

Ukraine Genealogy Group (UGG)

of Edmonton and Area Society, Alberta

October 2026 Update



UGG Edmonton continues to provide information and suggestions to its members whose interests that include the geographic areas of East Galicia (Ukraine), West Galicia (Poland), Bukovina (Ukraine and Romania), Volhynia, and the West Russian Empire (Ukraine and Poland), and all of Ukraine. We have decided to expand this group to include Polish and Romanian settlers to Alberta due to no one else locally covering this region involving genealogy. We are also adding researching on Lemkos, Hutsuls, and Boyko's etc. We invite people from all of the Eastern European countries to participate in our meetings.

There are no membership requirements to this genealogy group. Our main focus at this time is on Western Canada and the former regions of Galicia and Bukovina in Western Ukraine and Poland. Whenever possible the presentation or the handouts are shared with the participants who attend the Zoom meetings and in-person workshops. The Zoom sessions are recorded with permission from the guest speaker, in advance. At some point, we will be putting the recorded sessions on a new UGG Edmonton website or YouTube channel.

The Ukraine Genealogy Group – Edmonton and Area Society continues to operate as a non-profit society. We are still **looking for more board members from Alberta** as our bylaws state that we can have up to seven board members! And we are happy to announce the **launch of our website**. This is a temporary location until we find a cheap web builder. <https://ukrainegenealogygroup-alberta.blogspot.com/>

Here is the current 2026 schedule for the UGG Edmonton and Area Society:

Smoky Lake Pumpkin Fair, Saturday, Oct. 3, Ukrainian Showcase area, **Elaine will have a display table** on Ukrainian and Polish genealogy. <https://smokylakepumpkinfair.ca/>.



Ukraine Genealogy Group – Research Club Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 06, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 6pm, in-person only
Riverbend Edmonton Public Library, 460 Riverbend Sq NW, Edmonton AB

\$3 suggested donation to help cover room rental and light refreshments
No need to register in advance as the room capacity is set for 40 participants

The Research Club is an open genealogy research session organized by the Ukraine Genealogy Group of Edmonton and Area Society. The purpose of the meeting is to provide members and other interested individuals with an opportunity to share their family-history research, discuss the challenges they are encountering, and receive ideas, suggestions, and assistance from others with similar research interests.

Participants are encouraged to bring questions about their Ukrainian and Eastern European family history, including research into ancestors, villages and towns of origin, church and civil records, immigration and settlement, family connections, surnames, and other genealogical resources. Attendees will have the opportunity to explain what they are currently researching, identify areas where they need assistance, and learn from the experiences and research methods of other participants.

The meeting will be an informal, collaborative and welcoming environment where participants can exchange information, resources, research leads and ideas. It is intended for people at various levels of genealogical experience,

from those who are just beginning their family research to experienced researchers working on more complex family-history questions.

The event will be advertised in advance to members of the Ukraine Genealogy Group and will be open to anyone interested in Ukrainian and Eastern European genealogy and family history.

Publishing Family History Books presentation, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 10:30 am to 11:30 am, Seniors Drop-In session, Edmonton Public Library Riverbend, 460 Riverbend Sq NW, Edmonton. Elaine will be giving this presentation.

We have created a “**Ukraine Genealogy Group – Edmonton and Area Society**”, a private Facebook group. This is a Ukraine genealogy group which is based in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada but collaborates with family researchers from Western Canada. And in all of the regions of the former Galicia and Bukovina under the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/429397856414849/>

Trace Your Roots – Ukrainian Canadian Genealogy® Elaine’s blog is <https://ukrainiancanadiangenealogy.blogspot.com/>
Note that this blog is now at 20,040 visitors and was launched in June of 2023. She will start again adding new articles to this blog and focusing on her researching out of Europe, Poland and Ukraine (once she catches up on other tasks). Latest article is “Visiting the Musée St. Paul Museum and their Ukrainian Exhibit” posted on Nov. 9th, 2025.

Local (Alberta) Events:

The Alberta Genealogical Society and Edmonton Branch offices and library now is open with different hours, so you need to check their calendar at <https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/calendar>

Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch, online catalogue to their library holdings. The AGS Edmonton Branch Library holds a unique collection of genealogy research resources that are often not found in other public genealogy collections. Our catalogue includes many specific family histories and local history books to aid your research. Our library volunteers are also active family history researchers and look forward to assisting you with your research.
<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/library-catalogue> and an important find is <https://16282.rmwebopac.com/>

Ukraine Week 2026, Sept. 27 to Oct. 2, Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre, MacEwan University. A week of film, research, community dialogue, Indigenous perspectives and cultural programming that brings together students, faculty, community members and guests from across Edmonton.
<https://www.macewan.ca/campus-life/opportunities/urdc-ukraine-week>

What Historical Newspapers Can Tell Us About Our Ancestors by Jean Yves-Verbeek, October 7, WE Seniors Boardroom, 1 pm to 3 pm, \$3 drop-in fee, 9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton. https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

Family Roots 2026 Genealogy Conference. The 3 Rs of Genealogy: Relationships, Research and Resources, presented by Alberta Family Histories Society, October 17, Hotel Blackfoot, Calgary, Alberta. Four wonderful speakers, Sara Cochran (Skeleton Whisperer), Rhonda Lauritzen (Evalogue Life) and AFHS’ own Ron Gilmore and Christine Hayes will bring stories of Relationships, tips and tricks of Research and ideas for Resources. Alberta Family Histories Society is ready to take registrations for this exciting event. \$90 AFHS members | \$100 for non-members (includes: 4 Sessions (6 presentations with choices for two of the sessions), Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch & Digital Syllabus). For all the details and how to register, please see our conference webpage <https://afhs.ab.ca/event/family-roots-2026/> . If you have any questions, please email our conference chairperson (familyroots@afhs.ab.ca)

How to Research Homesteads from Home with Ms. Céleste Zurbrigg, Oct. 20, 7 pm MST, online (Zoom) and in person at the SGNO Centre - Room 102, 8627 91 St, Edmonton. French Special Interest Group, Edmonton Branch, AGS.
<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/french-sig>

Recentring the Humanities: Ukraine and the World International Symposium, Oct. 28 – 30, Edmonton, celebrating 50 years of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta (CIUS). The symposium will (re)consider the place of Ukraine, Ukrainians worldwide, and Ukrainian studies in a rapidly changing global order, particularly in the context of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. It will examine the conceptual and epistemic shifts in scholarly discourse prompted by Ukraine's heightened geopolitical and cultural visibility. Bringing together internationally recognized scholars, experts, and thought leaders and connecting several major international initiatives, this symposium will serve as a vital forum for critical debate on Ukraine's role in shaping contemporary understandings of global history, society, and the humanities. Registration is now open. Find out more at <https://www.cius-50.ca/>

CIUS 50th Anniversary Exhibit: Shaping Knowledge and Community, 3 different exhibit showings.
<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/canadian-institute-of-ukrainian-studies/projects/cius-50/cius-50-exhibit.html>

Catalogues Find-A-Grave with Alison Glass, November 4, WE Seniors Boardroom, 1 pm to 3 pm, \$3 drop-in fee, 9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton. https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

