



Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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Schedule of Meetings

The Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month:

September 23; October 28 and November 25. There is no meeting in December.

In 2009, there will be meetings on January 27, February 27, March 24, April 28 and May 26.

Australian Website – Belongings

Post WW2 migration memories & journeys

The “Belongings” website tells the stories of migrants who arrived in Australia in the decades after the Second World War through personal mementos, photographs and memories.

The story of the Babij family from Ukraine can be found at the following site:

<http://www.migrationheritage.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/belongings/people/babij/index.shtml>

Library and Archives Canada - 1916 Census of the Prairie Provinces

The 1916 Census of the Western Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) is now available at Library and Archives Canada. The self-serve microfilm reels (reels T-21925 to T-21956) are in the Microfilm Consultation room. Copies are also available for interlibrary loan.

Copies of the microfilm reels shelf-list have been placed in the Microfilm Consultation Room and at the reference desk in the Canadian Genealogy Centre.

This census is only available on microfilm. It has not been digitized, so it is not available online on our website.

The Canadian Genealogy Centre webpages providing census information will be updated shortly for our clients.

Sylvie Tremblay
Chief
Canadian Genealogy Centre.

Second World War Service Files: Canadian Armed Forces War Dead

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online database, Second World War Service Files: Canadian Armed Forces War Dead.

Through this online database, researchers can access references to the service files in the Department of National Defence Fonds (RG 24) for the members of the Canadian Armed Forces who lost their lives during this conflict. Over 1,159,000 men and women served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War (1939-1945) and 44,093 people lost their lives.

The database is available at:
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/war-dead/index-e.html>

Library and Archives Canada gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, without which this project would not have been possible.

The contributions of many LAC staff were instrumental in the success of this project, and their efforts are much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Sylvie Tremblay, Chief, Canadian Genealogy Centre at sylvie.tremblay@lac-bac.gc.ca

Ukrainian Settlers in Smoky Lake, Alberta

The following site provides a list of families who settled in Smoky Lake – their year of settlement and their towns of origin in Ukraine.

<http://www.smokylake.com/history/settlement/list.htm>

Mike Moldowan

In the Ottawa Citizen of August 25, 2008, there is an obituary for Mike Moldowan, who sold french fries from his chipwagon for many years in Carleton Place. He died in July at the age of 96.

He was born in 1911 and immigrated to Canada in 1929. He lived and worked in Hull (Gatineau) for a fellow who owned a chipwagon business. He met his wife at a Ukrainian church in Ottawa and they had two children. He moved to Carleton Place where he opened a grocery store and sold gas.

His name ‘Moldowan’ was pronounced ‘Muldoon’. When people asked about his accent, he replied that it was Chinese. In the summer, his wife operated the store and he sold chips from his chipwagon. He retired in 1979 when he turned 68 years. His son continued the business.

During his business career, he also served on the City Council from 1963 to 1965. He is remembered as a local character among the older residents of Carleton Place. It is interesting to note that there were a number of Ukrainians in the chipwagon business here in Ottawa and also in Montreal during and after the Second World War.

Ukrainian Genealogy site

Members may wish to browse through the Ukraine Genealogy List located at:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/ukraine/>

At this site, researchers submit questions and comments on all aspects of researching Ukrainian genealogy.

St. Onuphrius Ukrainian Catholic Church

In the Ottawa Citizen of August 21, 2008 there is a story about the baptism of Giorgia Fiume Steiro on Saturday, August 23 at the St. Onuphrius Ukrainian Catholic Church in the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

This church was dismantled and transported from Smoky Lake, Alberta in 1996 and reconstructed at the Museum. The first child baptized at this church was Joe Yaworsky in 1915 and he is a distant cousin of Giorgia. He is now 93 years old and living in Windsor, Ontario. This event was organized by Judith Yaworsky from Ottawa. She had traced the family connections to the St. Onuphrius Church in Smokey Lake, northeast of Edmonton. Giorgia Fiume Steiro was born on January 9 in Vancouver and her parents recently moved to Ottawa.

Bukovina/Alberta Genealogy Website

We've recently been made aware of an interesting website regarding the emigration of the Menzak family from Bukovina to Alberta in the early 1900's. This website contains a list of surnames of the Menzak descendants as well as much information about Ukrainian genealogy, the Bukovina region, as well as Alberta pioneer settlements.

The link for this website is below:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~menzak/index.htm#TOC>

Ukrainian Immigration to Pennsylvania

For anyone interested ... who might be near Scranton PA next weekend ...

Ukrainian Immigration to the Coal Region of Northeastern Pennsylvania Lecture – Sunday September 28 at 2pm at the Eckley Miner' village
(<http://www.eckleyminers.org/>)

Dressed in traditional costume, Paula Holoviak will discuss Ukrainian immigration to the anthracite coal regions in the late 19th and 20th centuries, and the impact of this migration on the history, culture and economy of Pennsylvania. The reasons for this first major wave of Ukrainian immigration will be explored as well as the cultural legacy of the early immigrants.

The presentation includes a performance of Ukrainian folk songs—songs typical of those sung by early immigrants. A PowerPoint display with historical maps and pictures will accompany the program.

The lecture is free of charge & open to the public. Sponsored by the PA Humanities Council.

Ukrainian Night 2008

The Knights of Columbus Council will be holding their annual Ukrainian Night 2008 Dinner and Dance on Saturday, November 8, 2008. Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. ; Dinner at 7:00 p.m. featuring: Perogies, cabbage rolls and chicken kiev. Entertainment: Luba Goy; dancing to DJ Peter Zabchuk. Major benefactor: St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Foundation. Tickets: \$40.00 per person. Contact: Mike Pawlowsky 613-831-3046