottawa Ukrainian Cemetery Database**

Our webpage containing a database of Ukrainian cemetery sections in the Ottawa area has recently been re-instated. Currently it contains records from the Notre Dame Catholic cemetery. Tombstones photographs as well as registry information are available in this database.

We hope to expand this database to include other cemeteries in the National Capital Region in future phases of this project.

Please try it out by clicking the link below and entering a few letters of the name you are researching into the search field.

<http://UkrainianGenealogyGroup-NCR.org/Cemetery.html>

### **GENE-O-RAMA 2010**

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) will be hosting the 27th edition of GENE-O-RAMA.

"GENE-O-RAMA 2010" will be held on 26-27 March 2010 at Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington, Ottawa ON.

More details will be available at their website:

<http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/geneorama>