Christmas Cultures and Traditions from our Ancestral Origins, open session, December 2, WE Seniors Boardroom, 1 pm to 3 pm, \$3 drop-in fee, 9629 – 176 Street, Edmonton. We are planning this meeting as an open session and welcome everyone's input and contributions. One component of the meeting will be "Christmas Cultures and Traditions from our Ancestral Origins" and Paul welcomes members to introduce traditions their ancestors may have celebrated at Christmas time – foods, dress, activities etc. Also Paul welcomes members to share with the group any genealogy creations they have made as a result of their interest in genealogy. This could be posters, pictures, books, scrapbooks, stories, etc. that they can share. https://weseniors.ca/whats_new/genealogy-drop-in-class/

ACUA's Christmas Market, an ACUA holiday event, December 5, Unit 100, 10554 – 110 Street, Edmonton, details coming.
<https://acuarts.ca/whats-on/acuas-christmas-market-2/>

Write and Publish Your Nonfiction Book, or Genealogy Basics, 24 hours, 6 weeks, Gale Courses. You can sign up for free with your Edmonton Public Library card. The categories include Accounting & Finance, Business, College Readiness, Computer Applications, Design & Composition, Healthcare & Medical, Languages & Arts, Law & Legal, Personal Development, Teaching & Education, Technology and, Writing & Publishing. Note that I (Elaine) will be taking some courses on fundraising and grant writing. <https://www.epl.ca/> then "search" and these are the ones that say, "Access online through Gale Courses". These courses include a final exam.

The **AHSGR - Edmonton Chapter has a new website**. We also have a link on our library page: hosted libraries. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. <https://hsgpv.org/library/ahsgr-edmonton-chapter/>

Other Genealogy Sessions:

Are These Really My Ancestors? How To Validate Your Family Tree with Crista Cowan, Sept. 30, 11 am MDT, Ancestry, Curiosity Center/Education. Even the most careful genealogists occasionally find themselves climbing the wrong family tree. Learn how to audit your existing family tree to ensure every branch is built on a solid foundation. We'll show you how to look for red flags in dates, verify that records are logically attached, and use Ancestry's latest tools to cross-reference relationships. Learn professional techniques for "gut-checking" your data and correcting mistakes before they spread. Don't just grow your tree, ensure it's accurate! <https://www.ancestry.com/c/discover/education>

Manuscripts and Timelines: Finding Ancestors in Personal Papers with J. Mark Lowe, Sept. 30, 9:30 am MDT, Family Tree Webinars. Personal records and manuscripts about families which moved around, along with their neighbors are often elusive, but may hold hidden treasure for the persistent researcher. Discover the people with whom they worked, prayed, fought and married.
<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/manuscripts-and-timelines-finding-ancestors-in-personal-papers>

2026 New York Genealogical and Historical Society Summit, Oct. 2, 10 am to 4:30 pm EDT, via Zoom, this event is designed for genealogical, historical, and heritage societies. Includes Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers and Interns; Promoting Your Publication's Archive; Gather, Scan, Preserve: How to Digitize Historical Materials; and Preserving Historical Records on the Web: Long-Term Archives.

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events/2026-new-york-genealogical-and-historical-society-summit>

Migration Pathways Between Canada and the United States You Haven't Considered with Kathryn Lake Hogan, Oct. 2, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Migration between Canada and the United States was far more complex than a one-way journey north or south. Families crossed the border repeatedly, motivated by opportunities, community, and survival. This webinar explores four lesser-known migration pathways that genealogists often overlook.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/migration-pathways-between-canada-and-the-united-states-you-havent-considered>

Unraveling Family History with AI: Leveraging AI to Trace an Ancestor's Journey with Diane Henriks, (no Bite-size due to AGM), Oct. 5, Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Registration is required. Attendance is free for KDGS members. Non-members are welcome and pay a \$10 fee per meeting. info@kdgs.ca, <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/>

Paternal or Maternal - Where Does This Match Fit? With Paul Woodbury, Oct. 6, 7 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. One of the best ways to sort DNA matches into paternal and maternal categories, is to test a close known relative (parent, half-sibling, aunt, uncle or first cousin) and identify shared matches and unshared matches, but what if that is not an option for you? No worries! The underlying inheritance pattern for autosomal DNA and the underlying technology used to test it means that even you can distinguish paternal from maternal relative.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/paternal-or-maternal-where-does-this-match-fit>

Photo Restoration Using Free and Paid Tools Like Never Before with Kimball Carter, Oct. 7, 9:30 am MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Restoring old and/or damaged photos was out of reach for most of us, but not anymore. With A.I. advancements, it's easier than ever before to restore these priceless possessions. This presentation will show examples of photos with different problems and different solutions using a variety of tools, some free, some paid. Learn how to evaluate what tool to use on the photo and begin restoring!

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/photo-restoration-using-free-and-paid-tools-like-never-before>

Generations in Focus: Preserving Family Memories Through Photography with Angela Andrieux, Oct. 7, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. This webinar explores how modern families can reconnect across generations by building a shared digital archive of memories without chaos. Learn how to clean up scattered photo collections across phones, computers, and cloud services and create a private, organized family space where everyone can contribute safely and effortlessly. Perfect for families looking to preserve their legacy together without sacrificing time, control, or privacy.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/generations-in-focus-preserving-family-memories-through-photography>

Organizing and Preserving Old and New Photographs by Melissa Barker, Oct. 8, 6 pm – 7:30 pm CDT, Tennessee Genealogical Society. Many of us have them, boxes and albums of photographs, photo slides, negatives and even those countless digital photographs that we still haven't removed from our phones. Photographs are precious family history records and preserving them should be high on our priority list. Learn from a seasoned genealogist and archivist how to organize and preserve your original photographs, whether they are sitting in dusty boxes or hanging out on your digital device, so future generations can enjoy them. <https://tngs.org/event-6584444/Registration> and

<https://tngs.org/event-6584444>

Putting the History in Our Family Histories with Curt Witcher, Oct. 8, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (4:30 pm start MST), Allen County Public Library, for an enlightening discussion of how exploring the histories of the communities where our ancestors lived will give us more of their individual stories and bring light to their lives. Often exploring the histories of communities will lead to hidden and often forgotten sources. <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17029738>

Resolving Relationship with Ancestry.com with Dr. Janette Silverman, Oct. 11, 1 pm Pacific time, Global Jewish Genealogy Society. Non-members pay \$5.00 Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. Get your questions, documents, and brick walls ready! Through an engaging case study, we will follow the trail of a woman who appeared to be two different individuals: Minnie Goldberg, wife of Sam Wilson, and Ida Merbach, wife of Adam Glaser. By carefully analyzing records and evidence, we will demonstrate how genealogical research revealed that these seemingly separate women were actually the same person. This presentation will explore ship manifests, censuses, and vital records from Ancestry.com's U.S. collections and indexes. We will discuss the details on the records, and how to analyze them to discover the often hidden links between records, to build a family's story.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3MBJ5BEHLQUJS and <https://globaljigs.org/upcoming-events/>

A MyHeritage Webinar, Oct. 13, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. This space is reserved for an exciting and interesting MyHeritage webinar. Here you will learn about the latest features, records, and characteristics developed by the MyHeritage team to help you find who you are and amaze you with great discoveries.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/a-myheritage-webinar-2>

From Data to Dialogue with AI 1 of 5: Turning Data into Stories with Andrew Redfern and Fiona Brooker, Oct. 14, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Turn structured research into stories, images, presentations, and shareable formats with AI. Advanced application of AI for publishing and presenting; includes image generation, storytelling prompts, visual outputs; activities include drafting, editing, and building presentations.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/from-data-to-dialogue-with-ai-1-of-5-turning-data-into-stories>

Genealogy Education Network Day of Programs, Oct. 16, 9 am to 6 pm, (7 am – 4 pm MST), Allen County Public Library, includes Unlocking Your Roots: Starting Your Genealogy Journey (Barbara Coakley); Beyond the Family Tree: An Introduction to Oral History for Genealogy (Adrienne Cain Darough); Gen Z + Genealogy: Getting the Younger Generation Interested in Genealogy Research (Carl Smith); Building Your Digital Family History Archive (EvaAnne Johnson); Cluster Research, or Discovering You're Related to the Whole Block (Jessica M. Trotter)...

