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October 22, 2013 Meeting

We would like to thank Aaron Floresco for permission to view his documentary at the meeting, *The Ukrainian Labour Temple, A Cultural and Political Movement from Winnipeg's North End (2012)*.

This documentary presented the history of the Ukrainian Labour Temple from its building in Winnipeg in 1918 until 2012. The building became a national centre for the Ukrainian Farmer-Labour Temple Association (ULFTA) with branches in most major Ukrainian communities across Canada. In this documentary, the narrators, who included Dr. Jim Mochoruk, Dr. Rhonda Hinthier and Bob Seychuk, explained the development of the ULFTA as a Ukrainian cultural organization that flourished especially during the Depression decade but became a subject of controversy with the Cold War and the rise of anti-communism in Canada.

The ULFTA was succeeded by the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (AUUC) after the Second World War. The ULFTA/AUUC placed a heavy emphasis on educational and cultural activities and produced an enormous collection of newspapers, publications, plays and music. In the 1950s, the AUUC began to produce publications in English for the Canadian-born membership.

The building also housed the records of the Workers' Benevolent Association (WBA), a fraternal insurance company, with records on their membership. The newspapers, publications and archives are now a rich source of information for Ukrainian Canadian history and Ukrainian family history in particular. The

presentation of the documentary was followed by a question-and-answer period.

The documentary is now in the UGG library. Information on this documentary including order information can be located at:

<http://www.pastperfectpro.com/index.html>



Image from the Aaron Floresco Film

Obituaries British Columbia Local News

It is possible to search for obituaries by last name in various local newspapers published in British Columbia:

<http://www.bclocalnews.com/lifestyles/obituaries/?cmpRegion=BC>

Donations to the UGG Library

We would like to thank Borys Gengalo for the periodical, *Tracing Your Eastern European Ancestors* that includes an article entitled, *Connect to Your Ukrainian Roots*.

We would also like to thank Walter and Doris Bilous for the donation of the DVD entitled *Escape From Sobibor* and also the two volume, *Ukrainian-English Dictionary (1957)* and the *English-Ukrainian Dictionary (1948)* edited by M.L. Podvesko, published in Kyiv.

Archives of Manitoba - Manitoba Probate Records

The Estate File Indexes are now online for Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin, Morden and Portage la Prairie.

The Archives of Manitoba holds Manitoba [probate](#) records, including wills and estate files for individuals who died in Manitoba. [The Guide to Probate Records at the Archives of Manitoba](#) can be used to determine where an estate was probated and the file location at the Archives of Manitoba.

For some courts, the Guide points you to online indexes which make the search for probate records much easier. The Archives is currently working on making all court estate indexes available online. The following are currently available:

- [Winnipeg estate index](#)
- [Brandon estate index](#)
- [Dauphin estate index](#)
- [Morden estate index](#)
- [Portage la Prairie index](#)

For an index of more recent probate records (after 1984 in Winnipeg and later in other courts), you can use the [Court Registry System](#) online:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/probate/>

Community Events

Thursday, November 28, 4 pm

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Ottawa invites you to a public lecture by Dr. Taras Kuzio entitled *Has Ukraine Finally Left the Crossroads? Viktor Yanukovich, Vladimir Putin and Europe.*

Lecture will be in the Senate Room (Room 083), Tabaret Building, 75 Laurier St. E. and is meant to coincide with the first day of the EU Vilnius Summit which will determine whether Ukraine will sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

Taras Kuzio, a Research Associate at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, is an internationally recognized expert on Ukrainian politics, with frequent commentaries and analyses of ongoing developments.

Since seating is limited, people interested in attending the Seminar must register by email: chairukr@gmail.com as soon as possible. Registration is free. The Chair of Ukrainian Studies can also be contacted by phone at 613 - 562 5800 ext. 3692.

Sunday, December 1, 10:30 – 2:00 p.m

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League holds its Christmas bazaar at the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, 952 Green Valley Crescent.

Ukrainian Heraldic Society

List of names associated with the 'Sas' name. Includes some names of Ukrainian families.

<http://uht.org.ua/forum/viewtopic.php?f=23&t=1048>

Western Canada Research Sources

The following information was submitted by Frank Cedar:

(1) The Saskatchewan Homestead Index
<http://www.saskhomesteads.com/search.asp>

(2) The Henderson Directories for Western Canada (the Prairies)
<http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/henderson.html> includes a variety of sources of information about where people lived and worked from 1906 to 1955 e.g., City Directories are listed and digitalized for Brandon, Winnipeg and Saskatoon.

Gravemarkers of Northwestern Alberta, Index of all names

Gravemarkers of various Grande Prairie and area cemeteries have been photographed and are available at the following website:
<http://gp.abgensoc.ca/gravemarkers.html>