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Oct 22nd 2019 Meeting

A History of Ukrainians in the U.S.: 1600 - 2019

The October, 2019 meeting featured a virtual presentation entitled: “*A History of Ukrainians in the U.S.: 1600 - 2019*” by Michael Buryk. Mike began the presentation by mentioning his own Lemko family roots in Pennsylvania and his growing interest in Ukrainian family history since 1975. This presentation offered a basic understanding of the history of Ukraine and the conditions that encouraged emigration to the United States as early as the colonial period and into the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. The four main periods of Ukrainian emigration to the United States were covered.



Mike Buryk – our October Speaker

1st wave: 1875-1914 (mainly from the Lemko region of Austria-Hungary) Period of mass emigration to the coal mining regions of Pennsylvania and the eastern United States. The immigrants were known as Ruthenians, Rusyns and were mainly Greek Catholic.

2nd wave: 1920-1929. This wave included many immigrants and political exiles that fled the results of the First World War, the East European Revolutions, the Polish-Ukrainian and the Ukrainian-Bolshevik War. After the 1920 census, there was a shift to identify as Ukrainians although some retained their Rusyn identity until today.

3rd wave: 1947-1955. This wave consisted almost entirely of Displaced Persons and refugees who fled the results of the Second World War and the Soviet occupation of western Ukraine.

4th wave: 1991-After the declaration of independence of Ukraine in 1991 and the Orange Revolution in 2004, approximately 170,000 Ukrainians emigrated to the United States known as the Nova Khvyliya.

Mike also explored the current Ukrainian-American community educational and cultural institutions. He mentioned that the community was in transition in cultural, educational, political and religious spheres. New communities have been established in Florida, Texas and California.

The speaker Michael (Mike) Buryk is a freelance researcher, writer and speaker on Ukrainian and Lemko genealogy and history. Mike is a contributor to The Ukrainian Weekly, the Ukrainian language newspaper in the United States. Mike has travelled to southeast Poland and conducted genealogy research at the Sanok Archives. He is a founder of Nashi Predky, a Ukrainian genealogy group that has produced conferences on family history and research at

the UHEC since 2014. He hosts and produces two monthly podcasts in English: *Krynytsya* (the Well) <https://soundcloud.com/krynytsya> which focuses on the activities of Ukrainians around the world; and, *Made in Ukraine Tech Startup Edition* which covers the efforts of Ukrainian tech companies to go global <https://soundcloud.com/ukrainetech>.

UGG- Virtual Presentations

This year, the UGG is trialling new meeting approaches such as webinars & remote presentations. One aim is to expand our base of potential speakers beyond our traditional Ottawa base. As well this approach could allow UGG members who cannot attend a particular meeting in person, the possibility of participating remotely (or to watch a recorded version of a UGG presentation at a later date). And lastly, we could also attract new membership outside of the National Capital Region

September's pre-recorded presentation as well as the live October presentation on Ukrainian-Americans by Mike Buryk from Pennsylvania are the first tentative steps. We would be interested in hearing if this is a trend that our membership supports, as well to receive any specific feedback on what may meet our members' needs.

We encourage you to send your input to us at uggncr1@gmail.com.

Scanning Text documents (OCR idea)

Submitted by Ted Lomatski

Genealogists often save digital images of old records. They might embed the images into genealogy program(s) or as separate files in a folder someplace on their hard drive(s) or in the cloud. Today's flatbed scanners generally cost \$50 or so for basic scanners or as much as \$600 or \$700 (US) for the fancier models with lots of features. In the past few years, many genealogists have also learned to use their cell

phones with high-resolution cameras as substitute scanners.

However, a bigger and often more expensive challenge is to convert the words printed in a digital image into computer text that can be imported into genealogy programs, word processors, or other applications. OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software can accomplish that but the higher-quality OCR applications tend to be expensive and require a considerable amount of computing power to produce accurate results.

Indeed, there is a better and inexpensive solution: use Google's high-powered servers in dozens of data centers around the world to convert digital images into text for you ...

.. to read the full article, go to:

<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/11/07/the-free-scanner-app-you-probably-already-have-installed/>.

Community Events

Dec. 7 Sat. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Ukrainian Christmas Bazaar.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine, 952 Green Valley Cres. For information contact ucwlcottawa@gmail.com

Jan 11, Sat. 6:00pm

OTTAWA MALANKA 2020

1000 Byron Avenue - Ukrainian Banquet and Convention Hall. LUC Ottawa invites everyone to bring their friends and family for a night of celebration as we welcome the Ukrainian New Year.

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