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/17011804>

From Data to Dialogue with AI 2 of 5: Writing with AI—Biographies, Blogs, and Case Studies with Andrew Redfern and Fiona Brooker, Oct. 21, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Need to be a member for this session. Turn structured research into stories, images, presentations, and shareable formats with AI. Advanced application of AI for publishing and presenting; includes image generation, storytelling prompts, visual outputs; activities include drafting, editing, and building presentations. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/from-data-to-dialogue-with-ai-2-of-5-writing-with-ai-biographies-blogs-and-case-studies>

Let's Discuss It! By John Ware, Oct. 24, 10 am – 11:30 am CDT, Tennessee Genealogical Society. Join our popular discussion group and learn what is trending in Genealogy. <https://tngs.org/event-6581068>

Essential Photo Tools for Every Genealogist's Toolbox: MyHeritage Edition with Diana Henriks, Oct. 27, 12 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Photos are invaluable in genealogy, and MyHeritage offers some of the best tools to preserve and enhance them. This webinar will introduce you to MyHeritage's photo tools, including the Photo Enhancer, colorization, and Deep Nostalgia™. Learn how to restore old photos, bring your ancestors to life, and integrate these visuals into your family history research. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/essential-photo-tools-for-every-genealogists-toolbox-myheritage-edition>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Using Your DNA for Genealogy – Part 1, Oct. 27, 2 – 3:30 pm Central Time, Appleton Public Library. Your family tree starts here! Join our Local History Librarian for a monthly genealogy series. Participants can attend in person at the library or virtually via Zoom. Have you wondered how DNA can help uncover your family history? In this first of two sessions, join us for an introduction to using your DNA for genealogy, including how DNA testing works and an overview of the major companies that offer DNA tests for family history research. Then, on Tuesday, November 3, return for Part 2 as we explore how to interpret your results and use them to further your family history research.

Organizer: Katie kstilp@apl.org, <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299451>

From Data to Dialogue with AI 3 of 5: Creating Visuals—Images, Charts, and Timelines with Andrew Redfern and Fiona Brooker, Oct. 28, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Need to be a member for this session. Turn structured research into stories, images, presentations, and shareable formats with AI. Advanced application of AI for publishing and presenting; includes image generation, storytelling prompts, visual outputs; activities include drafting, editing, and building presentations. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/from-data-to-dialogue-with-ai-3-of-5-creating-visuals-images-charts-and-timelines>

Researching Your Canadian World War II Ancestors with Ken McKinlay, Nov. 2, Bite-size, Joan Kirkbride tells us about the research she's done on Louis King, WW II Commando. Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Registration is required. Attendance is free for KDGS members. Non-members are welcome and pay a \$10 fee per meeting. info@kdgs.ca, <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/>

The Genealogy of Place: Reconstructing the History of a Street with Cathie Sherwood, Nov. 3, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Every street has a story — and every household adds a new chapter. This presentation demonstrates how to trace the history of one street across decades, uncovering the people, properties, and events that shaped its character. You'll see how rate books, title deeds, maps, photographs, newspapers, and electoral rolls can be systematically layered to reconstruct an entire neighbourhood's history. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/the-genealogy-of-place-reconstructing-the-history-of-a-street>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Using Your DNA for Genealogy – Part 2, Nov. 3, 2 – 3:30 pm Central Time, Appleton Public Library. Your family tree starts here! Join our Local History Librarian for a monthly genealogy series. Participants can attend in person at the library or virtually via Zoom. Have you taken a DNA test with one of the genealogy companies? In these second of two DNA sessions, you'll learn how to use your DNA results to further your family history research. Organizer: Katie kstilp@apl.org and <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299452>

Have Questions? Get Answers for Genealogy in Galicia, Austria Hungary with Michelle Chubenko, Nov. 3, 8 pm ET (7 pm MST) Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/gGOF46BUS9qDmCg5Ru9BBw>

Advanced Genealogical Problem Solving: A Case Study with Michael D. Lacopo, Nov. 4, 1:30 pm MST, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. How do we critically assess both the evidence we have—and the gaps where records are missing? How can one document point the way to another, and how do we strengthen our hunches and hypotheses with DNA analysis? In this case study, we will search for the parentage of Eliza Ann Sample Keister (1827-1876) through a wide range of records. Join the journey, test your own analytical skills, and see if you can spot the “next step” that just might topple the brick wall. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/advanced-genealogical-problem-solving-a-case-study>

DNA Matches on MyHeritage: From Chaos to Clarity with Kate Penney Howard, Nov. 10, 12 pm MST, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Do your DNA matches feel overwhelming? MyHeritage offers some of the most innovative DNA tools in the industry, but sometimes, researchers struggle to make sense of the results. In this session, we'll tame the chaos by exploring advanced features like AutoClusters, the Theory of Family Relativity™, and shared match sorting. Using real case studies, we'll show how these tools can transform thousands of matches into meaningful connections, guiding you from confusion to confident conclusions. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/dna-matches-on-myheritage-from-chaos-to-clarity>

From Data to Dialogue with AI 4 of 5: Presentation-Ready—Reports, Talks, and Videos with Andrew Redfern and Fiona Brooker, Nov. 11, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Need to be a member for this session. Turn structured research into stories, images, presentations, and shareable formats with AI. Advanced application of AI for publishing and presenting; includes image generation, storytelling prompts, visual outputs; activities include drafting, editing, and building presentations. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/from-data-to-dialogue-with-ai-4-of-5-presentation-ready-reports-talks-and-videos>

Writing Personal and Family Histories with Lorene Coe, Nov. 14, 12 pm noon, Mountain Time. Idaho Genealogical Society. This class will introduce you to how to begin by gathering your family tree information. We'll explore websites and other sources for finding memories. We will discuss options to help you decide what style you want to write and the differences between compiling a personal and family history. You'll learn tools that are useful for writing and publishing your history. We'll then have some fun using AI and creative activities with a short demonstration. We'll wrap up with questions and answers. Non-members may request the Zoom link during the week each meeting is held by sending an email to IdahoGenSociety@gmail.com. Zoom requests must be received no later than 9:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) on the day of the meeting. <https://idahogenealogy.org/monthly-meeting-details/>

