



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **October, 2012 Meeting**

The topic at the October meeting was Heritage Photographs because they provide a very important connection to our ancestors. If these photographs are not properly cared for, we may lose vital historical information relating to our family history. This presentation was made by Myron Momryk with Borys Gengalo and contributions from members.

Over forty photographs were presented relating to the Ukrainian community in Ottawa. One of the purposes of this presentation was to identify the photographs. Estimates of dates, confirming locations and identity of individuals help to provide new information. The identity of individual clergy and their tenure in Ottawa assist in providing a time-frame for some photos. Styles of military uniforms are also an aid to identify the general time period of the photos. Identifying individuals in photos who are still alive and asking for their cooperation is perhaps the best method to identify other individuals, the time period and the events in the photographs.

Some do's and don'ts regarding the preservation of heritage photographs:

- Handle prints and negatives along the edges using white cotton gloves to avoid permanent damage.
- Store the photos in a closed container in a location with regular temperature and mild humidity and away from people who are the most serious danger to the preservation of photographs. Do not store photographs where there may be a danger of water or chemical leaks, in unheated basements or attics, close to

heat sources and heavy household traffic.

- Photographs should be identified with information on individuals, time and place of events. Unidentified photographs are useless to future generations. Use people's real names and not 'mother' and 'father'.
- Display copies of photographs but not the originals. Exposed photographs deteriorate over time due to light, dirt and dust.
- When making photographs for historical preservation purposes, it is best to hire a photographer or have someone with photographic knowledge to ensure good quality photographs.

Archiving information regarding digital photos:

- Identify where you have digital photos on cameras, computers and include them on the Web.
- Decide which photos are the most important.
- Organize the selected photos by giving them descriptive file names.
- Create a finding-aid to the photos you have selected and write a brief description of the photos.
- Make copies and store them in different places.
- Check your photos at least once a year to ensure that you can still read them.
- Create new media copies every five years or when necessary to avoid data loss.

Information on the preservation on heritage and digital photos is available at various archival and related sites on the web.



*Ottawa Ukrainian Catholic Parish (circa 1940)*

### **Sunnyside Ukrainian Conversation Group**

The Ukrainian Conversation Group is an informal group interested in learning basic conversational Ukrainian with an introduction to the Ukrainian alphabet and general Ukrainian topics. The Group will meet in the Meeting Room at the Sunnyside Branch of the Ottawa Public Library on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates during Winter and Spring, 2013:

January 14 and 28,  
February 11 (only)  
March 11 and 25  
April 8 and 22  
May 13 and 27  
June 10 and 24

For further information on location and schedule, please contact:

Yvonne van Lith  
Coordinator, Sunnyside Branch,  
Ottawa Public Library  
1049 Bank Street, Ottawa,  
(613) 730-1082, ext 33 or 22  
<http://www.BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca>

### **On-line Ukrainian Records**

Various Ukrainian Church records have now been digitized and available for viewing on the Family Search website:

<https://familysearch.org/collection/list>

[Ukraine, Births and Baptisms, 1784-1879](#)

[Ukraine, Kyiv Orthodox Consistory Church Book Duplicates, 1840-1845](#)

[Ukraine, Western Ukraine Catholic Church Book Duplicates, 1600-1900](#)

Note that some of these can only be viewed at Family History Centers.

### **On-line Ontario Records**

The Ontario Genealogical Society's Ontario Name Index now has 1 million names in the database. The purpose of The Ontario Name Index (TONI) is to provide a single index of Ontario names, with pointers to where additional information can be found on any given individual in the database. This database has been created by the dedicated effort of a group of volunteers. If you would like to participate, you can contact the coordinator Mike More at [toni@ogs.on.ca](mailto:toni@ogs.on.ca).

Access to the database is free although there may be some cost to buy the underlying record. [https://www.ogs.on.ca/integrated/toni\\_database1.php](https://www.ogs.on.ca/integrated/toni_database1.php)

### **Community Events**

December 2, Sunday; Christmas Bazaar. St. John Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent.

December 9, Sunday; Pyrohy and Koliady dinner and concert. Ukrainian Orthodox Hall, 1000 Byron Avenue.