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Sep 27th UGG-NCR Webinar

Researching the Biography and Genealogy of my Scientist Grandfather Dr. W.S. Kindraczuk from Horodenka in Galicia, Chemist of Łańcut in Poland and Pioneer of Probiotics in Vienna in 1912 by Dr. Romana M. Bahry, Professor Emerita, York University

On September 27, 2022, Dr. Romana M. Bahry made a presentation based on her biographical book and family history of her grandfather, Dr. Wolodymyr Sylvester Kindraczuk.



Dr. Romana Bahry - our September speaker

Dr. Bahry began the research on her family in 2002. Her interest in her family history began when her grandfather was still alive in Hamilton, Ontario and told stories about his student days, professional life, and notable scientific discoveries as a chemist.

Dr. Kindraczuk, born in Horodenka, Galicia in 1882, studied in Berezhany, Lviv, Vienna, and Kiel, Germany and later worked as a pharmacist in Łańcut, Poland until the Second World War.

Dr. Kindraczuk left with his family during the war and was able to bring with him family photos and personal documents. He lived in Salzburg, Austria and then in a Displaced Persons camp from where he eventually immigrated to the United States and then to Hamilton, Ontario.

Dr. Bahry visited libraries and archives in many of the cities where Dr. Kindraczuk studied, lived and worked. She visited Ukraine nine times; Poland nine times; and Austria five times. She began her research by identifying family photos and studying documents, metrical books and maps that she displayed during her presentation. She also had access to parish records including documents regarding her ancestors dating as early as 1788.

In Lviv, she was able to examine the university records and newspaper reports about her grandfather at the Lviv Oblast Archives. In addition, Dr. Bahry examined address books, business directories and szematyzms of Austrian Government civil directories to confirm addresses and locations. She explained the variety of documents, the use of German, Polish and Ukrainian languages in various documents and the related spelling of personal names that is a challenge to all genealogists. Dr. Kindraczuk was able to acquire Canadian citizenship in 1960, lived his last years in Hamilton among his extended family, and passed away in 1969.

Dr. Bahry described in detail her 'family tree' with ancestors who were of German, Polish and Ukrainian ancestry, the related religious denominations and the application of church laws regarding marriages.

She invited interested researchers to acquire her book about her grandfather entitled, Dr. W. S. Kindraczuk: Forgotten Chemist of Łańcut and Pioneer of Probiotics. This book can be purchased at: <https://www.bookstore.yorku.ca>. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Ukrainian Night Dinner (Nov 5)

*Knights Of Columbus Council 9557
(St. John the Baptist Shrine)*

If you would like to help raise funds for Ukraine, please consider attending this dinner our community is holding at St. John the Baptist Parish. Great meal, entertainment and first-hand testimonies from survivors of the war.

Major Beneficiary: *Canadian Ukrainian Foundation For Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine at this time of War.*

When: Saturday, Nov 5, 2022

5:30pm Vespers

6:00pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Cost: Tickets (\$60)

Info: kofc9557events@gmail.com

Ukrainian Phrasebook for Helping Refugees

This Ukrainian phrasebook by Anna Ohoiko (UkrainianLessons.com) contains essential phrases for everyone hosting or helping Ukrainians. Download it for free: [Ukrainian Phrasebook for Helping Refugees!](#)

Ukrainian Hour radio program

The Ukrainian Hour radio program airs every Sunday on 97.9 FM from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Podcasts can be heard at <https://www.chinradio.com/ukrainian>

Ukrainian Genealogy online lecture series

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is hosting 2 on-line lectures on Ukrainian Genealogy in November.

WHEN: Nov 23, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Nov 30, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

WHERE: Two-Part Online Series

COST: \$20 (\$15 for OGS members)

The war in Ukraine has created a lot of concern about the ability to conduct Ukrainian genealogy research, however, the latest news is the war has pushed the effort to digitize Ukrainian archive records at a speed never seen before. This two-part series on researching Ukrainian family history will review the country's geography and history, explain how to locate and access Ukrainian genealogical resources and demonstrate their use in a case study.

Each session will consist of a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions.

Note: The lectures will be recorded, so that registrants who can't attend the live presentations may watch at a more convenient time.

For more information:

<https://torontofamilyhistory.org/event/ukrainian-lecture-series/>

War Crimes Investigation

The RCMP is investigating war crimes going back to 2014. If you have been in Ukraine since 24 February and have relevant information, please contact them through the website (accessible in Ukrainian, Russian, French and English): <https://ukraine.rcmp.ca/>