Tracing a Family from Brooklyn to "Russia" – Step by Step with Alan Shuchat, Nov. 15, 11 am Pacific time, Global Jewish Genealogy Society. Non-members pay \$5.00 Zoom link will be sent the week of the event. The presentation will feature U.S. and Ukrainian census records, naturalization and draft documents, marriage records, passenger manifests, special inquiry records, Russian consular files, an immigrant ship ticket, a passport application, archival records from Palestine, and cemetery documentation from New York and Jerusalem. It will also show how familiar genealogical websites can be combined with lesser-known databases, archival collections, maps, and cemetery resources to solve difficult research problems—and even investigate a long-standing family mystery. <https://globaljgs.org/upcoming-events/>

Genealogy Jumpstart: Preserving Family Stories, Nov. 17, 2 – 3:30 pm Central Time, Appleton Public Library. Your family tree starts here! Join our Local History Librarian for a monthly genealogy series. Participants can attend in person at the library or virtually via Zoom. Have you written down any of the family stories that have been passed down to you? Have you talked with other relatives to learn what they know about your family history and recorded it? In this session, you'll learn how to interview relatives — and yourself — as well as explore practical options for recording and preserving these precious family memories for future generations. Organizer: Katie kstilt@apl.org and <https://appleton-wi.whofi.com/calendar/event/1299452>

From Data to Dialogue with AI 5 of 5: Keeping Your Voice—Collaborating Creatively with AI with Andrew Redfern and Fiona Brooker, Nov. 18, 6 pm MDT, Legacy Family Tree Webinar. Need to be a member for this session. Turn structured research into stories, images, presentations, and shareable formats with AI. Advanced application of AI for publishing and presenting; includes image generation, storytelling prompts, visual outputs; activities include drafting, editing, and building presentations. <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/from-data-to-dialogue-with-ai-5-of-5-keeping-your-voice-collaborating-creatively-with-ai>

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Preserve Your Family Memories Through Personal Digital Archiving with Lori DiBella Wallach, Dec. 13, 2-4 pm, Jewish Genealogical Society of New York. Are you the memory keeper for yourself and the people in your life? Feeling overwhelmed with all the photos, documents, letters, home movies and other treasures you've accumulated? Wondering how to organize these items and make sure they survive to be passed down to future generations? Join archivist Lori DiBella Wallach for a fun exploration of how to use digital solutions to organize, preserve and share your family memories to ensure they remain accessible in the future. Come with questions and puzzles from your own experiences! All attendees will receive a free digital brochure on preserving photos and home movies, courtesy of Queens Memory. Contact program@jgsny.org for Zoom link. <https://jgsny.org/programs-civi/icalrepeat.detail/2026/12/13/164/-/preserve-your-family-memories-through-personal-digital-archiving>

Connecting with our Roots: How Family Stories Shape our Lives with Tara Shymanski, January 4, Bite-size, Bruce Stevens tells us about his RCAF Ancestor. Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Registration is required. Attendance is free for KDGS members. Non-members are welcome and pay a \$10 fee per meeting. info@kdgs.ca, <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/>

DNA Evidence & Analysis with AI with Nicole Elder Dyer. February 01, Bite-size, Carol Winston, “White Knuckles, Time Travel and AI: Unlocking a 1932 Family Road Trip”. Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Registration is required. Attendance is free for KDGS members. Non-members are welcome and pay a \$10 fee per meeting. info@kdgs.ca, <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/>

Permissions made Simple” (navigating copyright for genealogists) with Andrea Lister, March 01, Bite-size, Claire Smith-Burns will guide you through making your own Family History Display Board. Kelowna & District Genealogical Society, Registration is required. Attendance is free for KDGS members. Non-members are welcome and pay a \$10 fee per meeting. info@kdgs.ca, <https://kdgs.ca/updates/events/>

PastPort Guide: Galician Genealogy is your essential research companion, designed to help you uncover, document, and understand your family's Galician heritage. Sign-up for the waitlist, Michelle Chubenko. <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/pastport-guide-galician-genealogy>

Workbook for Research in Galicia, Austria-Hungary – Digital Only, \$29 US, (a hardcopy is in the works). The Workbook for Research in Galicia, Austria-Hungary was created to be your companion for exploring and documenting your ancestral roots in the historical crownland of Galicia. Designed with both beginning and experienced researchers in mind, this workbook provides essential strategies, instructional content, and hands-on exercises to support your progress. <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/workbook-archives-galicia>

Stuck in Galicia. What to do when metrical records don't exit. Michelle Chubenko. Download PDF file at <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/what-to-do-metrical-records>

Research Plan Consultation, coaching session, \$125 US, Michelle Chubenko, Unlock the Secrets of Your Family's Past with Personalized Genealogical Research. Are you ready to discover the rich stories hidden in your family tree? Whether you're starting from scratch, stuck on a challenging research problem, or seeking to expand your knowledge, a one-on-one consultation with a professional genealogist can open the door to your family's unique history. <https://genealogy.chubenko.us/research-plan-consultation>

Metro Continuing Education, Edmonton Public Schools, Adult Online Learning

Includes but not limited to, Write Your Life Story, Beginners Guide to Getting Published, The Keys to Effective Editing, Write and Publish Your Nonfiction Book, Photography Suite, Creative Writing Value Suite, Beginning Writers Workshop, Writing Essentials, Discover Digital Photography, Grammar Refresher etc. Instructor-moderated and self-guided options. <https://www.metrocontinuingeducation.ca/adult-continuing-education/online-learning/>
<https://www.ed2go.com/metro/SearchResults.aspx#SearchBar>

FamilySearch Library Webinars, Ongoing and repeated sessions, <https://www.facebook.com/familysearchlibrary>

FamilySearch Library Classes and Webinars (archives and not current info.), note the links to webinars on YouTube and handout links. (was updated in May then in Sept.)
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars, Upcoming Webinars

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/> and in their Webinar Library, you can choose from 2,325 classes at <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar-library/>

Family Tree Magazine has free resources and newsletters at <https://familytreemagazine.com/newsletter-signup/> and <https://university.familytreemagazine.com/collections> (*cost money to take*) and <https://store.familytreemagazine.com/learn/> (*various costs per session*).

Genealogy Conferences, January to July 2026, Family Search Blog, includes Culturally Focused Conferences
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/genealogy-conferences-2026>

Articles, videos, publications, websites, Facebook groups, etc.:

New Have Questions? Get Answers for Research in Galicia blog, Michelle Chubenko has posted many important articles here. Way too many to list here! It is really worth checking out. <https://galicianancestry.substack.com/>

Our Legacy: History of Smoky Lake (book on DVD in a PDF format). In the spring of 1899 over thirty families left their small Ukrainian village of Toporiwtsi, situated in the county of Chernovtsi, in the province of Bukovina. Their destination was “Kanada” and their goal was the fulfillment of a dream not clearly discerned but embracing a vague optimism of something better than they had yet known. Their courageous venture encouraged another group to follow in 1900, and a subsequent, larger group in 1902. <https://www.smokylakemuseum.com/our-legacy>

Your Guide to the 1931 Census of Canada by Kathryn Lake Hogan, Family Tree Magazine. This guide will show you what questions were asked in the 1931 Census of Canada and how to find records of your family online. The 1930s in Canada were a decade of dust and depression. Canadians faced hard times: Working-class men were “riding the rails” in search of work, the Prairies were plagued by drought and pestilence, and new restrictions severely limited immigration into the country. Just two years into the Great Depression, the 1931 census of Canada (released to the public on 1 June 2023) gathered data on Canada’ population, households and economy, and offered a picture of life during that difficult time. Conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, it was the country’s seventh census since Confederation.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/canadian/1931-census-canada/>

Video Editing Tips for Family History Videos, posted by Jonathan O’Brien. A family history video is a great way to share the fascinating stories and life experiences uncovered through genealogy research. When you present this information as a filmed interview, the audience can connect with your passion for the subject, like hearing stories around the campfire. To create an engaging family history video, it's important to remember that stories are the primary way we communicate with the world. Rather than just listing names and dates, aim to tell stories that captivate your audience.
<https://training.certstaff.com/certstaff/Video-Editing-Tips-for-Family-History-Videos.asp>

On 01.09.26 (Sept. 1), access to 1,766,369 records from the **new digitization project is open on FamilySearch**. In total, access to 75,278 new cases was opened in a month. As we can see, the result is excellent! As of today, FamilySearch is digitizing in 30 archives, one museum, and one library in Ukraine. Dmitry Kremenetsky on Facebook, posted on Sept. 1.

