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Finding Your Ancestors with FamilySearch

We were fortunate to have Shirley-Ann Pyefinch make a presentation on *Finding Your Ancestors with FamilySearch*. Shirley-Ann has made previous presentations to the Ukrainian Genealogy Group and we are always grateful for her contributions to our knowledge about researching family history.



Shirley-Ann Pyefinch – our October presenter

Shirley-Ann spoke about the various search tools available in FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/>) including Family Tree with Family Charts and Person Page, FamilySearch Catalog, FamilySearch Indexing, Historical Record Collection and much related information.

Information in the “FamilyTree” is meant to grow through research and can be built collaboratively with other researchers. This is in contrast to “Genealogies” which are essentially “read-only” versions of family trees that are made available to the general public.

There is also a Family History Library Catalogue and she showed examples from Roman Catholic Church records in Eastern Ontario.

It is also possible to search records through maps. Shirley-Ann showed the Ukrainian Research Page and mentioned that FamilySearch Facebook Group for those who wish to maintain contacts with other researchers. It is also possible to filter collections by record category and to browse all published collections. There are currently 8 Ukrainian on-line collections.

Shirley-Ann also stated that the ongoing digitization of the FamilySearch records is currently expected to complete in 2020. The general public can participate in the various indexing projects. There is currently one Ukraine Indexing project (*Ukraine—L'viv Greek Catholic Archeparchy Church Books 1607–1945 [Part B]*) on their website

In addition, Shirley-Ann mentioned passenger records from Bremen (Germany) that are now available (<http://www.passengerlists.de/>). She suggested that researchers visit the Ottawa Family History Centre for information on ‘Getting Started’ and also as a ‘Help Centre’.

For information regarding the Ottawa Family History Centre, see:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ottawa_Ontario_Family_History_Centre

ITS On-line Records

The International Tracing Service (ITS) has an online archive of documents pertaining to the Nazi era. This archive includes names of Holocaust survivors, former concentration camp inmates, and forced laborers. These records can be accessed at:
<https://digitalcollections.its-arolsen.org/>

900,000 Post-War Records were recently added to the ITS on-line archive. More information about the ongoing digitization of these wartime records can be found in the following article:
<https://tinyurl.com/yaa8olxz>

Previous UGG-NCR Newsletters

In case you are ever looking for back-issues of our monthly UGG-NCR newsletters, please note that they are all available on our website at the following link (just scroll down the page):

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

We have newsletters from the past 18 years all the way back to September 2000.

So if you've missed previous meetings, or if we ever run out of printed copies, we'd encourage you to search for and read the newsletter(s) on-line. Links mentioned in the newsletters are also easier to access from the PDF versions. And greater use of on-line access would allow us be more eco-friendly by reducing the amount of paper printouts.

Monthly meeting – BIFHSGO (Sat Dec 8)

The next Monthly Meeting of the “*British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa*” (BIFHSGO) takes place Saturday December 8 starting at 10:00am.

The topic is '*Great Moments in Genealogy*' - several members will present their amazing research discoveries All welcome, free admission and parking. For more information, see <https://bifhsgo.ca/index.php>

Ukrainian Hour radio program

The Ukrainian Hour radio program is now again podcast, and the previous several programs can be heard at any time on <https://www.chinradio.com/podcast/ukrainian> if you didn't catch the program on Sunday, 6-7 pm, on 97.9 FM.

Community Events

Dec. 1, Sat. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

UCWLC Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar.

Ukrainian traditional food available for eat-in and take-out: varenyky, cabbage rolls, borscht. Also art, handicrafts, baked goods, and White Elephant Table. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Crescent. For information : ucwlcottawa@gmail.com

Dec. 1, Sat. 11:00 am

Men's choir Akord.

Men's choir Akord will be carolling in the Grand Hall and again at St. Onuphrius Church in the Canadian History Hall at 1:00 pm. Canadian Museum of History, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau, QC.
www.historymuseum.ca

Dec 9, Sun. 5:00 pm

Pyrohy and Koliady dinner and concert

Sunday December 9th, dinner at 5:00 and concert at 7:00, Ukrainian Orthodox hall, 1000 Byron Ave. Featuring the Akord Ukrainian men's choir, the Kolizhanky women's folk group, tzymlalist Roman Tykailo and the choir of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. Annual Ukrainian themed silent auction. Donations of auction items accepted. Adults \$23, seniors \$20, students \$15, children 4-10 \$10, 3 and under, free. Contact Michael at MJ.reshitnyk@gmail.com for tickets and reservations. Invite your friends and dress in embroidery.