On August 29, 2024, the digitization of documents by the company FamilySearch began in the archive. Yesterday marked exactly 2 years since the project started with the new digitization! On 29.08.26, FamilySearch opened access to 20,289 new cases in the Volhynia archive. Over the year, access to 11,581 new cases in the Volhynia archive has been opened. Dmitry Kremenetsky on Facebook, posted on Aug. 31.

On August 29, 2022, the digitization of documents by the company FamilySearch began in the archive. Yesterday marked exactly 4 years since the project started with the new digitization! On 29.08.26, FamilySearch opened access to 172,793 new cases in the Khmelnytskyi archive. Over the year, access to 37,676 new cases in the Khmelnytskyi archive has been opened. Dmitry Kremenetsky on Facebook, posted on Aug. 31.
Source: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008001369241>

Exploring Poland and Your Polish Heritage, Polish Dual Citizenship. Includes a section on Genealogy and Family History Tools and Research in this article. They also have a blog at this website.
<https://www.polishcitizenshipbydescent.org/exploring-poland-and-your-polish-heritage/>

Family Records Search Resources in Europe, updated September 2026, Our Public Records.org
<https://ourpublicrecords.org/europe-family-records/>

5 Tips for Creating a Genealogy Budget by Melina Papadopoulos, Family Tree Magazine. Your passion for genealogy doesn't have to hurt financially. Here are some tips to help you budget with your wants and needs in mind.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/general-genealogy/5-tips-for-creating-a-genealogy-budget/>

12 Underused Sources for Family by Lisa Lisson, Family Tree Magazine. Looking for old family photos? Here are 12 often-overlooked sources to consult when your family and home sources come up empty.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/photos/underused-sources-for-family-photos/>

4 Quick Tips to Organize Your Genealogy Research Process by Vanessa Wieland, Family Tree Magazine. Set yourself up for genealogy research success by spending a month organizing your entire process.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/research/4-organization-tips-genealogy>

Genealogy Q&A: Other Ports of Entry for Immigrants by Family Tree Editors, Family Tree Magazine. Navigate hard-to-talk-about subjects in family history interviews with these tips from journalists and other storytellers.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/records/immigration/genealogy-qa-ports-of-entry>

Using Family Stories to Identify Ancestral Hometowns: A Case Study by David A. Fryxell, Family Tree Magazine. A genealogist shares his success story for how interviewing relatives led to the name of his Swedish family's hometown.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/case-studies/family-stories-ancestral-hometowns/>

Ancestry.com: Tips and Tricks for Beginners by Family Tree Editors, Family Tree Magazine. Not sure where to start on Ancestry.com? Follow these research tips and tricks to get on the right track.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/ancestry-help/best-ancestry-tips-tricks>

Ancestry.com Subscriptions Explained by Andrew Koch, Family Tree Magazine. Should you get an Ancestry.com subscription? Learn how much memberships to Ancestry.com cost, and which is the best for you.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/ancestry-help/subscription-plans-explained>

Six Tips for Staying Focused While You Research by Lisa A. Alzo, Family Tree Magazine. Genealogy research is fraught with distractions. Follow these six tips to stay focused and maximize your research time.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/six-tips-for-staying-focused-while-you-research/>

Roundup: AI Tools at Ancestry.com, FamilySearch and MyHeritage by Andrew Koch, Family Tree Magazine. The AI boom has reached genealogy websites. See what new tools are being released by the major players in family history: transcribing records, telling stories, and more.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/ai-tools-roundup-big-websites/>

DNA Q&A: My DNA Doesn't Match Who I Thought I Was. Now What? by Diahn Southard, Family Tree Magazine. DNA results can sometimes reveal distressing truths about your family relationships—and even your identity. Here's how to handle such situations.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/dna/dna-identity/>

10 Ways to Connect With Distant Cousins by Shannon Combs-Bennett, Family Tree Magazine. Distant cousins can swap family stories, share photos and add to your family tree. How do you find them? Try these 10 techniques.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/10-ways-to-find-cousins/>

7 Steps for Handling Sensitive Subjects in Family History Interviews by Rhonda Lauritzen, Family Tree Magazine.

Navigate hard-to-talk-about subjects in family history interviews with these tips from journalists and other storytellers.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/interviewing/family-interview-sensitive-subjects/>

How to Create Timelines to Organize Genealogy Research by Emily Anne Croom, Family Tree Magazine. See your ancestors' lives from different perspectives and discover new avenues for research by building timelines. We've provided the blueprints. <https://familytreemagazine.com/research/personal-timeline/>

7 Creative Writing Forms for Sharing Your Family History by Melina Papadopoulos, Family Tree Magazine. There are so many ways to tell your family story in an engaging, clever way. Here are some exercises to get you started. <https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/7-creative-forms-for-sharing-your-family-history/>

Border Crossings: The Formation of the U.S.-Canadian Boundary and Its Records by Judy Nimer Muhn, Family Tree Magazine. The United States–Canadian border is the longest boundary in the world with more than 8,800 miles of land, shared history, commerce, and family ties. Discover its history and find records across the border. <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/canadian/the-formation-of-the-u-s-canadian-boundary-and-its-records/>

How to Use Ancestry.com's Immigration Records Collection by David A. Fryxell, Family Tree Magazine. Seeking your ancestors in an ocean of US arrival records? Here's how to find them in Ancestry.com's immigration records collection. <https://familytreemagazine.com/records/immigration/ancestry-immigration-collection/>

A Guide to Free Genealogy with Family Tree Magazine by Editors of Family Tree Magazine. Sometimes, no matter how hard you try to keep costs down, your genealogy research can get expensive. In this guide, we offer several popular Family Tree Magazine downloads that can help streamline your research. The best part? These downloads are completely free! <https://familytreemagazine.com/free-genealogy/a-guide-to-free-genealogy-with-family-tree-magazine/>

Library and Archives Canada: A Quick Website Tour by Sunny Jane Morton, Family Tree Magazine. Find Canadian census records, research guides, historical photos, and more through the free Library and Archives Canada site. <https://familytreemagazine.com/heritage/canadian/library-archives-canada-guide/>

Research Strategies for Occupations and Genealogy, free cheat sheet, from Thomas MacEntee at Genealogy Bargains. <https://genealogybargains.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/Cheat+Sheets/CHEAT+SHEET+Research+Strategies+for+Occupations+and+Genealogy.pdf>

The International Genealogical Index: How Can I Use It for My Genealogy Research? By Melina Papadopoulos, Family Tree Magazine. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) was a groundbreaking resource first launched in 1973 that grew to include hundreds of millions of genealogical records. Although officially retired in 2012, the IGI is still searchable today—and it could hold valuable clues for your research. <https://familytreemagazine.com/resources/international-genealogical-index/>

10 Steps for Finding Immigrant Ancestors from Europe by Lisa A. Alzo, Family Tree Magazine. If your ancestors were from “across the pond,” you'll love these tips for finding genealogy records of European immigrants and their hometowns. <https://familytreemagazine.com/records/immigration/find-european-immigrant-ancestors/>

Create your family book in 5 steps with Geneanet, posted by Jean-Yves on August 31, 2026. What if your family tree became a book that your whole family could enjoy leafing through? With Geneanet, you can easily transform your research into a genuine family book, ready to be shared with loved ones or preserved as a legacy for future... <https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2026/08/create-your-family-book-in-5-steps-with-geneanet>

MyHeritage for Free: 10 Tips for Using It Without a Subscription by Melina Papadopoulos, Family Tree Magazine. MyHeritage is a leading genealogical resource rife with valuable resources. This article offers tips for navigating MyHeritage for free. <https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/myheritage-for-free/>

How to Write a Genealogy Research Report by Shelley K. Bishop, Family Tree Magazine. Writing a research report about your ancestor will take your genealogy search to the next level. We'll show you how to compose one in six simple steps.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/research/genealogy-research-report/>

Preserving Diplomas and School Memories – An Interview with Denise May Levenick by Editors of Family Tree Magazine, Family Tree Magazine. In this episode of the Family Tree Magazine podcast, Denise May Levenick shares some valuable tips for preserving the keepsakes that matter most to you, including diplomas, artwork, and photos.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/podcasts/preserving-diplomas-and-school-memories/>

Old School Photos: Best of Photo Detective by Maureen A. Taylor, Family Tree Magazine. It's a good thing many families documented school days in pictures. Those photographs tell the story of your ancestor's education. Here's an assortment of past Photo Detective blog posts featuring students and teachers.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/photos/ancestor-old-school-photos/>

6 Tips for Successful Newspaper Searches by Linda Stufflebean, posted on August 29. With the ever-expanding digitization of newspapers, this resource is becoming a genealogical fountain of family history information that might otherwise have been lost to time. Really, what better way to experience the lives of our ancestors than to read about them in the newspaper?
<https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2026/08/5-tips-for-successful-newspaper-searches/>

5 Genealogy Activities to Do September: Falling into Family History by Andrew Koch, Family Tree Magazine. Learn more about (and from!) your family this month. These five suggestions will get you started.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/projects/september-genealogy-activities/>

Save Your Family Photos in 7 Steps: Safe Preservation Tips by Maureen A. Taylor, Family Tree Magazine. Preserve the old family photos in your collection with these expert tips for saving prints for generations to come.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/preservation/photos-preservation/preserving-family-photos/>

What Not to Preserve in Your Family History Collection by Denise May Levenick, Family Tree Magazine. When it comes to family history, our instinct is to preserve everything. But, knowing what not to keep is just as important as knowing what to save. <https://familytreemagazine.com/preservation/what-not-to-preserve-in-your-family-history-collection/>

6 Steps for Breaking Down Genealogy Brick Walls by Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine. Find your footing and scale your highest research brick walls: missing ancestors, burned records, same-named people, and more.
<https://familytreemagazine.com/strategies/genealogy-brick-walls/>

We Spend So Much Time Looking Back: What Are We Leaving Behind? Will at Ancestral Findings. I spend a great deal of time looking for things people left behind. Sometimes it is something important, such as a will, a family Bible, or a letter that explains a relationship. Other times it is much smaller: a name written beneath a photograph, a few lines in a newspaper, or a note in the margin of an old document. Those small pieces can become surprisingly valuable because they tell us something the official records did not. Somewhere along the way, that got me thinking about what we are leaving behind ourselves. <https://ancestralfindings.com/preserve-family-history/>

Am I Researching My Family or Just Collecting Records? Will at Ancestral Findings. It's easy to fall into this pattern with genealogy. One census leads to another hint, which leads to another person, another place, and another search. Soon, our folders are full of certificates, obituaries, deeds, newspaper clippings, military papers, and census pages. It feels productive because we're finding things, and tracking down a long-sought record is still one of the best parts of family research. But collecting more records doesn't always mean we understand our family any better.
<https://ancestralfindings.com/genealogy-research-collecting-records/>

AI transcribes almost 24 million Russian archive record pages for free searching, posted on Aug. 29, by Vera Miller. Thanks to the efforts of a project through Russia's version of Google, more than 20 million pages of Russian archive records are available to search for free. The Yandex Archive Search started in 2023 and continues to grow on a daily basis,

with straight-forward searching abilities without requiring a registered account. Users can find records from the mid-18th century to the WWII era. The collection covers birth, marriage, death, census, nobility, and confession records, and even WWII evacuation lists and household books of collective farmers.

<https://lostrussianfamily.wordpress.com/2026/08/29/ai-transcribes-almost-24-million-russian-archive-record-pages-for-free-searching/>

Back Up Your Genealogy Research (Before It's Too Late) by Lisa Lisson, posted on May 1, 2026 (but so worth reading again). If your genealogy research lives in only one place, it's at risk. Because I had my research files backed up in other places, my research would not have been lost regardless of the outcome.

<https://lalisson.com/how-to-back-up-your-genealogy-research/>

On a side note:

October 1st is International Coffee Day, International Day of Older Persons, and October is Family History Month.

Family History Month is an annual October observance encouraging people to explore, preserve, and share their family stories and genealogical heritage. It was officially designated by the U.S. Senate in 2001 and is widely supported by genealogical organizations such as the National Genealogical Society.

In Ukraine, it is Defenders Day on October 1st but is only privately observed and government offices remain open on this day.

Canada-Ukraine Declaration for a 100-Year Partnership

Ukraine and Canada signed the 100-Year Partnership Declaration on 10 September 2026 in Calgary, with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Mark Carney committing to a long-term Comprehensive Strategic Partnership covering defence, security, trade, reconstruction, energy, and critical technologies. The declaration formalizes both countries' intention to elevate bilateral relations into a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, strengthening political, economic, cultural, and security cooperation.

https://www.international.gc.ca/country_news-pays_nouvelles/2026-09-10-canada-ukraine.aspx?lang=eng

Global Coalition of Ukrainian Studies

The Global Coalition for Ukrainian Studies (GCUS) is an international network of universities and research institutions dedicated to advancing Ukrainian studies and promoting accurate knowledge about Ukraine worldwide. The University of Alberta, through the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) and the Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore, has officially joined the GCUS. This international initiative has been launched under the leadership of Ukraine's First Lady Olena Zelenska. This also includes cultural institutions. A pioneer of community-engaged scholarship, Kule Folklore Centre marks its twenty-fifth anniversary since its inception in 2001. Membership in the Coalition opens new opportunities to deepen international academic partnerships, develop collaborative research and educational initiatives, and further strengthen the global network of Ukrainian studies. The MacEwan University also joined GCUS.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/canadian-institute-of-ukrainian-studies/news-and-events/news-at-the-cius/2026/university-of-alberta-joins-global-coalition-of-ukrainian-studies.html>

135 Years Strong: Alberta Celebrates Ukrainian - Canadian Heritage Day, EDMONTON, Alberta — September 7, 2026 — The Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC) joins communities across the province in celebrating Ukrainian - Canadian Heritage Day and commemorating 135 years since the beginning of mass Ukrainian immigration to Canada.

Alberta's legislation designates September 7 specifically in recognition of the arrival of Ivan Pylypow and Vasyl Eleniak on this day in 1891, in this country. Their journey helped begin a story that would profoundly shape Alberta and Canada. "Ukrainian - Canadian Heritage Day is an opportunity to honour the courage of those who came before us, celebrate the contributions Ukrainian Canadians have made to Alberta, and ensure that our history, culture, and traditions continue to

be shared with future generations,” said Lydia Migus, President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council. As such, UCC-APC is proud to launch its Alberta Ukrainian History page Alberta Ukrainian History – UCC-APC (www.uccab.ca/alberta-ukrainian-history/) which was created in partnership with the Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta. This page will continue to be expanded.

For more than a century, Ukrainian Canadians have helped build Alberta. Early settlers established farms, churches, schools, cultural institutions, and community organizations across the province. The generations that followed have contributed to Alberta’s agriculture, business, education, arts and culture, public service, and civic life.

Today, Alberta is home to one of Canada’s largest Ukrainian communities. Its story continues through generations of Ukrainian Canadians and through newcomers from Ukraine who are building new lives in the province while maintaining strong connections to their language, culture, and heritage.

The Ukrainian Canadian community also continues to stand with the people of Ukraine as Russia’s war against Ukraine continues. The strength, resilience, and community spirit demonstrated by generations of Ukrainian Canadians remain especially meaningful today.

UCC-APC extends its appreciation to the Government of Alberta, municipalities, Ukrainian organizations, cultural groups, volunteers, community leaders, and Albertans across the province who continue to support and celebrate Ukrainian Canadian heritage. Happy Ukrainian - Canadian Heritage Day! 3 Днем українсько-канадської спадщини!

Internment museum, Banff. Canada interned over 5,000 people of Ukrainian descent in 24 camps and receiving stations from 1914 to 1920 under the War Measures Act. Banff was one of them. Canada labeled immigrants from the Austro-Hungarian Empire as enemy aliens. the majority of the people in the camps were Ukrainian civilians, even though they were loyal to Canada. Loss of Rights: The government took their money and property. Canada Parks Commissioner J. B. Harkin was devoted to building Canada's "national playgrounds." When war reduced Harkin's budget, he obtained permission to use enemy alien internees as low-cost labour. Posted on Facebook by Petro Schturyn on Sept. 7th. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cave%20and%20Basin%20National%20Historic%20Site/112844208730608>

Life’s QR is a **digital celebration of life** based out of Queenston, Ontario. Partner locations across Canada, the USA and El Salvador. Some people leave this world, but they never leave our hearts. Their voice. Their laugh. Their stories. The moments that made them, them. Those are the things worth holding onto. Life’s QR helps preserve a lifetime of memories, creating a place where family and friends can return, remember and share for generations. Gone, but never forgotten. Life's QR is a safer way to share a loved one's story than a public obituary because families control the privacy settings and who can view the memorial. It's also a much better long-term home for precious memories than keeping them only on a phone. <https://www.facebook.com/LifesQR> and <https://lifesqr.com/>

The International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children (the “Coalition”) was officially launched in Kyiv, Ukraine, on February 2, 2024. The Coalition will coordinate joint efforts and cooperation between Ukraine and partner states to address the issue of the unlawful deportation and forced transfer of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation. The Coalition is co-chaired by the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Canada and aims to bring Ukrainian children home to their families and communities. The Coalition will also focus efforts on supporting their reunification with families. Russia calls it a “temporary evacuation” of Ukrainian children for their safety.

Also Russia:

- Sends Ukrainian children to re-education camps
- Imposes Russian citizenship
- Facilitates illegal adoptions

https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/response_conflict-reponse_conflits/crisis-crisis/ukraine-children-enfants.aspx

Olena Zelenska Foundation: <https://zelenskafoundation.org/en>



Researching Your Immigrant Ancestor

Go back to the basics. Build the foundation.
Discover the story.



1. Build Their Identity





- Name (spellings, abbreviations, translations)
- Dates or timeframe (be in the right place at the right time)
- Place of origin (consider historical changes in geography)

Start with what you know, and what you can confirm.

2. Gather Domestic Records



- Vital records (birth, marriage, death)
- Religious records (baptism, marriage, burial)
- U.S./Canadian census records
- WWI & WWII draft registration cards
- Naturalization papers & alien registration
- Passenger manifests
- City directories, maps, atlases, newspapers
- Published histories (religious, town, organization)

3. Look for Key Records



Census Records
Find immigration year, naturalization status, and more (1900–1940).



Naturalization Records
Two-step process: Declaration of Intent (First Papers) and Petition for Naturalization.



Passenger Manifests
Packed with details — from birthplace to who paid passage. Be sure to check both pages (post-1906).



Vital & Religious Records
Civil and religious records may each tell a different part of the story.

4. Put It All Together



- Create a biographical timeline
- Document birth, marriage, death, residences, immigration, and naturalization
- Identify the “holes” in your research
- Use a research log to track your searches (including what you didn’t find)

A timeline turns records into a story.

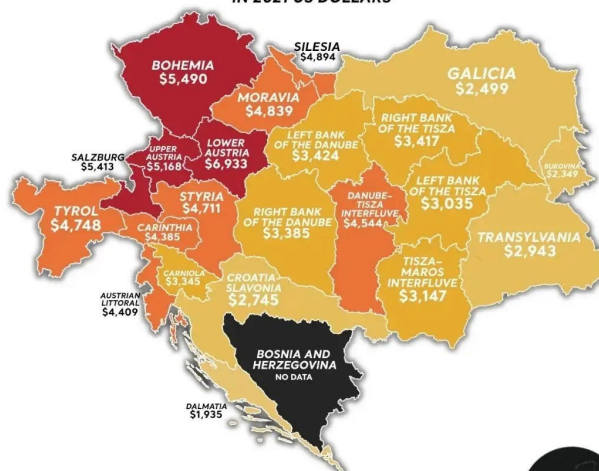


SAME RECORDS. NEW DISCOVERIES.

<https://www.facebook.com/MichelleChubenkoGenealogist>

Detailed Article: <https://galicianancestry.substack.com/p/researching-your-immigrant-ancestor>

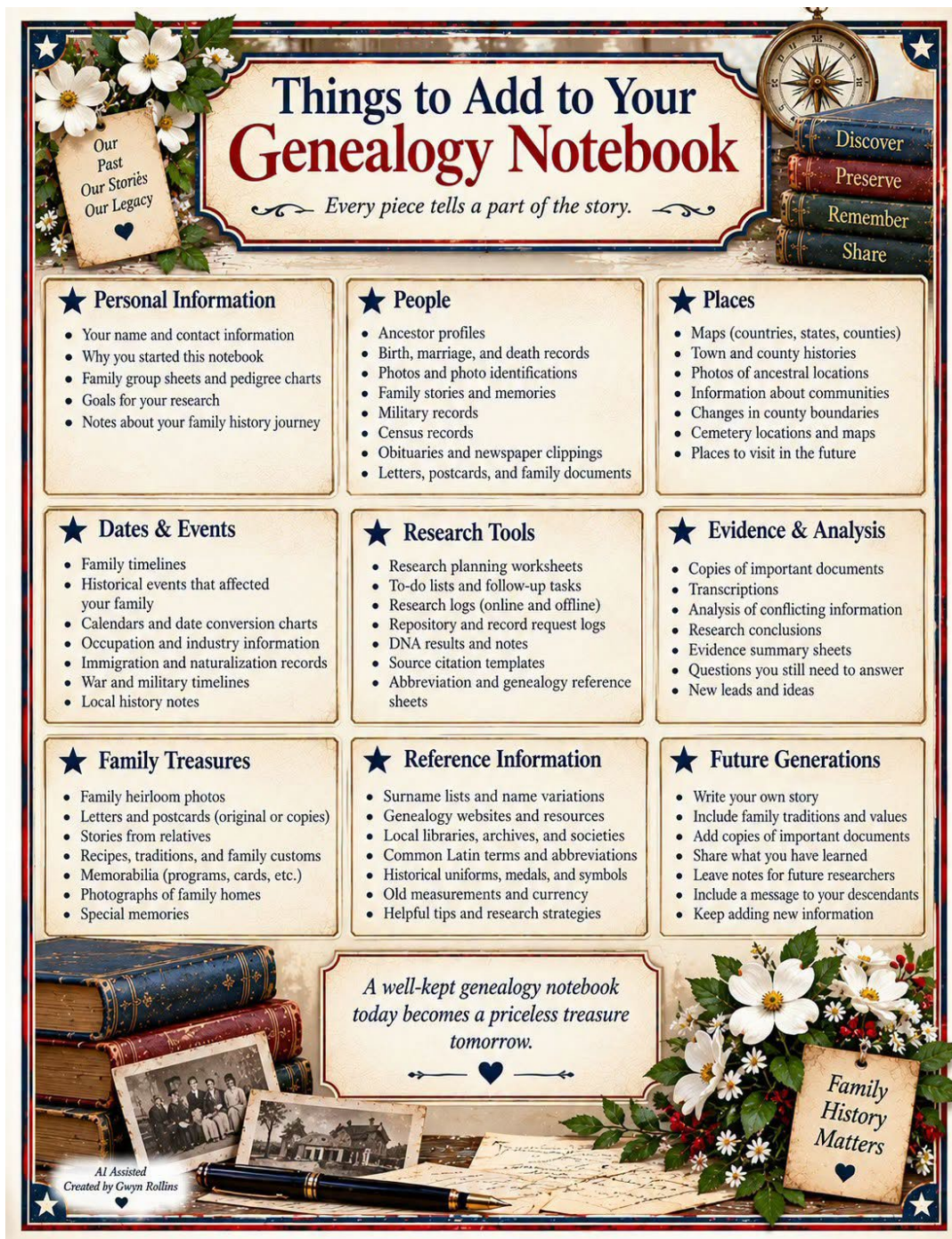
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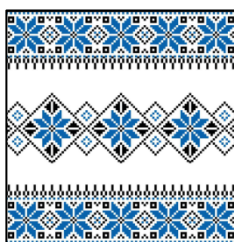
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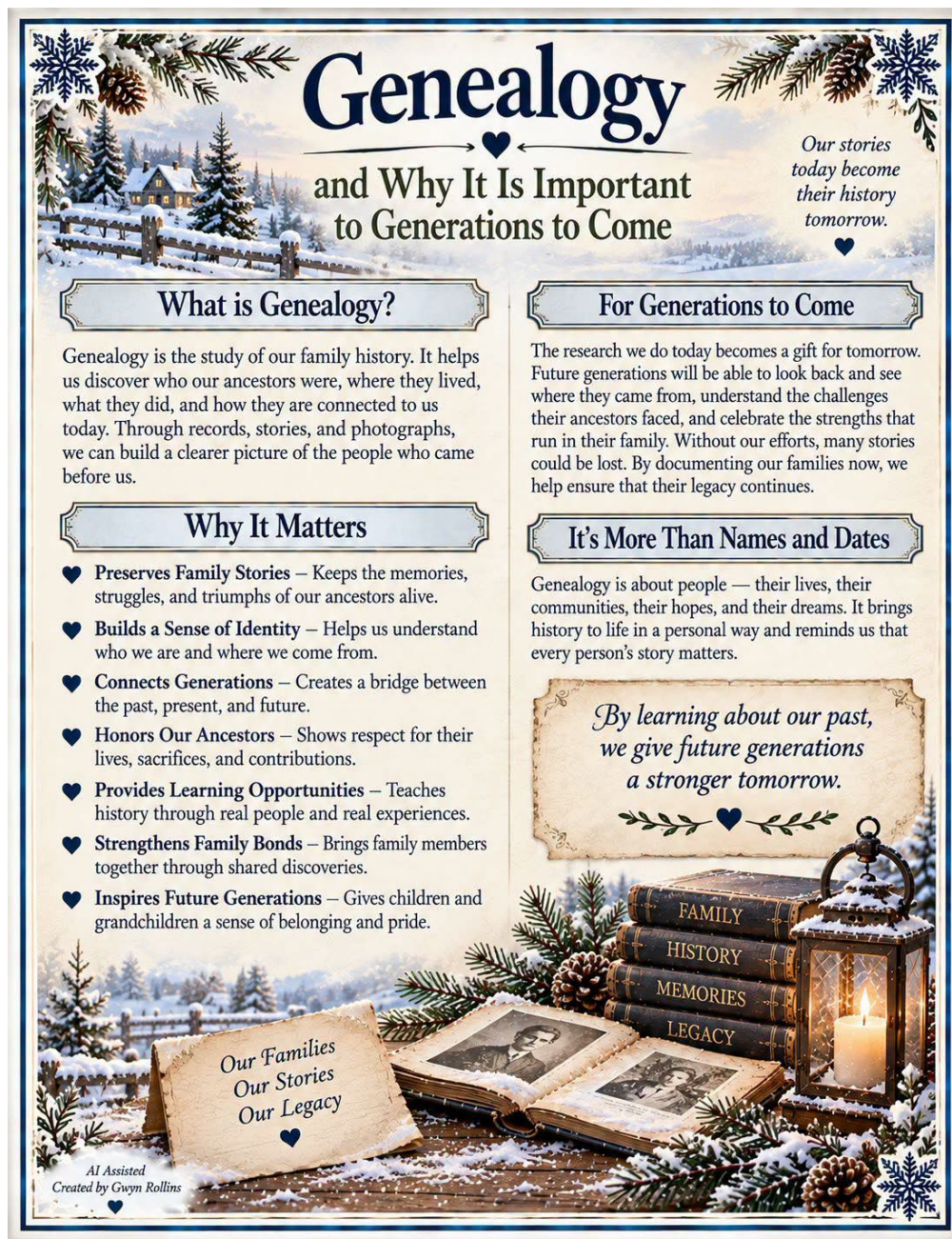
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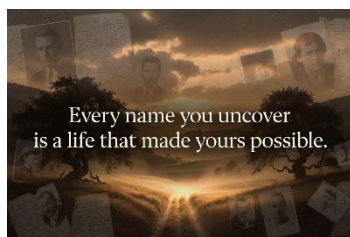
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